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Yes **93.6%**

No **6.4%**

Total votes: **94**

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Age 46, of Sebring

Crystal Devane
Age 74, of Sebring

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Age 81, of Kissimmee

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Harder Hall offer not good enough

Council: Bring us cash, not promises

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — The Harder Hall problem won't be going away anytime soon after the Sebring City Council took no action on an offer from Catellus Hotel Group, LLC.

The \$2.5 million offer was presented to the council Tuesday evening by CRA Executive Director Pete Pollard and City Administrator Scott Noethlich.

President of Catellus Hotel Group Stephen Barker proposed that the \$2.5 million be dis-

tributed over a 30-year period.

The council, however, felt the amount was too low considering the \$4.3 million the city owes on the building.

Council member John Clark felt the offer was just the same as previous ones and strongly suggested declining the offer.

"I got no cash, but I got big plans," Clark said when describing the types of offers Harder Hall has received recently.

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The City of Sebring owes \$4.3 million on Harder Hall.

News-Sun file

A lasting tribute

Two war heroes memorialized in Sebring

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Two new names have been added to the Circle Park monument honoring Sebring's military heroes killed in combat: Sgt. Marcus Cale Mathes, 25, killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom in a mortar attack north of Baghdad, Iraq on April 28, 2008; and Pfc. Joshua Lynn Jetton, 21, killed during Operation Enduring Freedom in a firefight in Kunar Province, Afghanistan on June 20, 2011.

Mathes is survived by his wife Julia, his parents and a younger brother who is now in the army.

Jetton was married to Sebring High School graduate Alicia Moore Jetton.

She delivered twins, a girl and a boy, two months after his death.

Both men, their families and friends have said, matured in the service, were dedicated husbands and proud of their country.

The morning was cold as Darin MacNeill, owner of Everlasting Memorials and Monuments of Sebring, arrived to do his work.

Methods have changed over the years. Rather than using a chisel and hammer to engrave names into stone, they are etched using a sand-blasting technique.

Special stencils made of rubber — MacNeill orders them from a company in Georgia — are taped onto the stone, with other rubber mats placed to protect the sur-



News-sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Darin MacNeill, owner and operator of Everlasting Memorials and Monuments in Sebring, etches two new names on the Circle Park tribute to fallen heroes — Sgt. Marcus Mathes and Pfc. Joshua Jetton.

rounding area.

Then it is a simple matter to create the letters by aiming the sand, which shoots out of a nozzle under high pressure.

The process took only about two hours. Traditional carving would have taken weeks.

MacNeill, who has been carving

monuments for five years and worked with Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home for 25 years before that, is philosophical about his work.

"It is always (emotional) when we do something like this," he said. "It makes you proud and touches your heart."

Sebring Centennial celebration begins today

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — The City of Sebring invites everyone to join its Centennial Kick-Off, which starts today at 5:30 with a walking parade at Sebring City Hall through Downtown Sebring ending at Circle Park.

"The weather looks like it will be lovely and the plans are coming together perfectly," said Jen Brown of the Sebring



Centennial Committee.

Mayor George Hensley will greet residents, visitors and all present and read a proclamation declaring Sebring a century city.

Music from the Sebring High School Marching Band will entertain spectators

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Elections building confusion continues

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — As more information about the elections building on Kenilworth Boulevard comes to light, county staff confirmed Wednesday the existence of an interlocal agreement that could eliminate the City of Sebring from county inspection issues.

The agreement was drafted by County Attorney Ross Macbeth in 1997 and signed by both the county commis-

George Hensley.

It is scheduled to last for 50 years.

The agreement states that "the city and county agree that the county shall have exclusive jurisdiction and responsibility to conduct all inspections of buildings of the county that are located within the municipal boundaries of the city for fire, safety, environment, building construction and other purposes of every description

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SFCC offers Lifetime Learners Institute

AVON PARK — South Florida Community College's Community Education Department is sponsoring the Lifetime Learners Institute. The Lifetime Learners Institute program is a member-centered organization that offers short-term education opportunities for individuals ages 50 and older. Classroom sessions are held on Thursdays, Jan. 12 through April 5, 9 a.m. to noon, Building T, Room 20, at the SFCC Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Dr., Avon Park.

The Lifetime Learners program provides opportunities for intellectual and cultural exploration. Educational sessions and field trips provide a relaxed environment for adults to develop new interests and an opportunity for personal growth and social interaction. A variety of topics and speakers about local people, places, and ideas will be featured on a weekly basis.

The registration fee is \$85 for 12 sessions, or choose weekly sessions for \$10 per session. Participants may register in Building B on the Highlands Campus or at any SFCC campus or center. For more information, contact Lauren Redick, Community Education specialist, at 863-784-7034.

Square dance at Buttonwood Bay today

SEBRING — The first square dance of 2012 at Buttonwood will be from 7:30-9:30 p.m. today.

The caller will be Nelson Wakeman. Square dance attire is optional.

Cll Roger McElfresh at 655 4243.

What's Up Main Street? meeting set Jan. 10

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Main Street District will host its next "What's Up Main Street?" meeting

on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Eighteen East restaurant (18 E. Main St.).

Anyone who has an interest in Main Street Avon Park is invited to attend as this meeting that will feature an informal meeting and discussion with the new Avon Park Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Laura Wade.

For more information, contact Casey Wohl at Casey.Wohl@Yahoo.com or by phone at 24-6326. For more information about the Avon Park CRA, visit www.AvonParkCRA.com/.

RSVP for LP chamber luncheon

LAKE PLACID — The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce January membership luncheon will be held on Wednesday at noon at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge. Kristina Anderson, executive director of the Highlands County IDA/EDC will be the presenter. The luncheon is also sponsored by Highlands County IDA/EDC.

RSVP the chamber on or before the end of today at chamber@lpfla.com or call 465-4331. Cost is \$8 per person.

Grief Group starts today

SEBRING — Grief Group will have its first meeting today at 1 p.m. at Emmanuel United Church of Christ in the fellowship hall chapel in Sebring. The church is at 3115 Hope St. (off Hammock Road). Meeting will be held every Friday in January.

For more information, call Rev. Miller at 471-1999 or pastormiller224@aol.com/.

Florida Masonic Child ID Program offered Saturday

SEBRING — The District 25 Masonic Child ID Program will be offered at Wells Fargo Bank on U.S. 27 and Parkway from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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News-Sun file

City Pier Beach has been closed to swimming since a man drowned in the dredge hole in 2008.

Council approves funds to help fill City Pier dredge hole

Beach has been closed to swimming since 2008

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — City Administrator Scott Noethlich discussed the future of the dredge hole in Lake Jackson with the council Tuesday evening and the council voted to approve spending \$26,000 to fund a third of a project to fill the hole.

In June of 2008, a young man drowned while swimming over the hole located just off City Pier Beach. Since then the beach has been closed to swimming.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Noethlich have been in contact for the past several months working to find the best solution to fixing the problem.

Noethlich stated that the dredge hole issue does not have to go to the state Internal Board of Trustees and that the DEP office in Fort Myers will permit the project to fill the hole.

"DEP has been extremely

'It's a crime if we don't fix it.'

GEORGE HENSLEY
Sebring mayor

cooperative. Polston (Engineering) has agreed to submit DEP application at no cost to the City," Noethlich said.

Two different methods for filling in the hole have been submitted: hydraulic dredge and the transport-and-fill method.

"It is our understanding that they are coming in at roughly the same cost preliminarily. That may not be the case if we were to go out to bid," Noethlich said.

The estimated cost for both methods is \$80,000. The TDC Lakes Committee and Soil & Water Conservation Board suggested that the city participate in a one-third relationship to fund the project. The city would pay approximately \$26,666.

"Staff is wondering at this point where you want to go so that we can either deter-

mine if you want to go further with this or not waste anybody else's time on it," said Noethlich.

Griffin made a motion to approve the additional funding if the other two agencies came up with their share of the money.

"I'm going to continue to vote no because all of this, regardless of where it's coming from, is tax dollars in funding," Council member John Clark stated.

"Well I agree with that," said Mayor George Hensley. "But if we don't fix this hole and fix our swimming facility that's just sitting down there that the public can't use ... it's a crime that we don't fix it."

Griffin said that it has been four years since the beach was closed to swimming.

"That's because of our policy, not any other reason. It's

marked, it's been marked and there's lots of other holes in that lake that aren't marked," Clark said.

"Yeah, but we made that one," City attorney Bob Swaine clarified.

Council member Andrew Fells shared some insight with his experience with the dredge hole.

"I know previously that I had voted the same way John (Clark) and after talking to Scott (Noethlich) about this coming back, I went down there and looked at it and actually walked out there. You've got about this much water, this much water, this much water and then it just goes straight down," Fells said.

Council president Scott Stanley expressed his interest in re-opening the beach for residents to enjoy, even though spending the funds is difficult.

Council passed the motion to approve the filing of City Pier dredge hole 4-1, Clark giving the dissenting vote.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Wednesday, Jan. 4:

◆ Tyrell Ricardo Alford, 22, of Sebring, was charged with possession of cannabis.

◆ Noah Wesley Cook, 42, of Murphreesboro, Tenn., was charged for contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a minor, two counts.

◆ Timothy Edward Crump, was charged for withholding support, non-support of children or spouse.

◆ Meghan Eileen Donnelly, 33, of Sebring, was charged for knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked, second offense.

◆ Victoria Ileana Duboice, 48, of Sebring, was charged with larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense.

◆ Lee Joel Friedman, 55, of Clearwater, (16 days remaining on sentencing), failed to comply with court order for driving under the

influence of alcohol or drugs, two counts.

◆ Robert Clayton Gillis, 27, of Avon Park, was charged with domestic violence or battery, touch or strike.

◆ Tramayne Antwann Grant, 36, of Sebring, was charged with domestic violence or battery, touch or strike.

◆ Abbi Melissa Gray, 24, of Lake Placid, was charged with battery.

◆ Opreail Regina Harrington, 26, of Sebring, was charged with battery by detainee person on inmate/visitor.

◆ Merissa Leigh Jimenez, 30, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of methamphetamine; and forgery.

◆ Felipe Lara, 43, of Lake Placid, was charged with burglary of occupied conveyance, unarmed.

◆ Humberto Gabriel Lara, 32, of Lakeland, was charged for knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked, first offense.

◆ Jamarée Shavon Nelson, 18, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of drug equipment and/or use; possession of marijuana, with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; and driving while license suspended, first offense.

◆ Ashley Jean Newhouse, 25, of Sebring, was charged for larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense.

◆ Jason Samuel Nichol, 41, of Lake Placid, was charged for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, second or third offense.

◆ Mark Shannon Purvis, 37, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of methamphetamine.

◆ James Rushing, 31, of Davenport, was charged for withholding support, non-support of children or spouse.

◆ Donald Craig Strange, 19, of Avon Park, was charged with burglary of conveyance; possession of weapon or ammo by convicted Florida felon, two counts; robbery with firearm; firing weapon, discharging firearm in public place; dealing in stolen property; burglary of dwelling, structure or conveyance; and larceny or grand theft of firearm.

◆ James Everett Taylor, 50, of Sebring, was charged with no motor vehicle registration.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Tuesday, Jan. 3:

◆ Dawn Nicole Campbell, 38, of Sebring, was charged with fraud, illegal use of credit card, two or fewer times in six months to obtain goods or money; larceny of credit card; fraud, uttering false instrument; passing forged, altered instrument; larceny or grand theft; misrepresenting self, committing personal fraud;

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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 PP: Power Play

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KHCB honored



Courtesy photo

Mark Delaney, chairman, and Martile Blackman, director, hold a plaque honoring Keep Highlands County Beautiful Inc. with The President's Circle Award for 2011. KHCB is a non-profit organization dedicated to community beautification projects and litter prevention.

State senator wants transition records kept public

By GARY FINEOUT
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The deletion of emails sent by Florida Gov. Rick Scott and members of his transition team may spark a change in state law.

Sen. Don Gaetz, R-Niceville and a leading GOP senator, filed a measure on Wednesday that would make it clear all records, including emails sent and received by newly-elected officials, are public records even if the person hasn't been sworn into office yet.

His bill will be considered during the 2012 session of the Florida Legislature that starts next week. If the bill passes, it would take effect this July.

Gaetz has the governor's backing of the bill, which comes months after Scott ordered an investigation into how and why emails he wrote before he became governor were deleted. While the investigation has yet to wrap up, documents released so far showed that emails from both an iPad and smartphone used by the governor were lost.

The Scott administration said it is supporting the bill to avoid what happened this past year.

Transition records are generally understood to be public records, but a review of transition records by The Associated Press has shown a wide disparity in how the records — including emails — by both the governor's office and the offices of top Cabinet officials are collected and stored. Some records are turned over to state archives, but others for example, have wound up in the basement of Capitol offices.

The Scott transition team used a private company to handle its email accounts. Former Gov. Charlie Crist's transition team used state

computers to handle its email accounts, although some members of the team were never asked to turn over any emails from their personal email accounts.

"I believe that for once and for all we ought to clarify that the transition records of statewide elected officials are public records," Gaetz said. "Plans are made, key personnel decisions are decided, policies are decided during the transition and I think they ought to be open to the public and press."

Barbara Petersen, president of the First Amendment Foundation and which has tried to get copies of transition records, called Gaetz's bill "great."

Scott widely used email on the campaign trail and after he was elected, but then he stopped for the first eight months of his administration.

The private company that handled emails for Scott's transition team shut down most of the accounts in early 2011. Members of the transition team were warned ahead of time that the accounts would be shut down but no one tried to preserve the emails before that happened.

The Scott administration in August publicly acknowledged that the emails had been lost after they had tried to retrieve copies. Scott at the same time ordered the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to investigate the deletion of the transition emails and see whether or not they could be retrieved from Rackspace, the Texas company that handled the accounts.

Some of the emails that were finally retrieved during the summer showed that former Gov. Jeb Bush had urged Scott prior to his swearing-in to push for universal private school vouchers, save money by releasing elderly prisoners and look at taxing online sales.

Scott wants Facebook users to help sell state

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Rick Scott wants Floridians to help him lure companies to the state by giving him suggestions on Facebook.

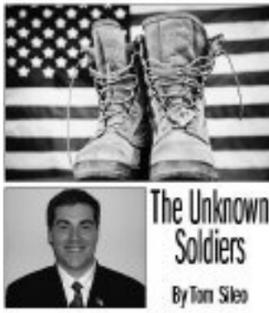
Scott posted the request on his Facebook page on Thursday morning, saying he's looking for success stories to use when talking to companies either planning on expanding or relocating to the state.

Within minutes of the post-

ing, Scott's Facebook page was filled with dozens of comments. Some people praised the state's weather and the lack of a state income tax as a reason to move to Florida. Others offered the governor a range of suggestions, including that he should do something about illegal immigrants.

Scott has routinely used social media since becoming governor and has hosted town hall meetings on both Facebook and Twitter.

Blinded Marine still sees a promising path ahead



"We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." — John 9:21

Shortly after wounded 1st Lt. Timothy Fallon was flown to the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center in November 2010, he awoke to a world of darkness.

"I didn't have any light perception at that time," Fallon told the Unknown Soldiers. "I couldn't tell what time of day it was, and I was just very confused."

With both the 24-year-old Marine's eyes badly damaged, all he could see was his mind's eye flashing back to Afghanistan. Fallon thought about Imad, the Afghan platoon commander and friend who most likely saved his life.

"He jumped onto the middle between the canals, and that's where the pressure plate was," the Marine said. "It blew up."

After the enemy improvised explosive device detonated on Nov. 18, 2010, in Marjah — a rural, strategically crucial district in southern Afghanistan's volatile Helmand Province — Fallon, who was responsible for the lives of many Marines, managed to warn them as his eyes bled.

"As soon as the explosion went, I lost my vision," he said. "I reported back to patrol that there was an IED detonation and the Afghan platoon commander was probably hit."

As Fallon heard the piercing sounds of a medical evacuation helicopter while seeing nothing, Imad died on the stretcher next to him.



Marine 1st Lt. Timothy Fallon, 24, was blinded in a Nov. 18, 2010, bombing in Afghanistan. He has since regained some vision and light perception. Image courtesy the Fallon family.

"You could rely on this guy ... he was a pleasure to work with," Fallon, who still grieves for his friend, said. "It really does suck."

Fallon was taken to Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan. Next was Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, and then Washington, D.C.

While adjusting to life in the dark and worrying about his Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine, brothers in harm's way, Fallon asked his doctor for a realistic assessment of his vision.

"He told me from the outset that it doesn't look good," Fallon said. "He said there will be many surgeries, but we're just going to do them and try our best."

For all the milestones since the surgeries, there have also been setbacks, with the worst coming on Dec. 8 and Dec. 27, 2010. On those respective dates, two Marines from Fallon's platoon, Lance Cpl. Michael Geary, 20, and Sgt. Garrett Misener, 25, were killed in action.

"The worst part for me, personally, was that I wasn't there ... I wasn't

there with my Marines," the wounded warrior said. "That's always tortured me a little bit."

During these extraordinarily painful moments, Fallon's fiancée, Sara, was almost always at the hospital to lift the Marine's spirits. On Nov. 2, 2011 — a date set before he left for Afghanistan — Tim and Sara got married.

"She's been a rock," he said.

As he placed the ring on Sara's finger, Fallon also felt rightfully proud that less than a year after his injury, his platoon was home.

"It was a tough mission to quell this area, and my Marines — with and without me at the helm — did outstanding work and deserve all the credit," he said. "We were able to effectively clean up the area and silence the enemy."

I met Fallon and his wife at a Nov. 29, 2011, event in Philadelphia, where Gen. James Mattis, Commander of U.S. Central Command, approached the wounded Marine to thank him for his service.

Thanks to the resilience of Fallon's spirit, the brilliance of his surgeons, and the wonders of technology, I was astonished to subsequently receive an email from Fallon, whose vision has improved enough to let him complete tasks many of us take for granted, like sending and receiving electronic messages.

"I can see a little bit out of my right eye, especially when I'm outside," he later told me. "My left eye has light perception."

It's impossible to know how much more light will shine into 1st Lt. Timothy Fallon's eyes. But one thing is certain: This brave young man, who plans to pursue his graduate degree, sees a new, promising path.

"I'm not too worried about my future," he said. "The world didn't end; I'm only 24, and I have a long ways, hopefully, ahead of me."

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

It's our fault, no doubt about it

If we have to take the blame, we will. We admit it was our fault when we pointed out the shortcomings and confusion of county staff concerning the purchase and renovations on the elections office building on Kenilworth Boulevard in the first place.

It was also our fault when the News-Sun diligently looked into the process and paperwork surrounding the controversy, pointing out those shortcomings to the taxpaying public — who will be paying for the mistakes and continuing lack of “professionalism,” as one commissioner called it.

Yes, it was our fault we asked where the permits were, and if we could have copies of pertaining public records.

It was our fault we asked for the proper certificates of occupancy and to see the actual expenses for the \$2.2 million project — by the way, in our research we didn't see legal fees included in the building estimate costs.

Yes, we took pictures of a public building, on public property, and it was our fault that we called the City of Sebring building officials to ask if there were written permits for that work. We only became curious because, after asking permission from those on site to

come in, we didn't see any permits or signs posted identifying the building as a construction site while we were taking those pictures.

We admit to doubting reports of alleged verbal agreements. In fact, we must concede we have no faith in verbal agreements generally — somehow they always seem to evaporate when something goes wrong.

That is why we believe in written documents and insist they must be readily available when it comes to official government business, especially on all transactions between governments.

After all we've admitted, however, remember the News-Sun did not buy the Kenilworth building. We did not try to occupy it or renovate it without following building codes.

The News-Sun made no decision to put important county records in a warehouse that apparently has not passed fire inspection; nor did we start using the

building for training personnel before the proper inspections were done.

