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Partly sunny with a chance of storms

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Should the county adopt a policy of not hiring smokers?



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Will you attend one of the 9/11 ceremonies this weekend?

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Age 94, of Bowling Green

#### James Jones Sr.

Age 87, of Avon Park

#### Carl T. Juris

Age 86, of Sebring

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Age 79, of Sebring

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# County to remember 9/11 with ceremonies

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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Several organizations around Highlands County are preparing for the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The community members behind these ceremonies and celebrations all voiced one common aspect about their individual events — remembrance.

There will be four 9/11 events in the city of Sebring over the weekend. Today, Florida Hospital's

Remembrance of 9/11 will be held outdoors (behind the chapel, by the reflecting pool).

There will be a prayer walk with stations of remembrance beginning at 6:30 a.m. until sunset.

On Sunday, a memorial service is planned for 1 p.m. at Firemen's Field. Sales and Marketing Manager for the Highlands County Convention

september 11, 2001

Center, Tenille Drury, said that the ceremony will be "simple."

"We will have a special dedication, very simple. It will run in conjunction with the expo. Shannon Reed will be singing and we will have representatives from the fire departments, police department, and EMS. Mayor (George) Hensley will speak and we will have a few

moments of recognition and silence. All the law enforcement and military are invited to enjoy the expo after the ceremony for free," said Drury.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) located on Lakeview Drive will host a flag raising beginning at 11 a.m. on Sunday. The VFW will also provide guests with lunch and beverages all day long.

The Military Sea Services Museum, at 1402 Roseland Ave. in

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# Looking for (photos of) a few good men

## SPD seeks pictures of former chiefs, marshals

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — The Sebring Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in tracking down seven men.

To be more precise, the department is looking for the photographs of seven men, all former town marshals and police chiefs of the city.

"There has to be someone out there with a photo," said Vicki Hicks, Chief Tom Dettman's administrative assistant.

For close to a year now, Hicks has been scouring old newspapers, visiting the Historical Society, going on Ancestry.com, hunting through county archives, even cold calling people with the same last names as the missing men.

Her work has paid off. Of Sebring's 18 police chiefs, she has found pictures of 11. The photographs are part of an exhibit the police have planned for their station lobby during the centennial year. The display will include histori-



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
Vicki Hicks, Sebring Police Chief Tom Dettman's administrative assistant, has managed to find photographs of 11 of the 18 men who have served as Sebring's police chief or town marshal. She is asking for help to find the remaining seven.

cal memorabilia like an early polygraph machine.

Hicks hates the idea of framing blank paper with only a nameplate and dates of service to represent a real person. She wants to be able to present a complete history.

If anyone knows anything about any of the former chiefs, or has a picture of one tucked away in a trunk, or can tell Hicks where she can locate a rela-

tive, please get in touch with her.

Two men — W.Z. Dalgety and R.C. Clinard — served as town marshals in 1916; W.A. Taylor and C.C. Posey in 1921

The first Sebring police chief was William (Lotus) McCullough, who served from 1925-26. As the first, Hicks most of all wants to find a photograph of him.

Also missing is Thomas Worley, who immediately

followed McCullough, from 1926-27.

A more recent chief is among the missing too — Robert Broadbent, who served from 1972-74.

"He's still alive as far as we know," she said, "but he's disappeared into thin air."

Photographs do not have to be portraits, even group shots or family photos are welcome. Call Hicks at 471-5108.

# Sebring mulls animal rules

## Pot-bellied pig sparks debate about city code

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SEBRING — The city council members mulled over the current city code ordinance for animal regulation and control for over an hour Tuesday night and heard from several audience members before deciding they needed more information.

Pot-bellied pig owner Kim McIntyre addressed the council Tuesday evening. McIntyre's 140-pound pig, Emma, was reported by an anonymous caller early last week and Sebring Code Enforcement visited the McIntyre's home at 309 Milakee Ave. and warned her of an ordinance violation.

The current ordinance regarding animals states it is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any animals, livestock or poultry of any kind within the city, except:

— Dogs, cats or other ordinary household pets, provid-

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# School board briefed on new district boundaries

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
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SEBRING — Joe Campbell, supervisor of elections for Highlands County, presented the school board with the new map of school districts during its regular meeting on Tuesday night.

There are very few, mostly minor, changes Campbell said, and the map is the same as the one approved by the

county commissioners.

The new maps are the result of the 2010 Census and reflect population changes. New maps are required after every census, but may only be drawn during odd numbered years to keep the re-districting process from falling in an election year.

Campbell said there are rules in re-drawing district boundaries.

For example, no incumbent or active candidate may be moved into a different district. Districts must be equal in population, but a deviation of 5 percent over or under is allowed.

District boundaries should avoid dividing a political sub-division or neighborhood, be identifiable on the

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News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
Supervisor of Elections Joe Campbell presents school board members with the school district map. School board member Bill Brantley listens as Campbell makes his presentation, while chairperson Donna Howerton looks at the map.

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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, Sept. 7:

- ◆ William Bernard Bleything, 34, of Sebring, was charged with trespassing property, not structure or conveyance.
- ◆ Richard Oliver Brant, 37, of Sebring, was charged with contempt of court for non-support, two counts.
- ◆ Winifred Christine Brewer, 41, of Sebring, was charged with disorderly intoxication in public place causing disturbance.
- ◆ Charles Edward Brough, 55, of 2671 Vineyard Lane, Brooklyn, Mich., was registered as a sex offender for sexual assault.
- ◆ Mary Kathryn Chiu, 56, of Sebring, was charged with battery on person 65 years of age or older.
- ◆ Richard Cordero, 43, of Miami, was sentenced to 90 days for knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked.
- ◆ Lora Jean Dyer, 31, of Avon Park, was charged for domestic violence or battery, touch or strike; and domestic violence or burglary with assault or battery.
- ◆ Jordan Sue Eisenstein, 18, of Sebring, was charged for larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense.
- ◆ Fred Clark Ferguson, 34, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of drug equipment and/or use; possession of methamphetamine (charged changed from possession of cocaine to methamphetamine by arresting officer); and possession of marijuana, not more than 20 grams.
- ◆ Marvin Eudrado Figueroa, 25, of Lantana, immigration detainer for municipal ordinance violation.
- ◆ David Fraga-Chavez, 26, of Davenport, was charged for no valid driver license.
- ◆ Shydah Alaisha McRae, 23, of Avon Park, was sentenced to 30 days for petit or retail theft, first degree.
- ◆ Jeff Michael Nemeth, 31, of 1001 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, was registered as a sexual offender, unlawful sexual conduct with a minor.
- ◆ Melvin Olds, 37, of Lake Placid, was charged for driving while license suspended or revoked, first offense.
- ◆ Michael Joseph Pacetti, 20, of Palm Beach Gardens, was charged for trespassing of land; and possession of cannabis.
- ◆ Kenneth Alexander Robledo, 42, of Sebring, was charged with possession of marijuana, not more than 20 grams.
- ◆ Gregory Keith Saylor, 43, of Deland, was charged for withholding support, non-support of children or spouse.
- ◆ Sammie Cornell Scriven, 49, of Avon Park, was charged with battery.
- ◆ Thomas Henry Thompson, 54, of Sebring, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- ◆ Nicholas James Vought, 29, of Sebring, was charged for possession of controlled substance without a prescription, two counts; and producing or manufacturing marijuana.



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
**Kenneth Fields addresses the Sebring city council members after being appointed as the new public works director for the city. The position has been open for several months. Fields began work Wednesday morning.**

# Fields begins work as public works director

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING — The Sebring city council unanimously approved the appointment of Kenneth T. Fields as the new public works director for the city at Tuesday's meeting.

"I want to commend staff for their detail on keeping the committee informed and all of us informed about the activities.

"I'm very pleased to present and recommend and ask that the city council approve the appointment of Kenneth T. Fields as our new public works director," Mayor George Hensley said.

"I feel honored and privileged to be selected and I look forward to many long years serving you and the citizens of this great city of Sebring. Thank you very much," Fields said.

Fields is a resident of Avon Park and is completing work on his new home.

He recently relocated to Highlands County from Hollywood, where he served in the public works area for more than 20 years.

He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and management from American Intercontinental University.

Fields is licensed in several areas, including wastewater collection and water distribution. In the city of Hollywood, he served as public utilities manager for the underground utilities division.

"We are glad you are here. We've spent a lot of time with you and we were very impressed. We feel you will be doing a good job for this city and be a good representative of this city," Hensley said.

Fields' first day on the job was Tuesday.

## A little bit of everything for sale Saturday in downtown Sebring

Community garage sale from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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SEBRING — Plants, produce, herbs, hand-made canes, old stuff from attics and new stuff still wrapped — the downtown garage sale Saturday promises a little bit of everything.

Linda Tucker, of Linda's Books, is one of the five volunteer organizers. Wednesday, she said approximately 50 vending spaces have been sold to about 35 vendors.

More vendors may come. "It's going to be so fascinating to see what everybody brings," she said.

Tucker said most downtown merchants will be open, as will Somas Deli, Sirianno's Soup and Sandwich Shop and Dee's Restaurant. There will be snow cones and hot dogs.

The vendors set up on the

sidewalk around Circle Park and along Ridgewood Drive. The streets will not be closed and parking is allowed. The Chamber of Commerce's former office will be open to provide rest rooms.

Kimberlee Nagel has worked side by side with Tucker planning the event. She is very pleased because so many vendors have bought space.

"It's not even season and this is the first time, so we're very excited about the response," she said. "It's a good thing. People coming to look for a good deal and to spend a little money. At the same time they can visit the stores and have something to eat."

Vendors set up starting at 6 a.m. Everyone should be in place and ready to go at 7

## School board approves 2011-12 millage rate

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
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SEBRING — In a 3-2 vote, the School Board of Highlands County approved the millage rate of 7.813 for the district's fiscal year 2011-2012. That is .197 more than last year's rate of 7.616. Board members Donna Howerton and Andy Tuck voted against the raise.

"It's no secret where I stand," said Tuck. "With 12 percent unemployment and a retiree community, it's quite unfortunate we're raising rates. It's like we're saying our problems are more important than yours."

"It's tough out there," Howerton said. "I do share a concern. I don't know what the answer is."

Member Ned Hancock said education needs more to work with. "(Cuts) have had a devastating impact. I don't see how to not be responsible and keep that in mind."

School Superintendent Wally Cow told the board,

"We've already cut the heck out of the budget." He said he has cut \$12 to \$13 million over the past four years. That includes cuts in upper management positions, from 17 in 2000 to 12 in 2010.

The board was unanimous that budget discussions for fiscal year 2012-2013 had to begin early. "We'll gear up quicker this year," Cox said, "and schedule workshops in September and October."

The board unanimously passed the voter-approved critical needs millage of .25 and the final budget. The district's budget for 2011-2011 is \$120.1 million, as opposed to the 2010-2011 budget of \$129.3 million.

Cox told the board that the 10-day enrollment numbers showed the district down by 69 students. Cox said he had expected to lose 80 students. He added that when the student count is taken in October, enrollment typically increases by about 40 students.

# The buses keep on rolling as search starts for director

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — With David Solomon's resignation, the school board has no Director of Transportation.

Carlene Varnes, an experienced manager, was named interim director.

Responding a question as to how things were going, Varnes said, "We're doing great. The wheels on the bus went 'round and 'round. We're going to be just fine."

The board took the opportunity to further discuss cuts in the budget.

When Bill Brantley said any more cuts would affect the classroom, Andy Tuck replied that, "I respectfully disagree. If we cut on the operational side we will not affect the classroom. I don't think we've looked at upper management enough."

He pointed out that Management Information Systems has been without a

director for three years.

That led to a debate about the need for director of transportation at all.

School Superintendent Wally Cox warned the board, however, that running the transportation department without a director was like having an assistant principal run a school.

"What do you do in a emergency?" he asked. "The board is taking a risk without a director."

Cox added that the position requires a specialized skill set and qualified candidates are hard to find. "It might take a year to find the right person," he said.

The board decided to continue the school year with Varnes as interim. They will wait until May and re-address the issue then.

Cox said, "The timing doesn't concern me as much as the long-term strategy."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### AP CRA offers free Business and Marketing Seminar series

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Main Street District is hosting a free three-part business and marketing seminar series this fall. Avon Park business owners, organizations and merchants who want to increase their business should plan to attend.

Attendees will gain marketing tools and ideas that they can incorporate into their current business practices.

The retail value of these seminars is \$3,000.

Fall 2011 dates are Sept. 12, Oct. 3 and 24. Topics include: "Marketing 101: Are You Covering the Basics?" "Social Media Marketing: Join the Online Conversation" and "Goal Setting: Make Sure Your Business Measures Up."

Each seminar will start promptly at 5:30 p.m., at the Avon Park Community Center located on Main Street and will last approximately 90 minutes.

Although the seminar is free, please RSVP to reserve your seat by contacting Avon Park CRA Marketing Coordinator Casey Wohl at (863) 224-6326 or e-mail at Casey.Wohl@yahoo.com.

### Highlands Social Dance Club meets Tuesday

SEBRING — The Highlands Social Dance Club will host a membership meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Charlie's/Sandy's Restaurant on U.S. 27 in Sebring at 11:30 a.m.

The first dance of the 2011-12 season is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 7.

For more information, call 385-6671.

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# HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CASH IN ON MODERN DAY GOLD RUSH!

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**By Jason Delong**  
STAFF WRITER

*Gold and silver pour into yesterday's Roadshow due to highest prices in 40 years.*

Yesterday at the **Holiday Inn Express**, locals lined up to cash in on their gold and silver, antiques, collectibles, at the "As seen on TV," Treasure Hunters Roadshow. The free event is in **Sebring** all week, buying gold, silver, antiques and collectibles. One visitor I spoke with yesterday said, "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces—in less

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than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$700. That stuff has been in my jewelry box and dresser for at least 20 years." Another gentleman brought in an old Fender guitar his father had bought years ago. The man said, "Dad had less than fifty bucks in that guitar." The Roadshow specialist that assisted him made a few phone calls and a veterinarian in Seattle, Washington bought the guitar for \$5,700.00. The seller continued, "I got another \$300.00 for a broken necklace and an old class ring. It's not every day that someone comes to town bringing six thousand dollars with your name on it."

Jeff Parsons, President of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow, commented, "Lots of people have items that they know are valuable but just don't know where to sell them. Old toys, trains, swords, guitars, pocket watches and jewelry are valuable to collec-

tors. These collectors are willing to pay big money for those items that they are looking for."

This week's Roadshow is the best place to get connected with those collectors. The process is free and anyone can bring items down to the event. If the Roadshow specialists find items that their collectors are interested in, offers will be made to purchase them. About 80% of the guests that attend the show end up selling one or more items at the event.

Antiques and collectibles are not the only items the Roadshow is buying. "Gold and silver markets are soaring," says Archie Davis, a Roadshow representative. "Broken jewelry and gold and silver coins add up very quickly. I just finished working with a gentleman that had an old class ring, two bracelets and a handful of silver dollars. His check was for over \$650.00. I would say



**If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for competitive prices. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Holiday Inn Express, this week through Saturday, in Sebring.**



that there were well over 100 people in here yesterday that sold their scrap gold."

One gentleman holding his check for over \$1,250.00 in the lobby of the event yesterday had this comment: "I am so happy I decided to come to the Roadshow. I saw the newspaper ad for the event and brought in an old German sword I had brought back from World War II and some old coins, and here is my check. What a great thing for our community. I am heading home now to see what else I have that they might be interested in."

The Roadshow continues today starting at 9am. The event is free and no appointment is needed.

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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

# Freedom to flash shouldn't be denied

Is it against the law for one motorist to signal other drivers to slow down and obey the speed limit? The Florida Highway Patrol thinks so.

Since 2005 it reportedly has issued more than 10,400 citations to drivers who flashed their headlights at oncoming vehicles to notify them that law enforcement was up ahead monitoring their speeds.

However, one driver is fighting back, and rightly so.

Eric Campbell, a Tampa resident, recently was ticketed by an FHP officer for flashing his headlights to warn of a speed trap. Campbell asked what law he was violating. The trooper cited Florida Statute 316.2397, Section 7, which prohibits flashing lights on vehicles "except as a means of indicating a right

or left turn, to change lanes, or to indicate that the vehicle is lawfully stopped or disabled upon the highway"

It seems pretty clear, though, that the entire statute is referring to equipment, not usage. The state understandably does not want civilian automobiles to have continuously flashing lights that might be confused with those on law enforcement or emergency vehicles. That's different from flicking your headlights off and on a couple of times.

The FHP's reasoning is further undermined by the fact that the Florida Drivers Handbook stipulates that drivers should blink their headlights at night to let other motorists know they are passing. So it's OK to flash your lights to communicate with other drivers in certain situations, but not others? ...

Campbell has filed a class-action lawsuit against the state seeking refund of his \$100 ticket as well as damages in excess of \$15,000. Because it is a class action on behalf of all ticketed

Floridians, though, if Campbell wins the state — make that state taxpayers — could be on the hook for \$156.4 million in damages in addition to \$1 million in ticket refunds.

Campbell and other flashers actually encourage motorists to obey the law. Shouldn't that be FHP's only concern? Why should it care if drivers aren't speeding?

FHP's real objection is that notifying drivers of its speed-monitoring operations deprives it of an opportunity to write tickets and collect revenue — and ticketing headlight-flashers allows it to rake in even more bucks. ...

The state does not prohibit the use of radar detectors in passenger vehicles. It therefore shouldn't deny motorists the freedom to flash others when they see a speed trap.

*An editorial from the Panama City News-Herald.*

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## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Watchdogs are finally in place

Editor:

The Highlands County TDC (Tourist Development Council) has been in the news, on the Editorial Page and in the hot seat lately, and rightly so. For those readers who may not know what all the fuss is about let me offer the following.

The TDC is the agency charged with the responsibility to administer the funds generated by the Tourist Tax, aka the Bed Tax. Ever since this program was approved by the voters there has been, and still are, policies and procedures in place to assure that monies collected were accounted for and distributed according to policy. In addition, other things such as term limits for board members were set.

The TDC has chosen to operate outside those guidelines and until the art and culture community worked to shine a light on these wrongs, they got away with it. Why? Simple. The watchdogs were out to lunch.

Several Highlands County citizens have joined the discussion. The most vocal being Bill Youngman who has offered a solution that requires repealing the tax, reforming the agencies involved and then reinstate the tax by bringing it to a vote once again at a future date.

I agree with the need for reform but his plan is risky, convoluted, costly and unnecessary. Because of the intervention by the art and culture community, reform is in the making. The executive director of the Tourist Development Council, county commissioners and other local governmental agencies have pledged to cooperate and together bring the TDC in to compliance.

The watchdogs are in place and I believe the wrongs will be made right.

As an aside, why don't we relabel the Tourist Tax and have it become the Tourist Investment Program? That name is easier to swallow and realistically the monies collected serve to make Highlands County a more desirable destination for our visitors. Also ..., TIP is a great acronym.

Jim Fitch  
Sebring

### Why not ban smokers altogether?

Editor:

Why not just ban smokers from living in this county? I think we are just getting silly.

Jeanne Simpson  
Sebring

### Orange Blossom Classic joins celebration

Editor:

Shuffleboard - 99-years-old - City of Sebring - 100 years old and host to the most historic shuffleboard tournament in the USA: The Orange Blossom Classic!

This year, the first major event for Sebring celebrating its 100th Birthday will be the annual Orange Blossom Classic State Shuffleboard Tourney. Also this year, the Sebring Recreation Club will host the Florida Masters Shuffleboard Tournament in April. These are the very best competing for the Masters title.

Besides these two prestigious tournaments, Sebring will host 13 state, district and county tournaments.

Sebring Recreation Club Inc., (333 Pomegranate Ave., phone 385-2966), is a non-profit group that constantly spotlights Sebring during the winter months and brings hundreds of competitors to our area. We need sponsors for these events and give plenty of recognition and exposure to our sponsors.

There are more than 25,000 members to the Florida Shuffleboard Association. If our events are sponsored and the prize money is enough for the members to be enticed to travel to Sebring to compete, the whole community will benefit.

Pat Dell  
Sebring

### Bouquet

#### Local newspaper is fantastic

Editor:

The News-Sun is an awesome newspaper - local coverage, news and sports is fantastic. To this day I have no clue as to how you do it.

Don Lamb  
Avon Park



## Never forget September 11, 2001



### Guest Column

Susan Stamper Brown

Recently, I was reminded of the value of freedom while attending a military retirement ceremony in Washington D.C. Driving down the hill after the ceremony, my soul was stirred as my eyes caught a glimpse of the late-summer sun reflecting across the sea of white-washed stones at the adjacent Arlington National Cemetery — and wondered what it is that defines a person who is willing to give his or her life in exchange for freedom.

As I wrote in an article, "Obama Standing on Bush's Shoulders," written just after Osama bin Laden's death, it seems like only yesterday when the eyes of the world were fixed on television screens filled with ghastly scenes of fellow Americans forced to make the decision as to how they would die that dreadful Sept. 11, 2001 morning. Some chose skyscraper-to-sidewalk jumps, while others chose to be in a steel-melting inferno. On airplanes, some decided to sit in their seats and silently pray, while others shouted "Let's roll," and took matters into their own hands.

As the stench and smoke from human infirmaries colored the skies gray, a cloud of grief descended over the country — and America's



enemy celebrated. Pictures of Old Glory intermingled with homemade signs displaying the words "Never Forget" sprang up on street corners and front yards throughout America. And, for a brief moment, it appeared that the patriotism of yesteryear was awakened from its long slumber as Americans chose to cross racial, political and religious barriers to join hands and hearts to celebrate our commonality.

The nasty partisan divide resulting from the 2000 presidential election seemed to be temporarily patched with the bandage of brotherhood, as our nation swallowed a bitter pill of truth: We were at war with Islamic extremists seeking to destroy our freedoms. These extremists strategically attacked when we were distracted and weak from political divisiveness.

Time seemed to stop for most Americans who found themselves caught in grief. Nevertheless, the sun continued to rise and fall, and the seasons changed. We

bandaged our wounds the best we could, and were forced to move forward, although it seemed inappropriate.

Ten years-removed, and amidst wars on three fronts, war-weary Americans have fallen into a regimen of "normalcy" and have adapted to a necessary post-9/11 mentality.

Great strides have been taken to weaken our self-avowed enemy, but we are still at risk. Only months into President Obama's presidency, Americans grew to understand that having an American president with Muslim heritage makes little difference to a terrorist. Attacks and attempts continue; just last week, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation issued a five-page bulletin, warning of potential homeland al Qaeda attacks via small aircraft.

