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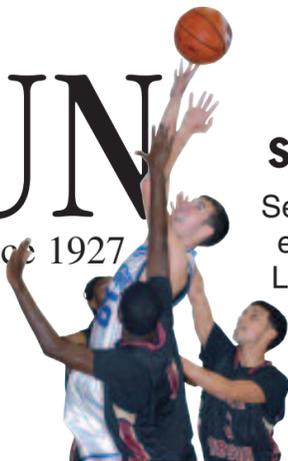


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'Incurable' is not in our vocabulary'

Family headed to China in search of miracle

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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WAUCHULA — Chloe Goss isn't an ordinary toddler. Her little body has to work overtime just to share a sweet smile with her mommy or daddy.

Diagnosed with a very rare disease known as Pelizaeus-Merzbacher Disease (PMD), 1-year-old Chloe's parents, Sara and Justin, were recently told that the disease is potentially ter-

minal.

Chloe's disorders (circular nystagmus and Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder) cause her to be unable to see and hear properly. The conditions stopped her growth, causing little Chloe to be unable to hold her head up, crawl, stand, sit or roll over.

"We have been told that she may never walk. Each time, the news is even more devastating

and each time I cry myself and Chloe to sleep, searching for answers," Sara Goss said.

Chloe was taken and admitted to the Miami Children's Hospital for two days in November where she underwent days of extensive testing. It was then that the Goss's were given the diagnosis.

"'Incurable' is not in our vocabulary. There are new stud-

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Courtesy photo
Chloe Goss and her parents, Sara and Justin, are preparing to travel to China for a special treatment for Chloe's rare disease.

Flight fans flock to Expo



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Fred Schieszer talks about the Renegade Falcon Saturday morning during the U.S. Sport Aviation Expo at the Sebring Regional Airport. Recently retired from University of Central Missouri, Schieszer was an aviation professor for 35 years.

8th annual event expected to draw 20,000

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — The sky was filled with aircraft and the ground was covered with people — one of them very small and flat — Saturday during the U.S. Sport Aviation Expo at Sebring Regional Airport.

"It's Flat Stanley and he's here all the way from Connecticut," Robert Cyr of Avon Park said and his family gathered in front of the Renegade aircraft near the entrance of the Expo to pose for pictures with the paper cutout, which he held next to the propeller.

The Expo, which is expected to draw 20,000 peo-

ple, will continue through today with numerous things still left to enjoy. A total of 165 exhibitors showing everything aircraft related lined the walkways and spaces at the airport giving air enthusiasts plenty to get excited about.

Florida exhibitors ranked near the top with 64 exhibits. Thirty-one other states and six countries are also represented, Byplane rides, engine specialists and instructors are just a few of the things available to the public at the Expo.

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Courtesy illustration
Roger Warric's depiction shows all 59 Sebring winners, as well as many other historic sights.

Special poster to honor 60th 12 Hours

By BARRY FOSTER
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Fans know the 12 Hours of Sebring is right around the corner when the yearly event posters begin appearing in the windows of local shops. But this week a very special poster will go on sale commemorating the 60th year of

America's premier road race.

Created by Roger Warrick, the rendering is a compendium of Sebring icons that will keep fans and longtime attendees busy combing through the picture looking for interesting bits and pieces representing not only the race but the city as well.

Easily spotted are the previous 59 race winners, with each of the cars depicted in a Le Mans type start. There's also an interesting compendium of pit structures, including the track as it looks today, with the old scoreboard, V-

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2 declare intent to run for Cox's job

Superintendent hasn't said if he plans to run again

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Superintendent of Schools Wally Cox has not yet announced whether he intends to run for re-election.

Two other individuals, however, have — Roberta Peck, a retired teacher, and William "Pep" Hutchinson III, who has long been active in schools and concerned about educational issues.

Hutchinson made his official announcement at The School Board of Highlands County's regular meeting Thursday night.

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Champions Club forming in Avon Park

Plans Hall of Fame Banquet March 3

By ED BALDRIDGE
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AVON PARK — "Champions are made from something they have deep inside them; a desire, a dream, a vision."

That quote, from boxing's flamboyant but undisputed top athlete Muhammed Ali, captures the spirit of those who wish to carry forward the traditions that has earned Avon Park the title "City of Champions."

Charles Devlin, along with a group of others who have played sports and supported almost every other aspect of the community, decided to start the Avon Park Champions Club.

The organizations is designed to

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Woman's Club helped start Sebring library

By JEN BROWN

Special to the News-Sun

This just in – another Centennial event is planned.

The Woman's Club of Sebring is having a Centennial Sweetheart Dance and the exciting Skylarks will be there providing big band entertainment throughout the night.

The dance will be from 7-10 p.m. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 at the Woman's Club, 4260 Lakeview Drive, overlooking beautiful Lake Jackson.

Did you know the Woman's Club is one of the oldest institutions in Sebring?

Twelve women organized the Woman's Club of Sebring in 1919,



Centennial Notebook

which adopted a constitution and by-laws that October. They furnished a circulating public library by that December, and established itself as "The social and cultural force in the young new town (Sebring)." From the original circulating library, the

Woman's Club of Sebring, with the assistance of the Board of Trade and a "Green Tea and Book Shower" that netted \$30 and 50 books, the Sebring Library was on its way.

The club members served as librarians, procurers of books, and all of the necessary roles to maintain this new venture. One time during building repairs, the women toted the books in wheelbarrows to their homes until the work was completed. After 45 years, the city of Sebring accepted the responsibility of the library, and a few years later it evolved as the Highlands County Library system.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

HALLO benefits from mystery show

AVON PARK – A Taste for Wine and Murder Mystery Show will benefit Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization. Set for 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at Paradise Grill in Highlands Ridge, tickets are \$15 and includes wine and hors d'oeuvres.

There will be door prizes and a raffle will take place. There will also be a lot of audience participation (which means a lot of fun).

This play is presented by The GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club as a community project for the benefit of HALLO. Proceeds go to help with the organization's post-rehab program and their support groups for people in the community living with physical challenges. Tickets are available at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce or by calling 385-6415 or 385-1196. You can visit the Facebook page at Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization or www.halloinc.org

Snake enthusiasts are Audubon speaker

LAKE PLACID – Snake enthusiasts Javon Bauder and Zack Forsburg will speak at the monthly Audubon meeting Tuesday, Jan. 24. Bauder and Forsburg, both associated with Archbold Biological Station, will inform members of the eastern Indigo Snake habitat found on the Lake Wales Ridge.

Additional information can be obtained on the website www.Orianne

Society.org. The public is invited to attend. Covered dish supper begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge on the corner of Park and Main Streets in Lake Placid. Bring utensils and a covered dish to share and join Audubon for dinner at 6:30 p.m. or arrive at 7:30 p.m. for just the presentation by Bauder and Forsburg.

Library Friends plan dinner

LAKE PLACID — The Friends of the Lake Placid Memorial Library will host their annual dinner and membership drive at the Lake Placid Woman's Club, 10 N. Main Ave., at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30. The guest speaker for this year will be B.F. Oswald.

Oswald has written several books but only one, "Echoes of Ellen," has been published in print form. Five more have been published as e-books. He will discuss the current e-book publishing format and ordering of e-books. Given all the members who received Kindles, Nooks and like readers as holiday gifts, it should be a very interesting and informative presentation.

Oswald can be found at his interesting website, www.bfoswald.com. Frank Hartzell will again be catering the meal.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization of library supporters who provide funds through membership fees, book sales, gifts and donations that are used to provide things for the library

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Tanglewood residents' Cancer Benefit giving back

By NEIL SIMPSON

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Alan and Nancy Holmes, high school sweethearts from the little town of Augusta, Ill. (Pop. 600), arrived in Sebring in 1989. Alan had sold his two convenience stores, HoBo's (Holmes Boys) and trained with Edward Jones in St. Louis. Once he had completed his federal securities exam and had the required insurance licences, he was offered a choice of six Florida locations to start an Edward Jones office. Nancy and Alan drove south, spent two weeks visiting the six locations and after checking out Sebring, Nancy asked "What do you think?" to which Alan replied, "Honey, we're home."

Their son and daughter attended middle school here and graduated from Sebring High School while Alan built his business focused on helping people to meet their financial needs.

After 22 years here, Alan has a thriving business, four grandsons and the time to pursue shared interests with Nancy ... hunting, fishing, travel and hot rods.

Alan gives back to Tanglewood because Tanglewood residents have supported him. He has sponsored the Tanglewood Actors Guild productions and the annual 50th Anniversary dinners. This year he is heavily involved with the Tanglewood Residents'



Alan and Nancy Holmes (center) show some Tanglewood residents the Rhoades bike, which he has completely refurbished. Holmes gave the bike to be raffled off for the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit this year.

Cancer Benefit. He is providing lunch on Jan. 28, following two of the fundraisers – "A Walk in the Park" and "Ride for the Cure". He is also co-sponsor of the "Golf Fore a Cure" Tournament being held on Feb. 4.

On Jan. 16, Alan wowed the hundreds gathered in the clubhouse for morning coffee when he and Nancy arrived on a Rhoades bike, which he had completely refurbished himself to donate to the Cancer Benefit as a raffle prize.

This year's cancer benefit has extra special meaning for Alan as he is constantly on

standby to get to his 54-year old sister's side back in Augusta, Ill. where she is battling brain cancer. After two rounds of treatment, she has been given just 3 to 6 months to live.

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 3 for \$10 at Monday coffees and many of the Tanglewood Cancer events. At 3 p.m. on Feb. 21, the winning ticket will be drawn and some lucky Tanglewood resident will ride away on a fabulous touring bike built for two and even more money will be have been generated for cancer research.

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Unemployment continues drop in County, but still high

By ED BALDRIDGE

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SEBRING — The unemployment rate in Highlands County dropped to 10.4 percent in December, according to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The FDEO report released on Friday showed that 1,327 more people in Highlands County had jobs in December compared to November of 2010, and reflects a regional and statewide trend of declining unemployment.

Within the Heartland Workforce Region 19, Highlands held the highest number of unemployed compared to the 9.9 percent rate

for DeSoto and 8.9 percent in Hardee County.

Out of a labor force of 69,079, there were still 6,854 unemployed throughout the region. The unemployment rate for Florida slipped to 9.7 percent in December compared to the 9.8 percent in November.

That rate reflects the lowest statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment since April 2009, according to the FDEO. The U.S. rate of unemployment bumped up to 8.3 percent in December compared to the 8.2 percent the month before.

Florida's rate has been higher than the rest of the

nation since February of 2008.

Overall, Highlands County fared better in December of 2011 with a 1.1 percent drop from December of 2010.

The Heartland Workforce region showed gains in natural resources and mining, up 1,744 jobs; government (up 141); education and health services (up 98) and construction (up 54) from 2010.

The greatest job losses were posted by professional and business services, which recorded a negative 84 jobs; financial activities, which decreased 79 jobs and manufacturing, which showed a loss of 38 jobs.

Adelaide Shores Cruise-In today

Open to public this year

By ED BALDRIDGE

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AVON PARK — Adelaide Shores RV Resort is holding its fourth annual Cruise-In Classic Car Show today, and now the public can enjoy the fun usually reserved for residents.

"They wanted to invite visitors form outside the park. This is the first year we've done that," said David Greenslade, the park's new activities director.

"This is a great show for car enthusiasts. There will be a lot of fun as well as an ice cream social and hot dogs for sale," Greenslade added. "Entrance is free to the public. We do it for the fun of it."

The show runs from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday in the RV park at 2881 U.S. 27 and there will be a 50/50 raffle as well as entertainment, according to Greenslade.

Anyone interested in displaying their car or is seeking additional information can contact Greenslade at 453-2226 or call organizer Bill Pigg at 987-250-1077.

Early voting under way until Jan. 31

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Early voting for the Republican preference primary began Saturday. It continues until Saturday, Jan. 28. There is no voting for the final three days before the election itself, on Tuesday, Jan. 31. That means there are only eight early voting days. Three polling sites are

open: The Highlands County Government Center at 600 Commerce Avenue in Sebring; the Avon Park City Council Chambers at 123 Pine Street; and at Lake Placid Town Hall at 311 W. Interlake Boulevard. Eligible voters may vote at any of the sites regardless of where they live. Polling places are open

every day except Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday the polls are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are 26,604 Republicans eligible to vote. Only Republicans may vote in the preference ballot, which is confined to candidates for president. Primaries for partisan local offices occur in August.

Have some chili



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Chili Captain Bill Miller hands out samples of the Positive Medical Transport team's chili Saturday at the inaugural Crazy Pepper Chili Cook-Off at Firemen's Field. Team members include Trent Miller, Robert Lane and Bob Morris.

2012-2013 school calendar set

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — After debate regarding the dates for the Christmas break, The School Board of Highlands County approved the school calendar for 2012-2013. Because Christmas falls on a Tuesday, one week will have to be broken. The debate was whether to have the partial week going into the vacation or coming out of it. The board decided to begin the Christmas

break on Dec. 20, a Thursday, and begin school again on Jan. 7, a Monday. This allows families vacation time following Christmas Day. The 2012-2013 school year begins on Aug. 20 for students. The Thanksgiving holiday is the week of Nov., 19-23. Spring break is March 11-15. The last day of school for students is June 6, a Thursday. The student school year is comprised of 180 student days, 190 for teachers.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: HIGHLANDS COUNTY HOMEOWNERS
FROM: C. RAYMOND MCINTYRE,
HIGHLANDS COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER
RE: HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FILING PERIOD

The annual filing period for Homestead Exemption is January 1, 2012 through March 1, 2012.

Please visit our office at the Government Center in Sebring to file applications for all exemptions.

The following is a list of all exemptions offered to you as a resident of Florida:

- **Homestead Exemption (Maximum of \$50,000):** In order to qualify you must own your home and make it your permanent residence on or before January 1, 2012 and be a full-time resident of Florida (requires Florida driver's license if you drive, Florida vehicle tag for your vehicle if you own a vehicle, and voter's I.D. in the county in which you live if you are a registered voter.) If divorced please provide copy of your divorce papers.
- **Additional Senior Homestead Exemption (\$15,000):** To qualify you must meet the requirements listed above for homestead exemption and you must be over 65 years of age (as of January 1, 2012) and have an adjusted gross income of \$26,203 (household income) or less for the year 2011. Please contact our office for more details on income requirements for this exemption. (This exemption amount applies only to the taxable value for Board of County Commissioners.)
- **Widow's Exemption (\$500):** To qualify you must meet the same criteria as listed above for Homestead Exemption and you must be a widow.
- **Widower's Exemption (\$500):** To qualify you must meet the same criteria as listed above for Homestead Exemption and you must be a widower.
- **Disability Exemption (Varies depending on the type and level of disability):** To qualify you must meet the same requirements listed above for Homestead Exemption and certain requirements regarding doctor's documentation or VA's letter regarding your disability. Contact our office for specific requirements concerning this exemption.

We will have clerks in Avon Park and Lake Placid to take applications at the following locations and times:

Avon Park – City Hall Council Chambers – Wednesday January 25th
From 10am to 4pm Address: 110 E. Main St.

Lake Placid – City Office – Monday & Tuesday January 30th & 31st
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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

County goals a good thing

It's good to have goals. The county commissioners reviewed their progress of last year's short term goals and last Tuesday set some new ones for the current year.

That's a good thing.

Without these goals, both county staff and the commissioners would lack focus and consistency. Their goal setting not only allowed the commission to take control of the overall direction for progress, but also allowed the public to benchmark that progress.

That's accountability. That kind of government gives voters a way to determine if their ballot was put in the right place.

The goal setting also allowed the commission to measure how well the county administrator and staff is doing when they conduct their upcoming evaluations. That allows the accountability to trickle down from the voter.

Several of the original goals were organized around election promises, including more transparency. A term that sounds good, but has no measurable

benchmarks for rating success. Most of the goals were clearly defined and outlined.

Maybe a suggestion would be to do like the Clerk of Courts did with their goal setting of having most public records accessible from the website and to have E-Recording in place and working before the end of 2011.

That was measurable, had a deadline and was succeeded early. Access and transparency were achieved through well-defined goals.

Despite some dates and definitions, overall the goal completion was not a bad effort.

Through the hard work of staff, and the administrator, the commission was able to check off 23 of their 39 goals with just 16 still in progress.

Some of the projects, like the sheriff's building, were just too time consuming

not to run over into another year. But, like Commissioner Greg Harris said, it's been in the works for more than five years now.

Maybe 2012 is the year of the sheriff.

Other items, like the possibility of a charter-based county and a sustainable budget, are very important, but not accomplished yet.

It is good to see those items still on the list.

Some very obvious items were left off of the county's goal list, and those will hopefully be addressed in the course of the upcoming year.

One of those items missing — a clear definition of core services.

Don't get us wrong, the News-Sun is grateful for what has been accomplished so far, and thank staff and commissioners for their dedication to see these goals through.

Additionally, we are hopeful that our elected officials continue on this yearly goal setting path.

It's a good tradition to have.

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Dear Newsweek: I am dumb

**Laura's
Look**

Laura Ware

So I'm surfing the Web, looking for news as I sometimes do. I happen upon The Drudge Report. Among other things it is displaying the current cover of Newsweek magazine.

There is a picture of President Obama on the cover. Next to it, the following question: "Why Are Obama's Critics So Dumb?"

I am not kidding. It's not a parody. It is the real cover.

Really, Newsweek? You went there?

The headline refers to an article by Andrew Sullivan, titled "How Obama's Long Game Will Outsmart His Critics." Now I grant you that it is a long title and probably couldn't fit on the cover. But did they have to replace it with that question?

I read the article on the Daily Beast's Website. No, I did not go out and buy the magazine to read the thing. After reading that question I wasn't about to let the magazine see a penny from me.

To his credit, Sullivan is very honest about his bias. He's been an Obama supporter since 2007. He supports a number of the President's policies. So it should come as no surprise that the article is very praiseworthy about what Sullivan claims that President Obama has accomplished.