We didn't even write the recently discovered interlocal agreement stating the county would inspect their own buildings within Sebring city limits. An agreement which would have saved everybody a lot of grief if remembered by the county attorney who wrote it, the commissioners who voted on it or the officials — both city and county — who signed it in 1997.

That long-ago agreement doesn't change the fact that the county is supposed to follow the rules — be they rules of the city or the county — when it comes to permits and inspections.

In short, we did not create this mess. All we did was tell the story — like any good government watchdog should.

If city and county staff members are now embarrassed, well, they made their own choices. When government, like the fairy tale emperor, tells the world it is fully dressed and it's not, someone has to say, “Hey, you're naked.”

We did our job. We will continue to do our job.

And we won't ever apologize for that.

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Iowa votes



Guest Column

Michael Reagan

Iowa caucus results show it's still early in the game and nothing's certain. So what happened on the way to the

Republican presidential nomination?

Well, even with a slim official win, Mitt Romney did no better in practical terms this year than he did four years ago in 2008 because of the level of competition. This proves that the road to the 2012 nomination will be anything but smooth, and that he has a tough road ahead if he is to win the Republican presidential nomination.

Mitt has a big problem in his seeming inability to relate to the average working man or woman. He's a bit too self-assured. As for Rick Santorum, he threw a monkey wrench into Ron Paul's meteoric rise by almost winning, and proved that Romney is not as unbeatable as his worshippers in the media would like us to believe.

Rick gave an off-the-cuff, Reaganesque speech that marked him as a staunch conservative in the style of my late Dad, Ronald Reagan. He leaves no doubt that his love for America is genuine and deep-rooted.

Ron Paul proved that his supporters are in there for the long haul. Moreover he proved that the GOP needs to pay attention to his message of fiscal sanity and restraint in federal spending or the average Republican, fed up with the witless squandering of our tax dollars, might bolt in November.

Newt Gingrich managed to live to see another day, and he'll do battle in both New Hampshire and South Carolina — not with Romney, who he's out to destroy, but with Rick Santorum. Newt needs to be more passionate and less professorial and, for heaven's sake, Newt, put on a damned tie.

Perry needs to retool his message and overcome the gaffes for which he has become so infamous. He says he's going home to reconsider his candidacy, but if he stays in the race he will meet Santorum and Gingrich in South Carolina and that will be the end for him. The conservative winner there will then go on, and the others will need to go home.

As for Michele Bachmann, she made the right decision to go back to Minnesota and run for re-election and not be like California's Bob Dornan, who stayed too long in running for president and as a result lost his House seat to Loretta Sanchez.

The Iowa caucuses are over but the fun has just begun. Fasten your seatbelts, America, the ride ahead may get bumpy. There might now be room for another candidate to emerge and sweep the field.

Stay tuned.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Left is still the party of blame

Editor:

I had a great laugh when I read sandy Oleesky's column "How to be a good Republican." I see that the left is still the party of blame...

AIDS has been proven to be spread by mostly the homosexual community through their perverted lifestyle. And as for global warming, I guess you haven't read the leaked emails from the so-called scientist that talk about how to manipulate the information so that it will look like the earth is getting hotter. ...

Studies prove that the more gun control the higher the crime rate, i.e. the murder rate, because if you know the citizens are armed you probably will think twice before trying to rob or murder someone.

I haven't figured out where the barefoot and pregnant came from, but if the women want to stay home and rear the children I say go for it. I still don't understand your thinking on murdering an innocent unborn and yet saving a convicted murderer.

Any business has to make a profit or it won't be in business very long and yes all people should pay something in income taxes because then they have a stake in the government and it is not all take and no give on their part (and yes I am disabled and am not rich).

The whole Constitution should be followed, not just the parts that you agree with (like Obama is doing). Supply-side economics works great when you don't tax to death all the job creators, AKA small businesses. As far as liberals telling the truth and Republicans not, well there is too much lying on both sides.

Yes the media is biased and if you don't believe me just look for something bad about this present administration. ...The media, for the most part, will put out anything to make a Republican look bad and almost nothing for a liberal. ...

And lastly, I noticed that when confronted with a question or a statement they made they get mad and start calling names. The best part of a liberals is name calling and yelling and scare tactics. You holler that by cutting the budget and making changes to get this deficit under control Grandma will somehow die, that is the biggest bunch of hooee I have ever heard and yet with continuing to borrow we take a chance on losing everything for our children's future. You may not care about the future and Obama might not care about the future but I do.

Jeffrey Smith
Avon Park

Just another Republican

Editor:

For a minute, I thought that Saul Alinsky had come back from the grave to lambast the Republican Party one more time. However, it was not Olinsky, but Sandra



Oleesky, close however.

Sandra uses CNN, another state-controlled media with a limited viewing audience, as the source of her information on the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. We know that biological warfare killed thousands of Kurds. The survivors spoke of the yellow material coming from the helicopters.

With North Korea having super sales and mark-downs on its nuclear appliances, even Syria had the nuclear fever, until Israel destroyed their structures.

As to whether the war efforts impacted on the economy is debatable. I do not think that they affected Greece or some of the other countries in Europe having a difficult time. In my opinion, the Euro amplifies the cultural differences more than anything else. I am saving my Deutschmarks. As for President Bush and his military service, he trained as a pilot and served in the Texas National Guard. Also, he was born in this country and not Nairobi, Kenya, as a certain grandmother in Hawaii stated about

her grandson, before she was silenced.

To cover a few more of your statements Sandra, here are some examples ... Protection of the family is not a crime. AIDS virus is spread because people are not evil, but indifferent, or stupid. My family has rescued many abused and malnourished dogs. We do not believe in dog fighting, killing animals unnecessarily or destroying the environment.

Getting back to guns, your question about easily obtainable weapons and the murder rate should be addressed to your Attorney General, Eric Holder. Homosexuality is not evil. It is a fact of life. However, as an old soldier, I know that "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," is a better policy. The emphasis should be on soldiering and not on a sex life. Ann Coulter told me that she thinks you are a very nice person in spite of your rantings and that you should be recruited by the Democratic Party War Room in Washington, D.C., since you are already programmed and that this

would result in cost savings. Sandra, you should find some good volunteer work that would take your mind off of those irresponsible Republicans who don't like Hugo Chavez and you should quit watching Fox.

C. Samuel Miller
Avon Park

Scared of Agenda 21

Editor:

A friend wrote and asked me if I had heard of UN Agenda 21 and its policy of "Sustainable Development." He said "you will be shocked and scared to death."

It turns out that Agenda 21 is a plan to achieve a "one world" government administered by the UN. No more individual nations with their individual populations as Americans, Germans, English etc.

This will be accomplished under different names, such as Cap and Trade, Smart Growth, Global Warming, Social Justice and Public/Private Partnerships, and more.

The policy of "Sustainable Development" is quietly being carried out in local communities under names as community "visioning," "historic preservation," or "orderly" development." In many cases city governments do not know that they are actually enforcing international policy.

The most frightening thing to me is that almost every community in our country is today unwittingly carrying out some of this Agenda 21 policy.

If you have a computer, go to UN Agenda 21, the information there will scare the pants or skirt off of you.

Dick Ford
Sebring

Retailers report solid finale to holiday shopping season

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Many retailers are reporting solid sales gains for December, capping a decent holiday season, but shoppers bent on discounts exacted a high price.

Merchants had to mark down coats and other gifts to get shoppers to buy in a challenging economy. A mild winter also didn't help, wilting shoppers' appetite for cold-weather merchandise. That resulted in a string of retailers, including Target Corp., Kohl's Corp., J.C. Penney Co. and The Children's Place Retail Stores Inc., reducing their earnings outlooks.

The heavy discounting is also raising concern about what it will take to get shoppers to spend again in coming months.

As retailers reported their results Thursday, Limited Brands Inc., Macy's Inc. and Nordstrom Inc. posted strong revenue gains that

beat analysts' estimates. Among the notable laggards was Target Corp., which cut its earnings outlook after a slim sales gain that was below expectations.

The revenue figures are based on revenue at stores open at least a year. That is considered a key indicator of a retailer's health because it excludes results from stores recently opened or closed.

"Sales were decent, but not great," said Ken Perkins, president of RetailMetrics, "It was a highly promotional environment. There were clear winners and losers in the holiday season. It just tells you how difficult it was to drive traffic against a backdrop of a soft economy."

December's results offer an important benchmark for retailers and economists. During the holiday shopping season, merchants can make up to 40 percent of their annual revenue. The period that runs from November

through December also gives valuable insights into what it takes to get Americans to spend in the weak economy.

Clearly, it took a lot of "50 percent off" signs to win over shoppers. For the official start of the holiday shopping season, stores opened as early as Thanksgiving Day, plying shoppers with discounts that resulted in record sales.

But shoppers took a longer-than-usual breather after that. Some stores had to discount more than they had planned in the final days before Christmas to attract shoppers. Post-Christmas bargains were even better. Express stores, for example, promoted an "End of Season" sale, with merchandise prices reduced by up to 70 percent.

Costco Wholesale Corp.'s revenue at stores open at least a year rose 7 percent in December, narrowly missing Wall Street's expectations.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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For further information, call Ross Canright at 452-0346.

Elvis Wade concert Saturday

SEBRING — The first Elvis Wade show of the year will be at Homer's Restaurant Manatee Room in Sebring on Saturday, from 6-9 p.m.

Cost is \$17 for dinner and show (cash only at door). For tickets, call Kathy at 382-8296.

'Snow Dance' planned Saturday

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will be hosting a "Snow Dance" on Saturday at the Fellowship Hall, Eastside Christian Church in Lake Placid. You have heard of a "Rain Dance," this will be a "Snow Dance."

Get those white shoes working again and the white pants or skirts ... anything white goes.

Uptown Country will be helping on the music for dancing with all the usual ballroom fare, and more. There will be a singing group at intermission helping with the January White theme. Sandwiches will be available at 6 p.m. Soda and water will also be available. Please note the new hours for dancing are 6:30-9:30 p.m.

A special dance to hasten the snowfall will be performed by selected members of our group at intermission.

Eastside Christian Church Fellowship Hall is two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621.

Pigman speaking to MOAA

SEBRING — Dr. Cary Pigman, emergency physi-

cian at Florida Hospitals at Lake Placid and Wauchula, has returned from a tour of duty in Iraq and will be the guest speaker of the local Military Officers' Association meeting on Saturday starting at 9:30 a.m., at the Military Sea Services Museum in Sebring.

"We invite all who might be interested in Dr. Pigman's experiences are asked to be there no later than 9:30 a.m., at the Museum," said retired Colonel Roy P. Whitton, USAF (Ret.), MOAA program chairman.

Army Reserve Lt. Col. Pigman will provide an insight into military field hospitals in Iraq and how it relates local emergency facilities. Colonel Pigman will provide a slide presentation of his experiences in a battlefield field hospital and will answer questions concerning his experiences.

Movies at LP Library

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Memorial Library will show movies at 2 p.m. on the next two Saturdays. "The Help" (PG-13) will be shown on Saturday and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows 2" (PG-13) on Jan. 14.

The public is invited to attend these free showings. Seating is limited. Children age 9 or younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Fly-in breakfast Saturday

AVON PARK — A Fly-in Breakfast will be held from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday at the Avon Park Executive Airport's Florida Aircraft Services maintenance hangar on State Road 64. Fly, drive or walk in. A full breakfast with casseroles and sticky buns will be available for a \$5 donation,

served by Christ Lutheran Church LCMS.

Events at local lodges, posts and clubs

AVON PARK — The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 in Avon Park, will host the following events:

Today - Music by Mike King from 5-8 p.m.

Saturday - Karaoke by Bildi from 5-8 p.m.

For details, call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 will host a Sweetheart Dinner/Dance on Saturday, Feb. 11. Social hour is 5:30 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m. Get tickets early for \$15 each. Any questions, call 465-2661.

LAKE PLACID — The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 in Lake Placid, will host music with Bud Followell on today. Call the Lodge at 699-5444 for time.

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Moose 2374, will host the following events:

Today - Music with Larry Musgrave, 6-10 p.m.

Saturday - Music with Steve and Peggy, 6-10 p.m.

For more information, call the Lodge at 465-0131.

SEBRING — The Sebring Recreation Club, located at 333 Pomegranate Ave., will host the following events:

Today - 1:15 p.m., Mini-shuffleboard tournament (each Friday through Jan. 20).

For more information, call 385-2966.

SEBRING — Sebring Elks 1529 music for today will be Don & Allen. Call 471-3557 for show time.

OBITUARIES

JOHN DAVIS

John Whitney Davis, 46, born on Sept. 15, 1966, in North Miami, Fla., was uplifted to the Lord after a short battle with an unexpected brain illness on Dec. 23, 2011. He was raised in Sebring since the age of 4. He was a life-time carpenter and handyman who enjoyed his trade. He was always willing to give a helping hand. He certainly will be missed by his family, extended family and friends.

John is survived by his mother, Dale Davis; son, Dustin Davis; his brother, James Donohue; niece, LaRae Faccone; his special love, Christie Beagles; sons, Ryan, Sean and Andrew; step-brother, Sam (Wendy) McSheffrey; uncle and aunt, Leon and Kathy Davis; and uncle, Gary Gott.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Davis; brother, Richie Davis; and recent passings of his grandmother, Sylvia Gott, and aunt, Patricia Whitney.

A memorial get-together is planned for Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 at Highlands Hammock State Park at 2 p.m.

and wife, Sharon of Fuquay-Varina, N.C., Phil Robinson and wife, Gail of Phoenix, Ariz. and Mark Robinson and wife, Theresa of Louisburg, N.C.; nine grandchildren - Walt, Brian and wife, Tiffany, Lindsay, Clay, David and wife, Beth, Jason, Chris and wife, Leena, Jeff, and Matt and wife, Ania; and six great-grandchildren - Ali, Alyssa, Abby, Anna, Ella, and Luke.

The family wishes to offer a special thanks to all the people of Baptist Grove Baptist Church for their love and devotion to Mom and Dad during Mom's illness, a special thanks to friend and caregiver Janice Wilder and to the nurses and staff of Hospice of Wake County.

A Celebration of Life was held on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Baptist Grove Baptist Church at 6140 Christian Light Road, Fuquay-Varina, N.C. 27526. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 400 Oberlin Road, Suite 200, Raleigh, N.C. 27605.

Arrangements by Thomas Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.thomasfuneral.com

JACKIE ROBINSON

Jackie Irene Robinson went home to the Lord on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2012. Irene was born Jackie Irene Reynolds on March 2, 1932 in Savannah, Tenn. She was the loving wife to her husband, Joe Robinson of 62 years.

Her entire life was devoted to the Lord, which was exemplified in the love she

gave to her husband and five children. She was always the Lord's humble servant and never turned away

anyone in need.

Over the years, she taught Sunday school, directed Vacation Bible School, fed the missionaries, sang in the church choir and, along with her husband, sang for the people in the nursing homes.

She was a special homemaker who loved to cook, bake, quilt, crochet, and sew. She passed all those gifts on to her daughter.

She and husband Joe traveled extensively in their retirement seeing sites in all the United States except Alaska, traveled in Europe, Canada and Mexico. She left a legacy of love.

She is survived by her husband, Joe; daughter, Rebecca Hoffman and husband, Jerry of Brandon, Fla.; sons, Tom Robinson and wife, Peggy of Dunlop, Ill., Mike Robinson

RUTH WHITTINGTON

Ruth L. Whittington, went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 1, 2012. She was born Dec. 19, 1924 in

Codyvilla, Fla. She has been a resident of Highlands County for 64 years.

She is preceded in death by her father, Leroy Martin, and her mother, Minnie Martin; two brothers, one sister, one granddaughter and one great-grandson. Survivors are one daughter, Evonne (Glenn) Prescott of Naples, Fla.; two sons, John (Donna) Whittington of Sebring, Fla. and Jack (Stephanie) Whittington of O'Brien, Fla.; a brother, William (Frieda) Martin of Lakeland, Fla.; three sisters, Evelyn (Carlton) Lanier of

Chiefland, Fla., Bonnie (Larry) Rahme of Fort McCoy, Fla., and Barbara (Paul) Osborne of Lithia, Fla.; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at First Assembly Of God, 4301 Kenilworth, Sebring, with Pastor Wilmont McCrary officiating on Friday, Jan. 6, 2012 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the charity of your choice. For condolences visit www.fullerfuneral-home.com.

Death notices

Joyce Ann Cheever, 81, of Sebring died Jan. 2, 2012.

Arrangements are being handled by Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring.

Crystal E. Devane, 74, of Sebring died Jan. 1, 2012.

Arrangements are being handled by Dowden Funeral Home, Sebring.

Georgina Feliciano, 81, of Kissimmee died Jan. 1, 2012.

Arrangements are being handled by Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring.

Francis J. Hugo, 76, of Sebring died Jan. 1, 2012.

Arrangements are being handled by Dowden Funeral Home, Sebring.

William Francis Miller, age 88, of Highlands County died at home on Dec. 31, 2011.

He will be buried at Hillside Cemetery in Roselyn, Pa.

Julia N. Roberts, 86, of Sebring died Dec. 31, 2011.

Arrangements are being handled by Dowden Funeral Home, Sebring.

Robert G. Ross, 81, of Sebring died Jan. 1, 2012.

Steele's Family Funeral Services, Winter Haven, is in charge of arrangements.

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Elections building issue muddled by 1997 agreement

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during the term of this agreement.”

The words “building construction” were handwritten into the agreement.

County Administrator Ricky Helms explained in an email that he was made aware of the agreement late last Friday.

“The interlocal agreement does not address permits. I am in the process of scheduling a meeting with (Sebring City Administrator) Scott Noethlich to discuss this,” Helms wrote in an email. “The County will complete the requirements necessary for bringing the Units 100 and 101 (of the Kenilworth building) into compliance with the permitting and inspecting authority whether city or county.”

Noethlich said Thursday he was looking forward to a meeting with Helms to discover what is the best course of action.

“It appears that the interlocal allows for self-inspection, the way I am reading it, but permits still have to be retained,” Noethlich said. “A county inspector is certified by the state, and would have his license at risk just like anyone else.”

“I am not sure which code adoptions come into play here. We all try to adopt the latest code, but theoretically, our code could be different than their code,” Noethlich added.

Noethlich was not sure which Florida Building Code was in place, but a previous letter from the city stated FBC 2007 was in place with 2009 updates.

“Everything is stopped at



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All work on the elections building on Kenilworth Boulevard has been stopped until the impact of a 1997 interlocal agreement between the City of Sebring and the county can be determined.

this point until we can work out our meeting and clarify code and what is to be expected,” Noethlich said.

“Ed (White) did tell David (Flowers) he could put the drywall up. I should have followed up with that, but we have a meeting planned to work this out,” Noethlich said.

County minutes, available on the Clerk of Courts website, show that in the June 3, 1997 meeting all commissioners voted “aye” and the motion carried to accept the interlocal agreement with the words “building construction” added.

The minutes also reflect that Macbeth was directed at a previous meeting to draft the agreement and David Flowers, a commissioner in 1997 and now the facilities director for the county, was present and voted for the agreement.

The City of Sebring drafted a letter on Dec. 30 in response to county concerns with a stop work order

issued on the building last Thursday.

The letter, written by Ed White, the Sebring Building Code administrator, pointed out several issues that had to be addressed with the building before it could be cleared for occupancy.

Among those points, the city made it clear the building never received a “final inspection or a CO (certificate of occupancy). The certificates produced by the county on units 102, 103 and 104 were “temporary certificates” according to Sebring officials.

The letter also states that the county constructed a “build out” in unit 100 without a permit and the county had to complete a fire safety inspection before storage could happen.