Nor does a president possessing a Middle-Eastern name improve America's standing in the Middle East.

A July 13, 2011 poll conducted in six Middle Eastern countries by Arab American Institute found Obama's approval rating never got above 10 percent.

Ninety-nine percent of Lebanese, 90 percent of Egyptians, 88 percent of Moroccans and 77 percent of Saudis believe Obama did not meet his 2009 Cairo speech expectations. The survey found Obama's approval ratings lower than George W. Bush's second term and lower than Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's, with the exception of Saudi Arabia.

Be it war-weariness, human nature, the divisiveness of the current administration, or a little of each, patriotism has faded, and our unity, diminished. This writer included, many have forgotten who the real enemy is, and have forgotten to remember those who willingly pledged our freedom with their blood.

We are eternally indebted to those who satisfied the yearning for freedom within their souls by running headlong into the face of death, realizing they would never fully taste the freedom for which they were dying.

And, most certainly, in that moment of self-denial, their souls inhaled freedom in its purest form.

May we never forget.

*Susan Stamper Brown's weekly column is nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons newspaper syndicate. Email Susan at writestamper@gmail.com.*

# 9/11 ceremonies planned at several locations in county

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Sebring, will be holding a memorial gathering from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday. Gene Kissner of the museum spoke highly of the event and encouraged residents to stop by.

"We will be having an open house. Chaplain Roger Perkins will be giving the invocation starting at 1 p.m. Some restaurants have donated food. We also will have bagpipes and a young fellow from the high school will perform," said Kissner.

The Palms of Sebring will host a free barbecue for all first responders throughout the day Sunday. The Palms is at 725 South Pine St.

The city of Lake Placid also has several memorials and events going on during the weekend.

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge will be holding a district picnic in remembrance of Flight 93 on Saturday and Sunday. The lodge is located at 2137 U.S. 27 South. Bar manager Klinker Klingaman

invited residents and guests for barbecue chicken and ribs and a day of remembrance and celebration.

The Lake Placid American Legion Post 25 will hold a county celebration on Saturday. The post is located at 1490 U.S. 27 South.

"The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. We will have coffee and donuts starting at 8 a.m. and burgers will begin at 10. Commissioner Jack Richey will do the flag raising and we will have a flag and video presentation by Chief Phil Williams. We will also have two guests speakers," said J.P. Plunkett, commander of the American Legion post.

St. Francis Assisi Church at 43 Lake June Road will hold a very special ceremony on Sunday. Director of the church Elizabeth Nelson stated that the father of a New York police officer will be present with a video presentation for the guests at the church.

"Glen Lugo's father, Angelo Lugo, will be here to answer questions and make a presentation. We will also have a flag retirement ceremony. It's very moving. A lot of words are spoken and then the stripes are all cut away from the flag and armed services each put a stripe in a controlled fire. It's not illegal or anything. It's a beautiful, wonderful ceremony," said Nelson.

Also, the Golden Corral restaurant in Lake Placid is inviting all first responders, including Highlands County Sheriff's Office, Lake Placid, Sebring and Avon Park police departments, all Highlands County firefighters (including volunteers), Florida Fish and Wildlife, Florida Highway Patrol, Division of Forestry and all Highlands County EMS personnel to enjoy a free "thank you" meal from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Monday.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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### RSVP for LP Chamber lunch

LAKE PLACID — The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon will be held on Monday at noon at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge. The guest speaker is Linda Frost, vice president, Wealth Management, Seacoast National Bank.

RSVP the Chamber before the end of the day at chamber@lpfla.com or call 465-4331.

### Sunday breakfasts resume

AVON PARK — The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Grace Council 14717, announces they will begin their monthly breakfast and brunch starting Sunday. Breakfast is held in the Grogan Center at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Avon Park from 8-10:15 a.m. and brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From October on, the breakfast will be served the first Sunday of every month.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Fraternity which supports the church, youth and local community. Young men 18 years of age and up are eligible to join this organization. Call Don Sliwicki at 402-0423 or Cesar Pinzon at 452-6787.

### Casino trip planned

LAKE PLACID — The American Legion Auxiliary, Placid Unit 25, will be hosting a casino trip to Immokalee on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Cost is \$25. You receive \$30 free play and \$5 food voucher.

Coffee and doughnuts from 7:45-8:15 a.m. Bus leaves at 8:45 a.m., from the American Legion Post, 1490 U.S. 27 North, Lake Placid.

Sign up early, before Wednesday, Sept. 21. Non-members welcome! Call Judy at 655-0232.

### Events at local lodges, posts

AVON PARK — The American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park, will

host the following events this week.

Today - E Board 2:30 p.m. SAL burgers 4-6 p.m. Karaoke by Double D (call for time). Call 453-4553.

The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 in Avon Park, will host the following events this week: Today - Spaghetti dinner with meat sauce, all-you-can-eat for \$7 served from 5-7 p.m. Music from Uptown Country from 5-8 p.m.

Saturday - Bar menu served from 5-7 p.m. Karaoke by Peg and Perry from 5-8 p.m. NASCAR 7:30 p.m. For details, call 452-9853.

### LAKE PLACID

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 will host the following events this week:

Today - Lounge open 1 p.m. Fish fry 5-7 p.m., cost \$8.50 per meal, includes fried or grilled fish, (or grilled chicken upon request), hush puppies, baked potato, coleslaw, small salad, coffee, ice tea or water and tax. Music by Lora Patton (call for time).

Saturday - Lounge open 1 p.m. Bar bingo 1:30 p.m. For details, call 465-2661.

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host the following events this week:

Today - Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Texas Hold'em 2 p.m. Wings, shrimp and fish 6 p.m. Music with Tom McGannon 6-9 p.m.

Saturday - District picnic 1 p.m. - Sept. 11 Memorial benefit picnic. Bingo bango 2 p.m. Baby-back ribs 6 p.m. Music with Steve and Peggy 6-9 p.m. For details, call 465-0131.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 in Lake Placid, will host the following events this week:

Today - Steak-by-the-ounce 5:30-7 p.m., with L&L Duo.

Saturday - Breakfast 8-11 a.m. Bingo 2 p.m. Corn hole game 5 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, a prime rib dinner will be served, (get tickets early

please), along with music provided by Tony and Diana 5:30-7 p.m. Call 699-5444.

### SEBRING

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 in Sebring, will host the following events this week:

Friday - Happy hour 3-6 p.m. Men's Auxiliary Pizza Night (call for time). Music by Gary O. 6-9 p.m.

Saturday - VFW Riders meeting 10 a.m. Ladies Auxiliary serving chicken pot pie with salad and dessert for \$6 from 5-7 p.m. Music by Chrissy 6-9 p.m. Call 385-8902.

## OBITUARIES

### HARRY ELYEA

Harry Reagle Elyea, 94, of Bowling Green, went home to be with his Savior on Aug. 31, 2011 in Wauchula. He was born at home Jan. 29, 1917 to Charles F. and Cora Reagle Elyea in Marengo Township near Marshall, Mich. He grew up on the family farm, graduating from high school in Marshall. He attended Moody Bible Institute three months after marrying Doretha Elaine Zerbel on June 23, 1940. After graduating from Moody Bible Institute, Harry and Doretha traveled to Nigeria in 1945 as missionaries with the Sudan Interior Mission. There they served mainly in Jos, Rahama, and Bursali, until 1968. His gift-ness in things mechanical often brought him to repairing vehicles and equipment for other missionaries. His zeal for evangelization found outlets in extensive dispensary work and village ministries. Back home in the States, he was active in jail ministry, tract distribution, and installation of gospel signs. He continued in ministry right up to the end of his life.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Doretha Elyea; nine children, Daniel Elyea of Okeechobee, Frances Cook of Marshall, Mich., Thomas Elyea of Portage, Mich., Douglas Elyea of Belmont, Mich., Shirley Aeschbacher of Versailles, Mo., Iva Grennell of Graham, Wash., Lorna Couch of Kentwood, Mich., Timothy Elyea of Belmont, Mich., and Roxann Burton of Wauchula; 30 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; and a brother,

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George Elyea of Marshall, Mich. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles F. and Cora Reagle Elyea; his sister, Frances; and his brothers, Robert, Charles, and Paul.

Interment will take place at Oakridge Cemetery in Marshall, Mich. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the Sudan Interior Mission Chapel, 4114 Nigeria St., Sebring. Arrangements by: Roberts Family Funeral Home, Inc. 529 W. Main St. Wauchula, Fla. 33873

### JAMES JONES SR.

James Jones Sr., "Iceman", age 87, a long-time resident of Avon Park, Fla., passed away Aug. 31, 2011 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center in Sebring, Fla. He was born in Greenville, Ala., 1924. He operated an ice house; worked as a janitor for Union Congregational Church, Avon Park housing project, Lake Byrd Lodge, and Camp Weems; and was former president of PTA at Hopewell School, all in Avon Park, Fla. He worked in construction to help build middle schools in Sebring and Avon Park, Fla. He was the first Black volunteer fireman in Avon Park, Fla. He was a member of

Mount Zion CME Church, Avon Park, Fla.

He is survived by sons, James Jones, Avon Park Fla., Samuel Jones, Boynton Beach, Fla., and Harvie Jones Sr., Tampa, Fla.; daughters, Margie Williams, Seattle Wash., Becky Brown, Sebring, Fla., Creasy Swain, Lakeland, Fla., Katie McGill, Tampa, Fla., and Ava Jones-Moore, Lakeland, Fla.; brothers, Stanley Jones and Vernon Jones, both of Gulfport, Miss.; brother-in-law, James Fleming, Avon Park, Fla.; 26 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, from 6-8 p.m., Mt. Zion CME Church, Avon Park, Fla. Memorial service will be Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 at 11 a.m., Faith Pentecostal House Of God Church, Avon Park, Fla.

Swann's Mortuary

### Death notices

Carl T. Juris, 86, of Sebring died Sept. 2, 2011.

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John Lewis Peterson, 79, of Sebring died Sept. 2, 2011.

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# Animal ordinance discussed by council

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ed they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose, except in a commercially zoned district, and provided further that they do not become a nuisance; and

— The keeping or maintenance of any animals, livestock or poultry within the city on a temporary basis for exhibition, such as the county fair or any circus or similar show, so long as the keeping or maintenance does not constitute a nuisance.

“Council is aware that there have been several requests to amend the existing ordinance limiting the type of animals allowed within the city of Sebring. What we are here tonight asking for is your direction on whether you wish to change the ordinance, and if so, what you wish to allow and what restrictions you wish to allow it under,” said city attorney Bob Swaine.

Council members each had different opinions and concerns regarding animals within the city.

“I don’t like my neighbor with hens in their backyard or pigs or anything else. If I wanted to live in the country I’d go out there and live,” John Griffin said.

“One thing that I would like to bring up, some of you may be aware of it some of you may not, one of the ‘trends’ is for people to have their own fresh eggs. Two caged hens in someone’s backyard, I guarantee you the chances of you knowing about that are slim compared to someone having a yappy dog next door,” council member Andrew Fells said.

“New York City and the city of Sarasota have changed their ordinances to allow chickens so,” council president Scott Stanley said.

“Well they have a lot of things in New York City that I don’t think they should have in Sebring. And one of them is chickens,” Griffin replied.

Council members continued discussion and opened the floor up to audience members.

“I think the only real issue is annoying your neighbor. You have to look at it at both

sides. There may be someone who gets offended when you make a change, but there is also an equal concern for the homo sapiens. Is there some way to define or categorize when a situation becomes a nuisance?” council member John Clark said.

“Let’s speed up to this issue with this pig.”

“I just want to know who squealed,” said Stanley.

Seven audience members addressed the council members in support of changing the current ordinance. McIntyre was the first to plead her case with the council.

“Pot bellied pigs are not livestock. They are pets. They are bought as pets, they are sold as pets,” said McIntyre.

Beverly Kaelin followed McIntyre, and said that pot-bellied pigs are clean and special animals.

A neighbor of McIntyre’s stated that he never even noticed the pig was even there.

“I don’t know why we are even talking about this. Why is it that every time someone comes in and buys a piece of property we have to change our ordinances to fit their needs?” asked Griffin.

“Sometimes we do change ordinances because conditions change and we have to address that,” Mayor George Hensley said.

Council members decided to do more research before making a decision on any ordinance changes.

No deadline has been set for the research or alternatives and council members will revisit the item in an upcoming meeting.

McIntyre was allowed to keep Emma until further notice.

# More than 100K told to flee new Northeast flooding

By MARK SCOLFORO  
Associated Press

HERSHEY, Pa. — More than 100,000 residents were ordered to flee the rising Susquehanna River on Thursday as the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee dumped more rain across the Northeast, socking areas still recovering from Hurricane Irene and closing major highways at the morning rush.

The Susquehanna is projected to crest in northeastern Pennsylvania between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday at 41 feet — the same height as the levee system protecting riverfront communities including Wilkes-Barre and Kingston, officials said. Residents were ordered to leave by 4 p.m.

“There is no need to panic,” Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom Leighton said. “This is a precautionary evacuation and the safety of our resi-

dents is our biggest concern. We have prepared for this type of emergency and we are ready to respond to whatever comes our way over the next 72 hours.”

In Binghamton, N.Y., about 80 miles upstream from Wilkes-Barre, the Susquehanna broke a flood record Thursday morning and overflowed its retaining walls downtown.

Emergency responders were scrambling to evacuate holdouts who didn’t heed earlier warnings to leave city neighborhoods threatened by record flooding. Evacuation orders began being issued Wednesday to some 20,000 people in the city and neighboring communities along the Susquehanna.

Broome County emergency services manager Brett Chellis told The Associated Press that water started coming over the walls about 10 a.m., less

than 12 hours after officials issued a mandatory evacuation order for sections of the city near where the Susquehanna and Chenango rivers converge.

“It’s getting worse by the minute,” Chellis said.

The National Weather Service said the river level is over 25 feet, above the 25-foot record set in 2006 and more than 11 feet above flood stage. It’s expected to rise another foot or so.

Wet weather followed by Hurricane Irene and its remnants have saturated the soil across the Northeast, leaving water no place to go but into already swollen creeks and rivers. Many areas flooding this week were spared a direct hit by Irene, but authorities took no chances in the same places inundated

by historic flooding after Hurricane Agnes in 1972.

At least nine deaths have been blamed on Lee and its aftermath.

In Harrisburg, crews put sandbags around the governor’s mansion as the Susquehanna, wide even on a normal day, spilled over its banks. About 90 miles to the northeast in Wilkes-Barre, Leighton said residents should prepare for an evacuation of 72 hours and advised them to take clothing, food and prescription medicine.

He also asked city businesses to close their doors by noon.

The evacuations come as the remnants of Lee, which has caused flooding and power outages across the South, slogged northward.

# Districts don’t change much for school board

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ground — i.e. marked by a rail road or street. Districts shall be contiguous and as compact as practical.

Don Hanna, a planner with the county who appeared with Campbell, said all districts grew in size between 2000 and 2010. Highlands County 2010 census population is 98,786, meaning ideally each district should number 19,757.

District 3 grew the most, by 18.14 percent. It roughly encompasses Sun ’N Lake and Sebring around Lake Jackson and along Sparta Road.

New boundaries adjusted population from District 3

to Districts 1 (Avon Park), 2 (eastern Highlands County) and 5 (western Highlands County). That means only Lake Placid’s boundaries remain the same.

An extra effort was made to be sure there was at least one school in every district. That has not always been the case in the past

Campbell said because school board and county commissioners were elected countywide, districts were not actually an issue. Because state and federal elections are held within districts, however, the state’s redistricting effort could have a political impact.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

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booked into the Highlands County Jail on Tuesday, Sept. 6:

◆ Jeffrey Armstrong Bayne, 67, of Fort Myers, was charged for lewd and lascivious behavior; and sexual assault.

◆ Ryon Graham Bland, 24, of Lake Placid, was charged with resisting law enforcement officer without violence.

◆ Lamar Tyrone Chester, 24, of Avon Park, was charged for resisting officer, obstruction without violence; burglary of occupied dwelling, unarmed; and felony battery by strangulation.

◆ Phillip Gregory Harper, 36, of Miami, was charged for withholding support, non-support of children or spouse.

◆ Ansley Elizabeth Pardee, 18, of Avon Park, was charged for battery, second or subsequent offense.

◆ Victor Reyes-Hernandez, 19, of Lake Placid, immigration detainer for municipal ordinance violation.

◆ Robert Razon Scott, 26, of Sebring, was charged for knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked.

◆ Jackson Payne Sloan, 21, of Sebring, was charged with larceny or grand theft, two counts; burglary of unoccupied dwelling, unarmed, two counts; and vehicle theft or grand theft.

◆ Tammy Lee Terenzi, 43, of Sebring, was charged with larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense.

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# Wind delays NASA launch of twin moon spacecraft

By **MARCIA DUNN**  
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL — High wind forced NASA on Thursday to delay the launch of twin spacecraft destined for the moon, the first mission dedicated to measuring lunar gravity.

NASA will try again today, despite another poor weather forecast: 60 percent no-go. Launch time is 8:33 a.m. The space agency has just two single-second launch windows every day.

Thursday's countdown made it all the way down to the four-minute mark, but was halted because of gusty wind high up in the flight path.

The mission is the first in more than 50 years of lunar exploration that's dedicated to measuring the moon's uneven gravity — about one-sixth Earth's pull. None of the world's previous 100-plus moonshots — dating back to 1959, including the

six Apollo landings from 1969 through 1972 — focused on probing what lies beneath the lunar surface.

The twin spacecraft named Grail-A and Grail-B will go into orbit around the moon and chase one another. By measuring the varying gap between the two satellites, scientists will be able to create a precise map of the moon's gravitational field. That will shed light on the composition of the moon's interior, as well as the past 4 billion years.

Each of the washing machine-sized spacecraft also holds four cameras that are part of an educational program led by Sally Ride, the first American woman in space. Middle school students around the world will be able to choose lunar targets for picture-taking.

The Grail mission — short for Gravity Recovery and Interior Laboratory — costs

\$496 million.

NASA anticipated more than 6,000 guests for Thursday's launch attempt, a big turnout for a school day. Grail is only the second mission from Cape Canaveral since the space shuttles retired in July. The Jupiter-bound Juno spacecraft was launched in August and drew a huge crowd — an estimated 12,000 guests — to Kennedy Space Center.

Unmanned rockets are the only game in town for Cape Canaveral until private companies are able to launch their own vehicles with astronauts. That won't happen for at least three to five years.

NASA is relying on Russia to launch American astronauts to the International Space Station in the interim. Russian Soyuz rockets are grounded, however, in the wake of a launch accident two weeks ago involving an unmanned supply ship.

# Judge tosses parents' negligence lawsuit against SeaWorld

Associated Press

ORLANDO — A Florida judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by New Hampshire parents who claimed their 10-year-old son suffered emotional distress when he witnessed a killer whale drown a SeaWorld trainer.

Last week, Judge Julie O'Kane ruled that Suzanne and Todd Connell's lawsuit was futile because it did not show how SeaWorld harmed the child. In December, the judge dismissed another part of the negligence claim.

The Orlando Sentinel reports the judge's ruling also noted she could not find any case in which a complete stranger to an injured party was allowed to go forward with a lawsuit claiming negligent infliction of emotional distress.

The Somersworth, N.H., couple and their son, Bobby, were attending the Dine With Shamu event when Tilikum, a 12,000-pound killer whale, pulled trainer Dawn Brancheau underwater.

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# Reliving instead of remembering Sept. 11

By AMY WESTFELDT

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The planes will crash. You'll hear police sirens, the voices of those who lived and many who didn't. You'll feel like you're in the buildings. And then they'll fall.

There's long been talk of a room in the Sept. 11 museum that will look something like this. Planners spoke years ago of an "immersive" area where visitors will hear, see and know what Sept. 11 really felt like.

Maybe you'll hear Brian Sweeney, a passenger on United Flight 175, calling his wife minutes before his plane barreled into the World Trade center's south tower.

"Jules, it's Brian. Listen, I'm on an airplane that's been hijacked," his voice cracks. "If things don't go well, it's not looking good, I just want you to know I absolutely love you."

Or Betty Ong, a flight attendant on the second plane that was steered toward New York, talking about a stabbing in business class, a hijacking and something that had been sprayed around the cabin. "We can't breathe," she says.

An immersion room? Who needs one. Ten years after it happened, Sept. 11 is everywhere. It's difficult to move around the country and not experience a sliver of it — the day — in some way. To some extent, the entire nation remains an immersion room.

Look no farther than your smartphone, where StoryCorps promises an oral history for every victim on a 9/11 memorial app. More than half a million text and pager messages sent that day are online, courtesy of Wikileaks. ("DO NOT GET ON THE PATH TRAIN...THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IS ON FIRE," reads one. And there's "President has been rerouted wont be returning to washington but not sure where he will go.")

The Internet Archive just put 3,000 hours of footage

## Essay

online of a week of Sept. 11, 2001, coverage beginning that Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. You can watch the twin towers vaporize into a dust plume on 20 different U.S. and international networks, and hear television anchors struggle to make sense of that incomprehensible event as it happens.

Television brought the 2001 attacks to the world in real time, and forever linked the thousands who lived through it and the millions who watched. It became a collective experience, and, from every angle, one of the most digitally documented events ever. And so it remains.