And Sullivan isn't just jabbing at the right. He also aims at those on the left who complain that Obama hasn't gone far enough with his policies and plans. He pretty much says if we'd only look at the facts as he's laid them out we'd see that the President is pretty much doing a good job. And deserves four more years to do it in.

Am I shocked that Newsweek chose as a cover story a biased article that puts the president in the best possible light? No, I'm not shocked. In my humble opinion, anyone who thinks Newsweek isn't slanted to the left hasn't read the magazine lately.

I used to be a subscriber to Newsweek, because I like to get my news from

more than one source. Yes, I watch Fox News, but I also get news alerts from CNN and MSNBC. I figure if I catch several points of view I might land on the truth.

But after a while Don and I decided to spend our money on something else besides a Newsweek subscription. So it went by-bye. This latest move on their part doesn't make me regret the decision.

It's one thing to call your opponents mistaken. To disagree with their views. After reading the article, I'm sure Mr. Sullivan and I would find a lot to disagree on.

But to call your opponents dumb? Give me a break. That is insulting, demeaning and dismissive. It should be beneath a national magazine.

(Note: I have no idea if Andrew Sullivan had any input on the cover blurb and I'm not blaming him for it. He does, however, use adjectives like "unhinged" and "deluded" in describing some of the President's detractors.)

Here's a news bulletin for Newsweek to ponder: I am not dumb. Unhinged? That may depend on who you ask, but that's probably a topic for another column.

I have legitimate concerns about the direction that President Obama is taking this country. There are a lot of people like me out there. Our concerns do not make us stupid or deranged.

Newsweek owes people like me an apology. They should put it on their next cover. Who knows? Show people like me something other than contempt and maybe you can win us back into the fold. Until then, don't expect me to buy your magazine anytime soon.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Impressed with Santorum, Paul

Editor:

I want to commend all those who responded to Sandra Oleesky's opinion on the Republicans. When I read her letter, my thinking was - she must know Republicans that I know - but enough of that.

I hope all of you have been watching the Republican Primary debates, etc., which is still in progress. It is refreshing to see they are not only recognizing the candidates with the most money but also those who are getting their message out the old-fashioned way.

I'm really impressed with Rick Santorum and Ron Paul.

I challenge all of you to pray with me that the candidates nominated will be God's man. Someone who will uphold our Constitution, enforce the laws we have and cease adding more continually. I understand Obama is pushing passage of many more laws - 4,000 I believe. It would be nice if he would push obeying the laws we have, rather than suing those who are trying to enforce them.

He talks about construction as a way to create jobs, but he is referring to the Super Highway, which most of us are against.

We are don't need more Chinese and other foreign imports. We need our products made in the U.S.A. This would bring back jobs that have been sent overseas.

He talks about killing

Osama Bin Laden as one of his achievements. I believe it was the Navy Seals who did that.

In his recent speech, he is reducing the debt, but he doesn't get the message of cutting the right things and our military should be our top priority. He conducted the war in Libya not letting the U.S. Military do their job; now, it's my understanding they are governed by the Muslim Brotherhood. I saw on the news where three churches in New York had been attacked. That's getting close to home. These people are destroying churches, homes, killing Christians and making it literally unbearable for a Christian to have a peaceful life in these Muslim countries. Sharia law has no place, but destruction for the Christian.

He talks about ending the war in Iraq; there was no victory, we just walked out. I am reminded of World War II; Hitler just took over one little country after another increasing his power continually. When the Muslims control all the little countries over there, they will be more equipped to confront us.

If we are going to contribute to these countries, we should see that Christian people are protected. Make no mistake; their goal is the same as Hitler's was, controlling the world.

When one of the people converts to Christianity, they are subject to death, even by their own families. Death there is carried out in the most brutal of ways. May God give us wisdom show-



ing us what He would have us do and the courage to do it. In His holy name.

*Willie Clyde (Toole) Cloud
Sebring*

Let people see behind VA

Editor:

Transparency in wages and benefits of those in the VA who have the final decision on VA claims. Are the incomes of those in the VA system, who decides who gets benefits and who does not, in line with those who actually receive benefits. If the system is run like the rest of government programs, then those who decide may receive better wages and benefits by denial of benefits to many veterans in this part of the big picture?

There are more than 100,000-plus veterans claims and growing at an alarming rate. The system sucks. Are

they hoping the veteran will die and the claims will simply die with them?

Let the American people have a look at those making the decisions, wages and benefits package.

I am 81 years old and have not been able to work since 1993. I have asbestosis service-connected disability. Yet the claim has not been allowed. I wonder if Vice-President Cheney's previous company, Haliburton, and its lobbying on Congress on asbestos damage have any effect on military asbestos claims as well as the millions of Americans who have asbestos damage?

Do I trust the American Congress to do right by the veteran and the American people when it comes to representing the people? No.

How many like myself, over 80, veterans are to be left behind?

*Billie E. Jewett
Sebring*

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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that are not adequately funded by the state or county. This year we are proud to have been able to purchase extra computers for the public's use and additional shelving to make DVD selections easier.

Memberships remain the same at \$15 for Silver (single), \$30 for Gold (family), Platinum membership is \$50 and Professional is \$100. Dues can be paid at the door, brought to the library or sent to the Friends of the Lake Placid Memorial Library, c/o Carol Sheets, Treasurer, 205 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, Fl 33852. Call the library at 699-3705 to attend.

The big spring book sale begins Tuesday in the conference room.

Writers' group to meet Sunday

SEBRING – Scribes Night Out, an informal gathering of local writers, meets at 6:30 p.m. today at Brewster's Coffee Shop, just south of Home Depot.

Now entering its second year, the group, sponsored by Brewster's and the Heartland Cultural Alliance, allows local writers of all ages to read a sample of their work, published or not, to other writers and the general public.

Sunday's get-together includes a group discussion on the organization of SNO, plans for the coming year and an "open mike" for writers sharing their writings.

For more information, call Larry or Elaine Levey at 385-8618.

Garden Club meets Monday

SEBRING — Garden Club of Sebring Inc. January meeting will be held at the downtown Civic Center at noon Monday.

Lunch will be served, followed by guest speaker Shirley Berger, president of the Lakeland African Violet Club. The topic will be "African Violets, Americas

favorite houseplant."

Business meeting to follow. For more information, call 471-0657 or 385-0759.

Sebring Village presents Matilda and Patrick Show

SEBRING — Matilda and Patrick Show will entertain at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Sebring Village. Expect to be amused and amazed as the charming Matilda blossoms to life in the hands of this flawless ventriloquist, puppeteer and humorist. Tickets are \$10.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 386-0045 or 471-0760

Bridal Showcase is today

SEBRING — The Highlands County Fair Convention Center will host The Heartland's Premier Bridal Showcase and Festival 1-4 p.m. today. Brides will have the chance to meet with several wedding vendors from all over the Central Florida area, including photographers, cake decorators, florist, caterers, bridal shops, tuxedo rentals, venues, transportation and more.

Two grand prizes will be handed out just before the conclusion of the show. The first will be "Win a Wedding." One lucky bride or groom will have the chance to win services from all the show sponsors: A Premier Entertainment, Gini Beth's Weddings and More, Sebring Florist, Elizabeth's Bridal of Lake Placid, Golden Palms Catering and LB Gallery Photography. The second grand prize is for an all-inclusive cruise. Winners of both prizes must be present to win on the day of the show.

Brides will also enjoy appetizers, refreshments, entertainment, a style station by Poshe Day Spa, for all the latest trends in hair and make-up, goodie bags and door prizes. Brides can purchase tickets at the door for \$7. Call 382-2255 or 214-

5584, by e-mailing to sales@hcfcc.net, or visit the website at www.hcfcc.net for further information.

Doug Gabriel entertains at Tanglewood

SEBRING — Tanglewood hosts one of Branson's longest running and best shows today. The Doug Gabriel Show and his ever-changing, quality show that visitors, year after year, keep coming back to see. Gabriel will entertain with a variety of different music styles such as Pop, Country, Classic Rock, Easy listening, Fifties and Gospel.

The Doug Gabriel show is one of the most popular shows in Branson and is now the eighth longest running show in town. Gabriel has been voted Branson's best male vocalist seven times and his morning show has been voted best morning show six times. Gabriel is known for his powerful voice, singing songs such as "Unchained Melody," "American Trilog," "The Impossible Dream" and many other classics plus his talents on piano and classical guitar will entertain us for sure. This year he was voted "Male Vocalist of the Year."

Tanglewood is one-half mile north of Walmart on U.S. 27. Doors and snack bar opens at 6:15 p.m., with an outstanding show at 7 p.m. Tickets at the door, cost \$10.

Highlands Park VFD has annual meeting

LAKE PLACID — The Highlands Park Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual election of officers during the January business meeting.

The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the firehouse at 1317 Columbus St. in Highlands

Park. All area residents are encouraged to attend.

If you have questions, call Chief Richard Gavagni at 243-9441.

Orchid Society meets Monday

SEBRING — The Orchid Society of Highlands County will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday. Meetings are held at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center at 4509 George Blvd.

This month the speaker will be Mike Dorris, laboratory manager at Hill's Raingreen Tropical's in Lithia. His presentation will be on Jewel Orchids and he will have plants for sale.

Guests are always welcome and participants do not have to be knowledgeable of orchids to attend.

The society is preparing for its annual show, which will be March 24-25. For additional information, call 465-2830, e-mail at oshc9@aol.com or go to the web site <http://orchidsocietyhighlands.org/>.

Sebring Village hosts Health Fair

SEBRING — A Health Fair will be held at the Sebring Village clubhouse from 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday.

"Health for Mind and Body" is open to the public and will provide information on local health services and providers available, as well as many free screenings. A lipid profile (cholesterol) for only \$10 is also offered. You must fast (call for which tests).

Pre-registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

There will be door prizes and light refreshments. For further information, call Mary Ann Mangold at 382-9865 or Carol DeArmitt at 385-1517.

OBITUARIES

BARBARA L. OPPOLD

Barbara L. Oppold, age 78 passed away Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012 in Topeka, Kan. She was born in Algona, Iowa to Walter and Cora (Lenz) Will.

Mrs. Oppold was retired from the United Telephone Company, she was a member of the Resurrection Lutheran Church where she was active in several groups including Busy Bodies, which provide the Teddy Bears for Florida Hospital.

She previously lived in Alexandria, Minn., and had been a resident of Avon Park since 1977, coming from Alexandria, Minn.

She is survived by her son, Rev. Dr. Michael Steenhoven (Rose) of Topeka, Kansas; daughters Linda Froemming (late Jeff) of Alexandria, Minn. and Becky Jordan (Robert) of Avon Park; sister Ruth Johnson of Sibley, Iowa; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her infant son, Ricky Wade, first husband Donald Steenhoven and her second husband, Albert Oppold.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. in the Resurrection Lutheran Church with Pastor John Grodzinski officiating. Memorial contributions may

be made to the Resurrection Lutheran Church, 324 East Main Street, Avon Park, Florida 33825 or Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, Florida 33870.

LUCINDA MAE YORK

Lucinda Mae York, age 88, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012 in Sebring. She was born in Logan, W. Va. on August 22, 1923 to Peter and Daisy (Ellis) Jude. She was an administrative assistant for a sporting equipment company.

She is survived by her daughter, Candy (Darrell) Smith; son, Jim (Patty) York; grandchildren, Christopher York, Stephanie York, Adam York, Todd York, Vicki (Mike) Jarvis, Greg (Traci) Smith and eight great-grandkids. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer York.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in her memory to Good Shepherd Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Sebring, Florida www.stephensonnelsonfh.com

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School board opposes liquor sales closer to schools

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY christopher.tuffley@newssun.com

SEBRING — School board members discussed the county's plan to align its ordinances regarding the sale of liquor near schools with state laws.

Highlands County currently does not allow package stores or places where liquor is consumed within 1,500

feet of a school.

The state, however, has set the distance at 500 feet.

The board did not vote on the issue, but all agreed 500 feet is too close.

School board member Bill Brantley, who had been contacted by the county, was tasked with notifying county officials about the board's position.

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Piles of fun at Winter Fest

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — The 15 tons of snow that was piled high earlier in the morning had melted substantially by noon, but that didn't stop kids from having a great time playing in it at Saturday's Winter Fest.

"This is my first snow time," said 4-year-old Tyler Carr.

Carr and his older brother, 5-year-old Raymond, tossed chunks of ice at one another then at their grandpa for several minutes. Both the boys were thrilled at their first snow experience.

Kaden Gonzales and his parents, Shanna and Phillip, spent their turn on the snow Saturday. Kaden ran circles around his dad trying to



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Kaden Gonzales, 5, and his dad Phillip have a snow ball fight Saturday morning during the Winter Fest event at the Sebring International Raceway.

avoid being hit with a massive snowball. Before leaving the pile Kaden managed to nail his dad right in the face as Shanna laughed and congratulated their son.

"This was his first time

ever seeing snow," Gonzales said.

Event volunteer and Sebring High School 11th grader Junior Bautista raked snow after each of the groups.

"This is my first year doing this event," said Bautista. "My big brother told me about it so of course I came out to help."

Event coordinator Kiko Vasquez estimated 1,500 people were in attendance for Winter Fest.

Gina Taylor, BBBS media relations coordinator, was pleased with the turnout for the event.

"This has been way more than we expected. The weather is beautiful and everyone here is having a great time. We couldn't have done anything different. It's a great turn-out," Taylor said.

The proceeds from Winter Fest benefit the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Highlands and Hardee County.

Expo draws fans, flyers to Airport

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Saturday also provided the live aircraft auction for attendees who came exclusively to purchase an aircraft or related item.

Revo Evolution Trikers of Tampa has shown at the Expo for the past few years. This year the organization is back and thrilled to be a part of the event.

With big accolades for the Revo Trike the past two years — it won Grand Lite Sport Champion 2011 at Sun 'n Fun and Most Innovative Design — the group is dedicated to bringing a fun, unique aircraft to the public eye.

"It comes with everything you would need to fly it privately: GPS, transporter radio, throttle locks, ballis-

tic parachutes. It is extremely efficient," Amy Saunders, pilot and marketing and design director, said.

The Revo aircraft seats two in small, open bucket seats. The small engine located at the rear of the aircraft is the only part of the aircraft constructed outside of the U.S.

"These fly under helicopter rules," Saunders said.

"We can fly really close to the ground and kind of just hover or glide or we can fly 8,000 feet in the air up to 115 miles an hour. To me it feels like I'm a bird when I'm in one of these. Unlike my single-engine plane, the carriage doesn't move. In my plane my seat is bouncing and rocking around, but in this the wings move and



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
The U.S. Sport Aviation Expo is zooming with activity Saturday morning with a large crowd, lots of aircrafts and nice weather. The expo ends today at 3 p.m.

the seat is just still. It's a smooth ride."

The Revo Trike begins around \$60,000 and can go up to \$92,000 if a buyer wanted a fully loaded aircraft.

"My favorite thing to do on the Trike is to fly to the beach. I get really low maybe a couple feet above the water and just glide. It's just a great feeling," Saunders said.

Today is the final day of the Expo. Attendees can

stop in and join the model airplane contest from noon until 2 p.m., enjoy the numerous fly-bys that take place beginning at 11 a.m. or just walk around and enjoy the aircraft themselves.

Closing ceremonies will begin at 2 p.m. with an awards ceremony followed by the Sebring Send-Off of 12 aviators simultaneously departing the airport headed to the next expo in the Bahamas.

Champions Club to honor AP's legacy

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help provide for the needs of those who aspire for something more.

"We are looking to add support to the community and to the various programs both sporting and academic. We are known as the City of Champions. Several of us have talked about this for some time, so we got organized," Devlin said.

Although discussed by several different groups at different times, Devlin said the spark came when one of Avon Park's champions was looking for a way to raise funds.

"Coach (Ronnie) Jackson called several people together to talk about a banquet fundraiser. The group was looking for the best way to use those funds to support several efforts, so we decided at that meeting to put the funds into an organization that could apply them in several areas throughout the whole community," Devlin said.

"If we just gave them to the high school, then other schools would be left out of the support. This club gives us the flexibility to help in several areas and work with great organizations like the Football Boosters and the Diamond Club as well as the pee-wee and middle school sports and possibly even a spelling bee," Devlin said.

"We believe in supporting academics as well as sports." The group is still in the organizational phase, but filed for non-profit status with the state on Jan. 12 when they selected the Devlin as their first president.

"Well, it is a real group effort. Devin Donaldson, treasurer, filed for the non-

profit status. Doug Lemler stepped up as secretary. Seth Lambert volunteered to be the vice-president and several others have volunteered to work on committees for membership and future nominations," said Devlin.

The Champions Club has already begun work on a membership drive and planned its first signature event, a Hall of Fame Banquet, on March 3.

"Coach (Jackson) had the idea of having a banquet to induct several famous sports players into a Hall of Fame. At a later meeting, we added his name to those inducted, although he argued against it. I can't think of anyone else in recent memory that has helped all the sports programs as much as he has," Devlin said.

Other inductees for the banquet include Thomas Gordon, Joe Franza, Lucy Derkman, Guy Garrett, Bill Jarrett, the 1955 State Champion baseball team and three-time track and cross-country state champion James Brown.

"The 1955 baseball team is really excited about the idea. They are all chipping in to make this happen," Devlin said.

"Everyone is facing a budget crunch. We hope we can help to lighten the load for those who are working so hard to represent the community on the field and in the classroom. Champions in all aspects," Devlin added.

Those seeking to participate, or who wishes more information, can contact Devlin at DevTech Sales, 800-366-9041 or Monica Germaine and Lambert at Avon Park High School, 452-4311.



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Candidate for superintendent says district is lowest of the low

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — William “Pep” Hutchinson III, after announcing his candidacy for superintendent at the school board’s regular meeting Thursday night, said “Highlands County is the lowest, low-performing school district in Florida.”

Hutchinson said he reached that determination through a statistical analysis of all school districts.

He said 90 percent of Florida districts have no low performing schools; that 8 percent of districts have from 10 to 18 percent low performing schools, and 2 percent have 18 percent or higher.