One point of the letter — that there was never an electrical permit issued for the building — was addressed by Helms last Tuesday when he produced county records showing the permit.

Harder Hall offer rejected

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Council member Andrew Fells felt that the offer would not benefit the city or its taxpayers.

“I think 2.5 is low and I especially think that paying it off of 30 years with absolutely no interest is absurd,” Fells said.

“Yea. It’s not a \$2.5 million offer. It’s ‘let me tie up the property for three years and I won’t give you a penny,’” Council President Scott Stanley stated.

The escalating pay schedule for the offer would pay no money to the city for the first three years of the loan. Beginning in year four, the city would receive \$25,000 for three years and the pay would increase by \$25,000 every few years.

“Now, granted, I’m not willing to take a \$2.5 million deal over 30 years, but if somebody comes along with a more attractive cash offer or a more attractive financ-

ing offer, I think it’s something that we are going to have to seriously look at, even if we take a loss on it,” Fells said.

Pollard addressed council after several minutes of discussion by council members.

“We didn’t feel very comfortable with his initial offer. He did make it clear that this was a discussion point; that he was throwing this out to see what would be thrown back at him,” said Pollard. “I don’t know that, with this property, if you should be closing any doors.”

More discussion took place regarding the offer and the future of the property.

“If we take (the) offer we strapping the residents of Sebring with a \$2 million bill that they’ve got to pay. Send the guy a letter saying we aren’t interested in the 2.5, we’re looking for 4.3 and see what happens. I think the market is turning; there might be options out there,”

John Griffin said.

“The city is going to swallow this frog we are going to get something way shorter than what we owe on this property,” Clark stated. “We never should have been put in the position to be backing a loan, but that’s water under the bridge now.”

Before making a motion Clark shared his feelings with fellow council members about what he feels should be done regarding the offer.

“The response to Catellus, or whomever, needs to be cash, cash, cash. I don’t want to have any string of accompaniment to whoever is going to be the new owner of that property. I don’t want to share on a light bill, nothing. Nothing. Unfortunately, this property attracts people that have no capital,” Clark said.

Griffin made a motion to have Noethlich and Pollard to speak to the company to work on getting a new offer. The motion passed unani-

Grades offer good news

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assistant superintendent for curriculum. “We’re really proud of the teachers and school administrators. It was a tough year last year. There were a lot of changes, a lot to manage, but everyone put forth a great effort and we’re really proud.”

Fleck said all three high schools increased the points assigned to different measures, like graduation rates or raising the lowest quartile of students.

Math scores in the quartile, for example, showed increases across the board. Reading is still a challenge. “That piece is disappointing,” Fleck

said, “but we will continue to focus on that group of students.”

This doesn’t mean higher performing students are overlooked, she added. Participation has increased at all schools in the more challenging programs, like advanced placement, the International Baccalaureate program and dual enrollment. Student performance on national tests like the SAT and ACT also continues to rise, Fleck said, showing increasing college readiness.

Toni Stivender, the principal of Sebring High School in 2010-2011 and now at Lake Placid High School, was happy to accept congratula-

tions for Lake Placid’s move from a D to a B, but emphatically said the praise belongs to the teachers, support staff and students, and the school leaders in charge at the time. “It wasn’t me. It was the past administration,” she said, referring to Michael Haley, who was principal at the time.

Stivender added that the school is excited and ready for more. “(The news) is a boost of energy for the faculty, because now they know they can do it. It has raised morale, everyone is smiling. Going from a D to a B is huge. What it shows is a lot of hard work. They are very proud, and I am proud of them.”

Sebring to kick off Centennial Celebration today downtown

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throughout the parade. Other performances by local musicians will be provided, along with a local cloggers group.

The Sebring Firemen will serve barbecue throughout the evening. Plates will cost \$8 and will include chicken, coleslaw, beans and a roll. Tickets for plates are still available at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce and City Hall and will also be available on site.

Various food vendors will be set up around the Downtown Circle Park serving

everything from lemonade to fried Oreos.

Spectators should expect to see rare home movies of city founder George Sebring and his family from the late 1920s displayed on a large screen for everyone to enjoy.

Today’s events are just the beginning of a year-long celebration of the City of Sebring turning 100.

Downtown streets will begin closing at 4 p.m. today to ensure safety of spectators and allow for plenty of dancing and celebration room.

Call the Chamber of Commerce at 385-8448 for more information.

POLICE BLOTTER

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and resisting officer, obstruction without violence.

◆ Donovan Paul Darroh, 32, of Lake Placid, was sentenced to 21 months for possession of controlled substance without prescription; and sentenced to 21 months for domestic battery by strangulation.

◆ Chad Wendell Ellis, 36, of Lake Placid, was charged with larceny or grand theft of dwelling; domestic violence or battery, touch or strike.

◆ Michael Allen Huffstutlear, was sentenced to 30 days for refusing to submit to balance test as required; and sentenced to 30 days for reckless driving, alcohol or drugs as factor.

◆ Frank Raymond Kimrey, 26, of Lake Placid, was sentenced to 24 months dealing in stolen property; sentenced to 24 months for giving false ver-

ification; sentenced to 24 months for grand theft; and sentenced to 24 months for criminal use of personal identification.

◆ Theodore S. McKeithan, 19, of Lake Placid, was charged for no valid driver license.

◆ Jayme Leanne Miller, 20, of Sebring, was charged for possession of controlled substance without prescription.

◆ Juanito Nunez-Garcia, 25, of Avon Park, was charged with operating motor vehicle

without valid license.

◆ Clayton Eugene Smith, 39, of Tampa, was charged for criminal mischief.

◆ Phillip Brian Theobald, 45, of Casselberry, was sentenced to 24 months for driving while license suspended or revoked, habitual offender; driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, third offense within three years; and sentenced to one year and one day for driving while license suspended or revoked, habitual offender.



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Racers take their marks at 8:00am for the 5k Run/Walk! Day registration will begin at 7:00am.
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More US women having twins; rate at 1 in 30 babies

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — The number of twins born in the U.S. soared over the last three decades, mostly the result of test-tube babies and women waiting to have children until their 30s, when the chances of twins increase.

In 2009, 1 in every 30 babies born in the U.S. was a twin, an astounding increase over the 1 in 53 rate in 1980, according to a government report issued Wednesday.

"When people say it seems like you see more twins nowadays, they're right," said Joyce Martin, an epidemiologist who co-authored the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report.

Some increase was expected as more women are delaying starting a family until they are over 30. For some unknown reason, mothers in their 30s are more likely to have twins than younger or older women. As much as a third of the increase can be attributed to that, Martin said.

The rest of the rise is due to fertility drugs and treatments.

"You have a double whammy going on. There are more older moms and more widespread use of fertility-enhancing therapies," Martin said.

Starting in the early 1980s, couples who had trouble conceiving began to benefit from medical advances like fertility drugs and in vitro fertilization and other procedures. These treatments became fairly widespread in the 1990s but are expensive, and availability and insurance coverage varies.

The twin birth rate rose by more than 2 percent a year, on average, from 1980 through 2004. It leveled off to less than 1 percent annually although the rise from 2008 to 2009 was nearly 2 percent.

In 2009, twin rates increased in all 50 states, though the jumps were highest in lower New England, New Jersey and Hawaii. In Connecticut, twins now account for nearly 5 percent of births.

That's high. Nationally, 3.3 percent of all births were twins in 2009, up from 2 percent in 1980.

Over the last three decades, rates rose for white, black and Hispanic women, but the increases were not uniform. Rates doubled for whites, rose by half for blacks and by about a third for Hispanics. Historically, black moms have twins most often, but white moms have almost caught up.

"That's changed with infertility treatments," said Barbara Luke, a Michigan State University expert on twin births.

The greatest increase in twin rates was for women 40

and older. They are more likely to use fertility treatments and to have two embryos implanted during in vitro fertilization, whereas younger women are more likely to get just one.

About 7 percent of all births for women 40 and older were twins, compared to 5 percent of women in their late 30s and 2 percent of women age 24 or younger.

While a lot of attention is focused on the impact of fertility treatments, that's not the only factor. Before fertility treatments existed, about 2.5 percent of the babies born to women in their late 30s were twins, compared to under 2 percent for younger and older women. Some research has suggested women in that age group are more likely to produce multiple eggs in a cycle, increasing their chances of twins.

Clearly, there are more older moms. In recent years, more than a third of all births have been to women 30 and older, up from just one-fifth in 1980.

Take Victoria Jacobson. At 31, she gave birth to twin girls last April — her first children. With no history of twins in her family, and no fertility drugs, it was a big surprise when she found out at six months pregnant.

"I cried, because I'm more of a realist. My husband laughed," said Jacobson, of

Glen Ellyn, Ill. "They were not tears of joy. Maybe shock, more than anything."

Still, Jacobson doesn't find the new report on twin births surprising. A good friend had twins four months after Jacobson's girls were born. "I'm stopped at every corner and in every store" by mothers who also have twins, or who know of other twins, she says.

"I never knew how many twins were around until I got twins."

Are more twins good news? Some experts say the trend is worrisome, noting that multiple births are more dangerous for the mother and their babies. The infants tend to be born earlier, smaller and weaker, and require much more care.

Jacobson's twins arrived a month early and were tiny, about 3 pounds each. They had to be cared for in a hospital intensive care unit, and one needed a ventilator at first to help her breathe.

At 8 months, they are still small, but healthy and doing fine. Still, they don't sleep through the night, and breastfeeding two and getting them on the same schedule hasn't been easy, she said.

Despite the challenges, she has this advice to other moms of twins: Don't "think about it as double trouble. It's still a double blessing."

Oklahoma mom won't face charges for shooting intruder

Associated Press

BLANCHARD, Okla. — Authorities don't plan to file charges against an Oklahoma woman who fatally shot a New Year's Eve intruder at her house while she had a 911 dispatcher on the phone, but the intruder's alleged accomplice has been charged in the death.

A 911 tape released to Oklahoma City media outlets Wednesday reveals that 18-year-old Sarah McKinley asked a Grady County dispatcher for permission to shoot the intruder. McKinley's 3-month-old son was with her when she shot Justin Shane Martin, 24, at her Blanchard mobile home.

"I've got two guns in my hand. Is it OK to shoot him if he comes in this door?" McKinley asked the dispatcher.

"Well, you have to do whatever you can do to protect yourself," the dispatcher is heard telling McKinley. "I can't tell you that you can do that, but you have to do what you have to do to protect

your baby."

Oklahoma law allows the use of deadly force against intruders, and prosecutors said McKinley clearly acted in self-defense. According to court documents, Martin was holding a knife when he died.

"Our initial review of the case doesn't indicate she violated the law in any way," Assistant District Attorney James Walters told The Oklahoman newspaper.

However, prosecutors have charged his alleged accomplice, 29-year-old Dustin Louis Stewart, with first-degree murder. According to authorities, Stewart was with Martin but ran away from McKinley's

home after hearing the gunshots.

"When you're engaged in a crime such as first-degree burglary and a death results from the events of that crime, you're subject to prosecution for it," Walters said.

According to court documents, Martin and Stewart might have been looking for prescription drugs.

McKinley said it took the men about 20 minutes to get through her door, which she had barricaded with a couch.

She said her husband had died about a week earlier — on Christmas Day — after being hospitalized with complications from lung cancer earlier that month.

NY judge: No lives left for cat litter commercial

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York federal judge says the Clorox Pet Products Co. must stop airing a cat litter commercial that unfairly seeks supremacy over a competitor.

The Clorox ad was aimed at Church & Dwight Co. Inc.'s Arm & Hammer brands of cat litter. It claimed a smell test involving a jar proves Clorox's Fresh Step cat litter outperforms Church & Dwight's products.

The judge found it "highly implausible" 11 panelists would "stick their noses in jars of excrement and report 44 independent times that they smelled nothing unpleasant."

He found the claims "literally false."

Oakland, Calif.-based Clorox says it's disappointed in Tuesday's ruling. It says it defends the ad's truthfulness.

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2012 ELECTION

Santorum, Romney take on NH after virtual tie

By STEVE PEOPLES and KASIE HUNT

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — A squeaker of an Iowa victory behind him, Mitt Romney jumped into the New Hampshire primary Wednesday, declaring that his staying power sets him apart from caucus runners-up Rick Santorum and Ron Paul and the rest of the GOP presidential field. Michele Bachmann underscored his point by quitting the race, while Rick Perry settled doubts that he would indeed soldier on.

The withdrawal of Bachmann, who billed herself as the true conservative of the bunch, left her supporters up for grabs as the pace of the campaign quickens, and that could help Santorum. Santorum's appeal to Christian conservatives in recent weeks lifted him from the dregs of the opinion polls to become Romney's top challenger and the conservative of the moment.

"Game on," Santorum declared. But paltry funding and a lean campaign organization may make it tough for the former Pennsylvania senator to build on his momentum.

Romney is the favorite of the GOP establishment and picked up another endorsement Wednesday from Sen. John McCain, the party's 2008 presidential nominee. McCain praised Romney as "a tough competitor" with the will to defeat Obama.

"He will lead from in front the way that Ronald Reagan did, not lead from behind, which is what this president is doing," McCain said onstage with Romney in Manchester, N.H.

Jon Huntsman, who skipped Iowa to focus his efforts on a good showing in New Hampshire, dismissed McCain's endorse-

ment with, "Nobody cares." As a former Massachusetts governor, Romney is in his political backyard in New Hampshire, and also owns a home there. He's heavily favored in the state's Jan. 10 primary. The contests in South Carolina and Florida that pack the final weeks of January are more promising for the candidates such as Santorum vying for the most conservative voters.

Romney was named Iowa's winner in the wee hours Wednesday — besting Santorum by just eight votes — bringing down the curtain on an improbable first act in the campaign to pick a candidate to challenge President Barack Obama in the fall.

Despite Romney's wealthier, well-oiled campaign, he and Santorum each collected about a fourth of the vote. The Iowa GOP said Romney got 30,015 votes, to 30,007 for Santorum, who racked up support while touring Iowa's rural areas in his pickup truck.

Fourth-place finisher Newt Gingrich said the results show "3 out of 4 Republicans repudiated Mitt Romney. How can you take seriously somebody after that kind of campaign?"

Romney shrugged off the prospect of even sharper criticism from rivals such as Gingrich as well as Obama's re-election team now that he's narrowly affirmed his front-runner status. "I've got a big target on me now," he said Wednesday, adding that it doesn't faze him.

Romney, who finished second in Iowa in 2008 despite a costly effort, campaigned across the state in the closing days of the race, running as a conservative businessman with the skills to fix the economy.



Mitt Romney greets supporters following the Iowa caucus voting on Tuesday in Des Moines, Iowa. The voting was the closest in history with the lead changing hands between Romney and challenger Rick Santorum.

Television networks bring something new to Iowa

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Cable news networks brought new toys and new people to the 2012 presidential campaign's opening night in Iowa, yet the tight race made it a struggle for viewers to make sense of it all.

Fox News Channel, CNN and MSNBC devoted all of their prime-time minutes Tuesday to the GOP caucuses, with two of those networks having new teams in charge of their political nights. Fox teamed Bret Baier and Megyn Kelly, after Brit Hume stepped down from his anchor role following the 2008 election. Rachel Maddow was the new quarterback at MSNBC. Wolf Blitzer and Anderson Cooper headed CNN's coverage.

From the moments that the caucuses began, the networks reported on entrance poll results showing it would be a three-way struggle for supremacy among Mitt Romney, Ron Paul and Rick Santorum.

Real-time results proved those polls correct, and there was a wide variety of opinion expressed on what it all meant.

To Karl Rove and Joe Trippi on Fox, it was a win for Mitt Romney because two candidates, not just one, emerged as his chief rival. The network's Chris Wallace wondered how it could be considered good news for a man considered by many a presumptive nominee failing to get a quarter of the votes cast.

Bill Kristol on Fox found Santorum's showing extraordinary considering how low he once stood in the polls. Kirsten Powers dismissed it.

"It could have been anybody," she said. "He was the person who surged last. I'll be interested in seeing how strong a candidate he really is."

Many of the pundits widely dismissed Paul's showing, a stance that baffled

Maddow. "Ron Paul voters are human beings," she said. "Why doesn't anybody ever compete for them?"

Maddow played the starring role at MSNBC, joined by panelists Lawrence O'Donnell, Ed Shultz, Al Sharpton and Steve Schmidt. Four years ago, Keith Olbermann was the big player at MSNBC, but he left the network abruptly in 2011 to take a starring role in the little-watched Current network.

Despite Current's pledge to build a news team around Olbermann, he was not a part of Tuesday's coverage there. One of the network's founders, former Vice President Al Gore, was on the air.

MSNBC's coverage was more commentary-based than its rivals' coverage. Shultz, for example, took pleasure from Newt Gingrich's campaign being derailed by rules that loosened campaign spending standards. The network showed tape of Gingrich, who has complained that Romney has hidden behind independent groups bashing the former speaker's record.

"This is the guy who vilified Democrats and here he is crying about it," Shultz said.

Fox, the top-rated network and a clear favorite among Republicans, used that status in its coverage. Mike Huckabee, the 2008 Iowa caucus winner, was a Fox

commentator Tuesday. Ed Rollins, who worked in Michele Bachmann's campaign, was also on staff. So was Rove, former top political aide to President George W. Bush and still an active kingmaker for GOP candidates.

One county chairman made it a point to deliver his caucus results to Fox viewers before he even gave them to the people who voted.

CNN offered waves of reporters and technology, including a bigger "magic wall" that John King stood in front of and manipulated data like a giant iPad. Another video wall showed four caucus sites simultaneously.

Ali Velshi showed a count of how often candidates' names were mentioned in tweets, which he called "a snapshot of public opinion in real time." Given that Paul's name was mentioned more than twice as many times as any other candidate's, it was questionable what that data really meant.

At one point, CNN's

Blitzer and Cooper stood in front of a table where colorful stick figures representing caucus-goers holding placards with candidates' pictures was beamed onto the screen. Cooper looked bemused.

"If you miss any of this you can see this later on 'The Daily Show' with Jon Stewart," he said.

Ultimately, the most telling statistic of the night flashed briefly on King's magic wall. It was 13 percent, the tally John McCain had during the 2008 Iowa caucus, tying him for fourth with Fred Thompson. The two men tied for fourth place. McCain was the eventual party nominee against Barack Obama.

The number left viewers instantly wondering: What will all the attention spent on Iowa by the networks Tuesday really mean in the long run?

Associated Press Television Writer Lynn Elber in Los Angeles contributed to this report.



Rick Santorum hopes to build on his momentum from Iowa as the Republican campaign shifts to New Hampshire.

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Robert W. Germaine, Clerk
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
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Plaintiff,
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOT 10B, IN BLOCK J, OF TOMOKA HEIGHTS SECTION FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 52, 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 Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33309 on or before February 2, 2012, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE NEWS SUN and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court this 20th day of December, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk
December 30, 2011; January 6, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000610
REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF HELEN KELLEY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HELEN KELLEY, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION
To the following Defendant(s):
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HELEN KELLEY, DECEASED
Last Known Address
4225 LAMANCHA CIRCLE
SEBRING, FL 33872

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF HELEN KELLEY, DECEASED
Last Known Address
4225 LAMANCHA CIRCLE
SEBRING, FL 33872

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOT 43, IN BLOCK 27, ON SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000610
Our File Number: 11-03438
a/k/a 4225 LAMANCHA CIRCLE, SEBRING, FL 33872
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marinosci Law Group, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 on or before February 7, 2012, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE NEWS SUN and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Action; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Filing was mailed to all the parties in the attached mailing list.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 28th day of December, 2011.