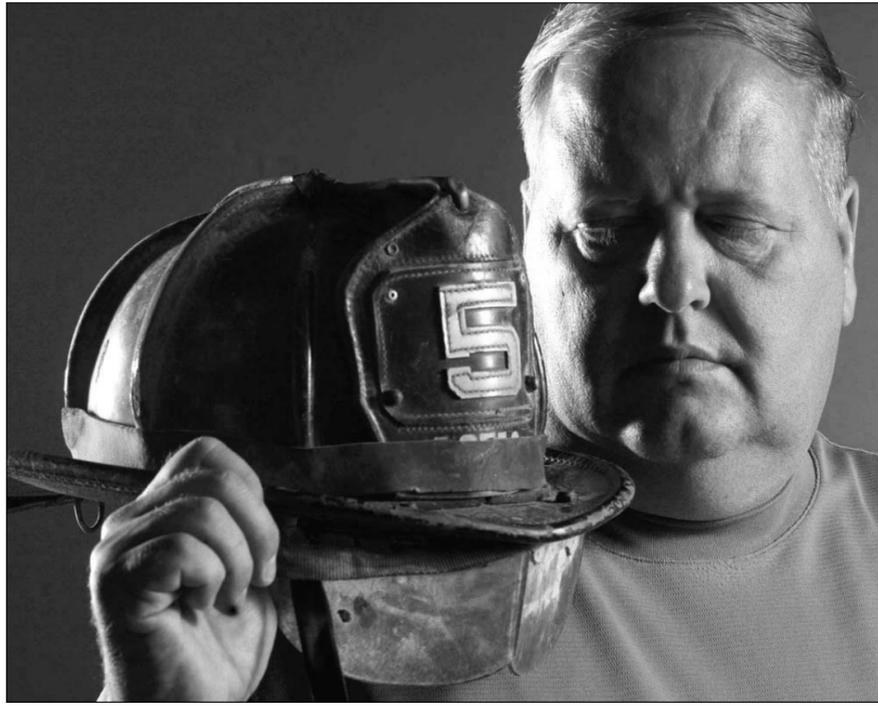
Abraham Zapruder's grainy film of President John F. Kennedy's assassination is invaluable, but it's just one, heavily analyzed angle. There are no emails from Pearl Harbor or D-Day, no text messages from the passengers of the Titanic sent as the great ship went down.

So Sept. 11 will always be different, for the generations that follow. More people will be able to see it and curate their own Sept. 11 story from a wealth of sources. We will never be too far from this past.

For those who lived through it, we can re-experience it on demand, as often as we want. And this anniversary, again, we're doing it.

When it comes to the day, and everyone returns to the day, Sept. 11 is relived more than it is remembered. Why else is it that when the topic comes up in conversation, the first story is one's own. Were you there? Did you know anyone who was?

In the era of 9/11, Wikileaks and a minute-to-minute news cycle, we crave information, and authentic experience. So our experience, and everyone's experience, is of enormous value. It was a shared one. And maybe we just can't understand it still and need to look again.



MCT photo  
Bill Spade holds his fire helmet that was recovered from the rubble of the World Trade Center. Spade was thrown 40 feet after the collapse of the south tower. Eleven of his colleagues from Staten Island's Rescue 5 Company were killed on Sept. 11, 2001. His injuries never allowed him to return to full-time duty, eventually forcing him to retire in 2003.

This anniversary, everyone's looking for 9/11 stories, authentic, up close and personal stories: the survivors, the families, the transformed, the winners, the losers, and the dead.

And we're looking for how it affected everyone.

The AP posted the question on Facebook, asking people around the world to describe their most vivid memory of 9/11. The answers came within minutes, visceral, you-are-there remembrances as if it had just happened yesterday.

Jeremy Suede, now 28, lived in Santa Clara, Calif., at the time. His mother banged on his door to awake him and put him in front of the television. "I got to the tv just in time to see the second plane hit and then I watched in utter disbelief as they fell," he writes. "I remember feeling so helpless and it was the first time in my life something major had happened."

"The Day-9/11." That's the title of the memorial

museum's day-of section, which won't open for a year. As it's described online, it will present the events as they happened, moment by moment.

"Using artifacts, images, video, first-person testimony, and real-time audio recordings from 9/11, the exhibition will provide insight into the human drama underway within the hijacked airplanes, the twin towers, and the Pentagon."

Families had long asked for an exhibit like this, so people would know and understand what happened. Charles Wolf, who lost his wife at the trade center, says it's going to be rough. But "we don't want this to be

forgotten."

The Sept. 11 museum is by no means the first to recreate or simulate cataclysmic American experiences. It's something Americans love — under the right, and sometimes delicate, circumstances.

Civil War re-enactors gather on battlefields every year to feel what their predecessors felt in the midst of the fight, even though their weapons are filled with blanks.

Videogames like "Call of Duty" simulate what it's like to be an American soldier in the middle of modern warfare, be it Afghanistan or Iraq.

At the National Civil

Rights Museum in Memphis, visitors can peer into the hotel room where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. In Dallas, in the former Texas School Book Repository Building, you can stand steps from where Lee Harvey Oswald did when he aimed at the president.

Back in the 1960s, the Cedar Point amusement park had a San Francisco Earthquake Ride modeled after the 1906 disaster, where fiery buildings would look like they were falling down as visitors hurtled in a car down a dark track. At Universal Studio theme parks, tourists survive the frighteningly real (tornadoes), the once real (dinosaurs) and the fancifully fictional (the villains of "Shrek").

At Orlando, visitors can go to "Titanic: The Experience." They board the ill-fated ocean liner, tour staterooms, eat dinner, and touch a frosty stand-in for an iceberg. They are assigned passengers' names and find out at the end if they're among the 700 or so who survived or the 1,500 who drowned on that night in 1912.

How many years away are we from an interactive experience, or an "attraction," in which people go into a reconstructed World Trade Center and try to get out. Fifty years? Twenty? Ten?

It could be called "Escape from the World Trade Center." And everyone who goes could finally know what Sept. 11 really felt like.

Amy Westfeldt has covered post-Sept. 11 issues from New York since 2003 and is the 9/11 anniversary editor for the AP.

## Newly posted audio files reveal Sept. 11, 2001 air traffic horror

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Newly posted audio files depict the horror of 9/11 unfolding from the perspective of air traffic controllers.

The audio files and transcripts appear on the Rutgers Law Review website and were first reported on Thursday by The New York Times.

The discussion topics begin with early reports of hijackings and include the scrambling of fighter jets.

In one excerpt, someone in a New York radar control center says: "Another one just hit the building."

Someone responds: "Oh my God."

And then: "Another one just hit it hard. ... Another one just hit the World Trade."

It's followed by: "The whole building just, ah, came apart."

Someone utters again: "Oh my God."

The audio compilation was made as part of the 9/11 Commission investigation into al-Qaida's attacks, but was not completed before the commission shut down in 2004. Much of the audio and its transcripts have been made public before in hearings, lawsuits and various government reports.

The dean of the Rutgers Law School, John Farmer, was a lawyer for the 9/11 Commission and published many of the transcripts in his

2009 book, "The Ground Truth." Farmer and Rutgers law school students helped finish reviewing and transcribing the final files.

The recordings show the confusion that reigned among military commanders and air traffic controllers after the hijackers turned off their aircraft transponders, making it difficult for radar to track them.

The military learned about the hijacking of American 11 nine minutes before it crashed into the World Trade Center, and was never notified about the other hijackings before those planes crashed.

## NOTICE

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### 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC-11-365 Division

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of John W. Sanders a/k/a John Walter Sanders, deceased, File Number PC-11-365, 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 July 21, 2011; that the total value of the estate is exempt and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

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Clerk of the Circuit Court  
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### 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000590

WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

MOHAMAD A. SARI A/K/A MOHAMAD SARI, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on August 29, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000590 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, is the Plaintiff and MOHAMAD A. SARI A/K/A MOHAMAD SARI; ERIC KOZLOWSKI; ADAM ZANGRILLI; CLOVERLEAF TRAILS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 28th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 34 OF CLOVERLEAF TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE(S) 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000754

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROSELAINE BUSTIN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on August 29, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000754 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and ROSELAINE BUSTIN; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 28th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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Clerk of the Circuit Court  
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### 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2008-CA-000771-GCS

WELLS FARGO BANK NA, PLAINTIFF, VS. TU HAI TRAN, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 17, 2010, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Highlands, Florida, on September 16, 2011, at 11:00 AM, at Basement of courthouse in Jury Assembly Room - 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 for the following described property:

Lot 4, Block 234, EAST-PALMHURST, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 72, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, LESS that portion of said Lot 4 more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 4; thence South 00degrees 40'15" West along the West line of said Lot 4 for a distance of 10.00 feet; thence North 89degrees 27' 31" East for a distance of 8.69 feet to the Point of Curvature of a non-tangent curve concave in a Northeasterly direction; thence along the arc of said curve to the left (curve having for its elements a radius of 60.00 feet, a central angle of 46degrees 42'36" and a chord bearing of South 59degrees 34'40" East for a distance of 48.91 feet to a point on the Easterly line of Lot 4; thence North 00degrees 40'15" East and along the East line of said Lot 4; thence South 89degrees 27' 31" West and along the North Line of said Lot 4 for a distance of 50.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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DATED: August 23, 2011.

By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo  
Deputy Clerk of the Court  
Prepared by:  
Gladstone Law Group, P.A.  
1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300  
Boca Raton, FL 33486

### 1050 Legals

owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court this 30th day of August, 2011.

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By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
As Deputy Clerk  
September 9, 16, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000305

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

FRANK B. SONTOWSKI JR., et al, Defendants).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on August 29, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000305 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and FRANK B. SONTOWSKI JR.; LAURI A. SONTOWSKI; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 28th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 13, BLOCK 146, LAKEWOOD TERRACES, SHEET 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 94, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3918 ELSON AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33875

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on August 30, 2011.

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By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk

### 1050 Legals

Cynthia M. Holland  
604 Cattfish Creek Road  
Lake Placid, FL 33852

Deborah Kay Delaria  
7913 Prairie Creek Lane  
Otsego, MN 55330

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 September 2, 2011.

Person Giving Notice:  
Susan J. Harrison  
717 Lancrel Road  
Warrenton, VA 20186  
Cynthia M. Holland  
604 Cattfish Creek Road  
Lake Placid, FL 33852  
Deborah Kay Delaria  
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### 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 28-2011-CA-000442

CENLAR FSB Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBIN L. O'BRIAN A/K/A ROBIN LYNN STEPHENSON A/K/A ROBIN L. BELL A/K/A ROBIN LYNN BELL A/K/A ROBIN LYNN O'BRIAN A/K/A ROBIN LYNN O'BRIAN, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:

ROBIN L. O'BRIAN A/K/A ROBIN LYNN STEPHENSON A/K/A ROBIN L. BELL A/K/A ROBIN LYNN BELL A/K/A ROBIN LYNN O'BRIAN A/K/A ROBIN LYNN O'BRIAN CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 551 DAL HALL BLVD LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-5446

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL J. STEPHENSON A/K/A MICHAEL JOSEPH STEPHENSON CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 3 W 4TH ST FULTON, NY 13069

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBIN L. O'BRIAN A/K/A ROBIN LYNN STEPHENSON A/K/A ROBIN L. BELL A/K/A ROBIN LYNN BELL A/K/A ROBIN LYNN O'BRIAN CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 551 DAL HALL BLVD LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-5446

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

LOTS 17 AND 18, BLOCK 212, OF LEISURE LAKES, SECTION FOURTEEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 67, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

commonly known as 856 AMARANTH ST, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852 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 October 7, 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 29, 2011.

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

(COURT SEAL)

September 2, 9, 2011

### 1050 Legals

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September 9, 16, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000572

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

LARRY T. RUSE, II A/K/A LARRY RUSE, II, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on August 29, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000572 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and LARRY T. RUSE, II A/K/A LARRY RUE, II; REBECCA RUSE A/K/A REBECCA AT BARTOW NA; HIGHLANDS COUNTY; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 28th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 9, BLOCK 153, NORTHSIDE SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 32 AND 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 5731 OAK BEND AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33875

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on August 30, 2011.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk

### 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28 2008 CA 001020

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST 2004-4 Plaintiff, vs. BOADIL ZAMORA, ET AL., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure dated May 5, 2009 and entered in Case No. 28 2008 CA 001020 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST 2004-4, is Plaintiff and BOADIL ZAMORA; ILIANA ALVARES; \_\_\_; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BOADIL ZAMORA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ILIANA ALVARES, IF ANY; JOHN DOE OR ANY OTHER PARTY IN POSSESSION; BANK OF AMERICA N.A. are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 a.m., on the 27th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6, BLOCK 13, OF LAKE HAVEN ESTATES SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Street Address: 4600 LAKE HAVEN BLVD., SEBRING, FLORIDA 33875

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000579

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIE RAY REVELS A/K/A WILLIE RAY REVELS, SR., et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on August 29, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000579 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and WILLIE RAY REVELS A/K/A WILLIE RAY REVELS, SR.; AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 28th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 4542, LOT 4543, AND THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 4544, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT 15, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, AT PAGE 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Attorneys for Personal Representative:  
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SEBRING, FL 33870  
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By: /s/ Thomas L. Nunnallee  
THOMAS L. NUNNALLEE  
Florida Bar No. 0062162  
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September 2, 9, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000579

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE No.: 09-1759-GCS  
 HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2007-WM2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff, vs.  
 Allen O'Malley, Aracelis Mejia O'Malley a/k/a Aracelis O'Malley, MERS as nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp. and Aracelis O'Malley, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 29, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09-1759-GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2007-WM2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, is Plaintiff and Allen O'Malley, Aracelis Mejia O'Malley a/k/a Aracelis O'Malley, MERS as nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp. and Aracelis O'Malley, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 27th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 5, Block 33, Sebring Country Estates Section 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 34, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.  
 Street Address: 3318 Hawk Street, Sebring, FL 33872  
 and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 Dated at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 30th day of August, 2011.

Bob Germaine  
 Clerk of said Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 September 9, 16, 2011

**1055 Highlands County Legals**

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 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
 GENERAL SERVICES & PURCHASING  
 NOTICE OF INTERNET AUCTION

START DATE: Friday  
 September 9, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. END

DATE: Monday  
 September 19, 2011  
 at 6:00 P.M. through 10:00 P.M.

LOCATION / WEBSITE: GOVDEALS.COM

Pursuant to Florida Statutes and Board adopted policies, the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (HCBOC), Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, has declared various items as surplus property and have therefore authorized an Internet Auction to be conducted for the purpose of disposing of all said property.  
 A list of specific surplus items may be obtained from the following locations and/or by requesting a list by fax (863-402-6735) or email to HYPERLINK "mailto:stbutler@hcbcc.org" stbutler@hcbcc.org or HYPERLINK "mailto:kbaker@hcbcc.org" kbaker@hcbcc.org  
 1) HC Purchasing Department, 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875-5803. Contacts: Sandra Butler at (863)402-6527 or Kelley Baker at (863)402-6511.  
 2) HC Government Center, 600 S. Commerce Ave., 2nd Floor - BCC Receptionist, Sebring, FL 33870 at (863)402-6500.  
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 Note: All property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis. The HCBOC reserves the right to add or delete items from GovDeals' Website at anytime during the Internet bidding dates above.  
 Board of County Commissioners/Purchasing Department-Highlands County, Florida  
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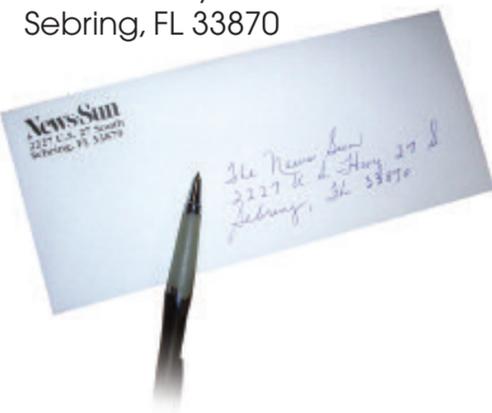
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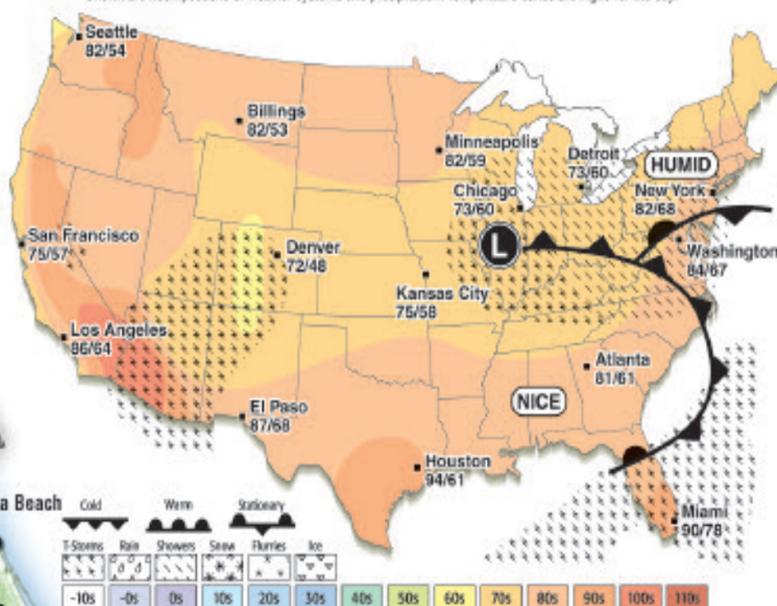
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	A t-storm possible in the afternoon	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Some sun with t-storms possible
89° / 74°	92° / 76°	93° / 74°	91° / 74°	91° / 73°
Winds: SW at 4-8 mph	Winds: S at 4-8 mph	Winds: E at 7-14 mph	Winds: E at 8-16 mph	Winds: E at 7-14 mph

National Forecast for September 9

Show are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



Almanac

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

High Sunday	96°
Low Sunday	72°
High Monday	94°
Low Monday	75°
High Tuesday	87°
Low Tuesday	70°
High Wednesday	90°
Low Wednesday	69°

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

Relative humidity	58%
Expected air temperature	88°
Makes it feel like	96°

**Barometer**

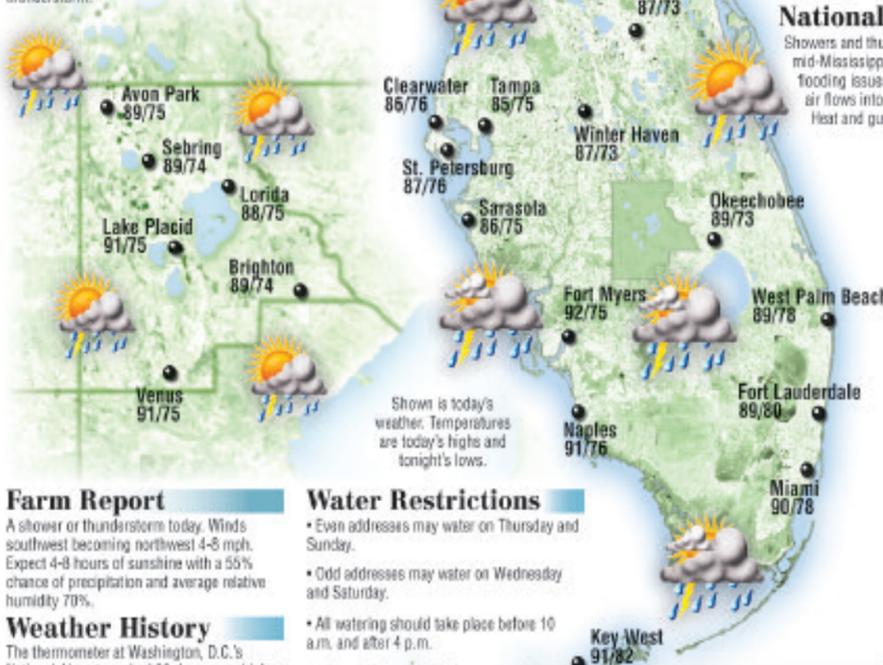
Monday	29.77
Tuesday	29.87
Wednesday	29.85

**Precipitation**

Monday	0.52"
Tuesday	0.62"
Wednesday	0.29"
Month to date	2.11"
Year to date	36.83"

Regional Summary

Some sun today with a shower or thunderstorm. A shower or thunderstorm around in the evening; otherwise, mostly cloudy tonight. A shower or thunderstorm tomorrow afternoon. Sunday: chance of an afternoon shower or thunderstorm.



Farm Report

A shower or thunderstorm today. Winds southwest becoming northwest 4-8 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%.

Weather History

The thermometer at Washington, D.C.'s National Airport reached 90 degrees or higher for a record 60th time in 1980 by Sept. 9.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:09 a.m.	7:10 a.m.
Sunset	7:37 p.m.	7:36 p.m.
Moonrise	5:53 p.m.	6:28 p.m.
Moonset	4:40 a.m.	5:34 a.m.



Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	91/75t	93/75t	92/77pc	Miami	90/78t	90/81t	91/79pc
Clearwater	86/76t	92/78t	92/78pc	Okeechobee	89/73t	90/76t	89/75pc
Orlando	87/73t	92/76t	91/73pc	Pembroke Pines	89/78t	92/78t	91/80pc
St. Petersburg	87/76t	91/77t	91/78t	St. Augustine	82/70s	85/75t	89/74pc
Tallahassee	86/62s	91/67t	93/73pc	Tampa	85/75t	91/77t	91/78pc
Fort Myers	92/75t	93/76t	91/77pc	West Palm Bch	89/78t	90/79t	90/78pc
Fort Lauderdale	89/80t	90/82t	89/80pc	Winter Haven	87/73t	93/76t	93/74pc
Jacksonville	86/66s	87/70t	89/71pc				
Key West	91/82t	90/81t	90/81pc				

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

National Summary

Showers and thunderstorms associated with once-Tropical Storm Lee will rumble from the mid-Atlantic to the mid-Mississippi Valley today. While the rain will not fall steadily for hours, localized downpours could create new flooding issues across the mid-Atlantic. Meanwhile, dry weather will prevail across New England as comfortable air flows into the South. The exception will be the Florida Peninsula, where a couple of thunderstorms will occur. Heat and gusty winds will remain absent from the southern Plains.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Abuquerque	75/59t	79/61pc	83/62pc	Los Angeles	86/64s	80/63pc	80/63pc
Atlanta	81/61s	84/63s	83/63s	Louisville	78/59t	77/63t	81/63t
Baltimore	84/66t	84/64t	80/62t	Memphis	79/61s	86/63s	85/65pc
Birmingham	82/56pc	85/58s	86/61s	Minneapolis	73/61pc	75/60pc	74/62s
Boston	80/64pc	73/56pc	71/59pc	Nashville	82/59s	80/62s	83/62s
Charlotte	84/62s	86/59s	87/60s	New Orleans	84/65s	88/69s	88/71s
Chicago	73/63c	77/61t	79/62t	New York City	82/68t	80/64t	76/65t
Cleveland	76/61t	76/60t	74/60t	Norfolk	84/68pc	85/68s	85/68pc
Columbus	76/59t	79/60t	75/62t	Oklaoma City	80/58s	85/61s	84/62s
Dallas	86/62s	91/66s	94/67s	Philadelphia	84/68t	82/67t	80/65t
Denver	72/48pc	76/51s	83/56s	Phoenix	104/84t	100/80t	97/80pc
Detroit	73/60c	73/59t	77/60t	Pittsburgh	76/60t	76/60t	76/59t
Harroburg	84/64t	82/61t	76/60t	Portland, ME	80/57pc	72/49pc	67/55pc
Honolulu	87/73s	88/73s	88/73s	Portland, OR	88/58s	96/59s	92/60s
Houston	94/61s	94/64s	94/67s	Raleigh	85/64s	88/64s	89/64pc
Indianapolis	74/58t	75/60t	76/60t	Rochester	78/59c	76/54pc	75/58pc
Jackson, MS	81/63s	88/57s	87/59s	St. Louis	72/59t	77/62t	77/64pc
Kansas City	75/58t	77/59t	80/62s	San Francisco	75/57pc	69/56pc	67/56pc
Lexington	74/57t	77/57t	80/60t	Seattle	82/54s	87/57s	84/57s
Little Rock	80/60s	87/63s	83/61pc	Wash., DC	84/67t	84/67t	84/67t

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	98/75t	91/77pc	88/77t	London	72/57sh	75/57t	66/53t
Athens	84/76s	87/74s	88/79s	Montreal	74/49s	69/53pc	72/55s
Beirut	81/69s	82/73s	86/72s	Moscow	63/50sh	61/51sh	58/51sh
Berlin	67/67c	70/66pc	84/67pc	Nice	81/65s	79/69s	81/65s
Bermuda	83/75sh	82/74pc	83/74s	Ottawa	74/48s	69/50pc	74/53s
Calgary	86/49s	81/51s	74/44s	Quincy	74/48s	69/50pc	70/53s
Dublin	66/54pc	64/52t	61/54sh	Rio de Janeiro	84/71s	82/70pc	76/68t
Edmonton	85/48s	83/46s	87/39pc	Seoul	80/65sh	84/66pc	77/66t
Fredericton	98/77t	98/78t	90/77s	Singapore	87/77sh	86/76t	84/76t
Geneva	75/58s	80/59s	79/50t	Sydney	61/40t	63/43sh	66/43sh
Havana	98/73t	98/75t	88/75t	Toronto	76/57c	70/55pc	74/53pc
Hong Kong	90/81sh	89/81t	88/81t	Vancouver	76/59s	82/59s	78/55s
Jerusalem	78/59s	78/62s	78/62s	Vienna	66/61c	78/67s	85/68s
Johannesburg	80/72s	82/53s	79/56s	Warsaw	63/46pc	68/53c	78/59pc
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## Hog Hunts

Special to the News-Sun

Southwest Florida Water Management District land managers plan to hold a series of hog hunts on District land this fall and winter to help reduce the wild hog population.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, prospective hunters can purchase permits for these hunts on the District's website at [www.WaterMatters.org/HogHunt](http://www.WaterMatters.org/HogHunt).

Permits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis through 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, or until they are sold out.

The cost is \$50 for each permit.

All hunts will adhere to the hog-dog format.

No still hunts will be available.

Wild hogs, which are not native to Florida, feed on roots, tubers and grubs by rooting with their broad snouts and can leave an area looking like a plowed field.

They also prey on native wildlife, compete with native species for food and transmit diseases to other wildlife, livestock and humans. Additionally, hogs may facilitate the spread of exotic plant species by transporting seeds and/or providing germination sites through rooting.

The District allows hogs to be controlled through hunts when the damage they cause is at unacceptable levels.

Damage from hogs is occurring more frequently and with increasing severity.

Here's where and when the hunts will be held:

Upper Hillsborough Preserve-Alston Tract  
Pasco County  
Nov. 15-17  
McGregor Smith Scout Reservation  
Citrus County  
Dec. 6-8  
Jan. 24-26  
Green Swamp Wilderness  
Preserve-Hampton Tract  
Polk County  
Dec. 13-15  
Edward W. Chance Reserve-Coker Prairie Tract  
Manatee County  
Jan. 10-12  
Feb. 7-9  
Little Manatee River Southfork Tract  
Manatee County  
Jan. 17-19  
Conner Preserve  
Pasco County  
Feb. 7-9

The District-managed properties will be temporarily closed to the public during the hog hunts. Only permitted hunters will be allowed access.

In addition to obtaining a permit online, maps and hunting rules of the areas where the hunts will take place are available on the District's website at [www.WaterMatters.org/HogHunt](http://www.WaterMatters.org/HogHunt).

This is the fourth consecutive year for the hunts. Last year's hunts removed one hundred hogs from four different tracts of land throughout the District.



A litter of Florida panthers.

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## Panther conservation progress comes with sets of challenges

MyFWC.com

Efforts to recover the Florida panther population are showing success with a steady rise in numbers to an estimated 100 to 160 adults of this federally endangered species living in South Florida, according to a report presented Sept. 7 to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

"Panthers are very difficult to count, but there is no ques-

tion that conservation efforts have reversed the downward spiral toward extinction of this imperiled species," said Kipp Frohlich, head of the Imperiled Species Management Section at the FWC.

Last year the FWC revised its official estimate upward to as many as 160 adults in the panther's primary range of South Florida.

At any given time the total number of panthers may vary,

because the estimate does not include the addition of kittens or losses due to a variety of causes.

In addition, there are an unknown small number of male panthers dispersed into Central or North Florida.

The FWC is working with partners to develop better methods to count panthers and assess the statewide population.

In the 1970s, the panther  
See PANTHERS, Page 4B

## PREGAME PRIMER

Your Quick Guide To This Week's Action



**Avon Park**  
vs.  
**Hardee**

**Records**

Avon Park 1-0; Hardee 1-0

**Game Notes**

- The Wildcats ran past Ft. Meade with a 21-6 win last week.
- The Red Devils proved tough defensively in holding down Frostproof 7-6 in last Friday's game.

**Coach Speak**

**Avon Park's Andy Bonjokian:** "This is the Hardee of old. They move well, are coached well and execute. We'll have to match their execution and our defense needs to match last week's effort. It's a game we're definitely up for."



**Lake Placid**  
at  
**Moore Haven**

**2010 Records**

Lake Placid 1-0; Moore Haven

**Game Notes**

- The Terriers won a shootout with the First Baptist Academy by a 41-31 score last Friday.
- Lake Placid blew past the Storm, 42-9 at Celebration last week.

**Coach Speak**

**Lake Placid's Jason Holden:** "Moore Haven runs an option offense and has a lot of speed, so it is important for us to maintain assignments and contain them. Our quarterback, Tyler Kelsen, is improving every day and gaining confidence"



**Sebring**  
at  
**Frostproof**

**2010 Records**

Sebring 1-0; Frostproof 0-1

**Game Notes**

- Frostproof was held in check in a 7-6 loss against Avon Park last week.
- Though he gained 30 yards on 16 carries in last week's 9-7 win over DeSoto, Damion Thompson had 26 of those on his final five, crucial carries.

**Coach Speak**

**Sebring's LaVaar Scott:** "They're a lot like DeSoto. They're very fast and physical and run the same type of offense. We just have to keep working, play our game and we should be all right."

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



Eagle John Henry Alexander runs the ball for a touchdown during last Saturday's Flag team win over Lakeland.

Courtesy photo

## Highlands handles Patriots

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK - Highlands Youth Football and Cheer hosted its third game of the season on Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Avon Park High School field, with the Eagles taking on the Lakeland Patriots.

The Eagles were ready for battle after several exciting games last week and looked to bring in some more "Ws" this week.

The first team to take the field was the Flag team, ages 5- and 6-years old, lead by head coach Bob Ford.

The team came out with a purpose and scored on one of their first plays.

A long touchdown run by Fred Hankerson and a two-point conversion on a pass play thrown by Ezera Jackson to Kaden D'Amico put the Eagles on top early.

The Patriots quickly answered with a score of their own, but the Eagles marched right back down the field with a 25-yard run by D'Amico that was capped off by Hankerson's second touchdown.

The Patriots tried to answer with a long run that was stopped for a first down on the five-yard line.

But thanks to key stops by Damien Wheelock and Logan

Miexner, the Patriots came up empty for a 14-7 halftime lead.

The second half was a lot like the first, with two touchdowns and a safety by John Alexander.

The defense came out strong with key stops by John Deluca, Bryant Johnson, William King and Parker Ford.

The Patriots would score again but come up short in the Eagles 29-18 win.

Next to take the field was the Mighty Might team, ages 7, 8 and 9, lead by head coach, Willis McGuire.

See HYF, Page 3B



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Brittany Collison celebrates a score in Lake Placid's three-set sweep of Hardee Tuesday night.

## Lady Dragons sweep Hardee

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID - It was a brutal start that paved the way to a more comfortable finish as Lake Placid swept past Hardee Tuesday night.

Though an improving squad, the Lady Wildcats aren't yet up to the level of the six-time defending district champion Dragons.

An 8-3 lead in the opening set, however, might have made it seem otherwise.

But it was more the issue of Lake Placid's intensity not fully being there and leading to mistakes.

"We weren't talking or coming together," outside hitter Alana Nielander said. "But then we picked it up."

They did, for a time, in a furious rally that turned the 8-3 deficit into a 20-11 lead.

Included in the scoring binge were aces from Taylor Miller, Laine Weber-Callahan and Brittany Collison, a block and kill from Nielander and kills from Samantha Phipers and Marissa Baldwin.

But then, suddenly, the run ended and a lull set in and more errors were made, allowing the Lady Cats to close the gap as an 11-3 run soon made it a

23-22 score.

A Phipers kill, though, stemmed the tide and set up the final score in the 25-22 win.

"We are still working on keeping our intensity level up," head coach Linette Wells said.

"But one thing I can say about this team is that no matter the intensity, they always find a way to step up, play as a team and get the win."

It didn't look like things were going to pick up anytime soon when the first four points of the second set were on consecutive service errors that saw a 2-2 tie.

But Lake Placid soon got back into form, with Baldwin serving up an ace for the Dragons third point.

From there, kills from Miller, Nielander and Breanna Corley and an ace from Ashley Townsend saw the gals in green cruise to a 25-11 win.

The run and intensity level stayed in high gear in the 25-13 clincher to move the team to 2-1 on the young season.

Collison had another big night on the back line, racking up 16 digs while also stepping up behind the line with 20 of 22 serving efficiency and five aces.

See LP, Page 3B

# THE SCOREBOARD

## Major League Baseball

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	87	54	.617	—
Boston	85	57	.599	2½
Tampa Bay	78	64	.549	9½
Toronto	71	72	.497	17
Baltimore	56	85	.397	31

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	81	62	.566	—
Chicago	71	70	.504	9
Cleveland	70	70	.500	9½
Kansas City	60	84	.417	21½
Minnesota	59	84	.413	22

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	81	63	.563	—
Los Angeles	78	65	.545	2½
Oakland	65	78	.455	15½
Seattle	59	83	.415	21

### Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 3  
 Detroit 10, Cleveland 1  
 Boston 14, Toronto 0  
 Texas 8, Tampa Bay 0  
 Chicago White Sox 3, Minnesota 0  
 Kansas City 7, Oakland 4  
 Seattle 2, L.A. Angels 1

### Wednesday's Games

Detroit 8, Cleveland 6  
 Baltimore 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 11 innings  
 Tampa Bay 5, Texas 4, 10 innings  
 Oakland 7, Kansas City 0  
 Toronto 11, Boston 10  
 Minnesota 5, Chicago White Sox 4  
 L.A. Angels 3, Seattle 1

### Thursday's Games

N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, late  
 Boston at Toronto, late  
 Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, late  
 Kansas City at Seattle, late

### Friday's Games

Minnesota (Slowey 0-4) at Detroit (Penny 9-10), 7:05 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Guthrie 6-17) at Toronto (Cecil 4-8), 7:07 p.m.  
 Boston (Lackey 12-11) at Tampa Bay (W.Davis 9-8), 7:10 p.m.  
 Oakland (McCarthy 8-7) at Texas (C.Lewis 11-10), 8:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland (J.Gomez 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 11-7), 8:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees (Colon 8-9) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 16-7), 10:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City (Francis 5-15) at Seattle (Beavan 3-5), 10:10 p.m.

### LEAGUE LEADERS

**BATTING** – Gonzalez, BOS, .343; Young, TEX, .333; Cabrera, DET, .332; Martinez, DET, .326; Ortiz, BOS, .319  
**HOME RUNS** – Bautista, TOR, 40; Granderson, NYY, 38; Teixeira, NYY, 36; Reynolds, BAL, 32; Ortiz, BOS, 29  
**RBI** – Granderson, NYY, 109; Gonzalez, BOS, 106; Cano, NYY, 105; Teixeira, NYY, 102; Cabrera, DET, 95  
**DOUBLES** – Francoeur, KC, 44; Zobrist, TB, 44; Gonzalez, BOS, 43; Gordon, KC, 42; Cano, NYY, 40  
**WINS** – Verlander, DET, 22-5; Sabathia, NYY, 19-7; Weaver, LAA, 16-7; Nova, NYY, 15-4; Lester, BOS, 15-6; Wilson, TEX, 15-6  
**STRIKEOUTS** – Verlander, DET, 232; Sabathia, NYY, 211; Hernandez, SEA, 211; Shields, TB, 205; Price, TB, 200  
**SAVES** – Valverde, DET, 42; Rivera, NYY, 39; League, SEA, 33; C. Perez, CLE, 32

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	91	48	.655	—
Atlanta	82	60	.577	10½
New York	70	71	.496	22
Washington	65	75	.464	26½
Florida	63	79	.444	29½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	85	59	.590	—
St. Louis	76	67	.531	8½
Cincinnati	70	73	.490	14½
Pittsburgh	66	77	.462	18½
Chicago	62	81	.434	22½
Houston	48	95	.336	36½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	82	61	.573	—
San Francisco	75	68	.524	7
Los Angeles	69	72	.489	12
Colorado	67	76	.469	15
San Diego	62	81	.434	20

### Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 3  
 Houston 4, Pittsburgh 1  
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Washington 3  
 N.Y. Mets 7, Florida 4, 12 innings  
 Cincinnati 4, Chicago Cubs 2, 13 innings

### Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 1, Florida 0  
 San Diego 3, San Francisco 1  
 Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2  
 Pittsburgh 5, Houston 4  
 L.A. Dodgers at Washington, p.p.d., rain  
 Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 3  
 St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 0  
 Arizona 5, Colorado 3

### Thursday's Games

L.A. Dodgers at Washington, 1st game, late  
 Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 1st game, late  
 L.A. Dodgers at Washington, 2nd game, late  
 Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 2nd game, late  
 Philadelphia at Milwaukee, late  
 San Diego at Arizona, late

### Friday's Games

Florida (Nolasco 9-10) at Pittsburgh (Ohlendorf 0-1), 7:05 p.m.  
 Houston (Norris 6-9) at Washington (Milone 0-0), 7:05 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs (C.Coleman 2-7) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 7-11), 7:10 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Halladay 16-5) at Milwaukee (Marcum 12-5), 8:10 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Delgado 0-1) at St. Louis (E.Jackson 4-2), 8:15 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (H.Bailey 7-7) at Colorado (Chacin 11-10), 8:40 p.m.  
 San Diego (Latos 7-13) at Arizona (D.Hudson 15-9), 9:40 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 17-5) at San Francisco (Lincecum 12-12), 10:15 p.m.

### LEAGUE LEADERS

**BATTING** – Reyes, NYM, .335; Braun, MIL, .332; Kemp, LAD, .319; Votto, CIN, .317; Morse, WAS, .311  
**HOME RUNS** – Pujols, STL, 34; Uggla, ATL, 33; Kemp, LAD, 32; Stanton, FLA, 32; Fielder, MIL, 31; Howard, PHI, 31  
**RBI** – Fielder, MIL, 108; Howard, PHI, 108; Kemp, LAD, 107; Tulowitzki, COL, 103; Braun, MIL, 95



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### BOXING SATURDAY

**4:45 p.m.** Tomasz Adamek vs. Vitali Klitschko . . . . HBO  
**10:30 p.m.** Yuriorkis Giamoba vs. Dan Ponce deLeon HBO

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL FRIDAY

**7 p.m.** Florida International at Louisville . . . . ESPN  
**10:30 p.m.** Missouri at Arizona State . . . . . ESPN

**SATURDAY**

**Noon** Mississippi State at Auburn . . . . . 38  
**Noon** Oregon State at Wisconsin . . . . . ESPN  
**Noon** Florida Atlantic at Michigan State . . . . ESPN2  
**12:30 p.m.** Rutgers at North Carolina . . . . . 44  
**3:30 p.m.** Alabama at Penn State . . . . . ABC  
**3:30 p.m.** Cincinnati at Tennessee . . . . . ESPN2  
**3:30 p.m.** North Carolina State at Wake Forest . . . SUN  
**4:30 p.m.** South Carolina at Georgia . . . . . ESPN  
**7 p.m.** BYU at Texas . . . . . ESPN2  
**8 p.m.** Notre Dame at Michigan . . . . . ESPN

### GOLF FRIDAY

**9 a.m.** EuroPGA – KLM Open . . . . . GOLF  
**3 p.m.** LPGA – NW Arkansas Championship. . . GOLF

**SATURDAY**

**3 p.m.** LPGA – NW Arkansas Championship. . . GOLF

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FRIDAY

**7 p.m.** Boston at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN

**SATURDAY**

**4 p.m.** Regional – Cleveland at Chicago White Sox or Minnesota at Detroit. . . . . FOX  
**7 p.m.** Boston at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN

### NASCAR RACING FRIDAY

**Noon** Wonderful Pistachios 400, Practice . . . ESPN2  
**4 p.m.** College Savings 250, Qualifying . . . . . ESPN2  
**5:30 p.m.** Wonderful Pistachios 400, Qualifying. . ESPN2  
**7:30 p.m.** Virginia 529 College Savings 250. . . . . ESPN2

**SATURDAY**

**7:30 p.m.** Wonderful Pistachios 400. . . . . ABC

### PREMIUM LEAGUE SOCCER SATURDAY

**9:55 a.m.** Sunderland vs. Chelsea . . . . . ESPN2

### U.S. OPEN TENNIS FRIDAY

**12:30 p.m.** Men's Doubles Finals, Women's Semis . . . CBS

**SATURDAY**

**Noon** Men's Semifinals. . . . . CBS  
**8 p.m.** Women's Final . . . . . CBS

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

**DOUBLES** – Upton, ARI, 38; Tulowitzki, COL, 36; Braun, MIL, 35; Four tied at 34  
**WINS** – Kennedy, ARI, 18-4; Kershaw, LAD, 17-5; Halladay, 16-5; Lee, PHL, 16-7; Hudson, ARI, 15-9; Gallardo, MIL, 15-10  
**STRIKEOUTS** – Kershaw, LAD, 222; Lee, PHL, 204; Lincecum, SF, 200; Halladay, PHL, 195; **ASanchez, FLA, 173**; Greinke, MIL, 172  
**SAVES** – Kimbrel, ATL, 42; Axford, MIL, 41; Putz, ATL, 37; Bell, SD, 36; Hanrahan, PIT, 36; Wilson, SF, 35

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Minnesota	25	7	.781	—
x-Seattle	19	13	.594	6
x-Phoenix	18	13	.581	6
x-San Antonio	16	16	.500	9
Los Angeles	13	19	.406	12
Tulsa	3	28	.097	21½

x-clinched playoff spot

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Atlanta 85, Connecticut 74  
 San Antonio 82, Los Angeles 65

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Indiana 87, Washington 69

**Thursday's Games**  
 Chicago at Minnesota, late  
 Tulsa at Phoenix, late

**Friday's Games**  
 Indiana at New York, 7 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.  
 Tulsa at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

### Transactions

**BASEBALL American League**  
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated OF Trevor Crowe from the 15-day DL. Designated OF Jerad Head for assignment.

**National League**  
 PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Activated OF Ryan Ludwick from the 15-day DL.

**FOOTBALL National Football League**  
 CHICAGO BEARS—Signed FB Tyler Clutts to a three-year contract from the Cleveland practice squad.  
 CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed FB Eddie Williams to practice squad.  
 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed TE Dan Gronkowski. Released DL Gerard Warren and CB Darius Butler. Claimed LB A.J. Edds off waivers from Miami.  
 SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Agreed to terms with P Mike Scifres on a five-year contract extension.  
**Canadian Football League**  
 EDMONTON Eskimos—Released WR Brad Smith and DB Brian Bonner. Signed DB Denatay Heard to the practice roster.

**HOCKEY National Hockey League**  
 VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Signed G Manny Legace and F Steve Begin.

### Major League Soccer

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	11	8	7	40	31	30
Sporting KC	9	8	10	37	40	36
Philadelphia	8	7	11	35	35	30
Houston	8	8	11	35	34	33
New York	6	6	14	32	41	37
D.C.	7	7	10	31	34	35
Chicago	4	7	15	27	30	33
New England	4	11	12	24	30	43
Toronto FC	4	12	12	24	26	49

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	14	3	10	52	39	22
Seattle	13	5	9	48	42	29
FC Dallas	13	7	7	46	36	29
Real Salt Lake	12	7	6	42	35	21
Colorado	10	7	11	41	39	36
Portland	9	12	5	32	33	41
Chivas USA	7	10	10	31	32	30
San Jose	5	10	11	26	27	35
Vancouver	4	13	9	21	27	42

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

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Philadelphia 4, New England 4, tie

**Friday's Games**  
 Colorado at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
 Real Salt Lake at Seattle FC, 4 p.m.  
 Houston at Sporting Kansas City, 4 p.m.  
 Vancouver at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Portland at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
 FC Dallas at New England, 7:30 p.m.  
 Toronto FC at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.  
 D.C. United at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

### WNBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Indiana	21	11	.656	—
x-Connecticut	20	13	.606	1½
x-Atlanta	19	14	.576	2½
x-New York	18	14	.563	3
Chicago	14	17	.452	6½
Washington	6	27	.182	15½

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

# LOCAL SCHEDULE



**TODAY:** Football vs. Hardee, 7:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Bartow Tournament, TBD  
**SATURDAY:** Volleyball at Bartow Tournament, TBD  
**TUESDAY:** Volleyball vs. DeSoto, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Golf vs. Auburndale, River Greens, 4 p.m.  
**THURSDAY:** JV Football vs. Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.; Swimming at Lake Placid, 5:30 p.m.



**FRIDAY:** Football at Moore Haven, 7:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Bartow Tournament, TBD  
**SATURDAY:** Volleyball at Bartow Tournament, TBD  
**TUESDAY:** Swimming at Avon Park, 5:30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY:** JV Football vs. Frostproof, 7 p.m.; Volleyball at Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.; Swimming vs. Avon Park, Hardee, 5:30 p.m.



