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No **43.5%**

Total votes: **62**

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# SAO report questions Rowan's motivations

Says not getting manager post sparked probe

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**AVON PARK** — On Wednesday, the State Attorney released the conclusions of the administrative review concerning Police Chief Michael Rowan's 2010 investigation of alleged Sunshine Law violations by city officials.

Rowan's investigation was conducted during a time when the city was looking for a new city manager, following C.B. Shirey's retirement from the position.

The SAO investigator, Mike Ivancevich, who conducted the review and wrote the report, is the same individual who investigated Rowan's

original charges when Rowan brought them to the state attorney for action.

At that time Ivancevich found no violations committed by Avon Park officials.

In the more recent report, Ivancevich looked into several issues, drawing conclusions

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Michael Rowan has been on unpaid administrative leave from his post as Avon Park police chief since June 13.

# Groups target tourist tax

May join forces for repeal effort

By **ED BALDRIDGE**

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**SEBRING** — Three separate political organizations are seeking further discussion and possibly a county-wide vote to repeal the 2 percent tourism tax.

Leaders of the Highlands County American Party, the Highlands County Tea Party and the Highlands County Voters League met last week to discuss what direction to take about the tax.

"This was put into place with a narrow margin and it has not been used as proposed," said county activist Bill Youngman after the Tuesday night county commission meeting. "I was all for the tax, but they are not using it as was proposed."



Harris

Youngman asked commissioners on Aug. 16 to consider putting the tax on a referendum vote in the 2012 election cycle, affording the voters a chance to decide on a sunset for the tax.

The commission voted 2-2 on the motion to put it out for a sunset vote, and the tie caused the motion to fail.

Youngman also called the administration of the tax a "bait-and-switch" tactic.

"We voted... I voted for one thing and I supported the tax in 2002 because of the 10 percent set aside for the lakes. That's not what we got," Youngman said.

Youngman, Highlands County Voters League President Rob Horne and John Nelson, a representative of the Highlands County Tea Party, met earlier this week with Commissioner Greg

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# 2011 Caladium Festival



News-Sun photo by **KATARA SIMMONS**

Tents were being assembled throughout Stuart Park Thursday morning in preparation for the 21st annual Caladium Festival in Lake Placid. The festival begins Friday morning at 9 a.m. and ends Saturday at 4 p.m.

## 21st annual festival kicks off today

By **SAMANTHA GHOLAR**

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**LAKE PLACID** — The 21st annual Caladium Festival will kick off this morning with opening ceremonies beginning at 9 a.m. at Devane Park.

The festival will go through Saturday with most of the special events, including the 15th year of the car and bike show, a performance by the Jaycees and the floral competition.

### Festival schedule

Learn all about this year's entertainment lineup

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With the fear of caladium bulb shortage earlier this year, the festival was in danger of having little to no bulbs for sale.

However, festival vendors reported Thursday that they were able to get bulbs to sell at the festival.

Darlene Pypers of Happiness Farms is excited that the bulbs will be available this weekend.

"We had a lot of late orders that have been canceled, so we were able to get those."

"We definitely have enough bulbs

See **CALADIUM**, page 9A

# New home for sheriff's office back on the table

By **ED BALDRIDGE**

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**SEBRING** — The discussion of a building for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office was placed back on the table by commissioners on Tuesday, and Board Chair Barbara Stewart questioned why another commissioner had already attended a meeting on the issue.

County Administrator Ricky Helms told the public that staff has initiated meetings at the request of HCSO Attorney Mike Durham to "have dialog relative to a building; whatever shape or description that building would be," Helms said.

Helms informed the public that there had been a meeting on Aug. 17 and there was

another meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

"We plan on having weekly meetings...working on something to come back to the board in the way of an RFP (Request for Proposal) or multiple RFPs to address a building or buildings for the administration of the sher-

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News-Sun photo by **KATARA SIMMONS**

The sheriff's office is currently housed in the Liberty Star plaza on U.S. 27 just south of Sebring, but is looking for a bigger, and permanent, location.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

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

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Wednesday, Aug. 24:

- ◆ Jose Armando Carrodegua, 26, of Sebring, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- ◆ Fernando Gomez, 36, of Lake Placid, was charged for driving with expired license for more than four months.
- ◆ Dewey James Hendrix, 34, of Tampa, was charged for withholding support, non-support of children or spouse.
- ◆ Jahneil Shawn McDade, 21, of Sebring, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ◆ Hazel Carmen Mendez, 42, of Sebring, was charged for unemployment compensation fraud.
- ◆ Kelvin Alberto Perez, 20, of Avon Park, was charged for lewd battery, victim age 12-18, three counts.
- ◆ Jonathan Ray Rodriguez, 21, of Sebring, was charged with grand theft, two counts; and burglary of unoccupied structure.
- ◆ Orlando Antonio Rosado, 22, of Sebring, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.
- ◆ Daryl Gene Taylor, 48, of Sebring, was charged for driving while license suspended, habitual offender.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Tuesday, Aug. 23:

- ◆ Antonio Ramone Douglas, 27, of Avon Park, was charged for trafficking in stolen property.
- ◆ Frederick Ryan Fox, 22, of Avon Park, was charged for driving while license suspended, habitual offender; possession of drug equipment and/or use; and contempt of court for failing to pay child support.
- ◆ Artemio Gloria, 43, of Lake Placid, was charged for driving with expired license for more than four months.
- ◆ Timothy Dennis Henry, 54, of Sarasota, was charged for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ◆ Brannon Wayne Jenkins, 39, of Sebring, was charged on an Okeechobee County warrant, violation of community control on uttering forged instrument and grand theft.
- ◆ Denise Lynne Jones, 50, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of marijuana, not more than 20 grams; and possession of narcotic equipment and/or use.
- ◆ Ismael Ortiz Perrez, 30, of Lake Placid, was charged with domestic violence or battery.
- ◆ Benjamin Franklin Reapp, 86, of Sebring, was sentenced to 36 months for lewd, lascivious molestation, victim under 12 years of age, offender over 18 years of age.
- ◆ Slyke Patricia Vanatta, 21, of Sebring, was charged for possession of cocaine.
- ◆ Kimberly Ann Wester, 20, of Sebring, was charged with domestic violence or aggravated battery, offender knew/should have known victim was pregnant.

## North Central Heights opening celebrated



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
Several guests at the North Central Heights ribbon cutting get a sneak peek of the newly opened homes on the development. Dignitaries and contributors were honored at the ceremony Thursday morning. The 72 single family homes are just over 60% occupied. The two, three, and four bedrooms are available to income restricted families. North Central Heights will host an Open House on Saturday from 11 until 2 p.m. Interested families may learn how to apply for housing.

## Duffer's announces move, expansion in the works

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING — Duffer's Sports Grille will be hosting a farewell party on Saturday for all patrons who want to say good-bye to the old location at 6940 U.S. 27 North.

Duffer's new home will be at 2451 U.S. 27 in Avon Park, which is the former Bella Vista restaurant (across from the National Guard Armory, just before SFCC). The new location, which includes the entire building, is currently being remodeled.

Saturday will mark the last day of business operations at the Sebring location.

General manager Ross Vickers and a few workers were busy Thursday morning.

"We've been busy the past couple weeks. Most of the equipment has to be taken out of the old site and brought here," said Bill Hague.

Hague and Bob Fannin were sawing, pulling and gluing molding to fit in what will be part of the dining area in the new establishment.

Duffer's will have two



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
Fresh paint covers the wall in the former Bella Vista restaurant on U.S. 27 in Avon Park. The building is now being remodeled to accommodate Duffer's patrons. The sports bar will be expanding into a lakeside dining restaurant.

main sections, Duffer's Sports Bar & Grille that patrons know and love and a second section, Duffer's Lakeside Dining.

The first section to re-open will be the Sports Bar & Grille. Complete with a full bar, new stage, lighting, sound, flat screen televisions, game room, billiards, darts and dance floor. it will be a step up from the old site. Vickers hopes to have the sports bar open by the NFL

regular season kickoff or mid-September at the latest.

"We're still doing pizza and wings. That won't change. We will have the same cooks and staff, but since we are expanding of course we will have to hire more help," said Vickers.

Patrons need not worry about losing the old Duffer's atmosphere; it won't disappear, Vickers said.

All of the decor from the See DUFFER'S, page 9A

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Caladium Co-op plans pulled pork lunch

LAKE PLACID — The Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative will be having a pulled pork lunch during the Caladium Festival today and Saturday. Shop at the Caladium Co-op, check out the demonstrations of arts and crafts, vote on the Peoples' Choice Award, see the beautiful caladium arrangements sponsored by the Lake Placid Garden Club and then enjoy the delicious pulled pork sandwich, potato salad or coleslaw and a beverage. Cost is \$6. Desert is also available for \$1.50.

### Museum open for Caladium Festival

LAKE PLACID — The history of Lake Placid comes alive during the Caladium Festival today and Saturday. The Lake Placid Depot Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days. The museum is filled with train and railway artifacts, including photos and historical documents specific to Lake Placid. Volunteers will be available to interpret the permanent displays of the Museum including period furniture, household items, clothing from significant persons and military uniforms beginning with World War I.

There have been some recent additions to the collection. Recently, a watercolor rendition of the Depot Museum was donated by the Lake Placid SunTrust Bank and the Museum has also acquired some photographs of Lake Placid in the 1920s.

Souvenirs are now available at the Depot Museum and during the Caladium Festival, ice cream sandwiches and bottled water will be sold. Currently, the Historical Society is accepting nominations for a Mevil Dewey look-a-like and a display honoring early settlers, their churches and industries is planned later this year at the Highlands County Courthouse.

Volunteers are always welcome. Sign up today at the Depot Museum, 12 Park St., or call 465-1771 for more information.

### Child ID program now available

AVON PARK — The next opportunity for your child to participate in the ID program will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Poinciana Masonic Lodge, 939 W. Main St. The Child ID booth will be set up to create a free video disk for parents containing your child's finger prints, DNA samples, voice recognition and four photographs for your records. The information contained on the disk is free and private.

The local Masonic groups sponsor this project. For additional information, contact Ross Canright at 452-0346.

### Democratic Women meets Saturday

SEBRING — The Democratic Women's Club of Florida is holding its monthly meeting on Saturday at Democratic Party Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway (next to Ruby Tuesday's).

Highlands DWC will be celebrating Women's Equality Day with yellow and white attire and decorations to commemorate the hard work and subsequent victory of the suffragettes fighting for women's right to vote. A "suffragette era" continental breakfast will be offered at 8:45 a.m. At 9 a.m., the Highlands DWC founding mothers Anne Bond, Frances Leapart and Margaret Turnbull will be presenting on the club's history.

Following the presentation, Dixon Taylor will sing a medley of songs from the suffragette era and beyond. After Dixon's medley, the general meeting will begin.

The DWC Campaign Committee will meet after the adjournment of the general monthly meeting.

Like-minded guests are Continued on page 5A

## Mobile Veterans Center to provide services at SFCC

Special to the News-Sun

South Florida Community College will host the Orlando Mobile Vet Center (MVC) from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

The mobile unit will be stationed on the circle by the flag pole and additional veterans information along with a veterans representative from the Heartland Workforce will be located inside Building B at the SFCC Highlands Campus.

The event is open to all combat veterans including SFCC students and the public who have served in any era. Readjustment counseling will also be available to those who have recently returned from combat.

The Orlando Mobile Vet Center is an extension of the Orlando Vet Center that offers services to veterans and their families such as individual and group counseling, medical and benefits referrals, employment counseling and many more.

Each vehicle is equipped with two confidential counseling rooms where vet center counselors and outreach specialists can meet individu-

ally with veterans and family members to provide readjustment services.

Vet centers provide counseling services to surviving parents, spouses, children and siblings of service members who die while on active duty, to include federally activated Reserve and National Guard personnel. MVC's have been mobilized to provide bereavement counseling to family members in rural areas.

All services are confidential and free to eligible veterans and family members.

"We have approximately 20,000 veterans living in our tri-county area, but the closest veterans' centers are located in Sarasota and Orlando," said Adam Martin, SFCC Veterans Services Liaison, a former Military Police Sergeant and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran.

"Mobile units such as these bring these services to the veterans in our community so they don't have to travel so far to receive counseling."

For more information, call Martin at 784-7282.

Florida Lottery	Aug. 24	4	6	7	19	32	39	x:2
		Next jackpot \$5 million						
	Aug. 20	26	33	40	44	46	52	x:3
	Aug. 17	1	8	15	44	46	47	x:2
FANTASY 5 with ezmatch	Aug. 24	4	11	18	33	34		
	Aug. 23	1	12	31	33	34		
	Aug. 22	4	8	18	26	27		
	Aug. 21	3	7	17	18	28		
MEGA MONEY	Aug. 23	10	24	35	43	5	5	
	Aug. 19	2	33	36	37	1	1	
	Aug. 16	5	8	30	44	16	16	
	Aug. 12	10	12	15	28	1	1	
FLORIDA POWERPLAY	Aug. 24	9	13	47	49	53	PB: 39 PP: 5	
		Next jackpot \$61 million						
	Aug. 20	2	17	23	28	47	PB: 36 PP: 2	
	Aug. 17	18	28	31	48	52	PB: 37 PP: 4	
FLORIDA LOTTO	Aug. 24	4	6	7	19	32	39	x:2
		Next jackpot \$5 million						
	Aug. 20	26	33	40	44	46	52	x:3
	Aug. 17	1	8	15	44	46	47	x:2
Play 4	Aug. 24 (n)	1	8	5	6			
	Aug. 24 (d)	5	8	1	5			
	Aug. 23 (n)	3	5	0	7			
	Aug. 23 (d)	7	5	2	0			
CASH 3	Aug. 24 (n)	3	2	6				
	Aug. 24 (d)	6	9	1				
	Aug. 23 (n)	9	0	8				
	Aug. 23 (d)	8	5	1				

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

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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

# Live longer, more fulfilled lives

As we know, financial times are hard. Within communities and families we are having to make basic decisions that are not in the least bit abstract — choosing between filling pot holes or building sidewalks, for example, or buying new tires instead of spaying the cat.

With such stress, sometimes it's hard to hold on and not give in to one's fears — especially when the ground heaves underneath us, and storms sweep over us.

It makes us remember that as individuals we are each puny and weak, which adds to our upset and gloom.

This is not about gloom — just the opposite in fact.

There is a glimmer of hope in the struggle. This is it: People have the ability to work together. It's one of God's greatest gifts.

As groups we become more than the sum of our parts, strong enough to move mountains.

Better, when we join together working in a common cause, especially one that is necessary or urgent,

there is a sense of shared fulfillment, of belonging, pride and well-being.

We mention this for a reason.

If ever there was a time to engage in our communities, this is it — we're speaking about much more than voting, however, which by this time should go without saying.

We're talking about putting in time and effort, like running for political office or volunteering to keep needed community services in place.

The benefits are mutual. For example, what better way to try out the idea of government service than by volunteering on an advisory board — it just so happens Sebring and Avon Park have openings.

Then, it turns out volunteering is actually good for us. It increases our life span, keeps us alert, brings hope, feeds faith, and gets things done.

Many of you already understand. You tutor children, relieve caregivers, clean animal cages, answer phones, clerk in thrift stores, wheel patients to X-ray, build stage sets, clean beaches, count scrub jays, sell hot dogs, line athletic fields, deliver meals, lay sod, sit on advisory boards, maintain Web sites, write news letters, telephone neighbors, plant trees and much more.

The best news is for those who are fighting against the gloom: If ever there was a time rich in opportunity for meeting new people and making new friends; for trying out something totally different; for becoming part of a solution; for feeling better about the world and the people in it — this is that time.

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county needs extra hands, as do the libraries, the hospitals, and the chambers of commerce — that's just the start.

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# Super Duper Congress

Oh sure, they made a big show of signing the debt-ceiling agreement, with official photo-ops and fancy commemorative pens all accompanied by great racking sighs of relief. But now both Congress and the president are having second

thoughts; treating the deal like a dead horse floating in their cut-glass tumbler of 25-year-old Scotch. You'd find more enthusiasm from the contestants of a beach volleyball tournament surveying a sand court littered with scorpions scurrying under a sea of broken beer bottles.

Speaking of scorpions, included in the agreement was a provision forming a committee responsible for future deficit reduction. Twelve members appointed by party leaders from both the House and Senate. Whose mission, should they accept it, is to find \$1.5 trillion over a ten-year period by digging past the bare bones, down into the marrow.

Charged to construct a plan by Thanksgiving Eve or risk triggering automatic cuts. Doomsday cuts. Cuts designed to frighten politicians from the most stable of districts. That's right: cuts to the military.

A majority of the committee, equally split between Republicans and Democrats, must agree on the proposal to send it to the whole of Congress, who will vote either up or down with no amendments or filibusters allowed: meaning one member has to cross party lines, which is about as likely as pimento-flavored Velveeta taking first place in the 2012 World Championship Artisan Cheese Contest.

Even though the American public and pretty much every economist on the face of the planet agrees we need a balance between entitlement cuts and revenue enhancement, the Democrats already snapped that entitlement cuts are off the table and the Republicans are shouting no new revenue will be accepted, so really what they did was not so



## Raging Moderate

Will Durst

much kick the can down the road, but throw it onto the back of a passing flatbed truck where it disappeared over the asphalt horizon.

Now, this group has been called many things. Useless. The Supercommittee. Business as Usual.

The Twerpy Twelve. A Dozen Punters. The Craven Caucus. Esteemed Assembly of the Ill-Advisable. League of the Unexceptionally Pontificating Pool of Party Hacks. But most commonly, it is referred to as: "Super Congress."

"Slower than a slug on Thorazine; less powerful than a soggy Kleenex; unable to compromise in a million years. Look! Up in that swiveling leather club seat of that private jet. It's a ruse, it's a sham, it's... Super Congress."

"Yes, Super Congress. Strange hybrid from another reality, comes to Capitol Hill with powers and abilities far beyond those of mortal members."

"Super Congress. Who can change the course of appropriations, bend ethics regulations in the wink of an eye and who, disguised as... the United States Congress Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, mild mannered functionary of the Hall of Invertebrates, fights the never-ending battle against Truth, Justice and the American Way."

And when their capes are discarded and utility belts back in storage, we can move onto the next level of logical suspension and form the Super Duper Congress. Then... Son of Super Duper Congress. And call in Batman or maybe the Justice League or reconvene the Watchmen or that little guy who talks backwards and doesn't make any sense. Mr. Mxyzptlk.

You may know him as: Ron Paul. More scorpions, please.

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## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Do citizens need another say in tax?

Editor:

There has been a lot of talk lately about the tourist development tax and the accountability that goes along with it and there is going to be a lot more.

One of the questions that I have is why would anyone go for something never having it before, not knowing if it is going to work, not knowing if you will like it and the ones selling it are setting it up where it is almost impossible to get out of; and fixing it where they can make changes in the agreement but you can't? What that is what happened.

And it was clear when the tourist development tax was put on the 2002 ballot, the commission, county attorney and staff, didn't want a sunset provision to be put into the tourist development tax, that would require accountability by the Tourist Development Council. And they always rejected the idea and fell back on the statement, "The public can sunset the tax at any time," or the statement that our attorney used that "it would remain in place for 15 years, but could

be replaced at any time by the voters." Now he says the tax, if not repealed, will remain forever. And the bad part is, we the voters believed the hog wash they fed us and trusted them to do what they said.

What did they say and what did they do? They said that summer tourists make sense. They would use the tax from the winter tourists to fund tourists to Highlands in the summer months. In the new plan they are trying to pass, that part was removed.

They said in the ordinance that they would spend no more than 29 percent of the taxes received for administration. They are estimating they will receive \$290,204 in taxes. That would make \$84,159 available to fund the operation. The wages and benefits alone for last year were \$125,510; this year \$122,307 and next year's budget is \$117,615. In the new Plan, our Attorney wants to make a change, not in the spending to coincide with what is required, but to the 29 percent, making it 42 percent to cover up the overspending they have been doing. Question: Was the overspending a misappropriation of funds? There is a lot

more we need to talk about at a later date.

But for now, the question is: Do you think the voters of Highlands County need another shot at the tourist tax? If so, call your county commissioner and let them know you want the tourist tax placed on the November 2012 ballot.

Bill Youngman  
Sebring

### Things to consider

Editor:

I have just listened to one of our president's speeches. He seems to refer to Washington as something he's not a part of. I wonder if he thinks people have forgotten all that stimulus money he has doled out to help big businesses, banks, etc., promising this would stimulate the economy. I don't think many of us are seeing the promised results.

All these czars he's appointed, without any input from Congress, which we don't need, who are drawing fabulous salaries and are trying to control our schools and promote teaching, which no decent person would approve. We don't need a person in charge of our schools whose

ideas are so far from what most of us would embrace. He is trying to portray himself as one who would take care of all of our problems if the Republicans would just agree with him.