BOB GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk
January 6, 13, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-536
IN RE: ESTATE OF KEITH IVAN DUNKLEBERGER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of KEITH IVAN DUNKLEBERGER, deceased, whose date of death was November 15, 2011, and whose social security number is 265-62-4912 is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and 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 January 6, 2012.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Jana Thorpe
P.O. Box 6
Wauchula, FL 33873

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ ROBERT E. LIVINGSTON
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)385-5156
January 6, 13, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000146
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, FOR CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-0A11 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-0A11,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MADELINE SARA DEL SOL A/K/A MADELINE S. DELSOL, et al,
Defendants).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 19, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000146 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, FOR CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-0A11 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-0A11, is the Plaintiff and MADELINE SARA DEL SOL A/K/A MADELINE S. DELSOL; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THEIR HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL 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; TENANT #1 NAK/A GORDON GONSALES are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE AT 11:00 AM, on the 17th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 20, IN BLOCK 69, A RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 58 AND 69, PLACID LAKES SECTION SIX AND EIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 319 FOX RIDGE ROAD, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on December 20, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
January 6, 13, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2009-CA-001837
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-11,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
TED M. EVANS, ET AL.,
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 19, 2011, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Highlands, Florida, on January 17, 2012, at 11:00 AM, at Basement of courthouse in Jury Assembly Room - 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 for the following described property:
LOT 10447 AND LOT 10448, OF AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 32, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, AT PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND LOT 10449, AND LOT 10450, OF AVON PARK LAKES UNIT 32, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
DATED:
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk of the Court
Prepared by:
Gladstone Law Group, P.A.
1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300
Boca Raton, FL 33486
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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-490
IN RE: ESTATE OF ALBERT EDWARD MCKEE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The name of the decedent, the designation of the court in which the administration of this estate is pending, and the file number are indicated above. The address of the court is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are indicated below.
if you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.
The date of death of the decedent is June 5, 2010.
The date of first publication of this Notice is January 6, 2012.

Personal Representative:
KEVIN MCKEE
38 Enwood Avenue
Hicksville, NY 11801
Attorney for Personal Representative:
CLIFFORD R. RHOADES, P.A.
Florida Bar No.: 308714
Clifford R. Rhoades, P.A.
2141 Lakeview Drive
Sebring, Florida 33870
(863)385-0346
January 6, 13, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-490
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January 6, 13, 2012

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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,
vs.
SIMON LORENZO BROWN, JR., et al.,
Defendants.

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, 2010, and Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 19, 2011, both 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 17th day of January, 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 December 20, 2011.
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, via Florida Relay Service.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit and County Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
December 30, 2011; January 6, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 08 000726GCS
DIVISION:
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-NC5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC5,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSE R. PEREZ, et al,
Defendants).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 19, 2011, and entered in Case No. 08 000726GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-NC5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC5, is the Plaintiff and JOSE R. PEREZ, NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, are the defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 17th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on December 20, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
January 6, 13, 2012

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VS.
TED M. EVANS, ET AL.,
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DATED:
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk of the Court
Prepared by:
Gladstone Law Group, P.A.
1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-490
IN RE: ESTATE OF ALBERT EDWARD MCKEE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The name of the decedent, the designation of the court in which the administration of this estate is pending, and the file number are indicated above. The address of the court is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are indicated below.
if you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.
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The date of death of the decedent is June 5, 2010.
The date of first publication of this Notice is January 6, 2012.

Personal Representative:
KEVIN MCKEE
38 Enwood Avenue
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Attorney for Personal Representative:
CLIFFORD R. RHOADES, P.A.
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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,
vs.
SIMON LORENZO BROWN, JR., et al.,
Defendants.

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
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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 December 20, 2011.
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, via Florida Relay Service.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit and County Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
December 30, 2011; January 6, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 08 000726GCS
DIVISION:
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-NC5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC5,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSE R. PEREZ, et al,
Defendants).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 19, 2011, and entered in Case No. 08 000726GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-NC5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC5, is the Plaintiff and JOSE R. PEREZ, NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, are the defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 17th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 20, IN BLOCK 69, A RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 58 AND 69, PLACID LAKES SECTION SIX AND EIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLOR

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ment of Foreclosure:
 LOT 29, BLOCK 27, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A 3928 VISCAYA STREET, SEBRING, FL 33872
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 20th day of December, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 December 30, 2011; January 6, 2012

Insight Auctioneers
 5000 State Rd 66, Sebring FL 33875
 SURPLUS AUCTION – Vehicle, Equip, Misc
 Including: City of Avon Park, Highlands County Sheriff's Office
 Saturday, January 14th at 9:00am
 January 6, 8, 13, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 Notice of Public Sale or Auction of the contents of the following storage units located at CENTURY STORAGE - BAYVIEW, 2609 BAYVIEW STREET, SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870 on 01/19/12 at 9:00 AM. Contents are said to contain Household Goods/Business Items unless otherwise specified.
 A051 Daley, April - HOUSEHOLD GOODS
 A092 Paedae, William Harrigan - HOUSEHOLD
 A078 Paedae, William Harrigan - BUSINESS
 G475 Vaught, Kimberly Sue - HOUSEHOLD
 I655 Weil, Bryan L. - HOUSEHOLD GOODS
 Sale being made to satisfy landlord's lien. Cash or Credit/Debit Card accepted. Contents to be removed by 5:00 p.m. on the day following the sale.
 CENTURY STORAGE - BAYVIEW
 2609 BAYVIEW STREET
 SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870
 (863) 386-0880
 December 30, 2011; January 6, 2012

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO
 Chelsea Walker that on 01/13/2012 at 11am at Dwight's Mini Storage 1112 Persimmon Ave. Sebring, FL 33870. The personal property in Unit #16 of Chelsea Walker will be sold or disposed of PURSUANT TO F.S. 83.806(4)
 January 6, 11, 2012

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pursuant to a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit In and for Broward County, Florida, on the 13th day of January, 2010, in the cause wherein ADORNO & YOSS, LLP, a limited liability partnership, is Plaintiff, and FRED STERNBERG, an individual, BONNIE STERNBERG, an individual, BBBENTLEY, CORP., I/K/A Baxter International Corp., a dissolved Florida profit corporation, and BBBaxter LLC., a dissolved Delaware limited liability company, are Defendants, being Case No. 09-020781-09 in the said Court, I, Susan Benton, Sheriff of Highlands County, Florida, have levied upon all of the Defendant, BONNIE STERNBERG's right, title and interest in and to the following described REAL property in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:
 LOT 4, PLANTATION HILL SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA STREET ADDRESS FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS: 1706 West Stryker Road, Avon Park, FL 33825

and on the 24th day of January, 2012, at the Commerce Avenue entrance to the Highlands County Courthouse, in the City of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all of the said defendant, BONNIE STERNBERG's, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Dated this, December 14, 2011
 SUSAN BENTON, SHERIFF OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 By: /s/ Jack Bailey, Jr.
 Lt. Jack Bailey, Jr., DEPUTY SHERIFF

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 December 16, 23, 30, 2011; January 6, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 11000693GCS
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4 Plaintiff
 vs
 HENDRY, REBA, ET AL
 Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: WILLIAM E. HENDRY
 A/K/A WILLIAM EUGENE HENDRY
 2300 N. MCCULLOUGH ROAD
 AVON PARK, FL 33825

AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

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

PARCEL ONE THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT THE EAST 131.29 FEET THEREOF. PARCEL TWO WEST 196.85 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, in the NEWS SUN or on or before February 07, 2012; otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 27th day of December, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk of said Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 As Deputy Clerk
 January 6, 13, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-535

IN RE: ESTATE OF
PRESTON JAMES DUBBS,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PRESTON JAMES DUBBS, deceased, whose date of death was October 15, 2011, and whose social security number is 164-22-8208, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and 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 December 30, 2011.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Karen Retherford
1827 Sentinel Point Rd.
Sebring, FL 33875

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ ROBERT E. LIVINGSTON
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)385-5156
December 30, 2011; January 6, 2012

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny; nice in the afternoon	Partly sunny and nice	Partly sunny	Clouds and sunshine	Partly sunny and nice
71° / 47°	73° / 50°	77° / 54°	78° / 57°	77° / 60°
Winds: WNW at 3-6 mph	Winds: SW at 3-6 mph	Winds: ESE at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 7-14 mph	Winds: SE at 7-14 mph

Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	81°
Low Sunday	42°
High Monday	73°
Low Monday	28°
High Tuesday	52°
Low Tuesday	16°
High Wednesday	62°
Low Wednesday	15°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	38%
Expected air temperature	71°
Makes it feel like	71°

Barometer

Monday	30.26
Tuesday	30.31
Wednesday	30.26

Precipitation

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

Regional Summary

Mostly sunny today; pleasant in the afternoon. Patchy clouds tonight. Partly sunny and nice tomorrow. Sunday and Monday: partly sunny. Tuesday: partly sunny and nice.

Farm Report

Mostly sunny today; pleasant in the afternoon. Winds west 3-6 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60% and good drying conditions.

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

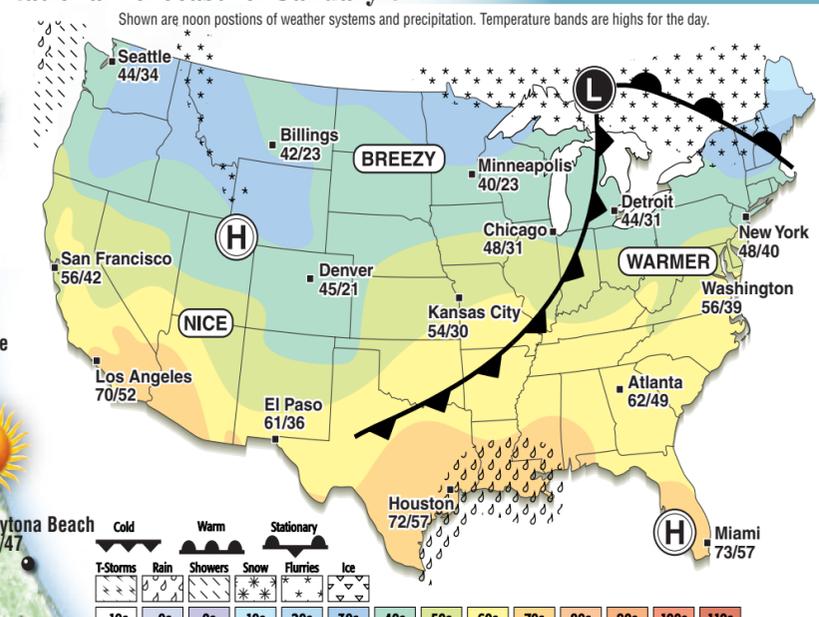
On Jan. 6, 1983, all 50 states had at least one reporting point with above-freezing temperatures, which is very rare for winter.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:14 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
Sunset	5:49 p.m.	5:50 p.m.
Moonrise	3:41 p.m.	4:35 p.m.
Moonset	4:51 a.m.	5:43 a.m.

Full Moon: Jan 9
Last Moon: Jan 16
New Moon: Jan 23
First Moon: Jan 30

National Forecast for January 6



National Summary

An area of high pressure pushing off the coast of Florida will pump milder air across most of the East today. The warm-up will occur south of an Alberta Clipper that is set to return nuisance snow to the St. Lawrence Valley and the northernmost Midwest states. In the clipper's wake, brisk winds will usher record warmth out of the northern and central Plains. The southern Plains will remain warm as showers develop across the western Gulf Coast. Cooler air will also settle across the Rockies and Northwest.

U.S. Cities

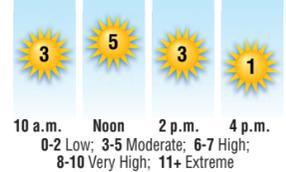
City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	54/32/s	54/29/s	45/25/pc	Los Angeles	70/52/pc	68/49/pc	79/50/s
Atlanta	62/49/s	64/51/c	66/51/c	Louisville	58/40/s	52/33/pc	48/32/pc
Baltimore	53/32/pc	54/36/pc	49/29/pc	Memphis	66/51/s	59/42/pc	56/41/pc
Birmingham	64/53/pc	65/53/c	67/52/c	Milwaukee	46/28/pc	40/26/pc	35/25/pc
Boston	44/36/pc	50/32/c	38/26/pc	Minneapolis	40/23/pc	34/18/pc	30/21/pc
Charlotte	66/39/s	61/44/pc	56/42/c	Nashville	62/48/s	58/37/pc	54/37/pc
Cheyyenne	40/21/pc	40/13/c	32/23/pc	New Orleans	72/56/c	73/58/c	73/56/c
Chicago	48/31/pc	40/27/pc	37/30/pc	New York City	48/40/pc	51/37/pc	46/33/pc
Cleveland	46/33/pc	40/29/c	38/28/pc	Norfolk	62/41/s	62/42/pc	52/38/r
Columbus	50/33/pc	44/28/pc	43/30/pc	Oklahoma City	65/31/s	54/30/s	46/30/pc
Dallas	69/43/s	59/36/pc	61/40/c	Philadelphia	50/38/pc	53/36/pc	46/32/pc
Denver	45/21/pc	42/16/pc	37/23/pc	Phoenix	74/47/pc	74/47/s	66/42/pc
Detroit	44/31/pc	40/28/pc	39/26/pc	Pittsburgh	47/34/pc	41/29/c	39/26/pc
Harrisburg	50/32/pc	47/29/pc	42/28/pc	Portland, ME	32/30/sn	45/27/c	36/17/pc
Honolulu	81/64/s	79/66/s	80/69/pc	Portland, OR	42/35/pc	44/31/pc	47/33/pc
Houston	72/57/r	72/53/pc	68/55/c	Raleigh	62/38/s	64/45/pc	57/40/c
Indianapolis	54/32/pc	45/29/pc	44/29/pc	Rochester	46/35/pc	43/27/c	37/27/c
Jackson, MS	70/53/c	69/49/pc	67/46/c	St. Louis	62/36/s	49/32/pc	49/31/pc
Kansas City	54/30/pc	47/28/s	46/26/pc	San Francisco	56/42/pc	60/40/s	61/40/s
Lexington	60/39/s	51/29/pc	46/30/pc	Seattle	44/34/c	44/38/pc	49/33/pc
Little Rock	68/48/s	57/39/pc	53/35/pc	Wash., DC	56/39/pc	56/34/pc	48/33/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	88/70/s	88/72/s	89/71/pc	London	48/41/pc	48/37/pc	45/42/pc
Athens	57/48/r	49/41/sh	52/46/s	Montreal	21/21/sn	36/14/sf	20/10/pc
Beirut	58/52/r	63/54/s	55/52/r	Moscow	34/30/sf	35/30/sn	31/29/sn
Berlin	35/28/c	37/32/r	35/24/sh	Nice	47/45/s	60/48/s	66/45/s
Bermuda	66/62/s	69/62/s	69/62/sh	Ottawa	36/33/sn	38/10/sf	18/8/pc
Calgary	34/15/s	28/27/pc	51/37/pc	Quebec	12/12/sn	29/10/sf	14/4/pc
Dublin	50/41/pc	48/39/pc	50/43/sh	Rio de Janeiro	85/73/r	83/71/r	82/73/r
Edmonton	27/8/s	24/10/pc	38/26/pc	Seoul	34/18/s	36/23/s	36/21/pc
Freeport	73/53/s	72/55/pc	74/57/pc	Singapore	86/75/r	86/75/r	86/77/r
Geneva	45/28/sh	40/39/r	40/30/sh	Sydney	75/61/c	84/68/pc	90/70/c
Havana	76/55/s	80/57/s	80/60/pc	Toronto	44/33/c	38/21/sf	34/21/c
Hong Kong	61/57/pc	64/59/pc	66/61/pc	Vancouver	43/33/c	42/39/c	49/42/r
Jerusalem	52/38/sh	58/40/s	51/40/s	Vienna	38/29/pc	39/35/sh	36/32/r
Johannesburg	80/60/r	76/58/sh	80/60/r	Warsaw	36/22/c	32/32/sf	36/28/t
Kiev	36/32/c	34/32/c	32/29/sf	Winnipeg	34/12/sn	25/14/c	25/21/pc

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Philly Chicken Sandwich	8
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BBQ Pork Sandwich	7
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Lady Streaks bulled by Brahmans

Sebring boys top Frostproof again, Red Devils get routed

By LAUREN WELBORN
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Hard work and preparation can fall short when matched up against a strong, athletic team, as was the case when Sebring took on Okeechobee Tuesday night and fell by a 51-38 margin.

Having fought back from a game-long deficit in the Tip-Off Tournament to open the season, the Lady Streaks came up just two points short in a 47-45 loss.

This time around, it would start off similarly.

The game was off to a rather slow start and it seemed it would be a defensive match-up.

Allie Mann put the first points on the board after two minutes of play, but Okeechobee responded in the next fifteen seconds to put the game back at a tie.

Again, the next two minutes were scoreless as both defenses held tight.

Jamiese Wiley would score two more points for Sebring before Okeechobee found the groove that would put them up 15-8 and then 30-19

before halftime.

April Wallace led the Blue Streak charge in the second half and ended the night with 14 points followed by Wiley at 6 and Destiny Sutton at 5.

While there was not much scoring action in the third, Sebring earned 9 to the Brahman's 7 and brought the lead down to a 10-point difference.

Sebring couldn't maintain the same momentum in the fourth, however, and Okeechobee took over to cap the Brahman lead.

"We still have a lot to learn," said head coach Mike Lee, "What we were trying to

do was working, the ball just wasn't going in the basket.

"We missed a lot of easy shots and sometimes had one too many passes. We can run the plays but not break them down."

Noting the girls' substantial work ethic, Lee added, "They work hard and play hard. Baskets change the game and we just got behind."

The ladies were at Kathleen on Thursday before hosting Avon Park Friday.

The Sebring boys saw a familiar foe and had similar

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Shalontay Rose drives in from the left Tuesday in Sebring's loss to Okeechobee.

Charley Hull leads Harder Hall

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — The renovations over the summer expanded the greens of the Harder Hall Golf Course, among other things, and its true effect was felt in the opening round of the 57th Harder Hall Women's Invitational on Wednesday.

It was as if the course was saying, "Nobody is going to shoot a 63 this year," regarding the course record set in last year's opening round by eventual champion Ashleigh Albrecht.

And that was certainly the case as only one among the strong field broke par for the round, England's top amateur Charley Hull.

Coming off a banner year in 2011, the 15-year old shot a two-under 34 on the front nine before playing a steady, even-par back nine to give her the one-day lead.

Only two golfers came in at even par for the day, 2010 champion Kyle Roig and last weekend's Dixie runner-up Ariya Jutanugarn from Thailand.

Roig went one-over 37 on the front before coming in with a one-under on the back, while Jutanugarn stayed steady throughout, posting 36s going out and coming in.

Albrecht would come nowhere near her record-setting pace of last year's first round, going out with a 37 on the front before losing it a bit on the back and posting a 41 for a 78 total.

"I can't use the weather as an excuse, everyone had to play in it and other than the cold, it wasn't bad," Albrecht said. "The greens, especially the pin placements, were really tough, but I was doing



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Bradenton's Hally Leadbetter hammers this drive on the 18th hole Wednesday and would finish the opening round with a 76, six behind leader Charley Hull.

all right. Then on the (par-three) 12th, I hit a good shot that flared out of bounds. I got a triple and things just fell apart after that."

Those greens, saw their total square footage doubled during the summer fix-up, making them all the more misleading — easier to reach, but more distance to cover once on them, with plenty more room for challenging pin placements.

"The changes to the greens are great," tournament coordinator and amateur legend Carol Semple-Thompson

said. "You can see it in the scores."

Which is something Albrecht can take solace in — the fact that the scores across the board were reflecting the challenge.

England's Holly Clyburn was the lone finisher at 73, while Portland Rosen, of Sugarland, TX, and Meredith Swanson of Roanoke, VA, were both at 74.

