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Question: Should the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba be closed?

Yes
17.6%

No
82.4%

Total votes: **91**

Next question: Has your opinion of Gov. Rick Scott changed in the last month? (Story, page 7A)

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Age 67, of Sebring

William Colbert

Age 80, of Lake Placid

Joe Flores

Age 73

Eneida Rivera

Age 80, of Avon Park

Debrah Spurlock

Age 56, of Sebring

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

South Florida Community College sophomores Alexis Kole and Shelby Flint make their way to class Thursday morning at the college's main campus in Avon Park. SFCC plans to offer a Bachelor of Arts and Science in Supervision and Management starting in the fall of next year.

SFCC takes next step

Baccalaureate plan approved by state

News-Sun staff

On Sept. 20, South Florida Community College was approved by the Florida State Board of Education to offer baccalaureate degrees. The first baccalaureate degree that SFCC plans to offer is a Bachelor of Arts and Science in Supervision and Management (BAS-SM).

College officials will soon start looking for faculty for the degree program, which is expected to begin next fall with an expected class of 40 students.

"The BAS-SM is a broad-based degree that

brings additional career skills to a number of our students who have completed workforce degrees, such as business administration, accounting, computer science, criminal justice, applied health, and nursing," said Dr. Leana Revell, the college's vice president for educational and student services.

"Having the ability to offer a baccalaureate degree will bring new opportunities that we've not been able to provide in the past," she added. "It

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Floridians are poorer than 3 years ago

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Floridians had the biggest drop in income among residents in any state other than Nevada during the past three years of a recession and anemic economic recovery, according to Census data released Thursday.

The median income of Floridians dropped by more than 7 percent from almost \$48,000 in 2007 to more than \$44,000 last year.

Only Nevada had a bigger drop in income, 7.3 percent. But

Nevada residents were earning more than Floridians to begin with — \$55,000 in 2007 and \$51,000 in 2010.

Florida has one of the nation's highest unemployment rates, 10.7 percent in August, and the state was at the epicenter of the housing boom and bust. Those two factors contributed to the disappearing income as Floridians lost wages as well as the ability to take out home equity loans or earn income from buying or selling investment properties, said University of

Central Florida economist Sean Snaith.

"People were making money flipping, buying and selling real estate, so that was bolstering income," Snaith said. "People who weren't involved with that still saw their home equity rise and they were able to tap into that money and spend more. Now those sources have dried up."

Nationally, the median household income declined by about 1.3 percent. It went from \$50,700 in 2007 to just over \$50,000 last year.

Council settles Lake Regency Woods water line issue

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — City council members resolved the ongoing Lake Regency Woods water line extension project during Tuesday evening's meeting.

After a settlement was reached between the city of Sebring and the American Southern Insurance Company regarding the \$350,000 bond, city attorney Bob Swaine recommended that only net pro-

'The policy hopefully for future councils when offered a performance bond is (that) we don't take bonds.'

JOHN CLARK
council member

ceeds (after legal, engineering, and other various fees) of up to \$240,000 be used to complete the water line extension into Phases I and II of the Lake Regency Woods Subdivision.

Members of the Lake

Regency Homeowners Association were present at the meeting to discuss their input in the project. During previous council meetings, the homeowners association members expressed interest in submit-

ting their own solution to the problem regarding the water lines.

Members Ron Handley, Gary Blackman and Stephanie Toothaker presented the council with their own finding, costs and ideas

regarding the construction of lines, water, roads an infrastructure to the area.

Homeowner association members were unhappy with that figure asking the council to reconsider and spend the entire bond amount on the development of the property.

City officials had already received bids for the project and were prepared to hire Polston Engineering to com-

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News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY School Board member Bill Brantley talks with the school district's director of facilities Frank Brown, while member Andy Tuck (left back) confers with school superintendent Wally Cox. At issue Tuesday night was a long-held district grading policy.

Grading system sparks debate

Policy of rounding up failing grades draws criticism from some

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Most of the school board meeting Tuesday night had droned on, busy with the tedium of the necessary.

Then, almost at the end of the agenda, emotions sparked and an energetic discussion began regarding an elementary and middle school grading policy.

In the course of the debate, which drew discussion from the audience, it became clear two school board members sharply disapproved, while the three others had some reservations.

For their part, district and school administrators were just as clearly in favor of it.

For at least 15 years — that is, as far back as anyone present at the meeting could remember — the district has had a compassion policy for students in the elementary and middle schools:

"The four nine-week grades will be aver-



'When we move kids ahead when they aren't ready, we set them up for failure. How about if (students) just work harder and get a better grade?'

ANDY TUCK
school board member

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Democratic Women meet Saturday

SEBRING — The Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County will host their monthly general meeting on Saturday at Democratic Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway (behind Ruby Tuesday's).

Continental breakfast will be served at 8:45 a.m. Dominique Gillen and Anna Eskamani, who chair the state-wide College Women Democrat's Caucus, will speak to attendees. Following their presentation, the general meeting will begin. Anne Bond and Margaret Turnbull will introduce the club's new 2012 slate of officers.

College women of like mind are encouraged to attend. All registered Democratic women are welcome. Any questions, call 214-4680.

Ballroom Dancers plan first dance

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will hold their first dance Saturday at the Eastside Christian Church fellowship hall from 7-10 p.m.

Mike and Peg Johnston will provide the finest in ballroom music for your dancing pleasure. They have vast experience in the music field including formal balls, social dances, dance cruises and other special events including the Florida State Fair.

Water and soda will be available. Admission is a \$5 donation at the door.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK

The American Legion Post 69 will host music by Billy Glades today. Call for time. Jarrett Ford cookout

is Saturday. For details, call 453-4553.

The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have karaoke by Peg and Perry from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. For details, call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 will have a fish fry today. Music by Don and Allen. Call for time. Bar bingo is from 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For details, call 465-2661.

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host Texas Hold'em at 2 p.m. today. Music with Fireman from 6-9 p.m. Bingo bango is at 2 p.m. Saturday. Music with Twi-Lights from 6-9 p.m. For details, call 465-0131.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 will host music with Bud Followell today. Bingo is at 2 p.m. Saturday. Corn Hole game at 5 p.m. Auxiliary bingo at 2 p.m. Music with Tony and Diana from 5:30-7 p.m. For more information, call 699-5444.

The American Legion Placid Post 25 will host music with Thomas from 6-9 p.m. today. Texas Hold'em is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For any information, call 465-7940.

SEBRING

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 will host music by Mike Claxton from 6-9 p.m. today. Music by Todd Allen from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. For details, call 385-8902.

AMVET Post 21 will have a karaoke with Megasound from 7-10 p.m. Saturday. Also, the Ladies Auxiliary is having a "Drop Your Drawers" drive for men and women veterans. Bring new T-shirts, briefs and socks to the Post and leave them in the drop-off box anytime from now until Nov. 1.

Students attend school board meeting



News-Sun photos by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

Elected just the day before, new representatives of the Hill-Gustat Middle School student government presented a patriotism honoring 9/11 at the school board meeting Monday night. (From the left) advisor Todd Hutchinson, Dante Lepe, Siddarth Ananthan, Genell Ward, Shelby Bertka and advisor Tricia Portis.

(From left) Tara O'Berry, Megan Stein, and Reece O'Conner, all members of the Sebring High School chapter of the FFA will heading to Indianapolis in October to take part in the FFA's National Convention. The Sebring students earned the right to attend by winning a National Chapter Award. They, and chapter president Jennifer Swaine, were at the school board meeting Tuesday night, seeking permission to go on the trip — which was given. Kayla Hart is the fifth member of the team. The cost is \$600 per student. Donations are welcome. Call Hallie Webb at 471-5500.



Sebring looking into new side loading garbage truck

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Council members discussed the future purchase of a side loader garbage truck with the Solid Waste Department Tuesday evening. Sebring's Solid Waste Department head, Ernest Johnson, expressed a need for a second side loader truck to be purchased and has spent the last month searching for the right equipment.

The staff recommended awarding a contract to Waste Equipment & Parts LLC after Johnson sent his most qualified workers — one of which is Brian Bradley, who has worked in the solid waste department for over 20 years — to other cities to gain insight on the best equipment for Sebring.

"They (the solid waste staff) have done a very good job on their homework. They have not parted way one way or the other," said Dave Lance, president of Waste Equipment and Parts.

Johnson stated that a representative from RDK visited the Solid Waste Department about a week ago for a matter unrelated to the side loader purchase.

The RDK representative eventually asked to present a truck to the Solid Waste Department and city council for purchase consideration.

"The truck that we have from them (RDK) right now that we bought a couple years ago, we still having problems with the air condi-

Vendors argue over whose truck is best buy; RFPs to be sent out

tioner. The truck from Waste Equipment, we feel that it's a better truck, we got better service with them and we think the city will be better serviced by it," said Johnson.

The RDK representative continued his argument that their truck was better.

The total amount for the Waste Equipment truck is \$226,340.

After Lance stated that Florida had only four or five companies that manufacture and sell garbage trucks, city administrator Scott Noethlich recommended that the coun-

cil send out RFP (requests for proposals) to each of the companies.

"I'm just looking for direction. We can put this out to bid, no problem," Noethlich said.

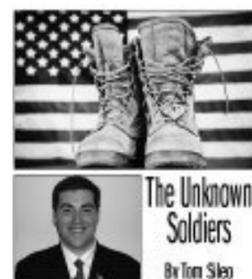
"The reality is we have vendors, a vendor, who admitted he has been a vendor to the city for years who wasn't approached (about the purchase).

"What worries me the most is that access wasn't given to an existing vendor," said Councilman John Clark.

Clark stated that RFPs should have been given out to the four or five vendors in the first place.

To avoid further discussion between the two vendors present, Clark made a motion to table the agenda item until RFPs were sent out.

Council members Scott Stanley, John Clark and Andrew Fells voted unanimously to table the item.



Brother in arms

Kathleen Shannon thinks about her big brother every day.

She vividly remembers when, as a young child, she fell off her bike while riding down a steep hill near the family home in Guttenberg, Iowa. Kathleen landed face-first on the pavement, breaking her glasses and cutting her face.

As she lay on the ground sobbing, her oldest brother, future U.S. Army Cpl. Stephen Shannon, took her in his arms.

"Stephen ran down the hill, picked me up, and walked me home," Kathleen, now 23, told the Unknown Soldiers. "He put me on the couch, got an ice pack and tended to me until our mom got home."

While Stephen was a mischievous child who sometimes teased his siblings, he would lay his life down for them in a heartbeat.

"That's one of those memories I have of him really caring for me," Kathleen continued. "He never wanted me to get hurt."

As a 21-year-old American soldier deployed in Iraq, Cpl. Shannon still didn't want to see anyone — other than the enemy — get hurt. He joined the Army Reserve in a time of war to protect the lives of others and find more purpose in his own.

"It was a combination of patriotism and wanting to better himself," his sister explained. "Joining the military ... you learn discipline, responsibility,

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Courtesy photo

The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will hold their first dance Saturday at the Eastside Christian Church fellowship hall from 7-10 p.m.

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. 21:

- ◆ Mariana Alomar, 25, of Sebring, was charged with larceny, petit theft, second degree.
- ◆ Brandon Shawn Benchina, was charged with larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense, two counts; burglary of unoccupied conveyance, unarmed, two counts; larceny, petit theft, first degree, two

- counts.
- ◆ David Allen Boone, 29, of Haines City, was charged for possession of cannabis.
- ◆ Dominic Justin Diaz-Ascani, 20, of Sebring, was charged for domestic violence or neglect of child, causing great harm; and domestic violence or cruelty toward child, abuse causing great bodily harm.
- ◆ Harold Dwayne Dodd, 53, of Avon Park, was charged with petit theft.
- ◆ Mykel Dwayne Freeman, 21, of Sebring, was charged with attempted burglary of unoccupied structure or conveyance, two counts; and grand theft.
- ◆ Derick Demon Hammonds, 32, of Sebring, was sentenced to 354 days for cruelty toward child, abuse without great harm.
- ◆ Frank Raymond Kimrey, 25, of Lake Placid, was charged with larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense; and burglary of occupied dwelling, unarmed.

- ◆ Crystal Jean Nelson, 33, of Sebring, was charged for burglary of occupied structure, unarmed; larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense; fraudulent use of credit card two or fewer times in six months to obtain goods or money; and larceny, petit theft, first degree.
- ◆ Ronald Franklin Parker, 38, of Sebring, was sentenced to 20 days for larceny, petit theft, second degree, second offense.
- ◆ Jose Pina, 35, of Bradenton, was charged for knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked, first offense.
- ◆ David Anthony Rivera, 21, of Avon Park, was charged with battery, touch or strike.
- ◆ Miguel Angel Rodriguez, 36, of Tampa, was charged with non-payment of child support.
- ◆ William Lloyd Rook, 28, of Sebring, was charged for domestic violence or battery, touch or strike.

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Smoak Foundation 5K Run and Family Music Festival set Oct. 8

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — The Mason G. Smoak Foundation will hold its third annual 5K Family Fun Day & Music Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8 at DeVane Park in Lake Placid.

The day will kick off at 8 a.m. with the 5K race, then a Family Fun Walk at 9 a.m., with the Fun Day &

Music Festival immediately following.

The Family Fun Day and Music Festival will be held in the park from until 1 p.m. There will be booths featuring hands-on exhibits, fun games for kids, live music, and food.

This event is designed from the ground up to be a very family friendly event with dozens of activities for



children and families alike. Attendees will enjoy bounce houses, bungee trampolines, face painting, a dunk tank, booths featuring hands-on exhibits, a raffle and silent auction featuring many unique items, live music from Tommy Brandt and Caleb's Cadence, and plenty of food and refreshments allowing the local community to come out and enjoy a day of fun, fellowship, and entertainment at very little

expense.

To register for the 5K, go online to www.masongsmoakfoundation.org or pick up a registration form at The Blueberry Patch in Lake Placid.

In honor of Highlands County resident Mason Smoak and the impact that he had on the community, the Mason G. Smoak Foundation was created to give back locally through grants and scholarships. In addition, we also are excited to begin its inaugural class of the Youth Leadership Highlands program. This program will take students from around the county through a year-long program to learn more about themselves as leaders and ways they can give back to our local community.



News-Sun photograph by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

Actors Ellen Lemos and Robert Boyer rehearse for the HLT's next production, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, which opens in October. This Saturday the theater opens its doors to the curious with tours of backstage and entertainment in the Thakkar Pavilion from 1 to 4 p.m.

Backstage tours offered at HLT on Saturday

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Live theater is a lot like an iceberg. What the audience sees on the stage is the smallest slice of the production.

Out of sight of the audience are the nuts and bolts of magic— lifting ropes, wooden framing, canvas walls, stairs leading nowhere, odd furniture, tables of props, racks of costumes, trays of make-up, lights and more lights, and wires everywhere.

From 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, the Highlands Little Theatre opens this world to all who are interested with free backstage

tours and explanations of how everything works.

There will be entertainment, including numbers from the next production "The Drowsy Chaperone," in the Thakkar Pavilion.

Ice cream sundaes and root beer floats will be for sale, with proceeds to benefit HLT.

To make it all more exciting, there will be raffles for door prizes.

The theater is at 356 Center Ave., down by Lake Jackson.

Call 385-2525 for more information.

Hurricane fund chief warns that state is in danger

By GARY FINEOUT

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's hurricane fund chief is warning that the state-created fund used to help insurers pay off claims after a big storm is in danger.

The state has relied on a hurricane fund ever since Hurricane Andrew devastated South Florida nearly 20 years ago. Insurers get help to pay homeowners if a hurricane — or a series of hurricanes — results in widespread damages.

But Jack Nicholson, the chief operating officer of the fund, told state legislators on Wednesday that the fund is on "shaky ground." He said ongoing turmoil in the world

financial markets is raising questions about whether the fund could borrow enough money to help insurers after a hurricane.

This year the fund is providing \$18.5 billion worth of coverage, and while it has more than \$7 billion worth of cash on hand, it would still need to borrow another \$11 billion.

"I think we are dangerously overexposed considering the current reality of the marketplace," Nicholson said. "... It scares me to death where we are."

Nicholson used the warnings as part of a pitch to state lawmakers to scale back the size of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund. That

would likely cause insurance premiums to rise but it has the backing of many key Republicans, including Gov. Rick Scott.

Every insurer currently in Florida is required to purchase coverage from the "Cat Fund" as it also called. The fund provides a backstop to insurers at a rate that is generally cheaper than reinsurance sold by private companies.

Nicholson estimated that this low-cost option probably results in insurance premiums being about 25 percent cheaper.

If a storm causes enough damages the insurer can ask for reimbursements from the fund.

Court: State must pay for defending poor

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The Florida Supreme Court says the state, not counties, must pay for new legal offices that help represent indigent defendants.

The justices unanimously ruled on Thursday that a 2007 law creating the offices unconstitutionally passed overhead expenses to Florida's 67 counties.

They cited their 2008 ruling that upheld the law on other grounds.

In that case, the justices ruled Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel Offices are not the same as public defenders.

Instead, they are more like the private court-appointed lawyers they replaced to handle case in

which public defenders have conflicts of interest.

The Florida Constitution says counties can be required to pay some court expenses including public defenders' overhead.

It doesn't, though, allow the state to make counties pay for court-appointed lawyers.

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Noise ordinance deserves study

We think the Highlands County Commission's decision to table its discussion of the county's noise ordinance Tuesday a wise act.

Something as seemingly simple as writing a fence ordinance bedeviled the Sebring city council not long ago, and if property rights proved contentious, just wait until we discuss who can make what kind of noise when — especially in our own homes.

In fact, according to Commissioner Jack Ritchie, the commission is revisiting its nuisance noise ordinance primarily because some counties are dealing with legal challenges to their noise ordinances.

Even agreeing on what constitutes noise isn't easy.

For example, Henry James, the famous American author, was eased to sleep at night by the sound of his secretary typing the hand-written drafts he had produced during the day. Many people

would find the sound of an old fashioned typewriter clacking away anything but soothing, but James slept like a baby.

Or take a lawn care contractor. The sound of his leaf blower early in the morning means he has a job, so the sound is pleasing, while for the nurse next door, who just got off a midnight shift, the sound is pure torture.

In other words, one person's headache is another person's music.

And one person's music is another person's headache.

The commission will have a difficult time balancing the need for quiet and the need for work; the need for self expression and the need to be left alone.

Currently, the county's noise ordinance has 16 sections, dividing noises into categories, covering television sets to construction equipment; animals to skate board ramps. The county now allows working noise from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Public input is essential to arrive with a policy everyone can live with. Write us or call your county commissioner with your concerns and ideas.

Candidates should take the no-pledge pledge



Candid Thoughts

Peter Funt

Even if Jon Huntsman's presidential ambitions are quashed by the Perry-Romney juggernaut,

politicians in both parties would be wise to consider something Huntsman said during a recent GOP debate:

"I'd love to get everybody to sign a pledge to take no pledges."

Indeed, no matter how certain a politician may be about taxes, wars, health care and the myriad problems that confront us, it serves no useful purpose to be painted into a corner by making a "pledge." Said Huntsman: "I have a pledge to my wife, and I pledge allegiance to my country, but beyond that, no pledges."

Michele Bachmann, for instance, quickly found herself cornered by a pledge she made last month in South Carolina that as president she'd guarantee that gasoline prices drop to \$2 per gallon. As her challenges noted, factors affecting gas prices are too numerous for any such pledge to be taken seriously.

Just a few weeks ago, Rick Perry signed a pledge against gay marriage. In adding his name to the document authored by the National Organization for Marriage, Perry backtracked on his earlier pledge that he would leave the definition of marriage up to the states.

Ronald Reagan, the oft-sighted model of conservative governing, raised taxes 11 times during his presidency because it was the right thing for the nation.

Yet, all the contenders, except Huntsman, have



signed Grover Norquist's Taxpayer Protection Pledge - the emphatic document, that bears the signatures of 270 Republicans in Congress, rigidly opposing tax hikes regardless of nature or need.

Huntsman's refusal to pledge makes good sense. "I think it diminishes the political discussion," he explains. "I think it jeopardizes your ability to lead once you get there."

The tax pledge led to a ludicrous exchange during last month's debate in Iowa in which Bachmann and Tim Pawlenty squabbled over a sliver of Minnesota tax history back in 2005, when he was governor and she was in the legislature. The measure in question had nothing to do with income taxes; it involved raising the tax on cigarettes. Yet there was Pawlenty, six years later, insisting that the cigarette hike was actually a "fee" rather than a "tax," which he nevertheless "regretted."

Democrats have their own pledges, such as the Social

Security Protectors Pledge, which compels signatories to "oppose any cuts to Social Security benefits, including increasing the retirement age." Most House Democrats have signed.

It's one thing to take an unequivocal position on certain moral questions like the death penalty, but to apply the same absolutism to ever-changing economic and political issues is simply an abnegation of duty. One assumes that the public wants leaders who can think for themselves and, when necessary, actually modify their positions.

The late Tim Russert of NBC News was fond of asking candidates for high office to take pledges on all sorts of issues. In September 2007, Russert asked Barack Obama if he would "pledge" to remove all troops from Iraq by the end of his first term. The question, in its absolute-ness, was unreasonable, and Obama wouldn't bite.

After offering that same pledge to other Democrats

on stage, Russert asked Hillary Clinton: "Would you pledge to the American people that Iran will not develop a nuclear bomb while you are president?" She, too, declined to be bound by such a pledge — especially one that would forever be preserved on videotape in NBC's archives. Russert was a fine journalist, but his obsession with "pledges" marred his interviews.

Now, pledges have become more than devices employed by TV hosts — they are increasingly the currency of political positioning.

That's unfortunate, because at a time when Republicans and Democrats seem unable to agree on anything, pledges only make the situation more hopeless.

Taking a pledge is the political equivalent of holding one's breath and turning blue — or, as the case may be, red.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Leave Christian events in the schools alone

Editor:

This is a message that I believe should be brought into the light: The issue of atheism vs.

Christianity. There are faults on both sides of the field and I, as a Christian, would like to address them both.

