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# 3 of 5 rate Helms below satisfactory

By ED BALDRIDGE

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SEBRING — Three of the five commissioners gave County Administrator Ricky Helms less than a passing grade this week on his first evaluation.

January was the one year mark for Helms' tenure as administrator, and the scores for his job performance ranged from a low score of 26 from veteran Commissioner Barbara Stewart, to a high score of 85 from board newcomer Greg Harris.

"I don't have any comment on the

## Commissioners' rankings of county administrator range from 26 to 85

evaluations except to say that I am scheduling individual meetings with the commissioners to discuss their evaluations," Helms said on Thursday.

When all the evaluation scores are added together and then divided by five, Helms tallied just 50 points out of 100 possible, the



Helms

lowest number achievable on the satisfactory section of the scoring scale.

"All areas need significant improvement," wrote Commissioner Barbara Stewart under the initiative and performance, problem

analysis/decision making, management and administrative skills sec-

tions.

Stewart wrote that Helms was not providing the board with "accurate and complete pertinent information, including thorough analysis," in her comments added to the scoring section of the evaluation.

Board Chairman Jack Richie, who gave Helms a 29, also took a critical stance, stating that Helms "does not try to be open with the citizens of Highlands County. He seems to tolerate the citizens."

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# Sizzles and Frizzles



News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE

While holding baby chicks, Meghan Carnahan and Colton Hensley learn about what chicks eat at a chicken swap on Saturday.

## Chicken swap attracts hundreds to Lake Placid

By ED BALDRIDGE

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LAKE PLACID — Do you know the difference between a Sizzle and a Frizzle?

Check the feathers.

But if you are still not sure, there are more than 500 people from around central Florida who would be willing to help answer your questions about chickens,

ducks, quail, rabbits and just about any other small animal out there.

Using both Facebook and regular get-togethers, the Chicken Swap of Florida group is willing to lend anyone a hand and some advice.

The Facebook page, which was started by Highlands County resident Beth Gollihue, is updated

every few minutes with useful information.

"There are a lot of people out there that talk and get together and discuss small animals. I started the site so we could share our experiences. I had no idea it would take off like it has," Gollihue said.

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# Donation adds to the story at the Military Sea Services Museum

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — Normand Doyon served as a river patrol boat captain during the Vietnam War. He joined River Division 544, which mostly worked in the Mekong Delta, on April Fool's Day in 1969.

On June 22, the boat came under attack, taking a direct hit

to the engine that essentially blew the vessel apart. No one escaped unhurt. One gunner was killed outright — "He never even knew what hit him," said Doyon — another crewman and the patrol officer died of their wounds shortly after.

Doyon's experiences on PBRs remain vivid memories,

and he has spent significant time and effort ever since helping to keep the history of their service alive.

He is, for example, the treasurer of the Patrol Boat River Forces Veterans Association.

He is also a winter resident of Frostproof, coming down

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Military Sea Services Museum treasurer Gene Kissner holds on a model of a Mark II river patrol boat. The model, made of metal, is sturdier than the actual boat, which was made of light fiberglass.

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# Uncle Nick keeps fighting

Only days after her brother lost his legs in Afghanistan, Olivia Hoffman learned that she and her husband were expecting their second child. Already overwhelmed with emotion as her big brother fought for his life, Olivia asked God for strength.

"I cried many nights following that wondering if this baby would ever get to meet (his or her) Uncle Nick," Olivia said in an email to the Unknown Soldiers. Her account of the months since Army 1st Lt. Nick Vogt was nearly killed in a Kandahar province terrorist attack on Nov. 12, 2011, is among the most poignant pieces of writing one will ever encounter.

"Although he only got to meet my other daughter in the hospital when she was born (he deployed two days later) he would always mail her stuff and Skype with us," she continued. "After his brain surgery, his memory is a little rocky, and he hadn't remembered that I had a daughter, but he got to see her through the door at Christmas and he by far gave her the biggest smile."

First Lt. Vogt has undergone countless surgeries since his life was saved by soldiers on the battlefield and doctors in Afghanistan, Germany, and the United States. The amount of blood needed to keep the Army Ranger alive, according to family members, is among the most ever given to a wounded service member.

"His biggest hurdle right now is getting rid of the ventilator," Olivia wrote on Jan. 13.

As I initially worked on this column, Olivia asked me to pause after Nick's condition suddenly deteriorated.



**The Unknown Soldiers**  
By Tom Sileo

According to doctors, Nick almost died on the operating table during surgery on one of his lungs. Even amid a frightening setback, the Vogt family, friends, and thousands of supporters on the "Nick Vogt Family" Facebook page simultaneously dropped to their knees in prayer.

About 48 hours later, their prayers were answered. "Nick has been very stable these last two days, and doctors are optimistic the surgery was a success in repairing the lung," Olivia wrote.

Nick, who turned 24 in the hospital on Dec. 13, 2011, is the oldest of five siblings. As their brother fights for his life, Olivia, 22, cares for her two younger sisters and brother in Crestline, Ohio, while her parents spend countless hours at Nick's Bethesda, Md., bedside.

"They are up at 6 every morning walking to the hospital and don't leave until around 8 (p.m.)," she explained. "They put on such strong faces for Nick. We always tease mom because she is such a 'crier' and very emotional, but her and Dad have really been Nick's rock throughout this whole ordeal."

The community is not only rallying around Nick because he is a wounded warrior. From relatives to folks who barely know Nick,



Courtesy photo  
**Olivia Hoffman dances with her older brother, Army Ranger 1st Lt. Nick Vogt, on her wedding day. Nick subsequently lost his legs in an improvised explosive device attack in Afghanistan.**

everyone I've corresponded with says he is a genuinely splendid person.

"Nobody has ever not liked him," Olivia said. "He's also one of the most humble human beings I know."

Even while dealing with unimaginable pain in the hospital, Nick's warm personality brightens the smiles of his caregivers.

"Mom just shared a funny story with me," his sister wrote. "The other day there were four nurses working around him, and one was very cute."

"Nick woke up and mouthed 'you're beautiful,' then realizing he didn't want to hurt anyone's feelings, he mouthed the same to the other nurses," Olivia continued. "That's totally Nick!"

A decision this selfless patriot made earlier in life is also "totally Nick." After being accepted to medical school following his West

Point graduation, Vogt chose to first attend Army Ranger School. He wanted to deploy as quickly as possible.

"I want to be a warrior in order to take care of warriors," Olivia quoted her brother as saying.

Even though doctors now take care of him, 1st Lt. Nick Vogt will always be a warrior. And as his next niece or nephew grows up, the child will want to be just like Uncle Nick.

"Despite being stuck in the ICU for two months and still not being able to talk, he will mouth the words 'thank you' to his nurses," Olivia said.

Let's all join together in mouthing those words right back.

To find out more about Tom Sileo or to read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Reflections host Travis Golden dance today

AVON PARK — Reflections on Silver Lake will host a dance featuring Travis Golden from 7:30-10:30 p.m. today. Cost is \$5.

Bring your own drinks and snacks; ice will be provided. The public is welcome. For more information call 452-5037

### Learn about the night sky at Hammock

SEBRING — Learn about the night sky with Chris Stephan, Highlands Stargazer, through a narrated program and star gazing at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Highlands Hammock State Park.

Adult entrance is \$5 per person; children 15 and under admitted free

Contact the Ranger Station at 386-6094 for more information.

### Quilting innovations to be discussed

LAKE PLACID — In the second of the Friday noon speaker's series, Sue Tharp will demonstrate innovations in quilting that have encouraged new interest in this craft. Tharp is the current president of the Highlands County Quilt Guild and will speak today.

On the second and fourth Fridays of January through March the library will host a variety of speakers in the library's conference room. Ranger Torrey Riley of Highlands Hammock State Park will highlight the attractions of our county's state park on Feb. 10.

Willie Johns of the Seminole tribe in Brighton will tell about the history and culture of the Seminoles on Feb. 24. Johns has been the liaison between the tribe and the community for a number of years and has a wealth of knowledge.

In homage to Women's History Month, Highlands County Sheriff Susan Benton will talk about local law enforcement on

March 9. Benton is Florida's first female sheriff.

Since this year is the 85th anniversary of the renaming of the town of Lake Placid, Al Pelski will discuss Lake Placid history on March 23. Pelski won the Melvil Dewey look-alike contest last year and has been making a movie.

Audience members are invited to bring a lunch to eat during the discussions. For further information, call Janet Mitchell, 465-5234, or the Lake Placid Memorial Library, 699-3705.

### Downtown Community Sidewalk Garage Sale is Saturday

SEBRING — Downtown Sebring is thrilled to announce the return of the fun and exciting Downtown Community Sidewalk Garage Sales, which will be held one Saturday a month January through May, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The January sale is this weekend.

During these events, space will be available for vendors to reserve in order to sell merchandise in Downtown Sebring. To reserve a space, download an application at [www.DestinationDowntownSebring.com](http://www.DestinationDowntownSebring.com) or contact Linda Tucker at 382-2649. For more information about the events, contact Kimberlee Nagel at 458-7072 or [kan@kimberleeanngel.com](mailto:kan@kimberleeanngel.com).

The mission of the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency is to bring about the economic revitalization of an established target area. To create a re-investment environment that attracts private investors into the area. To promote improvements within the redevelopment area through renovation and restoration of buildings, as well as to encourage new construction. To acquire the funding necessary to make the infrastructure improvements necessary to attract investment dollars and

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## Lake Ave. sidewalks to be repaired

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
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AVON PARK — In a press release issued Tuesday, city manager Julian Deleon announced a new project for sidewalks on South Lake Avenue.

"The city of Avon Park and the Main Street Community Redevelopment Agency have partnered in reconstructing sidewalks and providing street lighting on South Lake,

from Walnut Street to Bell Street.

"The plan is to reconstruct approximately 400 feet of damaged sidewalk to meet today's ADA standards, and to provide some right-of-way parking. In addition, we will provide underground electric for decorative street lighting fixtures on South Lake."



Deleon

The News-Sun was unable to reach Deleon for further details, such as when work will begin, or how long it will last.

Deleon wrote, "I am thankful that we still have an operating budget to get infrastructure reconstructed."

"During the last month the City of Avon Park also paved Fogle Avenue, which has

been a dirt road for decades. We are also paving Bradbury Street, which is located between Checkers and Burger King off U. S. 27."

## Water pollution legislation on fast track

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Water pollution rules opposed by environmentalists as being too weak appear headed for quick passage in the Florida Legislature.

A bill (HB 7051) approving the Department of Environmental Protection's rules are set for a floor vote in the House after sailing through a final committee Thursday.

A similar Senate bill (SB 2060) will get its first and only committee hearing in that chamber Monday.

The state agency's nutrient rules are favored by business, agriculture and utility interests as a lower-cost alternative to more stringent regulations proposed by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Environmentalists favor the EPA version. They say the state's rules would do little to halt algae blooms that are choking Florida waters.

The state rules also need EPA approval and an administrative challenge has been filed against them.

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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

# Ban on snakes is too little too late

The new federal ban on importing Burmese pythons and three other snake species is welcome, but too limited and too long in coming. It's closing the reptile cage after the snakes have already slithered out.

It's also an object example of the need to reform the government's practice of dealing with invasive species. Instead of preventing problems, it only reacts to them.

Pythons have been wreaking havoc in the Everglades for years. They've been devouring birds, mammals, and other wildlife, depleting the food supply for native predators and harming the Glades' already ailing ecosystem — the same ecosystem that taxpayers are spending billions to restore.

Five other non-native snake species also causing environmental damage aren't included in the ban, announced by U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar. He told the Sentinel

editorial board that he personally would've liked to include the other five, but his department has to go through more analysis before taking that step.

Indeed, the process for handling invasive species moves at a pace that calls to mind another creature that has invaded Florida: the giant African snail.

Under the Lacey Act, a federal law passed in 1900, a non-native species must first be classified as "injurious" before the government can ban its import and sale across state lines. That process typically takes years — allowing more time for the species to get established in this country.

The South Florida Water

Management District, the lead state agency on restoring the Everglades, first asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to classify the Burmese python as injurious almost six years ago.

And the Lacey Act hasn't prevented Florida from becoming overrun with other non-native, destructive species, from creatures like the lionfish in South Florida estuaries to plants like melaleuca trees, another plague in the Everglades. The law's shortcomings aren't surprising; it passed at a time when the volume of international trade and travel was a fraction of today's. ...

Invasive species cause billions of dollars a year in environmental damage. A cost that high demands more than scattershot approaches, like snake bans.

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# Best choice revealed with the restatement of the obvious

"We have now sunk to a depth where the restatement of the obvious is the duty of intelligent men."

— George Orwell

Unlike children, who often surprise parents with their simple logic, adults have the propensity to over-think things. So often, the

answers we seek are directly in front of us, but we fail to see them because they are too obvious. Politicians take advantage of this nearsightedness when they distract us with hoards of information labeled as fact, but in the end, it doesn't really give us an accurate picture of anything. George Orwell described this political-speak as a "Political language... designed to make lies sound truthful," and he wasn't kidding.

These days, many politicians win elections because they've honed their political-speak skills to the point that lies and half-truths appear credible. Truthful politicians are personally attacked as "extremists," while others are run out of office over time. Take a look at the Blue Dog Democrat Congressional roll call and you will see Blue Dogs are near extinction. No wonder there is a shortage of honest people willing to run for office.

President Barack Obama has made an art form out of political-speak. He once said if he had not turned things around in three years, his presidency would be a "one term proposition." Because "things" have not turned around as planned, it only makes sense the powers-that-be chose to theme his re-election campaign as "a choice between two paths" in order to deflect attention away from an up-or-down referendum on his job performance.

Obama had the luxury of a Democratic Party controlled Congress for the first two years of his presidency. Rather than take action to fix a hemorrhaging economy, two years were squandered as the president ran around the country with new, updated, re-worded, and re-updated political speak. Instead of using simple, effective methods to affect real solutions, he chose Stimulus, Obamacare, Green Jobs, Czars, Committees, and a



## Guest Column

*Susan Stamper Brown*

host of other bandages that have arguably made the situation worse. And here we sit.

All it takes is childlike reasoning to understand the outcome of these reckless choices. Take a moment to consider the increase in

food stamp recipients, bankruptcies, foreclosures and unemployment and then take a quick trip to the gas station and grocery store. Lest anyone forget, the price of gas has nearly doubled. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that on Jan. 23, 2009 the price of a gallon of unleaded gasoline was \$1.81. On Jan. 23, 2012, it was \$3.31. Food prices are not much better.

According to a recent (December 2011) report released by the United States Department of Agriculture titled "Food CPI and Expenditures: Analysis and Forecasts of the CPI for Food" finding that in 2011, grocery store prices rose nearly 4.5 percent, and they anticipate that 2012 will experience another increase of 3 to 4 percent. The L.A. Times reported beef prices rose by 9.8 percent, pork prices 6.9 percent, poultry 3 percent, dairy 8.7 percent, and egg prices up 10.2 percent — in 2011 as compared to 2010. Chief economist for the National Restaurant Association Bruce Grindy says wholesale food prices are "on pace to post their strongest annual increase in more than three decades."

There has been much mentioned during debates and stump speeches from both sides of the aisle reminding Americans there is a "choice between two paths" to be made come November. As confusing as politicians like to make it, the answer which stares us in the face can be found by asking a childlike question: Are we better off today?

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# In Florida, more DREAMing even as tuition costs soar

On the Florida primary campaign trail, the DREAM Act refuses to die even though any possible success would be years away. In 2013 a new Congress will be sworn in and would therefore have to re-introduce DREAM legislation and, assuming it could survive after contentious debate, nurse it through the House and Senate. Since the DREAM Act has failed repeatedly over the last decade despite multiple efforts, the odds against its passage are long.

Nevertheless, journalists constantly pepper and cross examine Republican candidates about their DREAM Act positions.

Despite the hoopla surrounding the DREAM Act, whether illegal immigrants get preferential in-state tuition at American universities is not of grave national importance.

On its face, arguments for the DREAM Act are baseless. United States colleges were founded on American soil and funded by American taxpayers. Most major universities have long waiting lists of American kids who have their own dreams and should have first crack at the fixed number of freshman slots.

Foreign-born students who graduate from U.S. high schools have other options. Their native countries have credentialed universities. And despite the moaning about not knowing anyone back home and being separated from family, DREAMers could look at

returning as studying abroad, a great adventure and resume enhancer.

The DREAM Act argument in Florida has taken a particularly absurd twist. Next year for the third year in a row, undergraduate students at Florida universities will pay 15 percent higher tuition rates. Various student fees will also increase.

In June, the State University System's governing board approved a 7 percent tuition increase which came on top of an 8 percent bump which the legislature authorized earlier in 2011. Over the last decade, Florida tuitions have risen by 130 percent.

The increases come during a period when financial aid programs, such as Florida's popular Bright Futures scholarship, have been cut. The combination of higher tuition and less aid leaves many middle class students ineligible for financial assistance but also unable to pay the full freight, out of luck.

Florida's legal maximum tuition increase is 15 percent per year, a total many administrators think is inadequate. University of Florida President Bernie Machen, for example, wants the ceiling lifted.

With or without a higher cap, Florida has no end in sight to the tuition increase crisis. Last week, universities

disclosed that unless the economy improves significantly, 15 percent hikes will be imposed for each of the next four years.

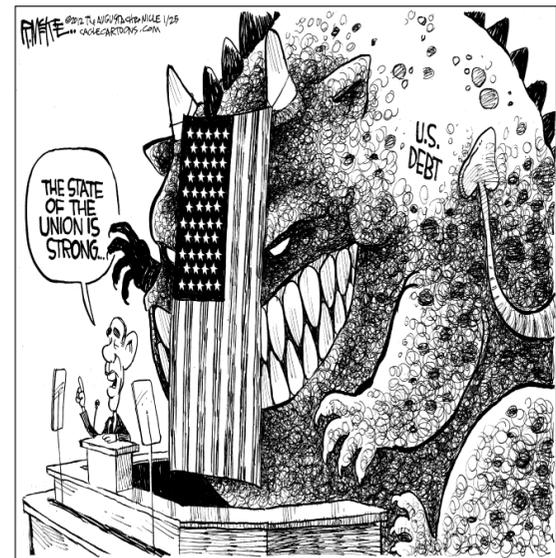
One method university administrators use to generate additional funds is to recruit foreign-born overseas students who must pay the more expensive out-of-state rate. They live in dorms, eat on campus and, in general, spend more than in-state students. Overseas enrollment is up about 10 percent in the last several years.

Given this period of intense financial difficulty for Florida universities and the pressure on American kids, promoting the DREAM Act is folly.

Nevertheless in President Obama's State of the Union, he pleaded "...let's at least agree to stop expelling (deporting) responsible young people..."

Fortunately, most Republican presidential candidates have better sense. They have promised to veto the DREAM Act if it should ever reach their desks.

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# Local writer publishes her first novel

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
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AVON PARK — After a 24 year career as an elementary and middle school teacher in Michigan, Dawn Batterbee Miller now devotes herself to what she loves best — writing.

A contributor to publications like Guideposts and a public speaker, her first novel, "Footprints Under the Pines" is on sale through Amazon and can be ordered at Books A Million.

Her story is about faith and family. "When we lose everything we most love, we begin to find what we most need," Miller said.

The story is set in 19th century Michigan, and involves a woman who loses

her son and her home to a fire. She, her husband and their two daughters are forced into an entirely new life in deep wilderness, where more challenges await. Along the way, the woman, who has given up believing in God, recovers her faith.

In addition to telling the story of healing heartbreak, Miller wanted to introduce her readers to the world of the lumberjack, work her grandfather and other men in her family did.

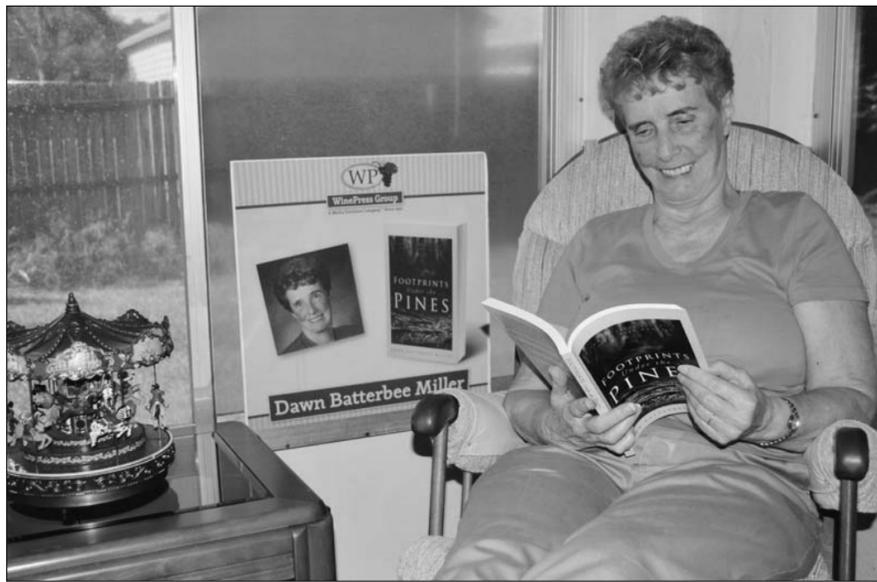
"Rough and rowdy is their game, their fun," Miller said in a recent interview. "They're awful in the city, but they are workers in camp. I wanted to invite people into their world, but it had to be a novel.

"You want your reader to see what's in the story, and if they stop and say 'wow, this is a good story', that's wonderful."

Writing takes patience and persistence, Miller said.

A natural talent, she just settled in and began to write. What made the difference between having a manuscript and a published book, she said, was diligence and homework. "Go to a conference," she says to new writers. "Meet publishers, talk to them, get a feel for what they do.

"I didn't know what I was doing, but I met an agent (at a conference) and he sat down with me, told me what I should be doing, and guided me through the process."



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
Dawn Batterbee Miller reads over her novel, 'Footprints Under the Pines'.

She warns not to get discouraged. She was turned down by several publishers until she hooked up with the Winepress Publishing Group, which specializes in custom

publishing.

Miller has already had one book reading and signing at Brewster's Coffee House, and hopes to do more in the future. She has almost com-

pleted the sequel to "Footprints under the Pines" that tells the story of the next generation.

Go to [www.dawncreations.net/](http://www.dawncreations.net/).

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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improve the assessed taxable value of district properties and to assist the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Merchants in their efforts to market the downtown businesses. For more information about the Sebring CRA, please visit [www.DowntownSebring.org](http://www.DowntownSebring.org).

### SALT holding planning session

SEBRING — The Highlands County Seniors and Law Enforcement Together Council will not hold its monthly meeting in January in lieu of a planning session to be scheduled at a later date. This planning meeting will address the schedule of meetings and trainings for the remainder of 2012. Anyone with input as to the direction of the Highlands County S.A.L.T. Chapter is invited to call President Janet Tindell at 443-0747 or Nell Hays of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office at 402-7369.

The S.A.L.T. Council is a part of Triad, which is an organization of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriff's Association and the AARP. The purpose of this organization is to address the needs of seniors in the community especially as they relate to crime victimization and the fear of crime.

### Spaghetti dinner benefits Potter House

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Masonic Lodge will have a spaghetti dinner, open to the public, from 4-7 p.m. Saturday at the lodge, 102 N. Main Ave. All funds raised go directly to the Potter's House's to new heating/ac units, major repairs, and building and equipment maintenance.

Tickets are \$7 each. For advance ticket purchase, contact Jim McQuigg at 465-8185 or Devon Wilson at 243-1356.

### 'Pilates in the Park' series starts

SEBRING — The Sebring Gold's Gym is partnering with the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to host 'Pilates in the Park' series one Saturday each month from January-May at 10 a.m. in Downtown Sebring's Circle Park. This event is free for anyone to attend and perfect for any exercise level, and begins this weekend.

Come enjoy the beauty and charm of Downtown Sebring's Circle Park while increasing your strength and

flexibility. Participants are encouraged to bring a mat or towel and enjoy 50 minutes of pilates fun. After the class, Gold's Gym will give away one 30-day free membership and distribute free week-long passes for everyone who attends.

For more information on this event and others in Downtown Sebring, visit [www.DowntownSebring.org](http://www.DowntownSebring.org).

### LP Art League hosts Art Show, Sale

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Art League celebrates its 25th annual Art Show and Sale at the Bert J. Harris Agricultural Center, U.S. 27 South, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Free admission and door prizes all day.

### He Said She Said at Duffers

AVON PARK — He Said She Said will be playing at Duffers Sports Grille from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday. This dynamic duo plays a variety of rock, Top 40 and dance tunes for everyone to enjoy. There is no cover charge.

Hit songwriter Rick Arnold will be playing country and original music from 6-9 p.m. today. D.J. Hearse will play some dance tunes afterwards from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Cars line up at 4 p.m. Wednesdays at Duffers to be on display until 9 p.m. D.J. Hearse spins some oldies. A 50/50 drawing is done to benefit Relay for Life. Free coffee offered for all car owners who bring their vehicles out for display.

Free line dancing lessons offered from 6-8 p.m. every Monday. Maureen Hecox is the instructor.

Duffers is at 2451 U.S. 27 South. Call 452-6339.

### Written in Red plays at Tap Room

AVON PARK — Written in Red Band will be at the Tap Room from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday.

### SFCC offers Security Guard certification course

AVON PARK — South Florida Community College will offer a 40-hour Security Guard Training course, Jan. 30 through Feb. 14, at the SFCC Public Service Academy, SFCC Highlands Campus. Class meets from 6-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

This course is required to work as a state of Florida licensed security guard, class D license. Topics covered will include patrol techniques, first aid, terrorism, Florida statutes, and those as mandated by the Department

of Business Regulation. Cost of the course is \$130 per person. Registration must be complete before the start of the course.

Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFCC campus or center. For more information, contact the SFCC Public Service Academy at ext. 7280 or 7285 at 453-6661, 465-5300, 494-7500, or 773-22

### VFW hosting Biloxi getaway

AVON PARK — The VFW Post 9853 will host a four-day, three-night getaway to Biloxi at Beau Rivage Monday through Thursday, Feb. 13-16. Reservations needed by Wednesday with full payment. Beau gives back \$25 free play and two breakfast buffets, per person. Also an extra \$15 per person if you visit another casino with group each day.

Water and goodies on bus, games and movies. Depart at 6 a.m., arrival 4 p.m. Call Rita Dawson at 452-5647 for reservations.

### Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK — The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will host music with Uptown Country from 5-8 p.m. today. Karaoke by Hari from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. For details, call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Moose 2374 will have music with Larry Musgrave from 6-10 p.m. today. Music with Ransom from 6-10 p.m. Saturday. Call the Lodge at 465-0131 for details.

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 Ladies will have a rummage sale on Saturday. On Saturday, Feb. 11 will be a Sweetheart Dinner/Dance. Social hour is 5:30 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m. Get tickets early \$15 each. Any questions, call 465-2661.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 will have music with Tom today. Call for time. Call 699-5444.

SEBRING — The Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., will host the District/State AM Shuffleboard Draw Doubles at 9 a.m. today. Board meets at 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 385-2966.

The Sebring Elks will host a dinner/dance today. The dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m., followed by the dance, with Buddy Canova providing the music from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost for dinner and dance is \$11; for those who only wish to dance, the cost is \$5.

## Pelosi hints, then denies she has secrets about Gingrich

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Does House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi know some dark secrets about GOP presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich?

Twice, she offered tantalizing hints that she does. And then said she doesn't.

Gingrich said Wednesday that the House Democratic leader should come out with it or shut up.

The latest back-and-forth in the contest of two former House speakers came in a CNN interview Tuesday night, when host John King suggested to Pelosi that she "could come back here next January or next February with a President Gingrich?"

"Let me just say this. That will never happen," Pelosi said.

When King asked, "Why are you so sure?" Pelosi responded: "There's something I know. The Republicans, if they choose to nominate him, that's their prerog-

ative. I don't even think that's going to happen."

On Wednesday, Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill said: "The 'something' leader Pelosi knows is that Newt Gingrich will not be president of the United States. She made that clear last night."

Hammill's statement, however, acknowledged that this wasn't the first time that Pelosi hinted that she knows something about Gingrich that she hasn't revealed.

In December, Pelosi reminded an interviewer that she served on the ethics panel that investigated Gingrich's use of tax-exempt organizations. That case ended with a reprimand by the House and a \$300,000 penalty against the then-speaker for misleading the committee and prolonging its investigation.

Pelosi said last month: "One of these days we'll have a conversation about Newt Gingrich. I know a lot about him."

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Josiah Plum and Selah Plum from Zolfo Springs listen to music Saturday while petting their baby bunnies at the Chicken Swap on C.R. 29 in Lake Placid.

# Chicken swap fans hope event can continue

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"We sometimes get together to 'swap' chickens. That's where the Facebook page really helps to get the word out," Gollihue said.

When the group gathers in Highlands County, they usually meet just outside Lake Placid on County Road 29 where Christina Duncan, another fowl aficionado, hosts a swap on her family's 25 acres.

"We get together and listen to a band, enjoy the country and talk about the animals. My kids are really into raising animals, and it is good way to teach them to be self-sufficient," Duncan said.

Last Saturday, crowds came and went on Duncan's property, located deep into Florida's back country, bringing animals for show and trade.

Red, White and Blue Grass provided music on the stage jutting out over the small pond on the property, and Napoleon the chicken endured pets from small children.

"He has a small bird complex, that's why we call him Napoleon," said owner Christina "Peanut" Byers.

Many of the folks at the last Chicken Swap were concerned with the longevity of the gatherings, voicing concerns that Highlands County Code Enforcement could stop future meets.

"They came out three days before our last swap

and told us we couldn't have a swap. They didn't give us anything in writing but said that Highlands County code does not allow commercial activities agricultural property," said Duncan on Saturday.

"We were never cited and never given anything in writing," Duncan added.

"Look around, we are just a bunch of folks who like to have animals and fresh eggs. What's wrong with that?" Duncan asked.

"I visited the property to speak with the owner regarding this item to ensure they were complying with zoning regulations," said Linda Conrad, manager of the county's code enforcement department.

"No records or notes were taken. April Hartseil, code enforcement officer, accompanied me to the site; however, this was not a code enforcement complaint or inspection, this was strictly a zoning matter," Conrad added. According to Conrad, the group is allowed to swap, or exchange animals, but not sell them on agricultural land.

Another member of the Facebook Swap is Hardee County resident Lucy Hall.

"It's a shame more people can't enjoy having chickens in their own yard. My mom which lives in Sebring off of 17 near Highway 98 can't. She intended on having four hens only, no roosters and began to build her

coop. She was so excited she told a few of her neighbors. Before it was even completed zoning enforcement came out and told her she could not have chickens. Her being retired and living on a restricted budget, it's very sad," Hall said. "Have you ever eaten a fresh egg? It actually has a flavor. Yeah, never knew eggs had flavor until I got my chickens. Fresh eggs make cakes fluffier. Did you know a store brought egg is at least three weeks old before you buy it in the grocery store? I didn't, until I did a little research," said Hall.

Stephanie Stephenson, of Frostproof, also enjoys the swaps.

"I enjoyed my time, not to mention that I learned some new information and got the opportunity to meet some wonderful people plus I got a chance to see different breeds of poultry," Stephenson said in an e-mail to the News-Sun.

"I was very impressed that so many people shared my same interest," she said. "I think more swaps are needed. I like the educational tools that these places offer along with meeting more and more people who like raising chickens."

Oh, and the difference between a Sizzle and a Frizzle? Sizzle chickens have a silky fur instead of traditional feathers.

Napoleon is a Sizzle.

## OBITUARIES

### ZONA PADGETT

Zona W. Padgett, 101, of Southern Lifestyle in Lake Placid and formerly of Pahokee, Leesburg and Okeechobee, passed away Jan. 22, 2012 at Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring. She was born Nov. 7, 1910 in Lyons, Ga., to the late Thomas and Gertrude Jenkins. She was a longtime charter member of First United Methodist Church of Pahokee. She was also a member of Morrison United Methodist Church of Leesburg and the Gathering Church of Okeechobee.

Mrs. Padgett was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Leggett Burns; husband, Claude R. Padgett; and son, Dennis C. Padgett.

She is survived by her



Padgett

daughter, Ann Rita Crews of Fort Myers; son, Keith Padgett (Patty) of Leesburg; daughter-in-law, Liz Padgett Bradley of Franklin, N.C.; nine grandchildren, Rhonda Hatton (Henry) of Lake Placid, Andrea Maynor (Ricky) of Okeechobee, Claudia Perkins (Stacey) of Belle Glade, Stacey Padgett of Franklin, NC, Dax Padgett (Brandy) of Franklin, NC, Kristin Padgett of New York, Stephanie Padgett of Brussels, Belgium, Preston Padgett of Leesburg and Tommy Robinson (Beth) of Fitzgerald, Ga.; 13 great-grandchildren and nine

great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 at the Gathering with Pastor Mike Brown officiating. Interment will follow at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Gathering, 1735 SW 24th Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34974, Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring or First United Methodist Church of Pahokee.

Friends may sign the guest book at [www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com](http://www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com)

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of the Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 205 NE 2nd St., Okeechobee, FL, 34972

## Reviews critical of Helms

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Additionally, Richie stated that Helms "has a major problem communicating with the press," and "does not create a positive image of county government."

"What I have observed in my short time in office is that Rick seems to be going through the motions of administrator," wrote Commissioner Ron Handley.

"I feel his heart isn't really in the job, and I feel from the county's best interest he should probably go ahead and retire," Handley continued. Handley gave Helms a score of 41.

Don Elwell was a little more forgiving of Helms, and scored him at 68.33 points.

Elwell complimented Helms on his knowledge and experience, but stressed that Helms needed to "...take a step back from his book of knowledge and be able to look at problems from a fresh perspective, opening himself up to new ideas and approaches in coming up with effective solutions."

Commissioner Greg Harris gave Helms his highest score at 85. He wrote that Helms "knows a lot about everything," but ranked him low on his effective use of time and resources to improve service to citizens and cut costs.

The commission did not discuss Helms at their Tuesday meeting, opting to allow him up to 30 days to schedule an agenda item to rebut his evaluation.

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## Couple fined \$1.6M for cutting mangroves

Associated Press

JUPITER — A Palm Beach County couple's decision to chop down 109 mangroves from their property along the Loxahatchee River may cost them \$1.6 million.

Magistrate Paul Nicoletti on Wednesday ordered Roger and Myrna Byrd to pay the town of Jupiter \$15,000 per tree.

The Palm Beach Post reports the Byrds didn't have proper state and town permits when they cleared the mangroves.

The couple turned down an

offer from Jupiter officials to pay \$1,000 per tree.

Attorney Greg Kino says his clients will appeal the ruling.

The Byrds still face a potential \$43,100 fine from the state Department of Environmental Protection for chopping down the mangroves.

The spindly trees act as a nursery for sea life and reduce erosion.

They have been protected by the state since 1985.

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# Heartland Idol to take stage Saturday

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(a.m.) the day of the show. I know initially we had said that it would be completely pre-registration but we are going to take applications the day of," Walker said.

Walker would not share the total number of applicants already signed up for their slots in the show, however she did state that one of the categories still has space for contestants.

Though ample planning and thought has gone into the revamped event, Walker admits to being anxious about this year's show.

"I've been walking around trying to get things done and there isn't anything to do. Everyone has been on top of it and taken care of everything. I'm just really anxious. Everyone is anxious," said Walker.

Walker is confident moving the show from outdoors on the Circle to indoors at the convention center won't harm Idol.

"We were worried about that at first (the new format, venue) but people seem to be okay with it. The fans enjoy the show and I think they will follow us. They will go anywhere we go because they enjoy it and look forward to it," Walker said.

"I happen to run into a group of people who always sit in the front row at Idol the other day. That same group always sits up front and they were saying how excited they were about it."

Other changes to the show include new sponsors, many of which are sponsors of the convention center. Walker stated that many of the show's sponsors this year are "not our normal sponsors but the convention center's."

The most notable change, besides the format, will be the stage.

"They will have a bigger stage than they are used to with previous shows. The layout of this stage will be different than the second show but the stage is three times the size as before. It will be interesting," Walker said.

The convention center will provide ample space for not only the contestants but the audience as well.

"We won't have Idol Cafe but there will be other vendors on site," said Walker.

Charles Butcher of Loafin' Around Cafe confirmed that the shop will be one of the vendors. The Sno Ball Factory also has confirmed with Walker that they will be present as well as a Relay for Life team. Sandwiches, wraps, nachos, hot dogs, and numerous other items will be available for purchase throughout the event.

Walker estimates the event should wrap up between 4 and 5 p.m. Saturday so audience members should look forward to a full day of songs and entertainment.

Applications can be turned in or picked up at the Highlands County Convention Center located at 781 Magnolia Drive between 8 and 4 p.m. today. Sponsors interested in donating or providing door prizes should contact Walker at 381-3243.

Contestants who advance will perform in the semi-final and final round of Heartland Idol Feb. 12.



News-Sun photograph by KATARA SIMMONS

In addition to a donation of two boat models, Normand Doyon donated his collection of River Division patches to the Military Sea Services Museum for a permanent display.

## Models donated to Sea Services Museum

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every winter from Southington, Ohio.

Over the years, Doyon visited the Military Sea Services Museum in Sebring often. It bothered him that there was no information about the PBR contribution about the PBR contribution that was in Vietnam, and he resolved to do something about it.

On Tuesday, he presented two PBR models for permanent display. "There's a lot of history here," he said, referring to the museum's collection and displays. "I just wanted to add more."

There were two PBR designs, he told the small group gathered for the presentation. The Mark I, put on the line in 1966, and the Mark II, which came out in 1968.

The Mark II was 11 inches longer and 11 inches wider than the Mark I.

The boats were dangerous. Built for speed out of lightweight fiberglass, there was no protection for the crew. Shallow bottomed, the boats could operate in two feet of water running at 28 knots, in 12 inches of water at full speed, which was better than

30 knots. The problem, Doyon added, was at that speed in shallow water "you can't stop."

The boats were not stealthy, the engine creating its own danger.

"They were noisy S.O.B.s," Doyon said. "At idle speed they could be heard two or three miles away."

"You can't sneak up on anything," he said. "We'd go out in the day, find our area before dark, tie up and stop." Then the crew would wait to roar out at a target.

The models donated to the museum are in 1:24 scale, allowing for considerable detail. They were built in the Philippines expressly for the Sea Services Museum, financed by Doyon's veteran's association.

Tony LaMorte and John Cecil, museum president and vice-president respectively, were at the ceremony.

Both men said they hope the new display is a sign of things to come.

"We have more displays to set up," Cecil said, "but we've run out of room."

The museum has plans for



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

Military Sea Services Museum president Tony LaMorte (right) thanks Normand Doyon for his donation of two models of the type of boats used to patrol the Mekong Delta during the Vietnam War. Doyon wears the regulation black beret PBR crews wore instead of the traditional white cap.

## Prison privatization plan now goes to the Senate floor

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The Senate budget committee on Wednesday approved a version of a South Florida prison privatization plan, but the measure is now breaking allegiances on both sides of the aisle.

Budget chair JD Alexander also upset many in the audience by calling a vote before any public comment, causing a chorus of people to start yelling, "Shame!"

The Lake Wales Republican did, however, meet with the measure's opponents afterward.

The committee voted 14-4 for the bill (CS/SB 2038). Two Democrats — Gary Siplin of Orlando and Gwen Margolis of Miami — joined

the Republican majority. A House panel cleared a similar bill this week.

Republican Sen. Mike Fasano of New Port Richey joining Democratic Sens. Bill Montford of Tallahassee, Nan Rich of Weston and Eleanor Sobel of Hollywood to vote no.

"I'm not against privatization," Fasano said. "But to privatize public safety is dangerous."

Especially, he added, when it would privatize all prisons "from Orlando south."

Fasano also chairs the subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice appropriations, which put the Hillsborough Correctional Institution back into the state budget.

## Maine poised for 2nd public vote on gay marriage

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — Gay rights activists in Maine, the only New England state that doesn't allow gay marriage or civil unions, said Thursday that they are forging ahead with plans to put the marriage question up to a second statewide vote.

EqualityMaine, the Maine Civil Liberties Union and the Maine Women's Lobby have collected more than 100,000 signatures — far more than needed to seek the referendum — and made their announcement Thursday at the State House.

The Legislature previously approved gay marriage, but it was rejected by a 2009 statewide vote, 53 percent to 47 percent. If Mainers approve gay marriage, the state would be the first to do so by a popular vote.

Betsy Smith, executive director of EqualityMaine, said polling by gay marriage supporters indicates 54 percent of state residents now support gay marriage.

"The number of signatures we gathered and the thoughtful conversations we've been having with voters tell us that Mainers are eager to speak on this question again," she said.

The new petition drive kicked off in August, and by November gay marriage supporters had collected more than 100,000 signatures, but supporters wanted to wait to make sure the timing was right before deciding whether to deliver those petitions to the secretary of state.

To get gay marriage on the 2012 ballot, organizers needed to collect at least 57,277 signatures by Jan. 30. If the signatures are certified, the proposal first goes to the Republican-controlled Legislature for an up-or-down vote. If the Legislature approves the proposal and the governor signs it, then gay marriage will be legalized. If the Legislature doesn't approve it or the governor doesn't sign a bill, as expected, the question goes to voters.

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# Poll: Romney and President Obama even in Florida

By BRENT KALLESTAD  
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — President Barack Obama's popularity among Florida voters appears on the upswing as Republican candidates fight it out in hopes of a victory Tuesday that would propel them closer to their party's nomination.

Obama's standing with Florida voters improved in Quinnipiac (Conn.) University's latest poll released Thursday. The survey indicates former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney would be the only Republican who could mount a strong general election challenge in the nation's largest swing state if the election were held now.

A random telephone sampling of 1,518 registered voters by Quinnipiac University between Jan. 19-23 showed Obama and Romney each favored by 45 percent in a November matchup. Independent voters were virtually split evenly as well.

Romney led Obama 47-40 on Sept. 2 and had a slight 46-43 advantage in a Quinnipiac poll just 15 days ago.

The president fared better with women and minorities while Romney was stronger with whites and men. Both were in single digits in the other's political party.

Obama was seen favorably by 49 percent compared to 48 percent unfavorable. Obama was favored 56 percent to 34 percent among Hispanics, an important voting bloc in Florida.

The voters told Quinnipiac that Obama was more inspiring, would do better in a crisis and cares more about them than Romney, who is locked in a close battle with former House Speaker Newt Gingrich in Tuesday's presidential preference primary in Florida. The voters, by a 50-41 margin, said they believed Romney would do a better job than Obama in handling the economy.

Obama reached 50 percent support against Gingrich, who received 39 percent in that hypothetical matchup. The poll had Obama winning over former Pennsylvania U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum a 49-40 margin and U.S. Rep. Ron Paul 47-39.

Half of the Florida voters said they had a negative impression of Gingrich, including 56 percent of the key independent voters.

"The fact that a big majority of Florida independents have an unfavorable view of Gingrich is an indication of the steep hill he must climb to win in November," assistant polling director Peter Brown said.

# US education chief worried about state's grant effort

TALLAHASSEE — U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan said he's worried about dissension over Florida's \$700 million federal Race to the Top grant during a visit to the state's capital city Wednesday.

The Obama administration's education chief met briefly with Gov. Rick Scott but held longer meetings with state and local education officials and business and union leaders at the Florida Capitol after attending at town hall session with students, faculty and the public at Tallahassee Community College.

Duncan said during the town hall meeting that fractured relationships were hampering implementation of the grant that's designed to promote innovation in state public school systems. A teacher merit pay plan is a key component of Florida's grant proposal.

Florida Education Association president Andy Ford told Duncan at the Capitol meeting that the statewide teachers union has been shut out of the grant planning process since Scott, was elected governor.

"If the reforms that you want to put in place are going to succeed and have sustainability then we have to be involved," Ford said.

Duncan agreed there needs to be collaboration and said teachers and their unions must be at the table.

"To be there to maintain the status quo, no," Duncan said. "But to have anyone's voice, teachers particularly, not in the mix I don't think is helpful."

He said he has spoken to

Florida Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson about the matter and believes he's committed to finding a solution.

"Hopefully we can work through this stuff," Duncan said. "It's not sustainable, it's not possible if anyone — students, parents, business, anyone — is out of the picture, particularly teachers."

Robinson did not speak to the issue during the meeting. Later, he said he couldn't comment on anything Ford said because the FEA has filed a legal challenge to a new law passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature, which also includes a teacher merit pay plan and ends tenure for new hires.

Robinson, though, said the state is working with union members on the local level. He noted the state Department of Education has approved grant plans submitted by 59 of the participating 65 school districts and that each was developed in collaboration with local unions.

Scott shared some thoughts ranging from early childhood education to college during a private meeting that lasted about two minutes, said Duncan spokeswoman Liz Utrup.

State University System Chancellor Frank Brogan said he was worried about President Barack Obama's statement in his State of the Union address Tuesday night that federal aid should be withheld from colleges that don't keep net tuition down and provide good value.

Brogan said it would be unfair to treat states such as Florida.

## Singing about tolerance



New-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

Members of the Sun 'N Lake Elementary School chorus perform before The School Board of Highlands County Thursday night. They sang the song "Everyone is Special and Unique" in honor of the school board's word of the month: tolerance.

## FHP trooper injured in crash near Orlando airport

ORLANDO (AP) — A Florida Highway Patrol trooper was severely injured when a car crashed into his motorcycle on State Road 528 near Orlando International Airport.

FHP spokeswoman Kim Montes says the trooper had just finished a traffic stop and had returned to his motorcycle Thursday morning when he was struck from behind by a Hyundai. Montes says driver lost control and veered into the inside shoulder of the road where the motorcycle was parked.

The Orlando Sentinel reports the crash knocked down a light pole, which landed on the trooper.

### Good Samaritan hit by car

LAKE HELEN — The Florida Highway Patrol says

a man was struck and killed on Interstate 4 as he tried to help a motorist who had run out of gas.

FHP spokeswoman Kim Montes says the man had

stopped to help 23-year-old Tiffany Walters about 4:20 a.m. Thursday. Authorities have not released the name of the victim.

Montes says he was stand-

ing beside Walters' SUV when another vehicle drifted onto the shoulder and struck the vehicle and the man. The car was driven by 32-year-old Glen Ross II.

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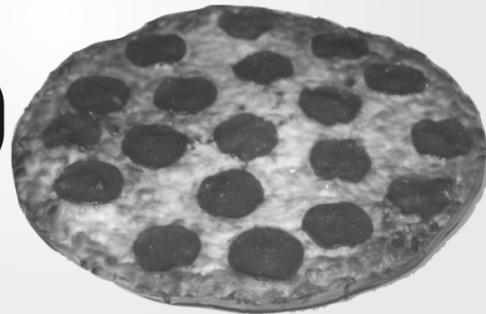
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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
CASE #: 2011-CA-000626  
DIVISION #:

Bank of America, National Association, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Peggy Ann Baisden a/k/a Peggy Ann Yarbrough a/k/a Peggy A. Yarbrough a/k/a Peggy Yarbrough, Surviving Spouse of Alfred G. Yarbrough, Deceased; Bank of America, National Association; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Highlands County, Florida, a more particularly described as follows:  
LOTS 1718, 1719 AND 1720, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 92, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 2433 North Primrose Road, Avon Park, FL 33825.  
This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 20th day of January, 2012.  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
Circuit and County Courts  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.  
January 27; February 3, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 10-725GCS

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

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated February 8, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 129 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on February 16, 2012, the following described property:  
Lot 6 TOGETHER with One Half or 25 feet of Lot 7 abutting Lot 6, LESS a 10 foot strip for alleyway at the rear of the property, in Block 187, of WOODLAWN TERRACE, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, at Page 96 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.  
DATED this 25th day of January, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
Clerk of Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
January 27; February 3, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO: GC-11-000854

TAYLOR BEAN AND WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CLARA LUCK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARA LUCK; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. FKA PLACID LAKES AVIATION ASSOCIATION, INC., AN INVOLUNTARILY DISSOLVED CORPORATION, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants.  
Defendants.

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

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARA LUCK 421 ARCHER ROAD LAKE PLACID, FL 33852  
OR  
1856 MAINE DR ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007  
OR  
951 W BELDEN AVE., APT. 3R CHICAGO, IL 60614  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:  
LOT 13, BLOCK 21, OF PLACID LAKES, SECTION 19, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Mark A. Buckles, Butler & Hosh, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 19th day of January, 2012.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (941)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call (TDD) (941)534-7777, or Florida Relay Service 800-955-8770.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO: 11-545 GCS

KONDAUR CAPITAL CORPORATION  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DANIEL DOANE A/K/A DANIEL A. DOANE; TAMMY DOANE; DANIEL DOANE A/K/A DANIEL A. DOANE; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, ET AL  
Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**  
TO: TAMMY DOANE; DANIEL DOANE A/K/A DANIEL A. DOANE  
whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:  
LOT 10, BLOCK 38, SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES, SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 3010 North Military Trail, Suite 300, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 on or before February 28, 2012 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 19th day of January, 2012.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: /s/ Toni Kopp  
DEPUTY CLERK

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000290

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 1, 2006, FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2 Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ARIEL OQUENDO AND JEANNETTE CRUZ a/k/a JEANNETTE CRUZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Defendant(s).

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling Foreclosure sale dated January 6, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000290 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 1, 2006, FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2 Plaintiff and ARIEL OQUENDO AND JEANNETTE CRUZ a/k/a JEANNETTE CRUZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., February 7, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:  
LOT 4, BLOCK 10, OF SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION G, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
DATED AT SEBRING, Florida, this 11th day of January, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Highlands County, Florida  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
Deputy Clerk  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Highlands County, Florida  
January 20, 27, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 12-12

IN RE: ESTATE OF JULIA N. ROBERTS, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of JULIA N. ROBERTS, deceased, whose date of death was December 31, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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 20, 2012.  
Personal Representatives:  
/s/ Rosemarie Jasmin  
11 Phelps Road, Winsted, CT 06098  
/s/ Mindy Roberts  
182 Creamery Rd., Cheshire, CT 06410  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III, P.A.  
551 SOUTH COMMERCE AVE.  
SEBRING, FL 33870  
Telephone: (863) 385-0112  
/s/ Clifford M. Ables III  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 178379  
January 20, 27, 2012

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
CIRCUIT CIVIL CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000670

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,  
v.  
SIMON LORENZO BROWN, JR., et al., Defendants.

**THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000670 of the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, in, at 11:00 a.m. and on the 15th day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment:  
Lot 16, GRAN-LORE RANCHETTES, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 13, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Together with that certain 1993 Fleetwood Mobile Home Identification #FLFP70A21273SK and FLFLP70B21273SK.  
TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter attached to the property.  
\*\*ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.\*\*

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on January 18, 2012.  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, visa Florida Relay Service.  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
Clerk of the Circuit and County Court  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
Deputy Clerk  
January 27; February 5, 2012

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 12-04

IN RE: ESTATE OF GERALDINE A. CASELEY, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of GERALDINE A. CASELEY, deceased, whose date of death was December 24, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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 20, 2012.  
Personal Representative:  
/s/ Wanda Simpson  
4230 E. Pine Court, Avon Park, FL 33825  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III, P.A.  
551 SOUTH COMMERCE AVE.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No.: 10-CA-1182GCS

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JUDITH M. ABBATE, et al., Defendants.

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

BEGIN at the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 35 South, Range 29 East; thence Westerly following the South Boundary of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 16, a distance of 264.75 feet to its intersection with the Westerly right of way line of State Road No. 25, said said described point being marked with a 4 inch diameter concrete monument; thence Northwesterly following the Westerly right of way line of said State Road No. 25, a distance of 550 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing on a Northwesterly direction following the Westerly right of way line of said State Road No. 25 a distance of 200 feet; thence Westerly and parallel to the South Boundary of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 16 a distance of 300 feet; thence Southeasterly and parallel to said State Road No. 25, a distance of 200 feet; thence Easterly and parallel to the South Boundary of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 16 a distance of 300 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.  
Property Address: 7423 U.S. Highway 27 South, Sebring, Florida 33870  
Tax ID Number: C-16-35-29-A00-0090-0000  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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

**1050** Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO. 11-259-GCS

IBERIABANK, as successor in  
interest to CENTURY BANK, F.S.B.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ALTON HUNT and MARLENE HUNT,  
husband and wife, UNKNOWN TENANTS  
IN POSSESSION,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on the 12th day of January, 2012, in Civil Action No. 11-259-GCS, of the County Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, in which IBERIABANK is the Plaintiff, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870-3701 at 11:00 a.m. on the 7th day of February, 2012, the following real property located in Highlands County, Florida:

Lots 6489 & 6490, of Avon Park Lakes, Unit 20, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page(s) 15, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2012.

CLERK OF COURT  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
Deputy Clerk  
January 20, 27, 2012

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SEBRING - Highlands Wheels Estate RV Park, 1004 Hammock Rd. Sat. Feb 4, 8am - 2pm. Food & Baked Goods, 50/50 Raffle & Other Raffle. Misc Items.

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78° / 56°	77° / 57°	73° / 50°	72° / 56°	75° / 61°
Winds: SW at 10-20 mph	Winds: NW at 4-8 mph	Winds: N at 7-14 mph	Winds: NE at 10-20 mph	Winds: ENE at 8-16 mph



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**Temperature**  
 Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid  
 High Sunday ..... 82°  
 Low Sunday ..... 46°  
 High Monday ..... 82°  
 Low Monday ..... 49°  
 High Tuesday ..... 83°  
 Low Tuesday ..... 52°  
 High Wednesday ..... 83°  
 Low Wednesday ..... 60°

**Heat Index**  
 For 3 p.m. today  
 Relative humidity ..... 66%  
 Expected air temperature ..... 75°  
 Makes it feel like ..... 77°

**Barometer**  
 Monday ..... 30.14  
 Tuesday ..... 30.13  
 Wednesday ..... 30.09

**Precipitation**  
 Monday ..... 0.00"  
 Tuesday ..... 0.00"  
 Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 0.07"  
 Year to date ..... 0.07"

**Tides**  
 Readings at St. Petersburg  
 High ..... 3:49 a.m.  
 Low ..... 10:18 a.m.  
 High ..... 4:36 p.m.  
 Low ..... 10:54 p.m.

**Lake Levels**  
 Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday  
 Lake Jackson ..... 78.36'  
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Regional Summary

More clouds than sun today; breezy with a thunderstorm in the area; can be strong late in the day. A shower or thunderstorm in the evening; otherwise, cloudy tonight. Sunshine and clouds tomorrow.



Farm Report

Breezy today with a strong thunderstorm. Winds west 10-20 mph. Expect less than 2 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 80%.

Weather History

A five-day blizzard began Jan. 27, 1966, around Oswego, N.Y. Accumulation reached 102 inches with 50 inches falling on Jan. 31 alone.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:13 a.m.	7:12 a.m.
Sunset	6:05 p.m.	6:06 p.m.
Moonrise	9:39 a.m.	10:12 a.m.
Moonset	10:20 p.m.	11:12 p.m.



Water Restrictions

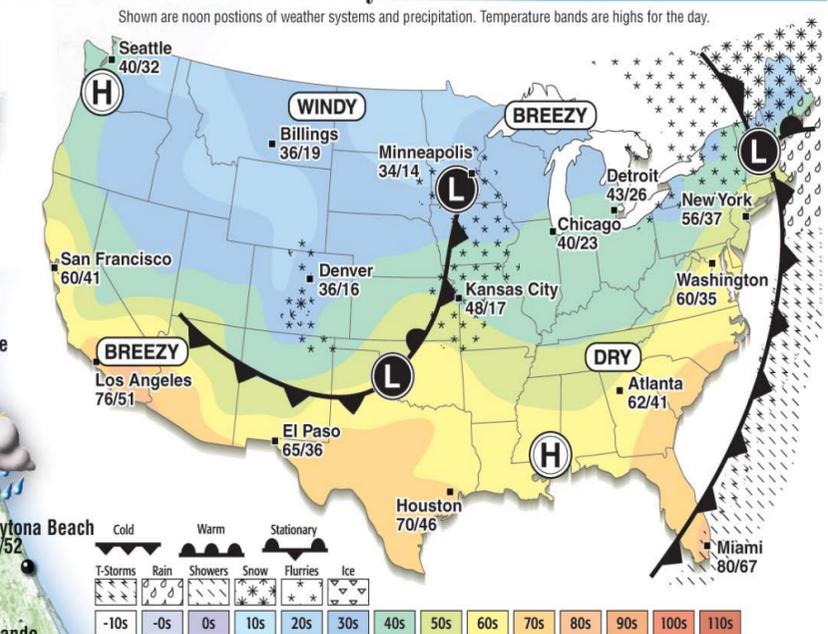
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Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	79/60/t	78/61/pc	77/53/pc
Clearwater	76/56/t	74/56/s	74/52/pc
Coral Springs	81/65/c	78/67/t	79/65/pc
Daytona Beach	76/52/t	72/52/s	71/50/s
Ft. Laud. Bch	81/67/pc	78/69/t	79/66/pc
Fort Myers	78/61/t	77/62/pc	77/56/pc
Gainesville	76/45/t	72/44/s	71/37/s
Hollywood	82/64/pc	80/66/t	80/64/pc
Homestead AFB	78/64/pc	79/65/t	79/63/pc
Jacksonville	76/44/t	69/43/s	68/39/s
Key West	79/68/pc	79/69/t	78/68/pc

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

National Forecast for January 27



National Summary

A storm system pushing into the Northeast will bring areas of rain and accumulating snow today as colder air filters into the region. High pressure will build into the Ohio Valley and Southeast, leading to dry and tranquil weather for much of the region. A weak storm will bring a little light snow to the northern and central Plains. Winds will howl across the northern Rockies as colder air dives into the region. Some flakes will fly across Colorado as a weakening storm continues to dive into the southern Rockies.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	58/29/s	48/27/s	53/30/s
Atlanta	62/41/pc	60/35/s	57/32/s
Baltimore	58/36/r	50/29/pc	45/29/pc
Birmingham	59/40/pc	60/30/s	57/32/s
Boston	50/33/r	45/33/pc	45/29/pc
Charlotte	68/38/t	61/35/s	59/30/s
Cheyenne	32/17/sf	42/20/s	49/30/s
Chicago	40/23/pc	36/24/pc	27/18/pc
Cleveland	42/30/pc	38/26/sf	31/19/sf
Columbus	44/32/pc	40/27/pc	36/20/sf
Dallas	70/37/s	55/29/pc	62/40/s
Denver	36/16/sn	47/23/s	52/29/s
Detroit	43/26/pc	40/24/sf	30/17/sf
Harrisburg	50/28/r	49/26/pc	45/24/pc
Honolulu	80/69/s	80/69/s	81/69/s
Houston	70/46/s	63/38/pc	62/41/s
Indianapolis	44/28/r	41/25/pc	36/21/pc
Jackson, MS	62/41/pc	62/30/s	62/31/s
Kansas City	48/17/pc	45/21/pc	42/25/s
Lexington	47/32/s	46/26/c	44/21/pc
Little Rock	56/36/s	52/28/pc	60/31/s

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	88/70/s	88/72/pc	89/76/s
Athens	48/41/sh	48/41/c	48/39/sh
Beirut	57/47/r	57/49/pc	60/52/sh
Berlin	32/23/c	34/25/c	30/21/c
Bermuda	71/64/s	72/66/r	71/62/pc
Calgary	31/19/pc	31/28/pc	40/32/c
Dublin	45/36/pc	45/41/sh	48/45/c
Edmonton	27/15/c	25/19/pc	38/19/c
Freepport	77/71/t	75/70/t	74/67/pc
Geneva	43/32/sh	41/29/sh	36/28/c
Havana	81/64/pc	84/63/s	79/63/r
Hong Kong	68/61/pc	72/63/s	68/61/s
Jerusalem	50/40/sh	49/40/r	51/43/pc
Johannesburg	77/54/r	76/55/r	74/59/t
Kiev	10/16/c	5/9/s	7/8/s

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Christian Resendiz and the Green Dragons nearly made a miraculous comeback in their District 10-2A semifinal match with Frostproof Tuesday night.

## One miracle short

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID — “If you’re going to lose in the district tournament and still walk off the field with your head held high, this is really the only way that can be done.”

Those were the words of Lake Placid boys soccer coach James Ashley Tuesday night, aptly describing the astounding scenario that had just played out and ended the Dragons season.

“You can’t be down 4-0 at halftime and expect to win,” Ashley also said.

But his team nearly did just that.

It was, in fact, Lake Placid

digging itself a big hole early on, as Robert Aguilar and Umberto Alvarado spent the first 40 minutes trading off goals.

Aguilar got the opening score, less than two minutes into the match as he raced into the Dragon zone, evaded a charging Frankie Gomez at the top of the goal box and swept it into the back of the net.

Lake Placid almost struck back just 45 seconds later, but a leaping header went just a bit too high.

At the 22:02 mark, Alvarado blasted one through a crowd from 20 yards out to make it a 2-0 contest and he added a similar score with

9:48 left in the half.

A little more than two minutes later, Aguilar got another chance on a penalty kick and got it through for the aforementioned 4-0 lead at the half.

“We dug ourselves a big hole” Ashley said. “We weren’t ready defensively but then I switched up three of our defenders and (Frostproof) couldn’t get adjusted.”

Which paved the way for the nearly miraculous comeback.

It began with 28:04 left to play, when Jorge Gomez worked his way inside and slipped one past the Bulldog keeper to get the Dragons on

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Frostproof

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Lake Placid

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## Rookies

### Newton, Dalton ready to shine in Hawaii

By JAYMES SONG

Associated Press

HONOLULU — From the panorama of the Pacific outside his hotel window to watching NFC teammates Aaron Rodgers and Drew Brees throw the ball, Cam Newton can’t help but stare and be inspired by all the perfect views in paradise.

“This is unbelievable, man. This is so gratifying and just to have the opportunity to be here is a blessing,” the Carolina Panthers quarterback said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Newton and fellow rookie quarterback Andy Dalton of the Cincinnati Bengals were chosen to replace Super Bowl quarterbacks Eli Manning and Tom Brady for Sunday’s Pro Bowl.

Their selection makes this Pro Bowl the first time in history that the all-star game will feature two rookie quarterbacks.

In fact, the only two rookie signal callers to make the Pro Bowl since 1970 are Vince Young and Dan Marino.

Newton, the No. 1 overall selection in the 2011 draft, said he’s just soaking up the experience and enjoying being with his new teammates.

“I’m a fan of all these guys — Drew Brees, Aaron Rodgers, Clay Matthews, Larry Fitzgerald — the list goes on with all the All-Pro guys that are here and I get to share the field with,” he said.

Newton is backing up Brees and Rodgers, and doesn’t mind starting on the bench.

“I idolized them throughout the year, watched so much film on them how they play the game from the check downs, to the way they throw, to everything,” Newton said. “Lo and behold, we’re on the same roster.”

“So I’m watching and learning. What better way to learn than firsthand? I don’t really don’t mind, especially to these two MVP candidates. I’ll be second string to that, man,” he said.

Newton’s season wasn’t too shabby, either.

He’s the first quarterback ever to throw for 4,000 yards and rush for 500 yards.

He completed 310 of 517 passes for 4,051 yards, the most by a rookie quarterback

See ROOKIE, Page 4B



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN  
Decaris Jones scored a team-high 20 for Sebring, but it wasn’t quite enough in Kathleen’s 56-54 district win Tuesday night.

## Sebring stuck by Devils

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — “You have to overcome adversity. When it comes, know what you are going to do.”

These famous words of Sebring boys varsity basketball coach Princeton Harris definitely came into play Tuesday night as they took on visiting Kathleen.

Despite intense play and a true fight to the finish, the Red Devils came out on top 56-54 in a key district matchup.

The first quarter showed

a steady, even pace for both sides of the court seeing Kathleen holding a narrow 11-9 lead.

As the game started heating up, Kathleen added

more free throws to the board and continued to pad their lead.

Matt Taylor was able to settle the score at 20 apiece as the last seconds ticked away before the half, however one of the total 39 free throw attempts taken by Kathleen was successful in regaining the lead 21-20.

As play resumed in the

second half, Taylor would again take charge for the Streaks, giving them their first lead of the night at 24-23 and adding to his 13-point performance.

Decaris Jones, who put up a total of 20 on the board for Sebring, followed shortly after with five consecutive points as Kathleen began to lag behind.

Taylor showed his skill yet again as he scored to bring Sebring’s total to 31 and impressively blocking a Red Devil shot on the break.

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## Two ladies left to lift



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Avon Park’s Miriam Olupitan and Lady Blue Streak Alexis Wilson are the two Highlands County weightlifters left standing after Wednesday’s Sectional Meet in Port Charlotte. In all, 15 lady lifters from the county had qualified from the Sub-Sectional a week prior, but facing powers Charlotte and Port Charlotte, advancing to State was quite a heavy burden and whittled down the numbers. A strong season ended a step too short for most, with Olupitan and Wilson moving on to next week’s meet in Kissimmee.

## Blue Streaks move to District semis

By DAN HOEHNE

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There is a reason coaches so often harp on playing until the final whistle blows — which proved key in Sebring’s district tournament match Tuesday night in Auburndale.

It was staying true to that mantra that kept the Streaks season alive for at least one more game.

In Auburndale for the District 13-3A Tournament, Sebring “played host” to Lake Wales and came away with a nail-biting, 4-3 win.

The regular season contests between the two saw a 1-1 tie on November 29, but then the Highlanders whipped up on the Streaks on December 13 with a 6-0 win.

But this one had more in common with the first meeting, with it going back-and-forth throughout.

Lake Wales scored the opening goal to take the early lead, only to see Sebring soon tie it up.

The trading off of goals continued, with Estebinson Joseph getting two scores for the Streaks and Marcelo Gori another. But the Highlanders matched those and the contest was knotted at 3-3 with 15 seconds remaining.

Then it was Riley Watson booting a direct kick that was found the leaping noggin of Donovan White to redirected the flying orb network for the game winner.

The win moved Sebring along to the district semifinals, where they were slated to face top-seed, and host, Auburndale Thursday night.

Though the season series looks a bit daunting for the Streaks, having dropped both matches to the Bloodhounds by 8-0 and 7-1 scores.

See Sunday’s News-Sun for the match result.

News-Sun correspondent  
Lauren Welborn contributed to this story.

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## One for the win column



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Devonte Chisolm and the Green Dragons broke into the win column for the first time this season with Tuesday’s victory at Frostproof.

# THE SCOREBOARD

## National Football League

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

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

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

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

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

## NBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	12	6 .667	—
Boston	7	9 .438	4
New York	7	11 .389	5
New Jersey	6	13 .316	6½
Toronto	6	13 .316	6½

**Southeast Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	13	5 .722	—
Orlando	12	5 .706	½
Atlanta	13	6 .684	½
Washington	3	15 .167	10
Charlotte	3	16 .158	10½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	16	4 .800	—
Indiana	12	5 .706	2½
Milwaukee	7	10 .412	7½
Cleveland	7	10 .412	7½
Detroit	4	15 .211	11½

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	12	7 .632	—
Memphis	10	7 .588	1
Dallas	11	8 .579	1
Houston	10	8 .556	1½
New Orleans	3	15 .167	8½

**Northwest Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	15	3 .833	—
Denver	13	5 .722	2
Utah	10	6 .625	4
Portland	11	8 .579	4½
Minnesota	8	10 .444	7

**Pacific Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	9	6 .600	—
L.A. Lakers	11	8 .579	—
Phoenix	6	11 .353	4
Golden State	6	11 .353	4
Sacramento	6	13 .316	5

**Tuesday's Games**

New York 111, Charlotte 78  
 Orlando 102, Indiana 83  
 Miami 92, Cleveland 85  
 Toronto 99, Phoenix 96  
 Portland 97, Memphis 84

**Wednesday's Games**

Cleveland 91, New York 81  
 Washington 92, Charlotte 75  
 New Jersey 97, Philadelphia 90, OT  
 Miami 101, Detroit 98  
 Indiana 95, Chicago 90  
 Milwaukee 105, Houston 99  
 Oklahoma City 101, New Orleans 91  
 Minnesota 105, Dallas 90  
 San Antonio 105, Atlanta 83  
 Toronto 111, Utah 106, 2OT  
 Denver 122, Sacramento 93  
 Golden State 101, Portland 93  
 L.A. Lakers 96, L.A. Clippers 91

**Thursday's Games**

Boston at Orlando, late  
 Memphis at L.A. Clippers, late

**Friday's Games**

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

**LEAGUE LEADERS**

FG FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	210 131	57.3 30.2
James, MIA	180 124	49.5 29.1
Durant, OKC	165 106	46.2 25.7
Love, MIN	143 131	45.5 25.3
Anthony, NYK	134 110	40.1 23.6
Aldridge, POR	172 82	42.7 22.5
Ellis, GOL	129 74	35.0 21.9
Bosh, MIA	151 81	39.0 21.7

**Rebounds**

OFF DEF TOT	AVG
Howard, ORL	65 200 265 15.6
Love, MIN	75 172 247 13.7
Bynum, LAL	54 137 191 12.7
Griffin, LAC	53 117 170 11.3
Varejao, CLE	78 113 191 11.2
Cousins, SAC	83 115 198 11.0
Humphries, NJ	71 112 183 10.8
Lee, GOL	53 114 167 10.4

**Assists**

GAMES AST	AVG
Nash, PHX	16 166 10.4
Rondo, BOS	13 122 9.4
Paul, LAC	10 88 8.8
Lowry, HOU	16 140 8.8
Calderon, TOR	19 166 8.7
Rubio, MIN	18 157 8.7
D. Williams, NJ	18 154 8.6
Rose, CHI	15 124 8.3

**Steals**

GAMES STL	AVG
Conley, MEM	15 39 2.60
Paul, LAC	10 26 2.60
Rubio, MIN	18 46 2.56
Shumpert, NYK	14 33 2.36
Teague, ATL	19 41 2.16
James, MIA	17 35 2.06
Lowry, HOU	16 32 2.00
Iguodala, PHL	18 35 1.94
Allen, MEM	17 33 1.94

**Blocked Shots**

Games BLK	AVG
McGee, WAS	18 54 3.00
Jordan, LAC	15 44 2.93
Ibaka, OKC	18 47 2.61



# LIVE SPORTS ON TV

## BOXING

**FRIDAY**  
**9 p.m.** Rusian Provodnikov vs. David Torres . . ESPN2

**SATURDAY**  
**9 p.m.** Mercito Gesta vs. Manny Perez . . . . . SUN

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**SATURDAY**

**Noon** St. John's at Duke . . . . . ESPN  
**Noon** Marquette at Villanova . . . . . ESPN2  
**Noon** Wake Forest at Clemson . . . . . 44  
**1 p.m.** Texas at Baylor . . . . . CBS  
**2 p.m.** Kansas at Iowa State . . . . . ESPN  
**2:30 p.m.** Virginia Tech at Maryland . . . . . 44  
**3 p.m.** Tulsa at SMU . . . . . SUN  
**4 p.m.** Kentucky at LSU . . . . . 38  
**4 p.m.** Georgetown at Pittsburgh . . . . . ESPN  
**4 p.m.** Purdue at Northwestern . . . . . ESPN2  
**6 p.m.** Auburn at Tennessee . . . . . ESPN2  
**7 p.m.** Washington at Arizona . . . . . ESPN  
**7 p.m.** South Carolina at Mississippi . . . . . SUN  
**8 p.m.** Virginia at North Carolina State . . . . . ESPN2

## GOLF

**FRIDAY**  
**10:30 a.m.** EuroPGA - Abu Dhabi Championship . . . . . GOLF  
**3 p.m.** PGA - Farmers Insurance Open . . . . . GOLF

**SATURDAY**  
**1 p.m.** PGA - Farmers Insurance Open . . . . . GOLF  
**3 p.m.** PGA - Farmers Insurance Open . . . . . CBS

## NBA

**FRIDAY**  
**8 p.m.** N.Y. Knicks at Miami . . . . . ESPN  
**8 p.m.** Orlando at New Orleans . . . . . SUN

## SKATING

**SATURDAY**  
**4:30 p.m.** U.S. Championships . . . . . NBC

## TENNIS

**FRIDAY**  
**Noon** Australian Open, Men's Semifinals . . . . . ESPN2

**SATURDAY**  
**9 a.m.** Australian Open, Women's Final . . . . . ESPN2

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

Gasol, MEM	17	40	2.35
Thomas, CHA	12	28	2.33
Howard, ORL	17	37	2.18
Bogut, MIL	12	24	2.00
Dalembert, HOU	18	36	2.00

Stamkos	TB	32	20	52
Lupul	TOR	20	32	52
H. Sedin	VAN	11	41	52
Kessel	TOR	26	25	51
D. Sedin	VAN	21	30	51
Toews	CHI	27	23	50
Spezza	OTT	20	30	50
Tavares	NYI	20	29	49

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## National Hockey League

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Rangers	31	12	4	66	132	96
Philadelphia	29	14	5	63	162	142
Pittsburgh	28	17	4	60	152	127
New Jersey	26	19	3	55	129	136
N.Y. Islanders	19	22	7	45	115	143

**Northeast Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	31	14	2	64	171	102
Ottawa	27	19	6	60	157	160
Toronto	25	19	5	55	151	147
Montreal	19	21	9	47	130	134
Buffalo	20	24	5	45	119	149

**Southeast Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	26	19	3	55	136	137
Florida	22	15	11	55	122	136
Winnipeg	22	22	6	50	124	143
Tampa Bay	21	23	4	46	136	165
Carolina	18	24	9	45	130	159

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	33	16	1	67	160	117
St. Louis	29	13	7	65	124	102
Nashville	30	16	4	64	140	127
Chicago	29	15	6	64	162	144
Columbus	13	30	6	32	115	163

**Northwest Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vancouver	30	15	4	64	158	122
Minnesota	24	18	7	55	115	126
Colorado	26	23	2	54	131	144
Calgary	23	21	6	52	120	137
Edmonton	18	26	5	41	122	142

**Pacific Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	27	14	6	60	131	110
Los Angeles	24	16	10	58	111	111
Dallas	25	21	2	52	126	136
Phoenix	22	20	8	52	130	134
Anaheim	18	23	7	43	124	144

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

**Tuesday's Games**

Buffalo 2, New Jersey 1, SO  
 Philadelphia 3, Florida 2, SO  
 Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 2, SO  
 Vancouver 3, Edmonton 2, SO  
 Toronto 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT  
 N.Y. Rangers 3, Winnipeg 0  
 Washington 5, Boston 3  
 Tampa Bay 4, Columbus 2  
 Nashville 3, Chicago 1  
 Dallas 1, Anaheim 0  
 Minnesota 3, Colorado 2  
 San Jose 1, Calgary 0  
 Phoenix 3, Ottawa 2

**Wednesday's Games**

Montreal 7, Detroit 2

**Thursday's Games**

No games scheduled

**Friday's Games**

No games scheduled

**SCORING LEADERS**

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
Malkin	PIT	26	32	58
Giroux	PHI	18	37	55
Hossa	CHI	20	33	53
Datsyuk	DET	14	39	53

## Transactions

**BASEBALL**  
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—Suspended free-agent minor league LHP Dustin Richardson and free-agent minor league 1B Daryle Ward 50 games for violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

**American League**  
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with INF Robert Andino on a one-year contract.  
 BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Andrew Bailey on a one-year contract.  
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Roman Colon on a minor league contract.  
 NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with OF Andruw Jones on a one-year contract.

**National League**  
 ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with RHP Brad Ziegler on a one-year contract.  
 CINCINNATI REDS—Traded LHP Jeremy Horst to Philadelphia for INF Wilson Valdez. Agreed to terms with RHP Nick Masset on a two-year contract and UT Willie Harris on a minor league contract.  
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Motte on a one-year contract.

**BASKETBALL**  
 National Basketball Association  
 NBA—Suspended Phoenix C Robin Lopez one game for improper conduct with a game official during Tuesday's game against Toronto.  
 CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Exercised their fourth-year contract option on G-F Gerald Henderson.  
 DENVER NUGGETS—Signed F Danilo Gallinari to a four-year contract extension.

**FOOTBALL**  
 National Football League  
 NFL—Signed commissioner Roger Goodell to a contract extension through the 2018 season.  
 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Named Chuck Pagano coach.

**HOCKEY**  
 National Hockey League  
 CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned F Ben Smith and F Brandon Pirri to Rockford (AHL).  
 ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned F Chris Porter to Peoria (AHL).  
 TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Reassigned D Evan Oberg, F Mike Angelidis, F Trevor Smith and F Pierre-Cedric Labrie to Norfolk (AHL).  
 WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned F Cody Eakin to Hershey (AHL).

# LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

**TODAY:** Boys Basketball vs. Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY:** Boys Basketball vs. Bradenton Southeast, 5:30/7 p.m.  
**MONDAY:** Boys Basketball at Clearwater Central Catholic, 7 p.m.; Girls Basketball hosts District Tournament, TBD



Lake Placid

**TODAY:** Girls Basketball vs. Hardee, 6/7:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY:** Boys Basketball vs. LaBelle, 6/7:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY:** Girls Basketball at District Tournament, Avon Park, TBD



Sebring

**TODAY:** Boys Basketball at Lake Gibson, 6/7:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY:** Girls Basketball hosts District Tournament, TBD  
**TUESDAY:** Girls Basketball hosts District Tournament, TBD



SFCC

**TODAY:** 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.

It will be a drafted league. 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](mailto:cbrojek@comcast.net) or 385-4736.

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

Checks made payable to Central Florida Striders.

Proceeds of the race benefit Highlands Hammock State Park.

Come join the challenge of running trails in our beautiful state park.

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

## LOCAL GOLF REPORT

### Golf Hammock

The Ladies Association played a two day President's Cup Tournament that culminated Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Taking the overall win was Marge Pedersen with a 129, with Laura Kebberly winning the First Flight at 130.

Finishing second in the flight was Marian Passafume with a 136, while Ruth Harris, Lorraine Friend and Florence Towell all tied at 141 for third.

In the Second Flight, Joyce Stanley came out on top with a 130 and Carol Troup and Ruth Kirk tied for second at 137.

Jo Thornburg won the Third Flight with a 136, while Cindy Dall and Eleanor Short tied for second at 138.

Last Monday, Jan. 23, the Mezza group played golf at Golf Hammock CC using Pro-Am Points.

Mike Lajiness took first place in A group with plus 1 and Jim Gulick in second place at even.

Mike Winchester scored plus 5 for first place in B group and in second place, Harvey Kecskes had plus 4.

In C group Curt Matterson had a plus 3 for first place while David Mulligan with plus 1 for second place and a tie between Bob Topel and Bobby Culbert for third place at even.

Bob Kecskes in first place in D group with plus 5 and Doug Haire in second place at plus 3.

In E group Tony Frances had a plus 5 to take first place and in second place Gerry Geouque with a plus 3.

Doc Thomas scored a whopping plus 8 for first place in F group while Greg Brewer in second place with a plus 6 and in third place Bob Morrison had a plus 5.

Bob Fidlin had a plus 4 in G group for first place and Joe Hamilton was at plus 2 for second place.

In H group first place was Dennis Latshaw with plus 7 and a three way tie in second place between Bill Katcher, Jean Terrell and Larry Giangreco at plus 3.

There was a tie for first place in I group between Pete Mezza and Karl Mellor at plus 2.

Ron Geouque was at plus 1 for first place in J group and a tie between Janet Howland and Tom Nelligan in second place at minus 1.

Next Monday, Jan. 30, the Mezza group will play at Golf Hammock CC.

This is a modified shotgun starting at 8 a.m., please arrive early to register.

For more information, call Pete Mezza at 414-2110.

### Harder Hall

The Ladies League played a Pro-Am Points event on Monday, Jan. 23, with Doris Cunningham taking the overall win with +10.

Elaine Hettinga was second a +9, Donna Maki third at +5 and Liz Reinhardt fourth at +4.

Carol Grimm, Kay Maher, Ronna Mason and Joyce Himler all came in at +3, Aline Glendenning was at +2 and Sue Davis, Lorraine Farcier and Mary Ryan each scored +1.

Patty Forrest had a chip-in on No. 11.

The Ladies League played a Low Net event on Thursday, Jan. 19.

The winners were: First place, Joyce Himler with 70; and second place, Joyce Flemming with 71. Tying for third/fourth/fifth places were Jackie Christopher, Mary Hayes and Pat Rice with 72 each.

### Lake June West

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Thursday, Jan. 19.

Winning first place was the team of Pete McNamee, Art Schmeltz, Jim Lynch, Bob Knishka and Roy Fowler with 38; second place, Claude Cash, H. Langsten, Larry Clay, Fred Neer and John Ruffo with 39; and third place, Dick Denhart, Norm Grubbs, Ron Vanmeter and Don Boulton with 40.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Ron Hesson, 6-feet-8-inches; No. 4, Norm Grubbs, 23-feet-10-inches; and No. 8, Orville Huffman, 3-feet-10-inches.

A Scramble was played on Thursday, Jan. 19.

Winning first place was the team of Ron Hesson, George Cloud, Joe and Joyce Swartz, Ron and Carol Cobert with 49. Tying for second/third/fourth places were the teams of Ken Rowen, Tom and Rose Houlihan, Margaret and Art Schmeltz and Betty Billau; Andy and Karen Ames, Ralph and Beth Little, Larry Heath, Wanda Jones and Helen Mellon; Doyan and Donna Eades, Pete and Mary McNamee, John and Sue Ruffo and Wayne Eades with 50 each.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 8, Lynn Martin, 3-feet-7-inches. (Men), No. 2, Ron Cobert, 2-feet-9-inches; and No. 4, Art Schmeltz, 2-feet-10-inches.

The Ladies League played a game on Monday, Jan. 16.

Winning first place was the team of Virginia Simmons, Verna Knishka and Donna Palmatier with 37. Tying for second/third places were the teams of Helene Mellon, Charlotte Mathew, Carol Cobert and Eva Huffman; Wanda Jones, Barbara Cash and Sylvia West with 40 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Elaine Orr, 10-feet-8-inches; No. 4, Joanne McGill, 22-feet; and No. 8, Kim Fiers, 6-feet.

The Men's Association played a One Best Ball Even, Two Best Balls Odd game on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Tying for first/second/third places were the teams of Bill Lockwood, Bob McMillian, John Rosettis and Howard Ticknor; John Moss, Darrell Horney, Jeff Harstine and David Raciti; Darrell Gardner, Russ Isaacs, Alan Pratt and Jim Hays with minus-21 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 11, Darrell Horney, 13-feet-11-inches.

Winning first place was the team of Alice Bitzer, Heather Rognvaldson, Emily Bootier and Helen Hunter with minus-19. Tying for second/third places were the teams of Von Lacy, Linda Archambault, Janice Geiger and Bobbie Miller; Sue Mackey, Pat Haas, Karen Wallin and Joan Sniffen with minus-13 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Heather Rognvaldson, 8-feet-3-inches.

The Limited Group played a game on Monday, Jan. 23.

Winning first place was the team of Bern and Sharon Koster, John Hierholzer and Denny Yockey with plus-13; and second place, Tom and Jannette Brouwer, Sherry and Dennis Delisle with plus-12.5.

Individual winners were: First place, Tom Brouwer with plus-7.5; second place, Berk Hyde with plus-7; and third place, Bern Koster with plus-6.5.

The Morrison Group played a game on Monday, Jan. 23.

Winning first place was the team of Clark Austin, Russ Rudd, Bob Stevens and Len Westdale with minus-42. Tying for second/third places were the teams of Tim Thomas, Tom Morway, Dave Kelly and Peter March; Bob Wolf, Frank Conroy, J.R. Messier and Cliff Aubin with minus-36 each.

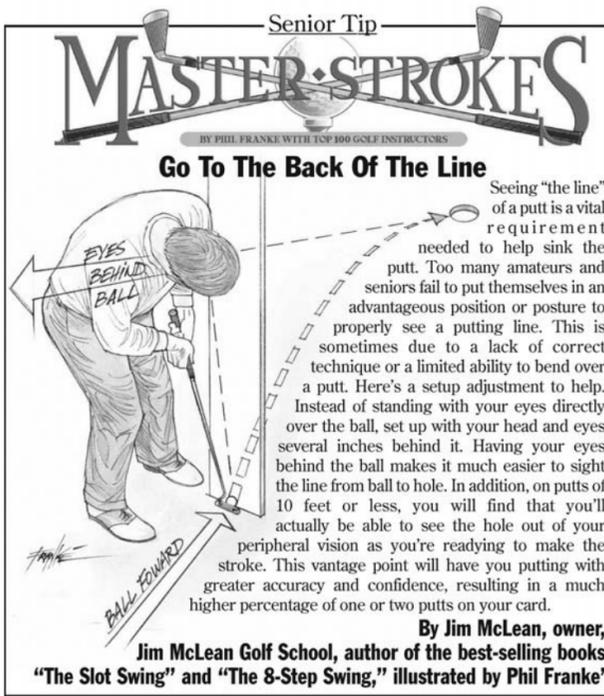
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Third place, Gil Heier, Ken Brunswick, Keith Kincer and Paul Johnson with minus-35.

The Ladies Association played a pro am tournament on Thursday, Jan. 19.

Winning first place was the team of Anne Kelly, Pat Graf, Laura Smutnick and Marilyn Clauws with plus-7.5; and second place, Betty Leblanc, Fran Neil,



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

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Winning first place was the team of Anne Kelly, Pat Graf, Laura Smutnick and Marilyn Clauws with plus-7.5; and second place, Betty Leblanc, Fran Neil,

Marybeth Carby and Betty Wallace with plus-2.

Individual winners were: First place, D. Johnson with plus-7. Tying for second/third places were Anne Kelly and Fran Neil with plus-5.5.

The Men's Association played a pro am tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Tying for first/second places were the teams of J.R. Messier, Tom Morway, David Kelly and Roman Belobradich; Dave Stoddart, B.C. Roberts and Glenn Nelson with plus-13 each.

Flight A - First place, Dave Stoddart with plus-9. Flight B - First place, J.R. Messier with plus-5. Flight C - First place, Don Ethun with plus-5.5. D Flight -

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The Morrison Group played a game on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The winners were: Front Side - First place, Bob Stevens and Gil Heier; second place, Keith Kincer and Fred Evans; and third place, Clark Austin and Gerry Page. Back Side - First place, Cliff Aubin and Don McDonald; second place, Keith Kincer and Fred Evans; and third place, Dick Garceau and Romy Febre.

The Golfettes played a Net and Gross game on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The winners were: Net - Tying for first/second places were Gale Garceau and Betty Wallace with 30. Third place, Linda Therrien with 31. Gross - First place, Linda Therrien with 39; and second place, Anne Kelly with 41. Tying for third/fourth places were Marybeth Carby and Gale Garceau with 45 each.

The Morrison Group played a game on Monday, Jan. 16.

Winning first place was the team of Al Farrell, Cliff Steele, John Smutnick and Bob Wolf with minus-33; second place, Bill Mountford, J.R. Messier, Jim Anderson and Gil Heier with minus-29; and third place, Wayne Carlin, Leo Persails and Tom Morway with minus-28.

The Limited Group played a game on Monday, Jan. 16.

Winning first place was the team of Verena and Bob Wilhide, Don and Bea Sherman with plus-8; and second place, Ken and Dianne Hill, Berk and Carolyn Hyde with plus-6.5.

Individual winners were: First place, John Hierholzer with plus-10; and second place, Bern Coster with plus-6.5.

The Men's Association played a Men's Day event on Saturday, Jan. 14.

Tying for first/second places were the teams of Ken Brunswick, John Smutnick, Gerry Page and Tim Thomas; Dave Stoddart, Keith Kincer, J.R. Messier and Leo Persails with minus-34 each. Third place,

Johnny Wehunt, Jim Cery, George Brode and Peter March with minus-30.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Russ Rudd, 11-feet-2-inches; No. 5, Wayne Carlin, 7-feet-4.5-inches; No. 12, Dave Stoddart, 1-foot-5-inches; and No. 17, Tom Morway, 32-feet.

The Men's Association played a pro am tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Winning first place was the team of Bob Streater, Russ Rudd, Bob Stevens and Jim Anderson with plus-13; second place, Dave Stoddart, B.C. Roberts, John Yoder and Joe Craig with plus-6.5.

A Flight (28-34): First place, Russ Rudd with plus-9. Tying for second/third places were Jim Anderson and John Smutnick with plus-4 each. B Flight (24-26): First place, J.R. Messier with plus-8. Tying for second/third places were B.C. Roberts and Vince Boever with plus-4.5 each. C Flight (19-23): First place, Bob Streater with plus-6.5; and second place, Don Ethun with plus-2.5. D Flight (18-under): First place, Leo Persails with plus-7; and second place, Johnny Wehunt with plus-6.5.

The SpringLake Women's Golf Association played an Individual Low Gross/Low Net Flighted tournament on the Panther Creek course on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Pearl Bradford took Low Gross honors in Flight A, with an 89, while Mary Cebula had Low Net for the flight with a 74.

Low Gross in Flight B went to the 82 brought in by Judy Dunn's 82, including a blistering 37 on the front nine, and Low Net was secured by the 74 carded by Barb Stevens.

Flight C saw Rosie Foote get Low Gross at 92 with Low Net going to Carolyn Irvine's red hot 67.

And in Flight D, Low Gross went to Eleanor Demitz at 103 with Low Net claimed by Chris Murchie at 77.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association held an Individual Net Points - Flighted - tournament on the Cougar Trail course.

Points were awarded as Bogey = 1, Par = 2, Birdie = 4, eagle = 6, and double eagle = 8, all on a "net of hole handicap" basis.

The only golfer to score a net double eagle was Ed Clay.

In the A Flight, two golfers tied for first, second, and third.

Bill Lavens and Bob Rogers tied for first place at 46 points.

Ken Kirby and Kirby Gann tied for second place at 45 points and Bo Bohanon and Gerry Esty tied for third place at 44 points.

Jan Hard scored 43 points to get fourth place.

In the B Flight, Larry Colclasure got hot and scored 55 points for first place.

Bob Berg made 47 points to claim second place and Dale Stevens shot 46 points to get third place in B.

Finally, there was a tie for fourth place between John Scroeder and Dave Docherty at 44 points.

## Woods opens with 70, trails McIlroy, Karlsson by 3

By MICHAEL CASEY  
Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Tiger Woods weathered putting woes to open his 2012 season with a 2-under 70 at the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship on Thursday, three shots behind clubhouse leaders Rory McIlroy and Robert Karlsson.

Woods played bogey-free golf that produced few momentous shots and two birdies.

He missed several birdie chances, including a 6-footer on his ninth, the 18th hole.

"Hit the ball well all day today. It was a good ball-striking round," Woods said. "I had a hard time reading the greens out there. The greens were pretty grainy and I just had a hard time getting a feel for it. Toward the end I hit some pretty good putts, but overall I got fooled a lot on my reads."

McIlroy, the U.S. Open champion who has had three top-five finishes in Abu Dhabi, made three birdies in his first four holes, but errat-

ic driving led to two bogeys on the next four. He steadied himself with three birdies on his back nine, including a chip-in on No. 8 from just off the green.

Karlsson also shot a 67, one shot ahead of Gareth Maybin and Richard Finch of England. Sergio Garcia, who was still out on the course, moved to 2-under when he had a hole-in-one on No. 12, hitting a 7-iron on the 193-yard par 3.

Top-ranked Luke Donald (71) was four shots behind.

"It's a nice way to start the competitive season, I suppose," McIlroy said. "I didn't feel like I played that good. I definitely didn't strike the ball as good as I have been the last couple of weeks. I think it's just because your first competitive round of the season, card in your hand, you can get a little bit tentative or a little apprehensive."

McIlroy, who calls Woods a friend and was chatting with his playing partner for much of the day, made little of beating him in the first round.

"If it was the last day of the tournament and you're both going in there with a chance to win, I would take a lot of pride from that obviously," said the 22-year-old Northern Irishman, who has talked of idolizing Woods as a teenager and following him during a Dubai tournament when he played as an amateur in 2006 and 2007.

Coming off a seven-week layoff, Woods has said he is fitter than he has been in years and brimming with confidence following his dramatic victory at the Chevron World Challenge last month.

That ended a two-year run without a win.

Before last month's win, Woods finished third at the Australian Open, and then delivered the clinching point for the American team in the Presidents Cup.

Since the Chevron, Woods has moved up to 25th in the world after falling outside the top 50 last year.

"It felt the same as it had from Oz to the World Challenge to here," Woods said of his game. "I con-

trolled my ball all day and just had a hard time getting a feel for these greens. They are grainy enough where I just didn't quite read them right, and I hit them good, and then the grain would take it, not take it. It was just difficult."



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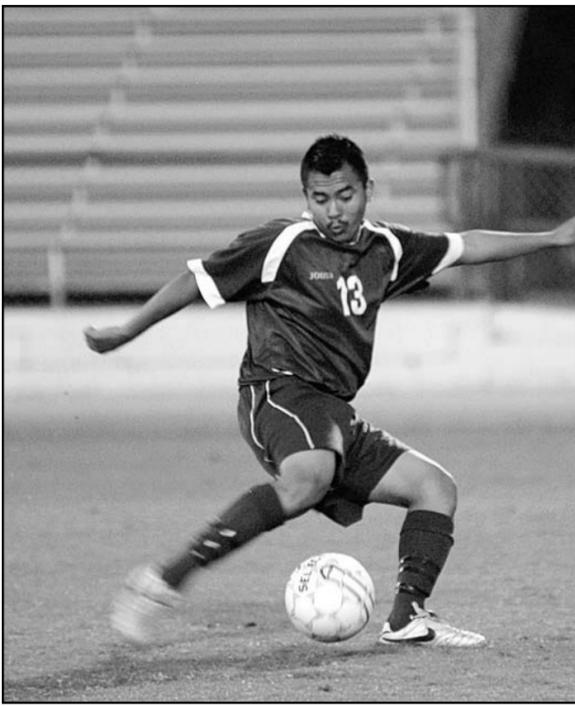
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Jorge Medina scored on a direct kick to close the gap to 4-3 Tuesday, but a key Bulldog goal allowed Frostproof to take the district semifinal match, 5-4.

## Dragon rally falls short

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Time then ran out on the Dragons, halting their Herculean effort and sending the Bulldogs on to the district title game.

Twelve minutes later, it was Jose Hernandez getting to a deflected shot and booting it upward into the back, top of the net to cut the lead to two.

And when Jorge Medina bent a direct kick past a diving keeper at the 12:20 mark, Lake Placid was suddenly within one. It was seven minutes later, however, that Frostproof got what would turn out to be an insurance score, because with under two minutes to play, Osvaldo Orduna frantically worked it in from the left side and blasted it across the front of the net on an angle to close it to 5-4.

The other teams watching, early on were rooting for us so they could face us," Ashley said. "After that second half though, they were quiet and wanted no part of us. We almost did the unthinkable.

"This is such a great group that are so coachable," he continued. "They've improved so much as a team and they've seen what they can do when they play as a team. I'm so proud of what they did and now we just take this as a learning experience to improve from for next year."

## James' late FTs give Heat 101-98 win over Pistons

By NOAH TRISTER  
Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — LeBron James scored 32 points, including the game's last six from the free throw line, to lead the Miami Heat to a 101-98 win over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

The Heat trailed 98-95 after a 3-pointer by Detroit's Jonas Jerebko, but James made two free throws to cut the deficit to one with 1:19 left.

After Damien Wilkins fumbled the ball out of bounds for the Pistons, James drove straight at Austin Daye, drawing another foul and putting Miami up 99-98.

He made two more free throws with 9.4 seconds remaining after Detroit's Greg Monroe missed inside.

Chris Bosh hit his first seven shots and finished with 27 points for Miami — which was without Dwyane Wade, who sat out because of a right ankle injury.

Daye scored a career-high 28 points for the Pistons.

Miami led 90-80 in the fourth quarter, but the Pistons rallied with a 12-0 run, taking the lead when rookie Brandon Knight made a midrange shot after James nearly intercepted a cross-court pass to him.

Bosh answered with five straight points for the Heat, but Monroe scored inside while being fouled and his free throw tied the game.

After a miss by Shane Battier, Jerebko made an open 3-pointer from near the top of the key to give Detroit a 98-95 advantage.

After a Miami timeout, Daye poked the ball away from James, and Knight came up with it and was fouled.

But he missed both free throws, and Detroit wouldn't

score again.

Wade missed his sixth consecutive game.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra says he is still day-to-day.

Detroit's Tayshaun Prince missed the game because of a family matter, and guard Ben Gordon was out with a sore shoulder.

James went 13 of 14 from the free throw line after entering the game shooting 73 percent.

He had a 20-for-37 stretch from the line over three games earlier this month, but he looked plenty calm Wednesday with the game on the line.

Bosh handled most of the scoring early, going 6 for 6 in the first quarter with a 3-pointer.

At one point, Miami led 14-9 and Bosh had 13 points.

He hurt the Pistons from the perimeter and inside, and the Heat led 24-17 after the first.

Daye did his best to respond for Detroit, scoring 18 points in the second quarter.

Detroit moved the ball well on offense, and Daye made four 3-pointers in the period.

Miami led by as many as 11 in the second but had to settle for a 56-50 halftime lead after Daye's 12-footer at the buzzer.

## Streaks get one more shot for higher seed

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Kathleen took back the lead, however, and entered the final quarter with a 10-point advantage over the Blue Streaks.

The first two points of the quarter by Jared Cannon started the rally for Sebring as they closed the gap in scoring.

Taylor, Jones and Nelson St. Louis followed shortly after with a combined 17 points to bring the score to 53-50.

The home crowd was soon on their feet, chanting, "Defense, defense!" and encouraging the boys to give these last few minutes their all.

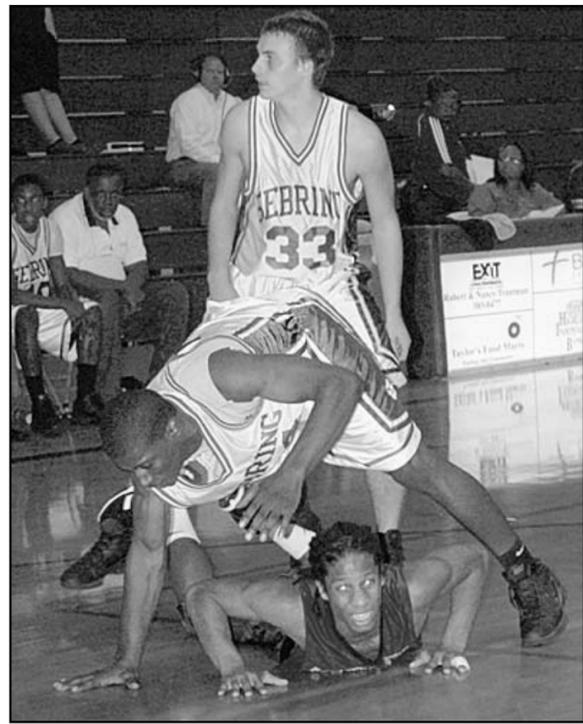
And that they did. Cannon just missed a three-point shot that was recov-

ered by Josh Austin to see Sebring trailing 53-52.

Austin would later take the shot that tied the score at 54, but Kathleen would use the last of their free throws to finalize the 56-54 win.

With last week's win over Lake Gibson their lone district victory of the season, the Streaks get one more chance to stay out of the bottom seed of the upcoming District 9-6A tournament — a re-match with the Braves at Lake Gibson Friday.

"We want to move up so we won't have to face Winter Haven until the final," Harris said. "We made a nice comeback after being down 12 in the fourth. We're getting better."



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

This Red Devil may have stumbled, causing Michael Weston to lose his balance, but Kathleen would remain steady and hit enough foul shots down the stretch to hold off the Streaks Tuesday.

## Rookie QBs make big strides in first year

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in NFL history.

He also threw for 21 touchdowns with 17 interceptions.

His 14 rushing touchdowns are the most ever by an NFL quarterback in a season.

The Panthers missed the playoffs after finishing 6-10, but Newton promises he has a lot more to offer as his game matures.

"I've had an unbelievable and blessed year, but at the same time, I feel the best is yet to come for Cam Newton," he said. "I'm going to continue to work hard and push myself."

Looking back at game film of himself, Newton said there were things he was happy with and some things that were "disgusting to look at."

"That's why you grow into the game and watch film on yourself to see yourself now and see yourself in the future," he said.

And to Newton, the future is bright in Carolina, which is looking to become a playoff contender.

"The Carolina Panthers, coach (Ron) Rivera, (General Manager) Marty Hurney and (owner) Jerry Richardson, they have everybody's interest at heart and they're going to do what's the best for this team," Newton said. "That's something I do know and I can attest to. This team, this organization is going in the right direction to be an elite playoff team and contender year in and year out."

As for Dalton, he's already tasted the playoffs, even though it ended in a lopsided 31-10 loss to Houston in the AFC wild-card round.

Dalton threw for 3,398 yards and 20 touchdowns, leading the young Bengals (9-8) to just their third winning record and playoff appearance in the last 21 years.

Dalton still can't believe how far he's come.

"A year ago I was in Mobile, Ala., in the Senior



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Cam Newton and Cincinnati's Andy Dalton rode strong rookie seasons to invites to Sunday's Pro Bowl game in Hawaii.

Bowl trying to impress scouts. A year later, I'm sitting here in Hawaii at the Pro Bowl," he said. "A lot has happened and I just feel blessed to be where I am."

Dalton, a second-round selection in 2011, said making the Pro Bowl never entered his mind.

"Trying to get to the playoffs is all I was worried about. With that, I was able to get here," he said. "I feel blessed. The Lord has given me so much and it's been a big year and this is a great way to kind of end it."

Newton and Dalton greeted each other at the hotel before Wednesday's opening practice.

"We were able to come in and the teams trusted us to

come in and lead the team," Dalton said. "So I think it's great. We just came out and did what we were able to do — just be ourselves and it worked out for both of us. We both came into great situations."

Dalton is joined by three Bengals: second-year defensive tackle Geno Atkins, rookie receiver A.J. Green and second-year tight end Jermaine Gresham.

"For us to be here with four guys in their first, second year, it shows the kind of young talent we have," Dalton said. "I think all four of us here, just to be around these guys that have been to the Pro Bowl a lot, it's great for us and gives us a little exposure and we can build upon this."

Newton and Dalton said they haven't experienced much hazing yet.

But sometimes rookies have big food and beverage tabs that left to their rooms.

So Newton will be trying to keep his room number quiet.

"Hopefully nobody tries anything," Newton said. "I'm hoping for the best."

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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Too many tests? Routine checks getting second look

WASHINGTON (AP) — Recent headlines offered a fresh example of how the health care system subjects people to too many medical tests — this time research showing millions of older women don't need their bones checked for osteoporosis nearly so often.

Chances are you've heard that many expert groups say cancer screening is overused, too, from mammograms given too early or too often to prostate cancer tests that may not save lives. It's not just cancer. Now some of the nuts-and-bolts tests given during checkups or hospital visits are getting a second look, too — things like routine EKGs to check heart health, or chest X-rays before elective surgery. Next under the microscope may be women's dreaded yearly pelvic exams.

The worry: If given too often, these tests can waste time and money, and sometimes even do harm if false alarms spur unneeded follow-up care.

It begs the question: Just what should be part of my doctor's visit?

If you're 65 or older, Medicare offers a list of screenings to print out and discuss during the new annual wellness visit, a benefit that began last year. As of November, more than 1.9 million seniors had taken advantage of the free check-up.

*'Too often, we order tests without stopping to think about how (if at all) the result will help the patient.'*

**DR. CHRISTINE LAINE**  
editor, Annals of Internal Medicine

For younger adults, figuring out what's necessary and what's overkill is tougher. Whatever your age, some major campaigns are under way to help. They're compiling lists of tests that your doctor might be ordering more out of habit, or fear of lawsuits, than based on scientific evidence that they are really needed.

"Too often, we order tests without stopping to think about how (if at all) the result will help the patient," wrote Dr. Christine Laine. She's editor of Annals of Internal Medicine, which this month published a list of 37 scenarios where testing is overused.

Not even physicians are immune when it comes to their own health care. Dr. Steven Weinberger of the American College of Physicians had minor elective surgery for torn knee cartilage about a year ago. The hospital required a pre-operative chest X-ray, an EKG to check his heart, and a full blood work-up — tests he says aren't recommended for an otherwise healthy person at low risk of complications.

Weinberger should know: He led the team that compiled that new list of over-

used tests. All three examples are on it.

"If anyone should have objected, I should have objected, but I took the easy way out. I didn't want to be raising a fuss, quite frankly," he says.

The college of physicians' push for what it calls "high-value, cost-conscious care" — and similar work being published in the Archives of Internal Medicine — aims to get more doctors to think twice so their patients won't be put in that uncomfortable position. Another group, the National Physicians Alliance, is studying whether training primary care doctors in parts of Connecticut, California and Washington about the most overused care will change their habits.

Medical groups have long urged patients not to be shy and to ask why they need a particular test, what its pros and cons are, and what would happen if they skip it. This spring, a campaign called Choosing Wisely promises to provide more specific advice. The group will publish a list of the top 5 overused tests and treatments from different specialties.

Consumer Reports will publish a layman's translation, to help

people with these awkward discussions.

For now, some recent publications offer this guidance:

— No annual EKGs or other cardiac screening for low-risk patients with no heart disease symptoms. That's been a recommendation of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force for years. Yet a Consumer Reports survey of more than 8,000 people ages 40 to 60 found 44 percent of low-risk, people with no symptoms had undergone an EKG or similar screening. Simple blood pressure and cholesterol checks are considered far more valuable.

— Discuss how often you need a bone-density scan for osteoporosis. An initial test is recommended at 65, and Medicare pays for a repeat every two years. A study published last week found that a low-risk woman whose initial scan is healthy can wait up to 15 years for a repeat; those at moderate risk might need retesting in five years, high-risk women more often.

— Women under 65 need that first bone scan only if they have risk factors such as smoking or prior broken bones, say the two new overtesting lists.

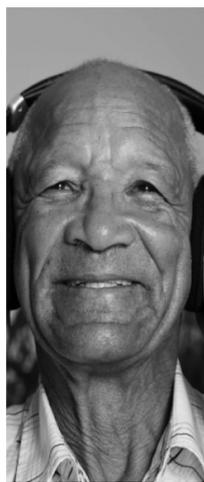
— Most people with low back pain for less than six weeks shouldn't get X-rays or other scans, Weinberger's group stresses.

— Even those all-important cholesterol tests seldom are needed every year, unless yours is high, according to

the college of physicians. Otherwise, guidelines generally advise every five years.

— Pap smears for a routine cervical cancer check are only needed once every three years by most women. So why must they return to the doctor every year to get a pelvic exam (minus the Pap)? For no good reason, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last month. Pelvic exams aren't a good screening tool for ovarian cancer, and shouldn't be required to get birth control pills, the report says.

Yes, simple tests can harm. Cleveland Clinic cardiology chief Dr. Steven Nissen cites a 52-year-old woman who wound up with a heart transplant after another doctor ordered an unneeded cardiac scan that triggered a false alarm and further testing that in turn punctured her aorta.



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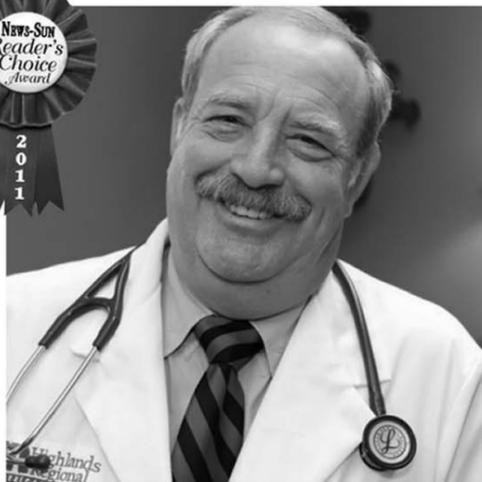
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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Watch what you eat: Food labels can deceive you



**Dear Pharmacist**  
Suzy Cohen

**Dear Pharmacist:** I'm determined to stick with my New Year's resolution to lose weight by cutting calories. Any tips to help me?  
— F.P., Tulsa, Okla.

**Answer:** Medical studies have shown that caloric restriction is an effective way to lose weight. Caloric restriction increases the activity of PGC-1 alpha, a lovely gene in your body that improves fat burning ability, energy and thyroid function. One supplement that activates this gene is resveratrol and there are others which I discuss in my "Diabetes Without Drugs" book.

I prefer when people "edit" what they eat, rather than "diet" and by that I mean edit the oils you cook with, the spices you sprinkle, the snacks you munch on and so forth. But caloric restriction is equally important. Make sure they come primarily from fresh fruits and vegetables, grass-fed, hormone-free meats, and whole grains if you can handle the grains.

Grains are a big topic because many grains have gluten, or they've been contaminated with fungus. Paleo diet lovers never eat grains. Regardless of your preference, my point is that excess calories come from



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**Keep an eye on serving sizes when figuring up your calorie intake.**

processed and heavily refined foods so those are the ones to avoid.

Manufacturers play tricks with food labels to conceal calories. They know you're not going to closely study food labels, especially because the print is so small to begin with. A quick scan of the calorie count could leave you consuming hundreds of extra calories without realizing it.

My next examples are just the tip of a gigantic "fooled you" iceberg.

Look at soda. Admittedly, I don't recommend drinking it if you are on a diet (even "diet" soda) but the label is a great example to enlighten you. Pick up a 16.9 ounce-bottle of Canada Dry ginger ale. It looks like one serving. (Gone are the days of the tiny soda bottles I remember

when I was a kid.) Flip it over, and the calorie number on the label says 90.

Not bad, right? Look again. It's 90 calories PER serving and there are "About two." What's with the "about"? In actuality, it's more like 210 calories in that bottle. Fooled you! I must applaud Coca-Cola because at least they print "200 calories" in large letters on the front of the bottle offering clarity.

How about a chicken pot pie? Flip a 16.5 ounce Marie Callender's frozen pot pie over, and you'll see 570 calories on the label. When the cute little bubbling pie comes out of the oven, you'll dig right in.

But wait! You'll have to cut that pie in half if you only want 570 calories, because that's the amount

per serving. Hmm, fooled you again!

To take advantage of caloric restriction benefits, stay away from refined foods and shop along the perimeter of the grocery store.

Never venture into the interior aisles unless you want honey, maple syrup, coffee, tea or nuts.

### Did You Know?

Eating gold kiwifruit increases vitamin C, and reduces severity of the common cold.

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

## Study: Stem cells may aid vision in blind people

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two legally blind women appeared to gain some vision after receiving an experimental treatment using embryonic stem cells, scientists reported Monday.

While embryonic stem cells were first isolated more than a decade ago, most of the research has been done in lab animals. The new results come from the first tests in humans for a vision problem. Researchers caution the work is still very preliminary.

"This study provides reason for encouragement, but plans to now get such a treatment would be premature," said stem cell expert Paul Knoepfler of the University of California, Davis, who had no role in the research.

Last summer, each patient was injected in one eye with cells derived from embryonic stem cells at the University of California, Los Angeles. One patient had the "dry" form of age-related macular degeneration, the most common cause of blindness. The other had a rare disorder known as Stargardt disease that causes serious vision loss. There's no cure for either eye problem.

After four months, both showed some improvement in reading progressively smaller letters on an eye chart. The Stargardt patient, a graphic artist in Los Angeles, went from seeing no letters at all to

being able to read five of the largest letters.

However, experts said the improvement of the macular degeneration patient might be mostly psychological, because the vision in her untreated eye appeared to get better too.

Both patients remain legally blind despite their improvements, said experts not connected with the study.

"One must be very careful not to overinterpret the visual benefit," said Vanderbilt University retina specialist Dr. Paul Sternberg, who is also the president-elect of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

The findings were published online Monday by the journal *Lancet*. This early test was meant to study whether the stem cell therapy was safe in people and not whether it would improve vision.

Scientists at UCLA and Advanced Cell Technology, which funded the work, said they were pleased that there have been no signs of rejection or abnormal growth months after the procedure.

Embryonic stem cells can transform into any cell of the body. Scientists are hoping to harness embryonic stem cells to create a variety of replacement tissues for transplant, but their use has been controversial because human embryos have to be destroyed to harvest the cells.

## Meth fills hospitals with burn patients

By JIM SALTER  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A crude new method of making methamphetamine poses a risk even to Americans who never get anywhere near the drug: It is filling hospitals with thousands of uninsured burn patients requiring millions of dollars in advanced treatment — a burden so costly that it's contributing to the closure of some burn units.

So-called shake-and-bake meth is produced by combining raw, unstable ingredients in a 2-liter soda bottle. But if the person mixing the noxious brew makes the slightest error, such as removing the cap too soon or accidentally perforating the plastic, the concoction can explode, searing flesh and causing permanent disfigurement, blindness or even death.

An Associated Press survey of key hospitals in the nation's most active meth states showed that up to a third of patients in some burn units were hurt while making meth, and most were uninsured. The average treatment costs \$6,000 per day. And the average meth patient's hospital stay costs \$130,000 — 60 percent more than other burn patients, according to a study by doctors at a burn center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The influx of patients is overwhelming hospitals and becoming a major factor in the closure of some burn wards. At least seven burn units across the nation have shut down over the past six years, partly due to consolidation but also because of the cost of treating uninsured patients, many of whom are connected to methamphetamine.

*'You're not judgemental in this kind of work, but you see it day after day.'*

DR. JEFFREY GUY

Burn experts agree the annual cost to taxpayers is well into the tens if not hundreds of millions of dollars, although it is impossible to determine a more accurate number because so many meth users lie about the cause of their burns.

Larger meth labs have been bursting into flame for years, usually in basements, backyard sheds or other private spaces. But those were fires that people could usually escape. Using the shake-and-bake method, drugmakers typically hold the flammable concoction up close, causing burns from the waist to the face.

"You're holding a flame-thrower in your hands," said Jason Grellner of the Franklin County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

Also known as the "one-pot" approach, the method is popular because it uses less pseudoephedrine — a common component in some cold and allergy pills. It also yields meth in minutes rather than hours, and it's cheaper and easier to conceal. Meth cooks can carry all the ingredients in a backpack and mix them in a bathroom stall or the seat of a car.

The improvised system first emerged several years ago, partly in response to attempts by many states to limit or forbid over-the-counter access to pseudoephedrine. Since then, the shake-and-bake recipe has spread to become the method of choice.

By 2010, about 80 percent of labs busted by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration were using shake-and-bake recipes, said Pat Johnakin, a DEA agent specializing in meth.

So instead of a large lab that supplies many users, there are now more people making meth for their personal use. The consequences are showing up in emergency rooms and burn wards.

"From what we see on the medical side, that's the primary reason the numbers seem to be going up: greater numbers of producers making smaller batches," said Dr. Michael Smock, director of the burn unit at Mercy Hospital St. Louis.

It's impossible to know precisely how many people are burned while making shake-and-bake meth. Some avoid medical treatment, and no one keeps exact track of those who go to the hospital. But many burn centers in the nation's most active meth-producing states report sharp spikes in the number of patients linked to meth. And experts say the trend goes

well beyond those facilities, easily involving thousands of drug users.

The director of the burn center at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, the state that led the nation in meth lab seizures in 2010, said meth injuries are doubly damaging because patients often suffer thermal burn from the explosion, as well as chemical burns. And the medical challenge is compounded by patients' addictions.

"You're not judgmental in this kind of work, but you see it day after day," said Vanderbilt's Dr. Jeffrey Guy. "We've had patients say, 'I'm going out for a smoke,' and they come back all jacked up. It's clear they went out and did meth again."

Few people burned by meth will admit it.

"We get a lot of people who have strange stories," said Dr. David Greenhalgh, past president of the American Burn Association and director of the burn center at the University of California, Davis. "They'll say they were working on the carburetor at 2 or 3 in the morning and things blew up. So we don't know for sure, but 25 to 35 percent of our patients are meth-positive when we check them."

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## RELIGION

## Temple of God

The prophet Jeremiah through the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20,21) told of a new covenant that God Almighty would make and it would not be like the old. The Hebrew writer, guided by the same Spirit, further explains what that new covenant entailed in 8:6-13. Hebrews is as masterpiece showing the superiority of Christ over the old system/covenant in every way.

One of those areas of superiority is the tabernacle, church, house, temple of God. "But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation." (Hebrews 9:11)

As Paul stood in Athens in the midst of the Areopagus, he boldly proclaimed, "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands." (Acts 17:24) Paul is echoing the same truth proclaimed by Stephen in Acts 7:48-50. In light of this information, the following quote is interesting: "Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints regard the temple as the house of the Lord—the most sacred place on earth." "The temple is literally the house of the Lord." (Ensign, October, 2010, pages 3,4)

Our constitution allows us freedom of religion, but the serious student of the Word will recall and heed the aged admonished: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1) The student's love for Truth will also prompt them to heed the warning: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables." (2 Timothy 4:3,4)

The word "church" as used in the Greek New Testament refers to people as clearly noted in Acts 8:1-3 and 9:1, 2. It is never used to refer to a physical structure. This same thought is expressed in

such terms as temple, house, tabernacle, body and building. "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" "Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." "And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God..." (1 Corinthians 3:16; 12:27; 2 Corinthians 6:16) "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ...But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:5,9)

The Bereans are worthy examples even today. "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men. (Acts 17:11,12) This excellent and effective mindset was also reflected in the teachings of Jesus, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31,32)

A fitting summary of this matter is Ephesians 2:19-22: "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit."

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## Guest Column

Frank Parker

## Church News

## Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. The Sunday worship service with Communion will be led by Deacon David Thoresen. Lector/Assistant is Ed Graff.

Feb. 5 will be the "Soupier Bowl Sunday" pancake breakfast following morning worship. The men's group is hosting this event. Breakfast consists of all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage patties, fruit cup, fresh-squeezed orange juice and coffee. Please bring a can of "soup" to be donated to the New Testament Mission. Everyone welcome.

Thursdays, with Sharon Palmer leads Thursday morning Bible study.

Council meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the choir room.

## Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — The Sunday morning message will be delivered by Frank Parker. The Lord's Supper is served every Sunday.

The Sunday evening service will be a devotional with a finger food fellowship to follow.

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

## Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday morning, Pastor Scott McLean will be preaching a sermon entitled "An Unexpected Salvation." The church is at 1320 C.R. 64, east the Avon Park High School.

For more information, call 471-2663 or visit [www.christlutheranavon-park.org/](http://www.christlutheranavon-park.org/).

## Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Love." The keynote is from 1 John 4:8, "...God is love." The church is at 146 N. Franklin St.

## Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "Witnesses of Truth: Part 10" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible

study is studying the Gospel of John.

## Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — On Sunday, there will be a special presentation by the Gideons during the morning service. Pastor Ray's message will be "Always be Ready to Give an Answer" based on 1 Peter 3:15.

Monday afternoon from 1-3:30 p.m., Stencil Classes will be held in the library. No talent or experience is required.

There is no charge for the lessons, just a nominal fee for the brushes.

Mid-week Bible study is held on Wednesday evenings. This is an informal setting where we open with hymn singing, followed by open discussion.

Eastside Christian Church is at 101 Peace Ave. in Lake Placid, two miles east of U.S. 27 on C.R. 621. Call 465-7065.

## Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon,

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds," with Scripture from Colossians 3:12-17.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County Road 634 (Hammock Road). Call 471-1999 or visit [sebringemmanuelucc.com](http://sebringemmanuelucc.com).

## Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — Join members for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany this Sunday morning. Pastor Gary Kindel will be delivering his sermon about Christian Stewardship, the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

The 8 a.m. service can be heard live on WITS 1340 AM. Tuesday evening is open prayer time, followed by Bible study with the pastor in the book of John.

Faith's Closet thrift shop offers donated items that are in good condition for resale. Overstocked items are offered at half-price one week each month.

Surplus items are donated to needy people and organizations. This month, a shipment went out to the eastern

Navajo nation in New Mexico.

Help is available for individuals who come to Faith's Closet with an emergency need.

Faith's Closet hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Faith Closet's phone number is 385-2782.

Paul Todd will be preaching at Faith Lutheran on Friday, Feb. 10. Tickets may be purchased in the church office or in Faith's Closet for \$10 per ticket (children 12 and under, no charge).

Movie night for middle and high school youth at the church is tonight at 6 p.m.

A 30-hour famine is planned Feb. 24-25.

The church is raising money and awareness for the church and community to how bad the famine issue is in the world. A child dies from hunger-related causes every eight to 12 seconds (according to U.N. estimates at [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org)). A child can be fed for \$30 a month.

The church is not only raising money for World Vision, but canned food will

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## RELIGION NEWS SNAPSHOTS

## Trinity plans garage sale Saturday

LAKE PLACID — Trinity Lutheran Church, 25 Lakeview, Lake Placid, is having their annual Garage Sale on Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon.

All donations go to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

## LDS to view Area Broadcast Sunday

SEBRING — Members, families and friends of the Sebring Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will

gather this weekend to listen to words of inspiration and hope as they have their first Area Broadcast.

Originating from the Salt Lake City headquarters on Sunday, the conference will be broadcast via satellite at 10 a.m. throughout 11 states in the Southeast U.S. It will be presided over locally by a member chosen from the leadership of the Bradenton Stake and will feature addresses by a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles and other Church leaders, speaking specifically to our area.

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## RELIGION

## Trying to go somewhere, I ended up nowhere

It was one of those weeks where, if I accomplished anything that delicious slice of information has completely eluded the tiny gray cells floating in my cranium. It is not as if those little gray cells had anything else to do.

As I suffused my weary body into my La-Z-Boy chair, I knew I was tired but I could not figure out what I had done during the week to make me this tired.

After all, it did not seem like I had accomplished anything of significance this week. I was trying to do something, of course, but I had absolutely nothing to show for it. What was I trying to do this past week?

A verse of Scripture began haunting me as I thought about this. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). What was I supposed to "doeth" that I did not get around to "doething"?

Of course, there was that funeral I had this past week. Unfortunately, I opened my book to the wrong page and begin the funeral by saying, "Dearly beloved we are gathered together here to unite these

two in holy matrimony."

Holy macaroni!

What a difference the wrong page makes. At least I was not officiating at a wedding and said, "Ashes to ashes, and dirt to dirt." Although, to be honest about it, I have had some weddings where I thought that phrase fit.

I was tempted, only for a moment, to query the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage but I feared she would tell me. There is something to say about mystery. Nothing is more mysterious than the feminine side of the marriage equation. Odd isn't it, that the marriage equation is not always even.

As I reflected upon my week past, I duly noted the activities that occupied most of my week. Apart from the funeral, I had several hospital visits to make.

As is usually the case, people conspire to go to the hospital at the same time but never at the same hospital. One even went out of town to go to a hospital.

Other visits were made and other activities attended. Certain deadlines were staring me in the face and I stared right back at them defiantly. I am not sure who won.

## Guest Column

Rev. James L Snyder

Services and Bible studies needed to be prepared for which can take up a lot of time. Then, don't you know it: my truck is always out of gas when I am in a hurry. I suppose I could fill my tank up when it got down to a certain level, but where would the fun be in that? Nothing compares to the adrenaline of being in a hurry and late for an appointment and then running out of gas.

Do not get me wrong here. It is not that I do not enjoy giving my wife a call on the cell phone when stranded along the side of the road. It is the highlight of the stranded experience. Usually, her response to my phone call is what stresses me out.

"What," she declares in that sarcastic tone of hers, "have you run out of gas again?"

It is her theatrical use of the word "again" that I believe could easily earn her an Oscar. I once presented her with an Oscar Meyer wiener, but she did not enjoy the

joke. Personally, I thought it was a great joke and I really did not appreciate her reaction. Needless to say, I have not repeated that sin, although temptation is what it is.

I suppose I did do things and accomplished something this past week, but it really does not explain why I am as tired as I am tonight.

I can remember there was a time that I did not even know the meaning of tired. I got tired all right; I just did not know the meaning of the word tired.

Then the whole thing dawned on me. It was almost like being hit on the head with an iron skillet by you know whom. The lights flashed. The lightbulb went on. I had an epiphany to end all epiphanies.

At this point, I am surprised my wife did not get the jump on me with this one. The reason I am so tired is because I am old. There, I said it. I have come to that point in life where being young is a fond fading memory.

As this bit of information began marinating in my cranium, it had a very comforting effect. Up to this point, I had been worrying about the fact that I was tired and I could not link that condition with any

specific activity. As is usually the case, there are good sound reasons for everything. I began to look at my tired condition in a completely different light.

I have earned my being tired. It is something I have worked for all my life. Now, here it is. I am now collecting those wonderful dividends from all that activity of the past.

As I thought about this, a marvelous verse of Scripture came to my mind. "The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head" (Proverbs 20:29 KJV).

Being tired is the crown of a lifetime of activity.

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## APOSTOLIC

■ **Greater Faith Apostolic Church**, 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For information contact (239) 671-0390. Pastor Travis Vanderford.

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way, Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

■ **First Assembly of God**, 4301 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring. The Rev. Wilmont McCrary, pastor. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship and KIDS Church, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday Family Night, (Adult Bible Study), LIFE Youth Group, Royal Rangers, Missionettes, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-6431.

## BAPTIST

■ **Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church**, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. George Hall, Pastor. Christ centered and biblically based. Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available. Bible studies at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. are centered for all ages. Choir practice at 5 p.m. Sunday. Church phone: 452-6556.

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catelyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

■ **Faith Missionary Baptist Church**, off State Road 17 North of Sebring at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m. Deaf interpretation available. Ken Lambert, Pastor. Phone 386-5055.

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45

a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 6 p.m. evening worship. Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. mission programs. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Call 453-6681 for details.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine**, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Associate Pastor Allen Altwater leads the youth in their quest to become more like Christ. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Website: www.fbclp.com. Email: information@fbclp.com. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Senior Sunday Night at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to www.fbclp.com.

■ **First Baptist Church of Florida** located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida is the "Place to discover God's love." For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15

a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

■ **Florida Avenue Baptist Church**, 401 S. Florida Ave., Avon Park. Mailing address is 710 W. Bell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Telephone, 453-5339. Rev. John D. Girdley, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs for children, youth and adults at 7 p.m.

■ **Independent Baptist Church**, 5704 County Road 17 South, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening, 6 p.m. Wednesday service, 7 p.m. Fundamental, soul-winning, mission-minded, King James Bible Church. Larry Ruse, pastor. Phone 655-1899. Bus transportation.

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Ar buckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

■ **Parkway Free Will Baptist Church**, 3413 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Welcome to the church where the "Son" always shines. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday Evening Worship, 7 p.m. End-of-the-Month-Sing at 6 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. The Rev. J.S. Scaggs, pastor. Church phone: 382-3552. Home phone: 214-3025. Affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn.

■ **Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC)** 4400 Sparta Road. Rev. Ken Geren, interim pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer/Bible Study, 6 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-0869.

■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and

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

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

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

## CATHOLIC

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

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

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

## CHRISTIAN

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

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

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

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

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

## CHRISTIAN &amp; MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

## CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Avon Park Church of Christ**, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Minister: Larry Roberts. Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at every service. Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible centered classes for all ages. Church phone: 453-4692.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. We would like to extend an invitation for you and your family to visit with us here at Sebring Parkway. Our hours of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

## CHURCH OF NAZARENE

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park**, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. Randall Rupert, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7 p.m. with special services for children and adults. Special services once a month for seniors (Prime Time) and Ladies ministries. If you need any more information, call 453-4851.

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Lake Placid**, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. Classes for adult children and youth. Call 465-6916. Pastor Tim Taylor.

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Don Seymour, Senior Pastor. Phone 452-0088.

# RELIGION

## Snapshots

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While gospel instruction is the primary goal, this area-wide broadcast will save members much in travel time and dollars and will strengthen the area's membership in understanding. Much of this consolidation has been brought about because of the exponential growth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Today, the LDS Church is the fourth largest Christian Church in America, and Area Conferences are one more way for members to be directly taught by our presiding church leaders.

The public is invited to attend the broadcast at the Sebring chapel at 3235 Grand Prix Drive.

## Sebring Spanish Aglow meets Feb. 4

SEBRING — Sebring Spanish Aglow will meet on

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Saturday, Feb. 4 at The Spring Lake Community Center (209 Spring Lake Blvd. B)

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. (donations welcomed), meeting will be afterwards with singing, sharing and surprises. All are welcome.

## Happening at Sebring Christian Church

SEBRING — A community-wide Relay For Life yard sale will take place today and Saturday at Sebring Christian Church with all money from the sale going

directly to Relay For Life.

The sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Day in concert at Faith Missionary

SEBRING — Doug Day will be in concert at 11 a.m. at Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Sebring. He will also sing and preach in the evening service at 6 p.m. There will be an ice cream social following the evening service.

Both services will be interpreted for the deaf in American Sign Language. A love offering will be taken.

# More seek unemployment aid, but trend is positive

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The number of people seeking unemployment benefits rose last week to a seasonally adjusted 377,000, up from a nearly four-year low the previous week. But the longer-term trend is pointing to a healthier job market.

Applications have trended down over the past few months. The four week average has declined to 377,500. When applications fall consistently below 375,000, it tends to signal that hiring is strong enough to lower the unemployment rate.

Some economists say the figures suggest further job gains ahead.

The nation has added at least 100,000 jobs for six straight months. And the

unemployment rate has declined to 8.5 percent, its lowest in almost three years.

Separately, orders for long-lasting manufactured goods rose as companies spent more on computers, machinery and other equipment. The Commerce Department said Thursday that durable goods orders rose 3 percent last month.

Stock market futures rose after the durable goods report.

"There is more horsepower to this economy than most believe," said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at California State University, Channel Islands. "The stars are aligned right for a meaningful economic recovery."

The number of first-time unemployment applications rose 21,000 last week, the Labor Department said. Applications had plummet-

ed two weeks ago to their lowest level since April 2008.

The average has fallen about 9 percent since Oct. 1. Unemployment applications have been particularly volatile this month because employers have cut temporary workers hired for the holidays.

The department adjusts for seasonal trends. But doing so accurately can be difficult.

But underneath all the volatility, applications have leveled off in recent weeks.

Steven Wood, an economist at Insight Economics, said the longer-term trend suggests that the January jobs report, to be released next week, will show a "solid gain" in hiring.

"The labor market is improving, albeit slowly," Wood said in a note to clients.

# 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](mailto:redemer1895@aol.com) Web site: [redeemeravon.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:lindadowning@live.com). Casey L. Downing, associate minister, [caseydowning@hotmail.com](mailto:caseydowning@hotmail.com). Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: [www.ctmforme.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:unity@vistanet.net). Web site, [www.unityofsebring.org](http://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](mailto:thewaychurch@hotmail.com). Web site: [www.TheWayChurch.org](http://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](mailto:covpres@strato.net); Web site: [www.cpcsebring.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.salvationarmy-sebring.com) or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

## UNITED METHODIST

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary, Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available at all services.

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 200 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: [www.fumcap.org](http://www.fumcap.org).

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office, 465-2422 or [www.memorialumc.com](http://www.memorialumc.com). Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313.

■ **St. John United Methodist Church,** 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. [www.stjohnsebring.org](http://www.stjohnsebring.org).

■ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church,** 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ,** Jesus didn't reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you'll be embraced by a compassionate congregation that is all-inclusive. We're at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Choir and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; [sebringemmanuelucc.com](http://sebringemmanuelucc.com).

## ENTERTAINMENT



Academy President Tom Sherak, right, with actress Jennifer Lawrence announce the 84th Academy Award Nominees at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Tuesday in Los Angeles.

## More surprises than snubs in open Oscar field

By JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

In a refreshingly open Oscar field, the surprises outweighed the snubs among the varied nominees announced Tuesday.

The favorites — “The Artist,” “Hugo,” “The Descendants” — all came away with their predicted boatloads, but a pleasant quirkiness followed with several out-of-left-field nods and a handful of unlikely curiosities.

One thing is clear: The year’s movies were less song and more dance.

Only two nominees were deemed worthy for best song (“Man or Muppet” from “The Muppets” and “Real in Rio” from “Rio”). The silence of the toe-tapping “The Artist,” you could say, was pervasive.

A look at those that sneaked into the Academy Awards and the ones that narrowly missed:

### Unbroadcast news

Throughout awards season, Albert Brooks has been hailed for his against-type performance as a violent gangster in the neo-noir thriller “Drive.”

But Brooks — like so many comedic brethren before him — was left out from a competitive best-supporting actor category that also omitted Ben Kingsley for “Hugo.” Brooks tweeted, “I got ROBBED. I don’t mean the Oscars, I mean literally. My pants and shoes have been stolen.”

He added, “And to the Academy: ‘You don’t like me. You really don’t like me.’”

### Keep your clothes on

The best actor nomination for Demian Bichir of the immigration drama “A Better Life” was a shocker. He, along with Gary Oldman (“Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy”), landed a nomination over some favored heavyweights in Leonardo DiCaprio (with prosthetics in “J. Edgar”) and Michael Fassbender

(without prosthetics in “Shame”).

Also on the outside was Michael Shannon, whose paranoid performance in “Take Shelter” may prove more memorable than some of those that were nominated.

### Making noise

The academy tweaked its best picture category this year, requiring winning nominees to receive a certain percentage of votes for inclusion. Anywhere between five and 10 films could have been nominated, and in the end it was nine. The final spot — which was dramatically revealed last on Tuesday’s broadcast — went to “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close,” the 9/11-themed drama about grief and growing up. Few of the year’s films have been more polarizing, with most critics lambasting it for being over-the-top sentimental kitsch.

### Tattooed

And then we have the curious case of “The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo.” David Fincher’s remake of the Swedish thriller received a strong five nominations including Rooney Mara for best actress (over Charlize Theron in “Young Adult” and Tilda Swinton in “We Need to Talk About Kevin”), cinematography, film editing, sound editing and sound mixing. Those below-the-line nominations often signal high regard for a movie’s craft, and thus a directing nomination. But Fincher (who was nominated by the Directors Guild) wasn’t selected, and the film failed to land a best picture nod even with nine nominees in the best picture category.

### A new leaf

There was always some mystery about how the academy would handle Terrence Malick’s ambitious cosmic family drama “The Tree of Life.” A masterpiece to some, a pretentious hodgepodge with Sean Penn meandering on escala-

tors to others, the film is the Herman Cain of the Oscar race: ardently supported by its backers, snickered at by its critics.

The backers won: The film was nominated for best picture and Malick for best director.

### What’s up, doc?

The category with the most upheaval was best animated feature, where the unlikely and limited released “A Cat in Paris” (from France, naturally) and “Chico and Rita” (from Spain and the United Kingdom) snuck in ahead of high-profile studio films such as Steven Spielberg’s “The Adventures of Tintin,” “Arthur Christmas” and Pixar’s “Cars 2.”

### The forgotten

Every Oscar race has a way of myopically winnowing the year’s films to a batch of favorites, inevitably shutting out worthy movies.

Everyone will have their own personal snub, but it’s worth noting the fine absences, among them: Tom McCarthy’s cheerful “Win Win”; the apocalyptic “Take Shelter”; the psychology history “A Dangerous Method”; the racing documentary “Senna” and, surely, many more.

### Record breakers

A few of this year’s nominees are smashing records. “War Horse” producers Steven Spielberg and Kathleen Kennedy now share the record for most best picture nods.

“The Iron Lady” actress Meryl Streep extended her lead as the most nominated performer with a 17th nomination.

With his two original score nods for “The Adventures of Tintin” and “War Horse,” John Williams is now second only to Walt Disney as the most nominated person with 47 nods. (Disney was nominated 59 times.)

## RELIGION

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help restart the food closet at Faith Lutheran.

### First Baptist Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — Rev. Jon Beck is senior pastor.

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more information, call 453-6681 or e-mail info@fbcp.net.

### First Christian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — “Following your Passion,” is the sermon this Sunday morning. The Scripture Proverbs 4:23 says, “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

Sunday, the church will be viewing the new released movie “Courageous” at 6 p.m. No admission will be charged.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or email firstchristianap@embarqmail.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com/.

### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord’s Table this Sunday morning will be Howard Lewis and Betty Simpson. Communion will be served by Elissa Crothers, Diane Beidler, Dick and Sharron Campbell.

Greeting the congregation this morning is Rev. and Mearlyn Hill.

Pastor Ron’s Sunday morning sermon is titled “The Angel and the Little Scroll” taken from Revelation 10:1-4.

Call 385-0352. The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave.

### First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Bob Johnson’s sermon is entitled “Self Denial” based on I Corinthians 9:1-18.

The choir’s introit will be “The Lord, He is God” and the anthem is “Lay Down Your Troubles.”

Sunday School is available for all ages. The adult Sunday school class is continuing their study of David in II Samuel 21 in which seven of Saul’s sons are hanged. Wendy Garcia teaches the youth class and they discuss how the Bible applies to issues today.

On Wednesday, Pastor Johnson leads Bible study. The topic is “The Basics of the Faith.”

The church is at 215 E. Circle Street (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). Call 453-3242.

### First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — “Christian Victory, Part II” is the title of Sunday morning’s sermon, with Scripture taken from Galatians 5:24-25.

### First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message “The Holy Spirit Comes” with the Scripture taken from Acts 10:44-48.

Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. a gospel quartet “The Spoken 4” will be performing in the church and the community is welcome to attend this special event.

Listen Live on WITS-AM 1340 each Sunday to hear the 10:50 a.m. worship service.

Call the church office for information at 385-5184. The church is downtown at 126 South Pine St. The website is www.sebringfirstumc.com/.

### Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Church Ministries is at 200 Lark Ave. in the Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

Tuesday is Home Bible Study on Unveiling New Testament Mysteries. The word mystery is used 21 times in the New Testament. The group will continue to unveil the truths that lie behind the mysteries. For the kids, Bible study and crafts. For more information and directions, call (863) 658-2534.

Sunday, Pastor Zimmer continues the river renewal series “Making the Wilderness A Pasture.” Class for kids.

Friday night Bible study is gheld with GoToMeeting, let the pastor know if you would like to participate, (863) 658-2534. Ustream available (live or 24/7) of all services in Sebring. Log on to ustream.tv and then enter gracepointetv in the search box. Visit www.gracepointeministries.net/.

### Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore’s sermon this Sunday will be “The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse” with Scripture from Revelation 6:1-8. C

The service will also include the Heartland Singers singing “A Personal Savior” and Roland Bates singing “I Got Leavin’ on My Mind.”

Tuesday night adult Bible study is about evolution and creation - “The Big Bang Theory” taught by Pastor Ted Moore.

Wednesday night youth programs are taught by George Kelly, Amanda and Jon Armentrout and Toby Cribbs. It features a free meal.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South in Sebring (behind Publix). Call 314-9693.

### Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Claude Burnett will preach at the Heritage Worship Service and the Celebration Worship Service and he will direct the Sanctuary Choir.

Pastor Fred Ball will preach at the New Song Contemporary Service in Rob Reynolds Hall.

The Church is at 500 Kent Ave. Call 465-2422.

### Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, “Delivered Out of Egypt” is taken from Exodus 15 (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the Sunday morning message.

The Sunday evening service will be the end-of-the-month-sing and fellowship time. The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and Bible study in the second chapter of I Corinthians.

### St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — The Rev. Shiela Swanger will be preaching at all three Sunday services. Boy Scouts meet at 7 p.m., Monday. Over Eaters Anonymous will meet Thursday at 7 p.m.

### Southside Baptist Church

SEBRING — Sunday, the Rev. David Altman will speak on “To Be Like Christ; the book of Philippians.” Children’s church and a nursery are available. He will speak on “The Profit of Doctrine” in the evening worship service. The church is at 379 S. Commerce Ave. Call 385-0752.

### Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane.

The Rev. Clyde Weaver’s sermon will be: “Creator-Judge-Creator.” Fellowship follows the service. The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday at 1 p.m.

### The Way Church

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum will be preaching Sunday.

Yearly meeting and meal will follow Worship.

The Difference Makers Youth meet Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

The Way Church is at 1005 North Ridgewood Drive. Church phone is 471-6140. Pastor’s cell is 273-3674. For church information and the pastor’s messages, go to www.theway-church.org/.

## WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS!

Yes, the Highlands Social Dance Club, now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year, sponsors dancing every Friday evening at 7pm at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway for only \$7.00!

The CLUB features BIG BAND music from the SKYLARKS Orchestra, the Golden Era BIG BAND, and the Peter Graves Orchestra...PLUS a special evening of Highlands County’s famous buddy Canova.

Have fun and come to dance the night away! Our snack bar opens at 6pm. For more information call 863-385-6671

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# DIVERSIONS

## 'Man on a Ledge' teeters on brink of blah

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**  
AP Movie Critic

The so-called thriller "Man on a Ledge," about a disgraced cop who threatens to jump off a building to divert attention from a heist going on across the street, isn't even implausible in a fun way.

You see a movie like "Ocean's 11" or "Tower Heist" (which is thematically similar to this with its wily have-nots stealing from the filthy-rich haves) and you suspend some disbelief because they have an irresistible, knowingly giddy energy about them. "Man on a Ledge" is so cliched and reheated, it almost feels like a parody of a generic action picture — only no one seems to be in on the joke.

Director Asger Leth's film plods along in workmanlike fashion with its trash-talking New York cops and its forensic evidence and its elaborate surveillance systems. Every few minutes, a new star you recognize shows up: Anthony Mackie, Edward Burns, Elizabeth Banks, Kyra Sedgwick, Ed Harris. Sometimes Leth points his



Elizabeth Banks and Sam Worthington star in 'Man on a Ledge.'

camera through a hotel-room window and straight down to the ground below, just to provide a little rush of vertigo.

At the center of all this is a bland Sam Worthington

doing a horrible job of disguising his Australian accent. He stars as Nick Cassidy, a fugitive who insists he was wrongly imprisoned for stealing a \$40 million diamond

from Harris' reptilian real-estate tycoon. As Nick teeters along a ledge on the 21st floor of the Roosevelt Hotel in midtown Manhattan, stalling for time while toying



### Movie Review

#### 'Man on a Ledge'

**Rating:** R (for brief violence and brief use of strong language)

**Running time:** 102 minutes

**Review:** ★★ (of 4)

with scarred police negotiator Lydia Mercer (Banks), Nick's brother Joey (Jamie Bell) and Joey's stereotypically saucy Latina girlfriend Angie (Genesis Rodriguez) are trying to pull off a real burglary across the street.

How these blue-collar young folks in love have the skills, experience and an unlimited supply of equipment to rappel down elevator shafts and hang upside-down to circumvent a high-tech security system is never real-

ly explained.

But it is eye-rollingly far-fetched.

Since the script from Pablo F. Fenjves doesn't bother fleshing out these characters, you may not want to bother taxing yourself by caring. (At least Angie knew enough to wear a hot pink pushup bra and matching lace panties underneath her skin-tight body suit. Now that's planning.)

Meanwhile, back at the hotel, things are getting tense as trust is eroding. Seems some people involved here aren't telling the whole truth. Lydia barks into her walkie-talkie, "This is MY negotiation," and Nick shouts to the gawking masses below, "I am an innocent man!"

Every once in a while Sedgwick shows up as a cynical TV news reporter named Suzie Morales — and she hits that R in her last name hard as she's doing her live shots, a joke that's funny the first couple times, max.

All the familiar, obligatory pieces are in place, there's just never much tension. Or artistry. Or a sense of peril. Little things like that.

## High school letters bring memories best forgotten

**Dear Abby:** A few days ago I received a large white envelope from a friend I had been close to in high school. "Jen" returned every letter, card and note I had written to her throughout our four years of school. She thanked me for being a good friend and thought I might like to have them.

I can't tell you how upsetting it was to read how awful I was as a teenager. I was promiscuous, used foul language and made references to experimenting with drugs.

It brought back so many terrible memories that I had blocked.

I have been married for 23 years and have three children who would be crushed if they discovered my past. I don't know what to do. The letters are full of history and my innermost feelings.

Some passages are humorous and the thoughts of a silly teenager talking to a dear friend. I can't bring myself to throw them away and have hidden them in my hope chest. What should I do with them?

— *Secrets Of The Past*

**Dear Secrets:** The problem with the written word is that it often outlives the writer. If you don't want your children or grandchildren to remember you through your true confessions, censor them NOW. Unless you're "hoping" your family will discover the letters after you're gone, you should destroy them.

However, if they contain memories you would like to keep, copy the passages down and place those in your hope chest.



Dear Abby

**Dear Abby:** I was sexually assaulted two years ago by a boy at a party I attended while away at school. I reported the incident to local and campus police, but there wasn't enough evidence to have him arrested. It took me a while to realize I needed help to deal with it. I'm looking for a counselor and hope to volunteer at a rape crisis center after I have gotten the help I need.

I have learned that the man who attacked me is getting married. I don't know his fiancee, but I'm horrified at the thought of this unsuspecting woman marrying a predator. I know if I do nothing, anything that happens to her or their children is on my hands for staying silent. I don't even know if she'd believe me, but I feel I have to try. Some advice, please, Abby.

— *Anxious in Alabama*

**Dear Anxious:** You are not alone. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly one in five women report having been raped or suffered an attempted rape in their lifetime. If there is a rape crisis center near you, contact it now and let the counselors there counsel and guide you in your healing. If you approach your predator's fiancee at this point, you

probably won't be believed. Not being believed is like being raped twice. So get some professional help before you attempt to reach out to her.

**Dear Abby:** I am very fair-skinned and turn red easily, especially when I'm nervous or embarrassed. It has made me afraid to speak in public or to go to large events where there may be a lot of people. Do you have any advice on how I can get over this?

— *Blushing Even Now in Phoenix*

**Dear Blushing:** What you have described may be a symptom of social phobia, the most common form of an anxiety disorder. There are effective treatments for it, and you can find out more about them by discussing your problem with your physician and/or a psychologist. You might also benefit from attending a phobia support group. The psychologist can help you locate one or more of them in your community.

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## Kellie Pickler grows up, gets personal on latest album

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kellie Pickler wants you to know she's a traditional gal — and she's making it very clear with her new album, "100 Proof."

The platinum blonde "American Idol" alum is pulling back from the pop-country tunes that once defined her, like "Red High Heels" and "Best Days Of Your Life," and replacing them with ones that reflect her traditional country roots. The album was released this week.

"I guess it's been like three-and-a-half years since my last record came out. ... So a lot has happened in my

life. I'm married. I've grown up a lot, because when I started this I was 19 and green when I did my first record, "Small Town Girl," said Pickler. "So much has happened in my life. Most of it is on the record."

Pickler, 25, took cues from her musical heroes, the big wigs of women in country music. The opening track even name checks one of those legends in "Where's Tammy Wynette."

"I love Tammy Wynette. She's a big reason why I fell in love with country music. You wouldn't know that if you listened to (my) past things," Pickler said. "I love

that sound, and I wanted to sprinkle a little bit of the people that influenced me to be here in the first place but make it my record."

Pickler wrote more on this album than in the past, penning six of the 11 songs. Two are very personal and reflect her separate, complicated relationships with her mother and father.

"Mother's Day" explains her mixed feelings about the day — how she avoids it but wishes for a reason to celebrate.

Her mom abandoned her when she was little, and they have no contact today. Pickler wrote the tune with husband Kyle Jacobs.

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# HEARING AIDS

## Hearing Loss and Dementia Linked in Johns Hopkins Study

Seniors with hearing loss are significantly more likely to develop dementia over time than those who retain their hearing, a study by Johns Hopkins and National Institute on Aging researchers suggest. The findings, researchers say, could lead to new ways to combat dementia, a condition that affects millions of people worldwide and carries heavy social burdens.

Although the reason for the link between the two conditions is unknown, the investigators suggest that a common pathology may underlie both or that the strain of decoding sounds over the years may overwhelm the brains of people with hearing loss, leaving them more vulnerable to dementia. They also speculate that hearing loss could lead to dementia by making individuals more socially isolated, a known risk factor for dementia and other cognitive disorders.

Whatever the cause, the scientists report, their finding may offer a starting point for interventions — even as simple as hearing aids — that could delay or prevent dementia by improving patients' hearing.

"Researchers have looked at what affects hearing loss, but few have looked at how hearing loss affects cognitive brain function," says study leader Frank Lin, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

To make the connection, Lin and his colleagues used data from the Baltimore Longitudinal Study on Aging (BLSA). The BLSA, initiated by the National Institute on Aging in 1958, has tracked various health factors in thousands of men and women over decades.

The new study, published in the February Archives of Neurology, focused on 639 people whose hearing and cognitive abilities were tested as part of the BLSA between 1990 and 1994. While about a quarter of the volunteers had some hearing loss at the start of the study, none had dementia.

These volunteers were then closely followed with repeat examinations every one to two years, and by 2008, 58 of them had developed dementia.

The researchers found that study participants with hearing loss at the beginning of the study were significantly more likely to develop dementia by the end. Compared with volunteers with normal hearing, those with mild, moderate and severe hearing loss had twofold, threefold and fivefold, respectively, the risk of developing dementia over time. The more hearing loss they had, the higher their likelihood of developing the memory-robbing disease.

Even after the researchers took into account other factors that are associated with risk of dementia, including diabetes, high blood pressure, age, sex and race, Lin explains, hearing loss and dementia were still strongly connected.

"A lot of people ignore hearing loss because it's such a slow and insidious process as we age," Lin says. "Even if people feel if they are not affected, we're showing that it may well be a more serious problem."

The research was supported by the intramural research program of the National Institute on Aging.

**Everyday you wait, your hearing gets worse... STOP WAITING BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!**

Things to Consider

## Hearing Health 101

Taking Action

### You are not alone.

Did you know that hearing loss affects one in every 10 Americans? The good news is that today, with the latest advances in hearing aid technology, most forms of hearing loss can be successfully treated.

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