Four more came in at 75 for the round, Tucson, AZ native Isabelle Boineau, Jutanugarn's sister Moriya,

Scotland's Kelsey MacDonald and Lindsey McPherson of Flushing, MI.

A whopping 10 finished at 76, with five more at 77 and another five joining Albrecht at 78.

Of the local entrants, Avon Park's Paige Moffat carded an 82 and Sebring's 12-year old Kendall Griffin came in with an 83, Lady Blue Streak golfer Savana Fisher had an 86 and Jude Stewart had an 89.

And though it would seem

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Marlins acquire Zambrano from Cubs

By STEVEN WINE

Associated Press

MIAMI — Carlos Zambrano will get a much-needed fresh start with the Miami Marlins.

The Chicago Cubs traded their former ace Wednesday for Marlins right-hander Chris Volstad, pending physicals and approval by Major League Baseball, a person familiar with the negotiations said.

The person confirmed the deal to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the teams hadn't announced a deal.

Zambrano wore out his welcome in Chicago because of repeated meltdowns and tantrums.

The most recent came when he cleaned out his locker and talked about retiring after giving up five homers and being ejected during a loss to Atlanta on Aug. 12.

He was suspended without pay and then it was decided he would sit out the rest of the season.

In Miami he'll be joining another former Chicagoan, Ozzie Guillen, who expressed interest in acquiring Zambrano when he was hired as the Marlins' manager in October after stepping down as the White Sox's skipper.

Zambrano joins a franchise on the upswing after a winter spending spree resulted in the signings of All-Stars Jose Reyes, Mark Buehrle and Heath Bell.

Zambrano finished last year 9-7 with a 4.82 ERA.

The Cubs expected more when he signed a \$91.5 million deal over five seasons through 2012, including a \$17,875,000 million salary last season and \$18 million in 2012.

As part of the trade, they'll likely pay much of his salary.

Volstad went 5-13 last year with an ERA of 4.89, and his career record is 32-39.

He has given up 69 homers over the past three seasons, which could mean trouble for him at Wrigley Field.

Zambrano is 125-81 with a 3.60 ERA after breaking in with the Cubs in 2001, and he threw a no-hitter against the Astros.

But he had difficulty controlling his temper.

In 2007, he got into a fight with teammate Michael Barrett, first in the dugout and then in the locker room.

Barrett ended up with a bruise under his eye and a cut lip.

In 2009, he went on tirade against an umpire, throwing a baseball into the outfield, pretending to eject the umpire and slamming his glove against the dugout fence, a tantrum that led to a suspension.

In 2010, Zambrano was placed on the restricted list for six weeks and sent to anger management after a verbal altercation with then-teammate Derrek Lee.

Dino Lower signs with Thomas University

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

With her senior softball season still yet to play, Sebring's Dino Lower already has her college situation taken care of. Lower, flanked by parents Tracy and Gary, signed to attend and play at Thomas University in Thomasville, GA. Joining in the event were, back row, left to right, Sebring AD Terry Quarles, assistant Lady Streak coach Larry Johnson, Thomas head coach Bill Wilson, travel ball coach Mike Jeter, Sebring head coach Joe Sinness and Principal Elizabeth Lindsey. Thomas, an NAIA school with an enrollment of 1,200, was a good fit for the versatile Lower. "I had looked at my sister's (Sammy) school (East Tennessee State) and Rollins, but when I visited Thomas, it just felt right,



like the place I wanted to be," Lower said. And her new coach has seen the fit for a while. "I've been watching her travel team play for the last couple of years," Wilson said. "Along

with ability, I look for the type of person, the type of student that will fit. I tell my players, until one of you can stand out there alone and win a game, you're never bigger than the team.' You

can tell a lot about a player by watching them on the field, in the dugout, how they are with their coaches and parents. Dino is the kind of player and person that will fit in well."



MCT Photo
Carlos Zambrano brings a world of talent, along with some anger issues, to the Marlins.

National Hockey League

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 7
 Cincinnati at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 8
 Tampa Bay at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Denver, 4:30 p.m.
DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 14
 Tampa Bay, N.Y. Giants or New Orleans at San Francisco, 4:30 p.m.
 Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh or Denver at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 15
 Pittsburgh, Denver or Houston at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh, Atlanta or N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 22

PRO BOWL
Sunday, Jan. 29
 At Honolulu

SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 5
 At Indianapolis

FINAL LEAGUE LEADERS

AFC PASSING

Player	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Tom Brady, NE	611	401	5235	39	12
Matt Ryan, ATL	292	178	2479	15	6
Ben Roethlisberger, PIT	513	324	4077	21	14
Matt Ryan, SD	582	366	4624	27	20
Matt Ryan, MIA	347	210	2497	16	9

NFC PASSING

Player	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Tom Brady, GB	502	343	4643	45	6
Tom Brady, NO	657	468	5476	46	14
Tom Brady, DAL	522	346	4184	31	10
Tom Brady, DET	663	421	5038	41	16
Tom Brady, NYG	589	359	4933	29	16

AFC RUSHING

Player	Att	Yards	Avg	TD
LeSean McCoy, PHI	343	1606	4.7	8
LeSean McCoy, BAL	291	1364	4.7	12
LeSean McCoy, HOU	278	1224	4.4	10
LeSean McCoy, DEN	249	1199	4.8	4
LeSean McCoy, SD	222	1091	4.9	6

NFC RUSHING

Player	Att	Yards	Avg	TD
LeSean McCoy, ATL	301	1340	4.5	11
LeSean McCoy, PHI	273	1309	4.8	17
LeSean McCoy, SF	282	1211	4.3	8
LeSean McCoy, SEA	285	1204	4.2	12
LeSean McCoy, STL	260	1145	4.4	5

AFC RECEIVING

Player	No	Yds	Avg	TD
DeVante Parker, NE	122	1569	12.9	9
DeVante Parker, NE	90	1327	14.7	17
DeVante Parker, MIA	81	1214	15.0	6
DeVante Parker, KC	81	1159	14.3	5
DeVante Parker, NE	79	910	11.5	7

NFC RECEIVING

Player	No	Yds	Avg	TD
DeVante Parker, ATL	100	1296	13.0	8
DeVante Parker, TAM	99	1310	13.2	11
DeVante Parker, DET	96	1681	17.5	16
DeVante Parker, MIN	87	967	11.1	6
DeVante Parker, SF	86	710	8.3	7

AFC SCORING, NONKICKERS

Player	TD	Rus	Rec	Ret	Pts
DeVante Parker, NE	18	1	17	0	108
DeVante Parker, BAL	15	12	3	0	90
DeVante Parker, HOU	12	10	2	0	72
DeVante Parker, NE	11	11	0	0	66
DeVante Parker, NYG	11	8	3	0	66

NFC SCORING, NONKICKERS

Player	TD	Rus	Rec	Ret	Pts
DeVante Parker, PHI	20	17	3	0	120
DeVante Parker, DET	16	0	16	0	96
DeVante Parker, GB	15	0	15	0	90
DeVante Parker, CAR	14	14	0	0	84
DeVante Parker, SEA	13	12	1	0	78
DeVante Parker, MN	13	12	1	0	78

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Rangers	24	9	4	52	110	79
Philadelphia	22	11	4	48	125	109
Pittsburgh	21	13	4	46	121	100
Jersey	21	16	2	44	106	114
Islanders	14	17	6	34	88	116

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	25	10	5	51	129	69
Montreal	20	15	5	45	123	135
Toronto	19	15	5	43	125	128
Ottawa	18	17	4	40	104	115
Real	15	18	7	37	106	113

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	20	12	7	47	103	107
Washington	21	15	2	44	114	110
Pittsburgh	19	15	5	43	107	114
Tampa Bay	17	18	3	37	107	129
Florida	13	21	7	33	106	139

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	24	11	4	52	128	111
Chicago	25	13	1	51	128	88
St. Louis	22	12	5	49	99	86
San Jose	21	14	4	46	105	108
Minnesota	10	23	5	25	93	128

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	25	13	3	53	134	99
Minnesota	21	14	6	48	95	98
Colorado	22	18	1	45	110	116
San Jose	18	18	5	41	100	114
Edmonton	16	20	3	35	107	111

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	21	11	4	46	105	86
Los Angeles	19	14	7	45	87	92
San Jose	21	16	1	43	104	112
Phoenix	19	17	4	42	103	107
San Jose	10	22	6	26	88	127

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

Tuesday's Games

Islanders 4, Carolina 3, SO
 Oilers 4, Edmonton 3
 Red Wings 7, Tampa Bay 3
 Washington 3, Calgary 1
 Ducks 4, Phoenix 1
 Oilers 5, Dallas 4

Wednesday's Games

Real 7, Winnipeg 3
 Oilers 6, New Jersey 1
 Vancouver 3, Minnesota 0
 Ducks 3, Anaheim 1

Thursday's Games

Rangers at Boston, late
 Oilers at Toronto, late
 Oilers at N.Y. Rangers, late
 Oilers at Philadelphia, late



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

BOXING FRIDAY

9 p.m. Dyah Davis vs. Alfonso Lopez ESPN2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SATURDAY

11 a.m. Florida at Tennessee ESPN2
 Noon Georgetown at West Virginia ABC
 Noon Virginia Tech at Wake Forest 44
 2:30 p.m. Boston College at North Carolina 44
 4 p.m. South Carolina at Kentucky 38
 4 p.m. Florida State at Clemson ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FRIDAY

8:30 p.m. Cotton Bowl - Arkansas vs. Kansas St. . . FOX

SATURDAY

1 p.m. Compass Bowl - Pittsburgh vs. SMU . . . ESPN
 1 p.m. NCAA D-1 Final - North Dakota State vs. Sam Houston State ESPN2

GOLF FRIDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA - Africa Open GOLF
 5:30 p.m. PGA - Hyundai Tourney of Champions . GOLF

SATURDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA - Africa Open GOLF
 5:30 p.m. PGA - Hyundai Tourney of Champions . GOLF

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

SATURDAY

1 p.m. U.S. Army All-American Bowl NBC

NBA FRIDAY

8 p.m. Chicago at Orlando ESPN
 10:30 p.m. Portland at Phoenix ESPN

NFL SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. Cincinnati at Houston NBC
 8 p.m. Detroit at New Orleans NBC

NHL SATURDAY

7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Montreal SUN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SATURDAY

2 p.m. Michigan State at Penn State CBS
 4 p.m. Connecticut at Notre Dame CBS

Times, games, channels all subject to change

NBA

Columbus at San Jose, late
Friday's Games
 Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
H. Sedin	VAN	10	38	48
Giroux	PHI	18	28	46
D. Sedin	VAN	18	28	46
Kessel	TOR	22	23	45
Stamkos	TB	27	17	44
Lupul	TOR	18	26	44
Malkin	PIT	15	28	43
Eberle	EDM	16	26	42
Backstrom	WAS	13	29	42
Hossa	CHI	17	24	41
Spezza	OTT	14	26	40
Pominville	BUF	13	27	40
Datsyuk	DET	12	28	40

2 tied with 39 pts.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	3	2	.600	—
Boston	4	3	.571	—
Toronto	3	3	.500	½
New York	2	4	.333	1½
New Jersey	1	6	.143	3

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	6	1	.857	—
Orlando	5	2	.714	—
Atlanta	4	2	.667	½
Charlotte	2	4	.333	3½
Washington	0	6	.000	5½

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	6	1	.857	—
Indiana	4	2	.667	½
Cleveland	3	3	.500	2½
Milwaukee	2	3	.400	3
Detroit	2	4	.333	3½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	4	2	.667	—
Memphis	3	3	.500	1
Dallas	3	4	.429	1½
Houston	2	4	.333	2
New Orleans	2	4	.333	2

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	4	1	.800	—
Denver	5	2	.714	—
Oklahoma City	5	2	.714	—
Utah	3	3	.500	½
Minnesota	2	4	.333	2½

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	2	2	.500	—

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 115, Charlotte 101
 Chicago 76, Atlanta 74
 Portland 103, Oklahoma City 93
 Memphis 113, Sacramento 96
 Utah 85, Milwaukee 73
 L.A. Lakers 108, Houston 99

Wednesday's Games
 Toronto 92, Cleveland 77
 Orlando 103, Washington 85
 Boston 89, New Jersey 70
 Chicago 99, Detroit 83
 Miami 118, Indiana 83
 Charlotte 118, New York 110
 Philadelphia 101, New Orleans 93
 Memphis 90, Minnesota 86
 Dallas 98, Phoenix 89
 San Antonio 101, Golden State 95
 Denver 110, Sacramento 83
 L.A. Clippers 117, Houston 89

Thursday's Games
 Miami at Atlanta, late
 Dallas at San Antonio, late
 Milwaukee at Sacramento, late
 L.A. Lakers at Portland, late

Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Denver at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Chicago at Orlando, 8 p.m.
 Memphis at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
 Portland at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
 MLB-Announced the resignation of executive vice president for baseball operations Joe Torre.

American League
 TAMPA BAY RAYS-Agreed to terms with RHP Fernando Rodney on a one-year contract.

National League
 CINCINNATI REDS-Agreed to terms with RHP Andrew Brackman on a one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES-N



Senior Tip

MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANKL WITH JOE HIRSH'S INSTRUCTIONS



OK, we got through the holidays, and unless you live in a warm climate, we have to do winter. But we're already thinking spring, and that means getting in shape, especially you senior golfers.

A focus should be on your legs. This is because your legs get the least amount of exercise during the dormant winter, and they generate most of power needed in your swing, especially in tee shots. You can do these two exercises at home without weights.

1) For quadriceps muscles (front of thigh), set your back against the wall, then move your feet out from the wall until you are in a sitting position. Hold for 30 seconds or until your quads are really "burning."

2) For hamstring (rear thigh) and gluteus (rear end) muscles, stand facing close to a wall. Keeping one leg straight, push back the other leg as far as you can behind you, hold as long as you can, and then return. Repeat 10 times with each leg. You'll have a "leg up" on your playing partners come spring.

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

The team of Leigh Furnal, Bud Kammerman, Ron Taylor and Doug Henderson took first with +8, followed by David Reasoner, Larry Staggs, Bob Wimmers and Dennis Latshaw with +3.

Reasoner won A Division, individually, with +5, while Latshaw and Tom Rockola tied for second with +3.

B Division saw a tie for first between Bob Luttrell and Bill Heinlein with dueling +3s while Art Demers won C Division with +4, one ahead of Greg Brewer's +3.

In D Division, it was Henderson finishing first with +8 and Latshaw and Wayne Courson tied for second at +7.

Placid Lakes

The New Years Day Hangover Scramble was played Sunday, Jan. 1,

with 43 players.

Winning first place was the team of Bruce Miseno, Don George and Jim Drake with minus-10; second place, Ken Burnette, Floyd Beers, Buddy Hodgdon and Evelyn Bellas with minus-8; and third place, John Moss, Gene Miller, Judy Thompson and Carol Jones with minus-7.

Closest to the pin: (Men), No. 13, John Moss, 5-feet-7-inches; and (Ladies), No. 2, Carol Olsen, 22-feet-3-inches.

The Men's Association played a Two Best Balls Front, One Best Ball Back event on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Tying for first/second places were the teams of John Goble, Russ Isaacs, Larry Kresa and Ed Bartusch; Tom Lacy, John Rosettis, Henry Shaw and Howard Ticknor with minus-21 each (went to the card for tie-breaker).

Closest to the pin: No. 13, Bruce Miseno, 6-feet-7-inches.

An Individual Low Putts event was played Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The winners were: First place, Bobbie Miller with 31 putts; second place, Joanne Shaw with 33 putts. And tying for third/fourth places were Gloria Ziegler and Von Lacy with 34 putts each.

Closest to the pin: No. 13, Joanne Shaw, 19-feet-5-inches.

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The Ladies League played a Blind Partners game on Thursday, Dec. 29.

The winners were: First place, Mary Hayes and Rose Huizenga. Tying for second/third places were Jackie Christopher and Elaine Hettinga; Rose Huizenga and Marilyn Glaze.

Lake June West

A Scramble was played on Thursday, Dec. 29.

Tying for first/second/third places were the teams of Ron and Sylvia West, John and Gloria Huggett; John and Virginia Simmons, Bob and Verna Knishka; Ken Rowen, John and Helen Mellon with 53 each.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 8, Elaine Orr, 8-feet-1-inch. (Men), No. 2, Orville Huffman, 12-feet-4-inches; and No. 4, Ron West, 13-feet-4-inches.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Winning first place was the team of Claude Cash, Cal Billingsley, Butch Hall and Fred Neer with 40; second place, Ron West, Mario Cappelletti, Joe Swartz and Roy Fowler with 41; and third place, Dick Denhart, John Simmons, Bob Knishka and Dick Reaney with 42.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Norm Grubb, 8-feet-7-inches; No. 4, Cal Billingsley, 7-feet-7-inches; and No. 8, Pete McNamee, 7-feet-2-inches.

The Ladies Association played a Ladies League event on Monday, Dec. 26.

Winning first place was the team of Eva Huffman, Betty Billau, Doris Weeks and Charlotte Mathew with 35; second place, Elaine Orr, Sylvia West, Gloria Huggett and Janice Barringer with 40; and third place, Annie Hall, Kay Kalusniak and Pat Asmus with 42.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Mary McNamee, 5-feet-9-inches; No. 4, Kay Kalusniak, 10-feet-9-inches; and No. 8, Gloria Huggett, 1-foot-10-inches.

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The Men's Association played Team and Individual Pro-Am Points on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The New Years Day Hangover Scramble was played Sunday, Jan. 1,

Without Wade, Heat rout Pacers

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Heat hardly missed Dwyane Wade on Wednesday night. LeBron James had a lot to do with that.

Now, the Heat can only hope both superstars won't be on the bench Thursday in Atlanta.

James had 33 points and 13 assists, Chris Bosh added 22 points and Miami routed the Indiana Pacers 118-83 on Wednesday even without Wade.

James also grabbed eight rebounds and the Heat turned up the defensive intensity minus their All-Star guard.

Wade sat out with a sore left foot, and his status for Thursday's game at Atlanta is uncertain.

Wade, a six-time All-Star, injured his foot in the second quarter at Charlotte on Dec. 28.

He missed the first 10 minutes of the third period but played regular minutes the rest of the game and in the two that followed.

He skipped Wednesday's shootaround, though.

The Heat had a scare late in the third quarter when James went down underneath the basket with a left ankle injury.

He also is questionable for Thursday.

"It's been better, but it feels OK right now," James said. "We'll see how I feel in the morning."

James appeared to step on the foot of Indiana's Paul George while attempting a fast-break layup.

After staying on the court for a few seconds James got to his feet, prompting applause from the sellout crowd, and resumed breaking down the Pacers.

Still, the Heat could be without two of their three big stars in Atlanta.

"We will have to see," coach Erik Spoelstra said when asked if James would play Thursday. "He has sprained that same ankle every year, he says at least one time a year."

Roy Hibbert had 16 points and 12 rebounds to

lead the Pacers. Tyler Hansbrough scored 14.

Indiana, a fashionable pick to be one of the surprise teams in the East, had a miserable second quarter, going 1 for 15 from the field and committing 10 turnovers that Miami turned into 10 points.

"Lack of execution, missed open shots and their defense — it was a combination of everything," Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. "A perfect storm."

Miami took a 62-39 half-time lead thanks to a 25-6 run to close the second quarter.

Indiana's main problem, however, was that it couldn't slow Miami's transition offense.

And because the Pacers shot so poorly and committed so many turnovers, all the Heat had to do was grab the ball and start running, and they did it quite successfully.

The Pacers trailed 29-27 after the first quarter.

But in the second half, they never got closer than 12 points and the lead eventually ballooned to 36.

Indiana's Danny Granger scored only six points on 2-for-13 shooting.

He missed six of his seven shots in the first half and committed three turnovers.