For years, believers in God have tried tirelessly to prove the existence of God to non-believers. Non-believers have tried relentlessly to do the opposite, which is prove the believers wrong. Both parties must realize one thing: When it comes to faith, it does not matter what is fact or fiction. It is the simple belief that something exists. Therefore, the quarrel should stop.

Of what harm is the simplicity of believing in God? None, and yet atheism promotes that Christianity is a poison and that it harms others' judgements. Christians are said in the Bible to have blind judgements according to their own works, and not God's.

My message to my fellow Christians is this: Do not criticize the world, but share your beliefs within it peacefully. Yet do not hound those who do not listen, for they will have deaf ears until they choose to turn them to you. Be fishers of men, but share only to those who will hear it. Let the believers believe and let those who

do not believe do exactly that.

As for atheists: Trying to scientifically disprove something that is a matter of faith is a fool's errand. There is no harm in believing in the power of love, strength, and peace that comes from God. If you wish to be technical, those people without religions you attempt to not offend by keeping God out of our schools offends those who have Him. My message to atheists is clear: I will not fight with you over something that you do not believe in, but you will not keep us from worshipping God when we want, where we want, and how we want. You live in a country that has freedom of speech, religion, and the right to assemble. I believe that makes you obligated to leave Christian events in schools alone.

*Aaron Haidle
Sebring*

Hammering against Social Security has a history

Editor:

The latest conservative to join the Republican "full court press" to cripple or kill Social Security is our own boy senator, the simonized Marco Rubio. Delivering his canned speech at the Reagan Library, with feign diffidence, Rubio, radiating false compassion, observed that "...Social Security is not sustainable for future generations, and it is destructive of the

American spirit." His desire to be observed as the second coming of "compassion conservatism" will prove as hollow as George W.'s first.

The hammering against Social Security has a history with the GOP. Attempts to privatize it, to force it into the stock market were quickly abandoned with the recent market crashes. Yet this is still too big a sugar plum for Wall Street to give up on.

Now individualized "savings accounts" to be funded by a portion of the Social Security tax are favored by some Republicans. To be invested in the market, of course.

Others, advance the false premise that with only one worker to contribute for two retirees in the future, the plan is doomed to bankruptcy. What is ignored here are several salient facts. Firstly, the so-called "special issue securities" given to the Trust Fund when its surpluses were raided periodically by Congress constitutes "full faith and credit" indebtedness of the U.S. Government, as valid and enforceable as any federal bond. Now valued in excess of \$1.7 trillion, but conveniently ignored by the GOP, repayment of this fund would sustain the plan well into the end of this century. Raising the cap of \$106,800 and applying the contribution rate to earnings above the cap would result in automatic solvency. Since the high earners

receive higher benefits such an adjustment is just and essentially painless.

Nothing in law or conscience bars the Congress from providing such funds.

Perhaps when Rubio has become more seasoned and better informed, he will not parrot the misleading slogans of the GOP extremists, with whom he currently finds comfort and opportunity and looks to the long term benefit of the electorate. For the moment his senatorial achievements are nonexistent.

*Randy Ludacer
Lake Placid*

A consequence with every action

Editor:

I think President Obama hopes to discredit a former statement, "America is no longer a Christian nation." He closed a recent speech with "God bless America" and a few other Christian quotes. How can anyone with all of his faculties believe anything the man says when you think of the church he was affiliated with and all the evil he has promoted.

He has aligned himself with the homosexuals, disregarded our laws, encouraged illegal immigrants, which has and is bankrupting this nation, giving them the same benefits and more than the legal citizens, tried to get amnesty for them without going through the regular

procedure, criticized our state law enforcement and much more.

If our people let this slick, deceitful tongue fool them into electing him, we will all pay dearly. The man cannot be trusted and is clearly a detriment to this country. He has encouraged the hiring of college professors in our colleges that have and are brainwashing our young people into thinking that right is wrong and wrong is right, destroying everything that resembles morality and anything pertaining to God and His Holy Word, promoting ungodly teaching as low as kindergarten.

He is for eminent domain causing some to lose their property among other things.

Now, I ask you, do you think God is going to continue blessing this nation if we continue to allow this trend of action? He teaches us in His Holy Word, there is a consequence with every action. If you study the Old Testament, you will see this has happened before. The Bible is for all generations and with Him there is no partiality. There is a solution, I Chronicles 7:14. Read it and heed it. Let us all be faithful in seeking His guidance that He will give us wisdom in the nomination and election of leaders who will put Him first and seek His will daily for each of us. May God give us His divine leadership.

*Willie Clyde (Toole) Cloud
Sebring*

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Rare American crocodile found in St. Petersburg

By TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press
ST. PETERSBURG — Residents of a St. Petersburg gated community have a new and unusual neighbor: an American crocodile.

Shondra Farner in the Caya Costa neighborhood spotted the croc over the weekend.

She snapped a photo and called state wildlife authorities.

The reptile appears to be about 9 feet long.

While crocodiles are found in the Caribbean and South Florida, it is extremely unusual to see them in central or north Florida.

There are only about 1,500 of the shy and reclusive reptiles in the state.

Trappers are trying to trap the croc and will relocate it.

The reptile cannot be

killed because it is an endangered species.

Sea World trainers were told to use caution with whale

SANFORD — A SeaWorld animal trainer says the whale that pulled a trainer into a pool and drowned her last year was possessive of objects and that trainers were given grave warnings about working with him.

Shana Groves testified Thursday on the fourth day of a hearing over whether SeaWorld should have to pay \$75,000 in fines from three citations issued after the death of trainer Dawn Brancheau.

Brancheau died when a killer whale named Tilikum grabbed her and dragged her underwater violently.

Groves detailed the rules of working with Tilikum.

WILLIAM H. COLBERT

William H. Colbert, age 80, a resident of Lake Placid, Fla., for more than 30 years, coming from Belle Glade, Fla., passed away Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011 at the Florida Hospital in Lake Placid, Fla. Willaim managed John Smoak Grove, Inc. of Florida for many years. He was involved with Lily White Benefit Association. His family considered him to be the Best Father, Grandfather and Uncle. He was a member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Lake Placid, Fla.

He is survived by his son, William H. Colbert Jr.; daughter, Lenor Colbert; sister, Odessa Colbert Riley; four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23, 2011 and a funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011, at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Lake Placid, Fla., with Rev. E.J. Walker officiating.

Interment will follow at Highway Park Cemetery, Lake Placid, Fla.

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Death Notices

John W. Bush, 67, of Sebring died Sept. 2, 2011.

Arrangements were handled by the Dowden Funeral Home, Sebring.

Joe Flores, 73, died Sept. 19, 2011.

Arrangements will be handled by Gentry Morrison Southside Chapel, Lakeland.

Eneida Lydia Vazquez Rivera, 80, of Avon Park, died Sept. 17, 2011.

Arrangements are being handled by the Dowden Funeral Home, Sebring.

Debrah Ann Spurlock, 56, of Sebring died Sept. 1, 2011.

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Grading system to get further discussion

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aged to determine the year-long grade. For year long courses, nine-week grades below 50 percent will be averaged using a value of 50 percent for the lowest nine-week period only one per course."

In other words, if a student receives 39 percent at the end of a nine-week grading period, that 39 would be raised to 50 percent when determining the student's average. This would replace the lowest grade, not all of them.

The policy was before the board because district administrators wanted to extend it to include semester-long courses as well.

School board member Andy Tuck was first to respond. He was, and remains, strongly opposed to the policy.

"When we move kids ahead when they aren't ready, we set them up for failure," he said, adding that moving unprepared students was unfair to the teachers who would have to work with them in the future. "How about if (students) just work harder and get a better grade?"

Chris Doty, the principal of Hill-Gustat Middle School, rose in the audience to defend the board's policy.

"Things do happen to kids," Doty said. "What we're talking about is the

'Things do happen to kids. What we're talking about is the mathematical fact — if you drill that kid with a zero, will he ever recover.'

CHRIS DOTY
Hill-Gustat Middle School principal

mathematical fact — if you drill that kid with a zero, will he ever recover?"

Doty was not referring to a child's emotional life, but the reality of hard numbers in averages.

School board member Ned Hancock agreed and referred back to the changes in going from letter grades to numbers. Average an F and an A, he said, and the student gets a C. But, average a 0 and 90 and the student gets a 45 — an F. Hancock added that students should get what they earn by doing the work.

Doty, during a follow-up call with the News-Sun on Wednesday, said that numerical grades are essentially unbalanced. He explained that while there are 10 points between a D and a C; a C and B; a B and an A; an F runs from 0 to 59. This means, he said, a child who falls behind early may never be able to catch up. Research has shown, Doty said, that once a student fails one class, he or she is at greater risk to fail two, and then at a much greater risk to drop out of

school altogether.

Doty pointed out that 50 percent is not a passing grade, so it is not as if students are being skipped ahead.

School Superintendent Wally Cox urged the board to support the policy. "I want students who want to recover to have the chance," he said.

Assistant superintendent Becky Fleck added, "This policy will not save a child who doesn't work. This will only help the child who doesn't do well in one nine-week period."

Tuck made a motion to remove the 50 percent policy from the student progression plan altogether. The motion met silence until board chairperson Donna Howerton turned her gavel over to Hancock, vice-chair of the board, and seconded the motion.

For the second time, Howerton, who shares Tuck's reservations, pushed for a workshop on the issue. She said there was a lot to think about and research to be done. She especially wanted

to talk to teachers.

School board attorney John McClure warned, however, time is pressing. "The Student Progression Plan is a key document," he said. "It is state mandated and needs to be adopted. Normally it's done before school starts."

He also warned, referring to Tuck's motion, that any changes to the policy altering its intent meant it first would have to re-advertised for 28 days, and then return to the board for approval.

"Why can't we change it?" Tuck asked McClure.

McClure, who prefaced his comments by saying, "I'm going out on a limb," explained his reasoning. The policy now allows the compassion grade of 50 percent in particular instances. Ending that policy without public notice violated state statutes, while voting for the current student progression plan excluding the semester course addition was not the same thing, because the semester course was not yet included in the policy.

In the end, the board voted 3-2 to approve the student progression plan, without extending the 50 percent policy to semester long courses.

It was agreed, however, that the issue needed more discussion and the issue might be revisited. A workshop has been set for 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the

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◆ Anthony Malcolm Sargent, 32, of Zolfo Springs, was charged with possession of cannabis; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

◆ Craig Allen Wells, 46, of Avon Park, was committed for possession of weapon or ammo by convicted Florida felon.

◆ Xzavier Carl White, 43, of Lake Placid, was charged for possession of prescription drug without prescription; using or possessing drug paraphernalia; and possession of cannabis.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Tuesday, Sept. 20:

◆ Brian Peter Barrera, 28, of Sebring, was charged for domestic violence or battery, touch or strike; domestic violence or cruelty toward child, act that could result in physical or mental damage; damaging property, criminal mischief; and obstructing justice, tampering in felony, third degree.

◆ Michael Maurice Bird, 26, of Okeechobee, was charged with theft.

◆ Timothy Bryonshell Cannon, 21, of Avon Park, was charged with strong armed robbery.

◆ Christopher Michael Cerrato, 35, of Lake Placid, was charged on an out-of-county warrant for driving with suspended license.

◆ Joshua Shawn Cromer, 30, of Sebring, was charged with domestic violence or battery, committing domestic battery by strangulation; resisting officer, obstruction without violence; and burglary of unoccupied dwelling, unarmed.

◆ Channie Lehemiah Donald, 29, of 1907 N. Terrapin Road, Avon Park, was registered as a sexual predator.

◆ Rickey Lynn Henson, 25, of Venus, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, first offense.

◆ Keionte Ta Easha Hill, 22, of Lake Placid, was charged with damaging property, criminal mischief.

◆ Dionne Dewayne Jones, 33, of Avon Park, was charged for possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, etc.; possession of narcotic equipment and/or use; possession of weapon or ammo by convicted Florida felon; and selling or possessing, etc. dangerous, counterfeit drugs.

◆ Loenda Reedy Kimla, 47, of Okeechobee, was charged for no valid driver license.

◆ Qweleco Janvontay McKeithan, 28, of Lake Placid, was sentenced to 60 days for possession of cannabis, not more than 20 grams.

◆ James Perrine, 58, of Sebring, was sentenced to 30 days for knowingly driving while license suspended, first offense.

◆ Terrie Croft Ross, 52, of Sebring, was charged for resisting officer, obstruction without violence; and battery, touch or strike.

◆ Phillip Earl Sutton, 40, of Frostproof, was charged for knowingly driving while license

suspended or revoked.

◆ Jimmy David Tyson, 24, of Okeechobee, was charged for dealing drugs within 1,000 feet of school or daycare.

◆ Tlisha Jerome Whitt, 23, of Avon Park, was charged on a Hendry County warrant for driving while license suspended or revoked.

◆ Shawn Eric Zeigler, 40, of Lorida, was charged for grand theft of motor vehicle, two counts; burglary of unoccupied structure, unarmed; and larceny or grand theft.

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SFCC baccalaureate plans approved by state

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will allow our students to stay within their communities and go on with their baccalaureate degrees to increase their job skills and marketability. Because of convenience and affordability, we think this is a great addition for our students."

Major employers in the college's service district are involved in public service, health care, business, and retail. "Local employers tell us that they are looking for workers who have a liberal education, can think critically, have people skills, can supervise staff, and can manage aspects of a business. They want employees who have the job skills that can work effectively for them. We believe this degree will off a lot of those components," Revell said.

"Within the next five

years, about 300 positions will be available in our district that require a bachelor's degree. That number will be 55,000 throughout Florida, and 83,000 nationwide.

Although the number for the district doesn't appear large, the BAS-SM will garner a student all kinds of job skills that can be used in several parts of the state and country, not just locally."

Now that SFCC has received approval from the state board of education, SFCC will seek accreditation of its first baccalaureate degree from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The college itself has been accredited for years. In fact, it faces its 10-year review this November.

"Within the district (made up of Highlands, DeSoto and Hardee counties) we have a

need for more baccalaureate degrees," said Dr. Revell. "Only 8-14 percent of the population in these counties have earned a bachelor's degree, well below the state and national average.

"This is a significant milestone for SFCC," said Dr. Norm Stephens, president, SFCC. "I credit the faculty and staff who worked so hard over the last couple of years to prepare our proposal to the Florida State Board of Education. It is our intention to make this new offering of the highest quality. However, there's a great deal of work yet to be done.

"We will continue to offer a variety of associate degrees and workforce certificates as we have in the past," Dr. Stephens added. "Our goal is to be responsive to the people in our college district."

Sebring settles water line issue

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plete all aspects of the project including the design, permitting and bid preparation.

If constructed by Polston Engineering, the project would include the water lines themselves along with roads and lots. Along with the lines and lots various fees including engineering, previous balances due, and bid documents the total cost of the project would be \$524,051.

The homeowners association argued that their bid would be most beneficial to the city of Sebring, the taxpayers, as well as Lake Regency Woods residents.

The total cost for the homeowners association proposal would cost \$455,621, a difference of \$68,430 between the two proposals.

Council members spoke strongly of not wanting to get involved in any litigation regarding the funds or the project.

"I'm just ready to wash my hands of this so badly," said Councilman John Clark. "The policy hopefully for

future councils when offered a performance bond is (that) we don't take bonds."

"I'm going to have to agree with Councilman Clark...I don't want to see the city of Sebring or the taxpayers go through another six months of conversations with attorneys back and forth and spending money on attorney's fees nor do I want to see it end up in a lawsuit which I have a feeling that's where it's going if we don't come up with some type of agreement with the Homeowners Association," Councilman Andrew Fells said.

Council President Scott Stanley suggested allowing the utilities department to make up the difference of the funds for the project "that way there is no co-mingling of the funds".

"I'm willing to give these guys \$254,000, that will cover all their expenses. I'm not willing to give them \$350 (thousand) and then we have to pay another \$100,000," John Griffin said.

"Your attorney approved the bond improperly and that's where the mistake lies. Let's call it what it is," said Blackman.

"We are trying to get all this over with and done. We have found a way by us taking charge of it and us taking responsibility of it. It should've been a check for \$500,000 but we're going to take \$350 or you can spend \$450 and go your way."

A motion was made by Clark to approve an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the Lake Regency Woods water line extension. The motion was approved with a 3-1 vote Griffin voted no. Councilman Bud Whitlock was not present at Tuesday's meeting due to medical issues.

The Homeowners Association will put down their own 12-inch water main through the subdivision. The proposed route of the main will begin at Skipper Road and run through the development and out to State Road 66.

Brother still offering guidance

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hard work, and leadership."

The soldier was raised by Daniel and Joan Shannon, who Kathleen calls "the Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie of the Midwest." In addition to Stephen and Kathleen, they raised Molly, 20, and Patrick, 18, while adopting three children: Jack, 12, from South Korea; Mara, 6, from China; and Liam, 4, from Ethiopia. Like his parents, Stephen instantly connected with kids around the world.

"Children were drawn to him," Kathleen said. "He could easily make anyone laugh, even in serious situations."

Something else stood out to Kathleen as the siblings kept in close contact during Stephen's five months serving in Iraq with the Army's 396th Engineer Battalion. Half a world away from Iowa's golden fields, her brother was growing up.

"He realized that it wasn't all about him anymore," she explained. "He was with his comrades."

On Jan. 30, 2007, Cpl. Shannon drove over an improvised explosive device planted by terrorists in Ramadi, Iraq. According to

Kathleen, shrapnel tore into her brother's leg, causing blood loss so massive that the military contacted her parents.

Minutes later, Kathleen, who was on her way to an evening study group at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wis., got a call from home.

"Kathleen, your brother has been in an explosion in Iraq," she vividly remembers her father saying.

Like the day she plunged from her bicycle as an innocent child, Kathleen was helpless.

"It felt like I had been punched in the gut," she said. "I fell to my knees and lost all strength in my legs."

As she desperately awaited more news, the devastated sister briefly fell asleep. It was in Kathleen's dreams that her big brother took her in his arms once again.

"He told me he was dead," she said. "In the dream I said, 'No, this can't be happening. This can't be real. I'll make a deal with the devil and bargain to keep you alive — I'll even trade places.'"

"No, it's not your time," Kathleen's brother replied in the dream. "You have to stay

here — you have a long life to live."

When she woke up, Stephen was dead. Yet, even in the painful weeks, months, and years that followed, he still managed to pick up his little sister, again and again.

"You can be consumed by death and go to very dark places," she explained. "Your life can absolutely fall apart."

While her journey hasn't been easy, Kathleen, who is expecting her first child, believes that from above, Stephen is still guiding her out of life's steep valleys. "It's made me a stronger human being, and I survived," she concluded. "I overcame death — his death."

Cpl. Stephen Shannon was willing to lay his life down for his siblings. As Americans who sleep under a blanket of freedom that this selfless soldier helped weave, we are his brothers and sisters too.

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NASA: Huge satellite should fall today

Associated Press

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NASA's old research satellite is expected to come crashing down through the atmosphere Friday afternoon, Eastern Time. The spacecraft will not be passing over North America then, the space agency said in a statement Wednesday evening.

The predictions should become more precise by Thursday afternoon and certainly by Friday.

"It is still too early to predict the time and location of re-entry with any more certainty," NASA said.

An estimated 26 pieces — representing 1,200 pounds — are expected to survive.

NASA is anticipating a splashdown rather than a landing. Nearly three-quarters of the world is covered with water. The Aerospace Corporation in California, in fact, predicts that re-entry will occur over the Pacific late this afternoon, Eastern Time. But that's give or take 14 hours.

The 20-year-old Upper Research Atmosphere Satellite will be the biggest NASA spacecraft to fall uncontrolled from the sky in 32 years. It is expected to break into more than 100 pieces.



Rick Perry (right) holds a lead over Mitt Romney among Florida Republicans.

Perry the present favorite among Florida Republicans

By BRENT KALLESTAD

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Republicans currently prefer Texas Gov. Rick Perry by a slight margin over former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney in their party's battle to find a nominee to face President Barack Obama next year, a new poll shows.

Perry was favored by 28 percent of the 374 registered Republican voters compared to 22 percent who wanted to see Romney as their nominee. The random telephone survey, conducted Sept. 14-19 Quinnipiac University, has a margin of error of plus or minus 5.1 percentage points. No other Republican presidential hopeful in the present field of candidates received double-digit backing.

The poll came out ahead of Thursday afternoon's candidate forum and an evening debate in swing-state Florida.

Perry's advantage over Romney was even greater should former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin stay out of the race and also among GOP voters who described themselves as part of the Tea Party movement.

Perry was favored by 32 percent of Republicans to 21 percent who liked Romney better in a contest without Palin. The Texas governor led Romney 55 percent to 35 percent among Tea Party folks.

However, Quinnipiac's poll released Thursday showed Obama would be more difficult to defeat if Perry becomes the Republican nominee, largely because Perry has work to do with voters independent of either major political party.

Romney, in a broader survey of 1,007 registered voters, was favored by 47 percent to Obama's 40 percent. Obama had a statistically

meaningless 44-42 edge in a matchup with Perry. That larger sampling had a margin of error of 3.1 percent.

Perry also has work to do with Florida seniors on his conviction that Social Security is a "Ponzi scheme." Fifty-eight percent said it was unfair to describe Social Security as a "Ponzi scheme," and there was virtually no support for reducing Social Security with the exception of raising the cap from the current \$106,800 in salary subject to the tax.

Although Obama carried Florida by a comfortable margin in his 2008 victory over Republican John McCain, 53 percent of those questioned in the Quinnipiac survey said the president does not deserve a second term compared to 41 percent who believe he does.

Florida's 29 electoral votes are the most of any state considered to be a swing state.

Scott's poll numbers slowly improving

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Republican Gov. Rick Scott remains burdened with a low standing among the state's voters, a new Quinnipiac University poll released Wednesday shows.

More voters said they like the governor personally than they did a month ago, but still don't like how Scott is doing his job.

"All in all this isn't great news for the governor, but his numbers are moving upward slowly," pollster Peter Brown said Wednesday.