With 16 schools, three of them low performing, Hutchinson said Highlands County

has 18.75 percent low performing schools, and is in the bottom 2 percent.

Before the board meeting ended Becky Fleck, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, presented members of the press with district grade information released by the state.

Based on student achievement, she said, except for 2008 and 2010 (when it received Cs), Highlands County as a whole has received a B grade since 2004.

Only 34 percent of the state’s districts have earned Bs.

The three “D” schools are Avon Park High School, Avon Elementary School and Lake County Elementary.

This year, Lake Placid High School improved from a D to a B.

Two plan runs for superintendent, Cox hasn’t announced plans yet

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Peck, who taught art in district schools for 33 years — most recently at Hill-Gustat Middle School — said she initially decided to run to save school art programs, but she is also concerned about teacher morale and thinks more savings can be found in the budget.

In the past, she has made cost-saving recommendations which, she said Cox told her, have saved the district more than \$300,000. One example is making sure lights are turned off when not needed.

“I’m going to be pecking away at the budget,” she said, adding that she would turn 25 percent of her salary back over to the district.

She said she is a creative, practical person who believes solutions can come from anyone, whether a school principal or a custodian.

“Everyone in the system is

equally worthy,” she said. “We need to get all the ideas on the table.”

Peck said a superintendent of schools is in a position to create change.

“At this point I can make a difference,” she said. “I do know what teachers go through. We can’t just complain, that’s a low level of consciousness, we have to do something.”

Hutchinson said he has been planning on running for superintendent for some time, and spent the past several years preparing. In addition to taking educational courses at South Florida Community College, he has volunteered 1,000 hours — working in every school except Memorial Elementary. He has attended conferences in Washington D.C. and San

Francisco, gone to meetings of the Florida School Board and School Superintendent Associations and visited Tallahassee to speak with legislators.

“I’ve observed and listened,” he said, “and learned about the politics. It’s been a phenomenal experience. I want to be credible, and have worked hard to gain credentials. I feel like I have the knowledge to move forward.”

Hutchinson, among many concerns, believes a key to success is more parental involvement “The important thing is to keep kids in school. A child isn’t learning if they aren’t in the classroom. I will be good about going to homes and speaking to parents.”

He laughed at one point, “It’s like asking for a free ride on the Titanic,” he said. “The politicians will have to put it on the line for the kids.”



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What A Bank Should Be

Family needs help to fund daughter's fight for life

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ies taking place all the time – we just need to find something, anything, that will help Chloe to fight long enough to stop the degeneration,” Goss said.

Currently, little Chloe is looked after by her grandmother.

While Sara and Justin work full time to offset the medical bills and save for their daughter's treatment, Chloe undergoes routine therapy throughout the week to help improve her skills.

“My mother-in-law is with her during the week. She takes the directions of the therapists. The PTO (physical therapist assistant), the OTA (occupational therapist assistant) and the speech therapist all worked with her throughout the week,” Goss said.

Each of the therapists visit Chloe in her home with the exception of the speech therapist. According to the doctors and therapists, Chloe is only on a three- to four-month-old level in most of her motor and speech skills.

Goss sincerely believes that the hardest thing a parent will ever have to do in

their lives would be to bury a child, and Goss simply refuses to do that with their daughter.

Doctors concluded recently that a certain treatment could possibly save Chloe's life and the Gosses have spent every waking moment trying to prepare for the possible miracle.

The cost of the treatment is \$26,300.

“We almost have enough to cover the treatment,” Goss said. “The total amount we need is around \$35,000.”

Chloe's treatment must be done in China.

The precise procedure would have to take place overseas to ensure Chloe has the best medical team possible.

The United States has yet to begin performing the procedure for that disease.

The one drawback is coming up with all the funds.

“Our deadline is in April. We have to come up with the money by then. The total includes flight, boarding, food, everything we would need to be there for 30 days for follow-up care,” Goss said.

The Goss's continue to do

all they can to raise the funds to get Chloe to China for her treatment.

The family and friends have set up several fundraisers in hopes of collecting the remaining funds for their trip and the procedure.

A barbecue fundraiser will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 at First Christian Church in Wauchula. Cobb Construction will host a yard sale in the Goss's honor on Feb. 4, and at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, First Christian Church will host a concert featuring Heather Williams.

For tickets to the upcoming fundraising events contact Goss at 773-9243.

A trust has also been created at MidFlorida Credit Union. Any contributions can be given at any of the Highlands County branches. Contributions should be made to the Chloe Goss Trust.

For more information regarding Chloe's condition or to donate visit www.youcaring.com/ and type in “Chloe's journey” in the “find a fundraiser” search box.

Poster honors 60th Race

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shaped leader board and Jaguar tower added for good measure.

The sky is full of vintage aircraft (although the blimp did not make it) and there are displays featuring former sponsors such as Camel GT, Shell and AllItalia Airlines

An impromptu contest already has started with sharp-eyed aficionados finding the La Bomba Cruiser and a depiction of the electric cars once made at the airport's industrial park but still looking for the Sebring Cows and other icons.

In addition to this year's commemorative poster, Warrick has done all the event posters for the race since 2005.

He said that putting the commemorative

piece together took about six weeks.

“The work in the last three weeks was pretty solid,” he said

Warrick began designing the poster just after last year's Race. He said the idea was to show the evolution of pit road then put all the winning cars in front of it. He started by getting photos of all the cars. Some he had, others were obtained through the Internet.

“I have a lot of books but Google helped out a lot,” Warrick revealed.

The original rendering was done in acrylic and, he said, the actual painting is not much larger than the poster as it will be presented for sale.

The commemorative rendering has been limited to just 600 copies.

It goes on sale this week at a price of \$30.

Santorum already eyeing next stop: Florida

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — With the race in South Carolina here seemingly between Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich, Republican hopeful Rick Santorum is bracing for a setback and looking ahead to the next contest. That's the Florida primary.

Santorum planned to visit polling locations and attend an evening rally in Charleston on Saturday before his campaign moves south.

Santorum's advisers say he will have no

reason to exit the four-man race for the GOP nomination after voting ends. His allies say he's going into primary day a winner in Iowa's lead-off caucuses and with a better showing than Gingrich in New Hampshire.

During campaign stops leading up to Saturday's poll openings, Santorum had cast himself as a Goldilocks candidate: just right when compared to Gingrich's “too hot” rhetoric and Romney's “too cold” personality.

Centennial Sweetheart Dance planned at Woman's Club Feb. 14

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During its first year, the club paid the salary of the music instructor for the public school. In 1922, it purchased \$400 worth of science equipment so the high school could gain accreditation. A sewing machine was bought for the school, and sewing clubs were established. In 1927, the club served milk in the schools.

From its onset, The Woman's Club has been involved in making our community better. In 1920, it pushed to have a garbage collector and to declare “outdoor privies outlawed in Sebring.” Since its inception the members participated in “clean-up” and beautification activities. It paid for dental work, medical services, clothing and groceries at a time when “welfare” did not exist. It organized several Girl Scout troops, and over the years members have had radio programs.

The Woman's Club today continues to help our community and has invited all of Sebring to this Centennial Sweetheart Dance. So, calling all singles and couples alike, please join the Woman's Club on Valentine's Day for the one and only Centennial Sweetheart Dance. A \$10 donation gets a great night of food, drinks, dancing and fun. Live band, various wines and appetizers set forth, it's sure to be a great time.

The combined efforts of the Woman's Club of Sebring, the Highlands County Social Singles Club, Sebring Centennial

Celebration Committee and Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce and are making this event possible and if you would like to help out, please let us know.

Mayor George Hensley urges all citizens, groups, clubs, societies and businesses to join in the year-long celebration. The Centennial Planning Committee meeting is held the first Thursday of each month and the public is invited and encouraged to attend, it's at 4 p.m. at the Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center. The Centennial board and Mayor Hensley hope that all people in the community get involved to help make this a great Centennial year.

Thank you to all the terrif-

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Go to the website, www.Sebring100.com, and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CelebrateSebringCentennial, call 655-5554 or email events@sebring100.com to get involved.

Special thanks to the News-Sun for allowing us the opportunity to keep everyone up to date and informed on Sebring's Centennial Celebration.

Read this article every Sunday for details and upcoming events and you won't miss a thing.

Jen Brown is a member of the Sebring Centennial Committee.

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Beware of mystery shopper scams

Getting paid to go shopping may sound like a dream job, but buyer beware: For each legitimate mystery or secret shopper opportunity, probably hundreds more are scams. In fact, the National Consumers League (NCL) says complaints regarding fraudulent mystery shopper and work-at-home schemes were up nearly 9 percent during the past six months.

Why the increase? It's due in part to our nation's high unemployment rates and how desperate people are to earn money while seeking full-time employment. Plus, many people are lured by offers that sound too good to be true (and are).

Here are tips for spotting bogus mystery shopper programs:

Many retailers hire marketing research companies to gauge their employees' quality of customer service. Those companies in turn hire mystery shoppers to make purchases anonymously and fill out questionnaires documenting their experience. Many research firms belong to the Mystery Shopping Providers Association (www.mysteryshop.org), a trade organization that links businesses with mystery shopping providers. (MSPA also provides a search engine where people can register for mystery shopping assignments.)

Unfortunately, scammers increasingly are using newspaper and Internet job ads, emails and phone calls to snare unsuspecting consumers with promises of quick, easy money for minimal effort. Here's how a typical mystery shopping scam might work:

You answer an ad and are "hired" as a mystery shopper to evaluate its clients' businesses. The company sends an official-looking employment packet containing the business evaluation forms you'll supposedly use. But first, you'll be required to complete a so-called training assignment to make sure you're a suitable employee. That's where the fraud comes in:

The company claims it's evaluating a money transfer service like Western Union.

They send you a large check with instructions to deposit it in your personal checking account.

You are told to keep a certain amount as your fee and then to pose as a customer by wiring the balance to a third party — usually within 48 hours.



Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

You then submit a report about your customer experience.

What you may not realize is that the original check was fake. Scammers know that by law, banks generally must make deposited funds under \$5,000 available within a few days. They count on your completing the transaction before the check has been cleared by the issuing bank, which may take several weeks. Once your bank discovers the fraud, it will bounce the check and you are on the hook for the whole amount you wired — plus your wasted time.

Common red flags include:

- Legitimate companies will never ask you to send a money transfer for any purpose.

- Legitimate companies don't charge shoppers a fee to work for them.

- Be suspicious if you're hired on the basis of an email or phone call without any interview or background checks.

- Companies that promise you can make a lot of money as a mystery shopper are almost certainly scams.

- If mystery shoppers are asked to make purchases, it's usually for very small amounts for which they will be reimbursed.

- Mystery shoppers are paid after completing their assignments and returning the questionnaires. Shoppers never receive checks upfront.

Good resources to learn more about bogus mystery shopper and other fake check scams, include the FBI (www.fbi.gov/scams-safety), the Federal Trade Commission (www.ftc.gov), the Consumer Federation of America (www.consumerfed.org), and the National Consumers League (www.fakechecks.org/index2.html).

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. Follow him on Twitter www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

Clinical Pharmacology Advice Network opens in Avon Park

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — At Clinical Pharmacology Advice Network, Clinical Pharmacology consultant Dennis Mungall will use his expertise in assisting patients as well as clinicians on a number of topics.

Mungall has 25 plus years' experience as a Clinical Pharmacology consultant with outpatients and inpatients.

He has lectured to Highlands County consumer groups on medication safety for the past six years. Topics that Mungall will discuss will range from supplying clinician drug information, medication consulting with patients as well as clinicians, reviewing of a patient's hospitalization and answering consumer medical questions.

In addition, he will evaluate patient

medications for any possible drug interaction as well as cost and alternative cost effectiveness of other drugs.

CPAN is open for business at 203 W. Main St. For additional information, call 368-0286 or visit the website at www.clinpharmadvice.com. Highlands County Economic Development Commission accepted the CPAN into the Business Accelerator Program.

GE expects 2012 to be volatile year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — General Electric Co. is bracing for another volatile year. The global conglomerate expects to see emerging markets from China to South America continue to grow while Europe falls into a recession.

Its own results are also telling two different stories: Fourth-quarter profit improved when the results of sold-off businesses are excluded. But revenue fell short of Wall Street's expectations, partly because of a slowdown in Europe.

In a conference call with analysts, CEO Jeffrey Immelt called the last three months of 2011 "a good quarter (that) could have been even better."

But, he added: "I like our momentum, and really we feel good about where we are and what we can get done in 2012."

The CEO held onto his prediction for double-digit earnings growth for the company, whose products range from jet engines to light bulbs, despite some areas of concern. Revenue in the energy infrastructure division, GE's biggest, rose 19 percent, but its profit was flat. Health-care division profit was off by 5 percent. Profit at the home and business solutions divisions, which includes appliances, dropped 41 percent.

GE said infrastructure orders rose 15 percent in the final three months of 2011, leaving it with its biggest-ever order backlog of \$200 billion. In a note to clients, Citi analyst Deane Dray said the backlog, combined with a 23 percent increase in equipment orders in the quarter, sets the company up to meet the lofty double-digit earnings growth goal.

Including discontinued businesses, profit dropped 18 percent in the fourth quarter. GE also said growth slowed in Europe, and its ongoing effort to make its GE Capital financing arm more efficient reduced revenue at the unit by 9 percent. Still, GE Capital's profit jumped 58 percent. That is the company's second-largest segment.

The overall revenue decline of 8 percent reflects GE's sale of its majority stake in NBC Universal to Comcast last year. The transportation division was a bright spot. Revenue there grew by 43 percent. The division is the largest producer of diesel-electric locomotives in North America and also makes drive

systems for wind turbines and mining trucks.

Excluding discontinued businesses and certain pension costs, earnings were 39 cents per share. That topped analysts' forecast of 38 cents, based on a FactSet survey. But revenue of \$37.98 billion fell below Wall Street's \$40.05 billion estimate.

For all of 2011, the company earned \$14.15 billion, or \$1.23 per share, up 22 percent compared with \$11.64 billion, or \$1.06 per share, in 2010.

Immelt said he believes strong orders and margins rebounding from some sluggishness last year will drive the company's earnings growth in 2012.

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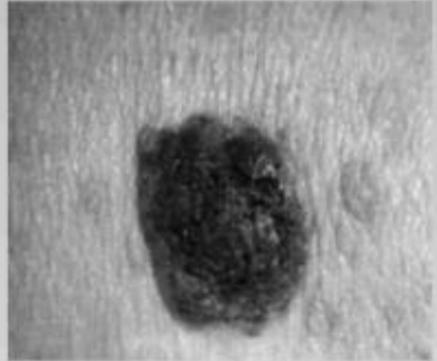
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NOTICE OF BOARD WORKSHOP
 SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
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Joe DeCerbo
 District Manager
 January 22, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-545

IN RE: ESTATE OF JASON EDWARD DAYMON JR. aka MICHAEL DAVID YARROW Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of JASON EDWARD DAYMON JR. aka MICHAEL DAVID YARROW, deceased, whose date of death was November 30, 2011, and whose social security number is 266-84-3304, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 15, 2012.

Personal Representative:
 /s/ Brooke Shook
 3938 Cincinnati Street
 North Port, FL 34286

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Susan T. Rhodes
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 The Rhodes Law Firm, LLC
 370 East Interlake Blvd.
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 Telephone: 863-465-2899
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-06

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES S. SINGLETARY a.k.a. JAMES SINGLETARY Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of JAMES S. SINGLETARY a.k.a. JAMES SINGLETARY, deceased, whose date of death was December 15, 2011, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-6667, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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IN RE: ESTATE OF ELEANORE A. LEJEUNE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of ELEANORE A. LEJEUNE, deceased, whose date of death was January 2, 2012, and whose social security number is 181-12-4468, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this Notice is January 22, 2012.

Personal Representative:
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Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ ROBERT E. LIVINGSTON
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 Sebring, FL 33870
 Telephone: (863)385-5156
 January 22, 29, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 11-172 GCS

ESPERER, LLC, a Virginia Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff,
 vs.
LILLIAN PARK, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, BERNARD WINKLER, and HERITAGE BANK OF FLORIDA, a banking association, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

PARCEL 1: A parcel of Land comprising of all or part of Block A, Block 65, Lots 5 to 11 inclusive and lots 27 to 30 inclusive of Block 77, a 20 foot strip of land between Blocks 65 and 77, Beach Drive and Block B; PLAT OF UNIT ONE OR LAKE LILLIAN SECTION HIGHLANDS LAKE SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, at Page 77, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the Northeast Corner of said Block A for a POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 38 degrees 39'21" East along the East Line of said Block A, same line also being the Westerly right of way line of U.S. Highway 27 for 437.91 feet; (the next 3 calls are along said Westerly right of way line of US Highway 27); thence South 34 degrees 02'59" East for 400.76 feet; thence South 57 degrees 51'58" West for 38.00 feet; thence Southeastly along a curve concave to the Southwest, having a radius of 2993.67 feet, central angle of 6 degrees 33'45", a chord bearing of South 28 degrees 51'09" East along the arc for 342.89 feet; thence North 85 degrees 50'21" West crossing Lots 11 and 27, Block 77, Beach Drive and Block B for 470 feet, more or less, to the shoreline of Lake Lillian; thence meander said shoreline in a Northerly and Northwesterly direction for 940 feet, more or less, to the intersection of a line that bears South 5 degrees 22'34" East from Lake Lillian Drive; thence North 5 degrees 22'34" West for 72 feet, more or less, to the intersection of a curve concave to the North, said curve being the Northerly Line of said Block A; thence Easterly along said curve having a radius of 651.20 feet, central angle of 29 degrees 09'22", chord bearing North 65 degrees 55'02" East along the arc for 331.38 feet to a point of tangency; thence North 51 degrees 20'39" East for 105.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 11-706GCS

DIVISION/JUDGE: J. David Langford

JERRY ROCCO, Plaintiff,
 vs.
WISSAM ALZOOB, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment dated January 4, 2012, entered in Case No. 2011-706-GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein JERRY ROCCO, is the Plaintiff and WISSAM ALZOOB is the Defendant, I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 30th day of January, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 59, BLOCK 74, PLACID LAKES SECTION 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, AT PAGE 72, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; PARCEL C-14-37-29-071-0740-0590.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on January 5, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida
 /s/ Toni Kopp
 DEPUTY CLERK

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Nice with sunshine and a few clouds	Mostly sunny	Delightful with clouds and sun	Partly sunny and pleasantly warm	Times of clouds and sun
81° / 58°	80° / 59°	82° / 60°	82° / 60°	82° / 61°
Winds: SE at 4-8 mph	Winds: S at 4-8 mph	Winds: ESE at 4-8 mph	Winds: ESE at 7-14 mph	Winds: SSE at 6-12 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	81°
Low Tuesday	42°
High Wednesday	71°
Low Wednesday	48°
High Thursday	75°
Low Thursday	38°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	44%
Expected air temperature	79°
Makes it feel like	79°

Barometer

Tuesday	30.16
Wednesday	30.12
Thursday	30.19

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.07"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.07"
Year to date	0.07"

Regional Summary

Nice today; sunshine and a few clouds. Mostly clear and mild tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Tuesday: delightful with times of clouds and sun. Wednesday: partly sunny and pleasantly warm. Thursday: times of clouds and sun.