Well, he didn't have them to contend with and nothing positive was done. They wanted to do more to bring the deficit down, but got no cooperation from him and his party — eventually they had to make a compromise, which they didn't want to keep the government from collapsing.

In previous administrations, we certainly had some presidents who were very progressive in the wrong direction, but I honestly feel like those we have in Congress now are trying to work for the betterment of our country, but with the other side controlling the Senate and Obama as president, they can do very little. I'm praying when election time comes, things will change for the better.

He even accused the Republicans of being the cause of our rating going down, saying that it wasn't because we couldn't pay what we owe but because our lenders have lost confidence in our cooperation. I don't

think they would want to be paid with money printed out of thin air; the more he prints, the lesser the value of each dollar.

I'm praying that with the Good Lord's help that things will begin to improve. I know it will take some time, but if we can see some progress, maybe we can learn to live within our means and become the nation God wants us to be.

Willie Clyde (Toole) Cloud  
Sebring

### Bouquet

#### 'Secret Garden' crew is entertaining

Editor:

If you are looking for some five-star entertainment right here in your own back yard, get over to the Highlands Little Theatre while "The Secret Garden" is still playing. It will run until Sept. 4.

All the actors did a great job playing their parts. But let me tell you, Nala Price as Mary Lennox was cut out for Broadway. Nala is a very talented 12-year-old. She can sing, she can dance, she can act and all like it is the most natural thing in the world. I do hope Nala can find

someone who knows the ropes to help her get her foot in the door. I feel she can go a long ways with help of getting the right doors open. Some of you who haven't seen the play "The Secret Garden" may think Nala's name sounds like a name you have heard before she was the 2010 Jr. Heartland Idol winner. The young lady sure has talent.

Then their is Mark Reyes as Colin. Mark will be in the fifth grade this school year but don't let that fool you, the boy can act. He pulls no punches; he flat knows how to act. As well as being able to get the people in the audience into his part.

Gary Johnson, as Dr. Craven, played his part to the hilt. Stiff neck as they come.

All the cast did a super job of playing their part, and to think that they have only been working on this play since July 4 is beyond comprehension.

Not only was it the cast, the set design and lighting were top notch, as were the costumes. It took me longer than that to learn to spell my husband's last name so we could get married.

Judee VanBrookhoven  
Sebring

# With Jobs out as CEO, Apple looks to the future

By RACHEL METZ  
AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Since Steve Jobs' return to Apple Inc. in 1997 as CEO, the company has been on an unparalleled upswing, highlighted by the immense popularity of the iPad and iPhone.



Steve Jobs resigned as CEO of Apple on Wednesday. MCT

Now, with Jobs no longer leading, Apple will have to prove it can keep its momentum. If the recent past is any indication, the company will continue to move forward.

Apple said late Wednesday that Jobs, 56, resigned from the CEO post, in a move that seems motivated by his ongoing, yet still unspecified health issues. Jobs had taken an indefinite medical leave in January, marking his third such leave in seven years. Jobs, who co-founded Apple in 1976, previously survived pancreatic cancer and received a liver transplant.

Taking on the role of board chairman, Jobs now passes the CEO role Tim Cook, 50, the company's chief operating officer. Cook had been acting CEO since January. For years, he has been running Apple's day-to-day operations, and he has long been seen as the natural successor. He also served as Apple's leader for two months in 2004 while Jobs battled cancer and again for five-and-a-half months in 2009 when Jobs received a liver transplant. The company has thrived under Cook's leadership, briefly becoming the most valuable company in America earlier this month.

Cook is not nearly as recognizable as Jobs, who after

returning from a 12-year hiatus in 1997 became the very public face of Apple, clad in his signature blue jeans, black turtleneck and wire-rimmed glasses when trotting out the company's iPhones, iPads, iPods at immensely popular and anticipated media events. Though Jobs has looked increasingly frail, he emerged from his leave twice this year to tout products at such events: First, he unveiled the second version of Apple's iPad tablet computer in March. Then, in June, he resurfaced to show off Apple's iCloud music syncing service.

But while Jobs is the most recognized person at Apple, he is not the only one responsible for the company's success. Many industry watchers

believe that despite his importance, Apple will continue to innovate and not just survive, but thrive.

"Steve Jobs put in place at Apple a culture of innovation," Cross Research analyst Shannon Cross says.

And its innovation has translated to sales. With Cook running the company, Apple sold 9.25 million iPads during the most recent quarter, which ended in June, bringing sales to nearly 29 million iPads since they first began selling in April 2010. Apple also sold 20.3 million iPhones in the same period, which was millions more than analysts expected. The company's stock has risen 8 percent since Jobs announced his most recent medical leave.

Cook's track record at Apple is strong. The first time he was in charge back in 2004, things went so well that Apple promoted him from executive vice president to chief operating officer in 2005.

During the second time, which lasted from mid-January to the end of June 2009, Apple released a new version of the iPhone and updated laptop computers on schedule.

The company also announced that its iTunes app store hit a major milestone: More than one billion apps were downloaded within the first nine months of its existence.

Apple's stock rose 62 percent during that time, satisfying investors' concerns over Jobs' absence.

Cook, an Alabamian with short, gray hair and a broad, thin-lipped smile, has been an asset to Apple since his arrival in 1998.

He is credited with tuning Apple's manufacturing process to solve chronic product delays and supply problems. His inventory management skills helped Apple build up its \$73 billion hoard of cash and marketable securities — funds that it can use to keep its lead in the portable electronics market.

Like IBM, McDonald's or Ford, all of which lost visionary CEOs, Apple is not necessarily dependent on the immortality of the genius behind it, says Terry Connelly, dean of the Ageno School of Business at Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

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## Oil falls on higher jobless claims

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Oil dropped Thursday on higher U.S. unemployment claims and concerns about less demand for oil and gas.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate oil lost 95 cents at \$84.18 per barrel in New York.

Brent crude, which is used to price oil produced abroad, fell 49 cents to \$109.66 per barrel in London.

Oil fell after the government said the number of people seeking unemployment benefits increased last week. The Labor Department said the number

of applications was the highest in five weeks, although it was inflated by a strike at Verizon. When fewer people drive to work, demand for gasoline generally goes down.

Meanwhile gasoline pump prices increased nearly a penny to a national average of \$3.582 per gallon. A gallon of regular has fallen 40 cents since peaking in May near \$4 per gallon, but it's still almost 89 cents more than a year ago.

East Coast refineries are bracing for the possibility that Hurricane Irene could disrupt operations beginning this weekend.

## OBITUARIES

### NATHANIEL MASSALINE

Nathaniel H. Massaline, age 54, a lifetime resident of Sebring, Fla., passed away Aug. 19, 2011. He was self employed and also worked for Department of Corrections food service, all of Highlands County, Fla. He graduated with the class of 1975, Sebring, Fla., Sebring High School. He received the Florida Cocoa Cola Man of the Year award. He belonged to the Bountiful Blessings Church Of God, Men's Fellowship, in Sebring, Fla.

He is survived by his mother, Pauline Massaline, Sebring, Fla.; daughters, Antesia Washington, Tampa, Fla., Jaquelin Massaline, Sebring, Fla., Tacara Brown, Miami, Fla., Nathalie

Massaline, Sebring, Fla., and Elexiou Carrigan, Sebring, Fla.; brothers, Dennis L. Davis, Sebring, Fla., and Kenneth Turner, Florence, Ariz.; sister Michelle Mathis, Sebring, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, Aug. 26, 2011 from 6-8 p.m. at Bountiful Blessings Church Of God. Funeral service will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Bountiful Blessings Church Of God. Burial will follow at Pinecrest Cemetery.

Swann's Mortuary

### Death notice

**Clinton Anthony Fletcher Jr.**, 22, of Sebring, died Aug. 18, 2011. Swann's Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Continued from page 2A

welcome to attend. To support or join the Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County or if you have any questions, contact 214-4680.

### 'Crochet Circle' begins at LP Library

**LAKE PLACID** — Join the "Crochet Circle" at the Lake Placid Memorial Library to share and learn new techniques and work on crochet projects. There is a crochet project for everyone. Start working on your holiday gift list or make that special afghan for a friend or family member. Learn about amigurumi, the Japanese miniature crochet figures that require a minimal amount of yarn and materials.

All ages are welcome as well as all skill levels from beginning to advanced.

The Circle will meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, from 4:30-6 p.m. starting Sept. 13. Bring

your own yarn and hooks. Limited supplies will be available.

For more information contact the Lake Placid Memorial Library at 699-3705.

### Affinity ends School Supply Drive

**SEBRING** — Affinity Health Professionals concluded its annual School Supply Drive for The Boys and Girls Club of Highlands County on Aug. 17. The supplies were distributed among the 240 backpacks given away at the club's annual "Back to School Bash".

Dr.'s John and Kelly Pepper, of Affinity Health Professionals, gave a complementary massage certificate to each of the supply donors.

### 40 Mile Drive Band performs

**SEBRING** — The 40 Mile Drive Band will be rockin'

in the house at Duffer's Sports Grille from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday.

This four-piece local band provides a variety of rock and popular music that everyone enjoys. There is no cover charge for any musical entertainment.

Billy Glades will be performing from 6-9 p.m. today, during dinner hour. Southern Style Karaoke hits the stage from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Duffer's is at 6940 U.S. 27 North. For more details, call 382-6339.

### Events planned at lodges, posts

**AVON PARK**  
The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will host music by Uptown Country from 5-8 p.m. today. Karaoke by Peg and Perry from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. NASCAR is on the screen at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 452-9853.

**LAKE PLACID**  
The American Legion

Placid Post 25 will host music by Franke E. today. Call for time. For more information, call 465-0975.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 will host music with Tom on today. Call for time. Bingo is at 2 p.m. Saturday, with early bird at 1:30 p.m. Corn hole game at 5 p.m. For more information, call 699-5444.

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host a game of Texas Hold'em at 2 p.m. Friday. Music with BobKat from 6-9 p.m. Bingo-bango is set for 2 p.m. Saturday. Music with Bama Jam from 6-9 p.m. For more information, call 465-0131.

**SEBRING**  
The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 will have music with Patsy and Johnny 5 from 6-9 p.m. today. Post Luncheon meeting and Riders Association luncheon meeting is Saturday. Call for time. Music by Frank "E" from 5-8 p.m. For more details, call 385-8902.

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# Lake Placid Caladium Festival

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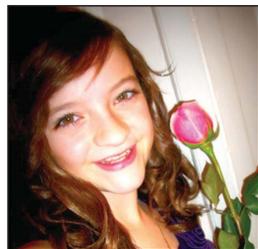
A special Thank You to Chief Phil Williams and the Staff of the Town of Lake Placid who contribute significantly to the success of these events.



**Gary Filip** is a well-known piano bar entertainer. He has written musical jingles for McDonalds, American Airlines, Coca Cola, Archway Cookies, Sparkle Glass Cleaner, Head & Shoulders Shampoo, Peter Pan Peanut Butter, Kraft Foods, Pillsbury and many others. He has performed with such distinguished artists as Ray Charles, Billy Crystal, Bob Hope, The Beach Boys, Crystal Gayle, and Maureen McGovern. Gary owns and operates Homes by George in Lake Placid.



Multi-talented **Marti Capodiferro** sings in six languages. She has performed in everything from "Gypsy" to "Oklahoma" to "42nd Street" to opera. Marti has an exquisite voice.



**Nala Price** is 12 years old, lives in Sebring, and is the reigning winner of the Junior Heartland Idol competition. She is a singer, dancer and actress, and appears in many plays, including the current production of "Secret Garden" at Highlands Little Theatre. She has tons of personality and a beautiful voice. She will definitely entertain you.



**Mary Wooten** and John Johnson are **Music for the Soul**. Mary started at age 8 and has been singing Gospel music for more than 30 years. John is a retired Marine who began singing in public about 12 years ago. He routinely performs at assisted living facilities, VFWs and retirement communities.



**Tiffany Elliott** is a Lake Placid resident and has been singing since the age of 3. She volunteers in the community and performs at Highlands Little Theatre. She was the first runner-up in the first Heartland Idol competition. Tiffany completed in The Colgate Country Showdown and became a finalist in Orlando's Got Talent. She works in the medical field.

## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY

#### Master of Ceremony Gary Filip

9 a.m. . . . . Presentation of Colors  
*by Lake Placid High School ROTC under the command of Col. Warren Johnson, retired*  
 National Anthem: Gary Filip  
 9:05 a.m. . . . . Medley of Music  
 10 a.m. . . . . Gary Filip  
 10:45 a.m. . . . . The New Floridians  
*Joe and Twanda Long, and Richard Joynes*  
 11:15 a.m. . . . . Mary Wooten  
 11:35 a.m. . . . . Marti Capodiferro  
 12:05 p.m. . . . . Tiffany Elliott  
 12:30 p.m. . . . . Sylvia Russell  
 1 p.m. . . . . Fire & Steel Band  
*Walker Memorial Academy Leonard Cann, director*  
 2 p.m. . . . . Medley of Music

### SATURDAY

#### Master of Ceremony Don Elwell and Marti Capodiferro

9 a.m. . . . . Presentation of Colors  
*by Lake Placid High School ROTC*  
 National Anthem: Nala Price  
 9:05 a.m. . . . . Medley of Music  
 9:40 a.m. . . . . Nala Price  
*Highlands County Jr. Idol Winner 2010*  
 10 a.m. . . . . Mountain Dew Cloggers  
 10:15 a.m. . . . . Lake Placid Middle School Cheerleaders  
*Kerry Lanier, coach*  
 10:30 a.m. . . . . Mountain Dew Cloggers  
 10:45 a.m. . . . . Amanda Mercer  
 11:10 a.m. . . . . Shannon Marrero and daughter Annabella  
 11:40 a.m. . . . . Julie Temple and daughter Becca  
 12:05 p.m. . . . . Music for the Soul  
*Mary Wooten & John Johnson*  
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*Joe and Twanda Long, and Richard Joynes*  
 1:05 p.m. . . . . Marti Capodiferro  
 1:35 p.m. . . . . Tiffany Elliott  
 2 p.m. . . . . Sylvia Russell  
 2:30 p.m. . . . . Medley of Music  
 3 p.m. . . . . Framed Giclee Print Winner

Festival closes both days at 4 p.m.



From opera to rock n' roll, country to jazz and everything in between, **Shannon Reed Marrero** (left) never disappoints. A native Floridian and graduate of Sebring High School, Shannon routinely appears in plays and supports Highlands Little Theater. **Annabella Elizabeth Marrero** began her stage debut two weeks after her fourth birthday. She participated in the county's Heartland Idol competition. She easily charms the crowds with her bubbly personality and songs such as "Singing In the Rain," "Goodship Lollipop" and "Tomorrow."



**Julie Temple** (above) hails from Belle Glade. She performs in churches, nursing homes and community festivals. She has been a finalist in the Heartland Idol. She currently resides in Lake Placid. She will perform with her daughter, **Becca** (below).



**Amanda Mercer**, a Lake Placid resident, debuted in "Grease" at Highlands Little Theatre, and more recently played The Witch from the show "Into the Woods." Amanda's portfolio includes songs by Tammy Wynette, Reba, Broadway, and various Christian artists. **Larissa** was a finalist at the most recent Heartland Idol contest. Amanda and Larissa are appearing in "Secret Garden" at Highlands Little Theater. Both are looking forward to entertaining their hometown at this year's Caladium Festival.



This is **Sylvia Russell's** second year to perform at the Caladium Festival. She hails from Port Richey, and loves to sing and perform bluegrass, country, rock and pop. She literally rocks the house with her fast pace, expressive music. So do not miss Sylvia. She performs both days at the festival.



The Walker Memorial Academy **Fire 'N Steel Band** is one of Florida's premier steel bands. The talented musicians play a rich repertoire of sacred, classical, contemporary and calypso on handcrafted 55-gallon steel pans which double as percussion and piano. They have performed annually for the Lake Placid Caladium Festival. They have produced a CD and will perform on Friday under the skilled direction of Leonard Cann.

## A letter to our visitors

August, 2011

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While you are here, we invite you to shop at our many merchants that will welcome you with a genuine smile that emulates the warmth and charm of Lake Placid. Lake Placid is known as the Caladium Capital of the World and the Town of Murals. Please plan to visit the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce office, located just one block from the festival, where you can enjoy a free video explaining the history of caladiums, and get a chance to meet with one of the local growers. While you are at the Chamber office, you will be able to visit the Mural room, where all of the original artwork for the murals is on display.

On Saturday we will also be hosting a wonderful car show where you can stroll through DeVane Park and see vehicles ranging from antiques to street rods.

There are no parking charges or admission charges for our visitors to either of these events.

We sincerely hope that you come to Lake Placid, whether you are a first time visitor or have been with us before; we look forward to visiting with you.

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# Driving over bombs just part of the job

It's easy to complain about heavy traffic congestion that clogs roadways around so many American cities. The next time you're about to pound on the steering wheel, however, be thankful that part of your job doesn't involve driving over bombs.

From 2006 to 2007, Sgt. Jacob Probst was driving a "Husky" mine detection vehicle around an incredibly dangerous part of Iraq.

"That was just absolutely amazing," Sgt. Probst told The Unknown Soldiers. "We got to see Anbar province, Iraq, go from literally the worst place in the world to being the light for Iraq."

When the Army reservist arrived in western Iraq, the war had reached an absolutely critical phase. Terrorists in Anbar Province were threatening to change the course of the entire bloody conflict, as al Qaeda wantonly murdered troops and civilians throughout the region.

On Sept. 1, 2008, the U.S. military formally transferred Anbar Province to the Iraqi government, which would have been unthinkable just two years earlier. While violence in Iraq did not end with the handover and the conflict continues to this day, Probst, who is too humble to take any credit, knows he and his fellow troops helped change the course of history.

"It all started shifting while we were there," the soldier said.

When asked what Iraq was like when his deployment started, Probst, speaking by phone from Wisconsin's Fort McCoy, let out a sigh so deep it was louder than the machine gun fire from training in the background. "Iraq 2006," he said in jest, before a serious pause.

"My job, specifically, was to drive over a bomb," Probst continued. "You're driving about two or three miles an hour on the side of a road or on a road, and I have a metal detector mounted on my vehicle, basically right underneath me."

With a naked eye, Probst tried to spot improvised explosive devices, the leading killer of American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. At the same time, under intense pressure, he would listen for a buzzing sound from his vehicle's metal detector.

"Then you basically stop, back up, and pinpoint exactly where you got the hit on the metal detector and spray paint the bomb," he said.

After explosive ordnance disposal technicians eventually blew up the terrorist-



**The Unknown Soldiers**  
By Tom Sileo

planted device, either on-site or in a secure location, Probst would go back to his base with an incredible feeling.

"If you found even one, that's at least three Marines' lives saved, because we worked with the Marines almost exclusively over there," he said. "But then also, you always kind of forget that the Iraqis -- they got hit with IEDs almost all the time too."

A native of Watertown, Wis., Probst joined the Army Reserve after high school — when the United States was in the midst of two wars. The soldier admits that despite knowing the risks, he wasn't exactly sure what was coming next.

"I wanted to go to school, but I felt like I could serve my country," Probst said. "I didn't know exactly where that would lead me."

Today, with memories of a year driving over bombs, Probst is enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he is pursuing a degree in high school special education. I spoke to Probst in the middle of the Army's "Best Warrior Competition," which pits soldiers against one another in everything from academics and athletics to being able to perform under the pressure of battle or without sleep.

Sgt. Jacob Probst still enjoys the challenges of the military and says he feels very fortunate to be home safely, pursuing his dreams with a wife of three years.

"I'd love to have some kids," he said with an audible smile.

In a difficult economy, those of us who have jobs to go to each morning are lucky. But before we grumble about choking traffic and high gas prices, we should also feel fortunate that we don't have to worry about bombs being buried beneath the road.

The valiant men and women of the U.S. military, serving with honor in Afghanistan and Iraq at this very moment, make life at home a lot less complicated.

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).

## Eagles donate to youth football program



Courtesy photo  
**Officers and members of Fraternal Order Of Eagles No. 4240 in Sebring make a donation of \$1,000 to the Highlands County Youth Football and Cheer, a non-profit organization promoting youth football and cheerleading for boys and girls ranging from ages 5 to 15 years old in Highlands County.**

## Groups considering pursuing repeal of tourism tax

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Harris to ask for another vote on a referendum.

Harris voted no on putting the tax out for a vote originally, and stood by that option, seeking some sort of compromise on the issue.

"I think that at this time, a vote will kill the tax," Harris said.

"Yes, I met with Horne, Youngman and Nelson about this and we had a good conversation. We talked about some compromise and more transparency, but I did tell them no about putting it back on the commission agenda," Harris said.

A motion that failed can only be brought forward for a second vote be the prevailing side. Since the motion died due to the tie, that would be the two commissioner who voted no, which were Harris and Barbara Stewart.

"Everyone agreed that quarterly updates and transparency would be greatly beneficial. And if they feel that that need to seek a peti-

*'I was all for the tax, but they are not using it as was proposed.'*

**BILL YOUNGMAN**  
group member

tion, they have every right to do so. Both sides of the issue have been outstandingly very open about the issue. I appreciate both their ideas and their hard work, but I think this is a benefit to the county and I don't want to see it go away," Harris said.

According to Youngman, the coalition is looking at avenues for repealing the tax through petition.

"If we have to, we will seek to get the tax on a ballot through a petition. It just takes 9,600 signatures, but we are positive that there are 10,000 people in Highlands County who believe that a tax should have a sunset just to insure government accountability," Youngman said.

Bill Berry, who ran in the

last commission race as a Libertarian, agreed with Youngman after the Tuesday night meeting, but thought that the group should move forward with a more aggressive approach.

"Hey, the voice of the people needs to be heard on this. I was all for going straight to petition," Berry said.

"I would consider what commissioner (Don) Elwell suggested. We could put this up for a vote in 2014 in order to sunset this in 2014 and give everyone a chance to make the changes or look at what we are doing," Youngman said. "But they said no."

"Yes, we met with Joe Campbell (Highlands County Supervisor of Elections) and we are working on the wording (of a petition) to make sure we have it right," Youngman said. "We also want to meet with County Attorney Ross Macbeth to make sure we proceed properly."



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# Caladium Festival opens today

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for the festival,” Phypers said.

This year the festival will have 13 different varieties of bulbs available for purchase.

“It varies from year to year what we get in. It’s hard to say what a best-seller or a favorite is. People just buy what they like and what they see planted around town,” said Phypers.

The Happiness Farms vendor tent will sell Caladium bulbs for \$5 per bag.

Phypers also described what other vendors will be available with caladiums during the festival.

“Also Bates Sons and Daughters will be selling caladium plants. All of their money will go back into the festival,” Phypers said.

Happiness Farms’ profit will also benefit the festival fund.

The festival will feature dozens of food vendors as well as entertainment throughout the weekend. The Jaycees will host a barbecue Saturday along with a per-

formance.

The Car and Bike Show will also take place on Saturday.

Pre-registration for the Car and Bike Show ends at noon today. Pre-registration entry fee is \$15.

Those who register on the day of the show are required to pay a \$20 entry fee. The top two vehicles in each of the categories will be awarded prizes.

There will also be a floral competition and live demonstration at the Caladium Arts and Crafts Co-Op on Saturday.

“It’s going to be a lot of fun. Thank goodness that hurricane didn’t come this way, that would not have been good. But we well probably have better weather this weekend because of it,” said Phypers.

The festival is free and open to the public. Pets are not allowed at the festival.

Visit [www.VisitLakePlacidFlorida.com](http://www.VisitLakePlacidFlorida.com) for car show applications or more information on the festival.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
Taylor Rental worker Darrell Cullifer hammers a stake into the ground Thursday morning, while setting up tents for the 21st Annual Caladium Festival at Stuart Park.

# Sheriff’s building focus of county meetings

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iff’s department law enforcement section,” Helms said.

Helms stated that the multiple requests for proposals would be for current buildings and possible new construction, and would be presented so that commissioners could make decisions on how to proceed.

Helms told the commission that he did not have any specific information but said that he felt the process was moving forward.

“I think we have gotten by some issues that have been roadblocks in the past,” Helms said.

“I would hope that you would keep the commission informed so that one commissioner would not have more information than any other,” Stewart directed Helms.

When Stewart asked commissioners for input, Don Elwell informed the public that he had attended the meeting with staff and the sheriff’s office.

“I sat in on the meeting, and one of the things I did ask Rick for was to include

this in the weekly updates. He agreed to it and thought it was a good idea,” Elwell said.

Elwell stressed the need to “keep everyone informed and everyone up to date” on the issue and that “at this point nothing has been ruled out as far as new versus anything.”

Stewart interjected immediately that “If one commissioner is going to sit in, I think it would be appropriate that all commissioners would be invited to attend.”

“That is the decision of the board, and if that is going to happen we need to notice that it is a public meeting. If that is the direction of the commission,” Helms said.

“I don’t feel comfortable with one commissioner attending and the others not attending,” Stewart stressed. “It was my understanding that this was going to be a staff activity and that it was not going to involve the policy makers at this point.”

“I can assure you that all decisions at that meeting were made by staff,” Elwell answered.

“But still, having an elected official there and not open

to other elected officials I do not think is fair,” Stewart countered. “It really severely impacts the ability of our staff to do what they need to do. I don’t think it’s productive or fair...if all commissioners attend it will not be productive.”

“I actually helped to get that meeting put together so that we could talk about something that we have been talking about since last March. I have no problem dropping off into the sunset, if you will, so that the staff can do what they do, but at this particular point there were some blocks on all sides.

“That’s why I wanted to get everyone around one table to start talking, Elwell said.

“So, we have an agreement that no commissioner will attend these meetings in the future?” Stewart asked.

“Sure. So you don’t want me attending the one tomorrow?” Elwell asked.

“That would be...I mean it’s up to the commission. I think what we have to recognize that each commissioner does not have power on their

own, this commission does not make decisions on their own,” Stewart said.

“For me to say that you cannot attend, no,” Stewart said.

“In all fairness, I don’t want to air all of our dirty laundry in public, but if you look at the record and the emails, Mr. Helms has done a good job of communicating,” Stewart said.

“Absolutely,” Elwell answered.

“So, Mr. Helms, it is a staff meeting only,” Stewart said.

# Rowan investigation called into question by state’s attorney

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for two in particular: Material deleted from Rowan’s office computer, and Rowan’s investigation of the city council.

The report concluded that “it cannot be proved that Chief Rowan violated the public records laws by asking a fellow officer to cleanup his computer of unwanted (deleted) information. The Chief described the information on the computer as being personal in nature and there is no evidence to contradict that assertion.”

Rowan’s work computer became an issue for city officials after Rowan had the operating system replaced before he was placed on administrative leave.

Ivancevich then addresses Rowan’s investigation, concluding for the second time that, “There never appeared to be a legitimate reason for Chief Rowan to conduct an investigation of the City Council as it relates to the vacant city manager’s position. The investigation that Chief Rowan conducted

should have been handled by an outside agency. It appears that the motivation surrounding the investigation was because Chief Rowan did not get the city manager’s job.”

On page 12 of the report, however, after interviewing assistant state attorney Steve Houchin, Ivancevich noted that “Based upon this interview, it was determined that Chief Rowan was authorized by ASA Steve Houchin to conduct the criminal investigation and surreptitiously record members of the Avon Park City administration only if the chief suspected criminal activity.”

Both Rowan’s initial investigation, and the state attorney’s investigation of Rowan’s process and motivation, are part of a larger convoluted political tangle within the city’s government involving accusations and counter complaints.

Today, for example, a hearing is scheduled for the city to show cause why Rowan was placed on unpaid administrative leave. The hearing is the result of a civil suit filed against the city by Rowan.

# Justices nix arbitrary rounding of sentences

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — A divided Florida Supreme Court says judges cannot arbitrarily round off fractional sentences to the next highest year.

The 5-2 opinion on Thursday reduced a sentence Carlos Cromartie had received for cocaine traf-

ficking and sale or possession within 1,000 feet of a church.

Now-retired Circuit Judge Kathleen Dekker of Tallahassee sentenced Cromartie to seven years although his sentencing score came to only 6.16 years.

# Duffer’s moving, expanding

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old Duffer’s will have to be stripped from the site, cleaned and installed into the new facility.

There will be two 105-inch high definition televisions and eight 32-inch flat screen LCD high definition televisions that will be programmed to cover all football games played during the regular season as well as other sports throughout the year.

The sports theme will be carried throughout the bar and even a new local sports twist along with other items are being added.

“We have to take all the signs banners and stuff out and bring it over so we will be busy for the next couple weeks. We’ve done a lot but we still have a lot left to do,”

# Anthony reports to probation officer

TALLAHASSEE — A reportedly polite and cooperative Casey Anthony is telling Florida authorities she will do well on her one-year probation for check fraud.

The 25-year-old, who has remained hidden since a jury acquitted her of killing her daughter, met with her PO for over an hour Wednesday.

said Hague.

For customers looking for a more quiet dining experience, Duffer’s Lakeside Dining can fit their needs. The menu will feature slightly upscale choices as well as the sports menu.

“Maybe things like prime rib, lamb chops; we hope it will be different but not exactly sure what all we will feature yet,” Hague said.

The Lakeside Dining opening has not been determined

at this time. Vickers also plans to expand the establishment to an outside bar and dining.

“Once these two are open, later on down the road we are going to expand to an outside bar and dining,” Vickers said.

During Saturday’s party, patrons can enjoy drink and food specials all day long. The featured artist will be the 40-Mile Drive Band playing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. There is no cover charge.



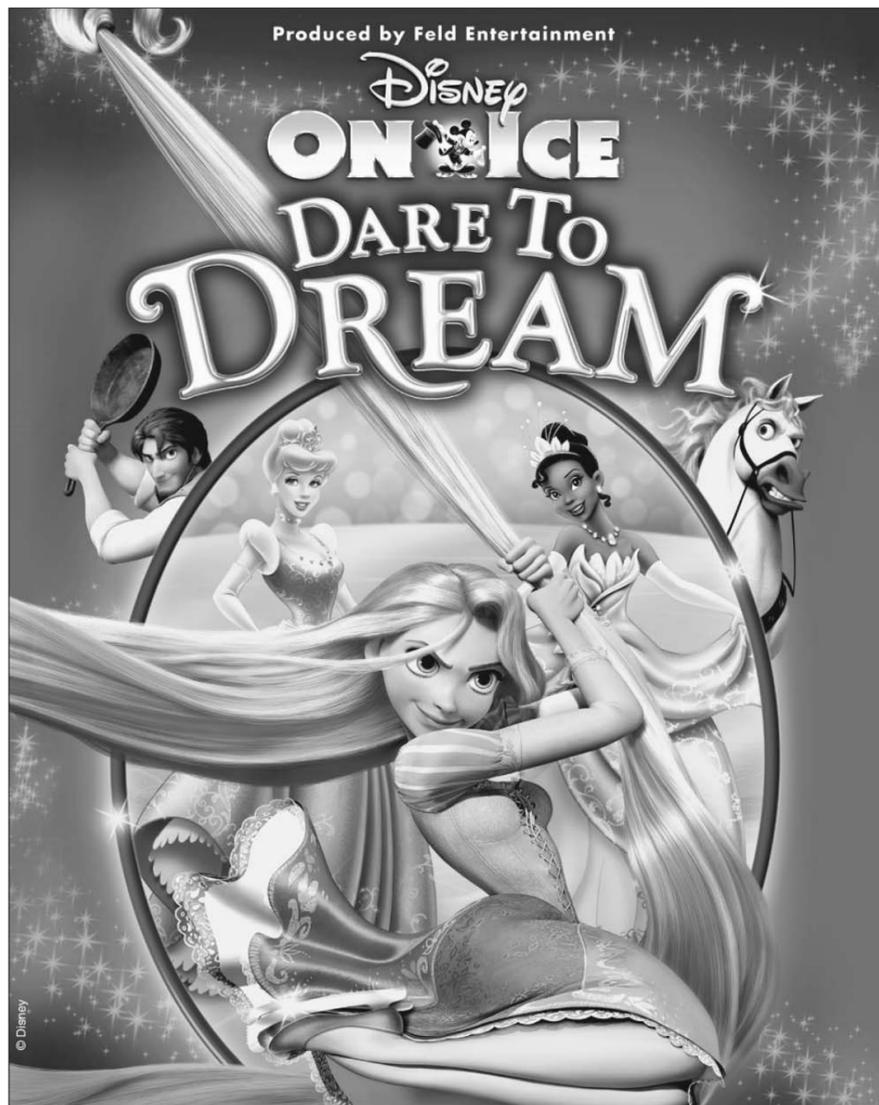
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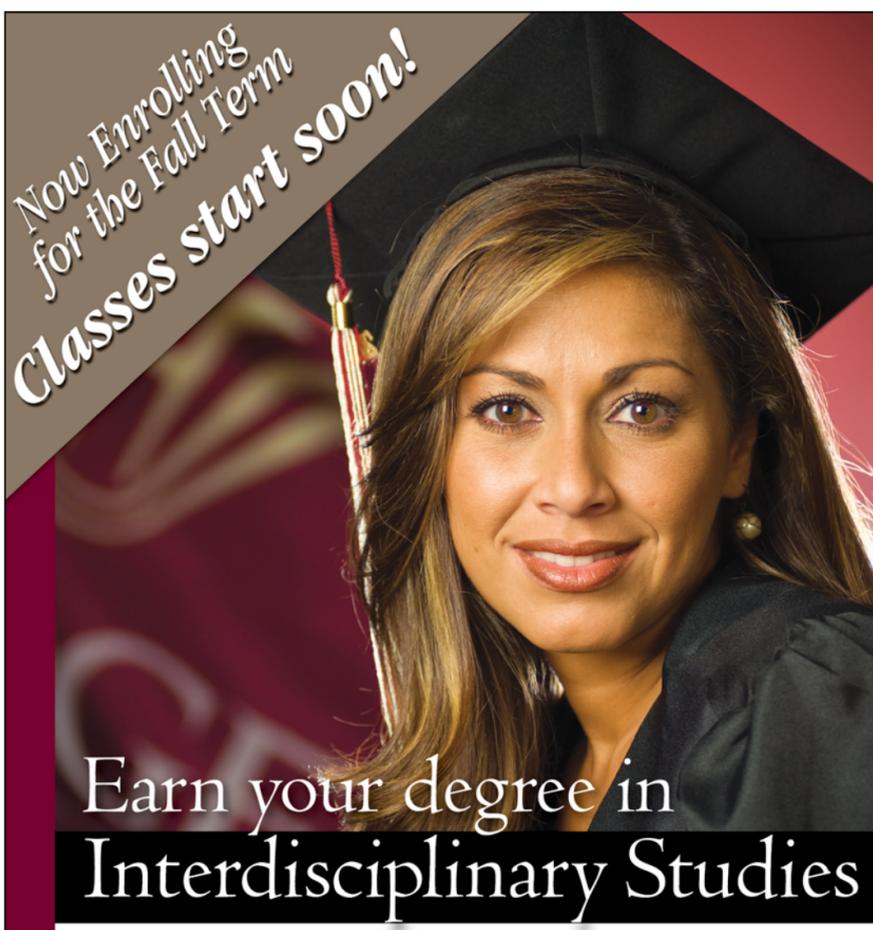
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You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Irwing George Nelson, deceased, File Number PC-11-341, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870; that the decedent's date of death was September 26, 2010; that the total value of the estate is \$7,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name and Address  
 Marilyn Bjarnarson  
 760 Magnus Road  
 Washington Island, WI 54246

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 August 26, 2011.

Person Giving Notice:  
 Marilyn Bjarnarson  
 760 Magnus Road  
 Washington Island, WI 54246

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY Case #: GCS 11-452 Judge: J. David Langford

BROWN & BRWON INVESTMENTS, LLC Plaintiff(s),  
 -vs.-  
 JIMMIE JOHNSON, CHARLENE HORNES, CARMINA L. MESSNER, and FORREST H. HILTON, Personal Representative of the Estate of Lois W. Bagwell, deceased. Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF ACTION - PROPERTY**

TO: Jimmie Johnson 812 S. Florida Ave. Avon Park, FL 33825

Charlene Hornes 812 S. Florida Ave. Avon Park, FL 33825

or if any of the aforesaid persons is dead, then his or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or grantees; and any and all other persons or parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status, if known, claiming under any of the above named or interest in and to the lands hereinafter described.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Action to Quiet Title for the following described property in Highlands County, Florida, to wit:  
 Lot 16, Block H, TOWN OF AVON PARK, Section 22, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 58, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.  
 Parcel ID Number A 22-33-28-010-00H0-0160

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 August 26, 2011.

Person Giving Notice:  
 Marilyn Bjarnarson  
 760 Magnus Road  
 Washington Island, WI 54246

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 502011CA245XXXXMB

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 MICHELLE FOGG and JEFF FOGG Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION AS TO JEFF FOGG**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Highlands Independent Bank, (the "Plaintiff"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, filed a complaint (the "Complaint") in the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida.

1. In the Complaint, the Plaintiff seeks relief against defendant, Jeff Fogg.

2. This is an action for damages in excess of \$15,000.00. The Complaint alleges damages resulting from the default of certain Loan Documents, as more fully described in the Complaint, including, but not limited to, a Promissory Note and a Mortgage, and seeks foreclosure of real property, as more fully described below.

3. This action is pending in the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida.

4. The real property is located at 1059 Cordova Street, Lake Placid, Florida 33852 and is more fully described as:

Lot 1, Block 449, Leisure Lakes Section Seventeen, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page(s) 15, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

5. The Defendant is required to file written defenses with the Clerk of the Court and to serve a copy within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice on Lynn A. Brauer, Esq., Anthony & Partners, LLC, 201 N. Franklin Street, Suite 2800, Tampa, Florida 33602, attorney for the Plaintiff, Highlands Independent Bank.

DATED on August 5, 2011.

BOB GERMAINE  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 August 19, 26, 2011

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-344 Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF HOWARD EDWARD JONES a/k/a EDWARD JONES a/k/a H.E. JONES Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Howard Edward Jones a/k/a Edward Jones a/k/a H.E. Jones, deceased, whose date of death was February 4th, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their 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 August 19, 2011.

Personal Representative:  
 Ronald A. Jones  
 4276 Sturgeon Drive  
 Sebring, FL 33870

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-355 Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARCIA K. TIPPETT Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Marcia K. Tippett, deceased, whose date of death was April 03rd, 2011, and whose social security number is 291-26-0773, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 26, 2011.

Personal Representative:  
 Julie T. Dubuisson  
 2189 Peace Haven Rd.  
 Winston Salem, NC 27106

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 10-000433-GCS

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF GSAMP TRUST 2004-AR1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-AR1 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 BEN MAGNO; JOVITA MAGNO; , AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 7th day of September, 2011, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in 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., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Highlands County, Florida:

LOTS 5, 6, 11, 13 AND 14, BLOCK 97 OF UNIT ONE OR LAKE LILLIAN SECTION HIGHLANDS LAKES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 77 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AND

ALL OF BLOCK 85 AND ALL OF BLOCK 97, AND THE E 1/2 OF DURANTA ROAD, LYING SOUTH OF THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AVON BOULEVARD AND NORTH OF THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ACACIA DRIVE AND THAT PORTION OF STRATFORD ROAD LYING WESTERLY OF THE WEST LINE OF LOT 5, IN BLOCK 97, (EXTENDED) OF A REPLAT OF UNIT ONE OR LAKE LILLIAN SECTION HIGHLANDS LAKES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 44, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 4th day of August, 2011.

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  
 August 19, 26, 2011

BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A.  
 Attorneys for Personal Representative:  
 325 NORTH COMMERCE AVENUE  
 SEBRING, FL 33870  
 Telephone: (863) 382-3154  
 By: /s/ Thomas L. Nunnallee  
 for E. MARK BREED III  
 Florida Bar No. 338702  
 E-Mail Address: breednunn@bnpalaw.com  
 August 26; September 2, 2011

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 Clerk of said Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 Deputy Clerk  
 August 12, 19, 26; September 2, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000433

METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 DORIS H. TRAVIS, et al., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO:

DORIS H. TRAVIS AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DORIS H. TRAVIS if alive, and/or dead his (their) unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or grantees and all persons or parties claiming by, through, under or against him (them). Residence is unknown.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Action for foreclosure of a mortgage on the following property in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:

LOT 8845 AND 8846, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 27, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 27, 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 SPEAR AND HOFFMAN, P.A., Attorneys, whose address is 9700 South Dixie Highway, Suite 610, Miami, Florida 33156, (305) 670-2299, within 30 days after the first publication of the notice, and to file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on SPEAR AND HOFFMAN, P.A., attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 8 day of AUGUST, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ Annette E. Daff  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 August 19, 26, 2011

BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A.  
 Attorneys for Personal Representative:  
 325 NORTH COMMERCE AVENUE  
 SEBRING, FL 33870  
 Telephone: (863) 382-3154  
 By: /s/ Thomas L. Nunnallee  
 Florida Bar No. 0062162  
 E-mail Address: tnunnallee@bnpalaw.com  
 August 19, 26, 2011

SHEEHAN & CELAYA, P.A.  
 Attorneys for Personal Representative:  
 300 DAL HALL BLVD.  
 LAKE PLACID, FL 33852  
 Telephone: (863)465-1551  
 Florida Bar No. 184165  
 E-Mail Address: tim@scjuris.com  
 August 26; September 2, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 28-2011-CA-000337

CENLAR FSB Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 THURMAN L. HARLOW, et al. Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY M. HARLOW CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 3916 RAMIRO ST SEBRING, FL 33872

You are notified that an action to foreclosure a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 26, BLOCK 22, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

commonly known as 3916 RAMIRO ST, SEBRING, FL 33872 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ashley L. Simon of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813)229-0900, on or before September 26, 2011, (or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: August 9, 2011.