Quinnipiac (Conn.) University randomly surveyed 1,007 registered voters by land line and cell phones between Sept. 14 and Sept. 19. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Voters were split evenly, 37 percent to 37 percent, when asked if they liked the new governor as a person, but 50 percent said they disapproved of the job he's doing compared to 37 percent who gave him a favorable job rating.

The numbers were slightly better for Scott than in early August when 52 percent disapproved compared to 35 percent who believed Scott was doing a good job after slightly more than eight months in office.

More than half, 53 percent, said they do not approve of Scott's policies or the way he handled the state budget. Forty one per-

cent said they believed that state budget cuts made earlier this year went too far and was unfair to people like them.

"Voters don't like politicians they see as being unfair, especially when it comes to cutting programs for people," Brown said. "Politicians who can convince voters they are being fair on budget issues gain a leg up."

But Scott showed increased strength within his own party where 70 percent of Republicans ranked his job performance favorably compared to 18 percent who disapproved.

Democrats disappeared by a margin of 82 percent to 8 percent. A multimillionaire businessman, Scott emerged from virtual anonymity in political circles last year to upset the GOP's establishment gubernatorial candidate and sitting attorney general, Bill McCollum, and then edged Democrat Alex Sink in the general election.

First-term Republican U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio fared better with registered Republicans and voters overall. Nearly half, 49 percent, of the respondents rated Rubio favorably for his early performance in Washington. Rubio was backed by 81 percent of the Republican voters questioned and 52 percent of independents while only 19 percent of Democrats gave him a favorable rating.



Scott

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

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

WITNESS My hand and official seal of said Court this 16th day of September, 2011.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (941)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call (TDD) (941) 534-7777, or Florida Relay Service 800-955-8770.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
September 23, 30, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-001042

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR BOAALT MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-11, Plaintiff,

vs.

HOPE FOSTER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated on September 12, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-001042 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR BOAALT MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-11, is the Plaintiff and HOPE FOSTER; FITZAINSLY FOSTER; LAS PALMAS RESORT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00AM, on the 11th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 639 OF LAS PALMAS RESORT, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR LAS PALMAS RESORT, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1830 AT PAGE 1392 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS: THE NORTH HALF, MORE OR LESS, OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY (THE DIVIDING LINE FOR THE PROPERTY BEING COEXTENSIVE WITH THE PARTY WALL WHICH DIVIDES THE DUPLEX LOCATED UPON THE PROPERTY) LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: A PORTION OF LOT 12, BLOCK 4, TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 33 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY (OF WHICH HIGHLANDS COUNTY WAS FORMERLY A PART), FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 12, BLOCK 4; THENCE RUN NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF 102.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 524.97 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 218.29 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 90.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 17.87 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 26.70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 58.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 26.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 58.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

A/K/A 600 E. CANFIELD STREET, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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 September 13, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. PC 11-385

IN RE: ESTATE OF SHIRLEY A. MAZZA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SHIRLEY A. MAZZA, deceased, whose date of death was August 17, 2010, and whose social security number is 068-30-5902, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is September 23, 2011.

Personal Representative:
/s/ June Hardie Keith
411 Truman Avenue
Key West, FL 33040

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ ROBERT E. LIVINGSTON
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)385-5156
September 23, 30, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-000699

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

LUISA VILCHEZ, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on September 01, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-000699 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and LUISA VILCHEZ; SUNSET POINTE ON DINNER LAKE 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 30th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 30, OF SUNSET POINTE ON DINNER LAKE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 55, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3018 CEDORA STREET, SEBRING, FL 33870

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 September 2, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: GC-10-000159

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. Plaintiff,

vs.

MANUEL C. PEREZ; MIRNA LIRIANO; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 12th day of October, 2011, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 4, BLOCK 154, PLACID LAKES, SECTION TWELVE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

September 23, 30, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001509

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR WEST AKA VICTOR C. WEST, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated on September 2, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001509 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and VICTOR WEST AKA VICTOR C. WEST; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICTOR WEST AKA VICTOR C. WEST N/K/A DEBORAH WEST; ARMANDO RIOS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARMANDO RIOS N/K/A DEBORAH WEST; CITY OF AVON PARK, A FLORIDA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00AM, on the 11th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE NORTH THREE-FOURTHS OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK 155, LESS THE WEST 125 FEET OF THE EAST 155 FEET OF THE SOUTH 140 FEET OF THE NORTH THREE-FOURTHS OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK 15, ALL IN TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

A/K/A 905 N. LAKE AVENUE & 23, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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 September 2, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001193

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

TOM MARTIN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on August 18, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001193 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and TOM MARTIN;HIGHLANDS COUNTY; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00AM, on the 11th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 1, BLOCK 32, TOWN OF SEBRING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN TRANSCRIPT BOOK, PAGE 6, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 445 POMEGRANATE 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 September 13, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000295

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN WALTER MARCEAU, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on September 01, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000295 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and JOHN WALTER MARCEAU; JANET L. MARCEAU; PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00AM, on the 11th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT(S) 7 AND 8, BLOCK 67, OF PLACID LAKES, SECTION 6, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 236 TANGERINE ROAD, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

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ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-001042

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR BOAALT MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-11, Plaintiff,

vs.

HOPE FOSTER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001509

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR WEST AKA VICTOR C. WEST, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated on September 2, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001509 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and VICTOR WEST AKA VICTOR C. WEST; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICTOR WEST AKA VICTOR C. WEST N/K/A DEBORAH WEST; ARMANDO RIOS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARMANDO RIOS N/K/A DEBORAH WEST; CITY OF AVON PARK, A FLORIDA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00AM, on the 11th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE NORTH THREE-FOURTHS OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK 155, LESS THE WEST 125 FEET OF THE EAST 155 FEET OF THE SOUTH 140 FEET OF THE NORTH THREE-FOURTHS OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK 15, ALL IN TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

A/K/A 905 N. LAKE AVENUE & 23, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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 September 2, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000352

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

R. DANIEL KOPPEN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on September 01, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000352 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and R. DANIEL KOPPEN; KAREN KOPPEN; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; 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 30th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

SOUTHWESTERLY PORTION OF LOT 9, BLOCK 255, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; BEGIN AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 9 AND THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,890.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 10.21 SECONDS, AND A CHORD BEARING NORTH 66 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, 50.02 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE AND ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MERCADO DRIVE, A DISTANCE OF 50.03 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 9 AND TO A POINT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 5,015.00, A DELTA ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 06.06 SECONDS AND A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 66 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST, 51.20 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE AND ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 9, A DISTANCE OF 51.21 FEET; THENCE NORTH 22 DEGREES 58 MINUTE 32 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 9, A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 6,327 SQUARE FEET.

A/K/A 4613 MERCADO DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33872

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on September 2, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001193

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

TOM MARTIN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on August 18, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001193 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and TOM MARTIN;HIGHLANDS COUNTY; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00AM, on the 11th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 1, BLOCK 32, TOWN OF SEBRING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN TRANSCRIPT BOOK, PAGE 6, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 445 POMEGRANATE 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 September 13, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000295

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN WALTER MARCEAU, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on September 01, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000295 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and JOHN WALTER MARCEAU; JANET L. MARCEAU; PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00AM, on the 11th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT(S) 7 AND 8, BLOCK 67, OF PLACID LAKES, SECTION 6, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 236 TANGERINE ROAD, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on September 13, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-001042

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR BOAALT MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-11, Plaintiff,

vs.

HOPE FOSTER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated on September 12, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-001042 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR BOAALT MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-11, is the Plaintiff and HOPE FOSTER; FITZAINSLY FOSTER; LAS PALMAS RESORT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00AM, on the 11th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 639 OF LAS PALMAS RESORT, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR LAS PALMAS RESORT, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1830 AT PAGE 1392 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS: THE NORTH HALF, MORE OR LESS, OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY (THE DIVIDING LINE FOR THE PROPERTY BEING COEXTENSIVE WITH THE PARTY WALL WHICH DIVIDES THE DUPLEX LOCATED UPON THE PROPERTY) LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: A PORTION OF LOT 12, BLOCK 4, TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 33 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY (OF WHICH HIGHLANDS COUNTY WAS FORMERLY A PART), FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 12, BLOCK 4; THENCE RUN NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF 102.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 524.97 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 218.29 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 90.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 17.87 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 26.70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 58.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 26.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 58.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

A/K/A 600 E. CANFIELD STREET, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on September 13, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001509

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR WEST AKA VICTOR C. WEST, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated on September 2, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001509 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and VICTOR WEST AKA VICTOR C. WEST; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICTOR WEST AKA VICTOR C. WEST N/K/A DEBORAH WEST; ARMANDO RIOS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARMANDO RIOS N/K/A DEBORAH WEST; CITY OF AVON PARK, A FLORIDA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00AM, on the 11th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE NORTH THREE-FOURTHS OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK 155, LESS THE WEST 125 FEET OF THE EAST 155 FEET OF THE SOUTH 140 FEET OF THE NORTH THREE-FOURTHS OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK 15, ALL IN TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

A/K/A 905 N. LAKE AVENUE & 23, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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 September 2, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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 CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 51-2010-CA-8326-WS

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of Prudential Securities Secured Financing Corporation, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-PWR1, acting by and through its special servicer, C-III Asset Management LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.
BROOKLINE CENTRAL FLORIDA COMPANY, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; STROMMEN CENTRAL FLORIDA COMPANY I, LLC a Florida limited liability company; STROMMEN CENTRAL FLORIDA COMPANY II, LLC a Florida limited liability company; et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Stipulated Partial Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 9, 2011, entered in Civil Case No. 51-2010-CA-8326-WS of the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit in and for Pasco County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of Prudential Securities Secured Financing Corporation, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-PWR1, acting by and through its special servicer, C-III Asset Management LLC, is the Plaintiff and BROOKLINE CENTRAL FLORIDA COMPANY, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; STROMMEN CENTRAL FLORIDA COMPANY I, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; STROMMEN CENTRAL FLORIDA COMPANY II, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; WILLIAM B. YEOUMANS, individually; PATRICK M. KILMARTIN, individually; WILLIAM T. OBEID, individually; CHRISTOPHER F. LAMACK, individually; DANTE A. MASSARO, individually; ANW E. STROMMEN, individually; and SCOTT J. STROMMEN, individually, the Defendants.

The Pasco County Clerk of Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash, via online foreclosure action at www.pasco.realforeclose.com, in accordance with Chapters 702 and 45 of the Florida Statutes, at 11:00 AM, on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, the following described property, as set forth in said Stipulated Partial Summary Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

SEE ATTACHED
EXHIBIT "A" and EXHIBIT "B"

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THIS SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

DATED This 12th day of September, 2011.

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Exhibit A
(Legal Description of the Real Property)

PARCEL 1

A portion of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 25 South, Range 16 East, Pasco County, Florida, also being a portion of Tracts 4, 5, 12, 13 and 14 of PORT RICHEY LAND COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION, as shown on Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Pages 60 and 61 of the Public Records of said Pasco County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 11; thence run along the West boundary line of said Northwest Quarter of Section 11, South 00 degrees 39 minutes 19 seconds West, 891.11 feet; thence South 87 degrees 35 minutes 26 seconds East, 1072.58 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence run North 00 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds East, 513.54 feet; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 35 seconds West 35.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds East, 256.27 feet to the Southerly right of way line of State Road No. 52, as now established; thence along said Southerly right of way line South 83 degrees 33 minutes 33 seconds East, 137.31 feet; thence continue along said Southerly right of way line, 114.06 feet along the arc of a 5829.70 foot radius curve concave to the Northeast, subtended by a chord distance of 114.05 feet which bears South 83 degrees 53 minutes 09 seconds East; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds West, 447.50 feet; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 35 seconds East, 385.51 feet to the Westerly right of way line of La Madera Boulevard as now established; thence along said Westerly right of way line, 118.63 feet along the arc of a 446.48 foot radius curve concave to the Northeast, subtended by a chord distance of 118.28 feet which bears South 23 degrees 22 minutes 05.5 seconds East; thence continue along said Westerly right of way line, South 30 degrees 58 minutes 48 seconds East, 228.16 feet; thence continue along said Westerly right of way line 24.59 feet along the arc of a 636.43 foot radius curve concave to the Northeast, subtended by a chord distance of 24.59 feet which bears South 30 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds East to the Northeast corner of Forestwood Unit One as shown on Plat recorded in Plat Book 23, Page 106, of the Public Records of Pasco County, Florida, thence along the Northerly boundary of said Forestwood Unit One and the Westerly extension thereof, North 87 degrees 35 minutes 28 seconds West 779.70 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH an easement for ingress and egress for parking areas, including all entrances, exits, driveways and walks in common with others over and across the following described property:

A parcel of land lying in the Northwest One Quarter of Section 11, Township 25 South, Range 16 East, Pasco County, Florida; the same being a portion of Tract 4 of PORT RICHEY LAND COMPANY, as shown on Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Pages 60 and 61 of the Public Records of Pasco County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northwest One Quarter of said Section 11; thence run South 00 degrees 39 minutes 19 seconds West 891.11 feet along the West boundary line of said Section 11; thence South 87 degrees 35 minutes 26 seconds East 450.12 feet; thence North 00 degrees 39 minutes 19 seconds East, 800.28 feet to point on the Southerly right of way line of State Road 52; thence along said Southerly right of way line 324.77 feet along the arc of a 5829.70 foot radius curve concave to the right, having central angle of 03 degrees 18 minutes 19 seconds, subtended by a chord distance of 324.72 feet which bears South 85 degrees 11 minutes 47 seconds East; thence continue along said Southerly right of way line South 83 degrees 33 minutes 33 seconds East 397.70 feet; thence 114.06 feet along the arc of a 5829.70 foot radius curve concave to the left, having a central angle of 01 degree 08 minutes 47 seconds, subtended by a chord distance of 114.05 feet, which bears South 83 degrees 53 minutes 09 seconds East to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue along said Southerly right of way line, 238.24 feet along the arc of a 5829.70 foot radius curve concave to the left, having a central angle of 02 degrees 20 minutes 29.5 seconds, subtended by a chord distance of 238.23 feet, which bears South 85 degrees 37 minutes 02 seconds East; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds West, 300.32 feet; thence South 87 degrees 39 minutes 25 seconds East, 130.45 feet; thence 127.48 feet along the arc of a 446.48 foot radius curve concave to the left having a central angle of 16 degrees 21 minutes 34 seconds, subtended by a chord distance of 127.05 feet which bears South 08 degrees 46 minutes 58 seconds East along the Westerly right of way line of La Madera Boulevard; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 35 seconds West 385.51 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds

East, 447.51 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS THE FOLLOWING OUT PARCEL:

A portion of Tract 5, PORT RICHEY LAND COMPANY SUBDIVISION OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, as shown on Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Pages 60 and 61, of the Public Records of Pasco County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 11; thence run along the West boundary line of said northwest Quarter of Section 11, South 00 degrees 39 minutes 19 seconds West, 891.11 feet; thence South 87 degrees 35 minutes 26 seconds East 1072.58 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds East 513.54 feet; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 35 seconds West 35.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds East, 256.27 feet to the Southerly right of way line of State Road No. 52, as now established; thence along said Southerly right of way line South 83 degrees 33 minutes 33 seconds East 502.9 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue along said Southerly right of way line South 83 degrees 33 minutes 33 seconds East, 87.02 feet; thence 114.06 feet along the arc of a 5829.70 foot radius curve concave to the Northeast, subtended by a chord distance of 114.05 feet which bears South 83 degrees 53 minutes 08 seconds East; thence departing from said Southerly right of way line South 00 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds West 180.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 35 seconds West, 200.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds East, 200.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL 2

FEE PARCEL

Lots 149 through 154 and the North 148.13 feet, more or less, of Lots 173 through 178, of Lakewood Villa and Additions, LESS AND EXCEPT the North 10 feet of Lots 149 through 152 and LESS AND EXCEPT the North 210.00 feet of Lots 153 and 154, as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 16; thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West and along the North line of said Section, a distance of 123.02 feet to a point on the West right of way line of U.S. Hwy. No. 27; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West and along said right of way line a distance of 230.00 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 00 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West and along said right of way line a distance of 360.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 619.28 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 16 seconds West for a distance of 560.00 feet to a point on the South right of way line of Stryker Road; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds East and along said right of way line a distance of 413.80 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 206.60 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT FUTURE PHASE AND OUT PARCEL 1 AS FOLLOWS:

FUTURE PHASE:

A portion of LAKEWOOD VILLA AND ADDITIONS as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, lying in Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 16; thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West and along the North line of said Section, a distance of 123.02 feet to a point on the West right of way line of U.S. Hwy 27; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West and along said right of way line a distance of 30.00 feet to a point on the South right of way line of Stryker Road; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West and along said right of way line a distance of 385.00 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West, a distance of 215.01 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 190.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds East, a distance of 57.63 feet to a point on the arc of a curve concave to the Northeast; thence in a Northwesterly direction and along the arc of said curve to the right (curve having for its elements a radius of 20.00 feet, a central angle of 59 degrees 59 minutes 59 seconds and a chord bearing of North 29 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds West) a distance of 20.94 feet to the Point of Tangency; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 140.02 feet to a point on the South right of way line of Stryker Road; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds East and along said right of way line a distance of 200.00 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING.

OUT PARCEL 1:

A portion of LAKEWOOD VILLA AND ADDITIONS as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, lying in Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 16; thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West and along the North line of said Section a distance of 123.02 feet to a point on the West right of way line of U.S. Hwy. No. 27; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West and along said right of way line of U.S. Hwy. No. 27, a distance of 400.00 feet for POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 210.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 190.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 210.00 feet to a point on the West right of way line of U.S. Hwy. 27; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West and along said line a distance of 190.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT FROM SAID PARCEL 2:

That parcel described as Parcel 101 in that Order of taking by the State of Florida Department of Transportation in Order of Taking recorded July 20, 2005, in Official Records Book 1875, Page 1293, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

EASEMENTS:

TOGETHER WITH the easement rights of Cideco, Inc., under the following easements affecting the property described:

Driveway Easement and Agreement dated September 29, 1989 between Cideco, Inc. and Ben Hill Griffin, Inc., recorded January 29, 1990, in Official Records Book 1097, Page 490; as modified by Amendment to Driveway Easement and Agreement dated April 23, 1990, recorded May 3, 1990, in Official Records Book 1109, Page 250, in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Highlands County, Florida, affecting the following described tract of land:

An easement being a portion of LAKEWOOD VILLA AND ADDITIONS as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, lying in Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 16; thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West along the North line of Section 16 for a distance of 123.02 feet to a point on the West right of way line of U.S. Highway 27; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West and along said right of way line a distance of 590.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West for a distance of 28.00 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West for a distance of 30.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West for a distance of 75.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 44.36 feet; thence North 23 degrees 49 minutes 16 seconds West a distance of 35.47 feet;

thence run North 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 42.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

A 50 foot easement being a portion of LAKEWOOD VILLA AND ADDITIONS, as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, lying in Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, lying 25.00 feet left and right of the following described centerline:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 16; thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West and along the North line of said Section a distance of 123.02 feet to a point on the West right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 27; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West and along said right of way line a distance of 690.00 feet for POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 58.00 feet to end of description.

Being the Easement shown as Easement B on the Survey by Gary L. Germaine, P.L.S. described above.

Cross Easement Agreement dated November 30, 1989, between Cideco, Inc. and Circle K General, Inc., recorded January 29, 1990, in Official Records Book 1097, Page 500, in the Office of the Clerk of said, affecting the following described tract of land:

A portion of LAKEWOOD VILLA AND ADDITIONS, as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, lying in Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 16; thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West and along the North line of said Section a distance of 123.02 feet to a point on the West right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 27; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West and along said right of way line a distance of 30.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 161.80 feet for POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 45.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 20.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds East, a distance of 25.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance of 50.00 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being the Easement shown as Easement C on the Survey by Gary L. Germaine, P.L.S., described above.

Driveway Easement and Agreement dated November 30, 1989, between Cideco, Inc., and Circle K General, Inc., recorded January 29, 1990, in Official Records Book 1087, Page 508, in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Highlands County, Florida, affecting the following described tract of land:

The South 18 feet of the North 200 feet of Lots 153 and 154, LAKEWOOD VILLA SUBDIVISION, in Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Being the Easement shown as Easement D on the Survey by Gary L. Germaine, P.L.S., described above.

Sewer Easement Agreement dated January 16, 1990, between Ben Hill Griffin, Inc., and Cideco, Inc., recorded January 29, 1990, in Official Records Book 1097, Page 522, as modified by Amendment to Sewer Easement Agreement dated April 23, 1990, recorded May 3, 1990, in Official Records Book 1109, Page 260, in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Highlands County, Florida, affecting the following described tract of land:

An Easement being a portion of LAKEWOOD VILLA AND ADDITIONS, as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, lying in Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 16; thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West along the North line of Section 16 for a distance of 123.02 feet to a point on the West right of way line of U.S. Highway 27; thence run South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West along said right of way line for a distance of 665.00 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West for a distance of 50.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 58.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 125.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds East, a distance of 30.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West, a distance of 42.50 feet; thence South 23 degrees 49 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 35.47 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 13.64 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being the Easement shown as "Sewer Easement" on the survey by Gary L. Germaine, P.L.S., described above.

Cross Access Easement Agreement dated January 26, 1990, between Cideco, Inc., and Ben Hill Griffin, Inc., recorded January 29, 1990, in Official Records Book 1097, Page 528, in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Highlands County, Florida, affecting the following described tract of land:

Easement being a portion of LAKEWOOD VILLA AND ADDITIONS as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, lying in Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 16; thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West and along the North line of said Section, a distance of 123.02 feet to a point on the West right of way line of U.S. Hwy. No. 27; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West and along said right of way line a distance of 590.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 210.00 feet for POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 50.00 feet for end of description.