Farm Report

Nice today with sunshine and a few clouds. Winds southeast 4-8 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60% and fair 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

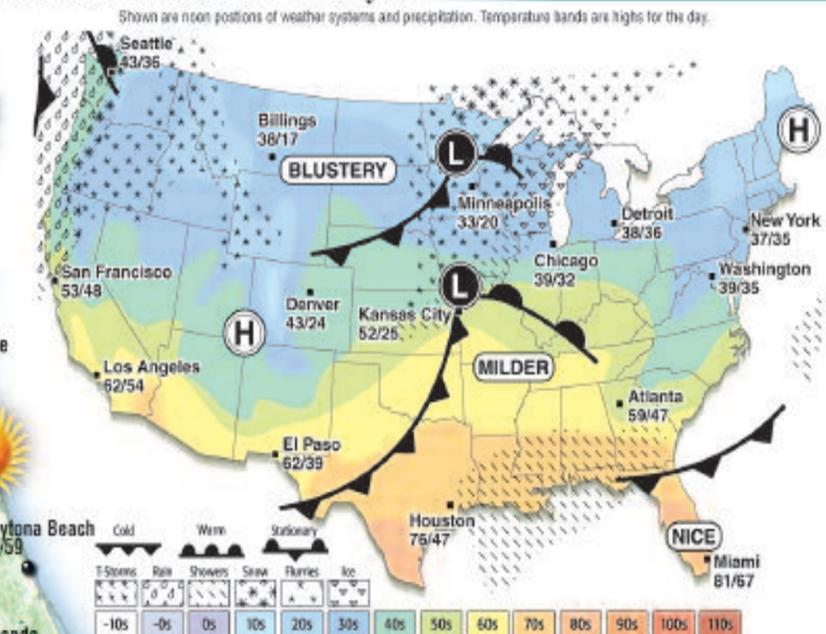
A record 17.4-inch snowfall on Jan. 22, 1902, in Buffalo, N.Y., was dwarfed by 30 inches in Philadelphia, Pa., on Jan. 8, 1996.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	7:14 a.m.	7:14 a.m.
Sunset	6:01 p.m.	6:02 p.m.
Moonrise	6:30 a.m.	7:14 a.m.
Moonset	5:40 p.m.	6:40 p.m.

New Jan 23 **First** Jan 30 **Full** Feb 7 **Last** Feb 14

National Forecast for January 22



National Summary

Strong high pressure will slowly drift off the East Coast today, bringing dry weather and a mix of clouds and sunshine. As the high drifts eastward, southerly winds will allow much milder air to stream northward into the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes. Warm conditions will continue along the central Gulf Coast and Mississippi Valley, despite showers peppering the region. An area of low pressure over the central Plains will bring showers from eastern Kansas to northern Illinois.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Abuquerque	53/30h	55/35pc	56/33sh	Los Angeles	62/54pc	62/49sh	67/50h
Atlanta	58/47c	65/41h	66/43s	Louisville	57/46pc	52/33pc	48/34s
Baltimore	34/33sh	57/33r	48/28s	Memphis	65/41h	62/38pc	64/44s
Birmingham	68/53c	64/41c	64/44s	Minneapolis	37/32r	38/25s	27/20pc
Boston	30/30pc	48/41r	49/31pc	Nashville	63/47c	59/37pc	54/35s
Charlotte	46/38sh	66/37r	66/37r	New Orleans	70/61pc	72/52h	69/58pc
Cheyenne	40/24pc	45/25pc	37/22pc	New York City	37/35pc	51/38r	47/33pc
Chicago	39/32r	36/24sh	33/23pc	Norfolk	42/44sh	67/48h	60/38s
Cleveland	41/37pc	43/28c	36/25pc	Oklahoma City	64/33pc	61/35pc	62/40sh
Columbus	46/43pc	46/29pc	39/27pc	Philadelphia	38/36pc	53/37r	49/32pc
Dallas	75/40pc	67/44pc	68/48sh	Phoenix	68/50s	71/52r	68/45pc
Denver	43/24pc	50/24pc	49/25pc	Pittsburgh	40/38pc	49/28r	39/28pc
Detroit	38/36pc	42/27c	34/25pc	Portland, ME	27/24s	41/33r	45/25pc
Harlingen	33/31pc	48/34r	44/26pc	Portland, OR	44/36r	44/35r	47/40r
Honolulu	81/69h	80/67h	79/67h	Raleigh	43/38sh	65/44h	67/36s
Houston	76/47c	72/50pc	70/60sh	Rochester	39/35pc	51/33r	39/26pc
Indianapolis	49/37pc	43/24pc	40/27h	St. Louis	50/32pc	49/27pc	45/32s
Jackson, MS	76/50c	68/39c	71/50pc	San Francisco	51/48r	53/41r	57/48pc
Kansas City	52/25c	42/25pc	47/28s	Seattle	43/36sh	43/36r	51/42r
Lexington	56/45pc	52/31pc	45/30s	Wash., DC	39/35sh	55/39r	50/32s
Little Rock	66/37c	61/36pc	66/41s				

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	88/72h	88/72h	87/70h	London	52/37pc	46/37pc	48/45h
Athens	55/43s	62/50pc	61/50sh	Montreal	18/16pc	41/34r	35/12sh
Beirut	56/51r	60/52pc	62/56r	Moscow	13/-1c	7/2c	13/2s
Berlin	41/37sh	39/35c	38/32sh	Mex	63/45s	63/44pc	61/44s
Bermuda	70/64c	70/64h	70/64h	Ottawa	22/19pc	43/35r	35/14sh
Calgary	36/24c	39/23pc	39/32pc	Quesbec	14/12pc	34/30r	34/12sh
Dublin	48/37pc	48/42c	52/46r	Rio de Janeiro	87/74pc	89/74c	91/78s
Edmonton	24/10s	31/10s	34/15pc	Seoul	27/12pc	25/14s	27/12sh
Fredericton	76/65pc	75/65h	77/66pc	Singapore	88/77h	88/77h	88/77h
Ghana	42/32sh	43/30sh	39/28sh	Sydney	77/66sh	77/66sh	79/68sh
Havana	82/81h	83/80h	84/83s	Toronto	38/35pc	49/32r	35/19pc
Hong Kong	59/50r	55/50r	59/54sh	Vancouver	41/37r	45/42r	49/41r
Jerusalem	48/40r	48/41sh	54/48pc	Vienna	42/36sh	42/34r	39/28sh
Johannesburg	77/57h	76/58r	80/55r	Warsaw	36/32sh	34/26sh	30/24c
Kiev	32/28sh	33/26sh	31/20sh	Winnipeg	25/8pc	11/-1pc	15/8pc

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Blackhawks beat Panthers

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Patrick Kane ended a seven-game goal drought and set up linemate Jonathan Toews' breakaway score in the Chicago Blackhawks' 3-1 victory over the Florida Panthers on Friday night.

Defenseman Duncan Keith added his first goal in 30 games to help Chicago take the NHL lead, a point ahead of Detroit.

The Blackhawks have

won three straight and are 5-0-1 in their last six games.

Ray Emery made 18 saves, allowing only Jason Garrison's power-play goal 43 seconds into the third period.

The Panthers dropped their eighth straight on the road and slipped to 1-3-3 in their last seven overall.

Toews, who leads Chicago with 27 goals, has goals in four straight games.



DeSoto defeats Avon Park

News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

The Red Devils slipped up Friday night, dropping a 77-70 game at DeSoto. It was just the first district loss for Avon Park, the second of the regular season and just fourth overall. The team was at the Hoop Mountain Classic in Lake Wales Saturday against Class 1A power Chipley.

Streaks squeak by

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — Making less than half of your free throws won't usually turn out too well when seeking a win.

But the Blue Streaks did just enough to get past visiting Lake Gibson Friday night to notch the teams' first district win, 60-57.

Having dropped both contests to district leader Winter Haven and their first meeting with Kathleen, Sebring was eager to get their initial win and begin the climb up the standings.

Sebring
60
Lake Gibson
57

Though it started out a bit rough with the visiting Braves jumping out to a 6-2 lead.

But Jared Cannon scored inside and split a pair at the line before Davaris Faulk hit a jumper to get Sebring its' first lead at 7-6.

Lake Gibson would grab it right back on a Norris Cooper steal and score, but Matt Taylor scored inside and Faulk got a steal and lay-in to put the Streaks up three.

Devion Harrison drove the baseline to cut it to one, though Jared Cannon worked through the lane for a score to make it a 13-10 score.

But the Braves would cut it to one on a follow and



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Matt Taylor, left, and Jared Cannon were all smiles after the Blue Streaks picked up their first district win Friday night.

Harrison drained a three to put the visitors back up.

The Sebring press caused a turnover and lead to a Taylor dunk to tie it, though Cooper would close out the quarter with a lay-up for a 17-15 Lake Gibson edge.

Ezell Gammage opened the

second period, however, with two free throws, which was followed by a Jonathan Tookes steal and score and a free throw from Cannon to put the Streaks up 20-17.

Harrison would drive for two, but Decaris Jones answered with a three.

Back and forth it went from there, with each team grabbing a brief lead, only to see it taken back.

Josh Austin put Sebring back up, 25-24, with two free throws late in the period, but

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Howard's big night carries Magic past Lakers

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

Associated Press

ORLANDO — If Orlando center Dwight Howard is eventually traded to the Los Angeles Lakers before season's end, he will be joining a team the Magic continue to dominate at the Amway Center.

Playing their fourth game in five nights, the Magic's energy wasn't always great Friday night, but they came alive when it counted in a 92-80 win over the Lakers — Orlando's sixth victory in the last nine regular-season meetings between the two.

Howard scored 21 points and grabbed 23 rebounds to guide his team through a tough shooting performance.

Jameer Nelson added 17 points and nine assists, and J.J. Redick had 15 points as all five starters reached double figures.

Earlier in the day, Magic general manager Otis Smith alluded to Howard's preseason trade request and desire to play with a different point

guard as the culprits in Nelson's unusually slow start this season.

The teams Howard's agent can talk with are the Lakers, Dallas and New Jersey.

But Nelson, who came in averaging career lows in points (8.3) and shooting (38 percent), finally showed some assertiveness offensively.

"It's more important for us to win against a good team," Nelson said. "It's not about a 'Jameer game' or myself individually. I'll get myself going. During the course of a season you're gonna have ups and downs as an individual and as a team. So the way you handle them as a person coming through the next game after a bad game — that says who you are."

Kobe Bryant scored 30 points and Pau Gasol chipped in 13 for the Lakers, who lost their second straight and posted a season low in points to drop to 1-6 on the road.

The Magic were also

See MAGIC, Page 3B

Throwin' down at the Spiegel



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Avon Park senior Jeff Satine has full control of his opponent in the early going of the Spiegel Memorial wrestling tournament at Sebring Saturday. Satine would soon win this match by pin as 22 schools descended upon Sebring for this sizeable annual meet. Action continued throughout the day and results for area grapplers will be in the Wednesday, Jan. 25 edition of the News-Sun.

Sebring 60s puttin' on the hits

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — In Sebring 60+ Softball action this week, scoreboard operators were kept busy as the number piled up.

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, the Cubs outlasted the Red Sox by two runs, 29-27, with Kyle Saunders and Fred Richardson each going 4-for-4.

Saunders' hits included a triple and two doubles, while Rudy Pribble, along with being the winning pitcher, went 3-for-4.

Gene Tomlinson also had three hits, including two doubles, while John Boja blasted a home run, a double and single for the Cubs.

Leading the way for the Red Sox, Bill Todd had five singles and a double, Todd Martin had a triple, two doubles and two singles, Bob Poular had four doubles and a triple, Moe Pier rapped out five singles and Ray Trudell had a pair of doubles and singles.

The two teams total of 56 runs was nearly equaled in the White Sox-Angels match-up, with the Sox coming out ahead by a 38-17 score.

J.C. Brown totaled six hits in the contest, John Kloet had five and Don "Rabbit" Cunningham blasted two home runs among his four hits.

Also going deep were Bill Scarse and Bob Roth, among their four hits, and totaling four base-knocks were Chuck Fluharty, Curt

Brown, Steve Blazing and George Lavoie.

Brown got the win on the mound.

For the Angels, Larry Lane had two doubles and two singles, Brian Plunta had three singles and a double and Dennis Mitchell powered one out of the yard to go with two singles.

Gene Phillips, Woody Woodward and Roy Petrodic all added three singles.

The scoring was up slightly from the Monday, Jan. 16 contests, with the Cubs topping the Angels 19-12 and the battle of the Sox going to the Pale Hose by a 23-15 score.

In the former tilt, Gary Tankersley went 5-for-5, Robert Fanstock was 3-for-5 and Don Dobbert and Larry Ambuel both went 4-for-4.

Fred Richardson and Kyle Saunders both went 3-for-4, with Rudy Pribble getting the pitching win.

Charlie Quinn, while taking the loss on the mound, was 4-for-4 at the plate while Brian Plunta had three hits.

In the stockings shootout, leading the way for the White Sox were winning pitcher J.C. Brown and John Kloe, both collecting four hits, with George Laudle, Gary Steeves and Rabbit Cunningham all adding three.

Todd Martin, Bill Todd, Moe Pier and Jesse Hathaway each swatted three hits for the Red Sox.

Some heavy hitting for Sebring Seniors

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The second week of the Sebring Senior Seventy Softball League began Tuesday, Jan. 17, with another high-scoring duel at the Highlands County Sports Complex in Sebring.

This time it was between Millers Heating and Air Conditioning and Highlands Merchants with Millers on top 24-23.

Millers' Jim Quartier had two doubles and three singles in his 5-for-6 hitting streak.

Victor Rodriquez went 4-for-5 including a triple. Doug Hammond was 4-for-5 (double), John Schmidt 2-for-4 (double) and Ron Lewis was 2-for-5 with a double.

Highlands Merchants were close, but not close enough, to overcome the two-run deficit.

Bob Fox had 4-for-5 including a home run and a triple.

Harold Baucom was 4-for-5 (double). Harry Bell and Bob Fahnestock each went 4-for-5 and Jim Hensley was 3-for-5.

Allstate Insurance and Silent Salesman played a low-scoring pitchers' duel with Allstate and pitcher Rudy Pribble emerging victorious 7-5.

The Salesman only scored in three innings as potential rallies were nipped in the bud by three slick double plays turned by the Allstate's infield.

Allstate's Eddie Lindberg and Jerry Kaufman each went 2-for-3 with a triple. Russ Moody was 3-for-3 (dou-

ble) and Jim Johnson 2-for-3 (double).

Salesman's Fred Moore upped his consecutive hitting streak to 11 by going 3-for-3.

Richard Godfrey had three hits, including a double and a triple, and scored three times.

Kyle Saunders and Bob Roth chipped in with two hits each.

Royal Palms and Buttonwood Bay held a close score of 10-8 with the Palms as winners.

Their Charlie Quinn went 2-for-4 and was also the winning pitcher.

Each having two hits were Bob MacCarrick, Dick Schiltz and Dale Baughman.

The leading hitter for Buttonwood Bay was "Moose" Tom Morrisette, going 3-4.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, Millers Heating and Air had a 19-10 win over Buttonwood Bay.

Millers' Jim Longman went 3-for-5 with a home run and Jim Quartier was 4-for-4 (double).

The group of sluggers having a double were Doug Hammond, Don Sheets, John Schmidt, Ray Concepcion and Victor Rodriquez.

Highlands Merchants had a 21-16 victory over Allstate Insurance with Bobby Fox going 4-for-5 including a double.

Don Day was 4-for-5.

All coming up with 3-for-5 were Bob Fahnestock, Glenn Wearsh, Jim Hensley and

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THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

National Football League

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

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

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 22
 Baltimore at New England, 3 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 6:30 p.m.

PRO BOWL
Sunday, Jan. 29
 At Honolulu
 NFC vs. AFC, 7 p.m.

SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 5
 At Indianapolis
 NFC vs. AFC, 6:20 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	11	4	.733 —
New York	6	9	.400 5
Boston	5	9	.357 5½
New Jersey	4	11	.267 7
Toronto	4	12	.250 7½

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	11	4	.733 —
Miami	10	4	.714 ½
Atlanta	11	5	.688 ½
Charlotte	3	12	.200 8
Washington	2	13	.133 9

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	14	3	.824 —
Indiana	10	4	.714 2½
Cleveland	6	8	.429 6½
Milwaukee	5	9	.357 7½
Detroit	3	13	.188 10½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	10	6	.625 —
Memphis	8	6	.571 1
Dallas	9	7	.563 1
Houston	8	7	.533 1½
New Orleans	3	12	.200 6½

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	12	3	.800 —
Denver	11	5	.688 1½
Utah	9	5	.643 2½
Portland	9	6	.600 3
Minnesota	7	8	.467 5

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	8	5	.615 —
L.A. Lakers	10	7	.588 —
Phoenix	6	9	.400 3
Sacramento	6	10	.375 3½
Golden State	5	10	.333 4

Thursday's Games
 Houston 90, New Orleans 88, OT
 Miami 98, L.A. Lakers 87
 Dallas 94, Utah 91

Friday's Games
 Portland 94, Toronto 84
 Denver 108, Washington 104
 Philadelphia 90, Atlanta 76
 Phoenix 79, Boston 71
 Chicago 114, Cleveland 75
 Memphis 98, Detroit 81
 Milwaukee 100, New York 86
 Orlando 92, L.A. Lakers 80
 Sacramento 88, San Antonio 86
 Indiana 94, Golden State 91
 Minnesota 101, L.A. Clippers 98

Saturday's Games
 Cleveland at Atlanta, late
 Portland at Detroit, late
 Philadelphia at Miami, late
 Denver at New York, late
 Charlotte at Chicago, late
 San Antonio at Houston, late
 Dallas at New Orleans, late
 Sacramento at Memphis, late
 Oklahoma City at New Jersey, late
 Minnesota at Utah, late

Sunday's Games
 Boston at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Miami, 6 p.m.
 Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

AUTOMOBILES
SUNDAY
 5 p.m. International Auto Show NBC

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
SUNDAY
 Noon North Carolina State at Miami 44

MONDAY
 7 p.m. Syracuse at Cincinnati ESPN
 9 p.m. Texas A&M at Kansas ESPN

TUESDAY
 7 p.m. Michigan at Purdue ESPN
 9 p.m. Kentucky at Georgia ESPN

GOLF
SUNDAY
 4 p.m. PGA - Humana Challenge GOLF
 7:30 p.m. PGA - Mitsubishi Electric Championship GOLF

NBA
MONDAY
 7:30 p.m. Orlando at Boston SUN
 8 p.m. New Jersey at Chicago WGN

NFL
SUNDAY
 3 p.m. Baltimore at New England CBS
 6:30 p.m. N.Y. Giants at San Francisco FOX

NHL
SUNDAY
 12:30 p.m. Washington at Pittsburgh NBC

TUESDAY
 7:30 p.m. Columbus at Tampa Bay SUN

TENNIS
SUNDAY
 11 a.m. Australian Open, Round of 16 ESPN2
 9 p.m. Australian Open, Round of 16 ESPN2

MONDAY
 Noon Australian Open, Round of 16 ESPN2
 9 p.m. Australian Open, Quarterfinals ESPN2

TUESDAY
 Noon Australian Open, Quarterfinals ESPN2
 9 p.m. Australian Open, Quarterfinals ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
SUNDAY
 1 p.m. North Carolina at North Carolina State . . SUN
 2 p.m. Florida at Kentucky 38
 3 p.m. Iowa at Penn State ESPN2
 3 p.m. Arkansas at LSU SUN
 5 p.m. Louisville at Georgetown ESPN2

MONDAY
 7 p.m. Tennessee at Notre Dame ESPN2
 2 p.m. Florida at Kentucky 38

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS
SUNDAY
 10:30 a.m. Illinois-Chicago at Florida SUN
 7 p.m. Georgia at Alabama ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Buffalo	19	23	5	43	115	144
Montreal	17	21	9	43	120	131

Southeast Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	25	19	2	52	128	130
Florida	21	15	10	52	116	130
Winnipeg	22	20	5	49	120	134
Tampa Bay	19	23	4	42	128	160
Carolina	17	24	8	42	127	156

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Chicago	29	13	6	64	159	136
Detroit	31	15	1	63	152	107
St. Louis	28	12	6	62	117	94
Nashville	27	16	4	58	128	123
Columbus	13	28	5	31	110	152

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vancouver	28	15	4	60	151	117
Colorado	25	21	2	52	124	137
Minnesota	22	18	7	51	107	122
Calgary	22	20	6	50	114	134
Edmonton	17	25	4	38	116	132

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	26	13	5	57	126	104
Los Angeles	23	15	10	56	106	107
Dallas	24	20	2	50	123	131
Phoenix	21	19	8	50	124	128
Anaheim	16	22	7	39	119	140

Transactions

BASEBALL
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 Calgary 2, Los Angeles 1, SO
 Toronto 4, Minnesota 1
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 Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 1
 Nashville 3, Columbus 0
 St. Louis 1, Edmonton 0
 Winnipeg 4, Buffalo 1
 Ottawa 4, San Jose 1

Friday's Games
 Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 4, SO
 Carolina 3, Washington 0
 Tampa Bay 2, Dallas 1
 Chicago 3, Florida 1

Saturday's Games
 N.Y. Rangers at Boston, late
 Philadelphia at New Jersey, late
 San Jose at Vancouver, late
 Ottawa at Anaheim, late
 Montreal at Toronto, late
 Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, late
 Columbus at Detroit, late

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
Malikin	PIT	25	30	55
H. Sedin	VAN	11	41	52
Stamkos	TB	31	20	51
Lupul	TOR	20	31	51
Datsyuk	DET	13	38	51
Kessel	TOR	25	25	50
D. Sedin	VAN	20	30	50
Spezza	OTT	20	30	50
Giroux	PHI	18	32	50
Hossa	CHI	18	32	50
Toews	CHI	27	22	49
Tavares	NYI	17	29	46
Pominville	BUF	17	29	46

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LOCAL SCHEDULE



TUESDAY: Girls Basketball vs. Lake Region, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at District Tournament, TBD
THURSDAY: Boys Basketball at Hardee, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at George Jenkins, 6/7:30 p.m.



TUESDAY: Boys Basketball at Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at District Tournament, TBD
FRIDAY: Girls Basketball vs. Hardee, 6/7:30 p.m.



MONDAY: Girls Basketball at Okeechobee, 6/7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Boys Basketball vs. Kathleen, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at District Tournament, Auburndale, TBD
THURSDAY: Girls Basketball vs. Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.



FRIDAY: Baseball vs. Daytona State College, 2 p.m.
SATURDAY: Baseball at Seminole State College, 1 p.m.
SUNDAY, Jan. 29: Baseball at Lake Sumter Community College, 1 p.m.
MONDAY, Jan. 30: Baseball at Webber International University, 6 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

AP softball registration

AVON PARK — Avon Park Girls Softball will be holding registration for girls, ages 4-15, on Saturdays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the girls' field on Anoka Street.
 Need to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.
 Any questions, please call Kim Bennett at 443-1043.

Sebring Senior Softball

SEBRING - A senior 70-and-over softball league began Tuesday, Jan. 10.
 Interested players must have been born in 1943 or before.
 Games will be played at the Highlands County Sports Complex on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 10 a.m.
 All interested softball players should contact Harry Bell at 382-0542 or see him at the Sports Complex on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

SFCC Volleyball Camp

AVON PARK — The Lady Panther Volleyball program will be holding a four-day camp on Tuesday's and Thursday's Jan. 24, 26, 31 and Feb. 2 at the Panther Gym for players grades 5-8.
 Cost is \$60 and the camp runs each evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 For more information, contact SFCC Volleyball head coach Kim Crawford at 784-7037 or Kimberly.Crawford@south-florida.edu.

Hammock Half Marathon

SEBRING — The 4th Annual Highlands Hammock Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk are set for Hammock State Park at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28.
 The half marathon (13.1 miles) will feature overall male and female awards, age group awards in 5-year age divisions, deluxe tee-shirts and plenty of refreshments.
 There is also a team competition in the half marathon with runners forming teams of two, three or four individuals to cover the 13.1-mile distance.
 The 5K Run/Walk will feature custom medals to all participants.
 Entry fee for the half marathon is \$35 through January 20 and \$45 after January 21 and on race day.
 Only pre-registered are guaranteed shirt size, so sign up early.
 Entry fee for the 5K is \$17 prior to January 20 and \$22 after.
 You may receive an email application form by contacting Chet Brojek at cbrojek@comcast.net or 385-4736.

Mail entries to Highlands Hammock Half, C/O Chet Brojek, 3310 Par Road, Sebring, FL 33872.
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Scholarship Golf

SEBRING — The Second Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, March 31, at the Country Club of Sebring.
 The four-man scramble with handicap flights has a \$65 entry fee per person.
 Registration is at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start 8:30 a.m.
 Entry fee includes greens fee, golf cart and lunch.
 Contests: Great prizes for Hole-in-One, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive.
 Make checks payable to Wings of Faith CWC Scholarship Fund.
 For questions contact Alvin Walters at 381-5706 or Jerome Matthews at 273-2533.
 Submit entries by Monday, March 26.
 All proceeds benefit college-bound senior graduates, Class of 2012.

Rotary Day at the Ball Park

AVON PARK — A Barbeque benefitting the South Florida State College baseball and softball programs will be held Saturday, Feb. 4.
 Tickets are \$8, which gets you pulled pork, cole slaw, baked beans, bun and ice tea from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Action on the field gets underway with a baseball doubleheader beginning at Noon and a softball doubleheader starting at 1 p.m.
 The tournament is a 4-person scramble format, open to both men and women.
 Cost is \$55 per player, or \$220 per team, and includes 18 holes of golf, cart fee, lunch and prizes.
 A putting contest is available, as well as a \$2,000 Hole-In-One prize being sponsored by The Cohan Radio Group.
 Entry forms are available at local pro shops and are to be sent to The Woman's Club of Sebring, P.O.Box 8174, Sebring, FL 33872. Registration deadline is Monday, Feb. 13.
 To obtain an entry form or more information contact Johnell West at 382-0824.
 All proceeds are to benefit The Woman's Club of Sebring's numerous community projects

GOLS Indoor Soccer League

AVON PARK — Registration for GOLS Indoor Soccer League is Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to Noon at First Baptist Church of Avon Park.
 Sign-ups will take place in the Family Life Center (old Avon Park Recreation Center across from the tennis courts downtown Avon Park).
 The GOLS Indoor Soccer League is a co-ed league for 13- to 18-year olds.
 Registration is \$12 and is limited to the first 40 players to sign up.
 For insurance purposes, please bring identification with proof of age.
 Each team plays one game a week at 6:30 p.m. (Tuesday or Thursday) from Feb. 14-Apr. 19, ending with a tournament.
 GOLS (Goals Of Life and Soccer) is in its ninth year as a ministry of First Baptist Church of Avon Park.
 Participants learn soccer and team skills from certified coaches.
 For more information, contact Coach Severn at 452-1250 or Coach Virkler at 385-3235.

Womens Club Tourney

SEBRING — The Sebring Women's Club will be hosting its' second annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 18, on the Turtle Run Course at Sun 'N Lake.
 Check-in is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.
 The tournament is a 4-person scramble format, open to both men and women.
 Cost is \$55 per player, or \$220 per team, and includes 18 holes of golf, cart fee, lunch and prizes.
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N.Y. Islanders	18	21	6	42	110	135

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New coach Philbin will try to turn around Dolphins

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

MIAMI — New Miami Dolphins coach Joe Philbin takes over a team that hasn't been to the Super Bowl since 1985 and missed the playoffs nine of the past 10 years.

Maybe that's why one of his predecessors, Jimmy Johnson, offered this tweet Friday: "Joe Philbin new Dolphin coach..good luck!"

The former Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator became the seventh coach in the past eight years for the Dolphins, who are coming off a third consecutive losing season, their longest such stretch since the 1960s.

The hiring was the latest turn in an emotionally wrenching month for Philbin, whose 21-year-old son recently drowned in an icy

Wisconsin river.

Philbin had been with Green Bay since 2003, working as offensive coordinator since 2007.

Coach Mike McCarthy called the plays, but Philbin put together the game plan for one of the NFL's most prolific offenses.

The Dolphins' top choice, Jeff Fisher, turned them down a week ago to become coach of the St. Louis Rams.

Miami owner Stephen Ross and general manager Jeff Ireland then conducted a second round of interviews this week with Philbin, Denver Broncos offensive coordinator Mike McCoy and Todd Bowles, the Dolphins' interim coach at the end of the season.

"Joe has all the attributes that we were looking for

when we started this process," Ross said in a statement. "Jeff Ireland and I felt Joe was the right choice to bring the Dolphins back to the success we enjoyed in the past."

Despite the Dolphins' woes of recent years, including a 6-10 record in 2011, Philbin called them "one of the premier franchises in professional sports."

At 50, he's old enough to remember the 1972 Perfect Season.

"The Dolphins have a strong nucleus to build around," he said in a statement. "And working with everyone in the organization, I know that together we will return the team to its winning tradition."

Philbin, who has never been a head coach, first interviewed with Miami on Jan. 7.

The body of son Michael, one of Philbin's six children, was recovered the next day in Oshkosh.

After spending a week away from the Packers, Philbin rejoined the team last Sunday for its divisional playoff loss to the New York Giants.

Ross fired Tony Sparano last month with three games to go in his fourth year as the Dolphins' coach.

When the search for a new coach began, Ross said he would like to give the franchise much-needed stability by hiring "a young Don Shula."

Instead he chose Philbin, who has 28 years of coaching experience, including 19 years in college.

With Philbin's help, the Packers have ranked in the

top 10 in the NFL in yardage each of the past five seasons, including third in 2011.

A year ago they won the Super Bowl.

"A huge congratulations to Joe Philbin," Green Bay tight end Jermichael Finley tweeted. "No one deserves it more than this guy. The Pack will miss him!"

The hiring might give the Dolphins an edge if they decide to pursue Packers backup quarterback Matt Flynn, who becomes a free agent this offseason.

Flynn set Packers records with 480 yards passing and six touchdowns in their regular-season finale.

Philbin played a major role in the development of Flynn and Pro Bowl quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

Assistants becoming first-

time NFL head coaches have had mixed results in recent years.

The group includes the Ravens' John Harbaugh, the Saints' Sean Peyton and the Steelers' Mike Tomlin, but also three coaches recently fired — Jim Caldwell by the Colts, Todd Haley by the Chiefs and Steve Spagnuolo by the Rams.

Before joining the Packers, Philbin was Iowa's offensive line coach for four years.

The former small-college tight end has been an offensive coordinator at Harvard, Northeastern and Allegheny College.

Philbin will now begin assembling a staff.

Bowles might remain as a replacement for defensive coordinator Mike Nolan, who took the same job this week with the Atlanta Falcons.

Magic cruise past Lakers, Howard posts a 20-20

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helped by Los Angeles' second consecutive game shooting under 40 percent. The Lakers' 80 points also erased the season low they set in Thursday night's loss at Miami.

Orlando was only slightly better at 41 percent but connected on 12 3-pointers.

"I just think we came out and were aggressive from the beginning of the game," Howard said. "We ran, we did a good job with our defensive assignments and we got a good win."

Magic coach Stan Van Gundy did some lineup shuffling to give his team some fresher legs against the Lakers' big front line.

With forward Hedo Turkoglu sitting out, Van

Gundy opted to start Redick in his place — forming a three-guard lineup with Jason Richardson and Nelson at the point. It did help neutralize the Lakers' height advantage and led to several fast break opportunities for Orlando. There is still room for improvement, though.

"I thought our first half was excellent energy-wise," Van Gundy said. "I thought in the second half the energy was not so good. But I also thought what happened was we hit a stretch in the third quarter where it was foul, foul and the game just slowed down. I'd like to get our pace up."

The strategy also worked because the matchup between Howard and Lakers 7-footer Andrew Bynum was dimin-

ished barely 2 minutes into the second quarter when Bynum picked up his third foul.

"To get three the same way is pretty tough," Bynum said.

He returned, but left again late in the third after getting whistled for his fourth.

Los Angeles also tried sending Howard to the foul line.

That, too, was ineffective as Howard managed to rack up nine points from the charity stripe.

The Lakers cut the Magic's lead to 74-66 midway through the fourth quarter, but a technical on Bryant ignited an 8-0 Orlando spurt to push the lead back to 16.

The Magic mostly were able to cruise from there.

"We just have to keep

playing," Lakers coach Mike Brown said. "There's no magic dust or no magic potion to be able to get us to get wins on the road. We have to just keep trying to execute offensively."

Both teams struggled at times shooting in the first half, but the Magic caught fire with just over 4 minutes to play before halftime, and Ryan Anderson's 3-pointer broke a streak of seven straight missed shots for Orlando.

With Bynum out, Howard also had a relatively easy time inside and was good on 6 of 8 free throw attempts to finish the half with 10 points and 15 rebounds.

Bryant scored 15 first-half points, but it was the lone early bright spot for the Lakers.

The Magic led 22-10 after one, with the Lakers struggling mightily on the offensive end. Relying on a lot of perimeter shots, the Lakers were just 4 for 21 in the period, including Gasol missing

all four of his shots.

Orlando wasn't much better at 9 for 20, but managed to build as much as a 12-point cushion thanks to a 10-2 advantage on points in the paint.

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Classic matchups for spots in Super Bowl

By **BARRY WILNER**
Associated Press

No complaining about these championship matchups: prolific offense vs. stingy defense, or old foes renewing a storied rivalry.

Whichever suits your preference, the NFL has it this weekend.

When the New England Patriots host the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday for the AFC title, four players who have come to represent the highest levels of achievement will be on each side of the ball.

Tom Brady, seeking a fifth start in a Super Bowl, and Wes Welker on New England's offense, Ray Lewis and Ed Reed on Baltimore's defense.

How juicy. "They've got a lot of guys over there that are very explosive," said Reed, the Ravens' star safety. "Obviously, they score a lot of points, and we've all seen that. It's going to be an all-day affair for our defense."

The other championship affair Sunday is at Candlestick Park, where the New York Giants and San

Francisco 49ers have played some memorable games, regular season and postseason.

Despite the geographic separation, these franchises have quite a history with each other.

"You know there are a lot of memories," former Giants quarterback Phil Simms said of the rivalry. "They went from maybe the greatest to the worst in lots of ways. The games were awesome."

It could shape up as an awesome weekend. Certainly an intriguing one.

New England (14-3) hasn't won the AFC crown since 2007, when it was unbeaten until the Giants pulled off a shocker in the Super Bowl.

The Patriots' last NFL title came in January 2005.