The Pacers ended up shooting 34.8 percent from the field.

They committed 23 turnovers that Miami turned into 28 points.

This was Indiana's biggest test of the season after beating Detroit, Toronto, Cleveland and New Jersey.

Notes: Indiana guard Lance Stephenson sprained his left ankle in the second quarter and didn't return. ... Granger hit a 3-pointer and has hit at least one in 22 consecutive games, the longest active streak in the NBA. ... Miami, among the NBA's top defensive teams, didn't take a charge against Indiana. The Heat had been averaging 2.3 charges taken per game.

Harder greens making things tough

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as the golfers get adjusted, scores will come down and ground can be made up, Hull could be a hard one to catch.

In her breakout season last year, the youngster became the first player to win both the ladies' and girls' order of merit in England, won the English and Welsh stroke-play championships as well as the Jones Doherty match-play championship on Florida's Orange Blossom Tour.

She was also runner-up in the English amateur championship.

And while the course may have been 'Ashleigh-proofed,' Albrecht, along with any number of the ladies in the field, is fully capable of putting up a low number and make up ground in a hurry.

The forecast shows that Wednesday's round should be the chilliest, as temperatures look to climb through to the weekend, with mostly sunny skies.

Look for the scores and competition to warm up as well.

Unless Harder Hall's mean new greens have something to say about it.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Returning champ Ashleigh Albrecht found the new greens of the Harder Hall course a challenge, posting a 78 for her first round of play.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Sebring's own Kendall Griffin would watch this putt on the 17th roll true from 18 feet for a birdie during Wednesday's opening round of the 57th Harder Hall Women's Invitational.



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West Virginia drubs Clemson 70-33 in Orange Bowl

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

MIAMI — As the West Virginia Mountaineers celebrated their first Orange Bowl victory, safety Darwin Cook shared a hug with the game's mascot, Obie.

They had run into each other earlier in the end zone when Cook scored the night's pivotal touchdown, then leaped on the smiling orange. Only after the game did he learn a woman was wearing the Obie outfit.

"I didn't know you were a girl," he told her. "I apologize."

The Mountaineers ran over everything in their path Wednesday night, including the Clemson Tigers.

Geno Smith tied the record for any bowl game with six touchdown passes, and the No. 23-ranked Mountaineers set a bowl scoring record with their high-powered offense by routing No. 14 Clemson 70-33.

But it was a defensive player — Cook — who made the most memorable play by returning a fumble 99 yards for a touchdown to break the game open.

Standing in the sideline, Smith watched a video replay of Cook's touchdown in disbelief.

"Crazy, man," Smith said. "When I saw that, I knew things were breaking our way."

Cook collided comically with mascot Obie after scoring one of the Mountaineers' five TDs in the second quarter, including three in the final 2:29 for a 49-20 lead.

It was the highest-scoring half by a team in a bowl game.

"I always envisioned making great plays," Cook said. "If you think it will happen, it will happen."

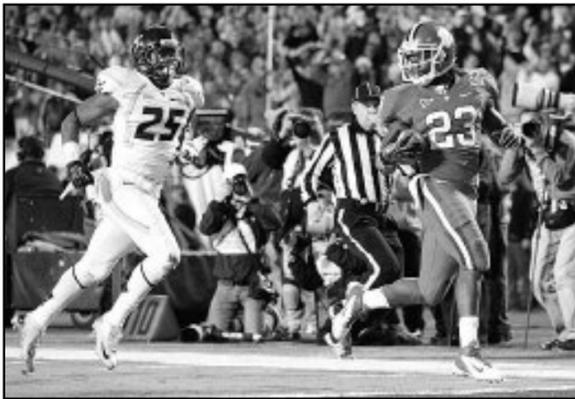
Tavon Austin tied a record for any bowl game with four touchdown catches. Smith went 31 for 42 and had 401 yards passing to break Tom Brady's Orange Bowl record.

Smith also ran for a score, helping West Virginia break the bowl record for points established six nights earlier when Baylor beat Washington 67-56 in the Alamo Bowl.

"Never could we imagine we'd put up 70 points," Smith said.

"It was like a virus," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said.

The Mountaineers (10-3) won in their first Orange



Clemson's Andre Ellington scores a first-quarter touchdown against West Virginia's Darwin Cook during the Orange Bowl Wednesday, but Cook would return the favor, and then some, with a 99-yard fumble return.

Bowl appearance and improved to 3-0 in Bowl Championship Series games.

"Our guys felt like they weren't getting too much credit," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said. "And they wanted to make a statement in this game."

Clemson (10-4) lost playing in its first major bowl in 30 years.

Despite the drubbing, Swinney said, the wait for a return trip won't be so long.

"It won't be 30 years," Swinney said. "We'll be back."

The offensive showcase was the latest in a succession this bowl season, and perhaps the last.

Defense is expected to dominate in the final BCS game Monday night, when Louisiana State faces Alabama for the national title.

West Virginia totaled 589 yards and 31 first downs. Smith was chosen the game's outstanding player but gave Austin an assist.

"He won me an MVP," Smith said. "He's one of the quickest guys I've ever seen, and it's just a blessing to have a guy like him on my team."

Austin had 11 receptions, scoring on passes of 8, 27, 3 and 37 yards.

"I do know who the fastest kid on the field was," Holgorsen said. "We made a conscious effort to get him the ball a bunch, and whenever we got him the ball, he made things happen."

Clemson couldn't keep up with the Big East Conference co-champions, although Andre Ellington did score the game's first points on a 68-yard run.

First-team All-Americans Sammy Watkins and Dwayne Allen combined for only seven catches for 87 yards.

"We didn't play too good," Watkins said. "We've got the whole next year to get right."

Amid the flurry of points, defensive back Cook came up with second-longest play in Orange Bowl history.

Clemson was on the verge of taking the lead in the second quarter when Ellington ran up the middle and disappeared into a heap at the 1.

A teammate signaled touchdown, but the ball came loose and Cook grabbed it, then took off with nothing but the end zone in front of him.

"Cook was the only one in the stadium who knew the ball was out," teammate Bruce Irvin said. "That was a heads-up play."

The potential 14-point swing seemed to deflate the Tigers, who had moved the ball almost at will to that point.

"They hadn't really stopped us," Swinney said. "That was huge. Then it snowballed quickly."

The Tigers were doomed when quarterback Tajh Boyd committed turnovers on consecutive Clemson plays.

After Smith ran 7 yards on a keeper for a 35-20 lead, Pat Miller intercepted Boyd's pass.

Smith flipped a 1-yard touchdown pass to Austin and, on the next play a call was overturned, with the replay official determining Boyd had lost a fumble.

Alston then ran for a 1-yard touchdown with 4 seconds left in the half.

"Momentum swung not in our favor, and it was hard to recapture," Boyd said. "West Virginia is a great offense. You can't really get behind them. We couldn't stop them. Guys were gassed. Their legs were going. It was a tough loss — pretty embarrassing."

Howard, Magic run past Wizards

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

ORLANDO — The Orlando Magic looked like a team in need of pillows and a bedtime story when they trudged their way through a lopsided loss to Detroit earlier this week that snapped a four-game winning streak.

A day off went a long way for the Magic.

Orlando recovered its pep in a 103-85 win over the Washington Wizards Wednesday night.

Dwight Howard had 28 points and 20 rebounds, Ryan Anderson added 23 points and 15 rebounds to help the Magic run past the winless Wizards.

Orlando won for the fifth time in six games and had four players in double figures.

It has won seven straight against Washington and 15 of the last 18 meetings.

The Wizards got 17 points from Nick Young, but shot poorly all night and trailed by as many as 28 in falling to 0-6 for the first time in franchise history.

They remain only team in the NBA without a victory.

The Magic had a four-game winning streak snapped Monday at Detroit in a lethargic effort that coach Stan Van Gundy said was virtually void of any energy from a team playing its sixth game in nine days.

Orlando was off Tuesday and appeared to have its energy back against the Wizards, sprinting out to as much as a 22-point lead in the opening 24 minutes and taking an 18-point cushion into halftime.

"We came out and played better than we had against Detroit," Howard said. "It was good to see us bounce

back."

Anderson said starting faster was a definite point of emphasis against a Washington team with several young players.

Hitting shots didn't hurt either as the Magic hovered above 50 percent for most of the game and connected on eight of their 19 shots from the 3-point line.

Orlando also dished out 27 assists as a team and held a 54-44 rebounding edge over a much bigger Wizards' lineup.

Magic shooting guard Jason Richardson, who came into Wednesday just two for his last 13 from the field, scored the game's first five points.

He finished just 3 for 8, but said he likes the way his shot felt compared to the past two games.

"We play a lot of games, but that's no excuse for not coming out with energy and ready to play," Richardson said. "I see myself on film not bringing energy and I'm an energy player. So I gotta do a better job of doing it every game."

Howard led all scorers with 17 points in the first half — coming mostly on layups or dunks — as the beneficiary of several assists from Hedo Turkoglu and Jameer Nelson, who had five apiece.

The Wizards struggled to get shots to fall from the outset, settling for jumpers and missing their first 12 field-goal attempts.

They also gave up 31 points in the first quarter, the third time this season they allowed an opponent to score at least 30 in a period.

The Magic made 61 percent (11 for 18) of their shots in the first quarter.

Howard was 4 for 4.

Meanwhile, Washington shot a paltry 21 percent (6 for 28) in a 14-point first quarter and finished the night at just 36 percent (34 for 93)

Wizards coach Flip Saunders said injecting some sort of life into the offense early is a must if they are going to post their first victory anytime soon.

Their next chance is Friday when they begin a three-game home stand against New York.

"We're gonna have to do something with our start," Saunders said. "Whether its personnel wise or whatever. But somehow we've got to have some juice to start games."

Point guard John Wall wouldn't go as far as calling it a pattern, and said there isn't one thing that would be a quick fix from his perspective.

"It's everything," he said. "We go over everything on defense in the shootaround, but we didn't do it out there. You see what happened to us. Once everybody started being selfish on offense, (and) then on the defensive end we're not trusting each other."

Richardson said he feels like the Magic are finding an early groove and it's just in time as they prepare to host a speedy Chicago team Friday that is off to a 6-1 start.

"I think we're gelling really good," he said. "We made some mistakes and I think we're doing a good job just playing through those and just playing hard. We still got some gelling to do, but we're gonna keep playing hard."



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Streaks get win, Devils can't stop Walker

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results Tuesday night.

After having just finished off the Taveniere tournament last Thursday with a 65-57 win over Frostproof, the Streaks scored an extra bucket and allowed one less in Tuesday's 67-55 win over the Bulldogs on the road.

Sebring travels to Winter Haven Friday before a trip to Naples Saturday.

And Winter Haven looks to be a tough district test for the Streaks as the Blue Devils trounced Avon Park Tuesday night by an 89-58 final.

University of Central Florida signee, DeVon Walker was virtually unstop-

pable as the 6-foot-6 guard, averaging 28 points and 10 rebounds per game this season, went off for 35 points, 13 rebounds, five blocked shots and two steals.

The Red Devils were never in this one, trailing 20-10 after one and 46-19 at the half.

A 27-19 tilt in the third

showed the firepower Avon Park is capable of, but Winter Haven stormed back for a 24-12, fourth-quarter margin to put the finishing touches on the win.

The Devils have the rest of the week to mull this one over before traveling to Mulberry Tuesday for a district contest.

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German shepherd helps Army veteran battle with PTSD

By KATIE TAMMEN

Northwest Florida Daily News
 NAVARRE — After years of struggling to find meaning in his life, Ray Galmiche finally has found his purpose.

The 64-year-old Army veteran who has been battling post-traumatic stress disorder is finally sharing his story, thanks to a new ally named Dazzle.

Dazzle is an 81-pound German shepherd specially trained to help people who suffer from PTSD regain some normalcy in their lives.

"God spared my life and I think now I know why," said Ray, who served in Vietnam from December 1966 to May 1968. "I've got to face (PTSD) but keep moving forward, and now I've got a goal."

Since receiving Dazzle in September, he and his wife Karen are doing what they can to raise awareness about PTSD and a study at the Department of Veterans Affairs center in Tampa that brought him and Dazzle together.

The two-year study will look at how Dazzle has helped Ray deal with his disability. In exchange for the dog and \$75 a month for food, Ray must send in updates every couple of months about how he is doing.

"There's a reason for doing this, and that's to help others," Ray said at his

home in Navarre with Dazzle at his side. "I never in a million years would have imagined I'd do this."

For years Ray has suffered nightmares, flashbacks, anxiety attacks and feelings of worthlessness. But the diagnosis didn't come until 2002.

"Twenty years in the Army and I didn't know what PTSD was. They didn't talk about it," Ray said. "I didn't think I was any different than anybody else."

A civilian doctor diagnosed it after Ray had some particularly debilitating episodes.

To help him cope, the doctor recommended he see a psychiatrist, who soon confirmed Ray had PTSD and recommended that he go to a treatment center for a couple weeks of rest.

Ray ended up staying a few months after he was diagnosed with full-blown PTSD — the kind that no amount of medication or therapy will erase.

The realization was a hard one for Ray and Karen, but they did what they could to cope. Ray went to group therapy twice a week and Karen went once a week.

Eventually, Ray decided they needed a change of scenery and they moved from their home in Maryland to Northwest Florida where his sister lived. It was a decision that would worsen his condition.

Shortly after moving to

"God spared my life and I think now I know why. I've got to face (PTSD) but keep moving forward, and now I've got a goal."

RAY GALMICHE
 veteran

the area, Ray concluded that Karen was unhappy because she was far from her friends and family. He became angry at himself for moving her.

"I just wanted to be left alone," Ray said. "I was doing a lot of soul searching and thinking, 'God, I'm really hating myself.'"

For years, he thought of suicide and sought ways to be alone. He sometimes urged Karen to stay with her family up north for months at a time.

During what became a two-month trip in June, Karen came across an article that ultimately changed their lives.

It was a story about a man with PTSD who had been given a dog to help him with his condition.

"Something inside me knew that was going to work out for Ray," Karen said. "I never doubted that he'd get a dog."

When she returned, she made some calls, got the paperwork and gave Ray a job.

"She said, 'Fill out this paperwork or else,'" Ray recalled. "She would never

leave me, but she made it sound like it."

The Galmiches traveled to Williston, Fla., in August for an interview to get Ray a dog from Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs. The organization contracts with Veterans Affairs to supply dogs to veterans who suffer from PTSD.

"When Raymond came to me, he was very emotional," said Carol Borden, who owns and operates Guardian Angels. "He kept asking, 'When will my dog be ready for me.'"

Borden said she deliberately didn't answer the question. Instead, she let Ray interact with Dazzle for a while.

That's when she realized he had found his dog and told him so.

"Oh my gosh. He looked at me, he looked at Dazzle and he just buried his head in his hands and sobbed, and the dog immediately got up and went to him and began licking the tears from his face," Borden said. "I mean that was such an emotional moment. There wasn't a dry eye in the room."

Ray said since getting Dazzle his life has changed, although slowly.

"I'm so focused on him — on Dazzle — that I'm not having as many problems as I was before," Ray said.

The nightmares aren't gone, but Dazzle wakes him

before they get too far. He still gets nervous around large crowds, but Dazzle will stand between him and other people so he no longer stays in the house alone all the time.

"We kept finding excuses to go out (after they got Dazzle). It was something we haven't done in a really long time," Karen said. "It was fun."

Today, the couple isn't just focused on Ray's disability; they've turned their attention outward.

Ray speaks to anyone who asks about the dog and the program.

He hopes his story will help someone else.

As of now, eight veterans have been paired up with dogs.

The VA ultimately plans to have 230 veterans involved in the study, Borden said.

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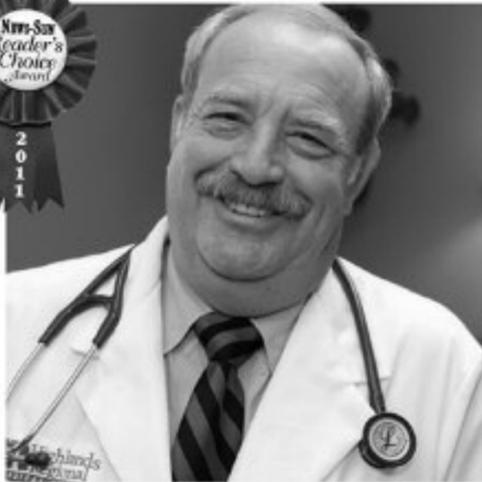
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"You see I was one of those people who lived prophylactically and sensibly

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As 2012 turns the corner, focus on what feels well in your body, not what you haven't accomplished. Set reasonable goals and this time, expect success. Now, following Leo's lead, is anyone up for skydiving with me?

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Scott panel cannot compare Florida hospitals

By **BILL KACZOR**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A panel appointed by Gov. Rick Scott, who once headed the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain, told him on Tuesday that it could not determine whether Florida's public hospitals provide better or worse care than private ones.

A study commissioned by the seven-member Commission on Review of Taxpayer Funded Hospital Districts said it was difficult to compare the quality of care at various types of hospitals because they are very diverse and have complex business models.

The commission noted a third of Florida's publicly owned hospitals are in rural areas that have too few patients to generate data comparable to urban hospitals.

The report did conclude that patient expenses are up to 12 percent higher in public hospitals. A public hospital economist attributed the difference largely to Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Scott created the panel last March to determine if it's in the public's best interest to continue having government-operated hospitals.

Florida has 30 active hospital districts but only 16 have the authority to levy taxes or receive tax money.

The panel recommended a number of changes in its final report to Scott and the Legislature, but it stopped short of calling for an end to public hospitals.

A key proposal is that voters should be given a chance every eight to 12 years to determine if local hospital districts should continue receiving taxpayer funds.

The panel also urged the districts to pay for indigent care at private as well as public hospitals and clinics.

The commission also agreed with the Republican governor's push to make Medicaid reimbursements more uniform for public

and private hospitals alike. Scott has proposed cutting Medicaid reimbursements in his annual budget proposal to the Legislature.

"The more wisely we use taxpayer dollars in our hospital systems the better we'll be able to fund other priorities like education," Scott spokesman Lane Wright wrote in an email. "At this time, Governor Scott and his staff are still reviewing the report and look forward to implementing the recommendations that make sense."

The panel said Scott and lawmakers should support efforts by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, which oversees the state's Medicaid program, to refine and publish data on outcomes and quality.

The report notes Commissioner Paul Duncan, a University of Florida health services researcher, pointed out there's great potential for coming up with misleading results when trying to compare private and public hospitals without a thorough and rigorous analysis of available data.

"This level of research would be a very significant undertaking, beyond the scope of the commission and more appropriately conducted by a team of academic researchers," the panel wrote.

Keon-Hyong Lee of Florida State University's Askew School of Public Administration and Policy conducted the cost analysis that showed public hospitals had higher expenses than their private counterparts.

Jim Zingale, executive director of research and fiscal analysis, for the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida, presented a response showing the average cost per adjusted admission at public hospitals drops by nearly 15 percent if Jackson Memorial and tiny Campbellton-Graceville in the Panhandle are removed from the calculation.

Does lung cancer discriminate?

Addressing the lack of diversity in lung cancer clinical trials

ARA Content

Research shows that racial and ethnic minorities are more likely to develop cancer and die from it than the general U.S. population, but are historically underrepresented in clinical trials.

As part of lung cancer awareness month, Dr. Coleman Obasaju, a frequent speaker on health disparities around the world, provides his take on the issue. Obasaju is a clinical and senior medical director at Lilly Oncology.

Q: Why does lung cancer disproportionately impact minority populations?

Obasaju: Lung cancer maintains its status as one of the most prevalent and deadly of all cancers. Approximately 200,000 new cases are expected to be diagnosed in the U.S. this year — globally this figure swells to about one million.