Easement being a portion of LAKEWOOD VILLA AND ADDITIONS as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, lying in Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 16; thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West and along the North line of said Section a distance of 123.02 feet to a point on the West right of way line of U.S. Hwy. No. 27; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West and along said right of way line a distance of 590.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds West for a distance of 131.06 feet to a point on a circular curve concave to the Southeast not tangent to the last described course and having a radius of 377.51 feet, a central angle of 13 degrees 03 minutes 45 seconds and a chord bearing of North 82 degrees 01 minutes 02 seconds East; thence along the arc of said curve for an arc distance of 86.07 feet to a point; thence North 0 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East on a line not tangent to the last described curve for a distance of 118.81 feet to a point; thence North 59 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds West for a distance of 85.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being the Easement shown as Easement #4 on the Survey of William K. Aliff, Registered Land Surveyor, described above.

Driveway Easement Agreement, dated December 29, 1989, between Lake Placid Camp Florida Resort, Inc., and Cideco, Inc., recorded February 16, 1990, in Official Records Book 1101, Page 772, in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Highlands County, Florida, affecting the following two tracts of land:

A portion of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 37 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Commence where the East line of the Northwest Quarter intersects the South right of way line of State Road No. 29; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds West along said right of way line for a distance of 1,837.04 feet to a concrete monument on the Easterly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 27; thence South 24 degrees 51 minutes 38 seconds East along said Easterly right of way line for a distance of 530.01 feet to the POINT OF

COMMENCE WHERE THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER INTERSECTS THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 29; THENCE NORTH 89°46'50" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NO. 29 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1083.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89°46'50" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 753.32 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 27; THENCE SOUTH 24°51'38" EAST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 450.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 80°20'00" EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 107.91 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 87°00'00" EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 218.15 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 50°00'00" EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 166.49 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 75°29'10" EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 115.12 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 0°13'10" EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 240.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT (OUT PARCEL 1)
A PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE WHERE THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER INTERSECTS THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 29; THENCE NORTH 89°46'50" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NO. 29 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1647.03 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00°13'10" WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.57 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 65°08'22" WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 118.87 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 27; THENCE NORTH 24°51'38" WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 27 FOR A DISTANCE OF 194.27 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 29; THENCE SOUTH 89°46'50" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 29 FOR A DISTANCE OF 190.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT (PHASE TWO OUT PARCEL)
A PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE WHERE THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER INTERSECTS THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 29; THENCE NORTH 89°46'50" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NO. 29 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1083.72 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 80°49'29" WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 187.36 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 21°39'59" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 46.59 FEET TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE EXISTING WALL OF THE FOOD LINO BUILDING (NOW KASH N' KARRY); THENCE SOUTH 64°55'45" WEST, ALONG THE FACE OF SAID WALL FOR A DISTANCE OF 150.18 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 23°53'30" WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 76.82 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 63°56'47" EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 77.82 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 88°11'55" EAST, 80.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT (PHASE THREE OUT PARCEL)
A PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE WHERE THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER INTERSECTS THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 29; THENCE NORTH 89°46'50" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NO. 29 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1837.04 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 27; THENCE SOUTH 24°51'38" EAST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 382.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 65°08'22" EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 118.98 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 26°38'10" EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 43.56 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 0°43'34" EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 55.59 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 80°20'00" WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 101.13 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 27; THENCE NORTH 24°51'38" WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 27, FOR A DISTANCE OF 67.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EASEMENTS

TOGETHER WITH the easements rights of Cideco, Inc., under the following Easements affecting the property described:

Retention Pond and Access Easement Agreement dated December 29, 1989, between Lake Placid Camp Florida Resort, Inc., and Cideco, Inc., recorded February 16, 1990, in Official Records Book 1101, Page 761, in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Highlands County, Florida, affecting the following two tracts of land:

A portion of Section 17, Township 37 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence where the East line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17 intersects the South right of way line of State Road No. 29; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds West along said South right of way line for a distance of 1083.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 0 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds West for a distance of 103.95 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds East for a distance of 72.0 feet to a point; thence North 0 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East for a distance of 103.95 feet to a point on said South right of way line of State Road No. 29; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds West along said South right of way line for a distance of 72.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being the easement shown as Easement #1 on the Survey of William K. Aliff, Registered Land Surveyor, dated September 11, 1989, and revised January 4, 1990.

A portion of Section 17, Township 37 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence where the East line of the Northwest Quarter intersects the South right of way line of State Road No. 29; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds West along said South right of way line for a distance of 1083.72 feet to a point; thence South 0 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds West for a distance of 108.95 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 0 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds West for a distance of 131.06 feet to a point on a circular curve concave to the Southeast not tangent to the last described course and having a radius of 377.51 feet, a central angle of 13 degrees 03 minutes 45 seconds and a chord bearing of North 82 degrees 01 minutes 02 seconds East; thence along the arc of said curve for an arc distance of 86.07 feet to a point; thence North 0 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East on a line not tangent to the last described curve for a distance of 118.81 feet to a point; thence North 59 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds West for a distance of 85.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being the Easement shown as Easement #4 on the Survey of William K. Aliff, Registered Land Surveyor, described above.

Driveway Easement Agreement, dated December 29, 1989

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Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR(863)534-4690, WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD (863)534-7777 OR FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE) 711.

September 23, 30, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 08000614GCS DIVISION: GENERAL FORECLOSURE CASE WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HARBORVIEW 2006-12 TRUST FUND, Plaintiff, vs. CATHY EILEEN COOKE, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of Court of Highlands County, will on the 11th day of October, 2011, at 11:00am, at the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situate in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, UNIT 806, OF THE FOUNTAINHEAD CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 287, PAGE 386, AND AMENDED IN O.R. BOOK 298, PAGE 94, AND AMENDED IN O.R. BOOK 996, PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED.

TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 1/73RD INTEREST IN AND TO THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT TO SAID UNIT AND ALSO THAT CERTAIN COVERED PARKING SPACE ASSIGNED AND DESIGNATED AS PARKING SPACE NO. 63 CONSTITUTING LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS. AKA/ 2131 LAKEVIEW DRIVE UNIT 806, SEBRING, FL 33870. MAP/PARCEL#: S293429-07009400806 pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Case No. 08000614GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, the style of which is indicated above.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of this Court on September 6, 2011.

Bob Germaine
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
September 23, 30, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.282008CA001224XXXXXX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR HARBORVIEW MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM F. PASSEAU, et al., Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated May 10, 2010 and an Order Resetting Sale dated August 31, 2011, and entered in Case No. 282008CA001224XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR HARBORVIEW MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, is Plaintiff and WILLIAM F. PASSEAU; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; PLACID LAKES HOME AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at Highlands County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 65, PLACID LAKES, SECTION 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on September 1, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
As Deputy Clerk
September 16, 23, 2011

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 Case No. 28-2010-CA-000233-A
 BRAMIC, LLC DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Plaintiff(s),
 vs
 LISA LONG A/K/A LISA ANN LONG, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure, dated August 11, 2010, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Sebring Court-house basement in the Jury Assembly Room, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 in accordance with F.S. 45.031., at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of October, 2011, the following described real and personal property:
 Lots 24, 25 and the Southeastery 10 feet of Lot 26, Block 190, WOODLAWN TERRACE, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 96, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 Parcel ID S-20-34-29-150-1900-0240
 Street Address: 1055 Bellevue Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870
 Dated this September 13, 2011.

BOB GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk
 September 23, 30, 2011

NOTICE OF FINAL AGENCY ACTION BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 Notice is given that the District's Final Agency Action is approval of the General Water Use Permit on 351 acres to serve an Agricultural Project known as Avon Park Grove. The project is located in Highlands County, Sections 13 & 24, Township 33 South, Range 28 East. The permit applicant is Clip Citrus Inc. & Sebring Citrus Ranch LLC whose address is P.O. Box 771399, Winter Gardens, FL 34777-1399. The Permit No. is 20 007580.004.
 The file(s) pertaining to the project referred to above is available for inspection Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) 170 Century Boulevard, Bartow, Florida 33830-7700.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
 Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's action granting this exemption may request an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), of the Uniform Rules of Procedure. A request for hearing must (1) explain how the substantial interests of each person requesting the hearing will be affected by the District's action, or final action; (2) state all material facts disputed by each person requesting the hearing or state that there are no disputed facts; and (3) otherwise comply with Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. A request for hearing must be filed with and received by the Agency Clerk of the District at the District's Brooksville address, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 within 21 days of publication of this notice. Failure to file a request for hearing within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S.
 Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of final agency action. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.
 Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., to settle an administrative dispute regarding the District's final action in this matter is not available prior to the filing of a request for hearing.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 09-CA-130
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR TBW MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 AMBER L. STREET; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMBER L. STREET; JONATHAN E. STREET; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JONATHAN E. STREET; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

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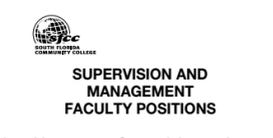
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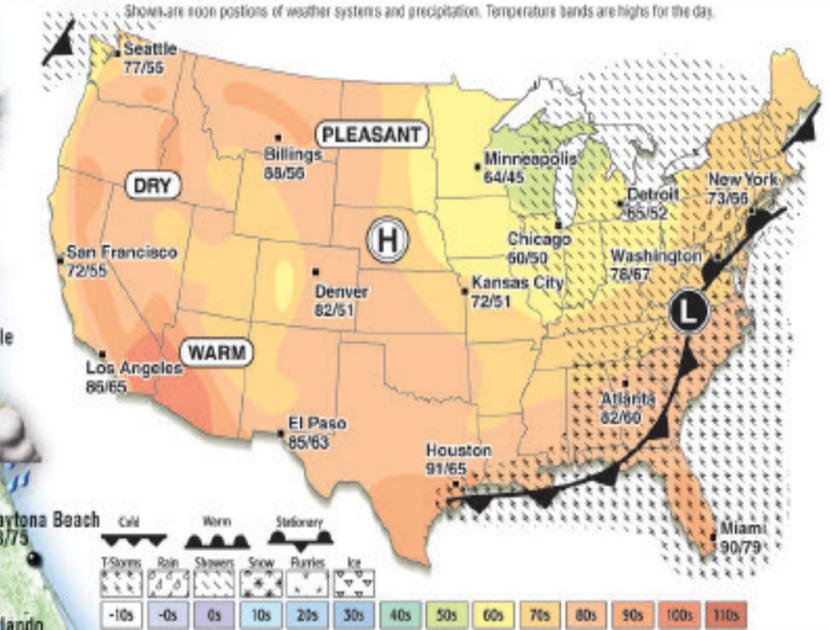
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A couple of showers and a t-storm	A couple of afternoon thunderstorms	A couple of showers and a t-storm	Partly sunny, a couple of t-storms	Periods of sun, a t-storm possible
91° / 76°	92° / 74°	92° / 73°	92° / 74°	90° / 72°
Winds: SW at 4-8 mph	Winds: NNW at 4-8 mph	Winds: WSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: W at 6-12 mph	Winds: NNW at 7-14 mph

National Forecast for September 23



Almanac

Temperature
 Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid
 High Sunday 93°
 Low Sunday 68°
 High Monday 94°
 Low Monday 68°
 High Tuesday 94°
 Low Tuesday 73°
 High Wednesday 95°
 Low Wednesday 73°

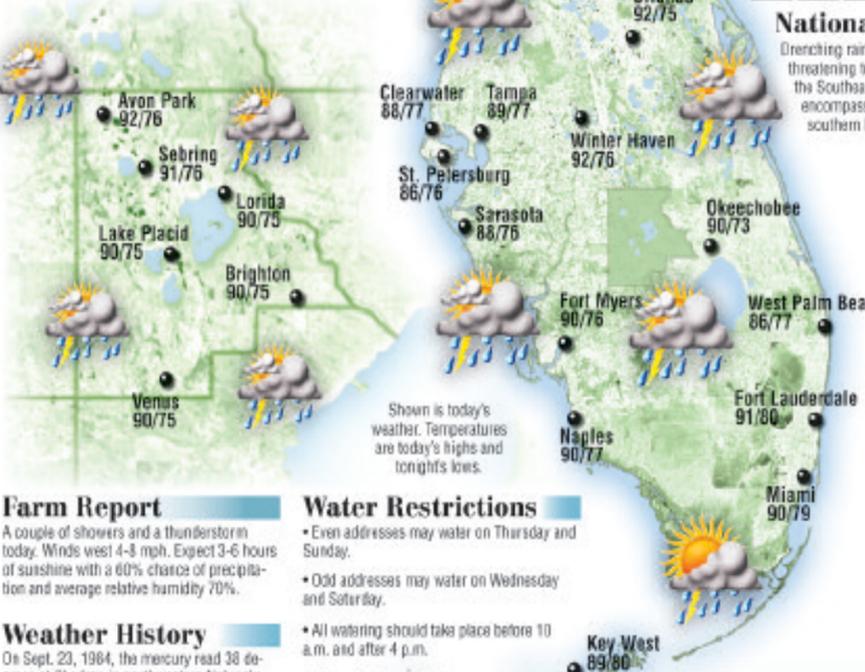
Heat Index
 For 3 p.m. today
 Relative humidity 58%
 Expected air temperature 91°
 Makes it feel like 100°

Barometer
 Monday 29.90
 Tuesday 29.90
 Wednesday 29.90

Precipitation
 Monday 0.00"
 Tuesday 0.00"
 Wednesday 0.00"
 Month to date 2.33"
 Year to date 37.05"

Regional Summary

A couple of showers and a thunderstorm today. A shower or thunderstorm around this evening. A couple of showers and a thunderstorm tomorrow afternoon. Sunday and Monday: a couple of showers and a thunderstorm.



Farm Report

A couple of showers and a thunderstorm today. Winds west 4-8 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%.

Water Restrictions

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

Weather History

On Sept. 23, 1984, the mercury read 38 degrees at Chadron in northwestern Nebraska. At the same hour, it reached 90 in Kearney in the eastern part of the state.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
Sunset	7:22 p.m.	7:21 p.m.
Moonrise	3:03 a.m.	4:05 a.m.
Moonset	4:30 p.m.	5:12 p.m.



National Summary

Drenching rain and thunderstorms will spread from North Carolina to the mid-Atlantic and New England today, threatening to renew flooding problems. A band of steadier rain will also move into the eastern Great Lakes as the Southeast endures another steady day and round of locally heavy thunderstorms. Meanwhile, cool air will encompass the Midwest. The stage will be set for a few showers to dot the region. Comfortable air will grace the southern Plains, while temperatures warm across the northern High Plains.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	83/57	85/58	84/58	Los Angeles	85/55	82/53	82/51
Atlanta	82/60	79/58	81/45	Louisville	68/50	69/56	72/57
Baltimore	75/62	79/66	79/58	Memphis	78/57	81/61	81/63
Birmingham	82/55	82/56	82/46	Milwaukee	58/47	60/46	63/53
Boston	71/65	74/66	77/64	Minneapolis	64/45	65/49	68/47
Charlotte	83/62	83/59	82/59	Nashville	72/48	77/55	76/50
Cheyenne	81/48	81/47	79/47	New Orleans	88/70	87/69	88/72
Chicago	61/50	64/46	66/52	New York City	73/63	75/67	79/66
Cleveland	68/50	67/54	71/58	Norfolk	82/71	84/71	83/68
Columbus	68/50	69/53	74/58	Oklahoma City	83/58	86/62	84/57
Dallas	83/62	81/69	83/69	Philadelphia	74/68	77/65	79/65
Danver	82/51	85/52	84/52	Phoenix	103/76	103/76	102/74
Detroit	65/52	67/50	69/58	Pittsburgh	69/55	69/53	72/56
Harrodsburg	74/62	74/65	77/64	Portland, ME	68/58	74/58	77/59
Honolulu	87/71	87/70	87/70	Portland, OR	83/56	83/59	78/59
Houston	91/65	91/67	89/70	Raleigh	82/67	84/65	84/65
Indianapolis	65/48	67/52	67/52	Rochester	74/58	70/52	75/51
Jackson, MS	84/55	84/59	83/49	St. Louis	68/50	69/52	69/52
Kansas City	72/51	84/75	70/48	San Francisco	72/55	69/53	71/54
Lexington	70/47	69/53	72/56	Seattle	77/55	75/55	67/53
Little Rock	78/56	82/61	82/62	Wash., DC	78/67	80/68	81/68

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	88/73	90/77	89/79	London	69/55	70/55	70/57
Athens	85/46	88/61	84/46	Montreal	79/57	72/59	73/54
Beirut	73/66	75/67	75/68	Moscow	59/46	57/45	54/41
Berlin	61/46	67/52	72/57	Nice	79/64	79/64	78/64
Bermuda	82/77	84/77	84/77	Ottawa	68/58	63/56	70/58
Calgary	73/51	79/53	83/50	Quebec	68/55	70/57	72/59
Dublin	61/50	64/52	69/50	Rio de Janeiro	92/78	72/64	71/61
Edmonton	81/46	74/44	83/42	Seoul	77/53	77/52	78/54
Fraport	89/78	88/79	89/77	Singapore	98/75	89/77	86/77
Ghana	72/52	75/55	75/57	Sydney	82/55	68/57	64/55
Havana	87/70	87/72	87/73	Toronto	64/58	64/53	68/51
Hong Kong	86/77	84/79	86/81	Vancouver	70/58	70/59	67/58
Jerusalem	75/58	72/58	75/59	Venna	69/52	66/54	68/54
Johannesburg	78/46	67/49	72/50	Warsaw	61/45	63/46	63/45
Kiev	70/46	64/45	64/46	Winnipeg	72/44	78/56	81/48

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Jaguars to start rookie QB Gabbert

By MARK LONG

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Jaguars have their third starting quarterback in 15 days.

They believe this one could be the guy for 15 years.

Coach Jack Del Rio named Blaine Gabbert the starter Wednesday, switching signal callers three days after Luke McCown threw four interceptions against the New York Jets.

The move comes a little more than a week after Del Rio released veteran starter David Garrard following a poor preseason and a three-interception practice.

Gabbert will make his first start Sunday at Carolina.

"He's a big strong kid whose really been kind of a star quarterback his whole life," Del Rio said. "We think he has a chance to be a franchise-type quarterback. He's getting a chance now to be our starting quarterback and become that guy."

The transition was inevitable since the Jaguars selected Gabbert with the 10th pick in April's draft.

Del Rio had hoped to take it slow with the former Missouri standout, even planning to give him a year to watch and learn behind Garrard.

But Garrard struggled in the preseason and was outplayed by McCown, a career backup.

Del Rio named McCown the starter five days before the season opener.

McCown did enough to win the opener against Tennessee, but his ninth start in eight seasons was a debacle.

He was picked off four times, could have thrown a couple more and was sacked for a safety — all in just three quarters.

McCown wanted a chance to redeem himself, but understood the decision.

"Who's to say what one deserves," McCown said. "It would do me or this team zero good to sit and say I deserve another chance. I didn't perform last week and that's just the blunt fact of it. I didn't play well enough to give our team a chance to win. I'm big enough to stand up here and say that."

McCown completed 6 of 19 passes for 59 yards against the Jets, finishing with a 1.8 quarterback rating.

The Jets won 32-3, the second worst loss in Del Rio's nine-year tenure.

And since he's widely considered to be coaching for his future — team owner Wayne Weaver said the Jaguars need to make the playoffs for Del Rio to stick around another year — it was reasonable to wonder whether he would put his fate in the hands of a rookie quarterback.

Del Rio chuckled when asked whether he went to Weaver to see if playing 14 games with a first-year quarterback would change expectations.

"I don't look at life like that," Del Rio said. "I'm a competitive guy. We expect to be a good football team. That will not change. Absolutely not would be a better way to say it. The furthest thing from my mind."

Gabbert threw 40 touch-down passes and 18 interceptions as a two-year starter at Missouri.

Because of the NFL lock-out, he missed minicamp, organized team activities and dozens of meetings with

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Panthers confuse, capture win

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK — While they snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, the Lady Panthers nearly dropped victory into the lap of defeat in Wednesday's multiple come-from-behind and fall-from-ahead, five-set win over visiting Warner.

Setting the tone for the night, SFCC fell behind early in the opening set, predominantly self-inflicted by errors.

But, down 3-1, the team seemed to click with a kill

and block from Malea Kalina and a Stephanie De Hoyos service ace to take a 5-3 lead.

Play got scattered again, however, and the Lady Royals soon found themselves up 17-14.

It was then that the Panthers put on one of those displays where the production fits the talent and gives a glimpse of the potential.

Eleven of the next 12 points went their way, including a De Hoyos kill

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The Lady Panther back row of, from left, Shelby Flint, Brittany Hill and Samantha Klemp await a Warner serve in Wednesday's wild win.

PREGAME PRIME!

Your Quick Guide To This Week's Action



Avon Park
at
LaBelle

Records

Avon Park 1-2; LaBelle 0-3

Last Week

- The Cowboys were nipped by Lemon Bay, 20-14 on the road.
- The Red Devils hung tough but fell at home to a tough Mulberry Panther squad, 16-6.

Coach Speak

Avon Park's Andy Bonjokian: "LaBelle's a lot like us. They're playing good competition and caught some bad breaks. But like us, if they put it together, they can be dangerous. Our guys are working hard."



Lake Placid
vs.
Dunbar

2010 Records

Lake Placid 1-2; Dunbar 2-1

Last Week

- A strong Tiger team took its' first loss of the season, 31-7, at Riverdale.
- The Green Dragons couldn't get much going in a home loss to Cardinal Mooney, 30-3.

Coach Speak

Lake Placid's Jason Holden: "Every week the teams keep getting better and faster. We've got to come out and play all four quarters. If the other team doesn't, that's great, because we are going to."



Sebring
at
Lake Gibson

2010 Records

Sebring 1-2; Lake Gibson 2-1

Last Week

- The Braves bounced back from a close loss to Lake Wales with a 43-6 win over Auburndale.
- The Blue Streaks couldn't make up for a sloppy first half in a 32-7 loss to visiting Hardee.

Coach Speak

Sebring's LaVaar Scott: "(Lake Gibson) is big with a lot of speed. They have a couple of Division I linemen. We can play with them as long as we play low, fast and physical."

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

Lady Dragon let down

By DAN HOEHNE

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It was the perfect trap.

A day after Lake Placid reveled in their second straight win over county rival Sebring, they took the court to face a new district rival that they had witnessed the Lady Streaks sweep less than two weeks prior.

The let down in intensity from the night before was inevitable, though overlooking an opponent was foreseeable.

But they both came into play as the Lady Bulldogs pulled a shocking three-set sweep of the Dragons Tuesday night.

The sets were competitive, with the scores going 25-23, 25-21 and 25-21, but close only counts in horseshoes.

"I have no idea what happened," outside hitter Alana Nielander said. "It's not that they were that good. I guess our minds were on last night's game still and we weren't focused."

An observation head coach Linette Wells also made.

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Ashley Townsend and the Lady Dragons were tripped up by DeSoto a night after Monday's big win against Sebring.

News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Blue Streak bowlers are rolling thunder

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Kegel Youth Bowlers Thomas Watson, Thorsten Przychocki, David Daniels and Patric Stacy, under the tutelage of coaches Joe and Mary Stacy, and Cindy Darling began the summer with a roaring third place in the State of Florida at the USBC State Youth Championships in Orlando.

Following suit, 2010 Blue Streak Captain Carl Daniels and brother David showed their stuff with impressive results in Las Vegas at the USBC Open, placing 22nd out of 150 in the team event, 33rd of 270 in doubles, and 96th and 40th respectively, as individuals.

Each were in fields of about 500.

David then placed 18th out of 355 entries in All Events.

Having previously won a qualifying tournament at the Kegel Training Center, under the guidance of coach Mary Stacy, David also bowled in the USBC Junior Gold Tournament, where qualifiers from all over the country vied for scholarships and a spot on Team USA.

Up and comer David, at age 13, placed 574 in a field of 1070, lasting a respectable 18 games.

On the ladies side, graduating senior Caitlin Smith portrayed excellence in her field, winning a \$500 scholarship from the USBC Orange Belt Association, and also a \$1000 scholarship from Florida's USBC Organization.

Caitlin is now studying at USF to teach high school math with an eye toward administration, and is bowling for the Fighting Bulls.

With those events giv-

ing them a running start, Watson, Przychocki, the elder Daniels, Carl and the rest of the SHS Blue Streaks men's team are already rolling thunder at the start of one vigorous high school season.

Also returning to the Blue Streaks this year are Nick Brod and Josh Lyons, with newcomers Jeremy Brod and JC Bowen.

After their first two matches the team has a 2-0 record, averaging 207 as a team in their first match against the Pt St Lucie Jaguars.

Then, last Thursday, the team took 5 of 7 points to win their second match, missing a sweep by only seven pins.

An exciting new addition to the Blue Streaks this year is the Ladies' team of Christine Smith, Meghan Williams, Shalontay Rose, Kiana Crain and Marissa Andujar.

Getting their bearings in their first competition last week, they came back Thursday in Okeechobee to sweep the South Fork Lady Bulldogs.

Both teams are coached this year by USBC Silver Level Coach Rick Wiltse, and assisted by Paul Przychocki.

All players are showing great promise, and with only two of ten scheduled matches under their belts, all of the Blue Streaks are looking ahead to keep the thunder rolling.

All are invited to come out and cheer for the team.

The next match is Friday, Sept. 23 in Stuart against the Martin County Tigers.

For a link to the Blue Streaks Bowling schedule, see www.kegelbowl.com, or email anne@annawatsonstudio.com.



THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	95	60	.613	—
Boston	88	68	.564	7½
Tampa Bay	85	70	.548	10
Toronto	78	77	.503	17
Baltimore	65	90	.419	30

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Detroit	90	65	.581	—
Cleveland	76	78	.494	13½
Chicago	76	79	.490	14
Kansas City	68	88	.436	22½
Minnesota	59	95	.383	30½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	90	65	.581	—
Los Angeles	85	70	.548	5
Oakland	69	86	.445	21
Seattle	66	89	.426	24

x-clinched division

x-clinched division

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 3, 1st game
 Chicago White Sox 5, Cleveland 4, 2nd game
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 0
 L.A. Angels 10, Toronto 6
 Baltimore 7, Boston 5
 Kansas City 10, Detroit 2
 Seattle 5, Minnesota 4
 Texas 7, Oakland 2

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 2, 1st game
 Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 4
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 2, 2nd game
 L.A. Angels 7, Toronto 2
 Baltimore 6, Boston 4
 Detroit 6, Kansas City 3
 Seattle 5, Minnesota 4
 Texas 3, Oakland 2

Thursday's Games

Seattle at Minnesota, late
 Texas at Oakland, late
 Baltimore at Detroit, late
 Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, late
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, late
 L.A. Angels at Toronto, late

Friday's Games

Baltimore (Simon 4-9) at Detroit (Porcello 14-9), 7:05 p.m.
 Boston (Lester 15-8) at N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Pavano 8-13) at Cleveland (Masterson 12-10), 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Morrow 10-11) at Tampa Bay (Price 12-12), 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle (A.Vasquez 1-4) at Texas (M.Harrison 13-9), 8:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Chen 11-8) at Chicago White Sox (Z.Stewart 2-5), 8:10 p.m.
 Oakland (G.Gonzalez 14-12) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 18-7), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	98	57	.632	—
Atlanta	88	68	.564	10½
Washington	75	79	.487	22½
New York	73	82	.471	25
Florida	71	85	.455	27½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	91	65	.583	—
St. Louis	86	69	.555	4½
Cincinnati	76	80	.487	15
Chicago	69	87	.442	22
Pittsburgh	69	87	.442	22
Houston	53	102	.342	37½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	90	66	.577	—
San Francisco	84	71	.542	5½
Los Angeles	77	77	.500	12
Colorado	70	85	.452	19½
San Diego	68	88	.436	22

Tuesday's Games

Washington 4, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings, 1st game
 Washington 3, Philadelphia 0, 2nd game
 Atlanta 4, Florida 0
 Cincinnati 6, Houston 4
 Milwaukee 5, Chicago Cubs 1
 St. Louis 11, N.Y. Mets 6
 San Diego 2, Colorado 1
 Pittsburgh 5, Arizona 3
 L.A. Dodgers 2, San Francisco 1

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati 2, Houston 0
 Chicago Cubs 7, Milwaukee 1
 San Diego 4, Colorado 0
 Arizona 8, Pittsburgh 5
 Washington 7, Philadelphia 5
 Florida 4, Atlanta 0
 St. Louis 6, N.Y. Mets 5
 San Francisco 8, L.A. Dodgers 5

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, late
 Washington at Philadelphia, late
 Colorado at Houston, late
 San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, late

Friday's Games

Atlanta (T.Hudson 15-10) at Washington (Strasburg 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Volquez 5-6) at Pittsburgh (Locke 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Hamels 14-9) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 8-13), 7:10 p.m.
 Colorado (Pomeranz 1-0) at Houston (Myers 6-13), 8:05 p.m.
 Florida (Volstad 5-12) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 17-10), 8:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Dempster 10-13) at St. Louis (C.Carpenter 10-9), 8:15 p.m.
 San Francisco (Surkamp 2-0) at Arizona (Collmenter 9-10), 9:40 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 10-14) at San Diego (LeBlanc 4-5), 10:05 p.m.

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	2	0	0	1.000	73	45
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	79	42
N.Y. Jets	2	0	0	1.000	59	27
Miami	0	2	0	.000	37	61

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	58	58
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	45	52



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

FRIDAY

11:30 a.m. NASCAR – Sylvania 300, Practice. . . . ESPN2
3 p.m. NASCAR – Sylvania 300, Qualifying. . . . ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FRIDAY

8 p.m. Central Florida at BYU. ESPN

SATURDAY

Noon Notre Dame at Pittsburgh. ABC
Noon North Carolina at Georgia Tech. ESPN
Noon Eastern Michigan at Penn State. ESPN2
3:30 p.m. Arkansas at Alabama. CBS
3:30 p.m. Oklahoma State at Texas A&M. ABC
3:30 p.m. Florida State at Clemson. ESPN
3:30 p.m. Colorado at Ohio State. ESPN2
3:30 p.m. Kansas State at Miami. SUN
7 p.m. Florida at Kentucky. ESPN
7 p.m. Vanderbilt at South Carolina. ESPN2
7 p.m. Louisiana Tech at Mississippi State. SUN
8 p.m. LSU at West Virginia. ABC
10:15 p.m. USC at Arizona State. ESPN
10:15 p.m. Oregon at Arizona. ESPN2

GOLF

FRIDAY

1 p.m. PGA – The Tour Championship. GOLF

SATURDAY

1 p.m. PGA – The Tour Championship. GOLF
2 p.m. PGA – The Tour Championship. NBC
2 p.m. EuroPGA – Austrian Open. GOLF

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

FRIDAY

8 p.m. DeLaSalle (CA) vs. St. Thomas Aquinas ESPN2

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Toronto. SUN
1 p.m. Chicago Cubs at St. Louis. WGN
4 p.m. Boston at N.Y. Yankees. FOX

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

FRIDAY

11 p.m. North Carolina at Maryland. SUN
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Denver	1	1	0	.500	44	45
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	10	89

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	2	0	0	1.000	72	57
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	51	51
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	62	48
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	42	44

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	64	55
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	47	61
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	44	47
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	44	58

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	72	57
Detroit	2	0	0	1.000	75	23
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	43	42
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	37	48

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	57	44
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	49	43
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	29	59
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	17	57

Sunday's Games

Houston at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Denver at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 San Francisco at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Miami at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Carolina, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
 Arizona at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
 Green Bay at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
 Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	11	10	8	41	35	37
Sporting KC	10	9	10	40	43	37
Philadelphia	9	7	12	39	36	30
Houston	9	9	12	39	38	39
New York	7	7	15	36	44	41
D.C.	8	8	11	35	39	40
Chicago	5	8	15	30	33	37
Toronto FC	6	12	12	30	32	52
New England	5	12	12	27	32	46

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Los Angeles	16	3	10	58	43	22
Real Salt Lake	15	7	6	51	41	23
Seattle	14	6	9	51	46	31
FC Dallas	13	9	7	46	36	32
Colorado	10	9	11	41	40	39
Portland	10	12	7	37	37	42
Chivas USA	7	12	11	32	36	38
San Jose	6	11	12	30	31	38
Vancouver	4	14	10	22	28	46

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
 x- clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Games

D.C. United 2, Chivas USA 2, tie
 Real Salt Lake 3, New York 1
 Portland 1, San Jose 1, tie

Friday's Games

Philadelphia at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Houston at FC Dallas, 4 p.m.
 Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Real Salt Lake at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Toronto FC at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
 Seattle FC at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New England at Chicago, 4 p.m.

WNBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-3)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Indiana 2, New York 1
 Indiana 74, New York 72
 New York 87, Indiana 72
 Indiana 72, New York 62

Atlanta 2, Connecticut 0

Connecticut 84
 Atlanta 69, Connecticut 64

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Minnesota 2, San Antonio 1
 Minnesota 66, San Antonio 65
 San Antonio 84, Minnesota 75
 Minnesota 85, San Antonio 67

Phoenix 2, Seattle 1

Seattle 80, Phoenix 61
 Phoenix 92, Seattle 83
 Phoenix 77, Seattle 75

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Indiana vs. Atlanta
 Thursday, Sept. 22: Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Sunday, Sept. 25: Indiana at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, Sept. 27: Atlanta at Indiana, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Minnesota vs. Phoenix

Thursday, Sept. 22: Phoenix at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
 Sunday, Sept. 25: Minnesota at Phoenix, 5 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, Sept. 27: Phoenix at Minnesota, TBD

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with manager Bob Melvin on a three-year contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Fired minor league field coordinator Chad Kreuter. Named Jeff Pico minor league field coordinator and Mel Stottlemyre minor league pitching coordinator.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Fined Tennessee DE Derrick Morgan \$7,500 for a late hit on Baltimore QB Joe Flacco in a game on Sept. 18.
 GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed DL Johnny Jones to the practice squad.
 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Placed RB Jamaal Charles on season-ending injured reserve. Signed WR Jeremy Horne from the practice squad. Signed OL Lucas Patterson to the practice squad.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

TODAY: Football at LaBelle, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY, Sept. 27: Volleyball at Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Golf vs. Frostproof, River Greens, 4 p.m.
THURSDAY, Sept. 29: Volleyball at DeSoto, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Golf vs. Auburndale, Pinecrest, 3:30 p.m.



Lake Placid

TODAY: Football vs. Dunbar, 7 p.m.
MONDAY, Sept. 26: Volleyball at Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, Sept. 27: Volleyball vs. Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.; Swimming at Lakeland Christian, 5:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, Sept. 29: JV Football at Hardee, 7 p.m.; Swimming vs. Sebring, 5:30 p.m.



Sebring

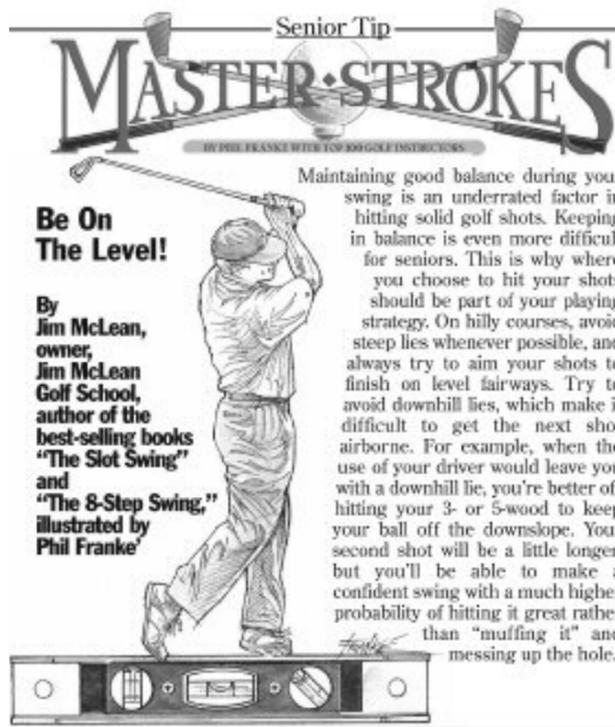
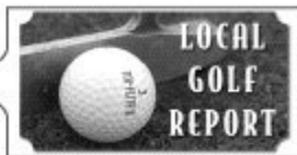
TODAY: Football at Lake Gibson, 7 p.m.; Bowling vs. Martin County, 3:30 p.m.
SATURDAY: Cross Country at North Port Invitational, 8 a.m.
MONDAY, Sept. 26: Volleyball vs. Frostproof, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY, Sept. 27: Volleyball at Kathleen, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Golf at Polk County Invitational, 9 a.m.; Girls Golf at Hardee, 4 p.m.



St. Petersburg

TUESDAY, Sept. 27: Volleyball at Pasco-Hernando, 7 p.m.
THURSDAY, Sept. 29: Volleyball at St. Petersburg, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY, Sept. 30: Volleyball hosts tournament, vs. Lake Sumter, 1 p.m., vs. Clearwater Christian, 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, Oct. 1: Volleyball hosts tournament, vs. Brevard, 9 a.m., vs. Indian River, 3 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS



Be On The Level!

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



Maintaining good balance during your swing is an underrated factor in hitting solid golf shots. Keeping in balance is even more difficult for seniors. This is why where you choose to hit your shots should be part of your playing strategy. On hilly courses, avoid steep lies whenever possible, and always try to aim your shots to finish on level fairways. Try to avoid downhill lies, which make it difficult to get the next shot airborne. For example, when the use of your driver would leave you with a downhill lie, you're better off hitting your 3- or 5-wood to keep your ball off the downslope. Your second shot will be a little longer, but you'll be able to make a confident swing with a much higher probability of hitting it great rather than "muffing it" and messing up the hole.

Golf Hammock

Last Monday, Sept. 19, the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am golf at Golf Hammock.

Winning first place in A group was Billy Parr with a plus-5, second place was Ed Northrup at plus-5 and third place was a tie between Doug Haire and David Mulligan at even.

B group saw Pat Dell shoot a spectacular plus-8 for first place with Joe Hyzny at second and a tie for third place between Jack Shell and Sal Sbotto with plus-2.

There was a tie in C group for first and Larry Spry with plus place between Bill Ringo plus-4.

Frank Branca scored a plus-4 for first place while Lee Stark had a plus-1 for second place in D group.

There was a very happy get together with free lunch and refreshment for our summer league players.

Next Monday, Sept. 26, the Mezza Group will play at Golf Hammock beginning at 7:45 a.m.

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

Harder Hall

Joe Evans scored a Hole-in-One - 136 yards, using a seven-iron, witnessed by Jack Robinson and Paul Husky on Aug. 25.

Lake June West Golf Club

A Mixed Scramble was played on Thursday, Sept. 15.

Winning first place was the team of Dick and Norma Denhart, Gloria and John Huggett and Norma Colyer with 54; second place, Ken Rowen, Joe and

Joyce Swartz, Don Boulton and Charlotte Mathew with 55; and third place, Ron Hesson, John and Sue Ruffo, Ott and Maxine Wegner with 57.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), Norma Colyer, 24-feet-5-inches; and (Men), No. 4, Ron Hesson, 11-feet-6-inches.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Winning first place was the team of Dick Denhart, Mario Cappelletti, Ott Wegner and John Ruffo with 41; and second place, Claude Cash, Don Boulton, Jack Maginnis and Joe Swartz with 42.

Closest to the pin: No. 8, Jack Maginnis, 6-feet-6-inches.

Pinecrest

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, the Men's Association played Team and Individual Pro-Am Points.

Winning first place was the team of Vern Gates, Paul Ford and Bob Fowler with plus-6.

Individual winners were: A division - Tying for first/second places were Jim Peters and John Scott with plus-1. B division - First place, Jack Litalien with plus-3. C division, Bob Fowler with

plus-7.

Placid Lakes Country Club

The Men's Association played a Two Best Ball event on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Winning first place was the team of Ed Bartusch, Jim Hays and Ray Deryckere with minus-27; second place, Bud Snyder, Taft Green and David Raciti with minus-24; and third

Messier, Keith Kincer, Jim Cercy and Harold Kline with minus-28.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Jim Cercy, 4-feet-3-inches; No. 5, Len Westdale, 9-feet-3-inches; No. 12, Cliff Steele, 5-feet-9.5-inches; and No. 17, Lefty St. Pierre, 9-feet-3-inches.

An Afternoon Scramble was played on Friday, Sept. 16.

Winning first place was the team of Len and Rhonda Westdale, Jim Sizemore and Joe Graf.

The Ladies Association played a Pro-Am Points tournament on Thursday, Sept. 15.

Winning first place was the team of Pat Graf, Pat Kincer, Marybeth Carby and Donna Johnson with plus-15.

Individual winners were: First place, Donna Johnson with plus-9; and second place, Karen Speaker with plus-6.

The Morrison Group played a game on Thursday, Sept. 15.

The winners were J.R. Messier and Lefty St. Pierre with minus-17; and second place, D. McDonald and J. Graf with minus-16.

The Men's Association played a Pro-Am tournament on Sept. 14.

Winning first place was the team of Keith Kincer, Harold Kline, Lefty St. Pierre, Joe Graf with plus-4; and second place, Ken Koon, Bob Streeter, Russ Rudd and Neil Purcell with plus-2.5.

Individual winners were: First place, Len Westdale with plus-7; second place, Ken Koon with plus-3; and third place, Joe Graf with plus-4.5.

The Morrison Group played a game on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Winning first place was the team of Jim Cercy, Keith Kincer and Joe Graf with minus-20.

The Golfettes played a game on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

The winners were: First place, Karen Speaker, Pat Kincer and Betty Wallace with plus-5.5.

The Morrison Group played a game on Monday, Sept. 12.

The winners were: First place, Lefty St. Pierre with plus-12. Tying for second/third place were Jim Cercy and Al Farrel with plus-4 each.

NFL memo warns teams on faking injuries

By BARRY WILNER

Associated Press

NEW YORK — To the fake handoff and fake field goals, add fake injuries.

The NFL sent a memo Wednesday to all 32 teams warning of fines, suspensions and loss of draft picks if the league determines players faked injuries during a game.

Yet several players admit its an accepted practice, and some coaches hinted they are not above condoning phony injuries if it provides a competitive edge.

"I've been places where it has been (taught)," said Browns linebacker Scott Fujita, a member of the players' union executive committee. "They have a name for it and I've been places where it's been pre-called. I've been places where it's one player who has been designated. Maybe I'm getting everyone in trouble, but I'm just being honest."

In the memo obtained by The Associated Press, the NFL reminded teams of league policy that calls on coaches to discourage the practice.

There is no specific rule on the topic.

Nonetheless, two days after there was speculation the Giants' Deon Grant faked an injury against the Rams during Monday night's game, the NFL is warning of disciplinary action.

"It's always been in the game," Ravens All-Pro safety Ed Reed said. "It's all tactical stuff you need to use. Whatever it takes. ... If you're tired, you're tired. You get a break however you can."

Added 49ers running back Frank Gore: "Hey, I feel if it helps, do it. I'm bound to do it. Whatever it takes to win ..."

Rams coach Steve Spagnuolo said Tuesday the team notified the league office that it suspected the Giants were feigning injuries in St. Louis' 28-16 loss.

Rams quarterback Sam Bradford

said it was obvious the Giants were just buying time with St. Louis running a no-huddle offense.

"They couldn't get subbed, they couldn't line up," Bradford said. "Someone said, 'Someone go down, someone go down,' so someone just went down and grabbed a cramp."

Grant was adamant about not having faked anything.

"I could see if I was walking and fell," he said Wednesday, speaking passionately and barely taking a breath. "When you see after I made that tackle and bang my knee on that play, you see me bending my knee as I am walking. ... (Teammate Justin) Tuck is walking behind me and saying 'D don't run off the field. Just go down.' As I am walking, they line up, and knowing that I can't get back in my position because of the knee injury, I went down."

Had Grant attempted to get off the field, it could have left the Giants a defender short when the ball was snapped.

Of course, New York also could have called a timeout, a course of action teams might need to use in the future.

Redskins coach Mike Shanahan was coy about the tactic when asked if he ever instructed a defense to do it.

"I can't say I have," Shanahan said before pausing. "But I won't say I haven't, either."

Then he smiled.

"It happens all the time, and warnings will come out," he added, "and it's happened again."

The memo from the league said:

"Going forward, be advised that should the league office determine that there is reasonable cause, all those suspected of being involved in faking injuries will be summoned promptly to this office ... to discuss the matter. Those found to be violators will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action for conduct detrimental to the

game."

The league's competition committee often has discussed this issue but has been reluctant to propose a rule that could force game officials to make judgments on injuries.

"We have been fortunate that teams and players have consistently complied with the spirit of the rule over the years and this has not been an issue for the NFL," the memo said. "We are determined to take all necessary steps to ensure that it does not become an issue."

For the most part, such delay tactics have been considered gamesmanship, similar to a hockey goalie suddenly needing equipment repairs when his team is getting besieged.

Or untouched soccer players writhing on the ground in pain to get a stoppage — and to slow momentum built by the other side.

"As an offensive player, you always think guys are faking in that situation," Eagles guard Kyle DeVan said. "But you don't know for sure. You don't know when guys are going to cramp up, so you have to be careful. The most important thing is players' health. You would hope guys don't do it, but it's going to happen."

It might be planned, too.

While calling it "real bush league" — no pun intended — Dolphins running back Reggie Bush said a coach "just designates a guy who fakes an injury. It's usually not a captain of the team. It's a guy who's expendable."

The NFL's disciplinarians will be watching for that.

AP Pro Football Writer Rob Maaddi in Philadelphia and AP Sports Writers Richard Rosenblatt in New York, R.B. Fallstrom in St. Louis, Tom Canavan in East Rutherford, N.J., Joseph White in Washington, Janie McCauley in San Francisco, David Ginsburg in Baltimore and Tom Withers in Cleveland contributed to this story.



Rookie Blaine Gabbert will get the start for Jacksonville Sunday, against fellow rookie QB Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers.

Jags go with Gabbert

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offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter.

Nonetheless, he impressed coaches and teammates with his arm strength, pocket presence, situational awareness and speed.

Del Rio said he considered going with Gabbert after opting to part ways with Garrard. But chose to give McCown a chance.

He said Gabbert has shown progress in two weeks.

"We're excited," Del Rio said. "There's a little freshness to it. There's big upside potential."

Gabbert's teammates rave about his confidence. Guard Uche Nwaneri recalled Gabbert's first live huddle, at New England in the preseason opener.

Gabbert stared everyone in the eyes, then yelled, "Let's (expletive) go, guys," Nwaneri said.

"He's got all the confidence in the world," Nwaneri said. "He's got a good swagger about him. He knows what the challenge is going to be. I think he'll thrive against the challenge. He was drafted high and he's itching for an opportunity to get in and make an impact, and now he's getting an opportunity to do that."

Gabbert has wanted to be a starting quarterback in the NFL since he first played football at age 11, so he's looking forward to it and expecting a few jitters.

"You're always going to have butterflies," Gabbert said. "When you're doing something you love, that you care so much about and you put so much time and effort in throughout the week, you're going to have butterflies. I think something's wrong if you don't have them. That just means the adrenaline's going and you're ready to go."

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SFCC works way past Royals

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and Shelby Flint ace, that turned the three-point deficit into a 25-18 win.

Fresh off the fast and near-flawless finish, it would have seemed the momentum was locked in and ready to roll through.

A 4-0 and then 13-7 lead for Warner in the second set said otherwise.

But again, South Florida started to click and soon evened things up at 14-all.

Back and forth for the next few points had it tied 18-18 before two De Hoyos kills were added to by an Eryn Mahoney kill and Caitlin Carlander ace, for another strong finish and 25-20 win.

So maybe it was a case of being a slow-starting team that takes some time to get into the flow before kicking in and taking off.

Well, nothing kicked in at all as the Panthers apparently took the third set off.

"I have no idea what that was," exasperated head coach Kim Crawford said. "Two great finishes and suddenly it's like they've never seen a volleyball before."

Falling behind 20-5 and losing 25-9 pretty much portray the sentiment.

One point in the set came on a Warner error, with the other eight coming on three kills apiece from De Hoyos and Flint and two from Brittany Hill.

Zero blocks, no service aces and countless South Florida errors allowed the Lady Royals to walk away with the win.

Though the errors weren't actually countless.

"We gave them 15 points on errors that set," assistant

coach Charlotte Bauder said.

If the potential points from those errors were even split up with an 8-7 Warner advantage, then it's an 18-16 score with anything possible.

And the fourth set showed it wasn't a matter of starting slow, as the Lady Panthers roared out of the gate to 8-4 then 15-9 leads.

But it was now Warner working its way back, catching SFCC at 17 and going up 23-18.

South Florida then woke up, again, and were on the verge, leading 25-24 and holding serve.

Two straight Warner scores flipped the script, but two straight Panther points, with a deft tip from Khaleesha Williams, had them back at game point with the serve.

But a service error evened it back up before the Royals ripped off the final two points for a 30-28 win to even the match.

And while things seemed to be going SFCC's way in the 15-point tie-breaker, this night showed that nothing was even remotely close to certain.

Warner was held to just one point at a time while the Panthers scored in enough small bunches to have a 12-8 lead with De Hoyos contributing two kills and Hill adding a kill and a block.

But of course, the one time in the set that the Royals went on a run it was now, with three straight to close the gap to 12-11 and elevate the concern of the crowd and coaches.

The Warner service, though, was soon broken and a Kalina kill swung things back South Florida's way before finishing off the 15-12



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
South Florida's Khaleesha Williams had a few key kills late in Wednesday's win over Warner.

win.

A somewhat stunned look on her face, Crawford's initial response afterward was, "We won," with a rather sardonic tone and roll of the eyes.

"It was good to get the win, to get a win, for team morale," Crawford went on to say. "And at times we played really well. But this should never have gone five sets and that third set, I don't know what that was. I mean, how do you coach that?"

There was little time to figure

that out for this Jekyll and Hyde team as the Panthers set to welcome Polk State Thursday night in a Suncoast Conference match.

De Hoyos lead the offense with 19 kills with Flint adding 12.

Four Panthers were in double figures in digs with Klemp tallying 18, De Hoyos 17, Flint 14 and Hill 11.

Kalina had a strong night at the net with four blocks while Flint and Hill each had two and Carlander set up the offense with 50 assists.

LP trapped by Bulldogs

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"We did not play with the intensity and drive we had last night," she said of Monday's Sebring match. "Their middles were hitting our holes and we made a lot of errors."

"They also had a new middle that had been injured when Sebring played them who has real good size and hits it really hard," Wells continued. "We tried to fight back at times, but then we'd fall back and weren't able to recover."

An unexpected, over-looked speed bump caused a Lady Dragon stumble, but likely a lesson learned.

"We'll get them next time," Nielander said.

That next time with DeSoto takes place early next month.

But in the meantime, Lake Placid was at Avon Park Thursday night in a district and county rival match that should have brought the intensity back up.

See Sunday's News-Sun for a recap of the match.

Small NBA meeting held, leadership talks Thursday

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Staff members from the NBA and players' association have met, and top negotiators from both sides were scheduled to talk Thursday.

A small group from each side took part over a few hours Wednesday.

On Thursday, Commissioner David Stern, Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver and other top negotiators from the league will meet with executive director Billy Hunter, president Derek Fisher of the Lakers, who was flying overnight to New York, and others from the union.

Players and owners are still clashing over the salary cap structure as the lockout that began July 1 reaches an important stage.

Training camps expected to open Oct. 3 would likely



MCT file photo
NBA Commissioner David Stern was to meet with negotiators Thursday in hopes of settling his league's labor dispute.

be postponed without a deal this week.

Big 12, Big East start picking up pieces in realignment ruckus

By JEFF LATZKE and JIM VERTUNO
Associated Press

Big 12 leaders were to meet Thursday, trying to find ways to stabilize the conference, including changing the leadership.

Former Big Eight Commissioner Chuck Neinas told The Associated Press on Thursday morning that he has been contacted by members of the Big 12 about possibly replacing commissioner Dan Beebe on an interim basis, and that he's interested.

The Big 12 and Beebe are reportedly working on an agreement for him to leave his position.

Neinas said on the agenda for the Big 12 presidents later Thursday "is whether they're going to retain an interim commissioner."

"I have not been retained as of yet," Neinas said. "If that happened, it would happen at the end of the day."

Texas President William Powers declared Wednesday that the Longhorns — who receive more media money than other members of the Big 12 — are open to a new revenue-sharing model and have already suggested that top-level television and cable money be shared equally.

What's not on the table is the money from Texas' 20-year, \$300 million deal with ESPN to create the Longhorn Network, which has been blamed in large part for Texas A&M's pending departure from the Big 12.

"That's never been in play, that's not in play," Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said.

Oklahoma President David Boren said the most important goal for the Sooners is conference stability.

"We intend to support actions that will strengthen

and stabilize the conference at the very important meeting of the conference board," he said.

The Pac-12 late Tuesday squashed any hope of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas Tech heading west in what surely would have been a death blow to the Big 12.

But the conference realignment wheels are still turning, especially with the Aggies planning to join the Southeastern Conference as soon as legal threats are out of the way.

"Certainly the position of Oklahoma State and I think most of the schools, if not all, is that we want to add a 10th team," said Oklahoma State President Burns Hargis, a member of the league's expansion committee. He listed TCU, Houston, SMU, BYU, Utah and Air Force among the potential expansion targets before saying "we've talked about a lot of ideas."

The Big East, left with only six football members after Pitt and Syracuse announced plans to join the ACC, must also find a new way forward while the Mountain West and Conference USA are in discussions about a partnership.

The talk of saving the Big

12 centers on sharing television revenue equally — a core principle of the Big Ten and Pac-12.

The Big 12 splits the revenue from its \$1.2 billion Fox Sports contract evenly, but only half of the money from its top-tier deal with ABC goes into equal shares.

The rest is weighted toward the programs that play on the network more frequently, such as Texas and Oklahoma.

Dodds said Big 12 athletic directors more than a month ago approved Texas' suggestion to equally share to network revenue around the league.

He said the plan has not been voted on by league presidents.

Texas Tech President Guy Bailey said he doesn't anticipate much opposition to that idea.

"I would be surprised if there weren't a change in that, in some way," he said. Now, how exactly it plays out, I don't know."

Beebe has not commented on the turmoil surrounding the league and there is speculation about his future.

The Kansas City Star, citing two sources with knowledge of the decision, reported Wednesday night that Beebe was working on an agreement

to leave his position and that an announcement of Beebe's departure was expected Thursday.

Beebe's contract was extended in November through June 2015, a decision made after Nebraska and Colorado announced they were leaving the Big 12 and before the 13-year deal was reached with Fox Sports in April.

Dodds declined comment, and Bailey and Hargis called Beebe's status a private "personnel" matter.

Besides Thursday's meeting of the Big 12 conference board, a summit also is possible between Texas and Oklahoma officials.

Big 12 athletic directors also have a previously scheduled meeting in Dallas next week.

ESPN distanced itself from the conference affiliation uproar, saying the "driving force on realignment lies with the conferences and universities."

Still, the Longhorn Network created uncertainty in the Big 12 and Texas A&M said it was a big reason why

the Aggies will leave the Big 12 by July — a decision that stands, the school said Wednesday.

Nebraska athletic director Tom Osborne earlier this month said the Big 12's revenue-sharing plan lends itself to instability.

The Huskers is in its first season as a member of the Big Ten, where each school received \$22.6 million this year — about twice as much as Nebraska could have expected if it had stayed in the Big 12.

Texas' Powers said revenue sharing will be subject to discussion in coming days.

"A lot of these issues that you hear (about) whether it's revenue sharing or whatever, we've been working on long before," he said. "We will continue to work on those. I'm not going to prejudge on how those will come out. There are not any preconditions for the conference coming back together."

"We want a stable, workable conference going forward," Powers said.

Once the Aggies leave, the Big 12 will have nine mem-

bers unless a replacement — or replacements — are found.

Only SMU has gone public with its interest in joining the Big 12.

"It's about quality, not quantity," Dodds said. "In my mind, 10 is the perfect conference. You have a clear path to the national championship game without stumbling in a (conference) championship game."

There was still activity around the Big 12 on Wednesday.

Oklahoma State's regents gave school President Hargis the power to depart the Big 12 if necessary while regents in Kansas reiterated their support for staying in the Big 12.

Regents in Missouri were scheduled to meet Thursday.

Hargis said the decision to give him authority over a league change was important even after the Pac-12 was taken off the table as a potential destination because "there are a lot of moving parts here and we may have to make decisions fast."

He said his first priority is stabilizing the Big 12.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar provides a brief listing of local clubs and organizations who meet on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of the group to update the *News-Sun* on any changes in this listing by calling 385-6155, ext. 516; send any changes by e-mail to editor@newssun.com; or mail them to *News-Sun* Community Calendar, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

FRIDAY

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 314-0891.

■ **American Legion Post 25** hosts a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Cost is \$6. Shrimp also is available for same price. Open to the public. Tickets in the lounge on Friday night. Lounge hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** has karaoke from 7 p.m. until final call at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Post open at noon. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. For details, call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club** meets 7 a.m., Rotary Club building.

■ **Better Breathers Club Support Group.** This American Lung Association affiliated group meets the last Friday of each month, at 12:00 pm in Conference Room 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'n Lake Blvd. Contact Mike Napper, RRT at (863)402-3450 for more information.

■ **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.

■ **Highlands County Dance Club** hosts ballroom dancing every Friday, October through March from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway. Dance the night away to the music of the area's Big Bands. All club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required. Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Call 385-6671.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** has lounge hours beginning at 1 p.m. There is a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$8.50 per person. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Hi-12 Club** meets at noon on the fourth Friday at the Lake Placid Elks, except in June, July and August. All Masons and their ladies are welcome. For reservations or information, call 465-3038.

■ **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.

■ **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. 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.

■ **Teamster Retirees** meet at the Teamster's Local 444 Union Hall at 211 Pototoc St., Auburndale at 11 a.m. on the last Friday of the month (except June, July and August). For details, call Paul Thomas at 471-9684.

■ **U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club** serves a steak dinner on the fourth Friday of every month for \$7 at VFW Post 9853, State Road 64 West and North Oliva Drive. For information call Hocky at (954) 592-4847

■ **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.

■ **Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists** is a chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters. The chapter meets the fourth Saturday of the month at Waters Edge of Lake Wales, 10 Grove Ave. West in Lake Wales. Doors open at 9 a.m. and meeting begins at 10 a.m. Bring a bagged lunch with painting to follow. Guests are welcome to come and join the fun, meet the members and fellowship with the chapter. Call Vickie Alley, Frotproof area at (863) 632-1472, or Judy Nicewicz, Highlands County area at 273-1339.

■ **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 County Democratic Women's Club** typically meets the fourth Saturday of each month unless there is a DWC event planned. Call 214-4680 to confirm the next meeting date. Meetings are from 9-11:30 a.m. at Democratic Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway (beside Ruby Tuesdays). The morning includes a continental breakfast, a speaker, a political action discussion and the regular business meeting. Like-minded guests are welcome.

■ **Highlands County Housing Authority** meets 7 p.m., 3909 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring.

■ **Highlands Shrine Club,** 2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) has a flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

country store open from 8 a.m. to noon and pancake breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Vendors are welcome. No setup fee is charged for the summer months. Plenty of off road parking. For details, call 382-2208.

■ **Lake Placid 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.

■ **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.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800** serves breakfast from 8-11 a.m. and horse raising 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.

■ **Inerstate chapter of A.B.A.T.E.** meets the last Sunday of every month at The Blue Crab, 825 Ridgewood Dr., Sebring at 11 a.m.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** lounge is open from 1-7 p.m. Card games start at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** has karaoke in the pavilion. Horseshoes played at 9:30 a.m. Food available at 4 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose,** Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Cards start at 4 p.m. Music outside Tiki Hut at 3 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous,** 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.

■ **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.

HEALTHY LIVING



ARA Content

Respiratory syncytial virus is common among babies, but can become a serious health threat in some cases.

One family's story that could save your baby's life

ARA Content

Like most parents, Kari and Lyle Judson had never heard of respiratory syncytial virus, commonly known as RSV. But in December 2008, when RSV took the life of one of their twin sons, those three letters forever changed their lives.

Kari gave birth to preemie twin boys, Alexander and Dominic, both weighing well under 5 pounds. When the boys' lung function proved "normal" for preterm infants, they were declared healthy and were discharged without any warning about the dangers of RSV during the winter months.

RSV is a common, seasonal virus which can lead to symptoms similar to the cold or flu. While the virus affects nearly 100 percent of babies before the age of 2, those most at risk for developing severe RSV disease are premature babies — those born before 36 weeks gestation. Premature babies have underdeveloped lungs and fewer of the vital antibodies needed to stave off infections, so they are not as well-equipped to fight RSV as full-term babies. Other risk factors for RSV include: low-birth weight (less than 5.5 pounds), certain lung and heart diseases, and situational risk factors such as attending daycare, having pre-school or school-aged siblings, or exposure to tobacco smoke.

With their parents unaware of the dangers that even a play date could present, Alexander and Dominic enjoyed their first months of

life. On Dec. 28, 2008, however, both boys began displaying signs of listlessness and developed fevers — hallmarks of RSV disease. They were taken to the local hospital, where Alexander's condition quickly worsened and he was not responsive to breathing treatments. Due to the severity of his condition, Alexander was airlifted to a specialty hospital, but while in transport, he lost brain function due to lack of oxygen and was put on life support.

Even as they were dealing with the tragic loss of Alexander, the Judson family still had to face Dominic's severe RSV infection, which required breathing treatments and an 11-day hospital stay.

While deaths are not common, RSV disease causes up to 10 times as many infant deaths each year as the flu, resulting in up to 400 infant deaths annually in the U.S. Additionally, RSV disease is the leading cause of infant hospitalization in the U.S., and is responsible for one of every 13 pediatrician visits and one of every 38 trips to the emergency room. In fact, Kari found herself back at the pediatric pulmonologist's office when her third son, Ryan, developed a mild RSV infection, requiring breathing treatments.

Because there is no treatment for RSV disease, Kari and many in the medical community say the importance of prevention can't be emphasized enough.

"I want all parents to know about the dangers of RSV

and what they can do to protect their little ones from this virus," says Kari. "We're so thankful Dominic and Ryan both recently received clean bills of health, but we will continue to be alert for symptoms of RSV disease and take steps to prevent the spread of germs, especially during the RSV season."

Parents should do the following to help protect their babies from RSV:

— Understand the risk factors and ask a pediatrician if your child may be at increased risk

— Help prevent the spread of the virus with frequent washing of hands, toys and bedding, and avoiding large crowds and those who are sick

— Carefully monitor your baby's behavior for warning signs like a severe cough or wheezing; difficulty breathing or rapid, gasping breaths; blue color of the lips, mouth, and/or fingernails; difficulty feeding; fatigue and fever

"I've seen how seriously RSV can affect babies and their families," says pediatric critical care physician Dr. Paul Checchia, director of the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at the Texas Children's Hospital and professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. "While frequent hand washing is the best defense for most families, babies at the highest risk may need extra precaution and should talk to their baby's doctor."

Visit www.RSVprotection.com for more information.

HEALTH SNAPSHOTS

Better Breathers Club meets today

SEBRING — The American Lung Association's Better Breathers Club is a Lung Health Support Club for adults with lung disease, and their families and friends. The club offers educational information on COPD, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, sleep apnea, and other lung diseases. It features different speakers each meeting on topics ranging from living with lung diseases, equipment use, managing and coping with your disease, and more.

The next meeting is at noon today in Conference Room 3, upstairs at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center in Sebring, on Sun 'n Lake Boulevard. The speaker will be Carol Watson, a registered respiratory therapist with Florida Hospital, speaking on breathing techniques to be less short of breath. She'll have tips and suggestions on how to conserve your energy and save your air.

A healthy snack and beverage will be provided. For

more information about the support group call Mike Napper at 402-3450.

Community outreach schedule

Ace Homecare will hold the following community outreach events in the coming week:

Today: 9 a.m., Health Fair, Highlands Village, Villa Road, Sebring.

Monday: 9 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Resthaven Assisted Living facility, off RT 64, Resthaven Road, Zolof Springs; 10 a.m., Coping with Transitions,

Chatham Pointe, Streetenstom Road, Wauchula; 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

Tuesday: 9 a.m., Health Fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27, Sebring; 10:30 a.m., Health Fair, Lake Placid Meal Site, Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid.

Wednesday: 9 a.m., Health Fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street, Avon Park; 1 p.m., Health Fair, Tanglewood, Rt. 27 Sebring.

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It protects cells, improves endurance and helps you cope with

stress by supporting adrenal and thyroid function.

Holy Basil is also called "Tulsi" in Ayurvedic medicine; both terms refer to the herb known in latin as *Ocimum sanctum*. Whatever you call it, it delivers.

Compounds in Holy Basil have been shown in clinical trials to nourish the pancreas, and specifically help generate healthy new beta cells. These beta cells are the body's insulin-production factories, and insulin lowers blood sugar. See the connection? Holy Basil helps other cells in your body open up their receptor (their door) which welcomes insulin like a long lost friend. This is a beautiful thing, because it lightens the load on your liver and precious adrenal glands. You may notice fewer craving for

sweets. Hey, getting your hand out of the cookie jar could mean faster weight loss.

Listen up if you have high cholesterol or triglycerides. Conventional medicine might call for statin drugs to reduce these markers. Studies suggest that Holy Basil can help reduce blood fats which, as you know, contribute to

heart disease and remain a devastating complication of diabetes. Holy Basil happens to be a potent antioxidant, sweeping away damaged cells that could run amok. Tulsi happens to also have antibacterial and anti-fungal properties. I hate fungus. I'm all about killing bad germs, and growing good ones (probiotics). With that in mind, consider Holy Basil this fall to reduce the risk of cough and cold.

I drink Holy Basil every day, in the form of tea (it's called Tulsi Tea), and I keep the tea bags in my purse so at restaurants, I just ask for a cup of hot water and steep it at my table. Holy Basil is stronger when taken as an oral supplement. Organic India, New Chapter and Source Naturals all make commercial brands. As for safety, it's been

used for eons and has an impressive track record, but because it lowers blood sugar, I don't want you to combine it with prescribed diabetes medication unless you closely monitor your blood sugar and remain supervised by your doctor so he can reduce medication dosage when necessary.

You'll find other simple recommendations to manage diabetes and weight in my new book "Diabetes without Drugs," available at book stores nationwide and Amazon.

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.



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

Understanding risks is half the battle against breast cancer

ARA Content

With one in eight women projected to be diagnosed with breast cancer over the course of her lifetime, understanding what affects your risk and how to catch any warning signs early — not only for your own sake, but for the sakes of your loved ones — is more important than ever. There may not be a cure for breast cancer yet, but there is so much you can do to raise awareness and lower your risk.

1. Maintain a healthy lifestyle

You can reduce your risk for breast cancer by leading a healthier lifestyle — including exercising regularly, making healthier choices when it comes to eating and drinking, and limiting your exposure to tobacco and alcohol. The changes don't have to be drastic — start with simple changes, such as swapping one sugar-sweetened beverage a day for water, adding fruit and vegetables to your diet or taking the dog for an extra-long walk.

2. Know your history and how to detect the symptoms

Despite a healthy lifestyle, if you have a family history of breast cancer, that adds to your risk. So, it's crucial to know if any of your close relatives have had the disease. In addition, there are factors you can be on the lookout for as warning signs at almost

any age. The American Cancer Society recommends starting routine self-examinations in your 20's, so you can report any changes or concerns to your health care

provider.

You can also visit MayoClinic.com for more information. Yearly mammograms are recommended starting at age 40.

3. Support research and the mission to find a cure

Great work has been done to improve the treatment of breast cancer and researchers are working tirelessly towards a cure. In order to continue their intensive and innovative research, they need the support of organizations, such as The Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF), to help fund their work. BCRF, for example, directs more than 90 cents of every dollar donated to breast cancer research and awareness programs.

There are simple ways for you to get involved — from buying products that support these types of organizations to hosting a fundraiser with friends.

Nestle Pure Life brand bottled water is a great example, spotlighting breast cancer awareness on its packaging nationwide and in Canada during Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October). For every specially marked "pink ribbon" package produced, the company will donate 10 cents to BCRF (minimum donation of \$350,000).

The funding will support a BCRF grant directed to researchers who are working on innovative ways to prevent, treat and cure all aspects of breast cancer.

For more information on how to get involved in raising awareness and on the latest research and breakthroughs, visit BCRFCure.org.



Million young adults get health coverage under law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At least one part of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul has proven popular. With the economy sputtering, the number of young adults covered by health insurance grew by about a million as families flocked to take advantage of a new benefit in the law.

Two surveys released Wednesday — one by the government, another by Gallup — found significantly fewer young adults going without coverage even as the overall number of uninsured remained high.

The government's National Center for Health Statistics found that the number of uninsured people ages 19-25 dropped from 10 million last year to 9.1 million in the first three months of this year, a sharp decline over such a brief period.

A separate Gallup survey reported that the share of adults 18-25 without coverage dropped from 28 percent last fall to 24.2 percent by this summer. That drop translates to roughly 1 million or more young adults gaining coverage.

The new health care law allows young adults to remain on their parents' health plans until they turn 26.

Previously, families faced a hodgepodge of policies. Some health plans covered only adult children while they were full-time students. Others applied an age cutoff.

The two surveys were welcome news for the administration, which is trying to fight off attempts to repeal the law — which some GOP lawmakers and candidates call "Obamacare" — or to overturn it in court.

Leaders vow to cut deaths from chronic disease

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — World leaders have pledged to take wide-ranging action to prevent millions of deaths from cancer, diabetes, and heart and lung disease by tackling the key causes — smoking, excessive drinking, lack of exercise and unhealthy diets dominated by fast food.

But the 13-page political declaration approved at the first-ever General Assembly meeting on chronic diseases which ended Tuesday left unanswered the question of coordinating an international response to what the leaders called "a challenge of epidemic proportions."

The declaration notes "with profound concern" that according to the World Health Organization, an estimated 36 million of the 57 million global deaths in 2008 were due principally to cancer, diabetes and heart and lung diseases — including about 9 million men and

women below the age of 60. WHO said 80 percent of these deaths were in developing countries.

At a final round-table discussion, Prime Minister Denzil Douglas of St. Kitts and Nevis said, "Our response must be urgent, it must be comprehensive, and it has to be fully coordinated at the national, regional and local levels."

Douglas, who chairs the Caribbean Community known as CARICOM, said priority must be given to international coordination so there can be effective monitoring of the diseases and effective measures to reduce the risk factors and strengthen health care systems, especially in developing countries where cases of the four diseases are increasing rapidly.

The only other high-level General Assembly meeting on a health issue, in 2001, led to creation of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria,

with billions of dollars provided by governments and private groups such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

At the round-table, many speakers proposed that the global fight against non-communicable diseases follow the same model.

Some proposed a coordinating body, possibly under the World Health Organization, and Poland said an international network of organizations specializing in chronic diseases would be valuable.

The declaration asks U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to submit options to strengthen and facilitate global action to combat these diseases to the General Assembly by the end of 2012.

"Non-communicable diseases can be prevented and their impacts reduced, with millions of lives saved and untold suffering avoided," the declaration said.

To achieve this, the leaders

pledged to accelerate implementation of WHO's anti-smoking treaty and its global strategies to promote healthy diets and physical activity, and reduce the harmful use of alcohol.

RELIGION

If we had all the answers, we wouldn't need faith

Sept. 11, 2001 will forever be etched in the minds of all Americans. Most of us can still remember exactly where we were, what we were doing, our reaction, whether seen on TV or heard on radio.

On that fateful day, I was sitting at my desk in the newsroom, typing items for our Tuesday deadline day. After the planes hit, it seemed the newsroom grew silent, with some co-workers calling loved ones they knew in New York, others crying, others in shock. Somehow we managed to function for the deadline, in between watching the editor's TV and praying for everyone involved.

Millions of Americans flocked to churches, synagogues, temples, or places of worship to seek the answer from God as to why this happened?

Today, it still doesn't make sense and we're praying and hoping it never happens again, though terrorists keep threatening that it will somewhere, somehow, some place. Everything's changed and is still changing. Sometimes change is good; sometimes it's not.

America is the place where dreams are made. It shouldn't have happened here. The land of the brave, the free. Yet, we see in other countries the horrors: Lack of safe water, food and genocide. Parents' children are dying of starvation, lack of medicine, right in their arms from diseases that could be prevented or cured in the U.S.

The world, in different places, is confronted with terrors of many kinds daily. And God help those who just suffer in silence, not allowed to get protection, do not have rights, etc., due to lack of human rights; or are unable to pursue whatever rights their government gives them for various reasons. The Bible does tell us God will call the nations to give an account for how they managed their peoples. Needless to say, many will be in trouble.

I think of Mexico and the drug cartel, drive-by shootings are the norm there. Why doesn't their government do something about them? Mexicans are hoping this won't be the day they get shot or their families.

I guess America is catching up with the rest of the world's maladies. What we're seeing now is no longer just a good Hollywood thriller.

At this time, I can think of two televangelists who have predicted the hard times this nation has been through since 9/11: David Wilkerson and Rodney

A Heart's Journey

Janelle Dennison

Howard Brown.

Rev. Brown preached in 1999 that America was about to face a horrific tragedy of some sort and the church wasn't ready, not to mention the rest of the world. How did he know? God impressed it on his heart, as he walked the streets of New York, tears running down his face, sensing something was not right.

Wilkerson had preached for years (he's moved to Heaven) that the church needed to come back to her true love before a wake-up call came and even felt New York would be attacked.

Televangelists are not everybody's favorite because of all the foolishness that has taken place in the name of God. I'm sure God will deal with those people. But in the meantime, there are some who are still full of conviction and should be listened to and heeded.

So, was 9/11 a judgment from God? Jesus answered a similar question in the Bible when the (tower of Siloam fell on some Jews - Luke 13:1-9), he asked if they were anymore wicked than any others? The answer was "No, but except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish."

I feel that some tragedies we may bring on ourselves (like our health, if we don't eat/exercise, etc.); staying in bad relationships harms us, etc. Then there are ones the enemy of our souls just throws on us for his entertainment (theologians say when we have unconfessed sin in our lives, it opens the door for the enemy to come against us, but of course God limits it, like in Job's case). Then God is sending a wake-up call. Sometimes, when people die in a tragedy, it may be their time to go? There were people who didn't go into work that day, based on a hunch. Divine intervention? Yes, I believe so.

If we had all the answers, we wouldn't need faith in God.

Those innocent lives lost? They're not lost to God and even though their loved ones left behind miss them terribly, they will see them again one day. Thank God for salvation and the chance to be re-united with our loved ones...Jesus made that way.

Janelle Dennison is news clerk for the News-Sun. She can be reached at 385-6155 ext. 539.

Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — The 15th Sunday after Pentecost service with Holy Eucharist will be led by the Rev. Jefferson Cox. Eucharist Assistant/Lector is Jim Fiedler.

Thanks to all the people who donated items, purchased items, as well as all the volunteers who worked at making this another successful outreach program.

The Labyrinth Prayer Garden is open to the public, seven days a week.

Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — "Family Words of Love: Encouragement (Ephesians 4:29, 32), will be the Sunday morning message presented by Larry Roberts. The Lord's Supper is served every Sunday.

Bible school classes are available for all ages.

Avon Park Church of Christ is at 200 S. Forest Ave. Call 453-4692.

Bethel Baptist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor John Hankins has begun teaching a series of Bible lessons on the "Fruit of the Spirit" during the adult Sunday school class.

Biblical messages are preached each Sunday morning and evening by Pastor Hankins. Wednesday, there is prayer and Bible study.

The church is at 216 E. Park Street. Call 633-9294.

Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday morning, Pastor Scott McLean will be

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preaching a sermon entitled "The Nothing That Is Everything."

The church is at 1320 C.R. 64, east the Avon Park High School.

For more information, call 471-2663 or visit Internet for www.christlutheranavonpark.org/.

This is an LCMS congregation.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Reality." The keynote is from Psalms 48:1, "great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness."

The church is at 146 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Associate Minister Casey L. Downing will bring the message titled "Loyalty" at the Sunday morning service.

The Wednesday night Bible study will continue the book of Hebrews.

Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — Wednesday evening's our mid-week Bible study and discussion time is an informal setting with open discussion.

The Agape Cafe is open for coffee and snacks between Sunday school and worship services.

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Bob Evans at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Eastside Christian Church is at 101 Peace Avenue in Lake Placid, two miles east

of U.S. 27 on C.R. 621. Call 465-7065.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon "Changing Minds, Changing Futures," with Scripture taken from Matthew 21:23-32.

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 — On Sunday, Pastor Darryl George will preach the sermon entitled "Jesus' Messianic Authority!" with regards to Luke 7:11-16.

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

The church is at the corner of Washington and Kemper Avenues in Placid Lakes.

For more information, call 465-5126 from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday or e-mail the

church at placidlakes@hotmail.com/.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Dick and Sharron Campbell. Communion will be served by Joyce Winstel, Sally Wooley, Chris Baker and Juanita Roberts.

Noel and Juanita Roberts will be the greeters at the service today.

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

Pastor Ron's sermon is titled "The Hem of His Garment," from Luke 8:43-48.

Robin Martin will be watching the children in the nursery this month. The acolyte for September will be Nina Kunsak.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Bob Johnson's sermon is entitled "Power, Wisdom and Glory" based on I Corinthians 1:18-31.

The choir's introit will be "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" and the anthem will be "Yours is the Kingdom."

Sunday school is available for all ages. The adult Sunday school class is continuing the study of David and his children in II Samuel 13:1-22. Wendy Garcia is teaching the youth class and their lessons discuss how the Bible applies to life today.

On Wednesday, Bible

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Restoration of old faith is needed today

Restoration is defined as "to bring back to or put back into a former or original state" (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary). These ideas are also expressed in the Hebrew and Greek of the Bible.

An excellent example of the restoration of old paths is in the work of King Josiah recorded in Second Kings 22-23. The first thing to note is that his restoration work was based on the "Book of the Covenant", not opinions or what was popular or traditions. As you read chapter 23:4-20, observe how many things he removed/destroyed that were foreign to the "Book of the Covenant." These were placed into their worship by men, even things "kings of Judah had ordained" i.e. Ahaz, Manasseh, Solomon and Jeroboam of Israel.

Another vital part of Josiah's restoration was to "Keep the Passover to the Lord your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant" (23:21). Returning to the old paths involves removing that which is not part of the original and putting back into place that which is.

It does not take a "Solomon" to see the apostasy rampant in the "Christendom" of today. Just a casual

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Frank Parker

study of church history and the present religious picture shows the fulfillment of Second Thessalonians 2:1-12, First Timothy 4:1-5, Second Timothy 4:1-5 and other such prophecies. The plea of God Almighty in the days of Judah's unfaithfulness is very relevant today: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls..." (Jeremiah 6:16)

Jesus, the Christ declared to have all authority (Matthew 28:18) and in turn was the head of the church of Christ which is His body. (Ephesians 1:22; 5:23) He never shared that place of authority or headship with anyone. His great love for mankind was manifested in His death which purchased the church/saved/kingdom. (Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28; Colossians 1:13,14).

Many things that are accepted today as "gospel truth" are in reality innovations of men and women over centuries and are quickly recognized as such by serious students of the Word. Consider the following observation: "It is most likely that in the apostolic age when

there was but 'one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,' and no differing denominations existed, the baptism of a convert by that very act constituted him a member of the church, and at once endowed him with all the rights and privileges of full membership. In that sense 'baptism was the door into the church.' Now, it is different." (Edward Hiscox).

"Now, it is different," by whose authority? This statement reflects the need of restoration like the times of Josiah and Jeremiah...a return to the Authority...a return to the old paths. Tragically, the response in Jeremiah's day was and of many today is "We will not walk in it." (Jeremiah 6:16)

Did you observe that Josiah ignored the leading men (Ahaz, Manasseh, Solomon, Jeroboam) to go back to the "Book of the Covenant?" This is a worthy example needed today for the restoration of the old paths...the Faith. (Jude v.3) The danger of "I am of Paul" or "I am of Apollos" or "I am of Cephas" or "I am of Christ" (I Corinthians 1:10-13) still exist even today.

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RELIGION SNAPSHOTS

New Day Music Ministries in concert

LAKE PLACID — New Day Music Ministries will be in concert at the Church of the Nazarene, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday.

New Day Music Ministries is a southern gospel quartet who blesses and encourages those who hear them. Through the live music and smooth harmony, the message of the gospel shines through. All are welcome to come; a free will offering will be taken for the group.

For more information, call Pastor Tim Taylor at 446-

1339. You will also find information on the group at www.ndmm.com/.

Temple Israel High Holy Day Services

SEBRING — Temple Israel of Highlands County is preparing for the High Holy Days. Services will be led at the synagogue by Rabbi Lorraine Rudenberg.

On Wednesday, Erev Rosh HaShanah services, with apples and honey to follow, will begin at 7 p.m. Rosh HaShanah services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m.

On Friday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m., Kol Nidre services will

be held. Yom Kippur morning service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, and Yom Kippur Afternoon/Yiskor service will begin at 3 p.m., on Oct. 8 with a Dairy Break the Fast following.

Temple Israel is at 1305 Temple Israel Drive, Sebring. Call 382-7744. Non-members are welcome.

Steadship Weekend set for Oct. 21-22

AVON PARK — Have you ever...felt like filing for bankruptcy? Or said, "Where has all the money gone?" Made a budget and failed to follow it? Loaned money

and never been paid back? Bounced check?

You're not alone. Stewardship Weekend will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21-22, at Ridge Seventh-day Adventist Church, 507 West Hal McRae Blvd., with Pastor Dion Henry.

It starts Friday evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Then Sabbath School is Saturday at 9:15 a.m., followed by the midday service at 11:15 a.m. and Sabbath afternoon 5-7 p.m.

The main sanctuary only seats 400, so please come early and avoid having to be seated in the fellowship hall.

ARE YOU TIRED OF THAT PAIN IN YOUR NECK?



If you are suffering from Headaches, Migraine Headaches, Ringing in your ears, Tingling in your fingers, Neck Pain, Lower Back Pain, Facial Pain, TMJ Pain, Difficulty Swallowing, Limited Mouth Opening or Fibromyalgia, you may be suffering from your neck twisting which can happen when you bite your teeth together. For more information, visit www.designerdentalllp.com, then click on "Neuromuscular Dentistry" and "Testimonials", then call for your complimentary Temporomandibular joint syndrome or Musculoskeletal Dysfunction consultation. (D0140, D0332, D7899)

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study, entitled "The Basics of the Faith" will be led by Pastor Bob Johnson.

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

The church is at 215 E. Circle Street (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). For more information, call the church office at 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "A Tale of Two Sons" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer. Women's Ministries Tea will be at 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Monday, Session meeting in the conference room.

Tuesday, Grief Support Group in the adult classroom. Youth Group for middle school and high school students meets in fellowship hall for Bible study, sport activities, homework time and dinner.

Wednesday, Vision Committee meeting and choir rehearsal in the adult classroom. Fellowship cov-

ered dish supper will be at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite dish to share. Beverages provided. Entertainment by Uptown Country.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant will give the message "Saul Makes Havoc of the Church" with the Scripture reading from Acts 8:1-8.

Family Fellowship Dinner and Bible studies is on Wednesday evening with dinner in the Family Life Center.

Family Movie Night will be Saturday, Sept. 24, showing "Fireproof" with popcorn and lemonade free of charge.

Listen Live on WITS-AM 1340 each Sunday to hear the 10:50 a.m. service. Call the church office for information at 385-5184. The church is downtown at 126 South Pine St. Visit the website at www.sebringfirstumc.com/.

Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Point Church is at 200 Lark Ave. in the Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

Tuesday's home Bible study is "The Future Revealed, The Great

Fall of Babylon," from Revelation 17. For the kids, the program is "Endangered Species."

In the Sunday morning Worship Service Pastor Zimmer continues the river renewal series "Summer with the Psalmist. Class for children provided.

Look for upcoming changes to the Friday night media outreach. The church is still experiencing technical difficulties with other delivery mode for Bible Study on Friday nights.

Women of Grace will be Oct. 22. Watch for more information forthcoming.

Ustream available of all services in Sebring. Log on to ustream.tv and then enter gracepointetv in the search box.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this Sunday will be "Contentment and Godliness," with Scripture from: I Timothy 6:6-10. Communion is offered during the service weekly

The service will also include Mina West singing "How Great Thou Art" and Roland Bates singing "The Baptism of Jessie Taylor."

Tuesday night, the adult Bible

study will be taught by Pastor Ted Moore. Come early for snacks.

Wednesday night are the Young Adult and Children's Programs taught by George Kelly, Amanda and Jon Armentrout and Toby Cribbs. It features a free meal!

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South in Sebring (behind Publix); phone 314-9693. Look for the lighthouse.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Claude Burnett will preach at the Heritage (traditional) worship service and the Celebration (blended) worship service on the subject "Bringing Others Into the Christian Faith."

Pastor Fred Ball will preach at the New Song Contemporary service in Rob Reynolds Hall on the subject "Bringing Others Into the Christian Faith."

Flu shots will be available in the Ladies' Bible Class room from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. provided by CVS pharmacy. Please bring your insurance card.

Children will meet in the Sanctuary for Wiggle Time and then continue their Worship service at Sunshine Club House.

Middle School Youth Group at

the Lighthouse at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, there will be a Youth Group Car Wash at the Lighthouse from 9 a.m. until noon.

The Church is at 500 Kent Ave. For information, please call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "Wisdom and Discernment," is taken from the 25th chapter of Proverbs (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the Sunday morning message.

The Sunday evening service will be the end-of-the-month-sing, followed by fellowship time. The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and Bible study.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — A new sermon series, "People Like Us" will begin this Sunday morning. The first will be "A Liar" taken from Genesis 12:10-20.

Barnabas Buddies will travel to Wycliffe Discovery Center and Asbury Seminary on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

APOSTOLIC

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 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 Catelyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

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

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org

ship.org; Web site, 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.fbclp.com. Pastor Brett Morey, senior pastor. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Senior Sunday Night and Sunday Evening Bible study at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Adult-LifeSource classes, prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and Kids K-5-MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. Men meet at 8 a.m. every Tuesday for prayer breakfast and women's prayer breakfast is at 8 a.m. every Wednesday, both at the Family Restaurant.

■ **First Baptist Church of 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 available. "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. The Rev. Ronald Smith, assistant pastor, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

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

CATHOLIC

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

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

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

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. Theilma 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. 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-ser-

mons.

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

Church News

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Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, Pastor Keith Simmons will have a sermon titled "Extravagant Giving." He will have the Scripture reading from II Corinthians 9:6-15.

Sunday school will meet in the Fidelis Room. They will be studying "Creating a Community of Servants," taken from the Scripture Matthew 20:1-28 and Mark 10:35-45.

Southside Baptist Church

SEBRING — In the morning worship service Sunday, the Rev. David Altman will start a new series on "Angels All Around" and his first message will be "Like Angels." Children's church and a nursery are available. The Sunday evening service will be on prayer for all

RELIGION NEWS GUIDELINES: The *News-Sun* publishes religion news on Fridays.

The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in the following Friday's paper.

Submit items to the *News-Sun's* from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; fax to 385-2453; send e-mail to editor@newssun.com; or mail to Lifestyle Editor, *News-Sun*, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. For information, call 385-6155, ext. 516.

nations. The church is at 379 South Commerce Ave. For information, call 385-0752.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane.

The Rev. Clyde Weaver's sermon will be titled: "People of All Ages Need Teaching."

The Way Church

SEBRING — "The Marriage Supper of the

Lamb" is the title of Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum's message.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

The "J" Unit meets Wednesdays evenings.

Church membership classes are being held during the Sunday school hour.

The Way Church is at 1005 North Ridgewood Drive. Church phone is 471-6140 and the pastor's cell is 273-3674.

For church information and the pastor's messages go to www.thewaychurch.org/.

Court of Appeal declines to get involved in Micanopy church dispute

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A Florida appeals court wants no part of a dispute over control of a Florida church.

A three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee has affirmed an Alachua County trial judge's ruling that it's a religious rather than legal matter. Several former members sued the First Baptist Church of Micanopy, a Florida corporation. They argued another faction ousted them from the church in violation of its bylaws and articles of incorporation.

Courts can and have ruled on church disputes involving property.

The appeals court panel, though, wrote Monday that church membership and control are essentially religious issues.

They said those are matters are protected from government interference by the

First Amendment, which guarantees the freedom of religion.

Mo. school board decides to return banned books

REPUBLIC, Mo. — Two months after removing two books from its curriculum and school library, a southwest Missouri school board has voted to allow them back into the library — but with strong restrictions on who will be allowed to check them out.

The Republic school board voted in July to remove Kurt Vonnegut's "Slaughterhouse-Five" and Sarah Ockler's "Twenty Boy Summer" from the school after a man who does not have children there said the books taught values contrary to the Bible. That decision triggered heated debate in Republic and prompted

Monday's decision to revise the school's book policy.

Under the revised policy approved before a packed meeting room, the board agreed to allow challenged books to be kept in a secure section of the school library. Only parents who want their children to read the book will be allowed to check it out.

"It does keep the books there in the library, and if parents want their kids to read the book, by all means come and check it out," said Superintendent Vern Minor. "It still puts the decision in parents' hands."

A year ago, Republic resident Wes Scroggins complained about the appropriateness of those two books as well as "Speak" by Laurie Halse Anderson. On July 25, following Minor's recommendation, the board kept "Speak" and removed the other two books.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

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

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

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

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

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 4348 Schumacher Road, Sebring, one mile west of Wal-Mart. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 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.

■ **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.

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. 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. Casey L. Downing, associate minister: Phone, 385-8171, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Web site www.ctmforme.com

■ **Grace Bible Church,** 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

■ **Highlands Community Church,** a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

■ **The Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church,** 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at www.juanitafolsomministries.com.

■ **Union Congregational Church,** 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday worship services are at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Millennium Church. Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m. We also offer a Saturday service at 6 p.m. with Pastor Tiger Gullett in the Millennium Church. Nursery/child care is available for all services. Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org. All teachings are taken from the Manufacturer's Handbook - The Holy Bible. Come join us.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL

33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

■ **The Way Church,** 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way – A place for you. Office Phone:471-6140, Church Cell Phone:381-6190. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA),** 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. 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; Web site: 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.

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■ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church,** 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Fans work to protect Jackson's name on trial's eve

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Inside the compact, wood-paneled courtroom that will soon host the trial of Michael Jackson's personal physician, many of the tabloid-worthy elements of the singer's life will go unspoken.

Outside, however, many Jackson fans say they expect a media free-for-all that will dredge up discredited allegations and salacious story lines, once again tarnishing the singer's legacy.

Jackson, they fear, will once again be on trial.

Around the globe, the King of Pop's supporters are already scanning headlines and airwaves for stories that contain inaccuracies about the singer's life, brand him a pedophile or describe him by the dismissive moniker "Jacko."

The items quickly result in calls to editors, reporters, producers and a flurry of Facebook and Twitter posts to press for changes. In some instances, the references are removed.

As the trial of Dr. Conrad Murray draws closer — jury selection resumes on Friday and opening statements are scheduled for Sept. 27 — concerns about Jackson's portrayal are growing.

"We don't want Michael Jackson to be put up on a pedestal like he never made any mistakes," said Erin Jacobs, a founder of the Southern California-based group Justice4MJ.

But she said the focus should remain on Murray, who is charged with involuntary manslaughter and who authorities allege gave Jackson a lethal dose of the anesthetic propofol and other sedatives. The Houston-based cardiologist has pleaded not guilty.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor has already limited what information Murray's defense attorneys can introduce about Jackson during the trial, excluding any details from the singer's 2005 child molestation trial, which ended in acquittal, his financial troubles, and witnesses who might describe the singer as a drug addict.



Brian van der Brug/Los Angeles Times/MCT
Willie L. Hampton (left) a supporter of Dr. Conrad Murray, talks with activist Najee Ali (right) Sept. 8 outside the Los Angeles Superior Court as jury selection proceedings take place inside. Ali, who is holding a sign in support of justice for the late Michael Jackson, talked with Hampton about mutual respect for each other in spite of their differing views and hopes for the outcome of Murray's trial.

The rulings have drawn praise from fans and court watchers alike, but may have limited effect in the era of blogs and social media.

"For some salacious news organizations and the blogosphere, there won't be a check on fairness," said Ben Holden, director of the Reynolds National Center for the Courts and Media.

Editors and producers have long acted similar to judges by deciding what details are necessary or irrelevant for news coverage, said Holden, a former Wall Street Journal reporter and attorney who attended Murray's preliminary hearing.

Blogs and social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook, which are now news sources, present new challenges.

"It has always been the case that the juror's neighbors had information that the juror didn't have," Holden said. Yet nowadays, the neighbor "doesn't just get Walter Cronkite, he also gets Nancy Grace and TMZ."

Potentially skewed posts from fans also have to be considered, Holden said.

Many fan groups have active Twitter profiles and Facebook pages, including

those aimed at providing explanatory content on the trial.

One such site, PositivelyMichael.com, has a forum focused on the Murray case and other aspects of Jackson's death that has nearly 9,500 posts. Moderator Lynn Mathis said the site has become an international destination for updates on the case.

"We have members all over the world," Mathis said. "This trial will not be covered there the way it is here."

Similar to the efforts by U.S.-based fans, international groups are closely watching their domestic media for stories they feel treat the singer unfairly. One such group, MJ4Justice, has founders from three nations: the U.S., Ireland and Canada.

Grace, who has been criticized for comments advocating the conviction of Florida mother Casey Anthony in her recent murder trial, is one of the television pundits Jackson fans say they are concerned about.

A jury acquitted Anthony of killing her 2-year-old daughter earlier this year and Murray's attorneys have cited Grace's commentary as a primary reason jurors in Murray's case should be sequestered. Pastor refused.

HLN, which airs Grace's show, is already offering significant coverage of the Jackson manslaughter trial. The network also airs a show hosted by commentator Dr. Drew Pinsky, who has devoted several segments to the trial and who Jacobs and other fans criticized for focusing on sensational aspects of Jackson's life.

"We don't feel that it's relevant that these talking heads like Nancy Grace and Dr. Drew get on every night and further degrade a dead man's legacy," Jacobs said.

Pinsky addressed the fan reaction on a recent show: "Please, guys. I don't have a strong feeling about this. I'm not trying to protect anybody. I'm just trying to make sense of it so we can all understand this case as we go through it."

The group Team Michael has distributed a press release calling for coverage of the Murray case that does not malign the pop superstar. "It is NOT Wacko Jacko. It is MICHAEL JACKSON!" the release reads in part. "It is NOT Pedophile, It is Humanitarian!"

Taaj Malik, who helped coordinate the release, said the point is to keep the media focused on what's happening in Pastor's courtroom. "It's not Michael on trial, it's Conrad Murray," she said.

In addition to fans wanting to protect Jackson's memory, also potentially at stake is the image behind continued success of the singer's posthumous marketability, which has generated more than \$310 million since his death.

Manny Medrano, an attorney and former television reporter who regularly comments on high-profile cases, said he expects most of the media overall to report Murray's trial fairly. Despite the issues the Anthony case raised with punditry shaping public opinion of a trial, Murray's case won't be a repeat, he said.

"This case is not of that level," Medrano said, noting that prosecutors aren't seeking a murder conviction against Murray and that

despite Jackson's international stardom, the singer is a different type of victim than young Caylee Anthony.

Pastor's rulings have limited Murray's defense, but Medrano said that won't mean that the portrait that emerges of Jackson is pristine. "There is negative evidence about this pop star that the jury is going to hear," he said.

A former federal prosecutor, Medrano now practices criminal defense and said the physician's attorneys have an ethical obligation to raise any viable theory that may exonerate Murray. "They're doing their job," he said.

That won't make it any easier on Jackson's supporters, or his family, who are expected to attend most of the proceedings.

Jermaine Jackson told The Associated Press that he expects Murray's attorney to try to smear his brother. "They are going to try that," he said, adding that he penned his new book "You Are Not Alone" in part as a rebuttal to defense arguments that his brother was weakened by an addiction to the painkiller Demerol.

"There may have been dependency on Demerol, which was for pain, but that's not what killed Michael," Jermaine Jackson said.

Jackson fans have a similar mission, one they expect will lead to long hours of fact-checking reports in the coming weeks.

"Michael's not here to defend himself," said Millie Freeman, the New York-based co-founder of the group MJ4Justice. "It's up to his family and up to his fans."

"This is a matter of the man's legacy at this point," she said. "It needs to be respected."

R.E.M. calling it quits after three decades

Associated Press

NEW YORK — R.I.P. to R.E.M.

The Grammy-winning rock group announced on its website Wednesday that it has "decided to call it a day as a band."

The group composed of singer Michael Stipe, guitarist Peter Buck and bassist Mike Mills released its debut album "Murmur" in 1983. Drummer Bill Berry was also in the band but left the group in 1997.

The message online said the band members "walk away with a great sense of gratitude, of finality, and of astonishment at all we have accomplished."

The group gained a great amount of its success in the 1990s. It released back-to-back multiplatinum albums and had hits like "Losing My Religion" and "Everybody Hurts."

Their last album, "Collapse into Now," was released in March.

Bennett apologizes for suggesting US provoked 9/11

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tony Bennett says he's sorry for suggesting the United States provoked the 9/11 attacks.

Bennett said Wednesday that he was only expressing his feelings as a pacifist when he said the United States caused the 9/11 attacks by bombing people. He made the comments during an interview on Howard Stern's

radio show Tuesday.

Bennett issued a written statement saying there is no excuse for terrorism and the killing of innocent people in the attacks.

Bennett said that he is a proud World War II veteran, but that his experiences in war and marching with Martin Luther King Jr. had led him believe that violence begets violence.

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DIVERSIONS



Movie Review 'Killer Elite'

Rating: R strong violence, language, and some sexuality/nudity

Time: 116 minutes

Review ★★ (of 4)

Nothing special about 'Killer Elite'

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

Head butts would seem to hurt, right?

That's clearly the point of them, but it would seem to be just as painful to be the butter as the but-tee.

In "Killer Elite," this is probably the most primal method of attack on display, but even the noisy intensity and frequency of the skull bashing — and pistol whippings and gut punches — don't register as anything beyond generic action-picture violence.

The fact that director and co-writer Gary McKendry has shot all these brawls with the usual shaky cam and cut them in quick, choppy fashion only adds to how forgettable the film is.

And you'd think that any movie starring Robert De Niro, Clive Owen and Jason Statham would be one you'd want to remember.

"Killer Elite" allows them to show off some of the presence and personality that made these men major movie stars, but ultimately they're just cogs in a clichid revenge tale.

Statham stars as Danny, the typical special-ops, killing-machine-for-hire Statham tends to play. At the film's start in 1979, he and his mentor, Hunter (De Niro), are lying in wait for their target in an industrial section of Mexico.

The assignment goes horribly wrong and Danny swears — swears! — this is it for him, the last one, he's done.

But we all know how these things turn out: There has to be that tried-and-true One Last Job. Otherwise, there would be no movie.

Statham, like the film itself, is muscular and efficient. But he seems awfully comfortable playing this kind of part by now, and he has such a brash, intriguing presence, he makes you wonder what else he'd be capable of doing if he stretched and challenged himself.

De Niro stays locked up for big chunks of the movie but when we do see him, he radiates the ease and comfort of a man who has nothing to prove.

And he gets to fire a machine gun, which is probably a lot of fun when you're pushing 70, and might make "Killer Elite" more memorable for him than it will be for the audience.



Melinda Sue Gordon/Courtesy Columbia Pictures/MCT
Brad Pitt (left) and Jonah Hill star in Columbia Pictures' drama 'Moneyball.'

'Moneyball' doesn't quite hit a home run

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

You don't have to know about VORP — or WHIP, or OPS — to enjoy "Moneyball," the story of how a bunch of stat geeks changed the way baseball teams assess and acquire players.

Sure, it helps if you're a fan of the sport and if you've read Michael Lewis' breezy and engaging best-seller "Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game." Sabermetrics — the process of applying statistical formulas, rather than on-field appearance and general makeup, to determine a player's worth — wouldn't seem like an inherently cinematic topic. But Lewis made lesser-known guys like Scott Hatteberg and Chad Bradford leap off the page. And the cajoling patter from Billy Beane, the Oakland A's general manager who pioneered this experimental philosophy, would seem tailor-made for screenwriter Aaron Sorkin, who co-wrote the script along with fellow veteran scribe Steven Zaillian.

Still, what's most pleasing about the film doesn't really have to do with baseball.

As Beane, Brad Pitt is at his charismatic best — a little weary, a little weathered, but that complexity only makes him more appealing. He's persistent and persuasive as he tries to change the mindset of the baseball lifers who surround him. We see him rage in his infamously volatile fashion when things go wrong, but we also see him make himself vulnerable: He's embracing this approach as a result of his own failure.

Tall, good-looking and naturally athletic — a five-tool guy, as they say — Beane was a highly-touted high school prospect who turned down a scholarship to Stanford to play for the New York Mets. But his professional career was brief, and he never lived up to the hype. This inspired him to value players for more pragmatic reasons than the traditional methods old-school scouts use. The most important thing, he reasoned, is getting on base. And some of the players who get on base most often happen to be undervalued, perhaps older or a little banged-up, and they come at bargain prices — which is crucial when



Movie Review 'Moneyball'

Rating: PG-13 (some strong language)

Running time: 126 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

you've got a fraction of the payroll of big-market teams.

As he ventures into this brave new world at the start of the 2002 season, having lost in agonizing fashion to the New York Yankees in the 2001 post-season, his trusty sidekick is Peter Brand, a 25-year-old Yale economics graduate and follower of sabermetrics guru Bill James. (The character is an amalgamation of several young, up-and-coming baseball executives who subscribed to this belief). Jonah Hill is at his best here, too, as Brand: the perfect foil for a force of nature like Beane. Halting and almost humorless, Hill ultimately finds the quiet confidence in this character, and he and Pitt bounce off each other beautifully. The scenes in which they banter represent the best "Moneyball" has to offer.

Yes, they're talking about baseball, but the intelligence of their interactions and the bond they forge transcend sport.

And watching them upend a bastion of American culture can be thrilling.

Similarly, though, the things that are wrong with the movie have nothing to do with baseball, either. Insiders and hardcore fans will probably find reasons to nitpick, as is their wont; if there's a group of people more obsessed with details and arcania than movie nerds, it's baseball nerds. But more fundamentally, there's a problem with the pacing in director Bennett Miller's film.

Miller's feature debut was "Capote," which earned Philip Seymour Hoffman a best-actor Oscar (and Hoffman shows up here in a barely developed role as A's

manager Art Howe, who bucks Beane at every opportunity). As rich a character study as "Capote" was, it also offered suspense as it traced the author's rise and fall. "Moneyball" never feels like it's building toward anything, even if you know how the A's season unfolded that year. It plays out in starts and stops, and then all of a sudden, we're in the midst of the team's historic 20-game win streak.

Perhaps this is a product of the script's development in pieces, with Zaillian starting it, Steven Soderbergh (who initially was set to direct) revising it and Sorkin submitting the final draft. Whatever the cause, the end result often feels disjointed.

A subplot involving Beane's daughter, which wasn't part of the book, also seems like a wedged-in device to humanize him. And ultimately it seems odd to romanticize this figure who sought to strip the sport of its long-held romanticism.

But like the A's themselves at this time, "Moneyball" has enough unlikely pieces that do work — and it generates enough underdog goodwill — to make you want to stick around for the final out.

High in the sky is no place to teach manners

Dear Abby: I am a flight attendant for a major carrier. I encounter rude passengers every single day, as well as people (including children) with no manners. I accept that not everyone will be friendly to me. Some people are not capable of being friendly, and others may be going through personal issues and not realize they're being rude.

I have a colleague, "Joel," who can't get past this. If a passenger doesn't say "please" or "thank you," Joel will respond with, "What do you say?" or, "What's the magic word?" or a sarcastic, "You're welcome!" if a thank-you hasn't been given. I am appalled by this. While I agree that manners are important, I don't feel it's my place to educate our passengers. Joel gets his point across with a rude, condescending tone.

What's your take on this? Is Joel out of line or offering a valuable lesson? How can I voice my objection and tell him he's embarrassing his co-workers, the passengers and himself?

— *Attitudes in Altitudes, in Florida*

Dear A in A: From my window seat it appears there may be stormy weather ahead for your co-worker. However, this is a lesson he will have to learn for himself, so stay out of it. One of these days when he asks a passenger what the "magic word" is, someone is going to give him one that can't be printed in a family newspaper. Yes, Joel is out of line, and when enough passengers complain about him to the airline, he will suffer the consequences.

Dear Abby: I am an accepting person who can make friends with just about anyone. Among my friends there are some who identify as homosexual. I value their friendship because they are caring, honest and funny — traits I look for in any friend.

My grandparents —



Dear Abby

whom I am close to — are not so accepting. They have strict beliefs regarding homosexuality. So whenever I want to talk to them about something interesting that happened when I

was with my friend and his or her partner, I'll catch myself hesitating. I want to be able to talk to them, but I feel like every time I mention a gay friend it causes tension. Is there a way I can be graceful about this without stirring up bad feelings?

— *Rainbow Girl in Springfield, Mass.*

Dear Rainbow Girl:

Yes. Ask your grandparents if they'd prefer you tell them all about your activities and whom you spend time with, or if they'd rather you remain silent about your gay friends. Explain that you sense tension when you're open with them, and ask if they'd feel better if you were selective in discussing your life, your friends and your interests. That way the choice will be theirs.

Dear Abby: I am a middle-aged man with an older sister who criticizes the way I sneeze. She thinks my sneezing isn't "restrained" enough. It's not a question of direction or whether I put my hand in front of my mouth or not. She believes if I don't try to stifle my sneeze I'm uncouth.

In my opinion, sneezing is a natural automatic response and serves to relieve whatever causes it. What do you think?

— *Something To Sneeze At*

Dear Something: I agree with you. And I am not convinced that trying to stifle a sneeze is healthy because it's nature's way of expelling something from the nose that is irritating. Sneeze away, and — God bless you!

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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FAMILY FEATURES

Kids ages 8 to 12 are spending as much as two to three hours each day on mobile devices such as laptops, netbooks, tablets or smartphones, according to a recent survey by Intel. That translates into a significant amount of time that parents can use to take advantage of teachable moments to reinforce good etiquette and safety.

Practicing good manners is not a new concept to kids, but when it comes to using mobile devices, what makes for good manners is not always so clear. After all, the parent who doesn't allow his children to have cell phones at the dinner table but himself checks email throughout the meal on his smartphone is sending a mixed message.

The same Intel "Mobile Etiquette" survey showed that 59 percent of children have witnessed their parents commit common mobile infractions, including use of a mobile device on the road, at dinner and during a movie or concert.

Children look to their parents as examples in all things, and technology is no exception. Parents who hop off the phone when checking out at the grocery store and refrain from sending emails during a child's soccer game can effectively demonstrate the appropriate times and places for mobile interaction.

Establishing guidelines and setting expectations that all members of the household adhere to can go a long way toward promoting good mobile manners. Here are some tips from author and etiquette expert Anna Post of The Emily Post Institute:

- Determine house rules. As a family, discuss ground rules for how you'll each use — or not use — mobile devices.
- Set boundaries for mobile usage in the car, at restaurants and during special events, such as family movie night. Parents, be willing to limit your behavior, too, such as, "Mom, no texting during my soccer games," or, "Dad, no calls during family movie night."
- Create a policy that prohibits sharing words or images that would embarrass another person or get them into trouble.
- Respect requests to silence mobile devices in public places, such as the movie theater or doctor's office.
- Reinforce school policies regarding use of mobile devices during school hours and at school-sanctioned activities.

Safety Savvy

Modeling good behavior and clearly defining rules are also important when it comes to mobile devices and safety.

When good mobile manners are not practiced, technology can be used by individuals with unsavory intentions to threaten the privacy and safety of the entire family.

There are several steps parents can take to protect the entire family's physical safety and privacy:

- Use technology to engage with each other. Visit websites together to learn what your kids are looking at online and why.
- Place the family computer in an open, central location so children aren't isolated while using technology.
- Set age-appropriate restrictions on mobile Internet usage, whether through your mobile carrier, parental control settings or guidelines that you establish and monitor.
- Strictly adhere to the laws in your state regarding phone use while driving, and never email or text behind the wheel.

The surge in mobile device usage among all ages has created a new level of connectivity. A 2011 report from the Pew Internet and American Life Project stated that 85 percent of U.S. adults own a cell phone, 52 percent own a laptop computer, 4 percent own a tablet, and only 9 percent do not own any of these or other devices covered in the study.

However, rules around using this technology are still being determined. Said Genevieve Bell, Intel Fellow and head of interaction and experience research, Intel Labs: "Mobile technology is still relatively novel. After all, it was just 8 years ago that Intel integrated WiFi into the computer with its Intel® Centrino® processor technology, thus enabling the unwired laptop. Smart phones, tablets and other mobile devices are really still in their infancy, so it's no surprise that people still struggle with how to best integrate these devices into their lives."

Following these tips allows parents and kids to stay connected and enjoy the positive benefits of technology, while teaching good manners and protecting the entire family.

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MOBILE Manners

<DO'S AND DON'TS>

Set a good example and teach your kids and teens to be mobile manners superstars with these simple tips:

- **Be present.**
Give the people you are with your full attention. We can give a better impression with simple eye contact, and let's be honest, that email, text message or tweet can wait a few minutes.
- **Small moments matter.**
If your actions will impact those around you at the restaurant or the store, reconsider replying to that email while checking out until you're in your parked car.
- **Practice what you preach.**
If it bothers you when your kids use a mobile device in the car, be sure to consider that the next time you're in the car and want to send a message or play Angry Birds to pass the time.