**FRIDAY:** Football at Frostproof, 7 p.m.; Volleyball at Bartow Tournament, TBD; Bowling vs. Port St. Lucie, 3:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY:** Volleyball at Bartow Tournament, TBD  
**TUESDAY:** Boys Golf vs. Auburndale, All Saints, Sun 'N Lake, 4 p.m.; Swimming at Winter Haven, 5:30 p.m.



**TUESDAY:** Volleyball vs. St. Petersburg College, 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY:** Volleyball at State College of Florida, 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, Sept. 20:** Volleyball at Hillsborough Community College, 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 21:** Volleyball vs. Warner University, 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, Sept. 22:** Volleyball vs. Polk State College, 7 p.m.

# SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

## Jetton Memorial Golf

SEBRING – The first annual Josh Jetton Memorial Golf Tournament will tee off Saturday, Sept. 17 at the SpringLake Golf Resort.

The four-person scramble format will go off with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost is \$50 per person with all proceeds going to benefit Alicia, Carter and Hayden Jetton.

Mulligans will be available for \$5 and prizes, raffles and a luncheon will be part of the day's festivities.

Donations are also being accepted at any Heartland National Bank, payable to the Josh Jetton Memorial Fund.

For questions or more information, call Daniel Baker at 273-9536 or Rick Jetton at 214-1146.

## Avon Park Fall Ball

AVON PARK – The Avon Park Dixie Youth Baseball Inc. is currently holding Fall Ball registration through Sept. 9, for kids aged 4-12-years old.

Players can pick up their registrations at the Top Shop at 12 N. Anoka Ave. in Avon Park from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

When registering, players must provide a copy of Birth Certificate, recent photo and payment in full.

For more information and any questions, call Chris Tolar at (863) 253-0897.

## Softball sign-ups

SEBRING – Sebring Youth Fastpitch Softball has begun Fall registration.

Age groups include 6 through 16-years old.

Parents can register their child online at [www.sebringsoftball.com](http://www.sebringsoftball.com), by calling 381-6521, or in person on Friday, Sept. 2 from 5-8 p.m. at the Max Long Batting Cages.

## Panther Hitting Camps

The SFCC Baseball program will be hosting hitting camps this fall for aspiring players aged 6-14.

The camps will be held Saturday's Sept. 10 and 24 as well as Oct. 15 and 29.

Each day, the camps will run from 8:30 -11 a.m. on Panther Field at the SFCC Avon Park campus.

Under the guidance of Panther head coach Rick Hitt, along with assistant coach Andy Polk and members of the 2011 SFCC squad, campers will learn all aspects of hitting, with drills, instruction and hitting analysis.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. each day and players should bring glove, cap, bat and any desired baseball attire.

Camp cost is \$25 per camper.

To register, print Application and Consent and Release forms from [www.southflorida.edu/baseball/camp](http://www.southflorida.edu/baseball/camp) and mail to address on application form.

Register by phone, all area codes 863, at 784-7036 for Sebring and Avon Park residents, 465-5300 for Lake Placid, 494-7500 for DeSoto County or 773-2252 for Hardee County.

Walk-up registrations are accepted. For further information, call any of the above numbers or email coach Hitt at [hitttr@southflorida.edu](mailto:hitttr@southflorida.edu).

## Lake Placid Youth Bowling

LAKE PLACID – The Royal Palms Youth Bowling League, for ages 7 and up, begins its' new season Saturday, Sept. 3.

The sign-up fee is \$25, which includes a shirt, and new bowlers are welcome.

Bowling is every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. through December 10.

Weekly cost is \$11 and includes three games of bowling, shoes and prize fund.

All Youth Bowlers are also eligible for reduced rate open bowling, though some restrictions may apply, and free bowling with instruction on Friday's from 4-6 p.m. – must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call Frank Peterson at 382-9541, or Donna Stanley at 441-4897.

## Seminole Club kicks off

SEBRING – The Highlands Seminole Club will host a season-opening football party on Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Sebring Beef O Brady's at 3 p.m.

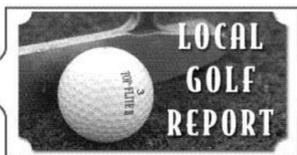
Come join the fun as we kick off the 2011 season with FSU vs Louisiana-Monroe.

Door prizes and other fun contests will be available.

For more information, call 386-9194 or email [mantarayEM@earthlink.net](mailto:mantarayEM@earthlink.net).

## Soccer, Cheer at YMCA

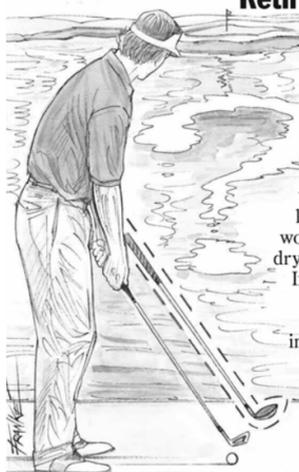
SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is signing up ages 3-14 for the Fall Soccer Program.



## Senior Tip

# MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANKE WITH TOP 100 GOLF INSTRUCTORS



### Retire On Waterfront Property

A long carry over water – gulp! It's a tough shot, but you should be able to get there. Not sure? Carefully consider the distance and lie as you choose your weapon. Let's say a well-hit 4-iron would give you the distance needed to reach the green. If there's no major trouble waiting for you over the green, take advantage by choosing a longer club than normal, in this case a 5-wood. If you hit it sweet, you'll be nice and dry, with an easy comeback, recovery shot. If you don't get all of it, you'll at least end up "feet dry" and probably on the green below the flag. The confidence of knowing you have plenty of club lets you make a relaxed swing. The tension that uncertainty brings causes mishits – you'll be more likely to "chunk it" and be all wet. So make sure you arrive at your waterfront property nice and dry.

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

Last Monday the Meza Group played Pro-Am Points at Golf Hammock.

Bill Parr scored a plus-2 in A group, Ed Northrup was at minus-1 for second and third place went to Denis Shank with minus-2.

Shorty Crocker had a plus-2 that was good for first place in B group while Doug Haire was even for second place and Bob Topel was at minus-3 for third place.

C group saw Joe Hyzny score plus-5 for first place while Toney Frances was at plus-4 for second place and Gerry Geouque was even for third.

Lee Stark shot a plus-7 in D group for first place and Ralph Scharff was plus-4 for second place.

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

For more information call Pete Mezza at 382-1280.

### Lake June West Golf Club

A mixed scramble was played on Thursday, Sept. 1.

Winning first place was the team of Ken Rowen, Don Boulton, Tom and Margaret Schultz and Betty Billau with 51; second place, Joe and Joyce Swartz, Norma Colyer and Charlotte Matthews with 53; and third place, Ott and Maxine Wegner, Gloria and John Huggett with 57.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 8, Norma Colyer, 3-feet. (Men), No. 4, Joe Swartz, 16-inches.

The men's association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Winning first place was the team of Dick Denhart, Mario Cappelletti and Don Boulton with 41; second place, Claude Cash, Joe Swartz and Jack Maginnis with 47; and third place, Dave Colvin, Ott Wegner, Dan Bishop and John Ruffo with 52.

Closest to the pin: No. 4, Mario Cappelletti, 14-feet-3-inches; and No. 8, Don Boulton, 9-feet-11-inches.

### River Greens

The men's association played a Men's Day event Saturday, Sept. 3.

Tying for first/second places were the teams of Larry Roy, Harold Plagens and Lefty St. Pierre; J.R. Messier, Don McDonald and Keith Kincer with minus-22 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Harold Plagens, 18-feet-9-inches; No. 5, Don McDonald, 7-feet-7.5-inches; No. 12, Lefty St. Pierre, 15-feet; and No. 17, Tim Thomas, 10-feet-7-inches.

The evening scramble was played on Friday, Sept. 2.

Winning first place was the team of Don and Jody Ethan, Charlie Seralde, Joe and Pat Graf with minus-12.

The Morrison Group played an event

on Thursday, Sept. 1.

The winners were: First place, Harold Plagens and Don McDonald with minus-16; second place, Keith Kincer and Larry Roy with minus-14; and third place, Gil Heier and Len Westdale.

The ladies association played a pro am tournament on Thursday, Sept. 1.

Winning first place was the team of Fran Neil, Barb Stuber and Pat Gower. Individual winners were: First place,

Fran Neil with plus-3; second place, Pat Graf with plus-2.5; and third place, Mary Beth Carby with plus-1.5.

The men's association played a pro am tournament on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Winning first place was the team of Don Ethan, Terry Lewis, Cliff Steele and Larry Roy with plus-6.

Individual winners were: First place, Larry Roy with plus-7.5; second place, Don Ethan with plus-3.5; and third place, Lefty St. Pierre with plus-5.5.

The Morrison Group played an event on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Winning first place was the team of Jim Cercy, Keith Kincer and Lefty St. Pierre with minus-20.

The Golfettes played a game on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Winning first place was the team of Linda Therrien, Karen Speaker, Betty Wallace and Helen Ochala with minus-16.

The Morrison Group played a game on Monday, Aug. 29.

Winning first place was the team of Cliff Steele, Gil Heier and Jim Cercy with plus-17; and second place, Tim Thomas and Al Farrell with plus-12.

### SpringLake

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, the SpringLake Women's Golf Association played a four person team scramble on the Panther 10 and Cougar 10 courses.

Even though there were rain showers, all teams completed their 18 holes of play.

Winning first place was the team of Dotti Blackwell, Rosie Foote, Carole Frederick and Margaret Mazzola with a gross score of 73.

Coming in with a 75 was the team of Teri Swisher, Judy Dunn, Julia Starr and Chris Murchie.

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association played the first day of a two-day Pick Your Partner event.

Tuesday's play scored the best ball on each hole and Thursday's score will be both scores net of handicap.

In Flight A, first day winners were Jan Hard and Jack Hoerner with a Best Ball score of 61.

In second place was Gary Behrendt and Edd Vowels with 63 strokes, followed by Ken Kirby and Bob Hinde tied with Jon Brower and Pat Jaskowski at 64.

Flight B was led by Gerry Esty and Dan Porter with a score of 60, followed by Leon Van and Bob Frederick at 63, Will David and Jim Foote at 66, and then a tie for fourth at 67 between John Delaney and John Bozynski and the team of Gene Hearn and Red Bohanon.

In all, 26 players enjoyed some good golfing weather with just enough clouds and breezes to keep it from being too hot.

# HYF goes three-of-five against Lakeland

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The Eagles took the field focused and determined after last week's loss against the Hornets.

The Patriots offense came out strong and quickly took control of the game.

The Eagles defense rallied together to try and make something happen.

But the offense struggled and was unable to find the end zone, resulting in another upsetting loss, 22-0.

The Pee Wee team, ages 10 and 11, lead by head coach, Tim Hooks, were eager to take the field after last week's win.

The day started off with the offense, lead by quarterback Anthony Rosado, getting the ball to Thurlow Wilkins and Kasey Hawthorne for two touchdowns with TJ "Cadillac" Williams earning the extra point.

The defense, lead by Michael Healy and Christian Ramos, kept the Patriots on their heels all day long.

The defense had another shutout, not allowing the Patriots any points on the board and taking the second win of the day with a final score of 13-0.

The win brings the Pee Wee's record to 3-0.

Following the Pee Wee game, the Junior Varsity, ages 12 and 13, managed by head coach Cliff Howell, took the field.

The team was determined and focused as they took the field with the team's philosophy and their motto always in mind – "One Play, One Practice, One Game".

The game got off to a great start with the Eagle offense driving down the field inside the red zone, when a fumbled snap was recovered by the Patriots.

The defense soon came up big when defensive end Akem JnPierre swooped right in to take down the quarterback in the end zone for a safety, putting the Eagles up 2-0.

The offense then drove down the field with key yardage made by CJ Harris,



Courtesy photo  
Mighty Mite quarterback Willis McGuire gets this throw off Saturday against the Lakeland Patriots.

Niyke Echavarria and Timothy Jordan.

Quarterback Sammy Smith then ran around the end, breaking two tackles, to go the distance for a 21-yard touchdown to make it 8-0 going into halftime.

The JV Eagles defense came out strong and quickly showed the Patriots they were here to play as several key tackles were made by Rodrigo Nolan, Rafael Smith, Jalen Williams and Jordan.

The Eagles offense made several strides in the second half with a beautiful reverse play to Akem JnPierre for a score.

This was JnPierre's third touchdown of the season and brought the team's record to 2-1 with the 14-0 win.

The last game of the day was the Varsity team, ages 13, 14 and 15, lead by head coach John Bishop.

The Eagles took the field looking to build on last week's win.

The offense came with Cole Kilgo leading the team, but struggled to get his team down the field.

The Patriots took an early lead going into halftime up 7-0.

The Eagles defense then came out and attempted to continue what they had done in the first half by shutting down the Patriots offense with Wyatt Kinslow intercepting the ball and key tackles made by Tremaine

Hawthorne and Daishawn Reyes.

But the Patriot offense gained momentum and were able to find the end zone a couple of more times for a 26-0 win.

All in all it was a great day of football.

The stands were filled with Eagles fans and the concession stand was a happening place.

The Eagles won three out of five games for the day and all the hard work to prepare for the game surely paid off with the results on the field.

The Highlands Eagles will be on the road this week traveling to Winter Haven to play the Auburndale Bulls on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Games will begin at 9 a.m. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

Come on out to support the Highlands Youth Football and Cheer program.

# LP off to Bartow this weekend

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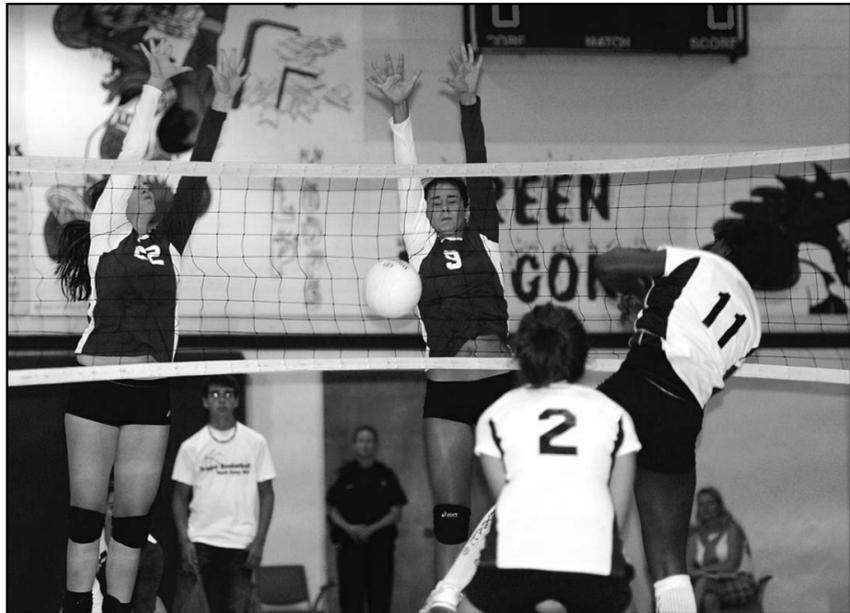
"Ashley (Townsend) has been proving that she deserves her spot on the right side," Wells said. "She started off hot against Sebring and brought her game tonight. She was 10 of

11 serving with five aces and nine of her service attempts were for points." Townsend also added five kills on the night.

The Dragons had Thursday night off and head off, along with Sebring and

Avon Park, to the perennially tough Bartow tournament this weekend, which Wells sees as a good proving ground.

"I'm sure this will get us back on track and help us get better."



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Though Marissa Baldwin, No. 22, and Alana Nielander, No. 9, were ready to defend this Lady Wildcat kill attempt, the net took care of it for Lake Placid during Tuesday's win over Hardee.

## Wambach, Haslem to be inducted into Florida's HOF

### Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — U.S. women's soccer star Abby Wambach and Miami Heat forward Udonis Haslem are among eight inductees into the University of Florida's sports Hall of Fame.

Football player Alex Brown, distance runner Hazel Clark Riley, gymnast Kristen Guise Lee, tennis player Jeff Morrison, tennis

player Stephanie Nickitas and football player Larry Travis also will be inducted April 6, 2012.

Wambach was a four-time All-American and has played on three World Cup teams.

Haslem was a first team All-SEC selection in 2001 and 2002.

Brown holds the school record for sacks with 33.

Clark was a three-time NCAA champion. Guise was an 11-time All-American.

Morrison was the 1999 NCAA singles champion. Nickitas was the 1996 and 1997 NCAA doubles champion.

Travis was a two-way football player and an assistant coach between 1963 and 1966.

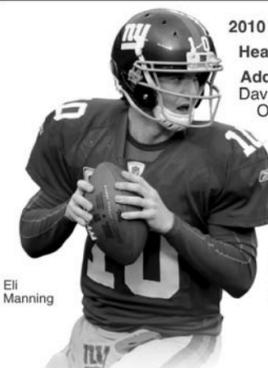
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# 2011 NFL PREVIEW

## New York Giants

Week 1 - at Washington Sept. 11, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)	Week 7 - Bye	Week 13 - GREEN BAY Dec. 4, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)
Week 2 - ST. LOUIS Sept. 19, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN (Mon.))	Week 8 - MIAMI Oct. 30, 1 p.m. (CBS)	Week 14 - at Dallas Dec. 11, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)
Week 3 - at Philadelphia Sept. 25, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 9 - at New England Nov. 6, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)	Week 15 - WASHINGTON Dec. 18, 1 p.m. (Fox)
Week 4 - at Arizona Oct. 2, 4:05 p.m. (Fox)	Week 10 - at San Francisco Nov. 13, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)	Week 16 - at N.Y. Jets Dec. 24, 1 p.m. (Fox) (Sat.)
Week 5 - SEATTLE Oct. 9, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 11 - PHILADELPHIA Nov. 20, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)	Week 17 - DALLAS Jan. 1, 1 p.m. (Fox)
Week 6 - BUFFALO Oct. 16, 1 p.m. (CBS)	Week 12 - at New Orleans Nov. 28, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN (Mon.))	*All times EASTERN; subject to change.



Eli Manning

**2010 Record:** 10-6, second place, NFC East  
**Head Coach:** Tom Coughlin, eighth season

**Additions:** CB Cary Harris, G David Baas, NT Gabe Watson, OT Stacy Andrews, TE Daniel Coats, DB Derrick Martin

**Departures:** WR Sinorice Moss, WR Plaxico Burress, WR Steve Smith, DT Barry Colfield, TE Kevin Boss, DB Bruce Johnson

**Key Draft Picks:** CB Prince Amukamara (1), DT Marvin Austin (2), WR Jerrel Jernigan (3), OT James Brewer (4)



**Offseason review:** Eli Manning and the Giants, after going 10-6 but missing the playoffs for a second straight year, came into the offseason needing a major upgrade on the offensive line, as well as at wide receiver, middle linebacker and defensive tackle. So naturally they drafted a cornerback in the first round. But not just any cornerback, Amukamara is potentially one of the best in the draft at the position, so he could wind up challenging veteran Terrell Thomas for the starting job. In the second round, DT Austin replaces the departed Cofield. Similarly, third-rounder Jernigan will see plenty of playing time with the departures of Smith and Moss. Greg Jones could prove to be a steal in the sixth round at linebacker, while in the fourth round, OT Brewer projects as a developmental prospect who is not expected to start his year.

## Philadelphia Eagles

Week 1 - at St. Louis Sept. 11, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 7 - Bye	Week 13 - at Seattle Dec. 1, 8:20 p.m. (NFLN) (Thu.)
Week 2 - at Atlanta Sept. 18, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)	Week 8 - DALLAS Oct. 30, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)	Week 14 - at Miami Dec. 11, 1 p.m. (Fox)
Week 3 - N.Y. GIANTS Sept. 25, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 9 - CHICAGO Nov. 7, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN (Mon.))	Week 15 - N.Y. JETS Dec. 18, 4:15 p.m. (CBS)
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Week 6 - at Washington Oct. 16, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 12 - NEW ENGLAND Nov. 27, 4:15 p.m. (CBS)	*All times EASTERN; subject to change.

**2010 Record:** 10-6, first place, NFC East; 0-1 in postseason, lost to Packers in Wild Card Game

**Head Coach:** Andy Reid, 13th season

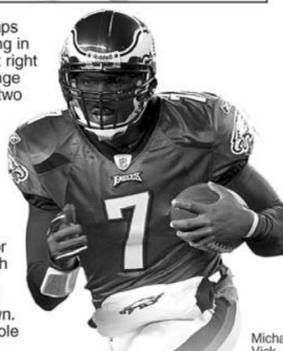
**Additions:** WR Sinorice Moss, WR Steve Smith, LB Rashad Jeanty, CB Isaiah Trufant, CB Nnamdi Asomugha, DE Jason Babin, DE Cullen Jenkins, QB Vince Young, CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, G Evan Mathis, OT Ryan Harris, RB Ronnie Brown, DB Jarrad Page, DE Anthony Hargrove, DT Derek Landri, LB/DE Chris Wilson

**Departures:** QB Kevin Kolb, K David Akers, LB Stewart Bradley, S Quintin Mikell, DT Brodrick Bunkley

**Key Draft Picks:** G Danny Watkins (1), S Jaiquawn Jarrett (2), CB Curtis Marsh (3), LB Casey Matthews (4), K/P Alex Henery (4), RB Dion Lewis (5), G Julian Vandervelde (5)



**Offseason review:** The defending NFC East champs addressed two big needs early on in the draft, taking in the first round Watkins, a virtual certainty to start at right guard, and Jarrett in the second, who could challenge second-year pro Kurt Coleman at free safety. With two potential free agent departures in the secondary, the team landed a pair of big fish in Asomugha and Rodgers-Cromartie, plus a developmental prospect in the third round in CB Marsh. Depth could be an issue at middle linebacker, where Bradley's departure creates a hole that fourth-rounder Matthews cannot fill, so look for the team to go to the market for that need. Through free agency, the team loaded up on defensive linemen with Babin, Wilson, Jenkins, Hargrove and Landri, and added depth at running back with Brown. And with Kolb gone, Young takes the back-up QB role behind Michael Vick.



Michael Vick

# NFC EAST

## Dallas Cowboys

Week 1 - at N.Y. Jets Sept. 11, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)	Week 7 - ST. LOUIS Oct. 23, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)	Week 13 - at Arizona Dec. 4, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)
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Week 6 - at New England Oct. 16, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)	Week 12 - MIAMI Nov. 24, 4:15 p.m. (CBS) (Thu.)	*All times EASTERN; subject to change.