This disease takes a particularly heavy toll on African Americans. Despite their lower smoking rates, African Americans are more likely than Caucasians to develop and die from lung cancer. It is not clear why African Americans have a greater risk for developing lung cancer, but researchers believe it may be in part related to a person's genetics, environmental and socioeconomic background.

Q: Why is it so critical for minorities to participate in clinical trials?

Obasaju: One way to get a better understanding of this situation is through increased diversity in clinical trials. Historically, minorities have been underrepresented.

Several factors contribute to this, including a lack of awareness about the importance of diversity in cancer research. Economics, language and cultural barriers, coupled with a historical



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Racial and ethnic minorities are more likely to get lung cancer, but less likely to be involved in clinical trials, research shows.

mistrust of the clinical trial process, also contribute to the low rates of minority participation.

Despite these challenges, we must continue to find ways to increase their participation. This change is vital to ensure researchers understand how lung cancer affects all populations and substantiate whether treatments are effective across all ethnic groups.

Q: What can be done to increase minority participation in clinical trials?

Obasaju: To start, research teams can identify clinical trial sites located in close proximity to minority groups.

Other critical steps include translating details about clinical trial enrollment into different languages, creating culturally adaptable patient tools and working with patient navigators, who can help guide clinical trial participants through the treatment process. We need to continue to raise awareness on the impor-

tance of minority representation in clinical trials and trust that if minorities know more about this critical issue, it will inspire them to take action.

Q: Where can someone go for more information about participating in a clinical trial?

Obasaju: A healthcare provider is one of the best resources to explain how patients can participate in a clinical trial.

Healthcare providers can direct eligible individuals to the most appropriate trial taking place in their area and explain the process for enrolling.

There are also great resources available online, including the National Cancer Institute's website (cancer.gov/clinicaltrials). This site allows users to search for trials that are currently enrolling participants and provides users with a variety of answers to the most pressing questions about trial participation.

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.

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RELIGION

Here we go again: the art of redundancy

Forgive me if I have said this before, but, "Happy New Year." It may be the epitome of redundancy but I have given this greeting for 60 years and I mean it as sincerely this year as I have all the years preceding.

The first few years of my life, I had no teeth and so all I could say was "Goo-goo, daa-daa." It meant the same thing. This year I have all of my teeth but I am not certain how many more years.

The way we start life is the way we usually end life, with no teeth and drooling all the time with a silly grin on our face.

Why is it so cute to have a toothless drool at three months but rather disgusting when you are 93 years old?

We all start life wearing diapers and if we live long enough we will end our life wearing the same apparatus. I guess it all depends upon what we do between the two events.

I suppose I could be guilty of not learning as much as I could at my age, but one thing I have learned and that is the good things in life are always repeated. Sure, there are some things that we do once in a lifetime and cherish their memories, but the good things in life are those things we continually repeat.

I would wager that in this New Year there would be relatively few, if any, new things. The past year was supposed to carry with it a lot of brand-new things. Most things were those repeated ad nauseam for many years.

This year is an election year. Of course, the purpose of this year is to elect a new president. Every four years we elect a "new" president and I have participated in many presidential elections. At least, I went to the voting booth and voted. In all those years of electing a "new" president it has usually worked out that the new president was remarkably quite like the old president.

Some political pundits make a great deal between a Republican and a Democrat. It may be my age, but it seems to me that most Democrats are Republicans in disguise and most Republicans are Democrats in disguise. If I was backed up against a wall with a firing squad in front of me and asked to tell the difference between a Democrat and a Republican, the only thing I could come up with would be the spelling.

A Republican when elected will always act like a Democrat and a Democrat when elected will usually act like a Republican. Then they wonder why the voting public is confused.

As far as I am concerned, a rattlesnake wearing a rabbit outfit does not change its nature. It still has poisonous fangs looking for some human flesh.

What has not changed is the fact that a politician running for office will say anything to get elected and then once elected will develop an acute sense of amnesia, which is not that cute.

Whenever I hear politicians say that when they are elected they are going to

Guest Column

Rev. James L. Snyder

change things I know I am either listening to a fool or someone who is trying to fool me. Hundreds of politicians have run on the platform of changing Washington DC. Well, how has that been working?

The coming presidential election will be the same as every other one in the history of the United States.

In spite of that, there are a few things I am glad will not change.

The things that are really important in life are those things that do not change.

For instance, I am glad the sun comes up every morning. Even though every day is a new day, the same sun starts the day with its rising. The beautiful thing about this is that we can only live one day at a time. I cannot remember how much time I have spent worrying about something in the future and when that day came, I worried in vain.

I am so glad that the rising of the sun is not in the hands of some political committee somewhere. Wherever two or three politicians are gathered together, there is gridlock. If a political committee were responsible for the rising of the sun, it would never rise. The only thing a political committee can do when it comes to the phenomenon of rising is in the area of taxes and their salaries.

As sure as the sun will rise tomorrow so will our taxes and so will the salaries of the politicians. Would be great the politician's salary was tied to the economy? If the economy was up, the politicians would get a raise. If the economy went down, the politicians would take a cut in salary.

I am not sure how to do that, but if it ever became law in our country, the economy of our country would be on the rise for generations to come.

Another redundancy that I am delighted to participate in and that is the mercies of God. "It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3: 22-23 KJV).

Although repeated daily, God's mercies are never redundant.

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Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — This Sunday is "Baptism of Our Lord Sunday." The Sunday worship service will be led by Deacon David Thoresen. Lector/assistant is Ed Graff. Bible study will resume Thursday, Jan. 12.

Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — The Sunday morning message will be presented by speaker Frank Parker.

Avon Park Church of Christ is at 200 S. Forest Ave. For information, call 453-4692.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday morning, Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "The New Life of the Baptized."

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east the Avon Park High School. For more information, call 471-2663 or visit christlutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Sacrament." The keynote is from Psalms 116:12,13: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." The church is at 146 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "Witnesses of Truth: Part 7" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study will continue the book of Hebrews.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "To Rise and to Fall," with Scripture taken from Luke 2:21-40.

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 Baptism of Our Lord and First Sunday after the Epiphany. Pastor Gary Kindle will deliver his sermon titled "Baptized into Christ" from Romans 6:1-11.

This Sunday night the church is hosting Grace Harmony. Each year their "Journey for Jesus" takes the group on a 20,000-mile trek. Their music is a testimony of faith and trust in God and has a unique style all its own; an "easy to listen to" sound with deep,

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spiritual, Bible-based lyrics that come straight from the heart. Through their music they strive to help others know that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Rather than being considered "performers," they prefer to be thought of as servants of the Lord.

There is no charge for the concert. Grace Harmony will accept a thanksgiving offering if one would like to give.

Faith's Closet/Thrift Shop offers donated items that are in good condition for resale. Overstocked items are offered at half-price one week each month. Surplus items are also donated to other needy people and organizations. This week a shipment is going to the eastern area of the Navajo Nation. Help is available to individuals who come to the Thrift Shop with an emergency need.

Faith's Closet/Thrift Shop

hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Any questions, call 385-2782 (direct to Faith's Closet).

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Johnny Johnston and Teresa Williams. Communion will be served by Carol Graves, Catherine Baker and Carol Chandler.

Greeting the congregation will be Charles and Mary Ann Thomas.

Pastor Ron Norton is back in the pulpit this Sunday. His sermon is titled "John Baptizes Jesus," taken from Matthew 3:11-17.

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 "Marriage and Calling" based on I Corinthians 7:1-24.

The choir's introit will be "The Lord, He is God" and the anthem will be "Lord, We Thank You."

The adult Sunday school class is continuing their study of David in II Samuel 19 in which David returns to Jerusalem.

On Wednesday, Bible study on Wednesday is titled "The Basics of the Faith" and will be led by Pastor Bob Johnson.

On Thursday, the Deacons will meet at 6 p.m.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). For questions, call 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "Bad News John II" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon taken from Matthew 3:1-12.

Saturday - Women's Ministries Retreat at 9:30 a.m. at SIM Fellowship

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Hall. Guest speaker will be Julie Wayner Bult; Cello: Alberta Sims. RSVP to the church office at 385-0107 by Monday if you plan to attend.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message at all three services this Sunday.

Sunday, Find Food and Fellowship Dinner will begin following the services.

The bloodmobile will be in the church parking lot this Sunday.

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

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this Sunday will be "Satan Is Alive But Not Well by Ed Wood." Scripture will be from I John 3:8-3:8.

The service will also include Heartland Singers singing "I Saw the Light," and George Kelly singing "New Hope."

Adult Bible study on Tuesday is "Living on the Edge" taught by

Pastor Ted Moore.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South in Sebring (behind Publix); phone number 314-9693.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Jerry McCauley will preach at the Heritage Worship Service and the Celebration Worship Service on the subject "Glorious Victory in 2012," with the Scripture lesson from I Corinthians 15:50-58.

Pastor Fred Ball will preach at the New Song Contemporary Service in Rob Reynolds Hall.

A Missions program will begin in Rob Reynolds Hall at 5 p.m., with a light supper and then viewing of the Missions projects for 2012 will be discussed at various places on the church campus. The church is at 500 Kent Ave. Call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "True Success," is taken from Genesis 41 (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the messages in the services. The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and Bible study in I Corinthians.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — "Why Did Jesus Get Baptized?" with biblical reference from Mark 1:4-11 will be the message at all three Sunday services. Boy Scouts meet at 7 p.m. Monday. Girl Scouts meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Nursery is provided at all services.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane. The Rev. Clyde Weaver's sermon will be "The Cup and the Covenant."

The Way Church

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum's message Sunday will be "New Things."

Monday the Night of Prophecy will be held at Homer's. The subject will be Armageddon.

The Difference Makers Youth meet Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

The Way Church is at 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive. The church phone is 471-6140; the pastor's cell is 273-3674. For church information and the pastor's messages go to www.thewaychurch.org.

De Young to speak at Maranatha Bible Conference

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Dr. Jimmy De Young will be the guest speaker for the January Bible Conference at Maranatha Baptist Church Sunday through Wednesday. Meetings will be at 6 p.m. each evening and Sunday morning at 9 and 10:15 a.m.

Dr. De Young, best known for his regular appearances on Day of Discovery, has resided in Jerusalem as a journalist much of the past 18 years. He has met with many Middle East leaders, interviewing them concerning current events.

In addition to an active conference ministry, he is heard daily and/or weekly on several radio networks. He holds doctorates from Tennessee Temple University and Louisiana Baptist University and is author of the best selling book *Sound the Trumpets*. His wife, Judy, will accompany him.

The Maranatha congregation



Courtesy photo
Dr. Jimmy De Young and his wife Judy will be the special guests at Maranatha Baptist Church next week.

extends a cordial welcome to friends from the community to share in these meetings. The church is in Maranatha Village off Arbuckle Creek Road, two miles east of SR-17N in Sebring. For more information, call 382-4301 or 471-1414.

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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 Catalyst 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; Scott King, interim youth minister; and Joy Loomis, music director. Regular Sunday schedule: 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Wednesday schedule: 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6:30p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6:00 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. children's mission groups. Call 453-6681 for details. Primera Mision Bautista, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, Johnattan Soltero, Pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 10 a.m., Bible Study; 11 a.m., Worship Service. Wednesday schedule: 7 p.m., Bible study.■

■ **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's, "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 Arbuckle 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.

■ **Parkway Free Will Baptist Church**, 3413 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Welcome to the church where the "Son" always shines. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday Evening Worship, 7 p.m. End-of-the-Month-Sing at 6 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. The Rev. J.S. Scaggs, pastor. Church phone: 382-3552. Home phone: 214-3025. Affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn.

■ **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@stcathe.com; website, www.stcathe.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcathe.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. 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.

■ **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.

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■ **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; Jon Carter, Music Director. 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

Grief Group support starts

SEBRING — Grief Group beginning in January at Emmanuel United Church of Christ hosts a monthly group for anyone who has experienced a loss of any kind, be it the death of a loved one, a pet, a job loss, a move, a break-up, a medical diagnosis, etc. Meetings are open to the public and take place at 1 p.m. the first Friday of each month in the fellowship hall chapel.

Emmanuel UCC is at 3115 Hope St. (off Hammock Road). For further information, call 471-1999 or email pastormiller224@aol.com.

Concert at Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — This Sunday at 7 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church is

hosting Grace Harmony. Each year their "Journey for Jesus" takes the group on a 20,000-mile trek. Their music is a testimony of faith and trust in God and has a unique style all its own; an "easy to listen to" sound with deep, spiritual, Bible-based lyrics that come straight from the heart. Through their music they strive to help others know that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Rather than being considered "performers," they prefer to be thought of as servants of the Lord.

There is no charge for the concert. Grace Harmony will accept a thanksgiving offering if one would like to give.

Calvary Baptist now has two morning services

SEBRING — Calvary Baptist Church on Hammock Road will

Snapshots

start two Sunday morning services on Sunday, Jan. 8. One service at 8 a.m. and one at 10 a.m.

Prime Timers meet for lunch

LAKE PLACID — The Prime Timers of First Baptist Church, 119 E. Royal Palm St., will host a covered dish luncheon at noon Monday in the fellowship hall. Officer James Fransler will be speaking on card fraud and con-artists.

Resurrection Lutheran plans annual sale

AVON PARK — Resurrection Lutheran Church will hold its annual garage sale Saturday, Jan. 14. It's your chance to find that

item you did not get for Christmas. Many items with the exception of clothing and shoes will be offered for sale starting at 8 a.m.

The doors will close at 2 p.m. and everything must go. The church is at 324 E. Main St., corner of Main and Memorial in Avon Park.

Ed Kilbourne in concert

SEBRING — "Grateful Ed" Kilbourne will be at St. John United Methodist Church for a repeat performance on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 4 p.m. Kilbourne is known for his collections of moving music, clever humor and insightful monologues. He combines acoustic guitar keyboards and singing with a



Kilbourne

story-telling style that has been compared to that of Garrison Keillor, the radio humorist from Lake Wobegon. His professional career began in the early '80s singing in folk groups while in high school and college.

This concert is the second in the St. John Concert series. The church is at 3214 Grand Prix Drive (just behind Walmart). For information, call the church at 382-1736.

Women's Winter Event is Jan. 28

SEBRING — The Orange Blossom Baptist Association is sponsoring a Women's Winter Event, "A Word Fitly Spoken..." from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at First Baptist Church, 200 E. Center Ave., in the fellowship hall. The church is just off The Circle in downtown Sebring.

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: redemeravon.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, 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.ctmforme.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 Breylinger. 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 a.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.fpcip.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 hand-

bells, 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 meet-

ings 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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 314-0891.

■ **American Legion Post 25** hosts a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Cost is \$6. Shrimp also is available for same price. Open to the public. Tickets in the lounge on Friday night. Lounge hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** has karaoke from 7 p.m. until final call at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Post open at noon. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. For details, call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club** meets 7 a.m., Rotary Club building.

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

■ **Gene's Classic Country Band** will play for your enjoyment at the LPWC Building, 10 N. Main Ave., Lake Placid at 6:30 p.m. for a \$3 donation at the door. Questions, call 699-1975.

■ **Grief Group** at Emmanuel United Church of Christ hosts a monthly group for anyone who has experienced a loss of any kind, be in the death of a loved one, a pet, a job loss, a move, a break-up, a medical diagnosis, etc. Meetings are open to the public and take place at 1 p.m. the first Friday of each month in the fellowship hall chapel. Emmanuel UCC is at 3115 Hope St. (off of Hammock Road). For further information, contact Rev. Miller at 471-1999 or pas-tormiller224@aol.com.

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** offers a class in Lake Placid at the Sunshine RV Resort from 9-11 a.m. Friday. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at sam-dunn@samdunn.net.

■ **Highlands Social Dance Club** hosts ballroom dancing every Friday, October through March from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway. Dance the night

away to the music of the area's Big Bands. All club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required. Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Call 385-6671.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** has lounge hours beginning at 1 p.m. There is a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$8.50 per person. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** serves wings, fish and burgers at 6 p.m. Music provided from 7-11 p.m. Pool tournament is at 8 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Karaoke from 7-10 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **MOM's Club** meets at 10:30 a.m. first Friday at the First United Methodist Church on Pine Street in Sebring.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Fridays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves chicken or fish baskets from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring, for a \$4 donation. Blind darts is played at 7 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** serving buffet dinner at 5-7 p.m. Elks and guests invited. Dance music in ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and dance is \$10 donation. Smoke-free environment. For reservations, call 385-8647 or 471-3557. Lounge is open from 1-10 p.m.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Recreation Club** plays bridge at 12:30 p.m. and table tennis at 4 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave. For details, call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880**, 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. Texas Hold 'em lessons, 2 p.m. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves pizza from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 S.E. Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

SATURDAY

■ **Airborne (Paratrooper) Breakfast Club** meets at 9 a.m. every first Saturday at

In an effort to clean out items on the Community Calendar that are out of date, the News-Sun is asking that all groups with entries to email editor@newssun.com or call 385-6155 ext. 539 and inform us that your entry is current. Any group not heard from by Jan. 15, 2012, will have its entry deleted from the calendar.

Bob Evans Restaurant, Sebring. All paratroopers and their guests are invited. For details, call Joe Noto at 452-0106.

■ **American Legion Post 25** serves sirloin burgers from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Jam session is from 2-4 p.m. The lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Members and guests invited. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 69** in Avon Park serves dinner at 5 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m.

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

■ **Avon Park Public Library** has a free Adult Film Series at noon. For details, call 452-3803.

■ **Car Show** from 5-8 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month at Woody's BBQ. Proceeds benefit Hope Hospice.

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

■ **Highlands Chapter 601** meets at Golf Hammock Restaurant in the Golf Hammock Country Club at noon. Any service person who was awarded the Purple Heart is invited to attend and bring their wife or husband.

■ **Highlands Shrine Club**, 2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) has a flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., country store open from 8 a.m. to noon and pancake breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Vendors are welcome. No setup fee is charged for the summer months. Plenty of off road parking. For details, call 382-2208.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** opens the lounge at 1 p.m. Card games are played at 1 p.m., and Bar Bingo is at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** has a class in Pastels/Acrylics taught by Llewellyn Rinald from from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. For information call

Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)** - South Central Florida Chapter Board meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first Saturday at the Military Sea Services Museum on Kenilworth and Roseland. The monthly members luncheon is on the third Saturday of each month at noon (except holidays). Location is at Kenilworth Lodge. For further information call Roy Whitton at 465-7048.

■ **Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 601** meets at noon on the first Saturday at Sunrise Restaurant. All recipients and wives of the Purple Heart are welcome. Call 471-9190 or 465-7074 for details.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Oak Street, Lake Placid. For more details, call 382-1821.

■ **Paratrooper** breakfast every first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. at Bob Evans. Call John Schumacher at 382-8648.

■ **Scleroderma Support Group** meets on the second Saturday in January, March, May, July, September, and November for lunch at rotating restaurants. Call 452-2968 for meeting location.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves dinner from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98,

Sebring. Music is from 7-10 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Moose Club 2259** offers line dancing lessons at 2 p.m. the first and third Saturday for members and guests at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Twelve Step Study Group for Adult Children of Alcoholics** meets at 11 a.m. first and third Saturday, at first building south of Union Congregational Church, 105 N. Forest Ave., Avon Park. Parking available south of old church.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880**, 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. Laides auxiliary dinner from 5:30-7 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves a meal for \$6 from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

meets from 4-5 p.m. in second floor conference room No. 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 382-7731. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For details on the organization, go to www.aa.org.

■ **Ridge - Area Missionary Soldiers Avon Park Pathfinder Club** meets from 9 a.m. to noon every first and third Sunday at 58 E. Sixth St., Avon Park. For details, call 471-2143.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves lunch at 2 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** offers NASCAR racing in the pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Bar open and kitchen open from 2-5 p.m. Lodge is at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Society for Creative Anachronism (Local Chapter: Shire of Stagridge)** meets at 2 p.m. first and third Sunday at Brewster's Coffee House on U.S. 27 in Sebring. For details, call 214-5522.

■ **The Artists' Group** at South Florida Community College will hold a critique clinic the first Sunday of every month, 2-4 p.m., at the Hotel Jacaranda, Avon Park. Professional local artists will discuss and evaluate participants' paintings. The fee is \$5 with a two painting limit. For more information, call 784-7346.

■ **U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club** meets at 1 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at VFW Post 9853, State Road 64 West and North Oliva Drive. For information call Dr. J at (954) 290-6981.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880** serves hamburgers from 4-5:30 p.m. and plays poker at 5:30 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** Karaoke is from 5-8 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

SUNDAY

■ **American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open 1-8 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Post is at 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Call 471-1448.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** lounge is open from 1-7 p.m. Card games start at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** has karaoke in the pavilion. Horseshoes played at 9:30 a.m. Food available at 4 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Cards start at 4 p.m. Music outside Tiki Hut at 3 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**,

Man dies after mobile meth lab explodes

Associated Press
 LAKELAND — Police in central Florida say a man died when a mobile meth lab exploded inside his car.
 At first, Lakeland police thought 36-year-old Clifford Ellison died Tuesday following a fatal crash. On Wednesday police announced Ellison died as he and 26-year-old Jerrek L. Evans mixed chemicals in a glass liquor bottle.
 The Ledger of Lakeland reports witnesses

told police there had been some kind of commotion inside the vehicle before it crashed. Officers also found out Evans had run away after the crash.
 Evans told police he and Ellison were making "shake and bake" methamphetamine when the bottle exploded. Police say Ellison was fatally struck in the neck by flying glass shards.
 An investigation continues. Police say no charges have been filed yet against Evans.

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Movie Reviews

“Pariah”

Writer-director Dee Rees’ feature debut achieves a difficult, intriguing balance. It’s at once raw and dreamlike, specific to a particular, personal rite of passage yet relatable in its message of being true to oneself.

Adepero Oduye gives a subtly natural performance as Alike (pronounced ah-lee-kay), a 17-year-old Brooklyn girl who’s struggling to come out as a lesbian.

Each day at school, she dresses the way that makes her feel comfortable in baggy T-shirts and baseball caps, and she pals around with her brash best friend, Laura (Pernell Walker), who’s already happily out. But on the bus ride home, she must transform herself into the young lady her mother, Audrey (Kim Wayans), approves of and loves.

Audrey hopes arranging a new friendship with a colleague’s daughter, Bina (Aasha Davis), will set Alike down a traditionally straight, female path, but this budding relationship only complicates matters further.

But Alike’s story is inspiring to see: Oduye is both melancholy and radiant in the role, and she makes you long for her character to finally find peace. And Bradford Young’s award-winning cinematography gives “Pariah” the gauzy, gorgeous feel of an urban fairy tale.

Rated R for sexual content and language. 86 minutes. Three stars out of four.

“A Separation”

The title is an apt encapsulation of the film as a whole: It may sound simple, but its results are devastating.

Writer-director Asghar Farhadi’s tale begins as a domestic disagreement in contemporary Iran and morphs into a legal thriller, one that will have you questioning the characters — and your own perception of them — again and again.

Farhadi sets the tense tone right off the top with a long, single take in which middle-class husband and wife Simin (Leila Hatami) and Nader (Peyman Moadi) sit before a judge to explain their dispute. She wants the family to leave Tehran to provide their studious daughter, Termeh (the director’s daughter, Sarina Farhadi), with better educational opportunities. He wants to stay and care for his aging father, who’s suffering from Alzheimer’s disease.

When Simin’s divorce request is rejected, she moves out; while the daughter stays, Nader still needs help watching his father. This leads to one fateful decision, and then another and another, until finally, serious criminal charges are at stake. “A Separation” honestly addresses the notions of trust and respect, loyalty and religious devotion.

Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material. In Persian with English subtitles. 123 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

— *Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic*



Getty Images

Smart moms use smart phones to help with the trials of raising kids.

New to motherhood? There’s an app for that

Family Features

All moms need more time to handle their busy schedules — that’s a universal truth — but it could be argued that no one feels that cataclysmic time shift more than a first-time mother. Suddenly, there is little room for showering and sleeping, let alone for making grocery lists, keeping up with workout routines, planning weekly meals, or managing a household budget. The good news is that help is just a download away.

According to “Dr. Mom Study 3,” conducted by BabyCenter, smartphone ownership is higher among moms than the general population and moms spend an average of 6.1 hours a day with their smartphones. Having the right apps ready to assist is just one way to save time, money and sanity while moms focus on their new role.

New moms should consider the following apps as they gear up to bring an infant home or focus on those first few months with their little one. All of the apps are free, user-friendly and ready to make motherhood easier:

Similac StrongMoms Baby Journal

Gone are the days of juggling notebooks to jot down

feedings and diaper changes or booting up the laptop to enter sleeping schedules. This app allows moms who breastfeed, formula-feed and pump to easily track feedings, diapering, growth and sleeping patterns — and create graphs to help monitor them — anywhere, anytime. Moms can even email reports to family, friends or the pediatrician. Read more about the features of this app at <http://similac.com/app>.

Grocery iQ

No more racking your brain to jot down a grocery list. With Grocery iQ, simply scan the barcodes of products in the kitchen that need to be replenished and they’re automatically added to the list. You can also search for millions of items independently. Once complete, the list can be synchronized with other devices, so when mom is home with baby, dad can feel confident he’s picking up the right stuff. To read more, visit www.groceryiq.com.

Calorie Counter by My Net Diary

New moms should ease into any kind of physical activity, but many are eager to reinvest in their physique. Calorie Counter avoids fad

diets and helps tailor a diet to mom’s personal preferences, giving her a better chance for long-term success. With an expansive food database, automatic recent history, recipes, custom foods, an emphasis on key nutrients and a community to help with morale; this is an all-in-one diet app. Check out this app at www.mynetdiary.com.

AllRecipes.com Dinner Spinner

Dinner still needs to get on the table, even when the fridge is low on food and mom’s brain is even lower on sleep. With the AllRecipes Dinner Spinner app, simply plug in the ingredients available on hand and a variety of recipes will appear to take the guesswork out of mealtime. Visit www.allrecipes.com to check it out.

Stocking up on these apps before baby arrives, or downloading them once baby comes home, can alleviate some of mom’s stress as she adjusts to the wonderful chaos that her infant will bring and what better time to start than the very beginning?

For more information on the Similac Baby Journal app, visit <http://similac.com/app/>.

Girl who thinks she’s abused gets scolded by fellow teens

Dear Readers:

Recently, I printed letters from adults in response to a letter from “Emotionally Abused in California” (Nov. 2), the 15-year-old who felt her mother was treating her

unfairly. Today we’ll hear from teenage readers:

Dear Abby: I’m a 14-year-old girl. My mom showed me the letter from “Emotionally Abused” and I almost died. Her mom sounds just like mine. I am not allowed to wear clothing that shows too much skin or get into a car with a teenage boy. I don’t have cable TV. I have to do my own laundry, clean my room, cook dinner and hem my own jeans.

Every night our entire family sits down for dinner. My parents always know my plans when I’m out with my friends, and I go to church every Sunday — with the occasional groan. I’m not the perfect daughter, but I’m glad I’m being raised with integrity, responsibility and a whole lot of chores.

— *Cooperating Teen in New Jersey*

Dear Abby: From one teen to another: I have heard your same story from friends a thousand times. You’re not being treated like a criminal. Your mom is doing you a huge favor. She’s preparing you for the real world by making you pay for your own things. She’s got high expectations if she thinks you can get through college.

And about your friends, she just wants to know who they are. She’s not telling you no, right? She’s a single mom, and she’s trying to protect you. You need to be easier on her and try to see things through her eyes. Not everything she does is an attack on you — in fact, it’s the opposite.

— *Fellow California Teen*

Dear Abby: I’m an 18-year-old girl and I have never been in trouble. I attend a private school where modesty is the dress code policy. To pay for tuition to this school, I work every afternoon during the school year and full-time during the summer. I’m expected to pay for my own clothes, cellphone bill and haircuts out of my

allowance. If I can’t afford something, I don’t buy it.

As long as I live with my parents, I will abide by their rules. My parents love me very much and have my best interests at



Dear Abby

heart. “Emotionally Abused” should have respect for her mother and be thankful for the many things she has.

— *Montana Teen*

Dear Abby: I’m also a 15-year-old Catholic girl. “Emotionally Abused” should be grateful she can attend church because it means we have religious freedom in our country. She is going to private school, which means her mother loves her enough to put her daughter’s needs ahead of her own. She needs to rethink who is being unreasonable.

— *Teen in Florida*

Dear Abby: After we read the letter from “Emotionally Abused,” my brother and I were laughing to the point of tears. I would like to say the following to her: Our mom makes my brother (who’s also 15) and me go to church every Sunday and Wednesday. Mom home-schools us, thus making her teacher, principal and mother all in one. I’ll be 17 in January and I still can’t date.

Mom checks my computer regularly, and I’m not allowed to go to chat rooms. My brother and I have to set the table and eat with her every night. As for visiting Dad, I wish we could see ours every week. Unfortunately, he’s deployed overseas.

In conclusion: Deal with it! Your mom isn’t being unreasonable; she’s looking out for you. Mothers like yours are few and far between. What hurts you, hurts her. If she didn’t love you, she wouldn’t act the way she does. Abby’s right when she says one day you’ll look back and thank her. My brother and I already thank ours.

— *Laughing Sibs in North Carolina*

Dear Readers: To read a longer version of this column, go to DearAbby.com.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren.

US album sales rise for first time since 2004

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — U.S. album sales rose more than 3 percent last year for the first gain since 2004 — a sign that rising digital sales are finally stemming the decade-long decline of compact discs.

The uptick to 458 million album sales was helped by the hugely popular sophomore album “21” from British singer Adele, which sold 5.8 million, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Huge interest in Adele also led to the sales of 856,000 copies of “19,” her debut album from 2008.

Michael Buble’s “Christmas,” which was released in late October, racked up 2.5 million album sales.

Lady Gaga’s “Born This Way” sold 2.1 million, boosted by a massive sale at Amazon.com earlier in the year for a heavily discounted 99 cents.

Digital album sales rose nearly 20 percent to 103 million, while CDs fell nearly 6 percent to 225 million.

The rest of the total is made up largely of digital single tracks, where 10 tracks are counted as one album. Digital singles sales rose nearly 9 percent to 1.27 billion.

The digital sales gains are likely here to stay, said Dave Bakula, senior vice president of analytics at Nielsen.

He noted more consumers are using high-end mobile devices, and Google Inc. has launched its online music store, giving it a way to sell music to users of smartphones on its Android platform.

“It shows there’s still a lot of growth potential in digital,” he said.

“That’s something I don’t see falling down.”

Sales of older albums rose nearly 9 percent.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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I promise ...

As the 2012 election cycle hits full-steam, we look back at the promises President Obama made in the 2008 election

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Promises, promises. They are the stuff of presidential campaigns, flowing from the candidates lips at every stop. They're bold and simple, delivered with absolute certainty that they will be fulfilled.

Once in office, though, presidents often find it difficult to deliver. They find that Congress and the Supreme Court have a say. Circumstances change. A war erupts. The economy stumbles.

Presidents can break some of their promises and survive.

Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932 vowed to balance the federal budget. Instead, he launched a series of government programs to ease the pain of the Great Depression, ran up deficits and won a landslide re-election.

In 1980, Ronald Reagan said he'd cut

taxes and spending. He delivered on taxes. He couldn't deliver on spending, and stuck the country with soaring deficits. Still, the economy started growing, and Reagan coasted to a landslide re-election.

Not every president has had the same experience.

George H.W. Bush vowed in 1988 to resist any effort to raise taxes. "Congress will push and push ... and I'll say, 'Read my lips: No new taxes,'" he said to cheers on his way to victory. He broke the pledge to reach a budget deal, lost support from conservatives and went on to lose in 1992.

George W. Bush pledged in 2000 never to commit the U.S. to nation-building elsewhere in the world. After the 2001 terrorist attacks, he invaded Iraq, then spent the rest of his presidency nation building in Iraq. He survived to win re-election, but the drain of Iraq cost him political capital.

Barack Obama so far has a mixed record, delivering on some of his big promises, striking out on others and struggling with many more in the face of a Republican takeover of the House of Representatives.

The non-partisan website politifact.com keeps a running score of more than 5,000 Obama promises, and said he's fulfilled or compromised on 39 percent. Another 37 percent are graded as "in the works." The rest are stalled or broken.

The following is McClatchy's scorecard on 10 high-profile promises, half of them domestic, half dealing with foreign policy or national security.



President Barack Obama

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DOMESTIC PROMISES

TAX CUTS

The verdict: Promise delayed.



The promise: End Bush tax cuts for individual incomes above \$200,000 and family incomes above \$250,000.

The quote: "One of the things I think we are going to have to do is reverse some of those Bush tax cuts that went to the wealthiest Americans ... and invest in infrastructure, invest in education, invest in health care for all."

— Barack Obama, March 31, 2007

The facts: Rather than let the Bush tax cuts for higher incomes expire as scheduled on Dec. 31, 2010, Obama agreed to extend them for another two years. He had to do that to win Republican agreement in Congress to also extend the Bush tax cuts for lower incomes.

He has vowed again to let them expire at the end of next year.



UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

The verdict: Promise kept.



The promise: Health care for every American.

The quote: "Now is the time to finally keep the promise of affordable, accessible health care for every single American. If you have health care, my plan will lower your premiums. If you don't, you'll be able to get the same kind of coverage that members of Congress give themselves."

— Barack Obama, Aug. 28, 2008

The facts: Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law on March 23, 2010. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office said this August that about 95 percent of legal, non-elderly Americans will have coverage by 2021, when the law is fully implemented, compared to 82 percent without the law. That wouldn't cover "every single American" as promised, but it is close.



COST OF HEALTH CARE

The verdict: Promise broken.



The promise: To cut health care premiums by as much as \$2,500 a year.

The quote: "I have made a solemn pledge that I will sign a universal health care bill into law by the end of my first term as president that will cover every American and cut the cost of a typical family's premium by up to \$2,500 a year."

— Barack Obama, June 23, 2007

The facts: The average premium for families with employer-provided insurance went up by 9 percent this year over last year, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. The average premium for an individual shot up 8 percent.

The White House said only about 1 to 2 percentage points of the increase could be tied to the new law.

Longer term, the prospects are mixed. The Congressional Budget Office this year said premiums will be "somewhat higher" but that "many people will end up paying less for health insurance" because they'll get help from the government.

JOBS

The verdict: Promise broken in part, kept in part.



The promise: Save or create millions of jobs and keep unemployment below 8 percent if able to enact stimulus package.

The quote: "A package in the range that the President-Elect has discussed is expected to create between three and four million jobs by the end of 2010."

— Obama advisers Christina Romer and Jared Bernstein in a report on the benefits of the proposed stimulus, Jan. 9, 2008.

The report included a chart showing unemployment peaking below 8 percent if the stimulus were enacted.

The facts: Unemployment topped 8 percent the next month — at the same time the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was being passed — and remains above 8 percent nearly three years later.

The CBO concluded this year that the \$830 billion stimulus did have a positive effect on jobs — increasing the number of jobs by 1.6 million to 4.6 million over what it would have totaled, and decreasing the unemployment rate by 0.6 to 1.8 percentage points.

ENVIRONMENT

The verdict: Promise broken.



The promise: A "cap and trade" plan that would limit the emissions that contribute to global warming.

The quote: "As president, I will set a hard cap on all carbon emissions at a level that scientists say is necessary to curb global warming, an 80 percent reduction by 2050."

— Barack Obama, Oct. 8, 2007

The facts: The House of Representatives passed the plan while Democrats still controlled it. But it was blocked in the Senate.

And the Republican takeover of the House and gains in the Senate in 2010 killed the idea. Said Obama after the 2010 elections: "It's doubtful that you could get the votes to pass that through the House this year or next year or the year after."



FOREIGN PROMISES

GUANTANAMO BAY

The verdict: Promise broken.



The promise: To close the terrorist prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The quote: "I will close Guantanamo, reject the Military Commissions Act and adhere to the Geneva Conventions. Our Constitution and laws... provide a framework for dealing with the terrorists."

— Barack Obama, Aug. 1, 2007

The facts: Two days after he took office, Obama signed an executive order to force the closure of the Guantanamo Bay facility within a year. His plan met with fierce opposition in Congress from lawmakers, including Democrats, who opposed transferring suspected terrorists to U.S. prisons. Earlier this year, Obama changed course. He signed another executive order, this time allowing military trials to continue at the camp. The administration insists it "remains committed" to closing the facility, but in September announced that Abd al Rahim al Nashiri will be going on trial there. He faces the death penalty in al-Qaida's suicide bombing of a U.S. Navy warship in a Yemen port a decade ago.

WAR IN IRAQ

The verdict: Promise kept.



The promise: End U.S. involvement in Iraq.

The quote: "I will begin to remove our troops from Iraq immediately. I will remove one or two brigades a month and get all of our combat troops out of Iraq within 16 months. The only troops I will keep in Iraq will perform the limited missions of protecting our diplomats and carrying out targeted strikes on al-Qaida. ... Let there be no doubt: I will end this war."

— Barack Obama, Oct. 2, 2007

The facts: In August 2010 — 18 months after taking office — Obama declared the combat mission in Iraq over. In October, he confirmed plans to have all U.S. troops out of Iraq by Dec. 31, bringing a close to the war that began in 2003. McClatchy Newspapers reported that it's likely the American withdrawal will be completed before the end of the year — fewer than 20,000 American forces remain in Iraq.



OSAMA BIN LADEN

The verdict: Promise kept.



The promise: Get terror mastermind.

The quote: "If we have Osama bin Laden in our sights and the Pakistani government is unable or unwilling to take them out, then I think that we have to act and we will take them out. We will kill bin Laden; we will crush al-Qaida. That has to be our biggest national security priority."

— Barack Obama, Oct. 7, 2008.

The facts: Late on May 1, Obama announced from the White House that the leader of the al-Qaida terror organization had been killed in Pakistan by U.S. operatives. He said then that shortly after he took office he had directed then-CIA director Leon Panetta to make the killing or capture of bin Laden "the top priority of our war against al-Qaida."



MIDEAST PEACE

The verdict: Promise broken.



The promise: "He will make a sustained push — working with Israelis and Palestinians — to achieve the goal of two states, a Jewish state in Israel and a Palestinian state, living side by side in peace and security."

— Obama's "Blueprint for Change"

The facts: Days after taking office, President Obama named George Mitchell, who helped broker peace in Northern Ireland, as a special envoy to the Middle East in hopes of reaching a deal to an issue that has proved vexing to U.S. presidents for decades. But Mitchell stepped down in March, followed months later by Dennis Ross, one of Obama's key Middle East advisers. Peace talks have stalled, and in September, Obama failed to convince the Palestinians not to seek recognition at the United Nations. Given domestic political considerations, analysts don't expect any movement on the front between now and the election.



AFGHANISTAN

The verdict: Promise kept.



The promise: Send more troops to wage war in Afghanistan

The quote: "As president, I would deploy at least two additional brigades to Afghanistan to reinforce our counterterrorism operations and support NATO's efforts against the Taliban."

— Barack Obama, Aug. 1, 2007

The facts: Obama on Feb. 17, 2009, ordered two additional brigades to Afghanistan, saying it was necessary to stabilize a "deteriorating situation in Afghanistan."

On Dec. 1, 2009, he announced he was sending another 30,000 troops.