To get their fourth league championship under coach Bill Belichick and with Brady at quarterback, they'll need to have their offense in high gear, which it has been nearly all season.

The Patriots scored at least 27 points in all but three games and averaged 32.8, including last week's 45-10 rout of Denver, their ninth straight victory.

But New England didn't beat an opponent that finished with a winning record, and lost to its two most difficult foes, Pittsburgh and the Giants.

Baltimore (13-4) most assuredly presents a difficult challenge, with a defense that yielded 266 points, more than only two teams.

"I think we have a lot of confidence, we are a confident type team, have a lot of good players and they feed off each other," All-Pro receiver Welker said. "We feel someone will step up and make a play ... and it makes it tough on defenses."

"I understand we are playing a great football team this week and have to be on top of everything.

No mental errors, no bad mistakes, knowing your job and taking care of your business."

Brady usually does that, although before the romp past Denver, he and the Patriots had lost three straight postseason games.

He is 4-0 in regular-season meetings with the Ravens, but lost their only playoff matchup.

If he isn't at his best, it will be because of Lewis, Reed and that staunch Baltimore D.

The Ravens are as physical as anyone, and one thing that historically has slowed Brady has been when a defense gets in his face, disrupts his rhythm — and hits him. Many times.

"It's more important that we stop their whole offense," said Reed, whom Belichick called the greatest safety he has faced during his coaching career. "We can't focus on one particular player, because Brady doesn't. Brady throws it to everybody. I've been saying that all week. He'll throw it to an offensive lineman. We're looking at everybody that's eligible that's going out on a route and not going out on a route. We're paying attention to everybody. Everybody has a responsibility. They have 11 guys on the field. We have 11 guys on the field. Everybody has to do their responsibility."

The 11 guys on each side of the ball at Candlestick Park for the NFC championship game will carry on a

tradition of notable meetings that dates back to when the 49ers (14-3) and Giants (11-7) were dominating the conference in the 1980s.

Their only faceoff in the title game was in January 1991, when New York kicked five field goals for a 15-13 victory, preventing San Francisco from going after a third straight Super Bowl trophy.

While it's fun to conjure up memories of Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, Ronnie Lott, Lawrence Taylor and Matt Bahr, this year's participants are more concerned with adding to a winning legacy.

This is the 49ers' first playoff appearance since the 2002 season, when they won a wild 39-38 wild-card game against the Giants.

New York, of course, won it all four years ago.

"Winning is what it's all about and it definitely makes coming to work a lot better than hearing, 'Who's going to be your new head coach or defensive coordinator?'" All-Pro defensive tackle Justin Smith said. "I'll take this over the other for sure."

No worries on the coach-

ing front after Jim Harbaugh made his first year in charge one of the most successful for any rookie coach.

Harbaugh doesn't have much of a feel for Giants-49ers, though; he didn't play for either team.

Giants coach Tom Coughlin, who was on the 1990 championship staff, knows all about it.

"I have thought about that and we will talk about some of the things that occurred there," Coughlin said, "but only from the standpoint of the history and the tradition and what a great event that was at that particular time. That was a long time ago and I think some of our players, because they are historians, will know a little about that game and the great players that played in that game."

More appropriate, perhaps, is the 27-20 win by the 49ers in November, a game decided only when Smith blocked Eli Manning's last-minute pass deep in San Francisco territory.

It was the latest installment of a grand rivalry.

Until Sunday.

Streaks edge into District race

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Jason Oliveras hit one from downtown just before the half to get the Braves a 27-24 lead at the break.

And the momentum of that shot carried over to start the third, with Lake Gibson rolling off the first nine points of the period.

The Streaks would chip away, slowly but surely, with Jones scoring eight and Cannon six.

Taylor, riding the pines for long stretches due to foul trouble, then hit a spinning lay-up to bring Sebring all the way back and take a 47-46 lead into the fourth.

Again, the Braves would start the quarter strong, going up 49-47 on a Joseph Shepard free throw and a Trevor Jackson jumper.

But Taylor hit a free throw, as did Jones.

And when Jones' second attempt missed, the Streaks corralled the rebound and Austin put it back in.

Taylor then scored inside again, but Ryan Johnson went for four straight points to tie it at 53-53 with 3:39 remaining.

Cannon tossed in a reverse lay-up and Oliveras split a pair at the line to make it 55-54.

Jones then drove for two and drew a foul, but missed a chance to add on to the lead

when the ensuing free throw caromed off the iron.

Cannon, though, hit both of his upcoming foul shots and the 59-54 lead with 47 seconds left to play looked like it might just be enough.

The Streak defense held and Jones hit one-of-two at the line to edge it up to 60-54 with 27 seconds left.

Taylor then blocked a Shepard shot and Jones was fouled.

But the first of the one-and-one was missed, as was another chance to add to the lead.

Jackson then hit a three to cut it to 60-57, but with just four seconds left, it was too little too late for the Braves.

"It's about time and it's good to get off the hump," head coach Princeton Harris said. "We didn't execute on offense as well as I would have liked, but the guys kept fighting. We made some crucial turnovers at times when we could have extended the lead. And if we'd hit some free throws that would have helped."

The Streaks ended the night just 13-of-30 from the line, though the Braves helped them out a bit, going 14-of-24 themselves.

But the key, when all was said and done, was getting the district win.

"We're now 1-3 in district, so is Lake Gibson and we've



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Jared Cannon powers in for two of his game-high 16 points in Sebring's win Friday night.

got Kathleen, with two wins, here on Tuesday," Harris said. "Then it's back up to Lake Gibson Friday. This is it, right here. This is it."

The home stretch of the district schedule which will determine the seeding for the

District 9-6A tournament, which starts Monday, Feb. 6 at Kathleen.

Cannon lead the Streaks with 16 points, Jones added 15 and Taylor 13.

Harrison paced the Braves with 15.

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Sebring Senior Softball warming up

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Harry Bell. Royal Palms and Silent Salesman made no big splash in the scoring department as the two teams scored a total of 12 runs.

The Palms scored three runs in the first, sixth and eighth innings to come out

on top 10-2.

Palms Moe Pier manager went 3-for-4 including a double and Bob MacCarrick was 2-for-4, also with a double.

Dale Baughman went 4-for-4 and Don Cunningham was 3-for-4.

The Salesman's Richard Godfrey and Kyle Saunders

departed from the games' normal pace and led the Salesman with two hits each.

The outstanding players of the game were the pitchers, Ken Filppula and Galo Gonzalez for the Salesman and Charlie Quinn for the Palms.

On defense, Kyle Saunders

was outstanding at third base.

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'Cracker: Florida's Enduring Cowboys' exhibit set for SFCC

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AVON PARK – Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist Jon Kral began taking pictures as a kid when his grandfather gave him a small box camera. As he got older, he noticed unique things and how people would often just pass them by unnoticed, so he decided to capture them with his camera. "I wanted to be places where things were happening, but I didn't want to be involved in them," Kral said. "I just wanted to photograph them."

One of the unique things that appealed to Kral was Florida's ranches and cowboys. Having grown up in Fort Pierce, Kral had many friends who lived and grew up on ranches. He spent much of his free time photographing them. "I fell in love with the pictures I would take of the working cowboys, their tools, lifestyles, and their ethics," he said.

As years went by, Kral noticed that Florida's ranches were disappearing. "All of Disney World and Kissimmee was ranch land once," he said. "The area had the most beautiful variety of trees you could ever see. Now, developers will clear out every last tree on the land and give the subdivisions names like Hidden Oaks."

Kral wanted to document images of the land before it was gone and, perhaps, help slow down the loss of the land and this unique way of life. Between 1970 and 2000, he photographed the daily lives of ranchers and their families at more than 15 Florida ranches. "I wanted to show people how they lived, how hard they worked, how weathered they were from their work, and how



'Leslie Tyson' by John Kral

much they loved it," Kral said.

Over the years, Kral took thousands of black and white photographs and captured everything from cattle drives through swamp land, daily fence repairs, the friendly and not-so-friendly wildlife, and the families and children of ranchers inside their homes. Some of these ranchers welcomed him with open arms, but others were apprehensive and would not open up to him right away. So Kral put down his camera and worked with them, doing many of the same jobs they did to earn their respect. "I learned as much as they would teach me," he said. "I worked side by side with them, doing many of the

same manual jobs they did. That not only made them see that I was no different than they were, but it helped me learn what pictures I should be taking."

Kral took many of his photographs on horseback. This often proved to be difficult at times. During the Last Florida Roundup, a three- to four-night trip in which cowboys, or cow hunters as they prefer to be called, led a group of cattle from Yeehaw Junction to Kissimmee, Kral had a mishap on a horse. "I was taking a picture, and my reins fell. Someone came over and tried to grab them for me, but the horse I was on bucked. I realized later that some of my film had

fallen out of my pocket. I lost several photographs because of that."

However, one picture that was not lost, titled "Last Florida Roundup," is one of Kral's favorites in the collection. "It was early in morning," he said. "The sun was rising, and it was foggy. It created this haze over the cowboys in the background who were just about to start the ride for the day. It added to the romanticism of the ride."

In 1998, Kral released a book of some of his photographs, called *Cracker: Florida's Enduring Cowboys*. "Before the book was released, the term 'cracker' was a misnomer

and considered a derogatory word for the poor people of the south," he said. "These people were said to have kept large barrels filled with soda crackers, which they would eat directly out of the barrel. However, the word 'cracker' is a term that has been widely used by the Florida cowboys about themselves. To them, the word means someone who was born in Florida, works on a ranch, and uses cow whips to move cattle out of the shrub and swamps." According to Kral, once the book was released, the name then became more widely accepted by those outside of the life.

The book contains 66 of

his favorite photographs taken over the years. Another one of Kral's favorite pictures in the collection is of rancher Junior Mills on a horse. It's a close-up of the same picture that is seen on the cover of the book. "Mills was a storyteller," he said. "When he first began his life as a rancher, there were no roads or running water. He enjoyed telling stories about those days, and how they got along back then. In the picture, you can almost see his story through the detail on his weathered hands."

It is through the subjects of his photographs that Kral shows just how difficult the life of a Florida cowboy is, but also what will be lost if this unique way of life is not preserved.

"It's hard to find a cowboy that is dishonest or a thief, or who hunts just for the kill," Kral said. "These ranchers are the stewards of the wildlife and natural environment. Once the land is gone, so is the way of life. Without them, there won't be anything left, and we'll never get it back."

Kral's collection, *Cracker: Florida's Enduring Cowboys*, will be on exhibit at South Florida Community College's Museum of Florida Art and Culture (SFCC MOFAC) from Feb. 1-March 9. SFCC MOFAC is open to the public from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and for group tours by appointment. Admission is free. For more information, call SFCC MOFAC Curator Mollie Doctrow at 784-7240, visit the website at <http://mofac.org/>, or on Facebook like www.facebook.com/mofac.



'Junior Mills' by John Kral

New Bruce Springsteen album out March 6

NEW YORK (AP) — Bruce Springsteen's new album, "Wrecking Ball," will be out March 6, and he's just released a new single, "We Take Care of Our Own."

Although the song is musically upbeat, it references the current struggles of America with lyrics like, "Where's the promise, from sea to shining sea?"

Other songs on the 11-track album include "Death to My Hometown," "This Depression" and "Easy Money."

The announcement was made Thursday morning on the rocker's website.

Springsteen's manager, Jon Landau, who is also the execu-

tive producer of the album, calls the writing on the disc "some of the best of his career."

"Wrecking Ball" is Springsteen's 17th album and the first since the death of E

Street Band saxophonist Clarence Clemons last year. Springsteen and the band are due to go on tour this year, but it hasn't been revealed who may step in for Clemons.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra performs at SFCC Jan. 30



The "Tchaikowski" St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra, a 90-piece ensemble, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts, Highlands Campus.

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – The "Tchaikowski" St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra, a 90-piece ensemble, is the largest orchestra to perform at South Florida Community College, marking the inaugural trans-continental tour for the orchestra.
 This performance of the SFCC Artist Series takes place at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts, Highlands Campus.
 The Russian ensemble will perform well-known, popular pieces and opens with "The Flying Dutchman Overture" by Richard Wagner.
 The second number is Ludwig Van Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 2," while the final piece is the popular

"Pictures at an Exhibition" by Modest Mussorgsky, arranged by Maurice Ravel.
 The "Tchaikowski" St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra was founded in the years following World War II. During this time, the orchestra successfully worked in different musical genres and received broad acknowledgement and popularity throughout Russia.
 Since the 1990s the orchestra has held a regular subscription series in addition to standard concerts throughout Russia. The "Tchaikowski" St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra tours regularly around the world and has had successful concert tours in Europe, China, and Japan.
 Roman Leontiev, music director and chief conductor of the "Tchaikowski" St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra is widely regarded as one of the preeminent Russian conductors of his generation. As music director of the "Tchaikowski" St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra in 2004, he led the orchestra in performances throughout Russia. He has also led other orchestras of Russia including the Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra, Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra, and USSR State Symphony.
 Additionally, in France he conducted a series of important concerts, which included appearances at the Palais des Congrès, Notre Dame Cathedral, and at the UNESCO Conference.
 Leontiev lead the Tchaikowski St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra in the

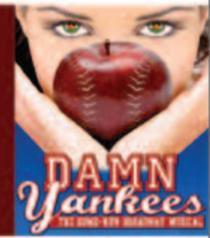
world premiere of the work "Vladimirskaia Square" in commemoration of the 300th Anniversary of the founding of the city of St. Petersburg, Russia.
 This performance is sponsored by Barbara A Platte, D.D.S. and Robert Gillmore as well as Swaine and Leidel Wealth Services.
 Tickets range from \$33 to \$40 and may be purchased online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at <http://performances.southflorida.edu>.
 Tickets may also be purchased by calling the SFCC Box Office at 784-7178 or by visiting the SFCC Box Office from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, in the front of the Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 W. College Drive.



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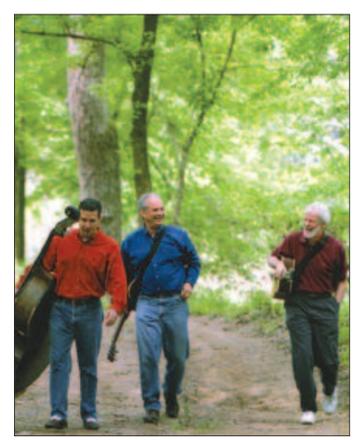
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Three On a String set for SFCC stage on Jan. 31



Folk musicians Three on A String will perform during South Florida Community College's Matinee Series at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – Folk musicians Three on A String will perform during South Florida Community College's Matinee Series at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts, Highlands Campus.
 This dynamic trio performs classic standards, country, bluegrass and folk mixed with comedy. Their three-part harmony has a unique and pleasing blend, which has delighted audiences over their 40 year history.
 Jerry Ryan is known as the master of ceremonies, guitar, and harmonica player. He is the director on stage, delivering timely punch lines and enjoying every second in the spotlight. He is known to say "I hate it when I have more fun than you do." Like most men, he found a hobby later in life; unlike most men, however, his hobby was building a drum

set he would play with his feet.
 Brad Ryan, bass and fiddle player, grew up with Three On A String. He was 6 years old when his dad, Jerry Ryan, started Three On A String. He worked as a roady through his teenage years and later joined the band. Brad has ventured out on his own, producing theme songs and jingles such as the Rick and Bubba theme song. He has joined Jeff Otwell of Nashville Star in the country band, Brushfire. He also has a new solo CD, "Have A Good Time."
 An expert musician, Bobby Horton "plays anything that ain't tied down," quips Jerry Ran. But it is probably his physical humor that has endeared himself to Three On A String audiences throughout the years. Horton has found a niche as a music historian and sought after music producer. His series of "Homespun Songs of the Civil War" has been

featured in many publications and won numerous awards, and his show, "Songs and Stories of the Civil War," has been presented at SFCC twice. "I have two passions," says Horton. "Music and history. I've been able to combine the two and do something I love to do."
 The 2012 Matinee Series is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Bassetti, Lampe and Kiefer Hearing Aid Center, Inc., and The Palms of Sebring Retirement Community.
 Tickets range from \$15 to \$20 and may be purchased online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at <http://performances.southflorida.edu>. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the SFCC Box Office at 784-7178 or by visiting the SFCC Box Office from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, in the front of the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 W. College Drive.

Hnat to be featured at Lake Placid Art League Show



Courtesy photo
Frank Hnat is a painter specializing in wild birds and wildlife done in pen and ink with pastels and watercolors. Hnat has worked in the Smithsonian Institute of Natural History and has done work for the National Wildlife Federation. Along with many other artists including Tom Freeman and several Florida Highwaymen including Kelvin Hair. He will be participating in the 25th annual Lake Placid Art League Show at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center, U.S. 27 South, to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. Admission is free and door prizes donated by more than 55 vendors will be awarded all day.



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Legendary blues singer Etta James dies in California

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Etta James' performance of the enduring classic "At Last" was the embodiment of refined soul: Angelic-sounding strings harkened the arrival of her passionate yet measured vocals as she sang tenderly about a love finally realized after a long and patient wait.

In real life, little about James was as genteel as that song. The platinum blonde's first hit was a saucy R&B number about sex, and she was known as a hell-raiser who had tempestuous relationships with her family, her men and the music industry. Then she spent years battling a drug addiction that she admitted sapped away at her great talents.

The 73-year-old died at Riverside Community Hospital, with her husband and sons at her side, De Leon said.

She was one of music's original bad girls.

James' spirit could not be contained — perhaps that's what made her so magnetic in music; it is surely what made her so dynamic as one of R&B, blues and rock 'n' roll's underrated legends.

"The bad girls ... had the look that I liked," she wrote in her 1995 autobiography, "Rage to Survive." "I wanted to be rare, I wanted to be

noticed, I wanted to be exotic as a Cotton Club chorus girl, and I wanted to be obvious as the most flamboyant hooker on the street. I just wanted to be."

"It's a tremendous loss for her fans around the world," he said. "She'll be missed. A great American singer. Her music defied category."