CLERK OF THE COURT  
 Honorable ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 590 S. Commerce Avenue  
 Sebring, Florida 33870-3701  
 /s/ Annette E. Daff  
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-350

IN RE: ESTATE OF JACK E. HIBBLER, SR., Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of JACK E. HIBBLER, deceased, whose date of death was July 13, 2011, and whose social security number is 278-24-4648, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 19, 2011.

Personal Representative:  
 /s/ JACK E. HIBBLER, JR.  
 1010 Exeter Road  
 Whitehall, OH 43213

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000737

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 ALBERTO BLANCO; GRISELLE BLANCO; UNKNOWN TENANTS(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 3rd day of August, 2011, and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000737, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH JUDICIAL Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and ALBERTO BLANCO; GRISELLE BLANCO and UNKNOWN TENANTS(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 6th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 751, OF SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 15 R1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 64, BEING A 1989 REPLAT OF UNIT 15 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2011.

Robert W. Germaine  
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ Annette E. Daff  
 Deputy Clerk  
 August 19, 26, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 09-000508-GCS

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.  
 F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 BRYAN G. HOFFMAN, et al. Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 3, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09-000508-GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., is a Plaintiff and BRYAN G. HOFFMAN, NIN P. HOFFMAN, UNKNOWN TENANTS are the Defendants. Robert Germaine as The Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on September 6, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 5383 AND LOT 5384, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT NO. 17, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2011.

Robert Germaine  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ Annette E. Daff  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 Dated this 3rd day of August, 2011.

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**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of TLC THERAPY HOOVES, located at 400 Breeze By Way, Sebring, FL 33875, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 24th day of August, 2011.

Cloud Dancers Incorporated,  
 a Florida Non-Profit Corporation  
 By: /s/ Terri Lynn Crutchfield  
 Terri Lynn Crutchfield, President

CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III  
 Attorney for Applicant  
 551 South Commerce Avenue  
 Sebring, FL 33870  
 (863) 385-0112

August 26, 2011

**NOTICE**  
 Pursuant to IRC Section 6104(d), the annual return of the Sonni Family Foundation, Inc. is available for public inspection at the office of the NCT Group CPA's, L.L.P. located at 435 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions should be directed to the Foundation's trustee, Dr. Rajeswari Sonni, at 446-2017, or the Foundation's C.P.A. William R. Benton, at 385-1577.

August 26, 28, 31, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NUMBER: GC 10-803

SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, a special district and a public corporation of the State of Florida,  
 Plaintiff,

vs.  
 TARPON IV LLC, a Limited Liability Company not registered with the State of Florida, its successors and/or assigns;

NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF SUN 'N LAKES, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, its successors and/or assigns;

CAPITAL SOURCE FINANCE, LLC, a Delaware corporation; its successors and/or assigns; and

WALTER McCORMACK, if alive and if not, his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against WALTER McCORMACK, and all claimants under any of such party;

Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot 45, Block 342, Unit 16, Sun 'n Lake Estates of Sebring, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 04, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, in Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 7th day of September, 2011.

SIGNED this 8th day of August, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 By: /s/ Annette E. Daff  
 Deputy Clerk  
 August 19, 26, 2011

**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION**

ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT THE FOLLOWING STORAGE UNITS LOCATED AT THE STORAGE PLACE OF AVON PARK, 395 CR 17A WEST, AVON PARK, FL 33825 WILL BE DISPOSED OF ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2011, AT 10:00AM. ALL UNITS ARE SAID TO CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Names and unit numbers are as follows:

NAME	UNIT NUMBER
Chuck Lauer	112
Gary Wright	227
Robert Padgett Jr.	309
Calvin Crowell II	339

DISPOSITION BEING MADE TO SATISFY LANDLORD'S LIEN, MANAGEMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS, UNDER FLORIDA LAW, ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE IN CASH.

August 26; September 2, 2011

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pursuant to a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the County Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit In and For St. Lucie County, Florida, on the 3rd day of November, 2010, in the cause wherein RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA, is Plaintiff, and ALBERT MIDDLETON and KIMBERLY MIDDLETON a/k/a KIMBERLY MIDDLETON, are Defendants, being Case No. 562010CA001223 in the said Court, I, Susan Benton, Sheriff of Highlands County, Florida, have levied upon all of the Defendant, KIMBERLY MIDDLETON's, right, title and interest in and to the following described PERSONAL property in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

2005 FORD EXPEDITION - VIN #1FMPU17505L313670

2006 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER - VIN #3A4FY58B36T284736

and on the 6th day of September, 2011, at DUCK'S BODY SHOP, 1153 Hawthorne Dr. in the City of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all of the said defendant, KIMBERLY MIDDLETON's, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Dated this, August 3, 2011

SUSAN BENTON, SHERIFF OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: /s/ Lt. J. Bailey Jr.  
 Lt. Jack Bailey, Jr.  
 DEPUTY SHERIFF

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the agency sending this notice at 434 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, Telephone 863/402-7228 not later than seven days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Services.

August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2011

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Breezy with times of clouds and sun	Partly sunny and breezy	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	T-storms possible in the afternoon	Clouds and sun, t-storms possible
92° / 77°	95° / 78°	95° / 78°	96° / 76°	94° / 75°
Winds: NW at 15-25 mph	Winds: W at 10-20 mph	Winds: WSW at 10-20 mph	Winds: SW at 7-14 mph	Winds: SSE at 6-12 mph



Almanac

**Temperature**  
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	95°
Low Sunday	69°
High Monday	95°
Low Monday	70°
High Tuesday	96°
Low Tuesday	72°
High Wednesday	95°
Low Wednesday	75°

**Heat Index**  
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	62%
Expected air temperature	91°
Makes it feel like	103°

**Barometer**

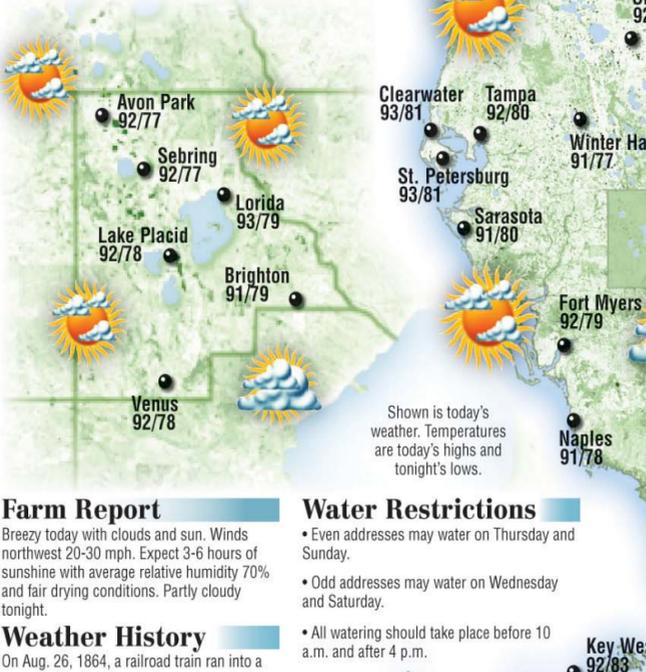
Monday	29.83
Tuesday	29.83
Wednesday	29.72

**Precipitation**

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.04"
Wednesday	0.26"
Month to date	7.81"
Year to date	34.31"

Regional Summary

Breezy today with times of clouds and sun. Partly cloudy and warm tonight. Partly sunny and breezy tomorrow. Sunday: breezy with clouds and sunshine; a shower or thunderstorm possible in the afternoon.



Farm Report

Breezy today with clouds and sun. Winds northwest 20-30 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 70% and fair drying conditions. Partly cloudy tonight.

Weather History

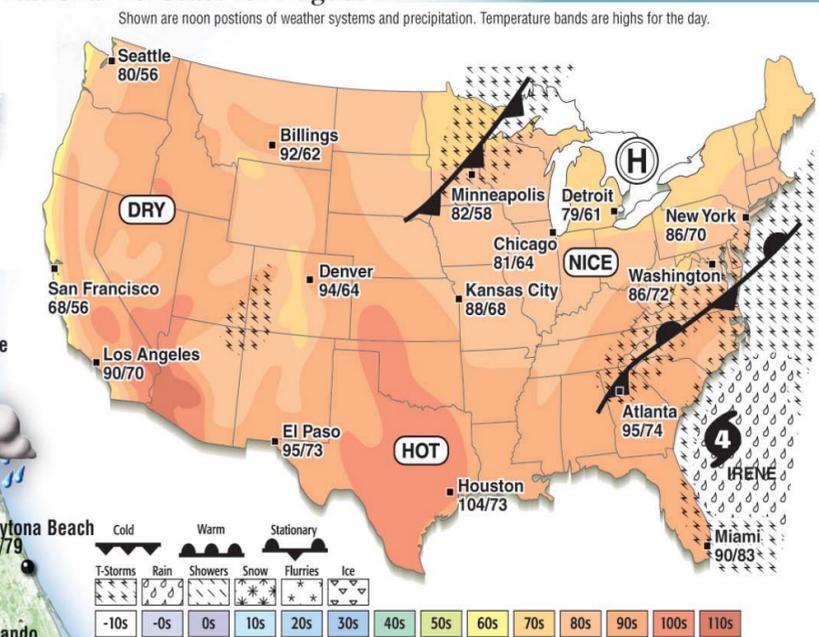
On Aug. 26, 1864, a railroad train ran into a tornado 15 miles from Lawrenceburg, Ind. The storm lifted cars off the track and deposited them upside down in a ravine.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:03 a.m.	7:04 a.m.
Sunset	7:52 p.m.	7:51 p.m.
Moonrise	4:19 a.m.	5:22 a.m.
Moonset	5:57 p.m.	6:41 p.m.



National Forecast for August 26



National Summary

Dangerous surf will pound the Southeast beaches today as Irene churns toward the North Carolina Outer Banks. Gusty winds and a couple of thunderstorms will also graze the coastline. Tonight, conditions will deteriorate with increasing rain and wind across far eastern South Carolina and eastern North Carolina. The tail end of a front will trigger a few thunderstorms across the mid-Atlantic today. A large area of high pressure will promote dry weather from New England to the lower Great Lakes to the southern Plains.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	92/71/r	94/71/r	93/72/r	Los Angeles	90/70/pc	90/68/pc	89/68/s
Atlanta	95/74/pc	92/68/s	90/67/s	Louisville	86/66/s	87/67/s	80/64/s
Baltimore	86/68/r	82/70/r	78/64/r	Memphis	90/69/s	91/69/s	86/65/s
Birmingham	98/71/pc	94/69/s	88/65/s	Milwaukee	78/66/s	77/59/r	74/59/pc
Boston	80/67/pc	73/66/r	75/66/r	Minneapolis	82/58/r	77/58/s	77/62/pc
Charlotte	90/69/c	90/66/pc	89/62/s	Nashville	90/67/s	88/67/s	82/63/s
Cheyenne	90/60/pc	89/61/pc	89/58/pc	New Orleans	96/78/s	94/76/s	94/77/pc
Chicago	81/64/s	81/60/s	78/59/s	New York City	86/70/pc	78/72/r	78/67/r
Cleveland	78/60/s	80/63/pc	73/57/pc	Norfolk	89/75/r	86/71/r	90/69/r
Columbus	82/60/s	83/64/s	77/59/s	Philadelphia	87/71/pc	82/70/r	78/65/r
Dallas	106/79/s	107/77/s	102/78/s	Phoenix	111/90/r	109/90/r	110/90/r
Denver	94/64/pc	92/64/r	95/62/pc	Pittsburgh	80/60/s	84/64/pc	79/57/pc
Detroit	79/61/s	79/59/pc	77/59/s	Portland, ME	78/60/pc	76/64/pc	71/63/r
Harrisburg	86/64/pc	84/67/c	78/59/r	Portland, OR	86/59/s	86/56/pc	81/57/s
Honolulu	89/74/s	87/73/s	87/75/s	Raleigh	92/75/c	84/70/r	90/66/s
Houston	104/73/s	102/73/s	101/73/pc	Rochester	76/58/s	80/63/pc	74/57/c
Indianapolis	82/63/s	83/61/s	80/59/s	St. Louis	87/65/s	87/63/s	82/63/s
Jackson, MS	98/70/s	92/68/s	90/65/s	San Francisco	68/56/pc	67/56/pc	69/54/pc
Kansas City	88/68/s	85/65/s	84/65/s	Seattle	80/56/s	80/55/s	76/55/s
Lexington	90/61/pc	84/63/s	81/58/s	Wash., DC	86/72/r	82/70/r	81/66/r
Little Rock	90/68/s	91/69/s	89/66/s				

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	90/77/r	91/77/r	88/79/r	London	64/54/r	66/50/r	65/50/sh
Athens	84/67/s	83/69/s	84/69/s	Montreal	75/57/s	78/59/pc	73/59/c
Beirut	87/74/s	88/73/s	88/74/s	Moscow	72/52/pc	72/53/c	74/52/s
Berlin	83/72/s	73/54/sh	67/51/sh	Nice	83/64/s	81/66/s	82/66/s
Bermuda	85/77/pc	83/78/sh	82/75/s	Ottawa	76/55/s	74/51/pc	72/51/pc
Calgary	78/57/s	78/46/r	70/48/s	Quebec	73/52/s	77/57/pc	70/52/pc
Dublin	63/48/r	63/46/sh	59/45/pc	Rio de Janeiro	76/66/pc	75/70/sh	88/76/pc
Edmonton	74/41/pc	69/41/pc	72/46/s	Seoul	86/70/sh	83/72/r	88/70/c
Freemport	91/80/r	94/79/c	93/79/pc	Singapore	85/77/r	85/76/r	84/76/r
Geneva	84/51/r	66/50/sh	72/52/s	Sydney	72/43/s	70/44/pc	72/43/pc
Havana	90/71/r	92/70/r	89/72/r	Toronto	76/59/s	81/57/pc	76/51/pc
Hong Kong	93/81/r	96/83/s	94/82/r	Vancouver	76/53/s	72/55/s	74/55/s
Jerusalem	82/64/s	85/63/s	82/62/s	Vienna	92/76/s	88/56/sh	75/62/s
Johannesburg	79/52/s	79/46/s	67/46/pc	Warsaw	81/60/s	88/62/s	72/56/pc
Kiev	73/54/s	75/54/s	79/57/s	Winnipeg	80/48/s	79/57/s	69/50/c

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Friday, August 26, 2011

### Preseason Volleyball Classic

# A sweeping open

By DAN HOEHNE  
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SEBRING — Preseason tournaments are really just meant for teams to see what they have when it comes to full-fledged competition.

Not too much should be read into wins and losses, but more attention is paid to what worked, what didn't and what then needs to be worked on.

Tuesday's opener of Sebring's Preseason Classic volleyball tournament shone a light on bits and pieces of the good and the bad.

But what came out of it was much more bad than good.

The Lady Red Devils of Avon Park, for one, were a hardly recognizable team.

Described as scrappy by head coach Stephanie Devlin for her squad's preview was actually selling them short.

It was a much more sharp,

aggressive and focused team that showed up, with scrappiness as a component of their game.

And this was all in great evidence despite a three-set loss to Sebring, which also showed plenty of positives.

"We knew what to expect because we've seen them," Lady Streak head coach Vanessa Sinness said. "That is a much better team and that's great. We want to be challenged, we want strong teams, programs in our county."

It was a good thing Sebring knew what to expect, because if they had been surprised by the Lady Devils rise, they could well have been knocked back on their heels — though at times they were.

In a good back-and-forth early going of the first game, a Teresa Devlin kill evened things up for Avon Park and

another score put them up before Dino Lower misdirected a tip to tie it up again.

Things remained like that until the Devils really kicked it into gear.

A Kayla Wilson kill and Ashley Chacon ace highlighted a six-point run that took a 9-9 deadlock and opened up a 15-9 lead.

Sebring worked its way back with a series of small runs, finally catching Avon Park at 19-19, and back to the back-and-forth it went before the Streaks eked out the 25-22 win.

In years past, the tough loss might have set the tone for the night and figurative sails may have lost their wind.

But not this year.

The second and third games played out much the same, with as pitched a battle as one could hope for in any

setting, much less a preseason opener.

"The atmosphere was great," Sinness said. "We had a good group of fans, Lake Placid had a good crowd here and the Avon Park fans really added to it."

The second game saw Sebring holding onto narrow leads throughout, with Avon Park never falling too far behind and continually coming back, eventually evening things up at 18-18.

But two mini-runs settled the 25-19 Blue Streak win, before it was back to great action in the third game.

Here it was the Devils up early, trying to hold off Sebring, the Streaks then breaking out to a 12-9 lead and Avon Park battling back to tie it at 22-22.

But again, Sebring got the

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News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Kenzie Hargaden gets this kill shot between Avon Park's Kayla Wilson, #15, and M'Lynn McKibbin, #7, in Sebring's win at the Preseason Classic Tuesday.

## PREGAME PRIMER

Your Quick Guide To This Week's Action



**Avon Park**  
at  
**Tenoroc**

**2010 Records**  
Avon Park 3-7; Tenoroc 3-8

#### Game Notes

- The Devils will unveil their new 'Pistol' formation, a modified version of the shotgun.
- Tonight will mark the first meeting between the two schools' football programs.

#### Coach Speak

**Avon Park's Andy Bonjokian:** "I'm hoping for good old fashioned football basics. We can go hard, but now we have to execute."



**Lake Placid**  
vs.  
**Hardee**

**2010 Records**  
Lake Placid 3-8; Hardee 4-8

#### Game Notes

- Tonight is a rematch of last year's Kickoff Classic, with Hardee running wild in a 49-7 win.
- The QB decision has yet to be made, but RB A.J. Gayle stands out as the featured back.

#### Coach Speak

**Lake Placid's Jason Holden:** "Tyler Kelsen and Robert Walton both shine in different areas at quarterback. Going into Friday night, they are both going to see about equal playing time."



**Sebring**  
at  
**Moore Haven**

**2010 Records**  
Sebring 9-2; Moore Haven 7-4

#### Game Notes

- Tonight marks the debut of head coach LaVaar Scott as well as starting QB Davaris Faulk.
- The Terriers averaged nearly 44 points per game last season and were 4-3 in District 6-1B play.

#### Coach Speak

**Sebring's LaVaar Scott:** "Moore Haven is very fast and can break a play at any time. We'd like to get the win, but this game is more about working on things and getting the offense to start clicking."

All games have 7:30 p.m. kickoffs unless otherwise noted



Courtesy photo

The ride has ended, but the Sebring All-Stars summer was the stuff that dreams are made of.

## Sebring run at Dreams comes to an end

By DAN HOEHNE  
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It came to an end early Thursday morning, the Sebring All-Stars run at the

National American Tournament of Champions in Cooperstown, N.Y., with a 7-1 loss to team Hard 9 of California.

"Sometimes you just come up against a team that's better than you on a

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## A mixed bag Saturday for Sebring Youth Football

Special to the News-Sun

Sebring Youth Football kicked off their regular season with games in Sebring and Lake Alfred this past Saturday, Aug. 20.

The Blue Streaks took the field at home against Lake Placid and it was almost a clean sweep.

They started the day with the Flag game, coached by David Young, with a 14-12 win.

The Mitey Mite team, coached by Chris Gilbert, took the field and pulled out the second win of the day for the Streaks, 20-6.

The most exciting game was in the Pee Wee division, who are coached by Carlos Cardoso.

The Pee Wees jumped out in front with a 7-0 lead in spite of the rain.

Raheem Daniels scored the first touchdown and the extra point before Lake Placid responded with their own touchdown, but the extra point was no good for a 7-6 margin.

Sebring then went back to work and drove the ball down the field with Devion Littles scoring for a 13-6

lead.

The Pee Wee defense was able to stop LP from scoring again and when a punt was brought all the way back for a score by Jatavion Holder, the final was all but set.

The ultimate margin was booted through the uprights by T.J. Granata for the extra point and a 21-6 win.

The final game at home was the Junior division, coached by Bob Duncan.

The kids gave it a valiant effort but were unable to put any points on the board in a 32-0 loss.

The Thunderbolts traveled to Lake Alfred Saturday for a tough day of football.

The Flag team, coached by Jeremy Daugherty, did take the only win of the day for the Bolts 20-13.

Coach Daugherty said his defense kept Lake Alfred from running away with the game.

The Mitey Mites, coached by Ron Shiflet, took an 8-0 loss due to a fumble which resulted in Lake Alfred Raiders putting those points on the

board.

The Pee Wee team, coached by Ira Hill, took a tough loss 32-0 and the Thunderbolt Juniors, coached by Luke Ancrum, fell as well

6-0, though Garrett Yarborough was a beast on defense.

Sebring's Senior team, coached by Bronson Smith, also found the trip to Lake Alfred a bitter one, ending with a loss..

Tank Randolph really kept the Senior squad in the game, but Lake Alfred picked off a pass with under 1:30 left to seal their win, 6-0.

Saturday, Aug. 27, the Blue Streaks will be at home against what Sebring considers to be their biggest rivals, Avon Park.

Kick off will be at 9 a.m., please come out and support your local youth football and cheer teams.

Admission is \$3 for Adults and \$2 for Students, 4-and-under are free.

The Thunderbolts will be on the road Saturday in Arcadia to play the Desoto Bulldogs.

## Eagles a handful for Lake Wales

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE WALES — The Highlands Youth Football and Cheer Organization (HYFC) began their pre-season last week in the Kick-Off Classic as the newest youth football and cheer sports program in Highlands County.

But Saturday, Aug. 20, was the first official game of the season.

HYFC is part of the Police Athletic League (PAL) Association - Sunshine Conference and the Highlands Eagles football teams and cheerleaders have been working hard since practice began in July.

The anticipation of getting to play the first official game of the season was finally here.

Coaches have been getting their game strategies together and players were very excited and their hopes were high as they traveled to Lake Wales to take on the Gators.

The first team to take the field was the Flag team, ages 5 and 6-years old and led by



Courtesy photo

Junior Varsity Eagle Sammy Smith runs with the ball after losing his shoe, with teammate Timothy Jordan there to block the Gators on his heels in Highlands Youth Football action last Saturday in Lake Wales.

head coach Bob Ford.

The game started on a high note when Fred Hankerson took the opening kickoff in for a touchdown for an early lead.

The Gators then put up 19 unanswered points to have the lead at halftime 19-7.

The Eagles rallied together

in the second half, scoring on runs by Hankerson, Kaden D'Amico and Ezera Jackson, but ultimately the team fell just short in the end with a final score of 31-27.

Next to take the field were the Mighty Mites, ages 7, 8

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# THE SCOREBOARD

## Major League Baseball

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	79	50	.612	—
New York	77	50	.606	1
Tampa Bay	70	58	.547	8½
Toronto	66	63	.512	13
Baltimore	50	77	.394	28

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	70	59	.543	—
Cleveland	63	64	.496	6
Chicago	63	65	.492	6½
Minnesota	55	74	.426	15
Kansas City	53	77	.408	17½

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	74	57	.565	—
Los Angeles	71	59	.546	2½
Oakland	59	70	.457	14
Seattle	56	73	.434	17

### Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 7, Seattle 5, 1st game  
 Oakland 6, N.Y. Yankees 5  
 Seattle 12, Cleveland 7, 2nd game  
 Kansas City 6, Toronto 4  
 Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 1  
 Boston 11, Texas 5

Baltimore 8, Minnesota 1  
 L.A. Angels 5, Chicago White Sox 4

### Wednesday's Games

Seattle 9, Cleveland 2  
 Boston 13, Texas 2  
 Oakland 6, N.Y. Yankees 4, 10 innings  
 Toronto 4, Kansas City 3  
 Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2, 10 innings  
 Baltimore 6, Minnesota 1  
 L.A. Angels 8, Chicago White Sox 0

### Thursday's Games

Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, late  
 Baltimore at Minnesota, late  
 Detroit at Tampa Bay, late  
 Kansas City at Toronto, late  
 Boston at Texas, late

### Friday's Games

Kansas City (F.Paulino 2-5) at Cleveland (Jimenez 1-1), 7:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees (A.J. Burnett 9-10) at Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 2-2), 7:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Shields 11-10) at Toronto (H.Alvarez 0-1), 7:07 p.m.  
 Oakland (G.Gonzalez 10-11) at Boston (Wakefield 6-5), 7:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels (Haren 13-6) at Texas (D.Holland 11-5), 8:05 p.m.  
 Detroit (Porcello 11-8) at Minnesota (Swarzak 3-3), 8:10 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (Peavy 5-6) at Seattle (Furbush 3-5), 10:10 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	83	45	.648	—
Atlanta	78	53	.595	6½
Washington	62	66	.484	21
New York	61	68	.473	22½
Florida	58	72	.446	26

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	78	54	.591	—
St. Louis	67	63	.515	10
Cincinnati	64	66	.492	13
Pittsburgh	61	68	.473	15½
Chicago	57	73	.438	20
Houston	42	88	.323	35

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	71	59	.546	—
San Francisco	69	61	.531	2
Colorado	63	68	.481	8½
Los Angeles	60	69	.465	10½
San Diego	60	71	.458	11½

### Tuesday's Games

Arizona 2, Washington 0  
 Milwaukee 11, Pittsburgh 4  
 Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Mets 4  
 Cincinnati 8, Florida 6  
 Atlanta 5, Chicago Cubs 4  
 L.A. Dodgers 13, St. Louis 2  
 Colorado 8, Houston 6  
 San Diego 7, San Francisco 5

### Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 2, Milwaukee 0  
 N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 4  
 L.A. Dodgers 9, St. Louis 4  
 Colorado 7, Houston 6, 10 innings  
 Florida 6, Cincinnati 5, 1st game  
 Arizona 4, Washington 2  
 Cincinnati 3, Florida 2, 2nd game  
 Chicago Cubs 3, Atlanta 2  
 San Francisco 2, San Diego 1

### Thursday's Games

Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, late  
 Arizona at Washington, late  
 Cincinnati at Florida, p.p.d., rain  
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, late  
 Houston at San Francisco, late

### Friday's Games

Florida (Hensley 1-5) at Philadelphia (Oswalt 6-7), 7:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta (T.Hudson 13-7) at N.Y. Mets (Capuano 9-11), 7:10 p.m.  
 Washington (Wang 2-2) at Cincinnati (Willis 0-3), 7:10 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs (R.Lopez 4-4) at Milwaukee (Wolf 10-8), 8:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 8-6) at St. Louis (Westbrook 10-7), 8:15 p.m.  
 San Diego (LeBlanc 2-2) at Arizona (Collmenter 7-8), 9:40 p.m.  
 Colorado (Rogers 6-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 7-13), 10:10 p.m.  
 Houston (Happ 4-14) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 7-12), 10:15 p.m.

## Major League Soccer

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	11	7	4	20	29	24
Sporting KC	9	7	9	36	36	31
Houston	8	7	11	35	34	32
Philadelphia	8	6	10	34	30	24
New York	6	6	14	32	41	37
D.C.	7	7	10	31	34	35
Chicago	3	7	15	24	28	33
New England	4	11	11	23	26	39
Toronto FC	4	12	11	23	25	48

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	14	3	9	51	37	20
Seattle	12	5	9	45	36	27
FC Dallas	12	7	7	43	33	27
Colorado	10	6	11	41	39	34
Real Salt Lake	10	7	6	36	32	20
Portland	9	12	5	32	33	41
Chivas USA	7	9	10	31	32	39
San Jose	5	10	10	25	26	34
Vancouver	3	13	9	18	26	42

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

### Wednesday's Games

Portland 1, Chivas USA 0

### Saturday's Games

Columbus at Seattle FC, 4 p.m.  
 Houston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.  
 San Jose at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.



# LIVE SPORTS ON TV

## AUTO RACING

### FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. NASCAR – Food City 250 . . . . . ESPN

### SATURDAY

7:30 p.m. NASCAR – Irwin Tools Night Race . . . . . ABC

## BOXING

### SATURDAY

10:30 p.m. Robert Guerrero vs. Marcos Maidina . . . . . HBO

## GOLF

### FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. EuroPGA – Johnnie Walker Classic . . . . . GOLF

1 p.m. U.S. Amateur Championship, Day 3 . . . . . GOLF

3 p.m. PGA – The Barclays . . . . . GOLF

6:30 p.m. PGA – Boeing Classic . . . . . GOLF

### SATURDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Johnnie Walker Classic . . . . . GOLF

1 p.m. PGA – The Barclays . . . . . GOLF

3 p.m. PGA – The Barclays . . . . . CBS

3 p.m. U.S. Amateur Championship, Semifinal . . . . . NBC

3 p.m. LPGA – Canadian Women's Open . . . . . GOLF

6:30 p.m. PGA – Boeing Classic . . . . . GOLF

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

### FRIDAY

9 p.m. Armwood at Bishop Gorman (NV) . . . . . ESPN2

### SATURDAY

Noon St. Thomas Aquinas at Prattville (AL) . . . . . ESPN

3:30 p.m. South Panola (MS) at Hoover (AL) . . . . . ESPN

7 p.m. Sulphur Springs at Denton Ryan (TX) . . . . . ESPN

10 p.m. Pleasant Grove at Monterey Trail (CA) . . . . . ESPN2

## LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

### SATURDAY

Noon International Championship . . . . . ABC

3 p.m. U.S. Championship . . . . . ABC

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

### FRIDAY

8 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee . . . . . WGN

### SATURDAY

4 p.m. Regional – Pittsburgh at St. Louis, Atlanta at . . . . . FOX

7 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee . . . . . WGN

## MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE

### SATURDAY

Noon First Semifinal – Teams TBA . . . . . ESPN2

3 p.m. Second Semifinal – Teams TBA . . . . . ESPN2

## NFL PRESEASON

### FRIDAY

8 p.m. Green Bay at Indianapolis . . . . . CBS

### SATURDAY

8 p.m. New England at Detroit . . . . . CBS

## TENNIS

### FRIDAY

Noon ATP – Winston-Salem Open . . . . . ESPN2

2 p.m. WTA – New Haven Open at Yale . . . . . ESPN2

7 p.m. WTA – New Haven Open at Yale . . . . . ESPN2

### SATURDAY

12:30 p.m. ATP – Winston-Salem Open . . . . . CBS

5 p.m. WTA – New Haven Open at Yale . . . . . ESPN2

## TRACK AND FIELD

### SATURDAY

1:30 p.m. IAAF World Championships . . . . . NBC

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

Portland at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.  
 Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 FC Dallas at Sporting KC, 8:30 p.m.  
 Real Salt Lake at Chivas USA, 10 p.m.

### Sunday's Games

Los Angeles at New York, 7 p.m.  
 New England at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

## WNBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	19	8	.704	—
Connecticut	17	10	.630	2
New York	16	12	.571	3½
Atlanta	14	13	.519	5
Chicago	12	15	.444	7
Washington	5	21	.192	13½

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	21	6	.778	—
Phoenix	15	11	.577	5½
Seattle	15	12	.556	6
San Antonio	13	13	.500	7½
Los Angeles	12	15	.444	9
Tulsa	1	24	.040	19

x-clinched playoff spot

### Tuesday's Games

Los Angeles 86, Washington 82, OT  
 Atlanta 83, Chicago 80  
 Minnesota 78, Tulsa 72  
 New York 74, Phoenix 70  
 Seattle 63, San Antonio 55

### Thursday's Games

Tulsa at Seattle, late

### Friday's Games

Phoenix at Connecticut, 7:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 Tulsa at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

### Transactions

## BASEBALL

### American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Recalled INF

Cord Phelps from Columbus (IL).  
 Optioned RHP Zach McAllister to Columbus.

TEXAS RANGERS—Recalled RHP Darren O'Day from Round Rock (PCL).  
 Optioned C Taylor Teagarden to Round Rock.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Recalled OF Darin Mastroianni from Las Vegas (PCL).

National League  
 ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Designated INF Cody Ransom for assignment.

COLORADO ROCKIES—Selected the contract of 3B Kevin Kouzmanoff from Colorado Springs (PCL).  
 Designated INF Chris Nelson to Colorado Springs.

Designated INF Ryan Rohlinger for assignment.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Recalled OF Logan Morrison from New Orleans (PCL).

HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed LHP Sergio Escalona on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Juan Abreu from Oklahoma City (PCL).

NEW YORK METS—Placed RHP Jonathon Niese on the 15-day DL.  
 Called up C Mike Nickeas from Buffalo (IL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Placed LHP Ryan Ludwick on the 15-day DL.

Purchased the contract of LHP Aaron Thompson from Indianapolis (IL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Claimed RHP Heath Bell off waivers from San Diego.

## FOOTBALL

### National Football League

DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed CB Orlando Scandrick to a five-year contract extension.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Agreed to terms with QB Kerry Collins.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed S Tracy Wilson. Waived LB Brandon Long and G Chris Stewart.

Claimed OT Nevin McCaskill off waivers from Pittsburgh.

# LOCAL SCHEDULE



## Avon Park

TODAY: Football at Tenoroc, 7 p.m.  
 THURSDAY, Sept. 1: JV Football at Sebring, 7 p.m.



## Lake Placid

TODAY: Football vs. Hardee, 7:30 p.m.; Swimming, Green and White meet, 5:30 p.m.  
 TUESDAY: Volleyball vs. Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.; Swimming at Sebring, 5:30 p.m.  
 THURSDAY, Sept 1: JV Football vs. DeSoto, 7 p.m.; Volleyball at Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.



## Sebring

TODAY: Football at Moore Haven, 7 p.m.  
 TUESDAY: Volleyball at Hardee, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Golf at Lake Wales, 4 p.m.; Girls Golf at George Jenkins, 4 p.m.; Swimming vs. Lake Placid, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, Sept. 1: JV Football vs. Avon Park, 7 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Lake Placid, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Golf at Lady Maverick Tournament, Pembroke Pines, 4 p.m.; Swim at All Saints Academy, 5:30 p.m.



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*Gold & Silver items including Jewelry, Coins, and Sterling items are in Great Demand as Prices Soar to Historic Highs!*

**David Morgan**  
STAFF WRITER

If you have a jewelry box with bling from an old fling, you may want to haul it down to the **Hotel Jacaranda** this week. You may be sitting on a small fortune, explains IPEB show coordinator Gary Denomme, "Today's gold & silver prices are at an all time high and it's definitely a seller's market." One broken gold chain or an old class ring could be worth a week's salary, said Denomme. "People are just amazed at what these types of items are worth in today's market. I urge anyone with gold or silver in any form to sell it right now." For the past 25 years gold has been trading at levels below \$350.00 per ounce and silver at \$4.00 per ounce. Currently, gold and silver is trading at many times that price. IPEB professionals will test any of your gold or silver jewelry for free, so bring it in even if you are not sure what it is.



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Other items they will be looking at include dental gold, flatware sets, tea pots, silver platters, and anything marked .925 or sterling. Even if you're not sure what it is, bring it in and IPEB reps will test it for free.

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New or Old: mismatched earrings, bracelets, loose diamonds, all gem stones, etc.



### GUITARS & INSTRUMENTS

Fender, Gibson, Martin, Rickenbacker, Gretsch, amps, saxophones, wood winds, drumsets, PA gear and all band equipment.



## Classic shows strengths, things to work on

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But again, Sebring got the key points late and took the 25-22 win for a sweep that felt like a five-game match.

"We are much better this year and it was just a matter of the little mistakes that cost us tonight," Devlin said. "There are some things to work on, sure, there was some miscommunication at times, but I'm impressed with how we played overall. Starting out like this, I think we're going to do well."

A sentiment shared by Sinness.

"It was awesome," she said. "Very back and forth, both of us worked out our kinks and knew what we had to do."

"We were a little frazzled at first with first-game jitters and with how they came at us, that didn't settle things so easily. But the sign of a good team is getting it together. We stepped back, took a deep breath and did that very well."

On the more dour side of

things, six-time defending district champ Lake Placid didn't seem its' usual self in a 3-0 sweep at the hands of Okeechobee.

Now, the Lady Brahmans are a perennial power, but a team the Lady Dragons, at their full potential, would normally be able to keep up with, at least.

But that team didn't show up.

"I'm not sure if it was first-game jitters, overconfidence from all the work we've done, I don't know, but that wasn't my team out there tonight," head coach Linette Wells said. "There was little in the way of positives. We weren't serving well, our serve receive was almost non-existent. At least we saw things we need to work on. But this isn't the team we are and it won't be the team that comes out Thursday."

Lake Placid started out decently enough, scoring first on a Marissa Baldwin block, but in running with

the bulls, if you're not at your best, you will get gored.

And the lack of an efficient serve receive certainly lead to that, allowing the Brahmans to go off on extended runs.

One to open up a 9-7 lead to 15-7, then 21-12 before closing out the opener with a 25-17 win.

The Lady Dragons again hung in there in the early going of the second game, tying things at 7-7 on a Samantha Pypers kill.

But it jumped to 9-7, closed to 9-8, and then the bottom dropped out as Okeechobee scored the next 15 in a row to make it 24-8.

A minor run delayed the inevitable, but the 25-12 win was soon in the books.

"At times we played together and stayed with them, but then things would just fall apart," Wells said.

The third game was evidence of that as, again, early on it stayed close.

But a 6-5 game suddenly

blew up to 12-5.

Closing the gap to 14-11 just meant another run made it 19-11.

A 20-14 margin preceded a run to make it 24-14 before the 25-15 final was set.

At a loss, like their coach, the Lady Dragons weren't overly concerned afterward.

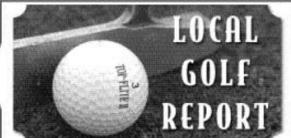
"I don't know what that was," Taylor Miller said. "We just weren't ourselves, but we'll get it back."

Rhoni Gavagni took it as a lesson as well.

"I'm not sure what was wrong," she said. "But at least we know things we have to work on."

The tournament concluded Thursday night with Avon Park and Lake Placid meeting in the consolation game, a game that could well be a preview of a great district battle, and Sebring facing Okeechobee for the championship.

See Sunday's News-Sun for a recap.



Senior Tip

# MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANKS WITH TOP 100 GOLF INSTRUCTORS

## Tricky Recovery



Many seniors have nervous, quick, "handy" putting strokes. Seniors also are notorious for being too attached to their old equipment. If you're a senior who's having putting woes, try this cure: Switch out your "old faithful" for a putter with a much heavier head weight. A heavier putter will automatically slow down your nervous, quick stroke. It also will help keep the clubhead down during the stroke, as opposed to snatching the putter upward on the backstroke. All this will help restore a calm, slow, even tempo, with the clubhead moving levelly and squarely at impact, resulting in a smoother roll to the ball. Try a heavier putter on the practice green to see if it can restore your putting confidence, and let your old putter retire.

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

### Golf Hammock

On Monday, Aug. 22, the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am Points at Golf Hammock.

Doug Haire scored a plus-5 for first place in A group and Denis Shank took second place at even.

There was a three-way tie for first place in B group as David Mulligan, Joe Hyzny and Tony Frances all had plus-1.

C group saw Terry Yandle break 80 as he scored plus-30, good for first place.

Terry has been golfing five years, congratulations.

Tying for second was Gerry Geouque and Sal Sboto with plus-1.

Bill Ringo shot a plus-5 taking first place in D group, second place was Larry Spry with plus-3 and John Tyner had plus-2 for third place.

Next Monday the Mezza Group will play at Golf Hammock CC beginning at 7:45 a.m.

For more information, call Pete Mezza at 382-1280.

### Pinecrest

The Men's Association played Team and Individual Pro-Am Points Wednesday, Aug. 24, with Keith Strickland, Vern Gates and J.W. McCamic joining forces to score a +5 for the team win.

Individually, Jim Peters won A Division with +3, Gates took B Division with +2 and McCamic's +1 topped C Division.

### SpringLake

The SpringLake Women's

Golf Association played a Four Person Scramble Wednesday, Aug. 24 on the Panther 1 and Panther 10 courses.

The team of Linda Pfleger, Marge Bates, Rosie Foote and Ruth Ann Payne won first place with a gross score of 72.

Dotti Blackwell, Judy Dunn, Mary Cebula and Jean Donahue won the tiebreaker over the team of Teri Swisher, Rita Jaskowski, Julia Starr and Joann Deweese for second place with 73.

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association held a flighted Pick Your Partner - 1 Best Ball event.

This was played on the back nine of Cougar and the front nine of Panther.

Winners of the A Flight were Jan Hard and Jack Hoerner, who won with a net 61 strokes. Each player took six holes and they tied on the other six.

There was a tie for Second Place between Ken Kirby and a Blind, and the team of Jon Brower and Tom Bates, each posting scores of 62.

The B Flight was won by Gerry Esty and Dan Porter, with a net 62 strokes scored.

In this pairing, the Ham and Egg factor was even higher; Mr. Esty and Mr. Porter each won seven holes and tied on four holes.

The team of Leon Van and Bob Frederick took Second Place with a net 63. Mr. Van took six holes, Mr. Frederick took seven, and they tied on five.

The team scores of Flight A ranged from 61 to 70 and the scores of Flight B ranged from 62 to 70; indicating a very competitive league.

## Sebring stands out in Cooperstown

**Continued from 1B**

given day," head coach Dean Frazier said. "They were just the better team today and I tip my cap to them."

"Their pitcher was just unhittable the first couple of innings. He had a wicked curve and a real good fastball," Frazier continued. "Then we had some trouble with errors and gave them a few cheap ones. But even without those, they still beat us 3-1."

The journey had to end sometime, in what has

already been a magical summer for the junior Blue Streaks.

A second straight Dixie Ozone World Series win followed by the quick turnaround to the 103-team tournament near the Baseball Hall of Fame.

And through the first three games, the high-powered offense didn't miss a beat, piling up an astounding 70 runs.

Then came the close call against another California team, Orange Crush, with a

5-4 win keeping them undefeated.

But it was back on track offensively and defensively in Tuesday's final rounds of pool play, with 12-0 and 19-0 wins that propelled the team to a No. 4 seed heading into the single elimination championship bracket.

Things continued to roll with a 12-0 win Wednesday night, but just nine hours later, they were back on the field and found the Hard 9 squad to be just a bit too much.

"I'm just so proud of the kids, all the work they've put in," Frazier said. "We've been on a great run and played two bad games all summer."

"If you'd have told me that after last year's World Series that we'd win it again this year and go right up to this tournament and essentially finish in the sweet 16 out of 103 teams from all over the country, I'd have taken that."

## Eagles home opener tomorrow at APHS

**Continued from 1B**

and 9, led by head coach Willis McGuire.

The Eagles took the field and quickly showed the Gators how strong they were.

The offense took the field and quickly made their way to the end zone with Pyshon Mathis passing the ball to Ryan Brown for a touchdown. The defense made their presence known as Bailey Riggles made several key tackles on the day and Ryan Brown intercepted the ball and ran it back for a 65-yard touchdown.

Mathis ran the ball in for another touchdown and the Eagles dominated the Gators to take the first win of the day, 19-0.

Coach McGuire attributed the win to his coaching staff.

"I've got to thank them for all the support, patience and hard work with the players," he said.

The Pee Wees, aged 10 and 11, led by head coach Tim Hooks, were eager and ready to take the field after last week's loss.

The offense had two early touchdowns, by Thurlow Wilkins and Kasey Hawthorne, called back on penalties, but it didn't get

the team down.

Thurlow and Kasey went on to score several touchdowns during the game.

The defense rallied together with Colton Williams and TJ "Cadillac" Williams making key tackles and dominating the field and earning the second win of the day with a 40-0 shutout.

Following the Pee Wee game, the Junior Varsity team, ages 12 and 13, managed by head coach Cliff Howell, took the field with the Gators. The Eagles were taking on last year's PAL Super bowl runner-up's, so this was definitely the awaited game of the day.

The game got off to a great start with the offense coming out and taking an early lead with Akem JnPierre scoring his first touchdown of the year.

The Eagles defensive came out strong with some awesome tackles made by CJ Harris and Timothy Jordan.

The Gators, however, scored a touchdown just before halftime to take a 7-6 lead.

After halftime, the defensive battle was on.

Key tackles were made by Anthony Healy, Trace Thompson and Nicholas

Lynch with an interception by Sammy Smith.

The Eagles offensive line, made up of newcomers Jalen Wheelock, Frank Molina and Jorge Ortiz stood strong as the offense made several strides in the second half, but fell just short of making it happen when a blocked punt gave the Gators the last score and win for the day.

It was a difficult loss for the JV team but they represented the new Eagles association well.

Last game of the day was the Varsity team, ages 13, 14 and 15, led by head coach John Bishop.

The Gators came out strong, taking an early lead.

The Eagle offense came out tough, driving down the field but were unable to find the end zone going into half-time down 24-0.

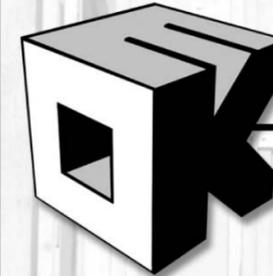
In the second half, the defense came out strong with Cole Kilgo making some key tackles, Mailik Taylor getting an interception and Tyler Edwards sacking the quarterback which resulted in a fumble.

The Varsity defense shut down the Gators offense in the second half but was unable to put any points on the board resulting in a loss with a final score of 24-0.

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The Atlanta Falcons gave up five draft picks to move up 21 spots in the NFL draft to take Alabama wide receiver Julio Jones.

# Taking to the air

## CAN'T-MISS GAMES

Make sure to mark these must-see matchups on your calendar:



■ **Saints at Packers, Sept. 8:** How often do the past two Super Bowl champions meet on opening night? It's tough to beat a game featuring the last two Super Bowl MVPs: Saints QB Drew Brees and the Packers' Aaron Rodgers. This matchup is sure to make fans forget about the tedious off-season labor negotiations. If they haven't forgotten already.



■ **Eagles at Falcons, Sept. 18:** Eagles' QB Michael Vick will make his first start in the Georgia Dome since 2006, and the sight of No. 7 will either stir the crowd to cheers or jeers. Matt Ryan, the quarterback who replaced Vick three years ago, has done pretty well himself, leading the Falcons to two playoff berths in three years. This game will feature two of the most explosive offenses in the NFL.



■ **Jets at Patriots, Oct. 9:** Oh boy, we get Jets coach Rex Ryan rolling into New England again, where he lived up to his boasting by leading his team to the AFC championship game with an upset of the Patriots. New England QB Tom Brady has not hidden his disdain for the Jets and would love nothing better than to replicate the Patriots' 45-3 win over New York last Dec. 6.

## NFL teams with receiving corps four or five deep are using that advantage to score

BY RANDY COVITZ  
McClatchy Newspapers

It's no secret the NFL is a passing league, thanks to rules changes favoring quarterbacks (don't hit them too hard), pass blockers (liberalized use of the hands) and receivers (no contact in the first five yards). But where once a quarterback had one or two go-to receivers, his options have multiplied to as many as four or five who are capable of breaking open a game at any time.

Consider how the Green Bay Packers beat Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl. Aaron Rodgers completed passes to 10 different receivers, led by Jordy Nelson's nine catches for 140 yards and a touchdown.

The Packers weren't the only team with so many targets. The New York Jets didn't have a 1,000-yard receiver, but they had four players with 52 or more receptions. In fact, 1,000-yard seasons aren't the best benchmark for receivers' production anymore. It's 100-yard games.

In 2010, there were just 17 1,000-yard receivers, down from 23 in 2009. But there were 181 100-yard receiving games, up from 163 in 2009 and the most since 2004, when there were 182.

Pittsburgh's mercurial Mike Wallace had the most 100-yard receiving games with seven, and he tacked on another 89 yards with nine catches in the Steelers' Super Bowl loss.

It's little wonder then that two wide receivers were selected in the first six picks of the draft — Georgia's A.J. Green, taken with the fourth selection by Cincinnati; and Alabama's Julio Jones, taken by Atlanta, which traded a bundle for the sixth choice.

### TOP RECEIVERS

Here's a look at five teams with the most dangerous fleet of receivers.

**Atlanta Falcons:** The Falcons gave up five draft picks, including their second-round choice this year and next year's first-round pick, to move up 21 spots to take Jones, who will join one of the league's most lethal passing attacks. Jones will provide a deep threat to go with Roddy White, who led the NFL with 115 receptions and was second in yards with 1,389, including five 100-yard games. Add Hall of Fame-bound tight end Tony Gonzalez and quarterback Matt Ryan has plenty of options.

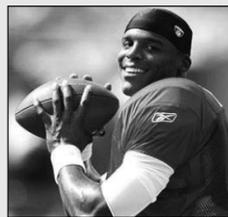
**Green Bay Packers:** The Packers had five receivers with at least 43 receptions, led by Greg Jennings, who was second in the NFC with 1,265 yards, second in the NFL with 12 TD catches and had five 100-yard games. But Rodgers has so many choices, including veteran Donald Driver, the franchise's all-time receptions leader, and Super Bowl hero Nelson. In addition to James Jones, the Packers drafted Kentucky's Randall Cobb, a former quarterback who can play any of the receiver positions, plus fill the wildcard role.

**Pittsburgh Steelers:** Even with Ben Roethlisberger missing the first four games, Wallace had a breakout season in 2010 with 60



## ROOKIES TO WATCH

■ **QB Cam Newton, Carolina Panthers:** All eyes will be on Newton, the first overall pick of the draft, to see how fast he can adapt to the NFL game without an off-season program. First, he has to beat out Jimmy Clausen. It may be a bit much to expect Newton to match the 50 total TDs he produced as Heisman Trophy winner last year at Auburn, but his arm strength and quick feet will help him make plays.



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Cam Newton

■ **OLB Von Miller, Denver Broncos:** As a pass rusher, Miller will be able to make up for lost time a lot easier than quarterbacks or interior linemen. Just line him up and aim him toward the backfield. Miller, the second overall pick, has recovered from an ankle injury that limited him to 10.5 sacks last year at Texas A&M after leading the nation with 17 in 2009.

■ **DT Nick Fairley, Detroit Lions:** The Lombardi Award winner slipped to 13th in the first round of the draft but couldn't have landed in a better place: Alongside defensive rookie of the year Ndamukong Suh and getting yelled at every day by Gunther Cunningham. Fairley led the nation with 24 tackles for loss — to go with 11 sacks — for the national champion Auburn Tigers.

receptions for 1,257 yards — and an AFC-best 21-yard average. Dependable Hines Ward contributed four 100-yard games, while tight end Heath Miller is good in the clutch. Yet it was rookie Antonio Brown who emerged in the playoffs, making a crucial third-and-19 catch for 58 yards late against Baltimore, and a third-and-6 grab of 14 yards that sealed the AFC championship game against the Jets.

**New York Jets:** Little wonder the Jets ponied up a guaranteed \$24 million to retain Santonio Holmes. The Jets also signed the controversial Plaxico Burress to a one-year contract after he served 20 months in prison on a gun charge. Before prison, Burress, at 6-foot-5, had been a great target in the red zone for the Giants, a weakness for the Jets. Last season, Holmes missed the first four games in 2010 because of a suspension and caught only 52 passes, but he scored or set up the winning touchdown in four consecutive Jets' victories. His signing made it difficult for New York to keep big-play receiver Braylon Edwards, but Mark Sanchez will still have an array of targets, including veteran wideout Jericho Cotchery, tight end Justin Keller, running backs LaDainian Tomlinson and Shonn Greene, and fifth-round pick Jeremy Kerley, a multitalented receiver from Texas Christian University whose abilities as a special-teams player make him a replacement for departed free agent Brad Smith.

**Philadelphia Eagles:** The Eagles' receiving corps would make a pretty good 4x100 relay team, starting with DeSean Jackson, whose 22.5-yard average per catch for 47 receptions led the NFL. Other members: Jeremy Maclin — who caught 70 passes, 10 for TDs — and Jason Avant, who contributed 51 receptions. But the Eagles' leading receiver was LeSean McCoy, who led all running backs with 78 receptions as a check-down option for Michael Vick.

**Green Bay's Jordy Nelson caught nine passes for 140 yards and a touchdown in Super Bowl XLV.**

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## NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES



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Nnamdi Asomugha

■ **CB Nnamdi Asomugha, Philadelphia Eagles:** The additions of Pro Bowl cornerbacks Asomugha and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie (in trade for Kevin Kolb), Pro Bowl pass rusher Jason Babin (a one-time Chief) and signing of QB Vince Young as backup to Michael Vick, have the folks in Philly calling the Eagles the Dream Team. Asomugha was the cream of the free-agent crop, and he'll team with Rodgers-Cromartie and Asante Samuel as the best corner combo in the NFL. The Eagles also signed defensive lineman Cullen Jenkins, formerly with the Packers.

■ **QB Kevin Kolb, Arizona Cardinals:** The worst-kept secret in the NFL after the Eagles put the franchise tag on Michael Vick. Had it not been for the lock-out, Kolb would have been dealt to Arizona before the draft, because the Cardinals lacked a strong quarterback last year following the retirement of Kurt Warner. Kolb, 27, has made only seven uneven career starts in four seasons (11 TDs, 14 INTs), and coach Ken Whisenhunt and general manager Rod Graves are staking their reputation on him.

■ **QB Matt Hasselbeck, Tennessee Titans:** There's little doubt that Hasselbeck, 35, still has game, as evidenced by his impressive performance in Seattle's upset of New Orleans in the NFC playoffs. But there are questions about his durability and whether he can sustain a high level of play. The Titans' front office is filled with former Seahawks executives who think Hasselbeck will serve as a bridge to first-round pick Jake Locker, who will need a little time to acclimate to the NFL.



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Donovan McNabb

■ **QB Donovan McNabb, Minnesota Vikings:** It's kind of sad to see a once elite player bounce from team to team. But the Vikings seem to specialize in this tactic. (Remember Randall Cunningham, Warren Moon, Brett Favre?) If McNabb couldn't succeed with a quarterback-friendly coach such as Mike Shanahan, throwing 14 TDs and 15 INTs in 13 games at Washington, there's not much reason to think he'll thrive in Minnesota. If new coach Leslie Frazier is smart, he'll have McNabb hand off to Adrian Peterson until first-round pick Christian Ponder is ready.

■ **WR Chad Ochocinco and DT Albert Haynesworth, New England Patriots:** The Patriots have had success with reclamation projects (see Randy Moss and Corey Dillon), but they've outdone themselves with Haynesworth, an out-of-shape malcontent during his two years in Washington, and Ochocinco, an egomaniac who doesn't seem to fit the Patriot Way. Coach Bill Belichick sees Haynesworth as a 6-6, 350-pound man-mountain who can line up alongside Vince Wilfork, and Ochocinco as a needed target for Tom Brady.

# HURRICANE SEASON

## Hurricane preparation checklist



### During a hurricane watch

- ✓ Frequently listen to radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards for official bulletins of the storm's progress.
- ✓ Fuel and service family vehicles.
- ✓ Inspect and secure mobile home tie downs.
- ✓ Have extra cash on hand.
- ✓ Prepare to cover all windows and doors with shutters or other shielding materials.
- ✓ Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first-aid supplies, drinking water and medications.
- ✓ Bring in light-weight objects such as garbage cans, garden tools, toys and lawn furniture.

- ✓ Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.
- ✓ Take pets with you if possible, but remember, most public shelters do not allow pets other than those used by the handicapped.

### If staying at home

- ✓ Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and keep closed.
- ✓ Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
- ✓ Turn off propane tanks.
- ✓ Unplug small appliances.
- ✓ Fill bathtub and large containers with water in case tap water is unavailable. Use water in bathtubs for cleaning and flushing only. Do NOT drink it.

- or hallway.
- ✓ Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors.
- ✓ If you are in a two-story house, go to an interior first floor room.
- ✓ If you are in a multi-story building and away from water, go to the first or second floor and stay in the halls or other interior rooms away from windows.

### Be alert for...

- ✓ Tornadoes. They are often spawned by hurricanes.
- ✓ The calm "eye" of the storm. It may seem like the storm is over but after the eye passes, the winds will change direction and quickly return to hurricane force.

- you off your feet. Standing water may be electrically charged from power lines.
- ✓ Once home, check gas, water and electrical lines and appliances for damage.
- ✓ Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Never use candles and other open flames indoors.
- ✓ Do not drink or prepare food with tap water until officials say it is safe.
- ✓ If using a generator, avoid carbon monoxide poisoning by following manufacturer's instructions.
- ✓ Don't walk in flooded areas with downed power lines.

### During a hurricane warning

- ✓ Closely monitor radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards for official bulletins.
- ✓ Close storm shutters.
- ✓ Follow instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered!
- ✓ If evacuating, leave as soon as possible. Stay with friends or relatives, at a low-rise motel or at a designated public shelter.
- ✓ DO NOT stay in a mobile or manufactured home.

### Plan to leave if you...

- ✓ Live in a mobile home. They are unsafe in high winds no matter how well fastened to the ground.
- ✓ Live near a river or a flood plain.
- ✓ Live in a high-rise building.

### If winds become strong...

- ✓ Stay away from windows and doors, even if they are covered. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet

### After the storm

- ✓ Keep listening to radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards.
- ✓ Wait until an area is declared safe before entering.
- ✓ Watch for closed roads. If you come upon a barricade or a flooded road, "Turn Around Don't Drown!"
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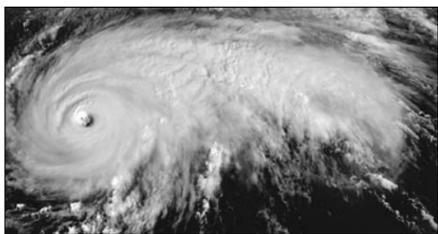
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1	74-95	<b>Minimal:</b> Damage primarily to shrubbery, trees, foliage and unanchored mobile homes. No real damage to other structures. Storm surge typically 4-5 ft. above normal.	Irene, 1999
2	96-110	<b>Moderate:</b> Some trees blown down. Major damage to exposed mobile homes. Some damage to roofing materials, windows and doors. Storm surge typically 6-8 feet above normal.	Georges, 1998 Floyd, 1999
3	111-130	<b>Extensive:</b> Large trees blown down. Mobile homes destroyed. Some structural damage to roofing materials of buildings. Some structural damage to small buildings. Storm surge typically 9-12 feet above normal.	Katrina, 2005 Alicia, 1983
4	131-155	<b>Extreme:</b> Trees blown down. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Extensive damage to roofing materials, windows and doors. Complete failure of roofs on many small residences. Storm surge typically 13-18 feet above normal.	Hugo, 1989 Charley, 2004
5	>155	<b>Catastrophic:</b> Complete failure of roofs on many residences and industrial buildings. Extensive damage to windows and doors. Some complete building failures. Storm surge typically greater than 18 feet above normal.	Florida Keys Hurricane, 1935 Camille, 1969 Andres, 1962

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# RELIGION

## Atonement Lutheran Church ELCA

SEBRING — The 11th Sunday after Pentecost service with Holy Eucharist will be led by the Rev. Jefferson Cox. Eucharist Assistant/Lector is Jim Fiedler.

The Labyrinth Prayer Garden is patterned after a very famous Labyrinth in France! We are honored and privileged to have a Labyrinth in Sebring, in memory of a former member, Kaitlyn Gossett. This week, the church added new plants in memory of Scott Eugene Koch, who passed away on Aug. 17.

The church is accepting donations for the upcoming Trash and Treasure yard sale Sept. 15-17. Call Jim Schwandt at 655-1495 or the church at 385-0797 and leave a message to make arrangements to pick up of donations.

## Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — “Your Kingdom Come - Your Will Be Done” taken from the Scripture Isaiah 9:6-7 will be the message presented by

Minister Larry Roberts. 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 “Losing is Living.”

The church is at 1320 C.R. 64, east the Avon Park High School. For more information, call 471-2663 or visit [www.christlutheranavonpark.org/](http://www.christlutheranavonpark.org/). This is an LCMS congregation.

## Christian Training Church

SEBRING — The Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled “Degrees of God’s Wrath” at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study will continue the book of Hebrews.

## Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — Wednesday evening’s our mid-week Bible study and

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discussion time is an informal setting with open discussion.

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

## Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver Sunday morning’s sermon, “Faith as a Verb,” taken from the Scripture Psalm 105-1-15.

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

## Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — Pastor Gary Kindle will be delivering his sermon entitled “Lose Your Life - Good or Bad?” based on Matthew 16:16:21-28.

Fall Sunday School begins Sunday, Sept. 4, and the church will go back to its regular meeting time, 9:15-

10:15 a.m. On Rally Day, students move up to the next class according to their age and grade they are in public or private school. Children (and adults) will meet their teachers and be able to review this year’s curriculum.

There will also be a progressive brunch where everyone is invited to visit each Sunday School classroom, meet the teacher and enjoy different refreshments in each room. The children will also receive a goodie bag.

## First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes

LAKE PLACID — On Sunday, Pastor Darryl George will preach the sermon entitled “The Exceptional Deacon!” with regards to I Timothy 3:8-13.

There will be no Sunday evening service. The Hands of Christ Food Ministry will distribute food to the needy at 3 p.m.

The church is at the corner of Washington and Kemper Avenues in Placid Lakes. A nursery is provided for all services. For more information, please call 465-5126 from 8 a.m. to noon,

Monday through Thursday or email the church at [placidlakes@hotmail.com/](mailto:placidlakes@hotmail.com/).

## First Christian Church

AVON PARK — “How NOT to Burn in Hell” is the sermon for this week in Pastor Greg’s sermon series “Cooling Off In This Hot, Hot World.” The message is taken from Ecclesiastes 3:11-22 and Matthew 25:32-46.

This Wednesday evening there will be regular Bible Studies for all ages.

First Christian Church of Avon Park’s motto is at 1016 W. Camphor St. (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail [firstchristianap@embarqmail.com](mailto:firstchristianap@embarqmail.com) with any questions or to request information. The website is [www.firstchristianap.com/](http://www.firstchristianap.com/).

## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord’s Table this Sunday morning will be Bob and Betty Harcourt. Communion will be served by Carol Chandler, Sandi Laufer,

Jayne Weldy and Carol Graves.

Lynne Warman will be responsible for the Call to Worship and Cy and Ruby will be the greeter for the Sunday service.

Children’s Church, under the leadership of Noel and Juanita Roberts, will begin meeting again.

Pastor Ron’s sermon is titled “The Gospel in a Nutshell,” from John 3:16.

Adrienne Diaz will be serving in the nursery the whole month of August. The acolyte for the month of August is Heaven Kunsak.

The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave. Call 385-0352 with any questions.

## First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Bob Johnson’s sermon is entitled “Escaping the Heat” based on II Peter 3:10-13.

Special music will be provided by the men’s trio consisting of Don Antonson, Bob Brock and Gene McEndree singing “Satisfied” and a solo by Ruth Mann.

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# PLACES TO WORSHIP

**Places to Worship is a paid advertisement in the News-Sun that is published Friday and Sunday. To find out more information on how to place a listing in this directory, call the News-Sun at 385-6155, ext. 502.**

## APOSTOLIC

■ **Greater Faith Apostolic Church**, 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. For information contact 840-0152. Pastor Larry Carmody.

## 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, 5 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 p.m. on Wednesday. Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. are centered for all ages. Choir practice at 5 p.m. Sunday. Church phone: 452-6556.

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catalyst class (20’s+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to [www.bethanybaptistap.com](http://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](mailto:office@apfellowship.org); Web site, [www.apfellowship.org](http://www.apfellowship.org).

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Scott King youth minister; and Joy Loomis, music director. 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; 4 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday schedule: 8-10 a.m., basic computer class/Sonshine House; 7-9 p.m. conversational English and citizenship classes/Sonshine House. Regular Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6 p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6:30 p.m. children’s choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. children’s mission groups. Call 453-6681 for details. Primera Mision Bautista, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, Johnattan Soltero, Pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 10 a.m., Bible Study; 11 a.m., Worship Service. Wednesday schedule: 7 p.m., Bible study.

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God’s Heart and Sharing God’s Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm Street. (2 blocks south of Interlake Blvd) Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721. Email: [www.fbclp.com](mailto:www.fbclp.com). Pastor Brett Morey, senior pastor. 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 and Sunday Evening Bible study at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Adult-LifeSource classes, prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and Kids K-5-MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. Men meet at 8 a.m. every Tuesday for prayer breakfast and women’s prayer breakfast is at 8 a.m. every Wednesday, both at the Family Restaurant.

■ **First Baptist Church of Florida** located right on U.S. 98 in Florida. 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 Florida 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, minister of youth and activities. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Bautista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother’s Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

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

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

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

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on 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. 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. [www.stcath.com](http://www.stcath.com). Very Rev. José González, V.F. Masses – Daily Masses 8 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday; 8 and 10:30 a.m. and noon Sunday. Confession: every Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. or first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment. Enroll your students today for Catholic School grades Pre-K3 through 5th grade.

■ **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.

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; Marco Gallardo, 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 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimer’s 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](http://www.firstchristianap.com). Our motto is “Jesus is First at First Christian Church.” Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Ray Culpepper, Family Life Minister; Jon Carter, Music Director. Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

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

## CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

healing found in the lesson-sermons.

## CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

## CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

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Sunday school is available for all ages. The adult Sunday school class is watching a video series published by Focus on the Family and narrated by renowned teacher and historian Ray VanderLaan. These videos visit different places in the Holy Land and make the viewer feel as if they are back in Bible times.

Sunday's video is entitled "There's Hope in the Desert." Wendy Garcia is teaching the youth class and their lessons discuss how the Bible applies to life today.

The Family Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 1, the Men's Fellowship meets at The Depot for breakfast and returns to the church for a short Bible study and a work project at a member's home.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). Call the church office at 453-3242.

## First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "Just Pilgrims" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

Monday is the Session meeting in the conference room. Tuesday, is the Grief Support Group in the adult classroom and Wednesday is adult Bible study in the adult classroom.

## First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant will give the message "Power in the Church" with the Scripture reading from Acts 5:12-21.

United Methodist Women will be hosting a salad luncheon for "Special Friends Day" and all women of the church are invited to attend on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 11:30 a.m.

Family Fellowship Dinner & Bible Study on

Wednesday evening with dinner is in the Family Life Center. "Women of the Word" Bible study by Beth Moore will be starting Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Listen Live on WITS-AM 1340 each Sunday to hear the worship service.

Call the church office for information at 385-5184. The church is downtown at 126 South Pine Street. The website is [www.sebringfirst-tumc.com/](http://www.sebringfirst-tumc.com/).

## First Baptist Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — The Rev. Jon Beck will be speaking at the morning service and the evening service.

Wednesday services include prayer meeting/Bible study as well as children and youth Activities.

Spanish Church, led by the Rev. Jonathan Soltero, meets Sunday and Wednesday

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more information, call (863) 453-6681 or

e-mail [info@fbcap.net](mailto:info@fbcap.net).

## Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — On Tuesday, Home Bible Study will be "The Future Revealed - The Seven Vials Revelation 15." The kids will get back to studying the books of the Bible: what they are about, what they are about, who wrote them, etc.

Sunday morning, Pastor Zimmer continues Summer with the Psalmist. The river renewal sermon series on the Psalms continues through August.

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## Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this Sunday will be: "Life's Ultimate Question," with Scripture

from Mark 8:27-28.

Communion is offered during the service weekly.

The service will also include Roland Bates singing "Wings of a Dove;" Jill Browning reading "The Trees;" and Toby Cribbs singing "If that isn't Love."

Bible study resumes Sept. 6-7.

Tuesday's adult Bible study will be taught by Pastor Ted Moore.

Wednesday night are the young adult and children's programs taught by George Kelly, Jon and Amanda Armentrout and Toby Cribbs. It features a free meal by Barbara Kelly and Dorothy Newton.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South in Sebring (behind Publix). Call 314-9693.

## Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — A series on how God helps you deal with stress continues this week. The topic is God's

Antidote to Fear. Pastoral Assistant Claude Burnett will preach in the Sanctuary for the Heritage (Traditional) Worship Service and the Celebration (Blended) Worship. Senior Pastor Fred Ball will lead the New Song (Contemporary) Worship Service in Rob Reynolds Fellowship Hall.

Sunday is Pizza and Game Night for the Youth group (students sixth through 12th grade). They will meet in the Lighthouse at 5 p.m.

The church is behind the tower at 500 Kent Ave. in Lake Placid. Call 465-2422 for more information.

## Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "Caring For One Another" is taken from Ruth 4 (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the message in the morning worship service. The Sunday evening

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# PLACES TO WORSHIP

## EPISCOPAL

■ **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.** Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail [redemer1895@aol.com](mailto:redemer1895@aol.com) Web site: [redemeravon.com](http://redemeravon.com). The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

■ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church,** 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. The Rev. Jim Kurtz, rector. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6:15 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 Closet, 385-2782. Gary Kindle, Pastor. Faith Child Development Center, 382-3232. Kathy Pontious, director. Preschool/VPK/Extended Day Care. Summer Worship services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday; Bible class is 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Communion is served the first and third and fifth Sunday of the month. Worship service is broadcast live on WITS 1340 AM.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 4348 Schumacher Road, Sebring, one mile west of Wal-Mart. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 9 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 11 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-1163.

■ **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 Preschool director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 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, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: 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, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.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: Phone, 314-0482, [lindadowning@live.com](mailto:lindadowning@live.com). Casey L. Downing, associate minister: Phone, 385-8171, [caseydowning@hotmail.com](mailto:caseydowning@hotmail.com). Web site is [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. Worship services: Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Youth Group and Kids Quest, 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.pcsebring.org](http://www.pcsebring.org). Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

■ **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.; Monday-Friday, Summer Day Camp (youth ages 11-14) 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. excluding holidays; Tuesday: Grief Support Group, 3 p.m., adult classroom; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., adult classroom. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** [www.fpcpl.com](http://www.fpcpl.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 9-10 a.m. in the sanctuary; contemporary worship is from 11 a.m. to noon. Sunday school classes for adults and children will be 10:10-10:50 a.m. in the educational building. 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 Boiling; and Associate Pastor Kameron DeVasher. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is [www.discovrefjesus.org](http://www.discovrefjesus.org)

■ **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church,** 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

## THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

## THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship.** Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site [www.salvationarmy-sebring.com](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. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. Bible Fellowship Class, 6 p.m. (October-May only). We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that want to know Christ and make Him known. Call the church office at 465-2422 or check out our church Web site at [www.memorialumc.com](http://www.memorialumc.com).

■ **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.; 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,** where God is still speaking. 3115 Hope Street, Sebring, FL 33875 (1.8 miles west of U.S. 27 and Hammock Road). Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m.; Communion with worship first Sunday of month; Chapel Communion, 8:45 a.m. all other Sundays. All are welcome to receive the sacrament. For more information, call the church office at 471-1999 or e-mail [eucc@earthlink.net](mailto:eucc@earthlink.net) or check the Web site [sebringemmanuelucc.com](http://sebringemmanuelucc.com). No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

# HEALTHY LIVING

## Newsome Eye welcomes two new doctors

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING — Newsome Eye is pleased to announce the addition of vitreo-retinal surgeon and diabetic retinopathy specialist Karla Alejandro, M.D.; and the addition of refractive surgeon and cornea specialist Brandon Rodriguez, M.D.

Alejandro is now accepting appointments for any patients suffering from diseases of the macula and retina as well as diabetic patients concerned with the impact of diabetes on their vision.

Highly trained from Louisiana State University's Ochsner residency program and the LSU Eye Center, Dr. Alejandro is a specialist in Diseases of the Retina, with

special emphasis in macular degeneration and diabetic eye care. Alejandro adds a depth of vitreo-retinal knowledge and talent to Newsome Eye and residents of the Heartland region.

Dr. Alejandro is fluent in English and Spanish and is very happy to call Florida her home with her husband. With the Gulf of Mexico in her new backyard, Dr. Alejandro plans to spend her time off swimming and running on the beach.

Dr. Rodriguez is Cornell University fellowship trained in cornea and external disease, with an emphasis in corneal transplants, LASIK, pterygium, keratoconus and complex cataract surgery. A



Rodriguez



Alejandro

former US Naval officer serving in Afghanistan, Rodriguez brings a wealth of experience, talent and dedication to Newsome Eye.

Proud to have served his country in the U.S. Navy, Dr. Rodriguez is joined here by his Tampa native wife, Virmary and their three lovely children. When he is not practicing ophthalmology, Dr. Rodriguez is an avid chef and stays fit swimming and surfing.

Newsome Eye specializes in cataract and refractive surgery, vitreo-retinal surgery, corneal disease management, glaucoma management, as well as cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. Newsome Eye maintains three offices in Tampa, Avon Park, and Sebring, and two AAHC accredited ambulatory surgical centers. For more information please call (855) 908-2020 or visit [www.NewsmeEye.com/](http://www.NewsmeEye.com/).

## Walk To End Alzheimer's set for Oct. 15 in Sebring

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING — The Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's is a united movement to reclaim the future for millions. Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place on Saturday, Oct. 15 at Circle Park downtown Sebring. Nearly 200 people are expected at this year's event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease.

Pre-walk activities start at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m.

Participants will take part in a two-mile walk and will learn more about

Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical trial enrollment, and support programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association. Each walker will join in a meaningful tribute ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

The end of Alzheimer's disease starts here. Start or join a team today at [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk) or call 385-3444 or 800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

## Free amplified telephones distribution set for Sept. 1

SEBRING — Hearing Impaired Persons will distribute free amplified telephones to Florida eligible residents who have a hearing or speech loss, in the Conference Room from 10

a.m. to 1 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 1, at Nu-Hope Elder Care Services, 6414 U.S. 27 S. in Sebring.

Important: By appointment only. Call (941) 743-8347.

## Specialized mosquitoes may fight spread of tropical disease

By MALCOLM RITTER  
*AP Science Writer*

NEW YORK — Scientists have made a promising advance for controlling dengue fever, a tropical disease spread by mosquito bites. They've rapidly replaced mosquitoes in the wild with skeeters that don't spread the dengue virus.

More than 50 million people a year get the dengue virus from being bitten by infected mosquitoes in tropical and subtropical areas, including Southeast Asia. It can cause debilitating high fever, severe headaches, and pain in the muscles and joints, and lead to a potentially fatal complication. There's no vaccine or specific treatment.

Some scientists have been trying to fight dengue by limiting mosquito populations. That was the goal in releasing genetically modified mosquitoes last year at sites in Malaysia and the Cayman Islands.

Australian scientists took a different tack, they report in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

First, they showed that *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, the chief carriers of the dengue virus, resist spreading that virus if they are infected with a particular kind of bacteria. Then they tested whether these resistant mosquitoes could displace their ordinary cousins in the wild, thus reducing the number of dengue-spreading mosquitoes.

The resistant mosquitoes have an advantage in reproduction. Resistant females can mate with either resistant or ordinary mosquitoes, and all their offspring will be resistant. But when ordinary females mate with a resistant male, none of the offspring survive.

For the experiment, scientists released more than 140,000 resistant mosquitoes over 10 weeks in each of two isolated communities near Cairns in northeastern Australia, starting last

January. By mid-April, monitoring found that resistant mosquitoes made up 90 percent to 100 percent of the wild population.

The result is a "ground-breaking first step," Jason

Rasgon of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore wrote in a commentary accompanying the paper. Rasgon, who did not participate in the study, said the next hurdle is to test

the idea in areas where dengue is spread constantly, rather than sporadically as in Australia. Researchers will also have to show it works against varied strains of the dengue virus, he said.

# MEET THE FLORIDA HOSPITAL CARDIOLOGY TEAM OF EXCELLENCE

The Cardiology Team at the Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center Heart & Vascular Center is committed to the prevention, diagnosis and rapid treatment of heart disease.



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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Gluten-free diet is good for your health

**Dear Pharmacist:** My brother is on a gluten free diet now and lost a lot of weight. He's razzing me to join him in his gluten free diet, but I don't see the point unless you have irritable bowel syndrome (that's why he did it). I really like my pizza and beer too! I read you every week, are there other health benefits?

— M.J., Hollywood

**Answer:** My husband and I keep a very strict gluten free diet. We think of gluten, the protein found in many grains — like wheat, barley, and rye — as if it were an unnecessary food additive. Digestive problems are typically associated with gluten in those who are intolerant, but for every one person with classic digestive symptoms, there are eight with no GI symptoms. It's the other "diseases" that you will get medicated for, until you learn of your gluten intolerance, and then get it out of your diet (assuming it is the cause of your troubles).

This will shock you but gluten sensitivity and/or Celiac disease can cause or contribute to: psoriatic arthritis, Lupus, Type 1 Diabetes, dermatitis, ataxia, schizophrenia, anxiety, depression, attention deficit, peripheral neuropathy, muscle pain, headaches, bipolar, brain fog, fatigue, Hashimoto's, elevated TPO antibodies, hypothyroidism and more. What are the odds that your physician will test you for gluten sensitivity



**Dear Pharmacist**  
Suzy Cohen

before prescribing medication for these conditions? One problem is that gluten testing is frequently inaccurate. Blood tests like IgA anti-transglutaminase or anti-endomysial antibodies may come back negative, and many doctors say if your GI symptoms are not severe, then don't bother avoiding gluten. Gluten is in anything made with all-purpose flour, which I think should be renamed "no-purpose flour." Gluten's in salad dressings, soy sauce, muffins, bread, pizza, pretty much everything. Gluten acts like glue in regular flour.

I interviewed Dr. Tom O'Bryan, an internationally recognized speaker specializing in gluten sensitivity and Celiac disease. He explained, "Eating gluten will cause an inflammatory response in the intestines, and throughout the body.. Testing for gliadin antibodies is not thorough enough to detect an immune reaction because these tests basically detect Celiac at its end stage of intestinal deterioration, and many gluten sensitive individuals are not end stage when they take their

blood test."

I recommend a brand new blood test, by Cyrex Labs, which evaluates 12 peptides of gluten (not just gliadin) therefore increasing the detection rate while also testing for cross reactivity with other foods that spark an immune reaction. Get more information, videos and articles from the gluten guy himself, Dr. Tom O'Bryan at [www.theDr.com/](http://www.theDr.com/).

Up to 75 percent of people with persistent symptoms improve after going gluten free, and I mean no detectable gluten, not even a teeny bit. If you feel better, don't ever reintroduce gluten again. A Gastroenterology study found that 25 percent of gluten sensitive people who eliminated all symptoms by going gluten free, went on to develop an auto immune disorder within three years of eating gluten again.

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



## Passive exercise program offered

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — A passive exercise program that is beneficial to men and women of all ages and open to everyone in the community is offered through The Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization (HALLO) in Sebring.

Six tabletop machines that do all the movement for you. This does not mean that this is an easy way to exercise. These unique machines are designed to isolate and exercise individual muscle group areas.

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The lymphatic system relies entirely on muscle contraction to move the lymph fluid. Lymph vessels, which run almost parallel to the blood vessels, carry toxins away from the cells and into the lymph nodes, which act as a type of filtration plant



Six tabletop machines are used in the passive exercise program at Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization facility in Sebring. The machines use a combination of stretching, isometrics and resistance to work and tone the major muscle groups.

Courtesy photo

and remove toxins from the lymph fluid. These toxins then leave the body via the kidneys as a natural waste product.

It is a common misconception that people on toning tables are just lying there letting the machine do all the work.

This is not the case. The machines are designed to position the body in just the right way to focus on a particular muscle group. While the machine goes through its motion, you perform isometric exercises to gain the most benefit.

Isometric exercises are performed by tightening a specific muscle and holding it, or moving very slightly. Many yoga and Pilates moves are isometric exercises, and they are very effective. Toning tables assist you by

providing a little more intensity to the isometric move.

The most obvious benefit of the toning table is that there isn't any jumping or straining of muscles and joints that goes along with more traditional exercising. As mentioned above, the toning table takes stress off of the joints and muscles.

Toning tables may be a good alternative exercise for the elderly and those who have difficulty doing traditional aerobic or weight bearing activities. Besides the inches lost, many people with mobility issues gain flexibility, improve their posture and get stronger using toning tables.

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The Tru-Tone Passive Exercise Program is organized through HALLO, a non profit organization for adults with physical difficulties. For other information about the organization call 385-1196 or go to [www.halloinc.org/](http://www.halloinc.org/).

## FDA warns of heart risks with high doses of Celexa

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal health regulators are warning doctors not to prescribe high doses of the antidepressant Celexa, because of the risk of fatal heart complications.

The Food and Drug Administration said in an online posting that the drug can interfere with the heart's electrical activity at doses above 40 milligrams.

The label for Celexa previously stated that some patients should receive 60 milligrams, but the FDA

has eliminated that language. "Studies did not show a benefit in treatment of depression at doses higher than 40 mg per day," the FDA states.

The new label will emphasize that Celexa should not be used in patients with congestive heart failure and other conditions that affect the heart's pumping action.

Drugmaker Forest Laboratories sells Celexa in doses of 10, 20 and 40 milligrams.

## Shands temporarily shuts down transplant program

GAINESVILLE (AP) — The liver and pancreas transplant programs at Shands at the University of Florida have been temporarily shut down after three of four top surgeons have left for new jobs.

Hospital officials told the Gainesville Sun that the hospital is recruiting new physicians and will continue

post-transplant care of current patients.

Shands Healthcare CEO Tim Goldfarb says he has interviewed three doctors in the last 10 days. He told the Sun he was making an offer to one candidate Tuesday evening.

Two of the four surgeons have already left the program.

## FDA OKs Botox for certain bladder control issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration says it has approved Allergan's Botox injection for a new use in patients who have bladder problems caused by spinal cord injury or multiple sclerosis.

Patients with such neurological problems can have difficulty with bladder control, a problem currently managed with medication

or by using a catheter to empty the bladder.

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# RELIGION

## Snapshots

### Gospel Sing planned at First Assembly of God in LP

LAKE PLACID — A Gospel Sing, featuring Jacky Fernandez, will be held at 6 p.m., on Sunday at First Assembly of God in Lake Placid.

Jacky is a 12-year-old who loves and serves the Lord with all her heart. At 7, she performed her first song at her Miami church. Jacky has sang with youth groups, numerous church sings and fundraisers. She was selected in the top 30 participants and completed in semifinals in a Christian contest called "Voices for Heaven." Even though she was the youngest participant she made the top seven finalists.

Jacky has never taken singing classes, but since she was very little she has always loved to sing.

First Assembly of God is at 327 Plumosa St.

### Rally Day at Faith Lutheran Sept. 4

SEBRING — Faith Lutheran Church in Sebring will host Rally Day Sept. 4.

The fall Sunday school begins Sunday, Sept. 4, and will go back to the regular meeting time of 9:15-10:15 a.m. On Rally Day, students move up to the next class according to their age and grade they are in public or private school. Children (and adults) will meet their teachers and be able to review this year's curricu-



Courtesy photo  
**Jacky Fernandez, 12, will be featured at Sunday's Gospel Sing at First Assembly of God in Lake Placid.**

lum. There will also be a progressive brunch where everyone is invited to visit each Sunday School classroom, meet the teacher and enjoy different refreshments in each room. The children will also receive a goodie bag.

### Divorce and Beyond program offered

LAKE PLACID — Divorce and Beyond, a 10-week program, will address issues you face as a divorced adult.

It will help you mourn your loss, move beyond the grief and adjust to your new lifestyle.

As you build a network of friends who experience similar feelings and who accept you where you are at

this point in your life, you will become a stronger and happier person.

The program, which starts at 7 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 16 and runs consecutive Fridays through Nov. 18, will be held at St. James Catholic Church, 3380 Placid View Drive, Lake Placid. The cost will be \$15 (stipends available). Contact Elsie at 699-2788 or (cell) 633-8142.

### Wilson to speak at SDA church

AVON PARK— Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist in Washington, D. C., will speak at the Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church at 11 a.m. Saturday.

# Waiting on God, Part 1

In my past article, "The Mountains and Valleys of Life," we went on an imaginary journey down long trails and climbed mountains that were very rocky. We climbed until we reached the highest peak, and the view was beautiful. However, on our way up to the top, there were times we got so tired and thought we would never make it and often felt as though we wanted to quit. Just think of what we would have missed if we had not persevered.

This experience was compared to what our individual journeys as believers in Christ are like. Isaiah 40:28, 29 and Isaiah 40:31 were two key verses of encouragement from God's word. As the writer of this column, I have been tested in the same manner.

We have been looking at the life of Joseph, and considering what God might have been trying to teach Joseph through trials while preparing him for his future in the palace. The lessons up to this point were the following:

1. Trusting God to direct his path (Proverbs 3:5,6).
2. Patience (James 1:2-4).
3. Do not give up (Galatians 6:9).

Another lesson that God might have been trying to teach Joseph was the impor-



**Come To The River**  
*Leslie Deese*

tance of waiting on Him. If we consider what Joseph had to go through and what we often go through, waiting on God is not always easy. I'm sure he went through times of grieving, was mad at God, or maybe wanted to take matters into his own hands.

Remember Joseph was his father's favorite son. He had the special coat of many colors. He was kindhearted and obedient, but he was hated so. All of the sudden, he was stripped of his beautiful coat, thrown into a pit, sold as a slave, thrown into prison for something he didn't do. Could you imagine the thoughts that may have been running through his mind? "What is wrong with me?" "Am I that bad of a person?" "Why is God punishing me?" "What is the point of living if I have to live like this?" Remember, God could see the whole picture and had great plans. Genesis 41:37-57 tells us about Joseph's rise to be king over Egypt. He was clothed with fine linen, jewels, and plenty to bless oth-

ers. What if he had taken matters into his own hands instead of being patient and waiting on God to fulfill His awesome plan in Joseph's life? Oh, how he might have missed out.

Another question to consider is what Joseph would have done if God had told him ahead of time all that he would experience at the end of his life. Would his heart and motives been what they should have been when he was in the pit and prison? Would he have cried out to God for help? Is it possible that he would have tried to rush through the process instead of trying to live according to God's plan.

Many of us can probably relate in some way. We must not quit and try to be patient. Keep in mind that God knows the place we are in and cares. He also understands when we stumble. Psalm 37:23, 24 says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand."

The next part will center more in depth on Psalm 37 with a coming closure on Joseph's life.

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# Such were some of you

It is very easy to recognize the advantage of the written word over the spoken word — "save-ability." You probably have letters from yesteryear that you read many times. One of the fallacies of email letters is that many to most are not saved in paper form. Thanks be to God that we have His word in written form to be read over and over and each reading gives deeper meanings.

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." (First Corinthians 6:9-11)

These were words of warning and praise to the church of Christ, the body of Christ in Corinth. As this section of divine scripture is read over and over, one key word that stands out is "were," a verb indicating past action/position. Some were involved in those unrighteous acts but no longer since they were washed/sanctified/justified

## Guest Column

*Frank Parker*

in obeying the gospel of Jesus. (Acts 18:1-8)

Question: if these lifestyles were acceptable to God, why did Paul praise them for turning away from such and proclaim "and such WERE some of you.?"

The Holy Spirit continues with the instructions to "flee sexual immorality" and then with a question/answer, "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (First Corinthians 6:18-20) These instructions are as fresh as the new day.

The call for righteous living in an unrighteous world has never been popular. Ask the prophets Isaiah, Hosea, Amos, Micah or Jesus, the Christ, John the baptizer, the apostles John, Peter, Paul and present-day gospel preachers. The warning of Isaiah still rings loud and clear: "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." (Isaiah 5:20)

Romans 1:18-32 is another one of those scriptures that is like brass: the more you rub it, the brighter it shines. The Holy Spirit, via the pen of Paul, gives us the cause and fruit of sexual perversion in its many forms.

Cause: "became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened, professing to be wise, they became fools...exchanged the truth of God for a lie...and even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge..."

Fruit: "There God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves...God gave them up to vile passions...God gave them over to a debased mind..." All of this is the results of the law of sowing/reaping." (Galatians 6:7,8)

But, Jehovah God is not willing that any should perish but all should come to repentance. (Second Peter 3:9) Therefore, there is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repents and there was rejoicing in Paul's soul when he could say to the saints at Corinth "and such were some of you."

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## Church News

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service will be our end-of-the-month-sing, followed by fellowship time.

The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and Bible study.

### St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, the sermon topic will be "Killing Them with Kindness" taken from Romans 12:9-21.

Disciple Bible Study orientation meeting will be at 4:30 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 4.

### Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, Pastor Keith Simmons will have a sermon titled "Joyful Zeal!" The Scripture reading will be taken from Romans 12:9-21 (verses 11-13).

Sunday school will meet in the Fidelis Room. They will be studying "God Calls for Decision!" They will be looking at the Scripture Deuteronomy 30.

### Southside Baptist Church

SEBRING — "Prophets? All This? For What?" is the topic the Rev. David Altman will be speaking on in the Sunday morning worship service. Children's church and a nursery are available. The Sunday evening service will focus on prayer for all nations.

The church is at 379 S. Commerce Ave. For information, call 385-0752.

### Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — The sermon for Sunday morning, "Daniel, the Deliverer," taken from Daniel 5:13-30,

will be given by the Rev. Don Davis.

### Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane. The Rev. Clyde Weaver's sermon: "Saul Became the Apostle Paul." Fellowship follows the service.

### The Way Church

SEBRING — "The Christian and Money" is Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum's message with Scripture from I Timothy, Chapter 6.

The "J" Unit (youth) meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

The Way Church is at 1005 North Ridgewood Drive. Church phone is 471-6140. Pastor's cell is 214-6190.

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# DIVERSIONS

## Lambert's Pistol Annies shake things up

By CHRIS TALBOTT  
AP Entertainment Writer  
NASHVILLE, Tenn.  
— Angaleena Presley was doing what she usually does at 2 a.m. — sleeping — when the phone rang.

On the other end of the line was Ashley Monroe, who had been hanging out with her friend Miranda Lambert and, perhaps, having a cocktail or two.

“And I went, ‘Hey, this better be important, by God,’” Presley recalled, her young son sleeping next to her.

“Turns out it was, huh?” Monroe said.

That call 2 1/2 years ago led to Pistol Annies, a concept group of sorts that’s aimed at shaking things up and drawing attention to female singer-songwriters who get sometimes overlooked in the rush to find the next big star.

“I just happened to be the one that got successful,” said Lambert, whose breakthrough 2009 album “Revolution” established her as one of country’s elite acts, with Grammy, ACM and CMA trophies to go along with her recent status. “There’s a whole bunch of us that you haven’t heard yet.”

The trio launched the aptly titled “Hell on Heels” this week. It’s a deep country take on life for the modern woman, running from glam to glum and back again.

Lambert, dubbed “Lone Star Annie,” has been friends with Monroe (“Hippie Annie”) since soon after both signed with Sony several years ago. Monroe met Presley (“Holler Annie”) separately through her publisher.

Monroe decided that late night to put her two friends together after she and Lambert began talking about Presley’s music. The friends started getting together to have fun. Alcohol might have been involved, though no one will confirm it. There was never talk of a concept group or even writing songs together. But eventually the guitars came out, and so did Pistol Annies.

“Hell on Heels” has an attitude for sure, best evidenced in the title song, the wonderfully tart “Bad Example,” and Lambert’s ode to jerks (“Trailer for Rent”). But it’s more remarkable for its reflection of the times and how poverty and unhappiness are just a decision or two away. There are unpaid bills and plenty of pills. There’s heartbreak and disrespect from a handful of lowlife men. There are hard decisions and wrong choices.

Monroe says the perspective comes from their backgrounds, each of which has been meager at times. The struggles Lambert’s family faced are well-documented by now. Monroe lost her father when she was 13. And Presley actually grew up a coal miner’s daughter in Beauty, Ky., before chucking her college degree and heading for Nashville.

Like life, the album alternates between good times and bad.



TriStar Pictures

Zoe Saldana stars as Cataleya Restrepo in ‘Colombiana.’

## ‘Colombiana’ knows how silly, sexy it is

By CHRISTY LEMIRE  
AP Movie Critic

A brawny B-action picture with a gorgeous, graceful woman wreaking havoc at its center: Yup, “Colombiana” is a Luc Besson movie.

The director of “La Femme Nikita” and “The Fifth Element” serves as co-writer and producer here, but this is very much a spin-off of the kind of stereotype- and gravity-defying characters he’s made his name on. “Colombiana” feels more hammy and muscular, though — but knowingly so, and that’s what makes it solid, late-summer escapist fun.

Zoe Saldana stars as Cataleya, who saw her parents killed in front of her when she was just a 9-year-old schoolgirl living in the slums of Bogota. Played as a child by the intense Amandla Stenberg in her film debut, she escapes by performing a dizzying series of parkour moves across rooftops and through windows before making her way to the U.S. Embassy to vomit up the microchip her father entrusted with her.

No, the film from French director Olivier Megaton (“Transporter 3”) is not subtle. As the production notes so helpfully inform us, Megaton “takes his name from his birthday: The 6th of August 1965 is the 20th anniversary of the dropping of the Hiroshima A-bomb.” But certainly you weren’t looking for that, now, were you?

Anyway, 15 years later,



### Movie Review ‘Columbiana’

**Rating:** PG-13 (violence, disturbing images, intense sequences of action, sexuality and brief strong language)

**Running time:** xxx minutes  
**Review:** ★★ (of 4)

with the help of her Uncle Emilio (Cliff Curtis), Cataleya has become a highly efficient professional assassin, but she still seeks revenge against the drug kingpin (Beto Benites) and his right-hand man (Jordi Molla) who are responsible for her parents’ deaths. The mark she leaves on her victims’ bodies — a drawing of the orchid she’s named for — is a message for her childhood enemies but it also sparks the curiosity of the FBI agent who thinks he’s tracking a serial killer. (Lennie James serves as the film’s lone source of dignity and calm in the role.)

Over-the-top bad guys spew generically menacing lines and hot women parade around in bikinis and lingerie. The catlike Saldana herself kicks butt in little more than tank tops and

short-shorts, and prowls around during a thrilling jail hit in the kind of skin-tight body suit she might have worn to do motion-capture work for “Avatar.” Her character also likes to suck lollipops while she’s cleaning out her guns; again, subtle.

The action, meanwhile, is totally preposterous, but that’s what you pay your money to see. Cataleya seems to be both omniscient and omnipresent, capable of arming or disarming any device, adept at crawling through or climbing over any obstacle in her path without ever smudging her sexy eyeliner. In fact, there’s only one scene where she seems to be in any real danger: a visceral, bruising sequence of hand-to-hand combat featuring towels and toothbrushes reminiscent of the third “Bourne” movie.

For the most part, it’s all big and silly, but at least it’s enjoyably staged and crafted. But Saldana also manages to earn our sympathy, as the script (which Besson wrote with frequent collaborator Robert Mark Kamen) allows her to convey a surprising amount of emotion and inner conflict. Cataleya’s purely physical relationship with a hunky artist named Danny (Michael Vartan) forces her to confront the loneliness she’s long suppressed.

But then it’s time for her to take her clothes off again.

## Hot car, frozen chicken a dangerous combination

**Dear Abby:** My husband purchased a bag of individually wrapped frozen chicken breasts during his lunch break. After work, we took our kids to a concert and didn’t return home until 8 p.m. The bag of chicken was in his trunk for seven hours on a hot summer day.

My husband thought it was OK to refreeze the meat and feed this to our kids, ages 6 and 2. I adamantly disagreed. What are your thoughts? We’ve had this argument before.

— *No Way! in San Jose*

**Dear No Way!:** Your husband is SERIOUSLY off base. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, “cold food” — such as chicken, fish, raw meat — should be purchased just before leaving the market and the shopper should plan to drive directly home. Always refrigerate perishable food within two hours, and when the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, it should be refrigerated within one hour! Food left in the car for the length of time your husband did is no longer fit for human consumption and could have made your children seriously ill.

Readers, for the answers to food safety questions, the USDA can be contacted on the Internet at AskKaren.gov. Submit a question there and it will be answered. The USDA also has a Meat and Poultry Hotline, (888) 674-6854, which is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Dear Abby:** My ex-husband and I divorced seven years ago. He has remarried, and I also recently married again. He is still bitter toward me. His emotional abuse was partly to blame for our split, although I was not entirely without fault. I made mistakes, too, which I regret.

Two of my children hold me responsible for the divorce and continually throw my mistakes back in my face. I walk on eggshells around them. I have apologized repeatedly and asked their forgiveness. I’m afraid of losing contact with my grandchildren every time

one of my kids becomes upset about the past.

I have been to counseling, but was told I just have to be happy with me. Is there a way my children can finally forgive me for the

past? I’m not a bad person, just a flawed one.

— *Human in Ontario, Canada*

**Dear Human:** We’re all flawed, including your children. If they are determined that blame for the divorce falls solely on you, while absolving your emotionally abusive husband, nothing you or I can do will change their minds.

You have paid your therapist good money for the sensible advice you received, so please heed it. The longer you continue to walk on eggshells and tolerate the treatment you are receiving, the longer it will continue. Concentrate on your own life, and far more happiness will result than what you’re experiencing now.

**Dear Abby:** Many letters you print come from women who seem shocked because they’ve ended up with men who have little or no character. However, I have never dated a man who could hide his true colors longer than six months.

You often advise these women to seek counseling or an attorney, but for the millions of women who haven’t yet made these mistakes, how about a shout-out for prevention? Amazingly, not getting legally attached and not allowing yourself to become pregnant by a man you’ve known only a few weeks isn’t considered common sense anymore.

The heart is ungovernable, but people do have absolute control over using birth control and getting married. What percentage of women’s problems do you think could be avoided if, for the first year of dating someone, they used birth control 100 percent of the time and didn’t rush to get married?

— *Perplexed in Peoria*

**Dear Perplexed:** I’d say about 50 percent — but I may be underestimating by a long shot.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips.*

## Terrell Owens focuses on acting while knee heals

Associated Press

ATLANTA — While Terrell Owens waits for an NFL team to contact him, the 15-year veteran wide receiver has focused his attention toward an acting career.

Owens, who tore his anterior cruciate ligament and had surgery in early April, filmed an episode of the USA sitcom “Necessary Roughness” on Wednesday at the Georgia Dome. He said his knee is a couple months away from being completely healed and though no team has contacted him, he still expects to play this season.

“I’m still not 100 percent to be able to go to a team and contribute,” Owens told The Associated Press. “When I get to the point to where I’m comfortable and able to run

around, I’ll feel like those calls should be coming.”

Owens, 37, said he is not worried about skeptics who wonder if can still be a major NFL contributor. He said he is capable of making plays on the field, pointing out the 983 yards and nine touchdowns he had with the Cincinnati Bengals last season.

Owens also said the league’s 4 1/2-month lockout helped him. He said after his surgery four months ago, he didn’t feel pressured to rush his rehab because there were no offseason training activities being held.

“It worked out for me,” he said. “I don’t see where there was a disadvantage considering nobody was doing anything at the time. There was a lot of downtime.”

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

5	2	3	6	8	9	4	7	1
6	9	8	7	5	3	9	8	2
1	8	1	2	7	4	1	2	3
2		1	8	6	1	5	3	4
3	7	3	7	6	3	5	4	1
4		9	8	7	2	5	5	9
3		7	5	8	4	1	3	6
6		2	4	2	5	6	8	3
8	3	7	9	1	4	2	5	6
5	4	1	2	6	3	9	7	8

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# Your blueprint for a greener home

FAMILY FEATURES

A home is probably the largest purchase you'll make in your lifetime. And the costs don't stop with a mortgage payment — rising energy prices make it expensive to operate and maintain a home. According to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), homes account for 21 percent of the energy used in this country every year, with an average annual utility bill of \$1,767. So it's no surprise that a 2010 survey by the Shelton Group found that 64 percent of respondents were interested in owning or renting an energy-efficient home. If you want to make some energy-saving upgrades, here are things you can do to get greener while saving some green.



### Locate and Seal Air Leaks

Reducing drafts in a home can cut energy use from 5 to 30 percent each year, and it makes the home more comfortable year round. Check to see if air is flowing through electrical outlets, witch plates, window frames, baseboards, weather stripping around doors, fireplace dampers, attic hatches, wall- or window-mounted air conditioners.

In a study of energy-efficient measures, DOE's Energy Information Administration reported that sealing ducts yielded by far the greatest energy savings of 12 different measures studied, at the lowest cost. And in a DOE study of 100 homes in Phoenix, Arizona, sealing ducts cut leakage by 30 percent.

If you can rattle windows or doors, you may have air leaks there, as well. These can usually be sealed with caulking or weather stripping. In addition, replace any cracked or loose window panes. Consider replacing older, single-pane windows that show signs of leakage, water damage, or condensation with new double-pane windows installed with proper air sealing and flashing.

Windows and doors should be weather stripped. See the DOE Energy Savers website, [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov), for a comprehensive description of different types of caulking and weather stripping material.

### Inspect Insulation

When correctly installed, insulation delivers comfort while lowering energy bills during the hottest and coldest times of the year. There are several common types of insulation: Fiberglass (in both batt and blown forms), Cellulose, Rigid foam board and spray foam.

Reflective insulation (also called radiant barrier) is another insulating product which can help save energy in hot, sunny climates.

To get the biggest savings, the easiest place to add insulation is usually in the attic. A quick way to see if you need more insulation is to look across your uncovered attic floor. If the insulation is level with or below the attic floor joists, you probably need to add more insulation.

A qualified home energy auditor will include an insulation check as a routine part of a whole-house energy assessment. You can find more information to help you determine what is most cost-effective for your home at [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov).

### Upgrade Appliances

In a typical U.S. home, appliances and home electronics are responsible for about 20 percent of energy bills. These appliances and electronics include: Washers and dryers, computers, dishwashers, home entertainment equipment, refrigerators and freezers, room air conditioners and water heaters.

Refrigerators and freezers consume about one-sixth of all the electricity used in American households, much more than any other household appliance. The annual cost to operate existing units is about \$125, while new, efficient refrigerators cost about \$50 to \$100 per year to operate. When choosing a new refrigerator:

- Select an Energy Star model.
- Select a refrigerator of the appropriate size for your household's needs. Larger models use more energy.
- Choose top-freezer models instead of side-by-side refrigerators, which use approximately 10 to 25 percent more energy.
- Select only those features that your household needs. Automatic ice makers and through-the-door dispensers increase energy use by 14 to 20 percent and increase the purchase price by \$75 to \$250. Models with anti-sweat heaters consume 5 to 10 percent more energy; however, some refrigerators with this feature have "energy saver" switches that allow you to turn these heaters off.

### Improve Water Usage

Typically the largest use of water within a home is involved in toilet flushing. On average this comes out to about 25,000 gallons a year for a family of four. Working with American Standard, the DOE project team for the ReVision Retrofit Home in Las Vegas selected an effective and water efficient dual-flush toilet. The dual flush technology features two operational levels: 1.6 gallons per flush; and 1.0 gallon per flush, for heavy or light flushing respectively. This switch can save a family of four up to 17,000 gallons of water a year.

A typical bathroom faucet will draw 2.2 gallons per minute. Changing to a WaterSense listed 1.5 gpm faucet can save a family of four over 8,000 gallons a year. Most conventional washing machines use between 25 and 40 gallons of water per complete cycle. Water-saving versions can cut water (and energy) usage by more than 40 percent. The most energy-efficient washing machines are typically front-loading machines. They use about one third the water as a conventional machine to wash the same amount of clothes.

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