**2010 Record:** 6-10, third place, NFC East

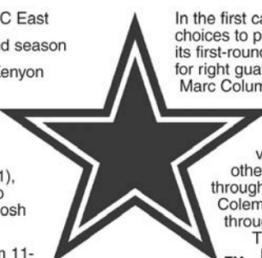
**Head Coach:** Jason Garrett, second season

**Additions:** LB Mike Balogun, DE Kenyon Coleman, DB Abram Elam

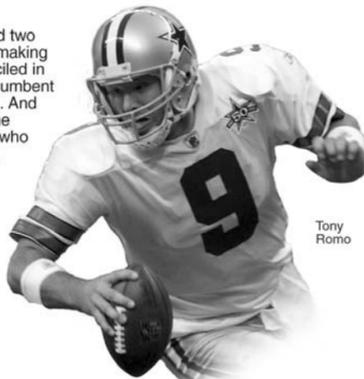
**Departures:** RB Marion Barber, DE Stephen Bowen, WR Roy Williams

**Key Draft Picks:** OT Tyrone Smith (1), OLB Bruce Carter (2), RB DeMarco Murray (3), G David Arkin (4), CB Josh Thomas (5)

**Offseason review:** After going from 11-5 in 2009 to a 6-10 record in 2010, the Cowboys needed help on the offensive and defensive lines and in the secondary.



In the first category, the team devoted two choices to protecting Tony Romo by making its first-round pick Smith, who is penciled in for right guard, which could mean incumbent Marc Colombo's days are numbered. And in the fourth round, the Cowboys took Arkin, who provides depth behind veteran Kyle Kosier. The other two areas were filled through free agency, with DE Coleman and DB Elam, and through the draft with CB Thomas. Barber will likely be replaced on the roster by third-rounder Murray, who projects as a third-down back.



Tony Romo

## Washington Redskins

Week 1 - N.Y. GIANTS Sept. 11, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)	Week 7 - at Carolina Oct. 23, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 13 - N.Y. JETS Dec. 4, 1 p.m. (CBS)
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Week 6 - PHILADELPHIA Oct. 16, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 12 - at Seattle Nov. 27, 4:05 p.m. (Fox)	*All times EASTERN; subject to change.

**2010 Record:** 6-10, last place, NFC East

**Head Coach:** Mike Shanahan, second season

**Additions:** FS Oshiomogho Atogwe, DE Stephen Bowen, G Chris Chester, QB Kellen Clemens, DT Barry Colfield, RB Tim Hightower, WR Donte Stallworth, CB Josh Wilson, WR Jabar Gaffney, G Sean Locklear, LB Keyaron Fox

**Departures:** G Derrick Dockery, RB Clinton Portis, QB Donovan McNabb, DT Albert Haynesworth, DE Jeremy Jarmon, DL Vonnie Holliday, LB Robert Henson, DB Carlos Rogers

**Key Draft Picks:** DE/OLB Ryan Kerrigan (1), DL Jarvis Jenkins (2), WR Leonard Hankerson (3), RB Roy Helu (4), S Dejon Gomes (5), WR Niles Paul (5)



**Offseason review:** The 6-10, last-place Redskins need work, so much work, in fact, that the draft didn't even begin to address their problems. The biggest need was at linebacker, where first-round pick Kerrigan will try to make the transition from defensive end. Second-rounder Jenkins should start right away at end, with Bowen and Cofield adding depth. Another big need was at wide receiver, where the drafting of Hankerson, Paul and sixth-round pick Aldrick Robinson, and the acquisition of Stallworth should fit in well alongside Santana Moss. Wilson will likely start at cornerback. Fox's signing addresses a depth issue at inside linebacker, but quarterback, with McNabb gone to Minnesota, and Rex Grossman and Clemens the likely candidates to start, is iffy.



Santana Moss

# Titans plan to use, monitor Johnson vs Jaguars

By TERESA M. WALKER  
 Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew wishes Chris Johnson had waited another week before reaching his deal without seeing how the three-time Pro Bowler looks after his contract hold-out.

Titans offensive coordina-

tor Chris Palmer has seen enough in a couple days to be impressed with Johnson both on the field and his comfort level with his tweaks to Tennessee's offense and a new quarterback.

The big question now is how much will the running back with the \$53 million contract extension works Sunday in the season opener

at Jacksonville.

The Titans plan to monitor Johnson's carries because the running back worked on his own during his holdout and Wednesday marked Johnson's third practice back with his teammates. Johnson said Wednesday how he feels Sunday will affect how many carries he gets.

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# Panther comeback comes with risks

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 population was estimated to be as few as 20 animals in the wild and showed signs of inbreeding.

In 1995, the state, in cooperation with federal agencies, embarked on a genetic-restoration project attempting to avert extinction of the Florida panther.

Eight young female Texas pumas were released into South Florida to increase the genetic health of the Florida stock.

This conservation effort was intended to mimic the genetic exchange that once occurred naturally between panther populations in the Southeast and pumas in East Texas.

It proved successful and resulted in improved panther productivity and health, and a growing population.

The progress made in conserving Florida's official state animal appears to be having an unintended consequence: livestock losses to cattle ranchers.

Panthers normally prey on white-tailed deer, wild hogs and other game.

Yet, last year the FWC began receiving reports of panthers preying on calves.

Southwest Florida cattle ranches typically are spread over tens of thousands of acres, with cows and calves dispersed on a range that includes excellent and essential panther habitat.

"Partnering with Florida's cattle ranching industry is an important part of our long-term panther recovery strategy," said Nick Wiley, the FWC's executive director. "The history of Florida cattle ranching is a rich one, and the state's cattle operations are among the largest in the country. Ranching is a critically important economic engine. It is absolutely essential to keep ranching viable in Florida, not only because of its economic value, food productivity and its place in our cultural heritage, but also because it provides valuable habitat for many types of wildlife, including panthers."

Speaking from a cattleman's perspective, Russell Priddy said, "Florida cattle ranchers understand that a balance needs to be reached between protecting endangered panthers and addressing the financial impacts of losing calves to panther predation. We will do our part, and we are expecting that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will be responsive to our situation."

The FWC is addressing conflicts between panthers and human activities in several ways.

A \$25,000 fund is being proposed by the FWC and

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to compensate ranchers who lose calves to panther depredation.

The FWC and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services are working with ranchers, elected officials and conservation groups to figure out the best way to initiate this program.

It is viewed as a possible first step towards more comprehensive and effective long-term solutions.

The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) will initiate a cooperative research project this fall to learn more about the panther's impact on cattle ranching by monitoring calf survival.

This research, which is being funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and IFAS, is designed to provide scientific data on which factors are contributing to calf deaths on these ranches.

The FWC is also directing resources to this project.

Agency staff will study individual panthers that are on or near the same ranches where the calf studies will be conducted and look at panther prey selection to determine the role that calves play in the panther's diet.

Homeowners in Southwest Florida, and Collier County in particular, have also seen an increase in cases of panthers killing pets or backyard livestock such as goats.

Protecting these animals from panthers and other predators requires taking basic safety measures that have proved to be effective.

The FWC recommends that people living in panther country make sure their pets are sheltered at night inside a house or kennel and small animals like goats are put in barns or pens with roofs.

Installing electric fences around animal pens is another useful deterrent against panthers.

Most Floridians or visitors to the state will never get to see the reclusive long-tailed cat that grows to 6 feet or longer.

They can attend the first annual Florida Panther Festival on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at North Collier Regional Park in Naples.

The purpose of the free festival is to raise awareness of the endangered Florida panther while promoting safe coexistence of people, pets, livestock and panthers.

To learn more about the panther, go to [www.florida-panther.net.org](http://www.florida-panther.net.org).

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## HEALTHY LIVING

# Tucson girl's sudden death spurs heart screenings

*Mother starts Andra Heart project to raise awareness of hidden heart problems*

By STEPHANIE INNES  
Arizona Daily Star

TUCSON, Ariz. — Less than a year after her 12-year-old daughter collapsed on the soccer field and died, a Tucson mother has taken an unprecedented step in preventing sudden cardiac death in other children.

Jenine Dalrymple was an accountant, mother and community volunteer before her eldest daughter Andra's death from a silent heart disease.

Now she's an advocate for better awareness of cardiac health among kids and parents.

Mandating heart screenings for young people remains controversial because many experts believe the U.S. lacks the medical personnel to handle such a task. The American Heart Association recommends a thorough history and physical exam every two years rather than mass screenings. Sudden cardiac death is rare and the common screening method for it still results in many false positives.

But both medical experts and advocates like Dalrymple say more needs to be done to detect the most common hidden heart problems that kill children and young adults in the U.S. every year — hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, long QT syndrome and Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome.

Among other things, there is no database of children and teens who die of sudden cardiac arrest every year, making it more difficult for advocates to make their case.

Earlier this month, Dalrymple coordinated the first-ever comprehensive local heart screening for children.

Electrocardiogram (ECG/EKG) machines were set up at Flowing Wells Junior High School, the school that Andra attended, and 450 children underwent voluntary testing. The Northwest Fire District, the Flowing Wells Unified School District and Diamond Children's Medical Center all donated personnel to Dalrymple's Andra Heart Project.

Eight percent of the kids showed abnormalities and were referred for further screening.

"The nice thing about pilot projects like Andra Heart is that we're trying to see how feasible it is to do it," said Dr. Santiago O. Valdés, a pediatric cardiologist at Diamond Children's Medical Center.

"If you try to screen all young athletes, for example, one of the concerns is who is going to see those 6 to 10 percent who have positive EKGs. Right now in the U.S., we don't have the infrastructure to see all those patients."

A spate of sudden cardiac deaths among young athletes that made the national news this past spring spurred Dalrymple into action in the midst of paralyzing grief.

"Andra had not been feeling well during soccer. She was dizzy and tired, and it never crossed my mind it was a heart problem. In the long term, this is about getting knowledge out there," Dalrymple said.

An EKG measures electrical

properties in the heart, giving a reading of its rhythm. It is often used as a screen for enlargement or other abnormalities of the heart, but not just anyone can read the test with good results.

"You need a pediatric cardiologist for the kids. There are a lot of differences — things that would be considered abnormal in adults are normal in kids," Valdés said. "There's differences in how you interpret the EKG in different age groups."

After the initial two days of testing at Flowing Wells Junior High, Valdés and colleague Dr. Scott Klewer held a clinic at Diamond Children's Medical Center on Aug. 20.

Children who had a positive EKG underwent echocardiogram testing. While the EKG measures electrical activity in the heart, the echocardiogram is a more intense test, an ultrasound that allows a closer look at the heart itself. After the clinic, three children were referred to cardiologists for more specialized care, Valdés said.

"With EKGs, a lot can be false positives, so you don't want to create too much anxiety with the parents. So that's why we wanted a quick turnaround with the clinic," Valdés said.

"An echocardiogram is a much more definitive test, but it's much more expensive so you can't do it as a screening."

One of the most common conditions pediatric cardiologists look for when screening for sudden cardiac death is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an abnormal thickness of the heart muscle that occurs in one of every 500 people.

If the condition is detected, the treatment is typically medication combined with a restriction on strenuous exercise. Some patients with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy also need a defibrillator.

Another heart condition that can result in unexpected tragedy is long QT syndrome, which affects one in every 2,500 to 3,000 people and is the condition blamed for Andra Dalrymple's death. A patient diagnosed with long QT will typically take beta blockers and must restrict his or her activity level.

Some patients have episodes of passing out. For others, the first sign of the disease is a patient's sudden death. A third condition Valdés and Klewer were



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Experts say more needs to be done to detect common hidden heart problems in children.

watching for at the clinic is an abnormal electrical connection in the heart called Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, which affects about one in 1,500 people.

"Not everyone who has one of those three conditions will die from it suddenly," Valdés stressed.

A recent study published in *Circulation: The Journal of the American Heart Association* found that one out of every 44,000 NCAA athletes dies suddenly from cardiac arrest — higher than many other estimates for young athletes.

The new study used news reports, insurance claims and data from the NCAA, the governing body for intercollegiate sports in the U.S.

Dalrymple is particularly concerned about young athletes and sudden cardiac death, since athletic training can increase the risk of sudden death in people with hidden heart disease.

Her own wiry, energetic daughter was an avid athlete.

The day she collapsed, Andra tried out for the soccer team at Flowing Wells Junior High School, where she was in seventh grade. When she got off the field, she said she was dizzy.

Her coach helped her to her mother's car, but shortly after the young girl went into cardiac arrest.

Paramedics were able to revive her at the scene, but she died two days later at

Diamond Children's Medical Center.

"When we got to the hospital that night, you could have pushed me over with a feather if you told me she wouldn't make it," said Dalrymple, whose family also includes her husband, Phil, and 11-year-old daughter, Grace. "Everything pointed to her making it."

Dalrymple said she felt like she had to do more to raise awareness of cardiac health, both for herself and to give the parents of Andra's classmates some peace of mind.

"The hard part is that I should feel better. But it doesn't make me feel better the way you would think it would. It doesn't bring her back," Dalrymple said.

"I think in the next couple of weeks we're just going to evaluate what happened with the first screening. There's more we can do."

Valdés, the pediatric cardiologist, says Dalrymple has already made a significant contribution to young people in Tucson.

"We're not at the point yet where we can say everyone should get an EKG. But this is a good program to have to study, to look at the most cost-effective way to do this," he said.

"It's a good step in finding out how to pick up the most patients, and it's even better because she was able to get the community involved."

## 10 tips for a healthy hiney

**Dear Pharmacist:** What are the best treatments for hemorrhoids, both the internal sort and the external? I ask because my wife and I suffer with these. Lucky us.

— S.D., Gainesville

**Answer:** In the United States, approximately half of all people will suffer from hemorrhoids at some point in life, usually between the ages of 20 and 50. It's not necessarily a problem of the elderly or constipated, it can happen to anyone, even people who are healthy, but happen to sit for very long periods of time.

Hemorrhoids — whether internal or external — happen due to weak veins that swell because of pressure. If these weak veins occur on the legs, we refer to them as "varicose" veins. The blood pools, and causes veins to swell and engorge; this can be caused by many situations, among them obesity, pregnancy, lifting heavy objects or boxes, straining on the toilet, coughing, sneezing, standing or sitting for long periods of time.

People who eat a high fiber diet and stay well hydrated are less likely to suffer with hemorrhoids, whereas people who eat processed foods will eventually feel it in the end.

Before I offer suggestions, I will first describe internal and external. The primary difference is pain. With internal hemorrhoids, there is no pain because the swollen veins are higher up in the rectum where there are no nerves. There maybe no symptoms at all, or you may have bleeding after a bowel movement.

For some, bleeding may be the first, and only sign of internal hemorrhoids. For others, you may have a thin stool, and the urge that you are not finished yet. External hemorrhoids hurt like crazy and if untreated it can thrombose, meaning it can turn purplish-blue and bleed. They can itch, burn and irritate the anus, and you can feel them easily. No matter the type, don't sit excessively, or let your butt fall asleep on



**Dear Pharmacist**

Suzy Cohen

hard chairs!

Here are some ideas to help yourself:

— Witch hazel: A natural astringent that helps with the swelling and pain.

— Hydrocortisone or calendula cream: Apply externally to ease pain.

— Preparation H suppositories: Perfect for internal hemorrhoids.

— An ice cube or ice pack: Apply this to your little monster, but wrap it in a paper towel first, don't put it on bare skin.

— Ibuprofen: An anti-inflammatory can do a lot towards reducing inflammation and pain.

— Quercetin: A dietary supplement related to vitamin C that may help improve vein strength. Take 300-1,000 mg three times daily.

— Warm sitz baths: 10-20 minutes

Two herbs have a long history with regards to hemorrhoids. Butcher's Broom contains ruscogenin which helps tighten the blood vessels. This herb was studied at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Center. Horse Chestnut contains aescin, which tones vein walls and is commonly used in Europe.

Aloe vera juice may help constipation.

Please see a specialist who can make sure that pencil thin stools, bleeding or other symptoms are in fact related to hemorrhoids, rather than something more serious. Physicians offer numerous helpful treatments.

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

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## HEALTHY LIVING

## The Palms of Sebring earns two five-star ratings

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Palms of Sebring's Health Care Center was awarded the coveted five-star rating from both the federal Medicare program and the state of Florida in August.

Medicare's five-star designation represents that The Palms of Sebring is "much above average" for quality of care, which is the highest ranking possible. The State of Florida has its own five-star rating to ensure that facilities who do

not participate in Medicare or Medicaid are ranked as well.

The State of Florida's five-star rating indicates that The Palms ranked in the top 9 percent of its region. This includes all nursing homes in Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee and Polk counties.

"The 5-star rating represents the excellent care The Palms staff provides to our residents every day," said Brent Montgomery, Palms Health Care administrator says. "I

am so proud of our staff for having achieved both state and federal five-star ratings."

The federal rating system was developed to help consumers compare nursing homes. The federal ratings are divided into three categories: health inspection, staffing and quality measures. The information used to determine the rating is based on data gathered during annual inspections and consumer complaint investigations over the past three years.

The most recent findings are weighted more than the prior two years. More than 200,000 national onsite reviews are used to score health inspection. The staffing rating reflects the number of hours of care provided given the relative acuity of the resident population. Quality measures incorporates 10 different physical and clinical measures. These measures represent how well the nursing home is caring for their residents. More than 12 million assessments are used in the

five-star rating system nationwide.

The state's five-star rating system incorporates deficiencies over the most recently available 30-month period. The components of the inspection include: nutrition and hydration, restraints and abuse, pressure ulcers, decline and dignity. Ratings are also given for administration, quality of life and quality of care. The Palms scored five out of five stars overall for its inspections.

## Time for flu shots

By LAURAN NEER-GAARD

AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — It's flu vaccine time again — and some lucky shot-seekers will find that the needle has shrunk.

The first flu shot that works with a less-scary skin prick instead of an inch-long needle is hitting the market this fall.

Sorry kids, this option so far is just for adults, and it's so brand-new that it will take some searching to find a dose.

But there are plenty of the other varieties — standard shots, a special high-dose shot for seniors and the needle-free squirt-in-the-nose option — to go around.

At least 166 million doses of flu vaccine are expected to be produced this year.

The big question is whether people will get it. Usually each year's flu vaccine varies from the previous versions as different influenza strains emerge.

This year, the vaccine's a duplicate because the three flu strains that sickened people last winter still are circulating.

Scientific studies aren't clear about how much a person's immunity wanes over a year, although it varies by age and overall health.

But federal health officials and the American Academy of Pediatrics weighed the evidence and say don't skip this year's vaccination — it's the only way to be sure your immune system remains revved enough for the best protection.

"You're not going to be able to count on that vaccine protecting you throughout a second season," says Dr. Lisa Grohskopf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A yearly vaccination now is recommended for virtually everyone, except babies younger than 6 months and people with severe allergies to the eggs used to make it.

Last year, 49 percent of children and 41 percent of adults were vaccinated against the flu.

Say you never catch the flu? You could be a carrier, unknowingly spreading the misery when you feel little more than a sniffle, says Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University, president of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

"You should be vaccinated each and every year to ensure both you're protected and you're giving the maximum protection to people around you," he says.



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The CDC says smoking among adults has decreased 21 percent since 2005.

## Adult smoking rate edges down slightly

By LINDSEY TANNER

AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Fewer U.S. adults are smoking and those who do light up are smoking fewer cigarettes each day, but the trend is weaker than the government had hoped.

According to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report released Tuesday, 19.3 percent of adults said they smoked last year, down from about 21 percent in 2005. The rate for smoking 30 or more cigarettes daily dropped to about 8 percent from almost 13 percent during the same time period.

The report only compared last year with 2005 and says the decline means 3 million fewer adults were smoking. The CDC earlier reported that the 2009 rate was 20.6 percent and rates fluctuated during the five-year period.

The five-year decline was much slower than a drop seen over the previous 40 years, said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Atlanta-based agency. He said any decline is a good step, but also said tobacco use remains a significant health burden.

"About half of all smokers will be killed by tobacco if they don't quit," Frieden said during a news briefing.

"You don't have to be a heavy smoker or a long-time smoker to get a smoking-related disease or have a heart attack or asthma attack," Frieden said. "The sooner you quit smoking, the sooner your body can begin to heal."

The 2010 numbers are

based partly on face-to-face interviews with almost 27,000 Americans aged 18 and older.

Increases in federal and state taxes on cigarettes and new clean air laws are among reasons for the drop, said Dr. Tim McAfee, director of the CDC's office on smoking and health.

Those positive trends have been offset by efforts from the tobacco industry, including offering discounts to consumers, McAfee said.

If the slowed rate of decline continues, adult smoking rates will reach 17 percent by 2020, far higher than the government's goal of no more than 12 percent, the CDC report said.

Government efforts to further reduce smoking rates include proposed graphic cigarette packaging labels, which are being challenged in court by the tobacco industry.

Frieden said evidence from states with strong anti-smoking programs show that tobacco control can be effective. Rates are far below the national average in states with the strongest tobacco control programs, he noted. States with the lowest rates are Utah, at 9 percent, and California, 12 percent, the CDC report found.

In a statement, American Heart Association CEO Nancy Brown said the report shows some successes but also continued disparities. Smoking was most common among low-income, less educated adults and among American Indians and Alaska natives.

## Free diabetes classes offered

SEBRING — The Highlands County Health Department is offering Diabetes Self-Management Education classes as part of its Wellness and Diabetes Education Program. This program serves Highlands County residents of all ages, especially those with diabetes or at risk for developing diabetes. These classes are free of charge and provided by a Certified Diabetes Educator.

Classes in English are scheduled in Sebring on Sept. 12-14 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Highlands County Health Department (7205 S. George Blvd., conference room A). Enrollment is limited and registration is required. To register and for more information, contact the HCHD Wellness and Diabetes Education Program, at 382-7228 or 863-382-7294.

## Outreach schedule

Ace Homecare plans the following outreach events in the coming week:

Monday: 8 a.m., Health Fair, Brookside Bluffs, S.R.

## Snapshots

17, Zolfo Springs; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Chatham Pointe, Streetenstom Road, Wauchula; 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, Sebring

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m., Health Fair, Lakeside Gardens, C.R. 621, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Heron's Landing, Heron's Landing Lane, Lake Placid; 10:30 a.m., Health Fair, Lake Placid Meal Site, Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid; 1 p.m., Health Fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27, Sebring.

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

Thursday: 9 a.m., Health Fair, Maranatha Village, Arbuckle Ck Road, Sebring; 10:30 a.m., Caregivers support group, Balmoral Assisted Living Facility 93 Balmoral Road, C.R. 621, Lake Placid; 1 p.m., Coping with transitions, Balmoral Assisted Living Facility, C.R. 621, Lake Placid

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# RELIGION

## Atonement Lutheran Church

SEBRING — The 13th Sunday after Pentecost service with Holy Eucharist will be led by the Rev. Jefferson Cox. Eucharist assistant is Jim Fiedler.

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

## Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — "The Spiritual Breakthrough" (Matthew 24:14) will be the message presented by Larry Roberts, minister.

The youth of the church will have a get-together on Sunday night.

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

## Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "Do Not Forget!"

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east the Avon Park High School. For more information, call 471-2663 or search the Internet for christlutheranavonpark.org. This is an LCMS congregation.

## Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Substance." The keynotes are from Hebrews 10:34, "... ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance;" and Matthew 10:7, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The church is at 146 N. Franklin St.

## Christian Training Church

SEBRING — The Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "Degrees of God's Wrath: Part 2" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study will continue the book of Hebrews.

## Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "Finding Dry Land," with Scripture taken from Exodus 14:19-31.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County Road 634 (Hammock Road). Call 471-1999 or visit sebringemmanuelucc.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 453-6681 or e-mail info@fbcap.net/.

## First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Darryl George will preach the sermon titled "Unchangeable - The Marker of Life!" on Sunday. The morning's service will be a

special 10-year anniversary service of 9/11. The church will have a day of prayer and a marker of memory. If able, please wear red, white and blue as the congregation prays for revival of the covenant America made to prayer 10 years ago this day.

The church is at the corner of Washington and Kemper avenues in Placid Lakes. For more information, call 465-5126 from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday or email the church at placid-lakes@hotmail.com

## First Christian Church

AVON PARK — "Remembering in the Name of Love" is the title sermon this week given by Pastor Greg Ratliff. The congregation will include the Remembering of 9/11 anniversary, which still has an effect on us today. Sunday evening, members will come back together for a family movie. Snacks will be provided.

First Christian Church of Avon Park's motto is "Jesus First at First Christian Church."

The church is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or email firstchristianap@embarqmail.com with any questions or to request information.

The church website is www.firstchristianap.com.

## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Bob and Betty Harcourt. Communion will be served by Carol Chandler and Jayne Weldy. The Call to Worship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer will be read in unison. Marla Null will be the greeter at the service this Sunday.

Carol and Mike Graves will be working with Children's Church the whole month of September.

The pastor's sermon is titled "He Will Wipe Away Every Tear" from Revelation 21:1-4. Robin Martin will be watching the children in the nursery this month. The acolyte for September is Nina Kunsak.

The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave. Call 385-0352 for information.

## First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday, Pastor Bob Johnson's sermon is titled "Favorite Bible Verses of Our 90-Year-Olds." This service will honor those who have either turned 90 this year or will in 2012.

All the music sung or played during the service are the favorites of the 11 honorees: Robert and Jane Barben, Betty Burch, Bernice Bartlett, Enid Henderson, Mildred MacMillan, Dee Ownby, Ruth Rowley, Cecil and Jean Souders and Tom Stewart.

A special meal and program will be held immediately after worship service in fellowship hall.

The choir's anthem will be "My God and I." Special music will be "His Eye is on the Sparrow" and "Ivory Palaces" with Wendy Garcia at the piano and Cheryl Sanders at the organ.

The adult Sunday school class will resume their study about David in II Samuel.

Youth Band and The Family Gathering are Sunday.

On Tuesday, the Session meets.

On Wednesday, Bible study is led by Pastor Bob Johnson. Mary Circle meets, and the choir practices.

On Thursday, the Men's Fellowship meets 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). For more information, call the church office at 453-3242.

## First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "God is Our Refuge and Strength" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

Monday the Miriam Circle meets. Call for a place.

Tuesday the Grief Support Group meets in the adult classroom.

Wednesday is choir rehearsal in the adult classroom.

Thursday is the Women's Ministries board meeting in the adult classroom.

## First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant will give the message "Stephen - The Face of an Angel" with Scripture reading taken from Acts 6:8-15.

Family Fellowship Dinner and Bible study on Wednesday in the Family Life Center.

United Methodist Women will attend a Mission Sampler Event on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Call the church office for information at 385-5184. The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St. Visit the website at www.sebringfirstumc.com.

## Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Ministries meets at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

Tuesday's lesson is The Future Revealed - The Seven Vials Revelation 16.

Pastor Zimmer continues the river renewal sermon series Sunday on the Psalms, which will continue for several more weeks. Children ministry provided.

Upcoming events: Sept. 25 is the Family Celebration meal. October is Women of Grace - to be announced.

The Friday night Skype service will be making some changes. Plans are to make services more effective and to enhance this weekly outreach.

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## Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — The sermon series at Memorial on Contentment in Jesus continues. This week the topic is "Why Can't We All Just Get Along Together" using I Corinthians 12:12-27 and John 17. The Rev. Claude Burnett will preach in the Sanctuary for the Heritage (Traditional) Worship Service and the Celebration (Blended)

Worship. The Rev. Fred Ball, senior pastor, will lead the New Song (Contemporary) Worship Service in Rob Reynolds Fellowship Hall.

The format for Youth Fellowship on Sunday nights changes this week. Middle school students will arrive at the Lighthouse from 4-5:30 p.m. while high school students come from 5:30-7 p.m.

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

## Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "From Generation to Generation," is taken from the fourth chapter of Proverbs (King James Version).

Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the "9/11" message in the Sunday morning and evening services.

## St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday the sermon topic will be "Forgiveness" taken from Matthew 18:21-35. A new Blended Service will begin at 11 a.m.. Disciple Bible Study will be Sunday evening. Choir is Wednesday.

## Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, Pastor Keith Simmons will have a sermon titled "How to Overcome Evil," with Scripture taken from Romans 12:9-21 (verses 17, 19-21).

Sunday school will be studying "The Birth of a New Community," with Scripture taken from Matthew 1:18-23.

For more information, call 385-1597.

## Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — Sunday morning's sermon, "Esther, the Essential" taken from the Scripture Esther 4, 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 Sunday sermon will be "Realities of the Kingdom."

Fellowship follows the service.

## The Way Church

SEBRING — "Marks of a Good Soldier of the Cross" will be Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum's message. Scripture from II Timothy Chapter 2.

The "J" Unit (youth) meets Wednesdays.

Sunday will be the beginning of the church membership classes.

The Way Church is at 1005 N. Ridgewood. The church phone is 471-6140; the pastor's cell is 273-3674.

For information and the pastor's messages, go to www.thewaychurch.org/.

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# Living Word

## Guest Column

Frank Parker

"As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you besides the walls and in the doors of their houses; and they speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, 'Please come and hear what the word is that comes from the Lord.' So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain. Indeed you are to them as a lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them."

One of the often heard cries is that the Word of God, i.e. Bible is archaic, out-dated, irrelevant, old-fashion and just not up to speed for today. Do you know when the above quoted words were spoken? Last week? Last year? How about 600 B.C. (Ezekiel 33:30-32) Every preacher of the gospel of Christ today sees the truthfulness of these words as if the ink were still wet.

Therefore, the Hebrew writer could proclaim, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword..." (Hebrews 4:12) As then as well as today, the proof is in the pudding. James states it this way: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22) This little book of five chapters given to us by the Holy Spirit has been called "the gospel of common sense". And indeed it is.

Note the positive and negative statements in James 1:21 ... lay aside all filthiness and wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word which is able to save your souls. Implanted? As we know, one of the greatest fears of a physical implant is rejection ... not becoming a part of the new body. Bingo, that is the same principle James is presenting. But did you notice what has to be given up for the implanted word to work? All filthiness and overflow of wickedness. "The gospel of common sense" continues in 1:23-25 with a practical illustration that we can relate to daily. We look into a mir-

ror to see what needs to be done, i.e. face shaved, hair combed, proper makeup, etc. If we see the need and do not do what is needed, it was vain/useless to look into the mirror. The application in verse 25 is too clear and powerful to miss. In other words, only the food (physical or spiritual) that sticks (implanted/engrafted) does any good. Beneficial Bible study will be converted to spiritual energy/works. Therefore, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven". (Matthew 5:16)

Note the following contrast of the effect of the living Word: "Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet." (Matthew 21:45,46) and "There were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men." (Acts 17:11,12)

The living Word of God is still sharper than a two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12) and still has the power of the seed of the kingdom (Luke 8:11). The problem is in the "soil" and the need for proper preparation of the heart: "Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" (Romans 2:4) "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." (Matthew 5:6) This mindset will then lead to the most important question and answer: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30-34)

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# RELIGION

## First Presbyterian Church to observe Sept. 11 anniversary

LAKE PLACID — The call to “remember” runs throughout Scripture. That call is extended regarding matters of enduring importance, that are historic, that shape our lives, our hearts, our souls. This call goes out regarding things that are both good and evil in nature. Yet we are a people very prone to forgetfulness regarding these kinds of matters. And to pettiness in regards to matters where we simply did not get our way.

This year, Sept. 11th falls on Sunday. Services at First Presbyterian Church will include time to remember and pray for our nation, as well as to honor those in our community who serve as first responders. Every time they respond to a call, they can never be sure exactly what they will encounter, what dangers may be involved and how it will all work out. While many times it may be routine and rather uneventful, by their estimation, it can be quite harrowing and may be a life-threatening situation at any time.

Pastor Ray Cameron said, “We welcome those who serve the public as first responders, including volunteers, to join us and wear your uniform if you would like. We are proud of you and thankful for

you. We do wish to remember together and honor you for your service.”

## Bless Our Schools is Sept. 18

Churches around the world unite together for Bless Our Schools Sunday on Sept. 18. On Sept. 18, churches around the world will cry out to the Lord for the students, teachers and school staff in their congregations. Imagine the impact this time of prayer will have on that worn-out teacher, the weary principal, the school board member that’s standing up for biblical values, as well as every school in your community.

Bless Our Schools Sunday, hosted by Moms In Touch International, is a time for churches to ask all the educators (teachers, administrators, staff, school board, etc.) and/or students in their congregations to stand or come forward while the pastor prays blessing over them for the school year. Pastors will have the freedom to celebrate Bless Our Schools Sunday in a way that best fits the service and congregation. Some might even have a whole sermon based on blessing our schools through prayer, and highlight testimonies from MITI moms, teachers and students.

Churches are welcome to partici-

## Snapshots

pate in Bless Our Schools at their Saturday services, as well. Last year, 700 churches from 20 different countries participated in the first Bless Our Schools Sunday. “It was just a great opportunity to show our students and school staffs that they are important to us,” wrote one mom. (More testimonies from Bless Our Schools are available online.)

The 27-year-old prayer ministry, Moms In Touch International has one goal – to gather women together to pray scripturally and specifically for children and schools.

Mothers in more than 130 countries around the world meet regularly, spending an hour praying through the Four Steps of Prayer: praising God for who He is, silently confessing any sins, thanking God for what He has done, and interceding on behalf of children, teachers and school staff. The Moms In Touch International Booklet, available in 48 languages/versions, explains the biblical principle of the Four Steps of Prayer, praying in one-accord, agreement prayer and how to facilitate a powerful hour of prayer that not only impacts the lives of the children and school staff being prayed for, but also changes the lives of the moms, as they develop an intimate prayer relationship

with our Heavenly Father.

For more information about Moms In Touch International, visit the website at [www.MomsInTouch.org](http://www.MomsInTouch.org).

## Chad Varga brings message

LORIDA — Chad Varga, of the Christian ministry “Inspire Now,” is an ex-professional basketball athlete who will be bringing the Sunday morning message at First Baptist Church Lorida. He is a dynamic speaker who relates to all ages and will share his testimony and insights.

The church is at 1927 Blessings Ave., Lorida. For further information, call 655-1878.

Awana for grades kindergarten through middle school begins on Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 6-7:30 p.m. .

## First Baptist Church plans events

LAKE PLACID — First Baptist Church of Lake Placid (119 E. Royal Palm St.) will host the following events this week:

Monday – Prime Timers Covered Dish Luncheon at noon in the fellowship hall. Speaker: Dave Simpson with Home Depot. Topic: Fall Flower Expo. New tips on planting flowers and vegetables.

Bring a covered dish and a friend.

Tuesday – Confection Connection Women’s Bible study in the church sanctuary. Speaker Cathee Poulsen’s topic will be “Journeying Up From the Wilderness.” Join us and discover where our real “home” is and how you can safely arrive there.

## First Baptist Sebring plans Women’s Conference

SEBRING – First Baptist Church, 200 E. Center Ave., is sponsoring a Women’s Conference Oct. 21-22, with internationally known speaker/writer Carol Kent.

Tickets for either Friday evening, Saturday, or a two-day ticket may be purchased through the church office or after church services.

For more information, call 385-5154. The conference will be held in the church fellowship hall, the Pine Street entrance.

## City-wide Day of Prayer planned

AVON PARK – A City-wide Day of Prayer will be from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 at the Avon Park Holiness Camp Tabernacle, across from Walmart on U.S. 27 North.

The public is encouraged to attend.

# 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. “Worshiping 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 Catylist 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, senior pastor; Scott King, interim youth minister; Joy Loomis, music director; and Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Primera Mision Bautista pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship; 10:45 a.m. Children’s Church; 6 p.m. Evening Service. Nursery provided for Sunday morning service. Regular Wednesday schedule: 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting; 6 p.m. children’s choirs; 6 p.m. youth activities; 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal; 7 p.m. Mission Programs. Call 453-6681 for details. Spanish Sunday services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. Sunday worship; 7 p.m. evening worship. Spanish Wednesday Service: 7 p.m. Bible study. Spanish Friday Meeting: 7 p.m. Family Night Visitation. “In the heart of Avon Park. For the hearts of Avon Park.”

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

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring,**

200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Bautista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother’s Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

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

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

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

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on 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. and 5 p.m. Saturday; 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Spanish Mass at 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday. English Family Mass, 5 p.m. 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. Ray Culpepper, senior pastor.

Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord’s Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; “Building God’s Kingdom for Everyone.” “Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!” “Alive and Worth the Drive!”

■ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; 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. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

■ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at [www.firstchristianap.com](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, please come worship with us. Don Seymour, Senior Pastor. Phone 452-0088.

# RELIGION

## Study finds increase in interfaith activity, low participation

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — America's houses of worship have increased their interfaith outreach since 9/11, a new survey has found. Still, about three-quarters of U.S. congregations have no interreligious activities.

The study of more than 11,000 congregations was part of the Faith Communities Today surveys, which have tracked trends since 2000. The latest findings were released Wednesday by Hartford Seminary.

Researchers found that nearly 14 percent of congregations share worship with other faith traditions, up from just under 7 percent since 2000.

About 20 percent of houses of worship participated in interfaith community service projects, compared to 7.7 percent a decade earlier.

However, 73 percent of the congregations were not involved in any of the four interfaith activities measured by the survey's authors: joint worship, celebrations, educational activities and community service.

While evangelical involvement

in interfaith outreach remains low, researchers did find an increase in interfaith worship among Christian conservative congregations — from 4 percent in 2000 to 12 percent in 2010 — and a jump in evangelical congregations that conducted community service work with other faith traditions.

Still, old line Protestant congregations with more liberal theology were more likely by a nearly 2-to-1 margin than conservative Christian churches to engage in interfaith worship.

### News conferences on opposing sides of NC gay marriage ban

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Several Democratic lawmakers and black clergy took opposing viewpoints Tuesday on a state constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage, a sign that the proposed ballot question still divides racial, partisan and religious groups days before the Legislature meets to consider it.

Key members of the House Democratic Caucus held a news

conference to oppose the amendment, which if approved likely would be on the statewide ballot in 2012.

Lawmakers brought along executives of North Carolina businesses who said such an amendment would discourage new, growing companies from calling the state home because of a perception its leaders don't like gays and lesbians.

Supporters of the amendment counter that states that already have prohibitions of same-sex marriage in their constitutions aren't seeing businesses leave for other states because of that issue.

Several African-American clergy who spoke at a later news conference said same-sex relationships violate Bible teaching and called on the Legislature to let the public vote on the issue.

The Rev. Johnny Hunter of Cliffdale Community Church in Fayetteville said gay rights activists have offended black people by equating the efforts to support gay marriage with the 1960s civil rights movement.

But the Rev. William Barber,

president of the state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the sponsors of the amendment bill, who are overwhelmingly Republican, are actually trying to take civil rights backward with the amendment.

"No matter our color or faith traditions, those who stand for love and justice are not about to fall for this amendment mess," Barber said in a statement released by the gay rights group Equality North Carolina.

### Poll: Small percentage of NYC residents will attend worship on anniversary of 9/11 attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — While most New York City residents still remember where they were when they heard about the Sept. 11 attacks, data from a poll released Tuesday shows that some plan to go about their regular days on the upcoming anniversary while others go to commemorative events.

Ten percent of those surveyed said they would attend religious

ceremonies at their places of worship, while 6 percent said they would attend formal ceremonies marking the anniversary.

Hundreds of religious services are planned for the weekend of the anniversary, which falls this year on a Sunday.

Many interfaith events have also been scheduled in New York, Washington and elsewhere.

The NY1-Marist Poll found that 97 percent of those polled remembered where they were and what they were doing when they first heard about the attacks, while 3 percent did not.

When asked what they would be doing on the 10th anniversary, 37 percent of respondents said they would be going about their daily routines.

Another 25 percent said they would reflect on the day at work or at home, while 23 percent said they would be following media covering the commemoration events.

Manhattan residents were the most likely to say they would be keeping their daily routine, with 47 percent saying they wouldn't alter their schedule.

# 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 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

## GRACE BRETHREN

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

## INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

## LUTHERAN

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

welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

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

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 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 Preschool, 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. 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.; Tuesday: Grief Support Group, 3 p.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** [www.fpclp.com](http://www.fpclp.com), 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 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 Deacons meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, [springlakepc@embarqmail.com](mailto:springlakepc@embarqmail.com), Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church,** 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: [avonparksda@embarqmail.com](mailto:avonparksda@embarqmail.com), Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling; and Associate Pastor Kameron DeVasher. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is [www.discoverjesus.org](http://www.discoverjesus.org)

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

## THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

## THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship.** Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and 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 [uucc@earthlink.net](mailto:uucc@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.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar provides a brief listing of local clubs and organizations who meet on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of the group to update the *News-Sun* on any changes in this listing by calling 385-6155, ext. 516; send any changes by e-mail to [editor@news-sun.com](mailto:editor@news-sun.com); or mail them to *News-Sun* Community Calendar, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

## FRIDAY

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 314-0891.

■ **Alzheimer's Association Support Group** meets at 6 p.m. second Friday at the Oaks of Avon in Avon Park. For details, call 385-3444.

■ **American Legion Post 25** hosts a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Cost is \$6. Shrimp also is available for same price. Open to the public. Tickets in the lounge on Friday night. Lounge hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** has karaoke from 7 p.m. until final call at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Post open at noon. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. For details, call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club** meets 7 a.m., Rotary Club building.

■ **Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. For details, call 385-8118.

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** offers a class in Lake Placid at the Sunshine RV Resort from 9-11 a.m. Friday. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at [samdunn@samdunn.net](mailto:samdunn@samdunn.net).

■ **Heartland AIDS Network** meets 9 a.m., second Friday, Heartland Professional Plaza Learning Center, Sebring.

■ **Heartland Clubs** meet at 3:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Placid Lakes Town Hall Building, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Call 699-6773.

■ **Highlands Social Dance Club** hosts ballroom dancing every Friday, October through March from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway. Dance the night away to the music of the area's Big Bands. All club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required. Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Call 385-6671.

■ **Lake Country Cruisers** has a car show from 5-8 p.m. second Friday at Woody's Bar-B-Q parking lot, Lake Placid. There is a live disc jockey and door prizes.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** has lounge hours beginning at 1 p.m. There is a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$8.50 per person. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** serves wings, fish and burgers at 6 p.m. Music provided from 7-11 p.m. Pool tournament is at 8 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Karaoke from 7-10 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at [www.nafheartland.org](http://www.nafheartland.org).

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Fridays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves chicken or fish baskets from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring, for a \$4 donation. Blind darts is played at 7 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** serving buffet dinner at 5-7 p.m. Elks and guests invited. Dance music in ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and dance is \$10 donation. For reservations, call 385-8647 or 471-3557. Smoke-free environment. Lounge is open from 1-10 p.m.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Recreation Club** plays bridge at 12:30 p.m. and table tennis at 4 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave. For details, call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800** serves steak by the ounce from 5:30-7 p.m. every fourth Friday at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. Texas Hold 'em lessons, 2 p.m. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves pizza from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

## SATURDAY

■ **American Legion Post 25** serves sirloin burgers from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Jam session is from 2-4 p.m. The lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Members and guests invited. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 69** in Avon Park serves dinner at 5 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Public Library** has a free Adult Film Series at noon. For details, call 452-3803.

■ **Cancer Support Group** meets from 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Fellowship Church, 2935 New Life Way, Sebring, hosted by Sue and Kristi Olsen. Call 446-1284 or 385-2974.

■ **Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** provides free assisted riding sessions for adults and children with special needs from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 118 W. College Drive, Avon Park. For details or to volunteer, call Mary McClelland, coordinator, 452-0006.

■ **Highlands Shrine Club**, 2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) has a flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., country store open from 8 a.m. to noon and pancake breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Vendors are welcome. No setup fee is charged for the summer months. Plenty of off road parking. A monthly social is planned at 6:30 p.m. on the second Saturday at the club. There will be dinner and music provided for dancing. Reservations are required by calling 382-2208.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** has a class in Pastels/Acrylics taught by Llewellyn Rinald from from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** opens the lounge at 1 p.m. Card games are played at 1 p.m., and Bar Bingo is

at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at [www.nafheartland.org](http://www.nafheartland.org).

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Oak Street, Lake Placid. For more details, call 382-1821.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves dinner from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Music is from 7-10 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Hills Association** has a pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at the clubhouse, 200 Lark Ave. All the pancakes, sausage, OJ, coffee or tea you can eat or drink for \$3 for members and \$3.50 for non-members.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800** serves breakfast from 8-11 a.m. and horse racing at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Saturday at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves a meal for \$6 from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

## SUNDAY

■ **American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open 1-8 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Post is at 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Call 471-1448.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** lounge is open from 1-7 p.m. Card games start at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** has karaoke in the pavilion. Horseshoes played at 9:30 a.m. Food available at 4 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**, meets from 4-5 p.m. in second floor conference room No. 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 382-7731. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For details on the organization, go to [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org).

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves lunch at 2 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** offers NASCAR racing in the pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Bar open and kitchen open from 2-5 p.m. Lodge is at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880** serves hamburgers from 4-5:30 p.m. and plays poker at 5:30 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** Karaoke is from 5-8 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

**MONDAY**

■ **AI-Anon - LET IT BEGIN WITH ME** family group meets at 10:30 a.m. every Monday at the Heartland Christian Church on Alt. 27 in Sebring. The church is behind Southgate Shopping Center where Publix is. For more information call 385-5714.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting, 8-9 p.m. at Episcopal Church, Lakeshore Drive, Sebring. For more details, call 385-8807.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 314-0891.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Rosewood Center, 517 U.S. 27 South, Lake Placid.

■ **Alanon** meets at 8 p.m. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 202-0647..

■ **American Legion Post 74 Sons of Legion** meet at 6 p.m. Executive board meets at 7 p.m. on second Monday at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Happy hour from 4-6 p.m. Post open noon-8 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **AmVets Post 21** meets 6 p.m. second Monday, at the post, 2029 U.S. 27 South, Sebring. All members welcome.

■ **AmVets Post 21** plays darts at 7:30 p.m. for members and guests. For details, call 385-0234.

■ **Avon Park Lakes Association** has shuffleboard at 1 p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m. The clubhouse is at 2714 Nautilus Drive in Avon Park.

■ **BALANCE Dual Diagnosed (Addiction and Mental Health) Support Group** meets the second and fourth Monday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Florida Hospital Sebring, Conference Room 1. Qi-Gong to follow at 7 p.m. Call 386-5687.

■ **Boy Scout Troop 482** meets 7 p.m., 34 Central Ave., Lake Placid.

■ **Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. For details, call 385-8118.

■ **Diabetes Insulin Pump Support Group** meets the second Monday from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Florida Hospital Heartland Division Diabetes Center, 4023 Sun 'N Lake. Call 402-0177 for more information.

■ **Diabetes Support Group** meets the second and fourth Monday from 1-2:30 p.m. in Florida Hospital Conference Room 3 in Sebring. Call 402-0177 for guest speaker list.

■ **Fairmount Mobile Estates Lunch Bunch** meets at noon second Monday at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring. For details, call 382-0481.

■ **Florida Association Home and Community Education** meets from 9-11 a.m. weekly on Mondays at The Agri-Center. The group of sewers and crafters make items for residents of adult congregate living facilities. Call Penny Bucher at 385-0949.

■ **Grand Prix Cloggers EZ** Intermediate and Intermediate Clogging class are held at 9 a.m. every Monday at Reflections on Silver Lake, Avon Park. Call Julie for further information at 386-0434.

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■ **Heartland Riders Association** meets at 6 p.m. second Monday at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center in Village Plaza (across from Sebring Gate Station). For details, call 402-1165.

■ **Highlands County Concert Band** rehearses 7-9 p.m. every Monday at Sebring High School band room. All musicians are welcome. Vic Anderson, musical director. Call Bill Varner at 386-0855.

■ **Highlands County Homeowners Association** meets the second Monday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Sebring Country Estates Clubhouse at 3240 Grand Prix Drive in Sebring.

■ **Highlands County Parkinson's Support Group** meets at 10 a.m. second Monday at First Baptist Church in Downtown Sebring. For details, call 453-6589.

■ **Highlands County Sewing Group** meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Highlands County Agri-Civic Center in the 4-H laboratory, Sebring. For details, call 402-6540.

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■ **Insulin Pump Support Group** meets from 3-4:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month in conference Room 3 of Florida Hospital. This group is open to all insulin pump wearers, their families and anyone who is interested in knowing more about insulin pumps. Pre-registration is not required. For information, call 402-0177.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** will have classes in Drawing and Painting, conducted by Anne Watson, from from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. From 1-4 p.m., Mary Gebhart will teach Fabric Painting at the center. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lake Placid Elks 2661** opens its lounge at 1 p.m. at the lodge. Ladies crafts at 2 p.m. Sign up for darts is at 6:30 p.m. Music from 5-8 p.m. It is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Library** has storytime at 10 a.m. for ages

3-5 except during holidays.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** plays cards at 2 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only. Lodge closes at 6 p.m.

■ **Let It Begin With Me Alanon Group** meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Monday at Heartland Christian Church, 2705 Alt. 27 South, Sebring. For details about Alanon, a self-help group for families and friends of alcoholics, call 385-5714.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Cards start at 4 p.m. Music outside Tiki Hut at 3 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous Never Alone Candlelight** meets at 8 p.m. at 133 N. Butler Ave. in Avon Park, near the First Congregational Church. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at [www.nafheartland.org](http://www.nafheartland.org).

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 12-4:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday in Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. No meetings from end of May to October. For details, call 465-4888.

■ **Rotary Club of Highlands County** meets at 6:15 p.m. at Beef 'O Brady's, Sebring.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Mondays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** has the lounge open from 12-7 p.m. Smoke-free environment. For more details, call 471-3557.

■ **Sebring Historical Society** open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Located in back side of Sebring Public Library building on Lake Jackson. For information, call 471-2522.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** plays Texas Hold 'em at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly FL 632, Sebring** meets at 2 p.m. for weigh-in at the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, Sebring. For details, call 659-1019.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880** euchre, 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

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# DIVERSIONS

## Weird works for ladies of US pop

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Whether it is being encased in an egg or wearing slabs of meat, there never is a question whether Lady Gaga will make a spectacle of herself at an awards show; the only question is just what kind.

So when the MTV Video Music Awards came around this year, Gaga did not disappoint. Although she dressed somewhat conservatively in short black hair, a dingy white T-shirt, a black blazer and pants, it was whom she embodied that made headlines: a man, whom she called Jo Calderone. The temporary gender switch marked yet another act in Gaga's strange pop odyssey.

What actually made the VMAs so noteworthy, however, was that Gaga was not the only oddity who graced the stage. In one corner there was Katy Perry, sporting pink hair and a giant yellow cube on top of her head. And then there was Nicki Minaj, who wore a colorful surgical mask, a rainbow-colored wig, a minitutu made out of cubic designs, with an attached string of stuffed toys.

It was not too long ago that pop's top ladies were likely to try to out-sex each other, from plunging necklines to gyrating stage performances.

But Gaga, Minaj and Perry are part of a group of contemporary pop stars who are finding success by defying the conventional definition of sexiness with oddball tactics and wacky outfits, recalling pop stars from the past, from Cyndi Lauper to Annie Lennox to Grace Jones.

"All three are emblematic of the millennial generation, who are constantly remixing and reshaping their identities," said MTV president Stephen Friedman, speaking about Perry, Gaga and Minaj.

"It used to be all about the jocks and the beautiful women, and now the nerd is the new jock," Friedman continued. "The currency is about being smart and funny and different, and I think that's what they're playing into: (it) is how can they be different than what you can expect the day before."

Ke\$ha, who was absent from this year's VMAs, has also rebelled against the norm. She burst on the scene with her sideshow style singing about brushing her teeth with Jack Daniels; she now wears a necklace of her fans' teeth. She wears her disheveled look with pride: At last year's VMAs, Minaj sported a fitted dress and pink wig, Perry also sported a sexy dress with pink and purple highlights in her hair. Ke\$ha rocked a trash bag.

"People are like, 'Oh, maybe you should tone the homeless thing down?' It's just not going to happen," Ke\$ha said.

"I like looking homeless sometimes. I like looking like a drunken grandma sometimes. I like looking like a tribal warrior from the future sometimes, and I'm not going to stop playing with my style for anybody."



Claudette Barius/Warner Bros. Pictures/MCT  
Jude Law as Alan Krumwiede in the thriller "Contagion," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

## Calm, realism are weapons in 'Contagion'

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**  
AP Movie Critic

The calm is what's so startling in "Contagion" — the cool precision with which Steven Soderbergh depicts a deadly virus that spreads throughout the world, quickly claiming millions of victims.

There's no great panic in his tone, no hysteria. Soderbergh has amassed a dazzling cast of Oscar winners but this is not like those '70s disaster movies that had melodrama to match their star power.

Characters become increasingly confused and frustrated, they struggle to survive and then die in a matter-of-fact way. Even the eventual instances of looting and rioting that crop up — as they are wont to do in these kinds of movies when societal rules have long since been abandoned — feel like blips of intensity, understandable reactions to an incomprehensible situation.

Working from a script by Scott Z. Burns, who also wrote his 2009 comedy "The Informant!," Soderbergh takes us from suburban living rooms to labs at the Centers for Disease Control to remote Asian villages with equally clear-eyed realism. The attention to detail — and to the infinite ways germs can spread that we probably don't want to think about — provide the sensation that this sort of outbreak really could happen right now.

"Contagion" begins with Gwyneth Paltrow's character, Beth, coughing as she reaches into a bowl of peanuts at an airport bar on her way home to Minneapolis from a business trip in Hong Kong. This is Day 2, we are told, and she will end up being Patient Zero. With the help of a low-key but propulsive



### Movie Review 'Contagion'

**Rating:** PG-13 (disturbing content and some language)

**Running time:** 103 minutes

**Review:** ★★★ (of 4)

electronic score, Soderbergh steadily focuses on the hands as he jumps from Chicago to Tokyo to London in these early scenes, fluidly revealing how we pass our credit card to a waitress or grasp a bus railing or press an elevator button.

Kate Winslet's character, the steely Dr. Erin Mears, who thrusts herself into the vortex as the virus starts developing, offers a chilling statistic to some skeptical medical administrators: We touch our hands to our face 2,000 to 3,000 times ... a day. I don't even want to finish writing this review for fear of what's lurking on my own laptop.

But I must. As Soderbergh did in the superior "Traffic," he intertwines various story lines to give us a complete picture of the devastation. Matt Damon, as Paltrow's stoic husband, Mitch, tries to stay strong and protect his teenage daughter as it becomes clear that they're both immune. Jude Law, believably skeyvy as an online journalist with questionable ethics, digs for the truth of the story — but government scientists are just

as keen on stopping the spread of information as they are the disease itself.

Marion Cotillard gets a bit lost in the shuffle, though, as Dr. Leonora Orantes of the World Health Organization, who's working backward to find the disease's origin. She's gone for large chunks of time and her plot line feels unfinished; it's an example of how, given the enormity of the cast and the subject matter, not all of the characters are fleshed out as well as you'd like them to be.

But then excellent character actors show up and lend weight to some of the smallest parts: Hey, there's John Hawkes as a janitor.

There's Bryan Cranston as Laurence Fishburne's boss at the CDC. And you'd like to see more of them, too.

Despite all the big names crammed together, Jennifer Ehle might just steal this thing as Fishburne's right-hand woman, Dr. Ally Hextall, who's racing to find a vaccine even as the number of dead skyrockets. Like the film itself, she's got an irresistible cool about her.

But she's also so confident and radiates such no-nonsense intelligence, she commands the screen every time she shows up. (And how great is it that three of the top scientists here are strong, decisive women?)

Her performance represents one of many elements of "Contagion" that will make you stop and think. And then wash your hands.

## Dinner disaster makes party planner want to disappear

**Dear Abby:** I am a confident, well-established administrative professional who has worked with an executive team most of my career.

I organized a very large company party and, because my regular caterer didn't specialize in the kind of barbecue that was needed, I took a chance on an unknown one. I had never used this caterer, but went on the recommendation of three colleagues I trust.

In the end, it was the most humiliating disaster I've ever experienced. Not only was there not enough food, but it was presented in a sloppy, unprofessional manner. No beverages arrived, so we had to do without them for the event.

I have never had anything like this happen before, and the responsibility was mine. It was embarrassing for me and the people I work with. I couldn't even show my face. I stayed in the background trying to fix things as best I could.

I can't seem to get past this. I feel like a failure. I am seriously thinking of applying for a job at another company so I can put it all behind me. I had red flags along the way, but ignored them because I trusted the individuals who recommended the caterer. What are your thoughts?

— *Wish I'd Gone With My Gut*

**Dear Wish:** You're a perfectionist, and I respect that. But before you punish yourself by throwing away a perfectly good career with your current company over one regrettable screwup, please consider that NOBODY bats 1000. Yes, what happened was regrettable, but it's in the past. It's possible that the recommended caterer was also having a bad day. If you need absolution, discuss this with your employer. You have learned your lesson. Now let it go.

**Dear Abby:** I'm four months pregnant with our second child and dreading the birth because of my fiancé's parents. After the birth of our first child, I asked "Cliff" to allow me two weeks without overnight visitors so I could settle in with the new baby. That fol-



**Dear Abby**

lowing weekend his parents called and said, "We're coming, and we're staying with you guys!"

My mom and Cliff were the only ones in the delivery room, and that's how I wanted it. I want it that way

again this time. Cliff's mom had made it clear her feelings were hurt because she wasn't "being invited in."

Because my son will be less than 2 years old when the new baby comes, my mom will be taking vacation time to come and help me out. Is it wrong of me to tell Cliff's parents they can't come and stay that soon after the birth of the new one? Cliff and his dad act like long-lost frat guys when they see each other, and I find it irresponsible, childish and a sore spot in our relationship.

— *Pregnant With Apprehension*

**Dear Pregnant:** Your problem isn't your fiancé's parents. It's his inability to act like a mature adult.

When his parents announced they were coming, he should have put a stop to it then and there. Because he seems unwilling to speak up, YOU must assume that responsibility, unless you want a repeat of the "open house" party that happened the last time.

When you give birth your wishes should be paramount. It is not performance art. Your doctor will back you up if you make your wishes clear in advance.

Cliff's mom might have been more welcome this time if she hadn't intruded after your last delivery. But, please, don't place the blame entirely on her because it's possible your fiancé didn't tell her you needed peace, quiet and time to adjust when they announced they were coming

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## Giffords-Kelly memoir coming out Nov. 15

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The joint memoir of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and her husband, soon-to-be-retired astronaut Mark Kelly, is coming out Nov. 15.

The book, titled "Gabby: A Story of Courage and Hope," was written with "The Last Lecture" co-author Jeffrey Zaslow.

Scribner spokesman Brian Belfiglio said Wednesday that Giffords "has been fully engaged with the collaborative writing process of the

book at every step." An Arizona Democrat, she is still recovering from the Jan. 8 shooting when a gunman opened fire outside a Tucson-area grocery store as she met with constituents.

According to Scribner, the book will be a "deeply personal account" covering everything from Giffords' political career to Kelly's time on the space shuttle Endeavour to her recovery over the past several months.

Kelly is slated to retire Oct. 1.

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# A changed America

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By DAVID GOLDSTEIN  
McClatchy Newspapers

The day began in crystalline sunlight and endlessly blue skies, but soon whipsawed into a decade of war, economic meltdown and deep political division.

Ten years after Islamic terrorists hijacked passenger jets and crashed them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, the America that emerged from the smoke and rubble was in some ways a very different country.

How different?

First, a story: It's said that when President Richard Nixon made his groundbreaking visit to Communist China in 1972, he asked Premier Zhou Enlai what he thought about the French Revolution.

It's unclear if Zhou thought Nixon was asking about the political upheaval of 1789 or the Paris student demonstrations just four years earlier. In any case he replied: "Too soon to tell."

It might be too soon to fully understand the impact of 9/11 as well.

Did it somehow help spark the Arab Spring because our response unleashed so much upheaval in the Middle East?

Or the Tea Party, which harnessed an anxiety that America had lost control of events and turned that into an intimidating political force?

It was easier to gauge the fallout on the day itself. From the moment of impact, the terrorists struck not only concrete and steel, but the very notion of American might and invincibility.

From crowded cities to one-stoplight towns, from farmsteads to factories and across the rugged spaces where the singular character of America has been mythically chiseled and shaped, the nation held its collective breath. Perhaps we still do.

Don't many of us pause when we hear the unmistakable scream of a jet engine in downward flight — and wait?

"I think 9/11 and its aftermath years later were a shock to our national consciousness because of the way we thought about ourselves and our place in the world," said Nicholas Burns, the American ambassador to NATO at the time and a top State Department official during the Iraq War.

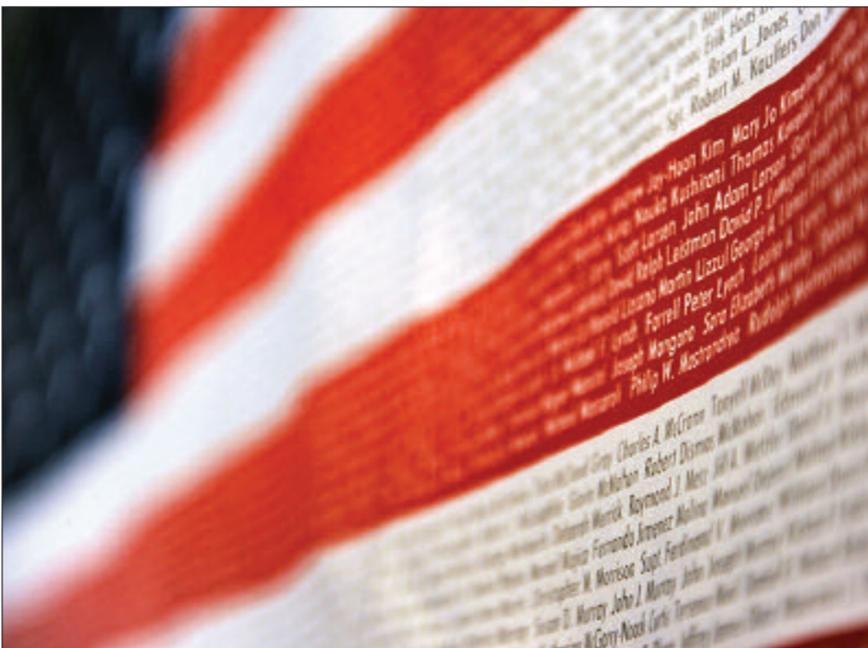
"It has been a much more difficult, much more fearful time for us."

Historian Douglas Brinkley said 9/11 put America into an unfamiliar "defensive crouch." It triggered a mad rush to protect ourselves. We endorsed government measures that pierced the privacy of email and telephones, and created a mammoth security bureaucracy that frisked nuns at airports — but, two Christmases ago, missed a would-be bomber with explosives tucked into his underwear.

In the relentless search for security, we've wrestled with questions that go to the heart of who we are.

Have warrantless wiretaps made us safer or just chipped away at the wall that protects the public from overzealous authority?

## Sept. 11 has made an indelible impact on the American psyche



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A flag containing the names of those killed in the Sept. 11 attacks on display inside the 9/11 chapel at the Pentagon.

Has torturing suspected terrorists saved American lives or undermined the values we trumpet around the world?

Photographs from Abu Ghraib, the infamous Baghdad prison where Americans abused and tortured Iraqis, then put them on display, shocked the world. Is that who we've become?

"I don't think America ever lost touch with the good part of itself," said former Sen. Bob Kerrey, a member of the 9/11 commission and a Medal of Honor winner who lost part of a leg during combat in Vietnam.

### Casualties, cynicism mount

Nearly 3,000 people died on Sept. 11. The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq that followed have so far claimed 6,000 American lives and tens of thousands of civilians in each country. Military suicides are at record levels. Another 45,000 U.S. troops have been wounded, some in devastating ways, and will forever bear the scars of their service.

Troops are coming home, but "there are no victory parades," Burns said.

The wars have cost us more than \$1 trillion, all on credit, and that's come back to haunt us.

"Lots of kids ran down to the recruiting

office," said Paul Rieckhoff, who led an infantry platoon in Iraq and now is executive director of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, a nonpartisan activist group.

"I don't think they thought they'd do five tours and come home to find an unprepared VA (Veterans Affairs Department) and unprepared work environment."

The wars took their toll in other ways as well. The invasion of Iraq became shrouded in a fog of questionable motives. The war in Afghanistan, where the 9/11 plot was hatched, turned into a sideshow.

Then just months after combat in Iraq began in 2003, former President George W. Bush declared "mission accomplished." Yet the fighting continued for years. Casualties mounted, as did mistrust and cynicism over the entire undertaking.

How different was his quick claim of victory from what President Franklin D. Roosevelt told Americans in 1942 about the rough going yet to come in World War II?

"Your government has unmistakable confidence in your ability to hear the worst, without flinching or losing heart. ... In a democracy there is always a solemn pact of truth between government and the people."

Was there any wonder when support for the war, if not the warriors, began to slip?

"When there are wars being fought and a sense of purpose has not been clear to the public, with problems being so complex, people do lose their trust in leadership," said presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin.

### Cultural division progresses

Though the dots didn't all connect, 9/11 for many became a lens for viewing everything that came after: The wars, a sagging economy, the social and cultural rancor. They provided coherence to the notion that the day was a point of demarcation.

America has long been "deeply divided on who it is and where we should go and what our priorities should be," said Richard Land, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. "I think 9/11 has probably sharpened it and perhaps revealed those divisions."

Resentments festered. Fringe issues became mainstream. Decorum disappeared.

"You lie!" a congressman shouted at President Barack Obama during a speech. Critics questioned the president's citizenship and warned that "death panels" in his health reform plan would decide the fate of the elderly. Lawmakers worried inexplicably that Islamic religious law, or Sharia, might gain a foothold.

"It just seems as if the post-9/11 world has been a world in which our country seems to show itself as not very good in solving problems anymore," said historian Michael Kazin of Georgetown University. "Both parties reflect this sense that America is not working very well, that we're not able to set goals and achieve them."

A brief moment of national unity did occur in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. The country became a tapestry of shared grief. Leaders spoke with one voice.

"There was this sense there would be this profound change for the better," said documentary filmmaker Ken Burns. "Americans were coming together in an unusually powerful way ... in the ashes. We live in a bittersweet memory of that collective tragedy and collective possibility. It hasn't been the same since."

Abraham Lincoln talked about the power of shared national sorrow and sacrifice at his first inaugural when he spoke of the "mystic chords of memory stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave." They bind us to our past, he seemed to be saying, and we will best weather whatever befalls us together.

Sept. 11, was that kind of common moment.

When it was over, the Earth still turned in its usual orbit and the stars in the nighttime sky burned like a billion distant campfires. But the universe had shifted somehow.

"The moment before the towers fell and the moment after feels to me absolutely like a hinge moment in world history," said playwright Tony Kushner.

Though we've felt the impact of 9/11, more will yet unfold. Ten years on, it still might be "too soon to tell."