Despite the reputation she cultivated, she would always be remembered best for "At Last." The jazz-inflected rendition wasn't the original, but it would become the most famous and the song that would define her as a legendary singer. Over the decades, brides used it as their song down the aisle and car companies to hawk their wares, and it filtered from one generation to the next through its inclusion in movies like "American Pie." Perhaps most famously, President Obama and the first lady danced to a version at his inauguration ball.

The tender, sweet song belied the turmoil in her personal life. James — born Jamesette Hawkins — was born in Los Angeles to a mother whom she described as a scam artist, a substance abuser and a fleeting presence during her youth. She never knew her father, although she was told and had believed, that he was the famous billiards player Minnesota Fats. He neither confirmed nor denied it: when they



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Etta James was awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2003.

met, he simply told her: "I don't remember everything. I wish I did, but I don't."

She was raised by Lula and Jesse Rogers, who owned the rooming house where her mother once lived in. The pair brought up James in the Christian faith, and as a young girl, her voice stood out in the church choir. James landed the solos in the choir and became so well known,

she said that Hollywood stars would come to see her perform.

But she wouldn't stay a gospel singer for long. Rhythm and blues lured her away from the church, and she found herself drawn to the grittiness of the music.

"My mother always wanted me to be a jazz singer, but I always wanted to be raunchy," she recalled in her book.

She was doing just that when bandleader Johnny Otis found her singing on San Francisco street corners with some girlfriends in the early 1950s.

"At the time, Hank Ballard and the Midnighters had a hit with 'Work With Me, Annie,' and we decided to do an answer. We didn't think we would get in show business, we were just running around making up answers to songs," James told The Associated Press in 1987.

And so they replied with the song, "Roll With Me, Henry."

When Otis heard it, he told James to get her mother's permission to accompany him to Los Angeles to make a recording. Instead, the 15-year-old singer forged her mother's name on a note claiming she was 18.

"At that time, you weren't allowed to say 'roll' because it was considered vulgar. So when Georgia

Gibbs did her version, she renamed it 'Dance With Me, Henry' and it went to No. 1 on the pop charts," the singer recalled. The Gibbs song was one of several in the early rock era when white singers got hits by covering songs by black artists, often with sanitized lyrics.

After her 1955 debut, James toured with Otis' revue, sometimes earning only \$10 a night. In 1959, she signed with Chicago's legendary Chess label, began cranking out the hits and going on tours with performers such as Bobby Vinton, Little Richard, Fats Domino, Gene Vincent, Jerry Lee Lewis and the Everly Brothers.

"We would travel on four buses to all the big auditoriums. And we had a lot of fun," she recalled in 1987.

James recorded a string of hits in the late 1950s and '60s including "Trust In Me," "Something's Got a Hold On Me," "Sunday Kind of Love," "All I Could Do Was Cry," and of course, "At Last."

"(Chess Records founder) Leonard Chess was the most aware of anyone," James said. "He went up and down the halls of Chess announcing, 'Etta's crossed over! Etta's crossed over!' I still didn't know exactly what that meant, except that maybe more white people were listening to me."

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hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

■ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

■ **Sunridge Baptist Church (SBC)** 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-3695.

CATHOLIC

■ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 East Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 8th. Confirmation class is from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 6th and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday.

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Cavedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Sever. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Masses - Daily Masses 8 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday. Weekend Masses 4 and 5 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Saturday Spanish Mass (Holy Family Youth Center), 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, noon Sunday Sunday Mass; 5 p.m. Sunday English Family Mass (Holy Family Youth Center). Confession: every Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. or first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment with any priest.

■ **St. James Catholic Church**, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215. Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule: Summer (May 1 to Oct. 31) - Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Weekdays, 9 a.m. December thru Easter - Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Weekdays 9 a.m.; and Holy Days 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., first Saturday at 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

■ **Eastside Christian Church**, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL

33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray Culpepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord's Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; "Building God's Kingdom for Everyone." "Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!" "Alive and Worth the Drive!"

■ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; David Etherton, Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men's grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

■ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at www.firstchristianap.com. Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

■ **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 510 Poinsettia Avenue, (corner of Poinsettia and Eucalyptus), Sebring, FL 33870. Phone: 385-0358 or 385-3435. The Rev. Ronald Norton, Pastor; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Praise Breakfast, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Praise and Worship, 6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.; Midweek Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

■ The **Alliance Church of Sebring**, 4451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

■ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Avon Park Church of Christ**, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33870. 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.

BOOKS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Believing the Lie" by Elizabeth George (Dutton Adult)
2. "Private: Name 1 Suspect" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown)
3. "Gideon's Corpse" by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (Grand Central Publishing)
4. "Death Comes to Pemberley" by P.D. James (Knopf)
5. "Star Wars: Darth Plagueis" by James Luceno (Del Rey/Lucas Books)
6. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Knopf)
7. "11/22/63" by Stephen King (Scribner)
8. "The Litigators" by John Grisham (Doubleday)"Death Comes to Pemberley" by P.D. James (Knopf)
9. "Lothaire" by Kresley Cole (Gallery Books)
10. "Copper Beach: A Dark Legacy Novel" by Jayne Ann Krentz (Putnam Adult)
11. "Locked On" by Tom Clancy and Mark Greany (Putnam Adult)
12. "77 Shadow Street" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
13. "Love in a Nutshell" by Janet Evanovich and Dorian Kelly (St. Martin's)

14. "The Best of Me" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
15. "Kill Alex Cross" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "American Sniper: The autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History" by Chris Kyle, Jim DeFelice and Scott McEwen (Morrow)
2. "Through My Eyes" by Tim Tebow with Nathan Whitaker (Harper)
3. "Taking People with You: The Only Way to Make Big Things Happen" by David Novak (Portfolio)
4. "Steve Jobs: A Biography" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)
5. "Choose to Lose: The 7-Day Carb Cycle Solution" by Chris Powell (Hyperion)
6. "Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt and Co.)
7. "The Obamas" by Jodi Kantor (Little, Brown)
8. "The 17 Day Diet" by Dr. Mike Moreno (Free Press)
9. "Thinking, Fast and Slow" by Daniel Kahneman (Ferrari, Straus & Giroux)
10. "Elizabeth the Queen: The Life of a Modern Monarch" by Sally

Publishers Weekly Best-Sellers

- Bedell Smith (Random House)
11. "Sexperiment: 7 Days to Lasting Intimacy with Your Spouse" by Ed Young and Lisa Young (FaithWords)
 12. "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
 13. "The Dash Diet Action Plan: Proven to Boost Weight Loss and Improve Health" by Marta Heller (Grand Central Publishing)
 14. "Greedy Bastards: How We Can Stop Corporate Communists, Banksters, and Other Vampires from Sucking America Dry" by Dylan Ratigan (Simon & Schuster)
 15. "Deliciously G-Free: Food So Flavorful thy'll Never Believe It's Gluten-Free" by Elisabeth Hasselbeck (Ballantine)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
2. "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
3. "Hidden Summit" by Robyn Carr (Mira)
4. "Spirit Bound" by Christine

- Feehan (Jove)
5. "Mr. and Miss Anonymous" by Fern Michaels (Zebra)
 6. "Skeleton Coast" by Clive Cussler and Jack Du Brul (Berkley)
 7. "The Jefferson Key" by Steve Berry (Ballantine)
 8. "You...Again" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
 9. "Moonlight in the Morning" by Jude Deveraux (Pocket Star)
 10. "Trader of Secrets: A Paul Madriani Novel" by Steve Martini (Harper)
 11. "The Sentry" by Robert Crais (Berkley)
 12. "A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
 13. "Fatal Error: A Novel" by J.A. Jance (Pocket Star)
 14. "Smokin' Seventeen" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
 15. "Minding Frankie" by Maeve Binchy (Anchor)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
2. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett (Putnam Adult)
3. "Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to

- Heaven and Back" by Todd Burpo, Sonja Burpo, Colton Burpo and Lynn Vincent (Thomas Nelson)
4. "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" by Jonathan Safran Foer (Mariner)
 5. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey (Back Bay/Reagan Arthur)
 6. "The Tiger's Wife: A Novel" by Tea Obreht (Random House)
 7. "10th anniversary" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro (Grand Central Publishing)
 8. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot (Broadway)
 9. "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
 10. "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy: A George Smiley Novel" by John LeCarre (Penguin)
 11. "Assholes Finish First" by Tucker Max (Gallery)
 12. "Night Road" Kristin Hannah (St. Martin's Griffin)
 13. "Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell (LB/Back Bay)
 14. "The Harbinger: The Ancient Mystery That Holds the Secret of America's Future" by Jonathan Cahn (Frontline)
 15. Stories I Only Tell My Friends: An Autobiography" by Rob Lowe (St. Martin's Griffin)

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

- **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.** Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail redemer1895@aol.com Web site: redeemeravon.com. The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)
- **St. Agnes Episcopal Church,** 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. The Rev. Jim Kurtz, rector. Church office 385-7649, for more information.
- **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

GRACE BRETHREN

- **Grace Brethren Church,** 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebring-grace.org.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

- **World Harvest and Restoration Ministries,** (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 452-9777 or 453-3771. Sunday service: Sunday School, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday services: 7 p.m. prayer meeting/Bible study. Pastor: W.H. Rogers.

LUTHERAN

- **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA),** 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

- **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park – LCMS,** 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

- **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Rev. Gary Kindle, pastor. Traditional Worship service, 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes: 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

- **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church,** 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife-sebring.com.

- **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA,** 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

- **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 9 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

- **Bible Fellowship Church,** 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children ages 4 years through fifth grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

- **Calvary Church,** 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

- **Christian Training Ministries Inc.,** on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.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.fpclp.com, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 8 and 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary; contemporary worship is at 11 a.m. Sunday school classes for adults is at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and for all ages, adults and children, at 9:45 a.m. in the educational building. Wednesday: 6:45 p.m., youth group (middle and high school), and nursery and children's ministry; 7 p.m., adult small group Bible studies. Children/youth music ministry (Thursday): grades 3-5 chimes, 2:30 p.m.; grades 3-5

- choir, 3:15 p.m.; grades 6-12 handbells, 3:15 p.m. Bible Counseling available by appointment, 699-0132. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

- **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA),** 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

- **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church,** 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoverjesus.org
- **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church,** 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

- **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,** 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

- **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship.** Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Prayer meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday:

- Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmy-sebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

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OUTDOORS

Legends of the crow

Backyard Safari

Jessica Basham

It's not a typical winter morning in Florida. Most of the state is 70 degrees and it's January. Everything outside is brown, bare and dull. The only noise is the rustling of leaves and the coo of mourning doves.

Then, loud and clear in the distance I hear the caw of a crow.

As the morning continues, other crows join and the lone call becomes chatter. Are they telling each other about a nearby predator or laughing about something funny? These all-jet-black birds (from beak to feet) are crafty, intelligent, social creatures that live in family groups.

Crows, ravens and other black-plumaged birds are often seen as dark, scary or mysterious. However, there are many positive legends about these clever birds that people don't know.

In many Native American legends crows are messengers to the gods and carry prayers. Ravens, a species similar to the American crow but much larger in body and beak, are important legends of the English Crown.

They are as famous as the Tower of London. Legends say if the ravens ever leave the Tower, it and the monarchy will fall.

Despite the legends, good or bad, American crows are extremely social birds and congregate in flocks, sometimes by the hundreds. They say there is power in numbers, and this is true for these birds. Often when a



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Crows, ravens and other black-plumaged birds are often seen as dark, scary or mysterious.

predator such as an owl or hawk appears, crows will attack and harass the offending animal until it leaves the area.

Once at a local lake I witnessed these actions firsthand.

The day was sunny and quiet when suddenly the loud, distinctive caw of crows interrupted the silence. It was borderline annoying, but then I saw the reason for their ranting. A beautiful Cooper's hawk glided through the air and into a nearby tree.

The noise was almost deafening as the crows took on the hawk.

This often misrepresented bird is a good problem-solver and has been known to make tools from twigs and other objects to forage for edible treats such as worms, grain, seeds, nuts and berries.

Crows are omnivores and also enjoy small mammals, eggs, clams and mussels

from oceans or lakes.

While crows are found in Florida year-round, the best places to see them is an open space that offers a few trees to perch in and a reliable source of food. This is almost anywhere: fields, parks, lakes, backyards and near bodies of water.

Learn more about American crows and other birds by downloading the free iPhone application 'Nature Viewing Along the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail' (other platforms coming soon) or by visiting floridabirdingtrail.com. Click on 'Birding Resources' in the left-hand menu to take part in the 'Wings Over Florida' program and learn about the FWC's Junior Birder Program.

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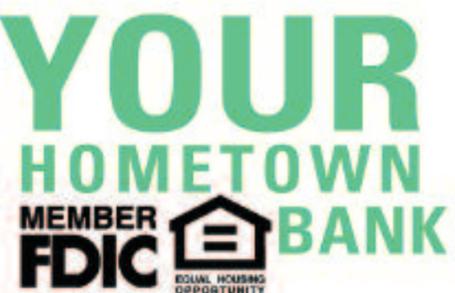
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OUTDOORS

Highlands County's 113 lakes are very diverse

How many lakes are in Highlands County? That is one popular question if you happen to work for the Parks & Natural Resources Department. The answer is 113. The beautiful lakes in our county bring thousands of visitors as well as give the locals plenty of enjoyment. They provide recreation in the way of swimming, skiing and fishing. In addition to recreation, these sparkling bodies of water are a huge enhancement to the diversity and beauty in the natural environment.

The interesting thing about lakes is that they are all different. It's not just a hole in the ground with water in it; the makeup of each lake is unique. Many folks seem to think that all lakes can be lumped together as far as water quality. But different types of lakes hold different things within their waters.

The lakes within Highlands County are separated into three regions: the Southern Lake Wales Ridge Region, The Lake Wales Ridge Transition Region and the Kissimmee-Okeechobee Lowlands Region. The lakes located within the Southern Lake Wales Ridge Region are called ridge lakes. These lakes



News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

generally appear clear because the soils on the bottom are mostly made up of sand. They don't usually have a lot of nutrients in them and they are excellent for swimming. Examples of ridge lakes are Lake Tulane and Lake June-in-Winter.

The lakes in the Lake Wales Ridge Transition Region are known as muck lakes. These are the lakes that appear brownish like tea. The coloration is caused by high levels of tannins and other nutrients. Because they are called "muck" lakes one would probably assume the bottom of the lake was covered with muck. That is not always the case and many of these lakes actually have sandy bottoms. The water is stained from the muck type soils that are found within their watersheds. These lakes are excellent for fishing. Examples of muck lakes are Little Red Water and Lake Josephine.

The lakes within the Kissimmee-Okeechobee Lowlands Region are referred to as lowland lakes. These lakes, which include Istokpoga, have surrounding watersheds that are low lying grasslands, flatwoods and swamp forest. Lake Istokpoga covers nearly 28,000 acres and



Courtesy photo

Lake Istokpoga is one of the 113 lakes in Highlands County. It is approximately 28,000 acres and contains 60 percent of the public access surface area in Highlands County. Anglers travel from all over the nation to fish here.

contains 60 percent of the public access surface area in our County. Fishermen travel

from all over the nation to fish this lake. No matter what type of

lake you may use or live near, it is important to take care of it. Water quality is impacted by all activities that take place in the lake's watershed.

Activities such as mowing grass, fertilizing the lawn and simply throwing trash on the ground can severely impact our beautiful lakes. If grass cuttings or fertilizer should end up in the lake, the nutrient level in that water body will rise. Once nutrients are higher than they should be, algae blooms and explosions of plant growth will occur. Even if you don't live on a lake, runoff is a huge problem regarding water quality. Just remember, everything that goes down that storm drain will end up in the lake it leads to.

There are many simple steps that can be taken to maintain the nutrient levels in our lakes. Everyone loves a beautiful, green lawn and having one doesn't have to hurt our lakes. Make sure to keep fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides out of driveways and streets. Don't use more than the label requires. By overspraying and getting these

substances on the street or driveway, when it rains they are carried into storm drains then to the lakes.

When you mow, make sure the grass cuttings don't end up in the lakes by bagging them up. Grass and plant cuttings add excessive nutrients and make the lake unbalanced.

Don't litter. Just remember that every candy wrapper, can of oil, and plastic bag that is thrown on the ground may very well end up in the lake. And don't dump anything down a storm drain. Any substance that goes into the storm drain will end up in the lake.

There are many other steps that can be taken to take care of our lakes. Most of them are simply common sense.

Highlands County is known largely for our 113 diverse lakes.

Let's all take the necessary steps to keep them clean and healthy.

Corine Burgess is and Environmental Specialist for the Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun.

World not quite as hot in 2011; ranks 11th

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world last year wasn't quite as warm as it has been for most of the past decade, government scientists said Thursday, but it continues a general trend of rising temperatures.

The average global temperature was 57.9 degrees Fahrenheit, making 2011 the 11th hottest on record, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said. That's 0.9 degrees warmer than the 20th century average, officials said. In fact, it was hotter than every year last century except 1998.

One reason 2011 was milder than recent years was the La Nina cooling of the central Pacific Ocean. La Ninas occur every few years and generally cause global temperatures to drop, but this was the warmest La Nina year on record.

And 2011 also was the warmest year on record for Spain and Norway, and the second warmest for the United Kingdom. In the United States, it was only 1 degree above normal, which made it the 23rd warmest on record. But 17 cities — including Houston, Miami, Trenton and Austin — had their warmest years.

This marks the 35th straight year that global temperatures were warmer than normal. NOAA's records for world average temperatures date back to 1880.

"It would be premature to make any conclusion that we would see any hiatus of the

longer-term warming trend," said Tom Karl, director of NOAA's National Climatic Data Center. "Global temperatures are continuing to increase."

NASA, which calculates global temperatures in a slightly different way, announced essentially the same temperature for the year. But NASA's record-keeping calls it the ninth warmest ever.

Both NASA climate scientist James Hansen and University of Victoria's Andrew Weaver said they expect that in the next few years the world will set yet a new record high temperature. 2010 tied for the hottest on record.

NOAA also released new figures for extreme weather. The agency recalculated the number of billion-dollar weather disasters in the U.S., bumping the total from 12 to 14.



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MOVIES

'Red Tails' airmen have new target: box office

By LUCAS L. JOHNSON II
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tuskegee Airman Herbert Carter flew 77 missions during World War II and crashed landed only once, impressive numbers that challenged those skeptical of the abilities of black aviators. Decades later, he and the other legendary African-American airmen he flew with must once again prove themselves — at the box office.

"Red Tails," a movie chronicling the heroism of the Tuskegee Airmen and starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Terence Howard, opened Friday in 2,500 theaters nationwide.

"Star Wars" creator George Lucas has been blunt about his 23-year struggle to make the film. He said executives at every major studio rejected it because they didn't think mainstream viewers would pay to see an all-black cast.

The 94-year-old Carter sees the hesitation by studios as history repeating itself.

"It goes back to the old axiom that the all-black fighter squadron, in their estimate, wasn't going to do well," said Carter, who made a career of the Air Force and retired as a lieutenant colonel. "It ... doesn't surprise me."

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first black aviators in the U.S. military. They were trained in Alabama at Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University, as a segregated unit during World War II.

After being admitted to the Army Air Corps, they were prohibited from fighting alongside white counterparts and faced severe prejudice, yet went on to become one of World War II's most respected fighter squadrons, successfully escorting countless bombers during the war.

And once back home, many became affluent businessmen and community leaders, despite the continued racism they faced. "My heroes, those original airmen, set the pace for us younger people," quipped 77-year-old Leon Clayton, a former Air Force flyer and member of the honorary Tuskegee Airmen chapter in Tuskegee, Ala., one of 55 in the U.S.



'Red Tails' is the story of the famed Tuskegee Airmen from World War II. George Lucas struggled for years to get the movie made because, he says, studios didn't think a movie with an all-black cast could be a mainstream hit.

Lucas had several of the surviving airmen join him for a screening of the movie in New York last week, including Dr. Roscoe Brown, Floyd Carter, Roscoe Draper, Shade Lee, Charles McGee, Eugene Richardson and Theobald G. Wilson.

Nate Parker, who plays the role of a flight leader in "Red Tails," said he and the other actors were motivated by the leadership and bravery of the airmen, who distinguished themselves by painting the tails of their planes red, and formed a circle of prayer before many of their missions.

"They all strove for excellence," said Parker. "Excellence is the driving force through adversity, in everything we do."

Syndicated radio host Tom Joyner, whose father was an early cadet in the Tuskegee Airman program, agreed. He said airmen like his father inspired him at one time to do a morning show in Dallas and then fly to Chicago for an afternoon show, earning the nicknames "The Fly Jock" and "The Hardest Working Man in Radio."

While the big studios may calculate that a movie focused on blacks can't be a box office success, promoters of "Red Tails" are playing up the aerial thrills and heroism that should appeal to all viewers, regardless of their race.

"These are American heroes whose story just needs to be put on the largest, biggest, widest screen possible," said Tirrell Whittley, head of Liquid

Soul Media, which is marketing the film.

Carter and other surviving airmen, some of whom were advisers during the making of the movie, say they're appreciative to Lucas for spending nearly \$100 million of his own money to make and market the film.

"It's a wonderful feeling that finally there is some recognition that's being done in a manner that is credible to the Tuskegee Airmen," Carter said.

Black filmmakers and actors are pulling for the movie to be successful because they realize its success could mean more opportunities for them.

"Every black film that's made seems to have a bearing on whether black filmmakers get an opportunity," said Terverius Black, a filmmaker in Huntsville, Ala. "I want to see it be successful."

Joyner said he too wants the movie to have strong box office numbers, but acknowledges it will be challenging.

"You have to make twice the money that you put in just to break even," Joyner said. "You put in \$100 million, you got to make \$200 million. So this will be pretty monumental."

Some historians and scholars believe the movie's general war theme will be an attraction to all audiences.

Bobby Lovett was a history professor at Tennessee State University in Nashville for nearly 40 years before recently retiring.

He often invited some of the Tuskegee Airmen to

speak to his students, who were fascinated by their stories.

"There's a sort of romanticism attached to pilots and aircraft," he said. "I don't know of any other story you could pull out of World War II that would be as appealing to an audience."

Vanderbilt University professor Alice Randall said the movie could introduce some to a portion of black history they've never heard.

"We have an opportunity to ... educate viewers, even as we entertain them, about the rainbow of Americans who have performed patriotic duty for this country," said Randall, a writer-in-residence in African American and Diaspora Studies at Vanderbilt.

Tennessee Rep. Tony Shipley, a Kingsport Republican and retired Air Force lieutenant colonel who has attended events with the Tuskegee Airmen, said "the war could have gone a dif-

ferent direction" had it not been for the airmen who escorted bombers deep into Germany.

"Those guys were ... absolutely awesome," said Shipley, who is white. "And

if anybody pays attention to the story — who cares black, white, green, yellow — they were Americans. People are alive today whose grandfather would have been killed had it not been for the Tuskegee Airmen."

Vernice Armour, the nation's first black female combat pilot, said the airmen helped pave the way for men and women in the military, and noted a phrase at the bottom of a poster advertising the movie that reads: "Courage has no color."

"Without their honor, courage and sacrifice, I wouldn't be where I am," said Armour, who served two tours during the Iraq War as a Marine.

The Tuskegee Airmen were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for their service in 2007 by President George W. Bush, and were invited to attend President Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009.

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Inspirational Thoughts
 by Patricia Valentine
 Romans 8: 18-19, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." That is a powerful scripture. There is a time coming when God will so possess his children that we will manifest his glory to the whole world. We all await the day that we become like Christ. It is waiting for the day we become God's holy love revealed to a world that desperately needs that love. Suffering is part of the human experience. In life there will always be times of pain, sickness and misery. In a fallen world they're unavoidable. But that suffering, as the scripture reads, is nothing compared to the glory God has prepared for us. We have to share in Christ's sufferings in order to share in his glory. As the song writer wrote the words, no cross, no crown. You can know with an assurance the glory has always far eclipsed the suffering. Go back and read Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Seasons have a beginning and an end. No season lasts forever. You may be experiencing some pain today, but remember, the suffering we endure is nothing compared to the glory God has prepared for us.
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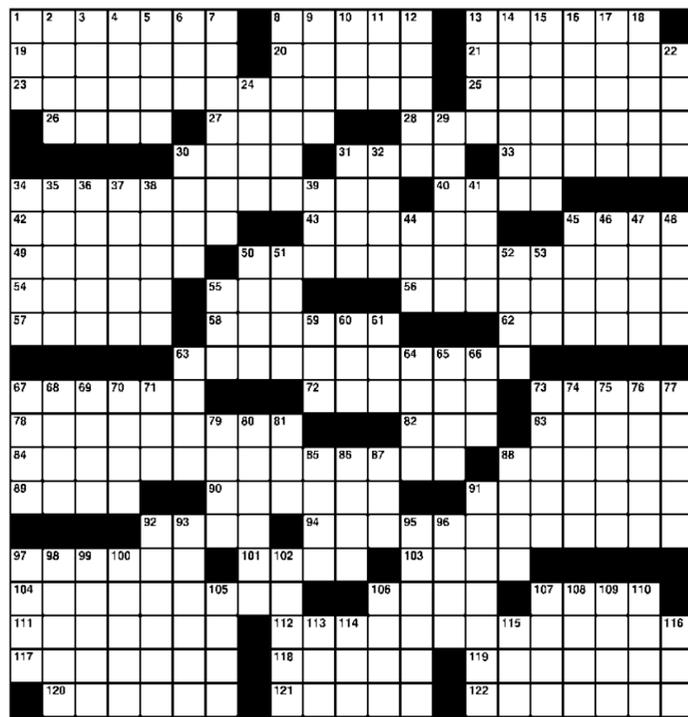
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By JEFF CHEN

To know and be known

Seven months is a long wait for grandparents to see their grandchildren. But, it's even harder on a 6-year-old who would turn 7 when we saw him next.



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

In between, phone conversations had us laughing and sharing stories; but, inevitably the question came, "When are you coming to see me?" followed by, "It's been too long already."

Struggling with the lump in my throat, I promised we'd come as soon as possible.

His 2-year-old sister, who would be 3 during our visit, knew even less about time and distance. We doubted she really knew who Gramma and Pop-Pop were.

As we traveled to see them, Mommy and Daddy had told them we were on our way. They eagerly watched for us and threw open the door to greet us.

Jonathon threw himself into my arms and I thought he'd never let go.

Little Hayley's eyes brightened at the sight of my husband, Ken, and she cried out, "Pop-Pop" and ran for a hug.

Months and miles melted away in that hugging time and only got better with each passing day as we got to know each other all over again.

To know and be known by God...that is the ultimate knowing! Selah

God knows us and longs for us to know him. He

wants an intimate relationship with us. But, just what is intimacy?

It is being transparent so that nothing is hidden. It is loving unconditionally. It is showing trust and being trustworthy.

It is deliberately gaining knowledge of the one known so we can hear the heart and not just the words. It's spending time with one another.

In Psalm 139:1-3, NIV, the Psalmist David expresses this kind of knowing that God has for us when he says, "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways."

In order to develop intimacy with God, we must increase our knowledge and discernment of him by reading his Word, praying and belonging to a church family.

After we played, ate, went places and had quiet time together, intimacy increased so that we knew our grandchildren much better and they knew us better. And so it is with God.

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Virgo can recharge their batteries

Special to the News-Sun

Aries (March 21-April 20) — Aries, put aside any selfish thoughts and give any and all tasks your utmost energy today. Energy is better spent on others, so keep this in mind when you get busy.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — Taurus, your coworkers are all excited and fussing over something that is evidently a bigger deal to them than it is to you. Don't try to rain on their parade.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — Gemini, your love life is in a really good place this week, which enables you to spend some quality time with the one you love. A romantic dinner sounds like the ticket.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Your partner is the most important person in your life right now, Cancer. So much so that this week every bit of your attention will be devoted his or her way.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) — Leo, money is burning a hole in your pocket, so you may want to go on a spending spree. Keep in mind that there are a few big-ticket purchases waiting in the wings.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Virgo, you don't always have to be decisive. Sometimes you can kick back and let someone else call the shots for a change. This is a great way to recharge your batteries.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A few tasks need to get done, Libra. But afterward you should have enough time for some social interaction, whether that be a party

Horoscope

or simply a movie night out. **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — It's time to be a bit introspective, Scorpio. Think about the things you want instead of what other people want. It's alright to be a little selfish once in a while.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Sagittarius, you're having fun this week and so are all the other people around you simply for being in your presence. This situation will continue in the days ahead.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Capricorn, the next challenge on your list is a big one. But if there is anyone who can handle the pressure it is you. Don't be afraid to call on friends if you need them.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — Get out into the world and try a few new things, Aquarius. Your social energy and curiosity are peaking this week, and you need new experiences to feel satisfied.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Your finances need an overhaul, Pisces. This could mean taking a new job or expanding what you're doing to earn more.

Notable birthdays

Jan. 22 - Guy Fieri, chef, 44; Jan. 23 - Mariska Hargitay, actress, 48; Jan. 24 - Mischa Barton, actress, 26; Jan. 25 - Alicia Keys, singer, 31; Jan. 26 - Ellen DeGeneres, TV host, 54; Jan. 27 - Patton Oswalt, comedian, 43; Jan. 28 - Elijah Wood, actor, 31.

Common courtesy turns drive-through lane into smooth ride

Dear Abby: I hope you can help me pass along some tips on drive-through etiquette to your readers. I work in the fast food industry, and on behalf of my fellow workers, may I dish out the following:

- Please have a general idea of what you'd like before you reach the speaker. The corporate office has us on a timer, which starts ticking as soon as you pull up.
 - Please be patient. We know you're tired of waiting behind the car ahead of you, but we're trying our best to make sure you get quality food.

- If you have a large order or a special request, please come inside to order if possible. The people in the car behind you are waiting for their food, too.

- Speak clearly (but don't yell!) into the speaker. Also, although it may seem cute to you, I can barely understand your 4-year-old when she asks me for her kiddie meal.

- If you can't hear yourself over your car radio, I can't either. But if you're talking on your cellphone or to someone in your vehicle, I can hear you — and I've heard some wild stuff.

- If it's raining, please turn off your windshield wipers before you reach my window. Otherwise, I get splashed.

- Finally, please treat me with respect. Yes, I know I "only" work the drive-through at your local burger joint, but you want that burger, don't you?

— Working the Window in Georgia

Dear Working the Window: I hope your letter will be taken to heart because it deserves to be.



Dear Abby

Personnel in the food service business often must deal with customers who are less than at their best — people who are stressed, hungry and more — but that's no excuse to treat the server rudely. Your suggestions are good ones, to which I would add that "please" and "thank you" are always appreciated. Now, may I please have a double with extra-crispy fries? Thank you.

Dear Abby: I am a single mom raising two kids. I work and also attend college full time. Every day we hear so many stories about what's wrong with the world, it makes it difficult to appreciate the good in society.

Sometimes it's hard for me to make my paycheck stretch throughout the entire week. The other day, I was at the store and had just enough money between my bank card, my cash and loose change to buy a small bottle of laundry detergent. Well, my bank card was declined. Abby, I was mortified. Near tears, I told the cashier to go ahead and cancel my purchase. Just then, the woman behind me set some money on the register to cover it. I thanked her. This woman, a complete stranger, helped to pick up the slack for someone she may never see again. How many people would do that?

I'd like to think it's karma for my having helped others in the past.

I would love you to print this. Maybe she'll see it and know how her kindness helped me to regain trust in a society where bad events usually outweigh the good. You never know when an angel is in your presence — yet one was standing behind me in a checkout line.

— Touched in Oklahoma

Dear Touched: I'm glad you wrote, because it gives me a chance to remind folks that while bad events do occur, they do not overshadow the good ones. The problem is that the negative events are the ones that are highlighted in the media because they're attention-grabbers.

There are millions of caring and generous people in this country and one of them was the woman who helped you. It's very possible that someone helped her in a similar situation. Good deeds are like pebbles thrown into a pond. The ripples can spread far beyond the original "splash."

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Drink to Your Health

FAMILY FEATURES

Getting fit and losing weight are two of the most common goals people set for themselves each year. Between gym memberships, the latest diet trends and miracle-promising supplements, billions of dollars get spent each year on achieving fitness goals.

But what if one of the simplest things you could do for yourself wasn't found in a costly diet book or in an expensive pill?

Healthy Hydration and H2O

Believe it or not, being properly hydrated is one of the best things you can do for your body. That means being in balance — the water your body loses from perspiration, breathing and other body processes is replaced by the water you consume.

Based on clinical trials on adults, published in the journal *Nutrition Reviews* in 2005, scientists have identified that dehydration has an impact on physical and mental performance. Even mild dehydration — a loss of 1 to 2 percent of body weight — can impact your mental and physical performance. In addition to being thirsty, mild dehydration can cause headaches, decrease your alertness, concentration and memory, and reduce your endurance.

So making sure you stay healthfully hydrated is an important part of taking good care of your body. And water is the key.

Easy Ways to Stay Hydrated

Good hydration is at the heart of a healthy lifestyle. Here are some tips for getting water into your daily routine:

1. Choose water instead of caloric, sweetened beverages, especially during mealtime.
2. For an easy and inexpensive thirst-quencher, carry bottled water throughout the day.
3. Give your water variety by adding slices of lemon, lime, cucumber or watermelon.
4. Choose flavored sparkling water as another zero-calorie option.
5. Drink a cup of water before and after workouts, and more if it's hot or your workout is long and strenuous. Sip water throughout the workout for steady rehydration.

Drink in the Facts

- 38 out of 50 states have obesity rates higher than 25 percent. According to "F as in Fat: How Obesity Threatens America's Future 2011," a report funded by Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, twenty years ago no state had an obesity rate above 15 percent.
- The average person gets more than 20 percent of their total caloric intake each day from beverages. Research suggests this number should be closer to 10 percent. To achieve that goal, pay attention to the calories per serving in all your beverages.
- We drink about 450 calories a day. In 1965 we consumed only 225 calories from beverages.
- A 2010 study from the U.S. Department of Agriculture found that soda, energy and sports drinks — including sweetened water products — are the number 4 source of calories for Americans, providing an average of 114 calories/day.
- Unlike soft drinks and sweetened juices, water has no calories. In fact, making a simple switch such as replacing one 140-calorie sugared beverage a day with water can reduce 50,000 calories from your diet each year, as reported in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

Choosing water is one small healthy choice that can make a powerful difference.

To learn more about healthy hydration, visit www.nestle-waters.com.

The Beverage Pyramid

The beverage pyramid shows how many calories "hide" in beverages and provides a guide to how many calories per day should come from beverages.



Water-Containing Foods

Did you know you can also keep hydrated by eating certain foods?

Food	% Water
Lettuce (1 1/2 cups)	95
Watermelon (1 1/2 cups)	92
Broccoli (1 1/2 cups)	91
Grapefruit (1 1/2 cups)	91
Milk (1 cup)	89
Orange juice (3/4 cup)	88
Carrot (1 1/2 cups)	87
Yogurt (1 cup)	85
Apple (one medium)	84

Information from the American Dietetic Association

Sip Smart

Occasion	Instead of ...	Calories	Try ...	Calories
Morning coffee shop run	Medium café latte (16 ounces) made with whole milk	265	Small café latte (12 ounces) made with fat-free milk	125
Lunchtime combo meal	20-ounce bottle of non-diet soda with your lunch	227	Bottle of water or diet soda	0
Afternoon break	Sweetened lemon iced tea from the vending machine (16 ounces)	180	Sparkling water with natural lemon flavor (not sweetened)	0
Dinnertime	A glass of non-diet ginger ale with your meal (12 ounces)	124	Water with a slice of lemon or lime, or seltzer water with a splash of 100% fruit juice	0 calories for the water with fruit slice, or about 30 calories for seltzer water with 2 ounces of 100% orange juice.
Total beverage calories		796		125-155

USDA National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference