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Report: Dad said he shook 3-month-old son

Boy hospitalized with 'severe trauma'

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — The 20-year-old father of a 3-month-old boy was arrested on child abuse charges after the child was hospitalized with head injuries on Sept. 9.

Dominic Diaz-Ascani was booked on charged of cruelty towards a child, abuse with great bodily harm and child neglect with great bodily harm, a press release from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office said. Bond

was set at \$200,000.

According to a press release, deputies were called to Florida Hospital Heartland in Sebring in regards to an incident of possible child abuse on Sept. 9. Nursing personnel at the hospital informed responding Deputy Brian Van Fleet that the child had indications of both current and previous head injuries and was being flown to Tampa General Hospital with potentially life



Diaz-Ascani

The arrest report said that the mother arrived home about 10:30 and was met in the driveway by a "frantic" Diaz-Ascani, who told her the

threatening injuries.

The case was initially worked by persons crime Det. Roger St. Laurent, due to the severity of the injury and the fact the child was in danger of dying.

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Randall named Champion for Children Award winner

Boys & Girls Club leader has been child advocate in county for 27 years

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — The 12th Annual Judge Clifton M. Kelly Champion Children Awards Gala took place Thursday evening. The 2011 recipient of the award was Wally Randall.

The long-time advocate beat out his five female counterparts — Danielle Daum, Dr. Majel Bowerman, Charlene Edwards, Brenda Powell-Broomfield and Kathy Robinson.

Randall currently serves as the executive director of the Highlands County Boys and Girls Club, where he works to reconstruct and change the lives of underprivileged kids and youth.

Randall has worked as a child advocate in Highlands County for 27 years. Randall's earlier work included child abuse and neglect investigator as well as serving as member and chairperson of the Highlands County School Board.

Randall shared the spotlight with his wife and family members. He also accepted the Champion for Children Award on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club.

"I accept this on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club. I'd like to thank the staff there — Woodraun

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News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Longtime child advocate Wally Randall accepts the 2011 Champion for Children award Thursday evening at the 12th annual awards gala.

AP council to vote on final millage and budget

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — Members of the city council will be voting to adopt (or not) the final city budget and millage rate Monday night at their regular meeting.

One of the challenges facing the council, as it does all governments today, is raising revenues through property taxes in a time of falling housing prices.

For example, if a home was assessed at \$250,000 a year ago, but is only assessed at \$200,000 this year, and the millage rate remains the same from one year to the next, the government takes in less money.

Avon Park faces the additional complication in that so many of its property owners, after the homestead exemption, owe no property tax at all.

There are only two ways to address budget issues in situations like these — cut items out, and/or raise the millage rate to remain even. When a millage rate is raised in this circumstance, however, property owners typically do not pay more in actual dollars, because while they may be paying a higher percentage, with a lowered property value to begin with, they actually pay less.

At the same time, governments may not simply raise millage rates. There are parameters in place to protect property owners. The highest rate a government may charge is called the roll back rate.

This year the council is being asked to approve a rate of 5.8745 mills per \$1,000 of valuation.

While higher than in 2010-2011, this is 7.18 percent

less than the roll back rate.

The city expects to raise \$1.3 million in ad valorem taxes, and take in nearly \$3.7 million in other taxes. With additional franchise fees, grants, licenses and permits and other revenues, the city proposes a balanced budget of \$15.9 million.

Council members will also be voting on finance director Renee Green's severance package Monday night.



News-Sun file photo
The Humane Society's Terror Trail offers plenty of frightening sights. The scary event starts on Friday.

Boo!

Humane Society's Terror Trail opens Friday

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — There aren't many charities willing to scare people into donating money for their worthy causes, but the Humane Society of Highlands County has long since gone to the dogs and won't stop at anything.

Friday night kicks off the society's Terror Trail 2011 on the Society's campus at 7321 Haywood Taylor Blvd. It will be open every Friday and Saturday night in October.

The intrepid are welcome at 7 p.m. — but be warned, there's no going anywhere until after dark.

Judy Spiegel warns her husband, Jon Spiegel — who is in charge of creating the creepy, scary, hair raising, dreadful place — "got out of hand this year."

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Lake Placid's Boats.net gets named one of nation's fastest-growing businesses

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID – On Aug 23, Boats.net owner and CEO Tom D'Azevedo received terrific news. His company had landed a top spot in Inc. Magazine's coveted list of 5,000 fastest growing companies in the United States. It wasn't until the full list was disclosed that D'Azevedo knew the extent of this achievement.

Boats.net ranked No. 5 for all retail companies in Florida and No. 50 for all retail companies in the United States. No other marine-related company made the list of 5,000.

Boats.net has certainly grown since it was launched in 2001, one year after its "bricks and mortar" store, Central Florida Yamaha, opened its doors in Lake Placid back in 2000. Boats.net has grown from only two employees to more than 100, and increased its sales from \$50,000 in its first year to in excess of \$30 million this year. Boats.net is now recognized as the largest marine parts dealer in the nation and carries such manufacturers as Yamaha, Honda, Suzuki, Johnson, Evinrude, Mercury Tohatsu, and Nissan.

D'Azevedo smiles when asked about

this award, "We are extremely proud of all that we have achieved over the last 11 years, but we are about to really catapult to the next level. The entire company is very excited about what is yet to come."

In an environment where other dealers are closing their doors, Boats.net's parent company, Outdoor Network, LLC, is expanding.

They have recently taken their business model and transitioned into the powersports business by launching a discount parts website, PowersportsPlus.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free computer classes continue at libraries

The Heartland Library Cooperative continues its mission to offer free weekly computer classes to citizens of Highlands County. Currently, Introduction to PC's, Intermediate PC's and Web Based Email are being offered at Lake Placid Memorial Library on Wednesdays, Sebring Public Library on Fridays, and Avon Park Public Library on Tuesdays. Starting this month, Internet Basics, and Word Processing will also be offered.

Internet Basics will allow users the chance for hands-on experience in surfing the World Wide Web (www) in a controlled environment. Our Word Processing class will encompass text formatting, and teach users the cut, copy and paste functions.

Call Lake Placid Memorial Library at 699-3705, Sebring Public Library at 402-6716 or Avon Park Public Library at 452-3803.

Audubon begins new year with winner

LAKE PLACID – Revving up a new season of bird watching activities, the Highlands County Audubon Chapter has invited the 2011 recipient of the Miriam Beck Environmental Education Memorial Award, Brandi Kirby, to be its guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting.

Kirby, teacher at Fred Wild Elementary School, will begin her presentation at 7:30 p.m. and will speak about her experiences at the

Camp Oty'Okwa, Ohio where she spent a week in June at a 700-acre camp. Spending a week at the nature preserve, which includes beautiful woodlands, hiking trails, and rock outcrops, participants are encouraged to broaden their knowledge and learn techniques that will help improve their skills as an educator. Such skills and techniques are inspiring for students when learning more about the environment.

Miriam Beck, teacher, naturalist, and journalist, provided for Audubon of Highlands County to establish in her memory the Miriam Beck Environmental Education Memorial Award. Each year a teacher of Highlands County is the recipient of this award, and is provided the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of environmental standards in natural settings that she is able to introduce to her students upon returning to the classroom in the fall.

Audubon welcomes the public to its monthly meeting every fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Bring a casserole and utensil (drinks provided) to a pot luck supper at the Masonic Hall on the corner of Park and Main in Lake Placid; or arrive at 7:30 p.m. for the presentation by the guest speaker.

Bill Jarrett Ford to host Oct. 8 fundraiser

AVON PARK – Barbecued steak, potatoes and vegetables – that's the menu Bill Jarrett Ford is serving at its annual barbe-

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Wacaster finalist for ICM Youth in Music award

Sebring's Tommy Brandt has five nominations

Special to the News-Sun

Sebring's Matthew Wacaster has been nominated in the Top 5 for the 2011 Inspirational Country Music Youth In Music award out of Nashville.

Matthew and his parents, Darren and Hope, are currently on tour, but plan to be back home in October to perform a few concerts locally before heading for the 17th Annual Inspirational Country Music Faith, Family and Country Awards that will be held Friday, Oct. 28 at Nashville's Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

Matthew, who is 19, holds the 2007 and 2009 title for ICMs Youth In Music.

"It seems like only yes-

terday he was singing the national anthem on the courthouse lawn for our home town 9/11 memorial service and now he has shared the stage with such people as Jason Crabb, David Keith the actor, Ricky Skaggs, Lee Greenwood, Megan Alexander from 'Inside Edition' and many, many others," Darren Wacaster wrote to the News-Sun.

A young Matthew sang the national anthem at a memorial service coordinated by the News-Sun and the Highlands County Sheriff's Office to mark the one-year anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11.

Another Sebring son, Tommy Brandt, has also been nominated in the Top 5 in the categories of Entertainer, Male Vocalist, Songwriter, Music Evangelist, and in Vocal Duo with Amanda Fessant.



Courtesy photo
Emma Reynolds (left) and Ginger Keimel attended the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life summit in Orlando recently. Respective chairpersons from Avon Park, Sebring and Hardee County joined them, as well as Denise Benavides, Highlands/Hardee staff partner.

Two local women attend Relay for Life summit

Special to the News-Sun

ORLANDO – Two Lake Placid women were recently among the 950 Floridians attending a summit meeting for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Emma Reynolds is the event chairperson for the 2012 event, and Ginger Keimel is the team development chairperson.

They joined the respective chairpersons from Avon Park, Sebring, and Hardee County, along with the Highlands/Hardee staff partner, Denise Benavides.

This summit meeting was an opportunity for volunteers from the entire state to share experiences, learn more about the American Cancer Society, and discover ways to improve our events.

There were many poignant stories from cancer survivors as well as eye-opening messages about progress being made to cure and prevent the various types of cancer.

Lake Placid has been selected as a location for CPS3 in 2012. CPS3 stands for Cancer Prevention Study 3.

Folks between the ages of 30-65 who have never been diagnosed with cancer can participate.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of history.

There will be more published about this prior to our event, but you can also call 1-800-ACS-2345.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Thursday, Sept. 22:

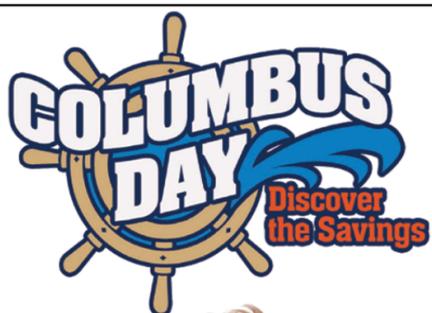
- ◆ Leonard Carvette Garter, 36, of Avon Park, was charged with violation of parole.
- ◆ German Espinoza Dircio, 26, of Lake Placid, was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver license.
- ◆ Trina Lynn Ferrell, 37, of

Sebring, was charged with grand theft.

- ◆ Diane Lynn Knust, 36, of Sebring, was charged with violation of probation reference sale of alprazolam.
- ◆ Leo Marshall Jr., 25, of Sebring, was charged with disorderly conduct.
- ◆ Jon Glenn Mohrbacher, 50, of Lake Placid, was charged with resisting an officer.
- ◆ Alfonso Jermaine Perdue, 35, of Sebring, was charged with driving while license suspended.
- ◆ Richard Matthew Pinckney, 34, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of cocaine, possession and or use of drug equipment, and resisting an officer.
- ◆ Maria Sue Robinson, 38, of Sebring, was charged with violation of probation reference false information to a law enforcement officer.
- ◆ William Rosado, 55, of Sebring, was charged with DUI and DUI and serious bod-

ily injury.

- ◆ Earl Calvin Smith, 63, of Sebring, was charged with disorderly conduct.
- ◆ Derian Orret Thelwell, 32, of Sebring, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.
- ◆ Phillip Brian Theobald, 45, of Lake Placid, was charged with driving while license suspended.
- ◆ Nicole Laverne Walker, 39, of Avon Park, was charged with violation of probation reference resisting an officer with violence.
- ◆ Nathaniel Waugh, 26, of Lake Placid, was charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and petit theft.
- ◆ Lorenzo Lee Williams, 28, of Gainesville, was arrested on an out-of-county warrant reference domestic violence battery.
- ◆ Kelli Lee Winegard, 27, of Sebring, was charged with violation of probation reference possession of methamphetamine.



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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

SFCC changing with the times

South Florida Community College continues its work as a responsible public institution. We congratulate all the people who made its new four-year program possible.

While Florida has a wide variety of colleges offering all kinds of degrees, from Associate of Arts to Doctor of Philosophy, students in Central Florida have had to leave home, or work online, to achieve upper level degrees.

With its Bachelor of Art and Science degree in Supervision and Management, which can be used as a building block for those with associate degrees, or a foundation for those just starting out, SFCC provides a very practical degree with applications in many disciplines.

Because SFCC is part of

the state educational system, the cost is affordable, especially because students don't have to leave town.

For two decades now educators have seen a change in the job market, with a strong shift away from unskilled labor to post secondary degrees.

For example, a report by Susan Imel, written in 1999 for ERIC, a clearing house on adult, career and vocational training associated with Ohio State University, shows how employer requirements have changed.

In 1959, 20 percent of all jobs were considered professional; 20 percent were considered skilled; and 60 percent were considered unskilled.

By 1997, however, while professional jobs remained at 20 percent, the percentage of skilled and unskilled jobs had reversed. Sixty percent of the jobs in America now require advanced skills — meaning post-secondary education is more important than ever



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before.

Just as important as learning for the future, is acquiring the key skills for which employers are looking.

Imel reported those are: Knowing how to learn; competence in reading, writing and computation; effective listening and speaking; adaptability through creative thinking and problem solving; having self-esteem and initiative; ability to work as a team member; leadership effectiveness and basic technical skills.

These are just what SFCC's new program teaches.

While the older of us mourn what appears to be the passing of a liberal arts education — learning for the sake of learning about the world — in favor of a pragmatic “what will this education earn me” approach, the fact is each of us needs to remain flexible, and learning all of our lives, just to keep up with changes in technology and new management structures.

Colleges have traditionally been places of excitement as well as reflection. SFCC, to the benefit of us all, is just that kind of campus.

Children and parents

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

We are all familiar with the concept that parents have an obligation to their children. Parents are supposed to care for their progeny, providing for them and teaching them.

We are rightfully appalled when we see evidence of abuse or neglect when it comes to children and we hold the parents responsible for such heinous acts.

What about the reverse? What are parents owed from their grown children?

The Bible says in 1 Timothy 5:8 that those who fail to provide for their family are worse than an unbeliever. The passage was talking about which widows were eligible for support from the church, and suggesting that widows with families were entitled to help from them rather than the local congregation.

To get personal about the issue, Don and I are involved with helping out his parents. They have lived with us for years now. I agreed to this because I felt that I owed them a tremendous debt.

After all, they'd raised the fine man that I ended up marrying. We are able to provide help for them, and while it sometimes makes life interesting I don't regret it.

British Columbia, Canada even has a law regarding this. According to an article on www.cbc.ca there is a section in the province's Family Relations Act that says children are legally responsible for providing support to their parents who are “dependent on a child because of age, illness, infirmity or economic circumstances.”

One British Columbia man is questioning this law. His mother has sued him and his two siblings for support under this section of the law. The case has dragged its way through the courts for 12 long years.

Here is the situation. Ken Anderson claims that his parents abandoned him at the age of 15. He was forced to live with other families and at one point had to quit school to find a job.

His mother, Shirley Anderson, hasn't had a relationship with Anderson or his siblings for decades. In her suit, she is asking

for \$750 a month from each child.

As matters currently stand, Anderson is asking for the suit to be dismissed, given that his mother has not filed requested financial documentation.

(According to an article on www.globaltvbc.com the mother says she didn't understand what the court wanted). The judge over-seeing the case has reserved his decision for the moment.

The comments on this story are varied. Some side firmly with the mother, even applauding her for seeking out this money. A few in this group feel that the kids should pay her expenses to keep her from having to go to the government. Others feel that she's lost all entitlement for help given she abandoned Anderson at 15 and there hasn't been a relationship with her children all this time.

There are many questions left unanswered by this article. Who was behind the lack of communication, the mother or the children? What is the mother's situation? Why did she leave her son in the first place?

When I started typing this article I was firmly in the son's court. This woman had lost the status of “mother” when she abandoned her child. Apparently she's offered no apology or explanation for her actions. Her suing her son does not speak well of her.

And while I'm certain there were good reasons for the law to force children to support their parents, the conservative in me isn't comfortable with such a thing on the books.

But ... this is his mom. And I go back to the Scripture I quoted. What would God say?

I hope that Anderson can find it in his heart to forgive and help out his mom. But, given all that has happened between them, that may be asking a lot. How sad — for both of them.

Laura Ware is a Sebring resident. She can be contacted by e-mail at bookwormlady@embarqmail.com



TODAY'S LETTERS

Explore every cost-saving suggestion

Editor:

As we read the papers and listen to the news, we're hearing more and more about cutting the budget. The school system is no exception. I understand there have been a number of teacher positions eliminated, but I wonder if the system might be top heavy.

Could we have too many chiefs and not enough Indians? This could be a problem. This is where the highest salaries are paid. It might be worth looking into.

There is an idea floating around that might also be helpful. That is having a four-day school week starting Tuesday going through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., daily. This would give the same teaching time, but cut expenses in several ways, less fuel, less electricity, to name a few.

I'm sure the powers that be would want to explore every suggestion. Just a thought.

Willie Clyde (Toole) Cloud
Sebring

Where's the proof?

Editor:

Maybe what you say is partly correct, Patricia, but I fear what you offer is much much worse. I've never been a fan of mob rule. According to all state agencies, only one person has a problem. We in the county, like yourself, may feel bad for the residents of Avon Park but quite frankly we have no business attempting to overturn their legal elections. Nor should we get upset when we approach those legally elected officials with a special project and it gets turned down.

I continue to wait for any positive statements from the recall committee about the “wrongs” that you write about and how you will correct them.

You again indicate that these legally elected officials have done something wrong. It appears that you again have

the chance to prove it. Please get with this newspaper and show them the proof. I'm willing to bet that they will help you take it to the authorities and demand to know why the information wasn't acted on. However, if you have no such information and you are simply trying to gain back some of the ground lost since the recall bid at the cost of people's reputations, well then shame on you.

Now would you please present any proof of criminal activity or even ethics violations because I, nor the authorities, according to published reports, haven't found those either. Please...pretty please?

Ray Napper
Sebring

Bouquet

FNGLA remembers the community

Editor:

In these tough financial times for our nursery industry it is so easy to focus on self instead of our communities. Florida Nursery Growers Landscape Association (FNGLA) Highlands Heartland Chapter has remembered it is all about the community. We are all in this recession together, so let us help each other when we can.

The Highlands Heartland Chapter has done just that. Scott Kirouac, president of the chapter, saw a real need that was in his area of expertise — horticulture. Scott met John and Eileen Sala, director and founder of Little Lambs, Inc. ministry in Sebring. They have dedicated their lives to this prison and teaching ministry for adults with addiction problems. With the dream to extend this program, the Sala's recently acquired a home they call Grace Place. It has been renovated with a layout to house up to eight women coming out of prison or rehabilitation, and guides them back on their feet by creating jobs/tasks on the property. “Part of the ministry and responsibility of the resi-

dents of Grace Place is learning how to maintain the landscape, interiorscape, and vegetable garden,” says John Sala.

Scott Kirouac made a few phone calls and before you knew it members of the chapter involved themselves with landscaping the Sala's Grace Place. The Highlands Heartland chapter donated time and money to the project. Before you could blink an eye, Bobby Heffner owner of Robbins' Nursery and FNGLA member sized the place up and created a sanctuary for these women to sit in the garden and read, talk, or just relax. Other FNGLA members contributed to the project were: Hillary Peat donated soil; 7L Brands donated the mulch; Waste Transport donated a roll-off dumpster; Jimmy Somers, vice president of Somers Irrigation and treasurer of FNGLA Highlands Heartland Chapter, donated \$200 towards the irrigation system; Steve Kirouac, owner of Big Sky Growers, donated landscape plant material; and Delray Plants Co. donated interior and patio plants for the home.

Part of the design included edible landscaping, and a veggie garden made out of raised beds. Bobbie Heffner's wife offered her services to the ladies of Grace Place by teaching them how to grow and maintain the vegetables. Dianne Jacobson, horticulture agent/Master Gardener coordinator of the Highlands County Extension Service and board member, offered her expertise by teaching classes and working with the Grace Place ladies. After the completion of the project John Sala said, “This is a dream come true. I could never have imagined this landscape. We are truly blessed.” Now the house is open for ladies to begin their new journey. The point is together we can accomplish anything and the Highlands Heartland Chapter did just that. What are the needs in your community?

Dianne Dilger Jacobson
Board Member
Highlands County Extension Faculty

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Severino turns himself in to HCSO

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — Former Sun 'N Lake of Sebring board member Robert Severino turned himself in to the Highlands County Sheriff's Office on Friday after deputies had been looking for him for several weeks.

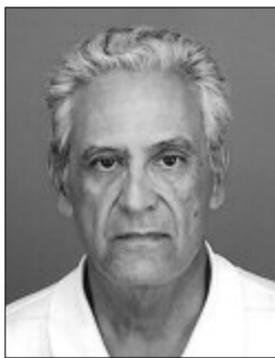
Severino was booked Friday on seven additional counts of grand theft, with a bond amount of \$1,000 each, and was in custody Saturday morning. A press release from the HCSO said Severino missed a court date and was also facing failure to appear charges.

He was originally booked on May 25 and charged with

one count of grand theft of over \$100,00 and 13 counts of fraud, then charged with grand theft of less than \$5,000 on June 15.

The charges stem from an ongoing investigation regarding the Sun 'N Lake Improvement District and Sun 'N Lake Real Estate Services Inc., which is owned by Severino.

The HCSO says Severino received money from the victims through his business. The victims entered into a contract with Sun 'N Lake Real Estate Services and paid them to satisfy the bond with the Improvement District for the installation



Robert Severino

of water and sewer lines. These bonds are held by private individuals and are due and payable to these individuals on an agreed upon schedule. In these cases, the HCSO says, the funds were received by Severino, but the bonds were not paid within the terms of the contract.

Father jailed for child abuse

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boy slipped out his hands in the shower and hit his head. The child was lethargic and was rushed to the hospital.

Once the child stabilized and detectives learned from doctors that the baby would live but with "severe trauma," the case was turned over to Det. Chris Carr of the special victim's unit for further investigation.

Following consultation with doctors and review of medical reports, it was determined that the child did in fact have prior physical signs of abuse in addition to the current severe head injuries, the HCSO press release said.

According to an arrest report, Diaz-Ascani also told investigators that the boy slipped out of his hands and hit his head on the shower floor. When investigators said they did not believe him because the child had no "outside injuries," Diaz-Ascani reportedly said that he had never intentionally harmed his son, but "does play rough with him when they wrestle," the report said.

The report said doctors didn't believe the injuries came from rough play and that they were more consistent with "Shaken Baby Syndrome."

On Sept. 13, detectives were told that Diaz-Ascani had said he didn't drop the

baby, but "shook him to make him stop crying." Who told detectives that was redacted from the report.

The investigation remains open.

Anyone with further information on this case may contact Detective Chris Carr at the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Special Victim's Unit, 402-7354 or 402-7357. Anyone with information on this case and who wants to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward is asked to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS(8477), or on the Internet at www.heartlandcrimestoppers.com/. Anonymity is guaranteed.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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cue to benefit local charities. This year's recipient is Good Shepherd Hospice.

The event will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at Bill Jarrett Ford, 1305 U.S. 27 North. This is the fifth year that Bill Jarrett Ford has selected Good Shepherd Hospice as the beneficiary of this event.

Meals are priced at \$1 each and will be served until the food is gone. Additional donations will be gratefully accepted. Limit two meals per person. All funds raised will go to support the end-of-life care programs Good Shepherd Hospice provides in Highlands, Hardee and Polk counties.

AARP offers Driving Safety Program

SEBRING — AARP Driving Safety Program course will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. No tests or driving involved.

Call Mary Jane Lloyd at 452-0335 to register.

Garden Club kicks off season Monday

SEBRING — On Monday the Garden Club of Sebring Inc. will kick off another year of gardening in Highlands County. Perhaps you have just moved to Florida, want to know about what grows best, or you just want information about a certain plant. Visit the club at noon at the Sebring Civic Center, behind the library at 355 W. Center Ave. Lunch will be served, followed by a program and business meeting.

For more information, call 385-0759.

Thoms to speak at Orchid Society meeting

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

4509 George Blvd.

This month the speaker will be Bill Thoms. His program will be "Dr. Diag-nosy" combined with his "Expanded Bloom Table" discussion.

If you have any orchid plants with problems bring them to the meeting and Thoms will diagnose them. He will have plants for sale.

Guests are always welcome and participants do not have to be knowledgeable of orchids to attend. For additional information, call 465-2830 or by e-mail at oshe9@aol.com or go to the website <http://orchid-societyhighlands.org/>.

Shrine Ladies play bunco

AVON PARK — The public is invited to play bunco at the Highlands Shrine Club, 2604 SR 17 South, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. The event is open to new or experienced players; cost is \$2 per person. Phone 471-2425 for information

LPPD offers First Aid Class

LAKE PLACID — The next American Heart Association First Aid Class will be taught at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Lake Placid Police Department. The next CPR Class will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4. Classes are \$30 each or \$45 for both. Further details are available on the police department website, www.lppd.com. Register at the police department, 8 N. Oak

Ave.; phone 699-3757.

All proceeds are strictly used to fund purchases of replacement CPR supplies and purchases of equipment for the police department.

Events planned at posts, lodges

AVON PARK

The American Legion Post 69 will host karaoke by Naomi today. Call for time. Ship, Captain and Crew is set for 5-6 p.m. Monday. For details, call 453-4553.

The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have NASCAR on the screen at 2 p.m. today. For details, call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 BPOE Board meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Initiation is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. For details, call 465-2661.

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host music with Wild Bill from 3-6 p.m. today. For details, call 465-0131.

The American Legion Placid Post 25 will have Chrissy performing from 5-8 p.m. today. Call 655-0232 for details of a casino trip Tuesday. Call 465-7940.

SEBRING

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 will host karaoke from 5-8 p.m. today with Mega Sound. Frank "E" will provide music from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. For details, call 385-8902.

Former Sebring police chief Graybill dies in Georgia

Special to the News-Sun

The Sebring Police Department sadly reports the passing of retired Police Chief Craig D. Graybill died on Sept. 15 in Young Harris, Ga.

Graybill began his career with the Sebring Police Department on April 1, 1965 as a dispatcher. He was appointed to patrolman in August of 1965 by Chief Lonnie Curl and rose throughout the ranks of sergeant and lieutenant to assistant chief in 1968.

Graybill served as Chief of Police from October 1974 until his retirement on May

31, 1984. Over those years

Graybill amassed hundreds of hours of specialized training and earned numerous commendations for exemplary performance and community involvement, a press release from the SPD said.

Graybill is survived by his wife Linda Graybill and his son, Craig D. Graybill, Jr.

The men and women of the Sebring Police Department, past and present, honor the memory and contributions of Chief Craig D. Graybill to the citizens of Sebring, current Chief Tom Dettman said in the press release.

OBITUARIES

LINDA FAYE GRIFFIS

Linda Faye Griffis, 66, of Louisville, Ky., passed away September 12, 2011 at her home. She was originally from Wauchula, Fla., a homemaker and a member of Calvary Apostolic Church.

Linda was preceded in death by her father Horace Staton and brother, Royce Staton.

She is survived by her husband, Harrell Griffis; her

children, Rhonda Griffis, Sean Griffis (Terri); grandchildren, Merritt and Madison Griffis and Mattie Bias; her mother, Clara Wing; step-mother, Jodi Staton; siblings, Arnold and Alan Staton, Sandra Baggett, Julia Miller, Lesa Grimsley, Sherry Grimsley, Selena Price and Jennifer Cunningham.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Calvary

Apostolic Church, 4936 Hazelwood Ave. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospaarus of Louisville, Ky.

Death Notice

Kenneth Allen Wildey, 89, of Sebring, died Sept. 21, 2011.

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, is in charge of arrangements.

State Senate candidates bash each other hard at forums

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The four Republicans seeking to knock off Sen. Bill Nelson in 2012 spent nearly as much time Friday questioning each other's credentials as they did criticizing Democrats.

Former Sen. George LeMieux, former state Rep. Adam Hasner, retired Army Col. Mike McCalister and former Ruth's Chris CEO Craig Miller spoke Friday at a gathering of Florida Republicans. They also spoke at an event organized by the Florida branch of the Conservative Political Action Conference.

The goal for the four candidates appeared clear: Appeal to conservatives and Republicans by stressing their records and casting doubt on their rivals.

"It's not about electing any Republican, it's about electing the right Republican," Hasner said.

For those at the conservative conference that person appeared to be Hasner. In a straw poll of more than 1,500 activists, Hasner took 34 percent of the vote while McCalister was favored by 30 percent. LeMieux received 24 percent and Miller came in last with 12 percent.

None of the candidates

called each out each other by name during their speeches, but most of them threw in subtle barbs that will likely become major campaign themes in the months leading up to next year's GOP primary.

LeMieux, for example, is keen on attacking Hasner's conservative credentials by pointing out that Hasner voted in favor of some of the taxes and fees that were part of a budget deal reached by the Republican-controlled Legislature back in 2009.

"I will not run from my record," said LeMieux who was in the U.S. Senate for 16 months. "I'm the only candidate in this race, Republican or Democrat, that's never voted to raise your taxes and never requested a wasteful earmark."

That comment seemed to ignore both McCalister and Miller — neither of whom have held elected office.

Miller used his lack of his political experience as a positive asset, stressing that those with a business background would work more diligently to balance the budget and solve problems instead of using them for political gain. He labeled his three rivals as a "couple of career politicians and a professor."

"Politicians and lawyers seem to like to create crisis and my goodness we have found ourselves in crisis," Miller said.

Some of the biggest applause at the conservative gathering, however, was for McCalister. McCalister, who has been a university instructor, gave a rapid-fire speech that covered everything from terrorist threats, immigration and the United Nations.

"Our country is under serious attack everywhere we look inside and out," said McCalister.

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Terror Trail to offer chills and thrills starting Friday night

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Trail 1 returns as it mostly was last year, but Trail 2 has added noises. "The sound adds a lot," said Judy Spiegel with a shiver, especially as that trail is really, really dark.

Then there is a new attraction, Trail 3.

"It's a morgue," said Spiegel, "complete with dead and mutilated bodies and gooey things you get to touch."

When asked if any dogs were going to be featured, Spiegel said, "We'll have dead people all over the place, dead old people, dead kids, but no dead dogs or cats."

"No animals were hurt in the making of this trail," she said with a grin.

It takes 60 volunteers

'It's gotten big enough, and we're experienced enough so its like a professional production. It isn't like 10 minutes and done. It's an evening out.'

JUDY SPIEGEL
Humane Society director

working every night to scare the socks off of everyone.

"It's gotten big enough, and we're experienced enough so its like a professional production," Spiegel said. "It isn't like 10 minutes and done. It's an evening out."

She explained tickets are

graduated. Go to just one of the three trails for \$7; two trails for \$11; or buy a super ticket for \$17.

A concession stand will be open, selling refreshments. Spiegel still needs 100 cases of water and 60 cases of soda to hydrate the volunteers or sell to raise money. She is hoping for donations.

All funds go the shelter, which receives no money from the county, state, or Humane Society of America.

The shelter remains filled to capacity. There are 67 dogs looking for homes, and about 70 cats and kittens. "One animal goes out, and two come in," Spiegel said.

So, put one Friday or Saturday night aside in October and come scream in fright for a really great cause.

Call Spiegel at 214-6508 for more information.

Gov. Scott won't endorse, but clearly likes Perry

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**

AP Political Writer

ORLANDO — Gov. Rick Scott swears he's not going to endorse a candidate in the Republican presidential primary.

Wink, wink.

Scott and Texas Gov. Rick Perry are making no secret of their mutual admiration, with Perry mentioning Scott in his first words during Thursday night's Fox News debate and Scott mentioning Perry and no other candidates when he addressed the Conservative Political Action Conference on Friday. Nine Republican presidential candidates spoke to the group before Scott addressed the crowd.

"We're clearly competing with Gov. Perry in Texas and we're gonna win," Scott said. "We talk about the fact that we're competing with each other for jobs in our states. I told him now that he's running for president, it's going to be easier. He needs Florida. I know he can win Texas. To win Florida he's got to start helping us get more jobs. So now you have two governors that are going to help Florida get jobs."

Scott often mentions Perry when talking to groups or with reporters. Last month at a Republican National Committee event, he said he wouldn't endorse in the primary, but also said



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Gov. Rick Scott clearly supports Texas Gov. Rick Perry's run for president, even if he won't say so.

the eventual winner will be the candidate that has a plan to create jobs. In the same conversation he mentioned Perry knows how to create jobs.

During the debate, Scott was asked the first question, which was about helping small businesses hire new employees. Scott began his answer with, "Well, Rick Scott is sitting right over there, and he and I compete every day with trying to get jobs into our states."

Scott on Friday also criticized President Barack Obama when talking about jobs.

"At the federal level, unemployment rate's gone up. In Florida, unemployment rate's gone from 12 percent down to 10.7. We're still above the national average, but we've generated 87,200 private sector jobs," Scott said. "And we have 15,000 less government jobs

in the state of Florida."

Scott may not be popular among all Florida voters — a Quinnipiac University poll this week showed that only 37 percent of voters approve of him — but he was a hit at the CPAC conference when he touted his policies in the first year in office, including drug testing welfare recipients and state workers, corporate tax cuts, teacher merit pay, getting rid of regulations on businesses and seeking to privatize Medicaid.

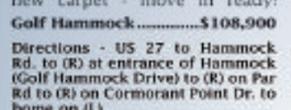
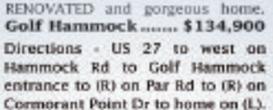
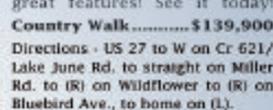
"Your money should not be wasted. So should your money be going to somebody that's using drugs? No!" Scott said to loud applause. "So we said we're going to make sure we drug screen welfare recipients. Where's that money supposed to go? For the benefit of children, not for the benefit of a parent doing drugs."



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Fact check: Slippery assertions in GOP debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Texas Gov. Rick Perry declared in the latest Republican presidential debate that he had never advocated turning Social Security over to the states. His denial was hard to fathom given his past rhetoric about the program.

"Let the states do it," he said last year, for example.

Also in Thursday night's debate, Michele Bachmann misread presidential approval polls and denied making a statement that she actually did make just the week before, concerning a vaccine for girls. Mitt Romney denied supporting an Obama administration education program that he had praised.

A look at some other statements in the Florida debate and how they compare with the facts:

BACHMANN: "President Obama has the lowest public approval ratings of any president in modern time."

THE FACTS: That's true, if you leave out Harry Truman, Richard Nixon, George W. Bush, Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, Lyndon Johnson, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and Gerald Ford. All of them at some point in their terms dipped lower than Obama's low point of 38 percent job approval, according to Gallup's comparison.

ROMNEY: "I don't support any particular program that he's describing," he said, disputing Perry's claim that Romney favors some of President Barack Obama's education initiatives, specifi-

cally the Race to the Top program.

THE FACTS: Romney was reluctant to tell Republican primary voters he doesn't hate every Obama policy. Romney does indeed support some of the specific policy changes encouraged by the Race to the Top program and said as much earlier in the week. Speaking in Miami on Wednesday, he praised the president's education secretary, Arne Duncan, for the program. And during the debate, Romney acknowledged supporting elements of the initiative, including teacher evaluations and charter schools.

ROMNEY: "I believe government is too big. It's gone from 27 percent of our economy in the years of JFK to 37 percent of our economy."

THE FACTS: Romney is including state and local government spending along with federal spending. His numbers are not far off, but most of the big increases came from Social Security and Medicare payments. Medicare started after Kennedy's presidency.

Now it is one of the biggest government spending programs, and one of the most popular. Federal spending alone accounted for 23.8 percent of the gross domestic product last year and is expected to reach 25.3 percent this year.

PERRY: It's not the first time that Mitt has been wrong on some issues before. And the bottom line is, we never said that we were going to move this (Social

Security) back to the states."

ROMNEY: "Well, it's different than what the governor put in his book just, what, six months (ago), and what you said in your interviews following the book. So I don't know. There's a Rick Perry out there (who) ... says that the federal government shouldn't be in the pension business, that it's unconstitutional. Unconstitutional and it should be returned to the states."

THE FACTS: In his book Perry heavily criticized Social Security, advocated states' rights and suggested federal entitlements were unconstitutional in general, but he never tied these beliefs together as succinctly as Romney claimed.

Even so, he danced close to branding Social Security as unconstitutional. He called Social Security the best example of a program that tosses "aside any respect for our founding principles of federalism."

He also lamented: "If only the New Dealers had been kind enough to allow workers to make their own choice about whether to participate." And he said the program was introduced "at the expense of respect for the Constitution and limited government."

ROMNEY: Obama "addressed the United Nations in his inaugural address and chastised our friend, Israel, for building settlements, and said nothing about Hamas launching thousands of rockets into Israel."

THE FACTS: Obama in his 2009 address to the U.N. General Assembly by no

means ignored the plight of Israelis.

Describing those who pay the "greatest price" for the conflict, Obama spoke of an Israeli girl in the town of Sderot "who closes her eyes in fear that a rocket will take her life in the middle of the night." Sderot borders the Gaza Strip and has been the target of hundreds of rockets fired into Israel from Hamas-controlled Gaza.

In the 2009 speech, Obama also did reject the "legitimacy" of Israeli settlement construction in lands the Palestinians want for their state, but those terms are largely reflective of American thinking over the last three-and-a-half decades. The Obama administration later vetoed a U.N. resolution that would have condemned Israel for the policy.

BACHMANN: "I didn't make that claim nor did I make that statement," she said when asked by a moderator if she stood by her comment that the HPV vaccine against cervical cancer was "potentially dangerous."

THE FACTS: Bachmann can't escape the tape. Bachmann used that exact phrase during the last debate when she criticized Perry for trying to order pre-teen girls to get the vaccine in Texas. "Little girls who have a negative reaction to this potentially dangerous drug don't get a mulligan. They don't get a do-over," Bachmann said then. Bachmann has tried to distance herself from remarks she made after the debate linking the vaccine to mental retardation — a claim debunked by scientists. She said then and now she was

relaying the story of another mother whose daughter had the shot.

PERRY: Seeking to deflect criticism of his executive order requiring that 12-year-old girls be vaccinated against HPV — issued after being lobbied by a friend and financial supporter who was also a lobbyist for the vaccine maker — Perry said: "I got lobbied by a 31-year-old young lady who had stage 4 cervical cancer. I spent a lot of time with her. She came by my office. She talked to me about this program."

THE FACTS: Perry met the cancer patient, Heather Burcham, only after he already had issued the inoculation order. He signed the executive order requiring girls to be vaccinated for HPV.

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Champion for Children Awards Gala guests light-up the Grace Bible Church sanctuary as they participate in the "Go Light Your World" song following the announcement of the 2011 winner, Wally Randall.

Randall named 2011 Champion for Children award winner

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Wright, Ada McGowan and Florine Anderson. I also want to recognize the advocates here tonight. Thank you all very much," said Randall.

The gala included entertainment by Jerriane Carlton, Nala Price and The Young Artists String Orchestra.

The audience also viewed a touching slide show and heard a Sept. 11 tribute dedicated to three of Highlands County's fallen sol-

diers -- PO1 Robert Richard McRill who was killed in combat in 2007, Sgt. Marcus Mathes, who was killed in combat in 2008, and PFC Joshua Jetton, who was killed in combat in June of this year.

The Jetton and Mathes families were present at the gala and were honored and recognized following the tribute.

This year's award ceremony took place at Grace Bible Church on Thunderbird Road. Nearly 400 guests attended the gala.

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BUSINESS

The 411 on prepaid cards

According to Gail Cunningham, spokesperson for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, we live in a credit-dominated society. "Without a checking or savings account," she says, "it's difficult to cash payroll, Social Security and unemployment checks; you need a credit or debit card to shop online, book a flight or rent a car; and you may be forced to carry large amounts of cash to pay bills."

One increasingly common money management tool for people in this situation is prepaid cards. These cards look and work much like regular debit cards except that instead of funding them through a checking or savings account, you load money on the card by cash, check, funds transfer or direct deposit by an employer or government entity.

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Today's society is credit driven, making use of a credit or debit card almost a requirement.

cards include:

- Reloadable cards, to which more money can later be added.

- Gift cards, used until their balance is depleted; they're not reloadable.

- Teen cards, where parents can reload the cards and monitor purchases online or by phone (allowing teens a chance to manage spending and budgeting in a controlled environment).

- Travel cards, a safe alternative to cash and travelers checks.

- Payroll cards, wages are loaded into the card's account for immediate access (similar to checking account direct deposit).

- Government agency-provided cards, benefits such as Social Security and unemployment are loaded into your card account.

- Healthcare cards, allow point-of-service access to funds in your Flexible Spending Account or Health Savings Account to pay for



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terms and conditions carefully and to shop around for the best deals. Good comparison sites include www.bankrate.com and www.creditcards.com.

Here are a few questions to ask when comparing cards:

- What identification do I need to buy this card?

- Where can I use it? (Certain retailers only? Online? Phone?)

- Can I later add funds to it? For example, will it accept direct deposit of payroll or Social Security checks?

qualified medical expenses.

- Prepaid cards may come with fees and restrictions, so it's important to read the card's

- Is there an expiration date?

- Will I receive monthly statements?

- Can I check balances by phone or online?

- What fees apply?

Common fees include those for card activation, reloading funds, balance inquiries, ATM or bank withdrawals and declined transactions.

- What happens if it's lost or stolen?

To learn more about how prepaid cards work, you can order a free "Prepaid Card Basics" brochure at Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc.

Bottom line: Always make sure you fully understand the terms and conditions of any financial product or account before signing up.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Six-week class shows how to jump-start a business

Special to the News-Sun SEBRING - "The Road to Business Success" is a program for individuals interested in starting or growing a business.

Participants who attend this comprehensive hands-on course will:

- identify and develop necessary business skills
- search and locate small business opportunities in the community
- prepare a business plan (including a marketing plan and financial projections)

The cost of this six-week course is \$150 and includes business planning software.

The course will be taught by a certified business analyst from the University of South Florida's Small Business Development Center.

The first class will be held from 6-9 p.m. starting Thursday, Sept. 29 at South Florida Community College Building T, 600 W. College Drive.

For information, call David Noel at 784-7378 or email davidnoel@usf.edu. To register, contact the SFCC registrar's office at 453-6661. Space is limited to 12 attendees.

Seminar for small businesses set for Wednesday at SFCC

Special to the News-Sun AVON PARK - "Starting Your Business" is a free seminar presented by the Small Business Development Center at University of South Florida.

It will be held on Wednesday at South Florida Community College Corporate and Continuing Education Room T05 from 2-4:30 p.m.

It is designed for persons thinking of starting a small

business or who have started a business and want to make sure they did it correctly. Licenses, marketing, entity selection, and business planning are among the items discussed.

The seminar will be presented by David Noel, certified business analyst with the SBDC.

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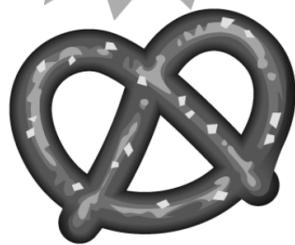
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Belk Charity Sale tickets are available now to participating nonprofit organizations for sale in advance of the event. Organizations keep 100 percent of each \$5 ticket sold.

There is no limit to the number of tickets charities can sell, or to the amount of money, they can raise.

Belk provides tickets and informational materials at no cost to each participating organization.

"Belk is committed to being involved in our communities and supporting causes important to our customers," said Jessica Graham, vice president, communications and community relations at Belk.

"Each Belk Charity Sale offers us the opportunity to reach thousands of nonprofits across our footprint and to help them raise much needed funds."

Beginning Friday, Oct. 28, tickets may also be purchased at Belk stores with all revenues from in-store ticket sales equally divided among participating non-profits and schools at each local store. On the morning of the Belk Charity Sale, participating non-profits and schools at each Belk location will register to win one of three \$1,000 donations from Belk.

In 2010 Belk's Charity Sale raised more than \$9.5 million for hundreds of participating charitable organizations.

Charity representatives interested in taking part in this one-of-a-kind fundraising event should contact their local Belk store manager for more information.

In order to participate in the Belk Charity Sale, organizations must have an IRS Section 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service.

Contact the Belk store nearest you for details.

With Whitman as new CEO, HP gets star power, but an imperfect fit

By JORDAN ROBERTSON

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO— Hewlett-Packard has performed another extreme act of corporate remodeling, firing its CEO Leo Apotheker after just 11 months and replacing him with billionaire businesswoman and political aspirant Meg Whitman. Yet it's done little to convince investors that the company has its house in order.

HP has now removed two CEOs in two years, and the stock has dropped precipitously, shedding \$60 billion of HP's market value. Based on shareholder reaction to Thursday's CEO shuffle, more punishment is likely in store.

Mark Hurd was forced to resign a year ago in an ethics scandal, and on Thursday HP fired his successor, Leo Apotheker, after a string of disappointing earnings reports and the botched handling of key strategy announcements.

He was replaced by former eBay chief Meg Whitman, who brings celebrity appeal and the sheen of a dot-com-era star who transformed eBay Inc. from scrappy startup to Internet-auction powerhouse.

The decision was the kind of hasty, headline-grabbing move that Silicon Valley watchers have come to expect from HP as it muddles through a very public identity crisis with an unpredictable board and the hardest job in technology to fill.

It was another dizzying turn of the executive merry-go-round at a company whose legendary leadership issues are straining HP's sprawling technology empire, which includes the world's biggest printer and PC businesses.

Shareholders were impressed by reports that leaked Wednesday about Whitman's candidacy for the job. But those gains were largely wiped out Thursday when fears set in that HP's strategy is still deeply flawed.

It's not what HP had in mind. Swapping Apotheker, who has now been ousted from two high-profile CEO jobs in two years, for Whitman was designed to stem investor fury over a series of questionable strategy moves.

HP's chairman, Ray Lane, said Apotheker's dismissal was caused by several factors.

"You don't deliver a quarter, you don't deliver another quarter, then you make some important announcements that are communicated poorly — it was incremental," Lane said on a conference call. Whitman was on the call, but Apotheker was not. "Then you have to make the



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Meg Whitman, who was named CEO of HP Thursday, ran for governor of California in 2010.

tough call of, how long do you go along with that? Do you help? Do you surround? Or do you replace?"

Whitman is a billionaire who is best known for the decade she spent building eBay and her unsuccessful run last year for California governor.

Her star power could be an asset for a company that struggled to gain credibility under Apotheker, who was previously little-known outside of the business-software world. HP is no stranger to celebrity CEOs.

But Carly Fiorina's run at the company's helm, from 1999 to 2005, ended in

shambles.

Despite Whitman's success at eBay, she is untested when it comes to running a company that is in as many businesses as HP. Another turnaround effort earlier in her career, at FTD, the iconic flower-delivery company, ended with Whitman quitting after two years and declaring that the company is "not fixable." Many analysts have said the same thing about HP in its current form.

On Thursday, she defended her predecessor's most controversial moves. She said a decision on PC division's fate will be made by the end of the year.

Analysts are mixed about her prospects.

"She built up a one-trick pony, an online auction site, and she oversaw the growth of the company, but we are talking about a situation where someone needs to come in who has a technological background, an engineering and scientific background," said Steve Diamond, an associate professor at Santa Clara University School of Law. "And that is way outside of her skill set."

Diamond said the decision to change CEOs so soon points to continued disarray on HP's board, long a target of critics for the chaos it's caused at one of Silicon Valley's oldest and largest companies.

Fighting and ego-driven drama has long plagued the board, from revelations in 2006 that HP had spied on directors and journalists to ferret out the source of leaks, to last year's dismissal of CEO Mark Hurd in an ethics scandal.

"There's no question the board is off the rails — they

need a smaller, tighter board that's committed to the idea of what the company does," Diamond said. "But they have a lot of people on the board from different industries. The tough job will be getting the board on board."

Whitman's appointment Thursday was Silicon Valley's worst-kept secret. Deliberations leaked out a day earlier to the delight of investors, who drove up HP's stock and apparently gave HP's board the push it needed to oust Apotheker.

HP's board met Thursday to finalize the change, having decided that Apotheker had lost the board's confidence in his ability to lead HP long-term, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press.

Lane, the HP chairman, defended Apotheker's firing and Whitman's quick selection.

The board "objectively evaluated whether he was the right guy to operate the business, and we came to the conclusion that he was not," he said on the conference call.

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In addition to being included in today's press release of The Joint Commission's "Improving America's Hospitals" annual report, <http://www.jointcommission.org/annualreport>, Highlands Regional Medical Center will be recognized on The Joint Commission's Quality Check website (www.qualitycheck.org).

At Highlands Regional we have made great strides to improve the quality of care in our hospital. We believe and are pushing our staff everyday to live up to our motto "Redefining Local Healthcare" and exceed the expectations of care in the community. In the last few years, we have taken extraordinary efforts to bring in in the most advanced technology available and recruited top notch staff, physicians and surgeons. We have gone back to basics and trained our staff in customer service, technical proficiency, quality management, reduced ER wait times, teamed up with local community health resources and provided training on the most technologically advanced equipment. The Joint Commission recognizing these efforts reflect greatly on the hard work of our staff and their commitment to excellence. But we will not settle, we have many more changes coming in the near future and will not rest until we accomplish our stated mission to redefine the meaning of local healthcare in Highlands County.

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"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 at 863-534-4690 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the schedule appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711."

DONE AND ORDERED at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 6th day of September, 2011.
 (COURT SEAL) ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

/s/ Ted A. Lasseigne
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 Attorney for Petitioner
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA000521A000XX
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 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 As Deputy Clerk
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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. PC11-382
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID MOORE, JR.
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You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of JAMES DAVID MOORE, JR. A/K/A JIMMY MOORE, deceased, File Number PC 11-382, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida; that the decedent's date of death was March 20, 2011; that the total value of the estate is \$10,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Nancy Moore, P.O. Box 15, Emigrant, MT 59027.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.
 ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is September 18, 2011.

Person Giving Notice:
 Hal Worden
 615 W. Main Street
 Avon Park, Florida 33825

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 September 18, 25, 2011

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 **See Americans with Disabilities Act
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 September 18, 25, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 07000549GCS
 BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-20,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 PURA DEL P. MENDOZA, 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. 07000549GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-20, is the Plaintiff and PURA DEL P. MENDOZA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PURA DEL P. MENDOZA; DORI QUINONES JIMENES A/K/A DORIS QUINONES JIMENEZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PURA DEL P. MENDOZA; DORI QUINONES JIMENES A/K/A DORIS QUINONES JIMENEZ; ANY AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; 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 4th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
 LOT 28, BLOCK Q, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A 7908 GRANADA ROAD, SEBRING, FL 33876

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000142
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 DANIEL S. BRILL, 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-000142 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 DANIEL S. BRILL; EILEEN BRILL; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; 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 4th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
 LOTS 22 AND 23, BLOCK 6, HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES SECTION P, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 59, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A 244 FLAMINGO STREET, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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 Clerk of the Circuit Court
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 Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2007-CA-000687
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ANDY RUSSELL HOLTON A/K/A ANDY R. HOLTON, 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. 28-2007-CA-000687 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and ANDY RUSSELL HOLTON A/K/A ANDY R. HOLTON; KRISTINE HOLTON; ANY AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST CARL A. POSTON A/K/A CARL ARTHUR POSTON, JR. A/K/A CARL ARTHUR POSTON A/K/A CARL A. POSTON, JR.; DECEASED; CARLA SCRUGGS A/K/A CARLA POSTON SCRUGGS A/K/A CARLA M. POSTON A/K/A CARLA MARIE POSTON AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF CARL A. 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1050 Legals

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to adopt School Board Code of Conduct at a regular meeting of the Board on Monday, October 24, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed changes to the handbook shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed manual. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Monday, October 24, 2011, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed manual is to modify the Code of Conduct to update in accordance with annual review and implement statutory changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. The following topics will be amended: 1. Student Dress Code. While on the grounds of a public school during the regular school day, students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1001.32, 1001.41, and 1001.43, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn: Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary

September 25, 2011

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 2.22 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to adopt School Board Rule 2.22, Board Meetings, at a regular meeting of the Board on Monday, October 24, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed changes to the handbook shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed manual. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Monday, October 24, 2011, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed manual is to include the revised policy as set forth in recent legislation. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: All official School Board meetings shall be open to the public and all informal meetings and conferences involving School Board members shall be conducted as public meetings unless specifically exempted by Florida Statutes. Special meetings shall be held at the time designated by the Superintendent, School Board Chairperson, or when called by a majority of the School Board members as specified in written notice specifying the time, place and purpose of such meeting provided to each Board member at least two (2) days in advance of the meeting. The Superintendent shall establish the agenda for School Board meetings in consultation with the Board Chairman. The Superintendent shall establish reasonable procedures and deadlines for the receipt of requests to place items of business on the agenda and requests to make a presentation in the public discussion period. After the agenda has been made available, change shall be only for good cause, as determined by the person designated to preside and stated in the record. Public participation at board meetings is valuable to school governance on education issues and matters of community interest. Public participation shall be permitted before the Board takes official position on any action item under consideration. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes in duration unless extended by the presiding officer. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer. No person may address or question Board members individually. Staff members shall not be expected to answer questions from the audience unless called upon by the Board Chairman or the Superintendent. The presiding officer may: a) interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant; b) request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum; c) request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting; or d) call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action. No Board action shall be taken on requests made during public discussion unless the Board declares the matter to be an emergency in accordance with current law. Any other requests that the Board chooses to take action on shall be placed on an agenda for a subsequent meeting. The specific legal authority includes Sections 1001.41 and 1001.42, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn: Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary

September 25, 2011

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1055 Highlands County Legals

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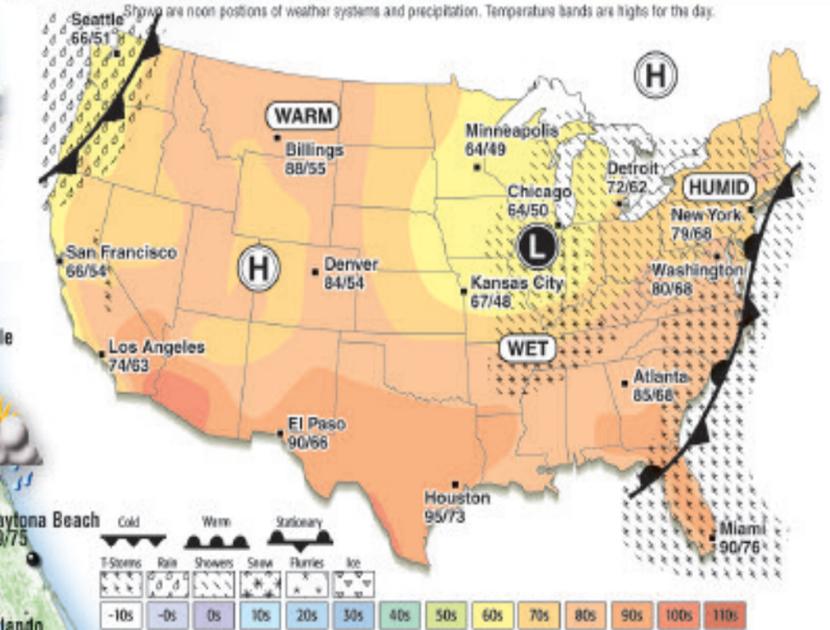
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A couple of t-storms, mainly later	Some sun with a couple of t-storms	Chance of a p.m. thunderstorm	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Some sun with a t-storm possible
92° / 75°	91° / 73°	91° / 72°	91° / 71°	89° / 72°
Winds: SSW at 4-8 mph	Winds: SW at 4-8 mph	Winds: NW at 6-12 mph	Winds: NNE at 6-12 mph	Winds: NE at 7-14 mph

National Forecast for September 25



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	94°
Low Tuesday	73°
High Wednesday	96°
Low Wednesday	73°
High Thursday	93°
Low Thursday	69°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	57%
Expected air temperature	90°
Makes it feel like	99°

Barometer

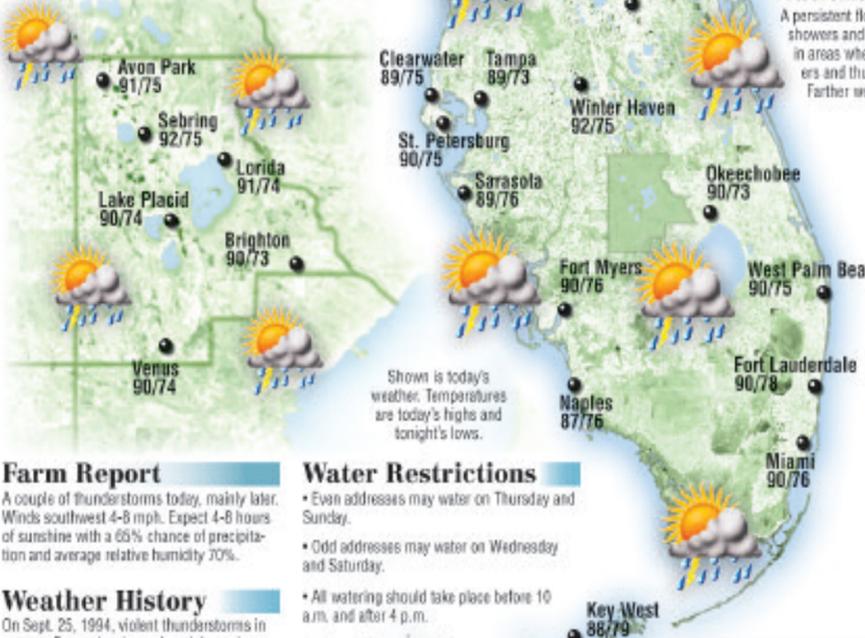
Tuesday	29.90
Wednesday	29.90
Thursday	29.89

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.07"
Month to date	2.40"
Year to date	37.12"

Regional Summary

Clouds and sun today with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm, mainly later. A heavy thunderstorm around this evening. A couple of showers and a t-storm tomorrow. Tuesday: an afternoon shower or thunderstorm possible.



Farm Report

A couple of thunderstorms today, mainly later. Winds southwest 4-8 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 65% 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. 25, 1994, violent thunderstorms in western Pennsylvania produced damaging hail. Little Corners, Pa., was hit by 4-inch diameter hailstones.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	7:16 a.m.	7:16 a.m.
Sunset	7:20 p.m.	7:18 p.m.
Moonrise	5:09 a.m.	6:14 a.m.
Moonset	5:53 p.m.	6:34 p.m.



National Summary

A persistent flow of moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and the tropical Atlantic Ocean will continue to bring rounds of showers and thunderstorms along the East Coast today. The risk for flash and urban flooding will remain, especially in areas where the ground is already saturated and where downpours repeat. Seasonally cool air along with showers and thunderstorms will continue to affect the Midwest. A few of these storms could bring heavy downpours. Farther west, high pressure will bring plenty of sunshine.

U.S. Cities

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

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	90/77	91/79	89/78	London	70/55	69/54	70/57
Athens	82/65	77/62	76/63	Montreal	79/63	79/61	72/57
Beirut	76/68	78/70	81/71	Moscow	51/39	54/41	55/42
Berlin	72/57	75/57	69/48	Nice	73/64	80/64	81/65
Bermuda	84/77	84/75	82/75	Ottawa	78/60	72/57	72/51
Calgary	81/50	87/48	69/41	Quincy	77/59	77/57	70/54
Dublin	61/43	60/46	66/52	Rio de Janeiro	68/61	74/67	76/67
Edmonton	81/48	87/41	63/35	Seoul	77/54	81/55	84/54
Fredericton	86/78	87/75	89/74	Singapore	89/77	84/77	86/77
Geneva	73/55	74/52	73/54	Sydney	60/48	68/45	74/53
Havana	87/73	87/72	88/72	Toronto	72/62	66/60	67/51
Hong Kong	82/81	90/81	95/82	Vancouver	61/51	62/51	69/50
Jerusalem	75/59	78/61	78/61	Vienna	70/57	71/58	72/57
Johannesburg	72/50	73/54	83/56	Warsaw	63/46	70/49	69/40
Kiev	63/48	63/53	71/54	Winnipeg	73/48	74/53	78/48

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Bedeviling Football Friday

Avon Park picks up victory, Lake Placid, Sebring both downed

Devils slip past Cowboys



Courtesy photo

Charles Louis gets past this LaBelle defender on his way to a score in Avon Park's 21-14 win over the Cowboys Friday night.

Special to the News-Sun
LABELLE – A district win is a big achievement, regardless of how ugly it might have been.

Amid a stifling humidity that may have led to short tempers, a slew of penalties, personal fouls and ejections, Avon Park was glad to slip out of LaBelle with a 21-14 win over the Cowboys.

"It was an ugly game, Red Devil head coach Andy Bonjokian said. "We played hard and play until the whistle blows. It's a win against a tough team and we earned it."

Earned it they did as the two teams combined for 24 penalties

with LaBelle totaling six of the personal foul variety and a first-quarter player ejection for each team – resulting in multiple warnings to the benches and players throughout the game.

Though it started out all bright and shiny for Avon Park as their first two possessions resulted in scores.

Tyler Johnson took the first handoff and zipped through a hole, past the defensive backfield and all the way in for a 41-yard touchdown just 14 seconds into the game.

After forcing a LaBelle punt, the Devils started to march, driv-

ing 45 yards on six plays with Charles Louis barging in for a 14-0 lead.

The Cowboys cut the lead in half on a 32-yard pass play in the second quarter, but Avon Park soon answered back.

A 42-yard Louis run was added to by several Cowboy penalties before Louis and hammered it in, this time from the three, with under a minute to go, to set the halftime margin at 21-7.

The Red Devils had chances in the third to build the lead up, but saw two possessions come up

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Blue Streaks bested by Braves

By DAN HOEHNE

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In the District 10-6A opener, Sebring saw a close early contest get away from them in Friday's 36-7 loss at Lake Gibson's Virgil Ramage Stadium.

After both defenses held in a tight opening quarter that saw the Braves up 8-0.

But the Blue Streaks answered when Davaris Faulk found Michael Weston for a 19-yard score early in the second to make it an 8-7 contest.

Things, however, soon began to fall apart.

"We were right there with them and a bad snap sends the ball back 20 yards," head coach LaVaar Scott said. "They got the ball back, made a big play for a score and things started to unravel."

That big play was a 35-yard touchdown from Trey Congdon to Eric Carter, with Trent Taylor later rumbling in a seven-yard score for a 22-7 halftime lead.

"We started beating ourselves again," Scott said. "I'm sure some of them were thinking, 'here we go again.'"

Carter and Congdon connected again in the third to boost the lead a bit further and Devante Terrell pounced



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

While the Sebring offense was pretty much held down in Friday's loss at Lake Gibson, Davaris Faulk did connect with Michael Weston on a 19-yard score.

on a flared snap in the end zone for another Gibson score that would set the final margin.

The Sebring offense found it tough to get much traction as the ground game was held in check to the tune of -1 yards on the night, while the Brave offense ground out 130 rushing

yards and Congdon went 12-of-16 for 166 yards and two touchdowns.

"I don't want to take anything away from the other team, but when I look up and down the rosters, from a personnel standpoint, we can beat them," Scott said.

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Though the final score looked lopsided, the Lake Placid defense didn't make things easy for Dunbar as Malachi McLean puts pressure on Angel Andres on this play Friday night.

Dragons encouraged in loss

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID – It wasn't the expression nor attitude one might expect from a coach fresh off a 33-0 loss.

But the sense of encouragement and pride were obvious in Green Dragon head coach Jason Holden after Friday's defeat at the hands of visiting Tigers of Fort Myers Dunbar.

"I just can't think of anything right now except how proud I am of the effort these kids put out there tonight," he said. "That was our focus all week and it was exciting to see."

In part, because that effort was one of the reasons that this was one of those games where the final score was not at all indicative of the battle it truly was.

Point of fact, against this potentially explosive Dunbar offense, running a combination spread and wildcat offense with weapons aplenty and speed to burn, it was just a 13-0 game headed into the fourth quarter.

And one of those scores was on a fumble recovery and return for touchdown early in the second quarter.

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Lady Dragons hold off Avon Park

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – The frustration of a missed chance to make a statement was evident on Avon Park head coach Stephanie Devlin after her squad of Lady Red Devils were swept by county and district rival Lake Placid Thursday night.

"They're a great team that works well together, but that wasn't the team we've seen before," Devlin said. "They were making mistakes tonight and it was our time to capitalize and make a statement here in our gym."

That looked to be the case as Avon Park fought back twice, from a 13-7 deficit and a 21-13 spread, to close to within 22-18 in the opening set.

Strong serves from Ashley Chacon and

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Brittany Collison sends this dig up to the front row during Lake Placid's three-set win at Avon Park Thursday night.

Red Devils show gratitude



Courtesy photo

Avon Park football head coach Andy Bonjokian made a formal plaque presentation just prior to last week's football game to Santiago Hernandez, General Sales Manager of Witham Chevrolet. Witham Chevrolet is a major sponsor of the Avon Park Red Devils this year, and served as the title sponsor for this year's Grill n' Chill fundraiser event for APHS football.

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	95	61	.609	—
Boston	88	68	.564	7
Tampa Bay	86	71	.548	9½
Toronto	80	77	.510	15½
Baltimore	66	91	.420	29½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Detroit	91	66	.580	—
Cleveland	78	78	.500	12½
Chicago	76	81	.484	15
Kansas City	69	88	.439	22
Minnesota	60	96	.385	30½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Texas	91	66	.580	—
Los Angeles	85	72	.541	6
Oakland	71	86	.452	20
Seattle	66	91	.420	25

Thursday's Games

Minnesota 3, Seattle 2
 Oakland 4, Texas 3
 Baltimore 6, Detroit 5
 Cleveland 11, Chicago White Sox 2
 Tampa Bay 15, N.Y. Yankees 8
 Toronto 4, L.A. Angels 3, 12 innings

Friday's Games

Detroit 4, Baltimore 3, 11 innings
 Cleveland 6, Minnesota 5
 Boston at New York, ppd., rain
 Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 1
 Texas 5, Seattle 3
 Kansas City 11, Chicago White Sox 1
 Oakland 3, L.A. Angels 1

Saturday's Games

Minnesota at Cleveland, 1st game, late
 Boston at N.Y. Yankees, late
 Seattle at Texas, late
 Baltimore at Detroit, late
 Minnesota at Cleveland, 2nd game, late
 Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, late
 Toronto at Tampa Bay, late
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, late

Sunday's Games

Baltimore (Matusz 1-8) at Detroit (Penny 10-11), 1:05 p.m.
 Boston (Lackey 12-12) at N.Y. Yankees (A.J. Burnett 10-11), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
 Minnesota (Hendriks 0-2) at Cleveland (Carmona 7-15), 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Cecil 4-10) at Tampa Bay (W.Davis 10-10), 1:40 p.m.
 Kansas City (Mendoza 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 12-12), 2:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Furbush 4-9) at Texas (D.Holland 15-5), 3:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Harden 4-4) at L.A. Angels (Pineiro 7-7), 3:35 p.m.
 Boston (Wakefield 7-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 16-4), 6:30 p.m., 2nd game

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	98	58	.628	—
Atlanta	89	68	.567	9½
Washington	76	80	.487	22
New York	74	82	.474	24
Florida	71	86	.452	27½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	92	65	.586	—
St. Louis	86	71	.548	6
Cincinnati	76	81	.484	16
Chicago	70	87	.446	22
Pittsburgh	70	87	.446	22
Houston	55	102	.350	37

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Arizona	91	66	.580	—
San Francisco	84	73	.535	7
Los Angeles	79	77	.506	11½
Colorado	70	87	.446	21
San Diego	68	89	.433	23

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets 8, St. Louis 6
 Washington 6, Philadelphia 1
 Houston 9, Colorado 6
 L.A. Dodgers 8, San Francisco 2

Friday's Games

Atlanta 7, Washington 4
 Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 3
 Philadelphia at New York, ppd., rain
 Houston 11, Colorado 2
 Milwaukee 4, Florida 1
 Chicago Cubs 5, St. Louis 1
 Arizona 3, San Francisco 1
 L.A. Dodgers 2, San Diego 0

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Washington, late
 Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, late
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, late
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, late
 Colorado at Houston, late
 Florida at Milwaukee, late
 San Francisco at Arizona, late
 L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, late

Sunday's Games

Atlanta (Minor 5-2) at Washington (Detwiler 3-5), 1:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Willis 0-6) at Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 9-9), 1:35 p.m.
 Colorado (Millwood 3-3) at Houston (Harrell 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
 Florida (Nolasco 10-11) at Milwaukee (Narveson 10-8), 2:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Halladay 18-6) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 7-12), 2:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 7-5) at St. Louis (E.Jackson 5-2), 2:15 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 20-5) at San Diego (Luebke 6-9), 4:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (Lincecum 13-13) at Arizona (D.Hudson 16-11), 4:10 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

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	57	20
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	19	46
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	40	29
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	26	61

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	48	33
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	49	41
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	44	46
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	31	35

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	58	58
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	45	52
Denver	1	1	0	.500	44	45
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	10	89

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	48	33
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	49	41
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	44	46
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	31	35

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	58	58
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	45	52
Denver	1	1	0	.500	44	45
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	10	89



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

SUNDAY

2 p.m. NASCAR – Sylvania 300 ESPN
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GOLF

SUNDAY

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 1:30 p.m. EuroPGA – Austrian Open GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Boston at N.Y. Yankees TBS
 1:30 p.m. Toronto at Tampa Bay SUN
 2 p.m. Kansas City at Chicago White Sox WGN
 4 p.m. San Francisco at Arizona TBS

MONDAY

7 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay SUN
 10 p.m. Chicago Cubs at San Diego WGN

TUESDAY

7 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay SUN

NFL

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Jacksonville at Carolina CBS-6
 1 p.m. Miami at Cleveland CBS-10
 1 p.m. Detroit at Minnesota or N.Y. Giants at FOX-36
 Philadelphia FOX
 4 p.m. Atlanta at Tampa Bay FOX
 8:15 p.m. Pittsburgh at Indianapolis NBC

MONDAY

8:30 p.m. Washington at Dallas ESPN

WNBA PLAYOFFS

SUNDAY

3 p.m. Indiana at Atlanta ESPN2
 5 p.m. Minnesota at Phoenix ESPN2

TUESDAY

8 p.m. Atlanta at Indiana, if necessary ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

	East	West
Washington	2 0 0 1.000	0 50 51 51
Dallas	1 1 0 1.000	51 51 51 51
Philadelphia	1 1 0 1.000	62 48 48 48
N.Y. Giants	1 1 0 1.000	42 44 44 44
South		
New Orleans	1 1 0 1.000	64 55 55 55
Atlanta	1 1 0 1.000	47 61 61 61
Tampa Bay	1 1 0 1.000	44 47 47 47
Carolina	0 2 0 0.000	44 58 58 58
North		
Green Bay	2 0 0 1.000	72 57 57 57
Detroit	2 0 0 1.000	75 23 23 23
Chicago	1 1 0 1.000	43 42 42 42
Minnesota	0 2 0 0.000	37 48 48 48
West		
San Francisco	1 1 0 1.000	57 44 44 44
Arizona	1 1 0 1.000	49 43 43 43
St. Louis	0 2 0 0.000	29 59 59 59
Seattle	0 2 0 0.000	17 57 57 57

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

Friday's Games

Sporting Kansas City 1, Philadelphia 1, tie

Saturday's Games

Houston at FC Dallas, late
 Portland at New York, late
 Real Salt Lake at D.C. United, late
 Los Angeles at Columbus, late
 San Jose at Colorado, late
 Toronto FC at Chivas USA, late
 Seattle FC at Vancouver, late

Sunday's Games

New England at Chicago, 4 p.m.

WNBA

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 1, Atlanta 0
 Thursday: Indiana 82, Atlanta 74
 Sunday: Indiana at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, Sept. 27: Atlanta at Indiana, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Minnesota 1, Phoenix 0
 Thursday: Minnesota 95, Phoenix 67
 Sunday: Minnesota at Phoenix, 5 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, Sept. 27: Phoenix at Minnesota, TBD

Transactions

BASEBALL

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Acquired LHP Mike Zagurski from Philadelphia for a player to be named. Designated RHP Esmerling Vasquez for assignment.

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with general manager Walt Jocketty on a three-year contract extension through the 2014 season.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Extended the contracts of Fred Uhlman Jr. and Jason McLeod vice president/assistant general managers. Promoted A.J. Hinchvice president/assistant general manager.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Fined San Diego DL Antonio Garay \$15,000 for a hit below the knees of New England QB Tom Brady. New England DE Andre Carter \$15,000 for hitting San Diego QB Philip Rivers in the chest with his helmet. San Diego S Eric Weddle \$15,000 for helmet-to-helmet contact with New England TE Rob Gronkowski and Philadelphia DT Cullen Jenkins \$15,000 for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Atlanta QB Matt Ryan during last week's games.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released TE Dan Gronkowski.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



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



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



MONDAY: Volleyball vs. Frostproof, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY: Volleyball at Kathleen, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Golf at Polk County Invitational, 9 a.m.; Girls Golf at Hardee, 4 p.m.
THURSDAY: JV Football at Frostproof, 7 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Winter Haven, 6/7:30 p.m.; Swimming at Lake Placid, 5:30 p.m.



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

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Knights Soccer Challenge

AVON PARK – The Avon Park Knights of Columbus, Council No. 14717, will sponsor a soccer challenge for boys and girls aged 10-14 on Sunday, Sept. 25, from Noon-3 p.m. at the Our Lady of Grace soccer field at 595 East Main St., Avon Park.

No experience is required with winners determined for boys and girls in each age category with a series of penalty kicks.

Those winners will then advance on to the Regional competition to be held in the Bradenton-Sarasota area.

Each contestant will be awarded a certificate for participation and refreshments will be available.

Application forms are available at the Our Lady of Grace church office.

For more information, contact Steve Ashley at 414-4169.

Panther Hitting Camps

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

The camp will be held Saturday's Oct. 15 and 29.

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

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

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

Camp cost is \$25 per camper.

To register, print Application and Consent and Release forms from www.southflorida.edu/baseball/camp and mail to address on application form.

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

Walk-up registrations are accepted.

For further information, call any of the above numbers or email coach Hitt at hittr@southflorida.edu.

Corporate Challenge

SEBRING — The 3rd Annual Corporate Challenge will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the YMCA in Sebring.

Promoting health and wellness in the workplace emphasizing teamwork.

Entry fee \$300 per team.

All registered participants receive a free YMCA membership starting April 30 until Oct. 15.

Event list: Coed One Mile Relay; Coed Golf Challenge; Team Surfing; Office Dash Relay; Frantic Frisbee; Coed Basketball Shoot-out; Eggsecutive Toss; 4 x 25 yard Swim Relay; Three Legged Race; Two Person Raft Relay; Vandy Football; Wheelbarrow Race; and Tug-of-war.

All proceeds benefit the youth programs at the YMCA.

For more information, contact Jonathan Joles at jonathanjymca@hotmail.com or call 382-9622.

LPAA Hall of Fame Dinner

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Athletic Association is holding their annual "Hall of Fame Dinner" at the Elks Lodge on Saturday, Oct. 8

The inductees into the 2011 Hall of Fame will be Mr. Vic Kirk and Dr. Robert "Bob" Fitzgerald.

Coach Kirk had many successful seasons as a football, baseball, basketball and track coach.

Dr. Fitzgerald was the "voice" of the Dragon football games for 36 years and made many other contributions to youth sports and the community.

During the dinner we will also honor Mr. Al Ritacco who recently passed away. Mr. Ritacco is remembered as a coach, friend and father figure to many.

LPAA members will cook and serve a prime rib dinner.

Tickets are available at \$50 per person.

After presentations are made there will be silent auction and raffle items, prizes, dancing with a DJ and lots of fun.

If you have any stories, pictures, or memories that you would like to share about any of these three dynamic individuals, or questions, please contact Laura Teal at 441-0729, or by email at laurateal1960@yahoo.com.

The Lake Placid Athletic Association has been organized for over 40 years and continues to support youth sports by working with the coaches and staff from the local public and private schools and sports organizations.

The Hall of Fame dinner is one of two annual fundraisers for LPAA.

Busy fall for local golfers

Local golfers should find links active during the next several months with several tournaments scheduled.

The Veterans Council Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22, at Harder Hall.

Proceeds from the 4-man team shotgun scramble, silent auction, and 50/50 will go to benefit the Veterans Assistance Fund.

The Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Harder Hall.

This tournament is usually sold out and its' proceeds assist in providing meals to the clients.

On Sunday, Nov. 6, the Men's Golf Association of Sun 'n Lakes is sponsoring a golf tournament with proceeds to benefit the Veterans Assistance Fund.

There will be an auction and several other fundraisers going on during this tournament.

One field is sold out and another has been opened for this event.

American Legion Post 25, Lake Placid, has slated May 8, 2012 in SpringLakes for their annual Golf Tournament.

If a Unit would like to help sponsor one or more of these events, please contact the sponsoring group.

There is always a need for volunteers.

Volunteers are needed at the registration table, the silent auction, raffle and watching for a "hole-in-one".

Setting up for a golf tournament also takes a lot of volunteers – putting up the sponsor/hole signs, setting up the 'goodie bags', preparing the signs, and sign up sheets, and arranging for auction items, sponsors, and door prizes.

Non-golfers can participate by volunteering to help with the event.

Each of these tournaments are a benefit to the veterans in the community in one way or another.

Meals on Wheels provides meals to shut-ins, veterans and non-veterans.

The Veteran Assistance Fund provides a one-time 'hand-up' to an eligible veteran or their family.

LP gets road win, 2-1 on the week



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Teresa Devlin locks onto the ball before an attempted kill in Thursday's match with Lake Placid.

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freshman Otisha Smith were key in getting the Devils back into the contest.

But a closing run from the Dragons finished it off for a 25-18 win.

It looked as if the statement might be made in the second set as Avon Park jumped out to a 9-5 lead, but Lake Placid started to whittle away and caught the Devils at 14-14, then took the lead on a Taylor Miller kill.

But a Teresa Devlin ace and Chacon kill got the lead back at 17-15.

"We'd be hanging with them, but then we'd have mental lapses and they'd get a big run on us," coach Devlin said.

Such was the case here as a four-point run made it 19-17 and a three-point scurry had it at 22-18.

Again, the Avon Park came back, with a Chacon ace closing it to 24-22, but an Ashley Townsend tip secured the second set for the Dragons.

But while the first two sets were kept close, Lake Placid arose in the third and the Devils fell flat.

"We just fell apart in that last set," coach Devlin said.

The gals in green, though actually attired in their travel whites, burst out of the gate, scoring the first seven points.

Kills from Kayla Wilson and Chacon showed Avon Park had a little fight left as the lead was cut to 10-6.

But those extended runs came back to haunt them as the Lady Dragons reeled off four straight and then another five to break it open at 19-7.

Teresa Devlin tipped a point over and the towering Smith added a kill, but the dye was cast as Lake Placid soon brought home the 25-12 clincher.

"Every team is beatable and we didn't play with the same intensity that we have been," Dragon head coach Linette Wells said. "We are still trying to work on playing our game, but we served well, moved the ball around, kept our focus and fought for the win."

"Stephanie (Devlin) has done a great job at Avon Park, but they're a better team than they showed last night."

A rough stretch with four straight losses since their impressive run at the Bartow Invitational, the Lady Devils are still working through.

"I'm trying to find the right combinations," Devlin said. "I brought Otisha (Smith) up from junior varsity. She's just a freshman and there were some mistakes, but she's 6-foot-2 and you saw a few times what she can do at the net. I think with her, Kayla (Wilson) and Teresa up front, that's a pretty impressive front row."

"We'll keep working and hopefully can get over our mental lapses."

Home Depot comes on in relief



News-Sun photos by KATARA SIMMONS
With Billy Calhoun looking on from underneath, volunteer Mike Gill works on the sign at the Firemen's Field baseball entrance in a bucket truck donated by Kelly Payne's Tree Service. Home Depot and a dozens of volunteers were on hand Saturday morning as part of a \$5,000 grant that was put in by Sebring baseball. The day was spent working over, tidying up and making improvements to all aspects of the field, stands and surroundings.



Europe extends lead over US in Solheim Cup

By BRIAN KEOGH
Associated Press

DUNSANY, Ireland — Spanish rookie Azahara Munoz holed a par putt on the 18th to help Europe extend its lead over the United States to 7-5 in the Solheim Cup at Killeen Castle on Saturday.

Americans Cristie Kerr and Paul Creamer went 1 up on Munoz and

Scotland's Catriona Matthew in the final match of the morning foursomes when Kerr birdied the 17th.

But Kerr bunkered her approach to the last and couldn't save par from 12 feet, allowing the Europeans to halve the match with a winning par and double Europe's overnight lead to two points.

The United States is bidding to win

the Solheim Cup for the fourth straight time.

But European captain Alison Nicholas said she had "a good feeling" about the outcome and hailed Europe's halved match in the final foursomes as "absolutely massive."

Europe started the day leading by 4½ to 3½ points and won the morning session 2½-1½ as Caroline Hedwall

and Sophie Gustafson beat US pair Angela Stanford and Stacy Lewis 6 and 5.

Morgal Pressel and Ryann O'Toole had a 3 and 2 victory over Europe's Karen Stupples and Christel Boeljon, but Maria Hjorth and Anna Nordqvist defeated Brittany Lang and Juli Inkster 3 and 2 to restore Europe's two-point advantage.

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Courtesy photo
The Avon Park defense was swarming all night, holding LaBelle to just 104 total yards of total offense. This, in addition to a strong and consistent ground game lead by Charles Louis, helped the Red Devils to a 21-14 win in their district schedule opener over the Cowboys.

AP takes win, earns week off

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empty. A pass was picked off near the LaBelle goal line to end one drive and a combination of penalties, a fumble and a loss pushed Avon Park out of field goal range to stall the other.

"We have got to learn how to finish drives," Bonjokian said.

The ensuing punt was then blocked and the Cowboys returned it to the Devil 26, but the defense held to bring the quarter to a close.

LaBelle would make things interesting, cutting the lead on a 25-yard passing score followed by an onside kick that would get them the ball back at the Avon Park 48.

But Devil defensive back Walter Jahna stepped in front of a pass to both end that potential threat and get the ball back.

From there, Avon Park would go to the ground game, running the ball 14 straight times to milk, or rather melt, the final seven-plus minutes off the clock.

"Charles Louis really

stepped up and our defensive line did a great job tonight," Bonjokian said.

That was reflected in both Louis' 150-plus yards rushing and the scant 104 yards of total offense managed by LaBelle.

The Devils are back at .500 overall at 2-2 on the season and are now 1-0 in district play.

The team has its' bye this coming week to rest up, heal the dings and prepare for a visit from the Clewiston Tigers in a district matchup Friday, Oct. 7.

LP final doesn't display effort

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This was after a first quarter that had seen Lake Placid force and recover a fumble on the Tiger's first play from scrimmage and stopped their next drive with multiple moments of heavy pressure on quarterback Angel Andres, forcing an incompletion and two intentional grounding calls.

Offensively, the Dragons found the going very tough against an extremely fast and aggressive Dunbar defense with a fumble and two three and outs marking their first quarter possessions.

But the Lake Placid defense was standing strong, bending on the Tigers third possession, but holding the line when a Andres to Kedrick Weatherspoon pass went for minus-2 yards and an Andres run gained just one to force a third-and-11 at midfield.

It was then that Andres was pulled and Bob Rice took over as the signal caller and the wildcat offense went into effect.

Rice dashed and darted for gains of 17 and 9 yards before Mike Green whipped around end for 13 yards.

An illegal procedure penalty pushed Dunbar back to the 16, but Green flashed through a seam on his next carry and found the end zone with 33 seconds left in the opening quarter for a 7-0 lead.

And it was just 42 seconds later, nine seconds into the second quarter when the fum-



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Green Dragon Devonta Chisolm goes up in a crowd to pull down this reception in Friday's loss to the Dunbar Tigers.

ble and return took place to make it a 13-0 game.

But while the offense couldn't find any traction, the defense stiffened.

Nevada Weaver and Christian Miller had consecutive tackles for losses to short-circuit one Tiger drive and three straight incompletions ended another and into halftime it went with the 13-point margin.

Both defensive squads continued to hold strong in the third quarter, with four series resulting in four punts and sending it into the fourth.

But it was on what looked like yet another punt early in

the fourth that the tide turned.

Green took the punt snap and dashed around the right side for a long gain to get the first down and on the next play, Andres found Johnell Barnes in the end zone at the 11:22 mark to make it 20-0.

And after Lake Placid had stopped another Dunbar drive, the offense was forced to give it up on a punt.

After a good return had the Tigers at the Dragon 35, Rice ran for 18 and Mario McNeal took it up the middle for a 17-yard score.

Similar to the second-quarter scenario, it was soon another strip of a Lake Placid runner, this one by Robert Byrd, who then ran it back 24 yards to provide for the final margin.

"We dropped coverage on that pass play for the touch-down and we have to avoid the fumbles," Holden said. "But these guys played their guts out. Dunbar is bigger, stronger and faster than us as a team and yet, take away that first fumble and it's just 7-0 into the fourth quarter.

"As coaches, we have to get that effort out of them or else we're not doing our job," he continued. "Now that we see the effort, we can look at other things we need to work on. But if we play with this kind of effort and intensity, we should be all right next week."

That next week is an away game at Gateway Charter in Fort Myers to face the Griffins.

Sebring looks to slow it down

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"Sure, we had a couple of offensive linemen out with the flu and that can make it an adventure. But we've got guys with experience and we are a good team. We've just got to slow things

down, as coaches, and keep at it."

It doesn't look to get any easier as the Streaks are on the road again Friday, a long road, traveling to Miami area Plantation to face the American Heritage Patriots.

"They're the toughest

team on our schedule," Scott said. "If we keep making these types of mistakes, they'll put a 50-point loss on us. But if we work on the mental aspect of the game and play with the hustle and intensity we have, we can give them a great game."

Friday's Florida Prep Football Scores

- Acad. at the Lakes 58, Hernando Christ. 12
- Admiral Farragut 21, Keswick Christ. 13
- Agape Christ. 66, Central Florida Christ. 0
- Archbishop Carroll 29, Ransom Everglades 7
- Armwood 68, Leto 0
- Atlantic Coast 49, Stanton College Prep 0
- Atlantic Community 25, Santaluces 6
- Avon Park 21, LaBelle 14
- Baker School 19, West Gadsden 0
- Baldwin 27, Dixie County 20
- Bartram Trail 63, Englewood 0
- Bayside 35, Eau Gallie 0
- Berkeley Prep 35, Lake Highland 0
- Bishop Kenny 54, Paxon 15
- Bishop Moore 28, Port Orange Atlantic 7
- Bishop Snyder 34, Bronson 14
- Blanche Ely 56, Coconut Creek 8
- Blountstown 34, Port St. Joe 8
- Bolles School 26, Fleming Island 22
- Boyd Anderson 14, Oakland Park NE 8
- Boynon Beach 33, Suncoast 6
- Bradford 50, Umatilla 7
- Cambridge Christ. 36, Northside Christ. 7
- Cape Coral 35, Cypress Lake 28
- Carrollwood Day 47, Shorecrest Prep 10
- Chaminade-Madonna College Prep 56, Florida Christ. 7
- Christ's Church 20, Seven Rivers Christ. 7
- Citrus 33, Lecanto 0
- Clearwater Cent. Cath. 20, Palm Harbor Univ. 7
- Clewiston 54, Gateway Charter 3
- Columbia 66, Oakleaf 7
- Comm School of Naples 24, Coral Shores 6
- Cooper City 42, Nova 2
- Coral Gables 7, Braddock 7, TIE
- Coral Reef Senior 28, South Dade 19
- Coral Springs Christ. 35, Zion Christ. 32
- Countryside 51, Seminole 0
- Creekside 9, Palatka 3
- Crestview 37, Pensacola Catholic 34
- Dade Christian 45, Reagan/Doral 21
- Delray American Heritage 38, King's Academy 10
- Dr. Phillips 34, McArthur 7
- Dunbar 33, Lake Placid 0
- Dunnellon 28, Eastside 16
- Durant 36, Brandon 24
- Dwyer 41, Spanish River 0
- Eagle's View 14, Oak Hall 6
- East Ridge 38, Leesburg 21
- Edgewater 14, Oak Ridge 6
- Episcopal 42, West Nassau County 31
- Escambia 24, Tate 22
- Esterio 42, East Lee County 21
- Evangelical Christian 36, Moore Haven 6
- Evans 28, South Lake 14
- FAMU Developmental Research 53, P.K. Yonge 7
- Fernandina Beach 10, Cocoa Beach 8
- First Baptist 43, SW Florida Christ. 36
- First Coast 38, Ribault 0
- Fivay 21, Anclote 14
- Flagler Palm Coast 24, Mandarin 7
- Fletcher 42, Sandalwood 14
- Flomaton, Ala. 47, Jay 14
- Florida 45, Rickards 14
- Forrest 32, Terry Parker 14
- Fort Lauderdale Calvary Christ. 21, Pope John Paul II 20
- Fort Meade 21, Bartow 6
- Fort Myers 35, Riverdale 31
- Fort White 23, Wakulla 21
- Foundation Acad. 48, Orlando Christ. 20
- Freeport 49, Saint Luke's Episc., AL. 40
- Frostproof 17, Mulberry 14
- Gainesville 38, Lake Weir 0
- Gaitner 39, Wiregrass Ranch 0
- George Steinbrenner 13, Tampa Freedom 6

- Golden Gate 37, Barron Collier 29
- Gulf Breeze 38, Arnold 8
- Gulliver Prep 42, Doral Academy Charter 0
- Hardee 35, Bayshore 21
- Hawthorne 33, Hilliard 16
- Hernando 28, Land O'Lakes 7
- Hialeah 19, Hialeah-Miami Lakes 14
- Hillsborough 43, Strawberry Crest 0
- Hollywood Hills 24, Fort Lauderdale 12
- Holmes Cnty 27, Bozeman School 25, OT
- Indian Rocks 42, Bradenton Christian 28
- Island Coast 54, North Fort Myers 7
- Jensen Beach 27, Ft. Pierce Westwood 17
- Jesuit 35, Blake 0
- John Carroll Cath. 29, Orangewood Christ. 28
- Kissimmee Osceola 42, Celebration 0
- Lake Gibson 36, Sebring 7
- Lake Mary Prep 33, Santa Fe Catholic 15
- Lake Nona 39, Eustis 8
- Lake Region 24, George Jenkins 14
- Lake Wales 20, Immokalee 7
- Lake Worth 24, John I. Leonard 19
- Lakeland Christ 49, Bishop McLaughlin 14
- Lakeland 29, Haines City 6
- Lakewood 40, Dunedin 11
- Lakewood Ranch 19, Boca Ciega 0
- Landmark Christ. 39, Lake Wales Vanguard 6
- Largo 51, Seminole Osceola 0
- LaSalle 48, Monsignor Pace 6
- Lehigh 46, Mariner 0
- Lemon Bay 27, Cardinal Mooney 24
- Leon 17, Middleburg 14
- Liberty County 49, Franklin County 7
- Lincoln 62, Chiles 7
- Maclay 34, Branford 16
- Madison County 55, Taylor County 14
- Marianna 21, Chipley 6
- Menendez 28, Matanzas 14
- Merritt Island Christ. 35, Life Academy 8
- Miami Beach 52, Miami Krop 21
- Miami NW 48, Miami Carol City 12
- Miami Washington 29, Jones 0
- Miramar 47, West Broward 0
- Mount Dora 35, Keystone Heights 6
- Munroe Day 46, Rocky Bayou Christian 22
- Naples 56, Gulf Coast 27
- Nature Coast Tech 52, Brooksville Cent. 0
- Navarre 56, Niceville 33
- Newsome 49, East Bay 21
- North Marion 69, Belleview 0
- North Port 35, Lely 18
- Northview 47, South Walton 8
- Ocala Forest 59, West Port 14
- Ocala Trinity Catholic 38, East Lake 19
- Ocala Vanguard 56, Buchholz 0
- Ocoee 21, Cypress Creek 5

- Olympia 17, Apopka 15
- Olympic Heights 53, Palm Beach Lakes 19
- Pace 13, Pine Forest 12
- Pahokee 12, Benjamin 6
- Palm Bay 21, Melbourne 7
- Palm Beach Gardens 54, Jupiter 14
- Palmetto 52, DeSoto County 0
- Palmetto Ridge 28, Port Charlotte 2
- Pasco 51, Gulf 0
- Pensacola 17, Milton 0
- Pinellas Park 35, Clearwater 19
- Plant City 55, Riverview 0
- Plantation American Heritage 40, Martin County 0
- Ponte Vedra 41, Nease 0
- Providence 56, Harvest Comm. Scvool 20
- Raines 37, Ed White 35
- Ridge Community 10, Auburndale 9
- Ridgeview 14, Orange Park 10
- Ridgewood 16, Hudson 10
- River Ridge 20, Mitchell 10
- Robinson 42, Lennard 14
- Rockledge 32, Satellite 21
- Royal Palm Beach 27, Palm Beach Cent 10
- Rutherford 40, Suwannee 6
- Sanford Seminole 28, University (Orange City) 0
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- Sarasota Riverview 36, Braden River 7
- Sebastian River 34, Okeechobee 14
- Seffner Christ. 49, Ocala Christ. Acad. 6
- Seminole Ridge 35, Wellington 0
- Sickles 49, King 23
- South Fork 28, Forest Hill 0
- South Fort Myers 41, Bishop Verot 0
- South Plantation 49, Piper 15
- South Sumter 46, Interlachen 0
- Southeast 47, Sarasota 7
- Spoto 20, Middleton 6
- St. Andrew's 23, Westminster Academy 21
- St. Augustine 34, Wolfson 12
- St. John Luth. 68, Ormond Beach Calvary Christ. 6
- St. John Neumann 19, Out-of-Door Acad. 14
- St. Joseph Acad. 27, St. Johns Country Day 0

- St. Pete Canterbury 57, Calvary Christ. 14
- St. Petersburg Catholic 83, Cornerstone 6
- St. Petersburg 28, St. Petersburg NE 0
- Stranahan 40, Archbishop McCarthy 21
- Sunlake 49, Springstead 16
- Tampa Bay Tech 38, Chamberlain 14
- Tampa Catholic 33, Bloomingdale 14
- Taravella 31, Deerfield Beach 7
- Tarpon Springs 34, Dixie Hollins 20
- Tavares 27, Poinciana 7
- Taylor 41, Temple Christian 8
- Trenton 62, Bell 18
- Union County 42, Chiefland 0
- University Christian 41, St. Francis 13
- Venice 21, Charlotte 20
- Vero Beach 35, West Boca Raton Comm. 7
- Victory Christian 41, Mount Dora Bible 0
- West Florida 49, Bay 22
- West Orange 42, Wekiva 14
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Florida's waters home to many types of turtles



News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

Florida sports some of the finest freshwater, spring-fed rivers in the world. In addition, swamps, marshes and numerous other types of wetlands are found here in abundance. Because of this watery wonderland, the Sunshine state hosts a very large and diverse range of turtle inhabitants.

Perhaps the most common of the turtles is the peninsular cooter. This reptile is one of the larger of the turtles and can grow to lengths of up to 16 inches. You will generally see these cold-blooded creatures basking on a log or rock near the water in an effort to soak up the sun.

Another easily recognizable turtle that you may spot is the Florida redbelly turtle. With a very dark, almost black back (carapace) and bright red scales that circle around its edge and bottom portion of the shell, it is clear where this turtle gets its name. The best places to see this turtle are along slow moving rivers with plenty of aquatic vegetation.

Other types of turtles that may not be as easily spotted include the common snapping turtle. They prefer ponds, lakes and drainage ditches as well as slow moving tributaries. These creatures are noted for their belligerent temperament when they are out of the water, thus the name snapper. They have very powerful beak-like jaws, and a highly mobile

head and neck.

They appear rugged with muscular builds with ridged carapaces. They may lie beneath the muddy bottom and expose only their heads, stretching their long necks to the surface to take a breath from the nostrils positioned at the tip of their nose.

Snapping turtles eat vegetation and animals and serve as important aquatic scavengers; but they are also active hunters and will prey on snakes, smaller turtles, fish, frogs, reptiles, birds and even small mammals.

Also inhabiting slow-moving waters are the softshell turtles. They enjoy marshes, ponds, tributaries and drainage ditches. The Florida softshell can grow to about 20 inches. They swim just below the surface and may also bask on a nearby log.

They can be identified by their dark brown skin, leathery carapace and a white or cream colored underside. This coloration provides the creature with excellent camouflage from predators. Softshells have a long snorkel-like nose.

They are almost entirely aquatic, generally only leaving their watery habitat to lay eggs or bask in the sun. They are shy around people, but when they are frightened and feel threatened, they will bite with their strong jaws. They are extremely fast both in water and on land. The Florida softshell is highly carnivorous, consuming fish, frogs and other amphibians, insects, duck hatchlings and crustaceans.

Mud and musk turtles are another species found in Florida. They inhabit cypress swamps and drainage ditches. They are also called stinkpot due to their ability to release a foul musky odor



This soft-shell turtle was caught in Lake Grassy in Lake Placid.

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to ward off predators. The common musk turtle can climb to amazing heights up near vertical surfaces. They can also hang off branches above the water and dive or fall with a loud splash into the water.

These small creatures are generally black, grey or brown with high domed shells.

They only grow to a length of about 3 to 5 inches. They have long necks and short legs. The head is vaguely triangular in shape, with a pointed snout and sharp beak, and yellow-green striping from the tip of the nose to the neck.

Barbels are present on the chin and the throat and their tongues are covered in bud-like nipples that allow them to breathe underwater.

Those are only a few of the many varieties of turtles that live in Florida. There are a number of other species that live in different

habitats such as the sea turtles and tortoises. But one thing is for sure; no matter where you may travel in Florida, you are sure to see some type of turtle whether in a pond, river, ditch or even the ocean.

Interesting turtle facts:

— The first known turtles existed 200 million years ago.

— There are approximately 300 species of turtles.

— Turtles live on every continent except Antarctica.

— The blood of hibernating turtles acts somewhat like antifreeze, allowing it to tolerate cold temperatures.

— Some female turtles produce eggs four years after mating.

— Many species make sound, especially while mating.

— Incubation temperature determines the sex of the hatchling.

— All turtles lay their eggs on land.

— Hatching turtles have an egg tooth at the end of their beak to help open the egg.

— Some land turtles can out run a human.

— The smallest turtle, the Speckled Padloper is 4 inches. The largest is the Leatherback sea turtle that can reach up to 10 feet in length.

— Turtle shells are built into their skeleton.

— The top shell, the carapace, is made up of approximately 50 bones.

— Turtles cannot protrude their tongues from their mouths.

— Aquatic turtles must be in water to eat.

— Land turtles ears are sensitive to ground vibration.

— A group of turtles is classically called a bale.

— Turtles have good eyesight, seeing in full color and a strong sense of smell. They have excellent hearing and sense of touch. Their shells have feeling due to nerve endings.

— Instead of teeth, turtles have a sharp beak for eating. Depending on species, the beak may be scissor-like, hook-like, or serrated. The earliest turtles did have teeth and could not retract their head.

— Some turtles can live up to a year without food.

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Study shows scores got sick, 1 died trying to kill bedbugs

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Bedbugs don't make you sick. But the poisons used to kill them can.

A government study released Thursday found that dozens of Americans have fallen ill from the insecticides, and a North Carolina woman died after using 18 cans of chemical fogger to attack the tiny blood suckers.

Because many of the cases, including the lone death, were do-it-yourselfers who misused the chemicals or applied the wrong product, federal health officials are warning consumers to be careful and urging them to call professionals.

The report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention counted 80 illnesses and one death linked to the insecticides over three years. Most of the cases were in New York City, the apparent epicenter of a recent U.S. bedbug comeback.

The CDC was able to get data from 12 states, and only seven had reports of such illnesses. One was New York, where bedbugs have become a highly publicized problem and where health officials

have also been extra vigilant about reporting unusual chemical poisonings.

Investigators were relieved to find a relatively small number of cases.

"At this point, it's not a major public health problem," said Dr. Geoff Calvert, a CDC investigator who co-authored the study.

Bedbugs are wingless, reddish-brown insects that bite people and animals to draw blood for their meals. Though their bites can cause itching and welts, they are not known to spread disease.

"There's nothing inherently dangerous about bedbugs," said Dr. Susi Vassallo, an emergency medicine doctor who works at New York City's Bellevue Hospital Center and occasionally treats patients who report bedbug problems.

But the insects are a major hassle. In recent national surveys of exterminators, bedbugs were named the toughest pest to get rid of. They can hide for months, only come out at night and can be hard to spot with the human eye.

They are also creepy, pro-

voking intense fear in the minds of many people unnerved by the threat that an almost invisible insect could emerge at night to drink their blood.

"Sometimes people get hysterical," said Theresa Braine, a New York City journalist who lived with bedbugs in her apartment for a year and now writes a weekly Internet column about the pests.

The CDC study was the first to look at the dangers of bedbug insecticides. Researchers reviewed reports from California, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Texas and Washington.

They counted 111 cases from 2003 through 2010. Most occurred in the last few years, when bedbug reports rose. More than half were in New York City.

People suffered headaches, dizziness, breathing problems and nausea and vomiting. More than 80 percent of the illnesses were considered mild. The one death was a 65-year-old woman from Rocky Mount, N.C., who had a history of heart trouble.

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Courtesy photo

Julie Varholdt (center as herself), recipient of Clown of the Year award and All Around Clown Award, visited Toby's Clown Foundation and Museum earlier this month. In this photo, she is surrounded by a collage of photos of herself in costume.

World Clown Association's Clown of the Year visits LP

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — Internationally known clown, Julie Varholdt, who was awarded both the World Clown Association's 2010 Clown of the Year award and Clowns of America's All Around Clown Award, visited Toby's Clown Foundation and Museum on Sept. 3 for a reception given and greeted by members of Toby's Clown Alley and Foundation.

It was thrilling for local clowns to meet such a well-known performer. She has won the respect of entertainers all over the world. She will be performing in Mumbai, India through Oct. 9.

Varholdt has many characters and costumes such as "Lovely Buttons," "Miss Beulah Pearl," and "Miss Need-a-Hug," to name a few. She is also a stilt-walker.

She served as an inspiration to local clowns as they prepare to instruct a new Clown Class beginning Nov. 21. To enroll in clown school, pick up an applica-

tion at the Clown House at 109 W. Interlake Blvd. in Lake Placid. You may also download the application at www.tobysclownfoundation.org.

Call 863-465-2920 for more information.

Caring clowns are born in childhood

Here I was, up to my silly clown nose, thinking that I could develop young caring clowns who would make visits to nursing homes. Children would bring love from our First Presbyterian Church in Vero Beach. How could I, a new graduate of Toby's Clown School in Lake Placid, think about such a project?

Summer Klown Kamp would be the vehicle. The children, ages 8 to 11, would learn to perform, do magic tricks, juggle, and most of all develop their communication and people skills as they became loving and caring clowns.

We wanted the children to comfortably visit nursing home residents who might be so ill that perhaps only their hearts could smile at a child. And indeed, there were those stroke victims who could not lift the corners of their mouths, amputees, residents who rested continuously on gurneys and a lady who hadn't spoken to anyone since her arrival at the facility. The children visited them all, treating each as individuals and new friends. They focused on giving love and looked past all the debilitating illnesses.

To prepare the children,

Guest Column

Jane 'Twinkle' Klasing

Klown Kamp began with costumes, many crazy hats, make up and the selection of clown names. During the daily arts and crafts segment, the new clowns painted and decorated their own shoes and hats, and made gifts for the nursing home residents. They performed skits and one liners by acting out comic strips from the daily newspapers. The cartoon characters helped them with visualization. Mime and large gestures, essential for the hearing impaired, were also components.

Dr. Tim, our senior pastor who loves humor, taught juggling first with silk scarves and then with balls. Magic was taught by Big Al Pelski from the Toby the Clown Foundation. Caring clowns with as many as 50 years of experience in delivering cheer from church communities to hospitals and nursing homes helped to prepare the children for the very ill.

Visits of 45 minutes worked for both the caring clowns and the nursing home residents. A brief session of songs and skits set the tone for the visit. The children

then performed magic tricks like the vanishing sponge balls, gave stickers to the patients, juggled for them and brought smiles. For those who couldn't smile, there were clown masks to be held up.

Even the lady who hadn't spoken wanted to talk with the children, and asked them to please return. Probably the greatest reward for the children was meeting a retired professional rodeo clown. Although he couldn't speak, being in the company of the caring clowns gave his visiting daughters a chance to share memories with their dad.

At Klown Kamp's conclusion, the children were asked

their reactions. The new First Presbyterian Church Caring Clowns agreed they would continue to visit and clown. As they said, "We feel good," and "We care." A new generation of clowns is born.

You, too, can be a clown. The Toby the Clown fall class schedule has been released.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 2. This class will be held three nights a week for a total of 24 classroom hours.

The Clown House is located at 109 W. Interlake Blvd. in Lake Placid. More details can be found at www.tobysclowns@embarq-mail.com or by calling the Clown house at 465-2920.

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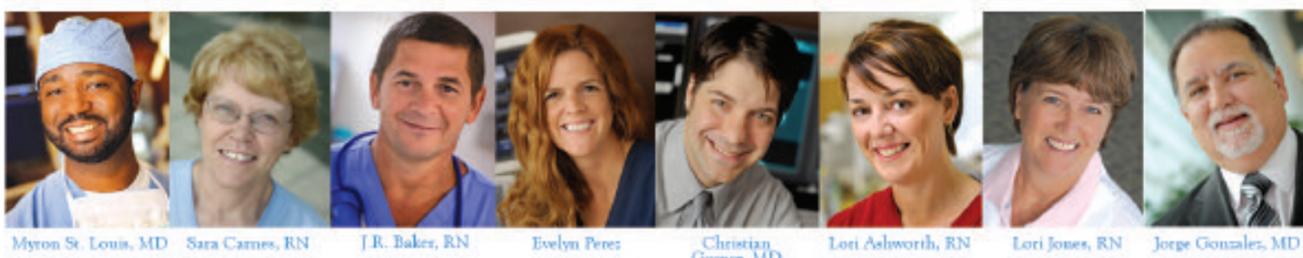
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Black Eyed Peas to play at Jackson tribute show

Associated Press

LONDON — The Black Eyed Peas will perform at next month's Michael Jackson tribute concert in Wales.

They'll join Christina Aguilera, Smokey Robinson and Cee Lo Green at the "Michael Forever" show.

Frontman Will.i.am — who worked with Jackson before the pop star's death in 2009 — said Friday "we all owe Michael such a lot."

He said Jackson's songs "have been an inspiration to my whole life and certainly formed the soundtrack to my childhood."

The Oct. 8 concert at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium will be hosted by actor Jamie Foxx.

The show is not affiliated with Jackson's estate, but his mother Katherine and other relatives are scheduled to attend.

Organizers rescinded an offer to the band Kiss over singer Gene Simmons' past criticism of Jackson.

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Highlands Art League presents Five Object Challenge to public

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – In May and June, Highlands Art League's Yellow House Gallery and Gift Shop featured an exhibit of the studio artists' Five Object Challenge pieces.

The artists all painted the same five objects, but the way each individual chose to portray them resulted in a wide variety of different compositions.

Now, the challenge is being extended to the public.

A new set of five objects has been chosen, and is currently on display in the Yellow House.

Take a photo of the objects, or visit the Yellow House when it is open to work from real life.

The only rule is that all five of the chosen objects must be included in a work of art. How they are incorporat-



An idea of some of the finished challenges by Highlands Art League artists from earlier this summer. Now the Five Object Challenge is being opened to the public.

ed is entirely up to the individual.

Then, just bring the piece (in any medium) to the gallery by Oct. 10.

Two-dimensional works should be either framed or on stretched canvas.

In October, Highlands Art League will be doing an open

exhibition of the Five Object Challenge, which means that anyone can exhibit their work, even if they are not a member.

The reception for this exhibition will occur in conjunction with the Destination Downtown reception from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

Attendees will vote on their favorite pieces, and three people's choice awards will be given out.

For more information, call the Highlands Art League office at 385-6682, email info@highlandsartleague.org, or visit the website at www.highlandsartleague.org.

Life of canine star Rin Tin Tin an engrossing tale

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL
Associated Press

Book Review

Lee Duncan's great unre-alized ambition was a movie based on his unlikely life with his canine pal Rin Tin Tin. He had to settle instead for the financial rewards that came from creating a cultural phenomenon.

The ups and downs of Duncan's life — and the German shepherd's Hollywood career — provide the spine of Susan Orlean's engrossing and delightful book, "Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend." Its heart lies in her exploration of how a dog could come to embody the ideal of heroic devotion and, eventually, exist as an icon.

A soldier in France during World War I, Duncan came across a wrecked kennel. Amid the dead dogs

were five German shepherd puppies. He kept two, naming them Nanette and Rin Tin Tin after good-luck figurines of the day, and managed to get them back to the U.S. Nanette died soon after, and Duncan began training "Rinty" at his home in Los Angeles.

The breed was relatively new, developed in Germany in 1899, and its fierce, contemplative countenance and athletic abilities made it perfect for the movies. Rin Tin Tin became America's favorite movie star.

Orlean finds much more to the story than a man and his dog: good fortune and bad luck, money made and lost, egos built up and torn down, families united and broken, people loved and unloved, and lots and lots of litigation.

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BAPTIST

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

CATHOLIC

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

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; web-site, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 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.

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CHRISTIAN

■ **Eastside Christian Church**,

101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray Culpepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord's Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjord, 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-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

5 best Brad Pitt performances

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**

AP Movie Critic

LOS ANGELES — Choosing Brad Pitt's five best performances was tough, but getting a chance to look back on his career was a joy.

Ever since his breakout role as the sexy and mysterious drifter J.D. in "Thelma & Louise" (1991), Pitt has repeatedly proven that he's so much more than just a pretty face. He's shown a knack for choosing meaty, intelligent films and working with the most respected directors, which has allowed him to explore every facet of his versatile talent.

This week he stars in "Moneyball" as Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane, a role that lets him be both charismatic and vulnerable. It's some of his best work; here are five other examples:

— "Fight Club" (1999):

The first rule of Brad Pitt is,

it's impossible not to talk about Brad Pitt. He's larger than life here, mythological almost, as Tyler Durden, the leader of the secret fight club and the key to Edward Norton's salvation — or so he initially thinks. Sinewy and swaggering, Pitt radiates sexy masculinity in an almost primal way. The fact that he also challenges the men who follow him on emotional and psychological levels makes him not just charismatic but downright frightening. This is one of several films Pitt has made with director David Fincher — and you might put "Se7en" or "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" on your list of his top performances — but this is the one that stands out most for me.

— "The Tree of Life" (2011): Between this and "Moneyball," Pitt is having a pretty great year. But the performances come in two

films that couldn't be more different. Terrence Malick's hypnotic meditation on family, memory and the origin of life itself is full of mesmerizing imagery. But it also allowed Pitt to do some of the best work of his career as a husband and father of three in 1950s Texas. Pitt makes the character an intimidating figure, a capricious mix of toughness and tenderness. His actions may seem questionable, even abusive at times, but you get the sense that he's questioning, struggling, trying to figure out how to be the best man he can be without abandoning his traditional notions of manhood.

— "Inglourious Basterds" (2009): He's pretty much doing a bad impression of George W. Bush here — campy but irresistible — and it is always such a joy to watch him let go and goof off. Pitt tops a tremendous ensemble cast in Quentin

Tarantino's daring, revisionist World War II saga as the twangy Tennessean Lt. Aldo Raine. He's the leader of a band of Jewish American soldiers who hunt Nazis with the goal of not just killing them but scalping them and sometimes carving swastikas into their foreheads. He offers a rousing mix of aw-shucks earnestness and slam-bang bravado.

— "Burn After Reading" (2008): Part of the beauty of Pitt is his willingness to toy with his own beautiful image. In the Coen brothers' comedy, he steals every scene he's in — and nearly walks away with the whole movie — as an overgrown child of a gym trainer whose bungled schemes get him in way over his head. Just his name alone, Chad Feldheimer, makes him sound like a first-class doofus, and one look at his blonde-streaked pouf tells you not to take him, or the



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Brad Pitt's current movie is 'Moneyball.'

film, too seriously. But Pitt brings an innocence to the role that makes him irresistible rather than obnoxious; with the shadow of superstardom looming so large, it's easy to forget he can be funny.

— "Snatch." (2000): Pitt went even deeper to play a weird, wild comic character here, going so far as to speak in an accent that made him completely unintelligible — but that's what made the performance hilarious. Guy Ritchie's comedy is full

of his typically colorful characters, assorted British low-lives and eccentrics. But Pitt steals the show as an Irish gypsy boxer who speaks in such a quick, mangled way, even the Brits can't understand him. In a recent Entertainment Weekly interview, he said he came up with the gibberish in a panic at the last minute when he couldn't quite nail the character's accent.

But as with everything else, he made it look effortless.

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 redeeper1895@aol.com Web site: redeemeravon.com. The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

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

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

■ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Rev. Gary Kindle, pastor. Traditional Worship service, 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes: 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Faity 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 Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at:

www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

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.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

■ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.,** on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister: Phone, 314-0482, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister: Phone, 385-8171, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Web site is www.ctmforme.com

■ **Grace Bible Church,** 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

■ **Highlands Community Church,** a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

■ **The Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church,** 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at www.juanitafolsomministries.com.

■ **Union Congregational Church,** 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday worship services are at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Millennium Church. Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m. We also offer a Saturday service at 6 p.m. with Pastor Tiger Gullett in the Millennium Church. Nursery/child care is available for all services. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org. All teachings are taken from the Manufacturer's Handbook - The Holy Bible. Come join us.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,**

new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

■ **The Way Church,** 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone:471-6140, Church Cell Phone:381-6190. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA),** 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. 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.cpcsebring.org. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

■ **First Presbyterian Church ARP,** 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women's Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday; Grief Support Group, 1 p.m.; Youth Group (middle and high school), 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** www.fpcip.com, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 9-10 a.m. in the sanctuary; contemporary worship is from 11 a.m. to noon. Sunday school classes for adults and children will be 10:10-10:50 a.m. in the educational building. Call the church office for more information

about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church,** 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparkda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling; and Associate Pastor Kameron DeVasher. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship.** Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave.,

Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmy-sebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary, Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available at all services.

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 200 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759. R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: www.fumcap.org.

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. Bible Fellowship Class, 6 p.m. (October-May only). We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that want to know Christ and make Him known. Call the church office at 465-2422 or check out our church Web site at www.memorialumcc.com.

■ **St. John United Methodist Church,** 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

■ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church,** 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

CHALK TALK

Teacher Facebook law in Mo. repealed

By DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri lawmakers voted overwhelmingly Friday to repeal part of a contentious new law that prohibited teachers from chatting privately with students over Internet sites such as Facebook.

Gov. Jay Nixon must now sign the repeal for it to take effect. He previously has called upon lawmakers to repeal the online communications law in a special legislative session.

His request came shortly after a judge barred the Missouri law from taking effect Aug. 28 because it could "have a chilling effect" on free-speech rights.

"When we make errors we need to fix them, and that's what we're doing here today," said Rep. Chris Kelly, a Democrat from Columbia.

Lawmakers removed the original law's most publicly controversial provision, which barred teachers from using websites that allow "exclusive access" with current students or former students who are 18 or younger, such as occurs with private messages on Facebook.

But the repeal went a step further by also requiring public school districts to adopt policies by March 1 on employee-student communications, including "the use of electronic media," in order "to prevent improper communications."

The Missouri Constitution gives the governor the authority to determine which matters lawmakers can consider during extraordinary sessions.

But lawmakers contend that does not mean the governor can limit how legislators act on those matters — for example, by restricting them only to repealing a section of law instead of amending it.



SFCC Nursing Professor Tonya Serey (right) demonstrates an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on a simulation mannequin to a group of SFCC Nursing students during the programs Mega SIM Days project.

SFCC Nursing students participate in Mega SIM Days

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Every academic term, the South Florida Community College Nursing program continues to find new and innovative ways to teach its students. Recently, the program held its first Mega SIM Days. The two-day, collaborative simulation project involved all students in the Practical Nursing (PN) and Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) programs, as well as the LPN to RN Transition program, who worked together in learning a variety of nursing skills using the program's patient simulators.

Students from each year and program were combined into groups, and the second year students then led their groups through skills including CPR, respiratory and cardiac assessment, and rapid response. The groups also participated in a realistic hospital scenario with a patient simulator. High fidelity patient simulators react to what the students do the same way a human patient would react. They can be programmed to simulate breathing, vocal sounds, heart and lungs sounds, pulses, blood pressure, and oxygen saturation levels. They then change based on the specific disease process the students are observing.

The project was organized by SFCC Nursing Professor Kathleen Cappo, who heard about similar projects taking

place in other Nursing programs and felt it was an important tool to incorporate into SFCC's Nursing program. "It's a way to refresh second-year students' skills and reinforce what first-year students are learning," she said. "It's going to bring a level of confidence to both advanced and beginning nursing students."

"As a first-year student, the experience was beneficial to me," said ADN student Lourvina Ramos. "When you work with the SIMs, you do all of the things you would do when you enter a patient's room. Having no experience in hospitals, it was good to learn what the process is like."

Second-year LPN to RN Transition student Meagan Toney also found the experience beneficial to her learning. "Being able to teach the first-year students what I've already learned really helped to reinforce my knowledge and gives me confidence in my own abilities."

"We are passionate about what we do," said Dr. Michele Heston, director, SFCC Nursing Education. "Our nursing faculty is always excited to bring new projects such as this to our students to help ensure their success."

Innovative classroom experience is not the only benefit students receive in SFCC's Nursing program. They are taught by instructors who, collectively, have more than 197 years' worth of hands-on nursing experience, and students complete clinical rotations at a variety of local health care facilities including hospitals, nursing homes, day care centers, and the health department. "We have a strong, quality program with a high level of patient care in our community," said Dr. Heston. The SFCC Nursing program offers certificates and degrees in nursing assistant; practical nursing, for those studying to become licensed practical nurses; Associate Degree in Nursing, for those studying to become registered nurses; and Nursing Transition - LPN to RN.

For more information about the SFCC Nursing program, call Heston at 785-7227.

SFCC Corporate and Continuing Education offers IV Therapy

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — South Florida Community College's Corporate and Continuing Education department is offering an IV Therapy class from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Oct. 15, 22, 29, and Nov. 5 and 6 at the Highlands Campus. The 30-hour class satisfies the requirements for licensed practical nurses as outlined by the Florida Board of Nursing. The cost is \$154.99.

Participants will receive hands-on practice with an

IV simulation manikin. Topics covered include infection control, central line use, assessment and care, fluids, electrolytes, blood, plasma, albumin, and TPN therapy. Medication math formulas and dosage calculations are also discussed.

For more information, call Lorrie Key, SFCC Corporate and Continuing Education, at 784-7033. To register, call SFCC Registration at 784-7134 or 784-7416.

Panther Network Programming Schedule
The Panther Network is made possible by the combined efforts of Comcast Cablevision and South Florida Community College and may be viewed exclusively on Comcast Cable Channel 6.



Panther Network

- Wednesday**
- 2-2:30 p.m. — 3 The Skillful Teacher
 - 2:30-3 p.m. — 3 The Skillful Teacher cont.
 - 3-3:30 p.m. — 4 Innumeracy and Beyond
 - 3:30-4 p.m. — 4 Innumeracy and Beyond cont.
 - 4-4:30 p.m. — 5 Multicultural Teaching and Learning Strategies for Change in High Education
 - 4:30-5 p.m. — 5 Multicultural Teaching and Learning Strategies for Change in High Education cont.

- Thursday**
- 2-2:30 p.m. — 10 Developing Programs in Adult Education
 - 2:30-3 p.m. — 10 Developing Programs in Adult Education cont.
 - 3-3:30 p.m. — 11 Leadership by Design Strengthening Integrity I Higher Education
 - 3:30-4 p.m. — 11 Leadership by Design Strengthening Integrity I Higher Education cont.
 - 4-4:30 p.m. — 12 Practical Guide to Conducting Customized Work Force Training
 - 4:30-5 p.m. — 12 Practical Guide to Conducting Customized Work Force Training.

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Inspirational Thoughts by Patricia Valentine

St John 16:31-33, Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the father is with me.

These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (NKJV). As the scripture is asking, do you now believe? We continue in the Christian life the same way we begin, by believing in Jesus. The more we place our trust in Jesus, the more we receive. The more we receive, the more we can accomplish for his glory. In verse 32, the disciples would desert Jesus. Knowing this, Jesus still loved them, an amazing example of unconditional love. As verse 33 reminds us, in the world we will have tribulation, saying we will have pressure, affliction or distraction. But it goes on to encourage us to be of good cheer, meaning to be confident and courageous. When we place our trust in God, He can give us peace in the midst of pressure. **Be Blessed!**

Coming in the next few weeks, look forward to joining me in the teaching of "What do I do while waiting on the manifestation of my promise and how do I wait?" I would love to hear from you:
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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.

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.

MONDAY

■ **AI-Anon – LET IT BEGIN WITH ME** family group meets at 10:30 a.m. every Monday at the Heartland Christian Church on Alt. 27 in Sebring. The church is behind Southgate Shopping Center where Publix is. For more information call 385-5714.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting, 8-9 p.m. at Episcopal Church, Lakeshore Drive, Sebring. For more details, call 385-8807.

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

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Rosewood Center, 517 U.S. 27 South, Lake Placid.

■ **Alanon** meets at 8 p.m. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 202-0647.

■ **American Legion Placid Post 25 Lake Placid** has shuffleboard at 1 p.m. Lounge hours are 12-9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Happy hour from 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **AmVets Post 21** plays darts at 7:30 p.m. for members and guests. For details, call 385-0234.

■ **Avon Park Lakes Association** has shuffleboard at 1 p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m. The clubhouse is at 2714 Nautilus Drive in Avon Park.

■ **BALANCE Dual Diagnosed (Addiction and Mental Health) Support Group** meets the second and fourth Monday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Florida Hospital Sebring, Conference Room 1. Qi-Gong to follow at 7 p.m. Call 386-5687.

■ **Boy Scout Troop 482** meets 7 p.m., 34 Central Ave., Lake Placid.

■ **Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. For details, call 385-8118.

■ **Diabetes Support Group** meets the second and fourth Monday from 1-2:30 p.m. in Florida Hospital Conference Room 3 in Sebring. Call 402-0177 for guest speaker list.

■ **Dual Diagnosed (Addiction and Mental Health) Support Group**

meets from 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Monday at 4023 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. Call 386-5687.

■ **Florida Association Home and Community Education** meets from 9-11 a.m. weekly on Mondays at The Agri-Center. The group of sewers and crafters make items for residents of adult congregate living facilities. Call Penny Bucher at 385-0949.

■ **Garden Club of Sebring** meets noon, fourth Monday, Sebring Civic Center.

■ **Grand Prix Cloggers** EZ Intermediate and Intermediate Clogging class are held at 9 a.m. every Monday at Reflections on Silver Lake, Avon Park. Call Julie for further information at 386-0434.

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** meets the second and fourth Monday at the Sebring Country Estates Civic Association clubhouse, 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart). Dancing will be held every month until April 2008. Classes are being started now in the Sebring and Lake Placid area. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or visit the Web site at www.samdun.net.

■ **Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** is offering pony rides every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 p.m., weather permitting. \$5 donation per child. Call 452-0006 for more information. All proceeds raised support our free equine assisted riding program for adults and children with special needs, which resumes in September.

■ **Heartland Pops** rehearses at 7 p.m. Mondays at Avon Park High School Band Room, 700 E. Main St., under

the direction of Anthony Jones. Musicians of all ages are welcome. For information, call 314-8877.

■ **Highlands County Concert Band** rehearses 7-9 p.m. every Monday at Sebring High School band room. All musicians are welcome. Vic Anderson, musical director. Call Bill Varner at 386-0855.

■ **Highlands County Democratic Executive Committee** meets 7 p.m. fourth Monday in the Democratic Party Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway, Sebring. For details, call 699-6052.

■ **Highlands County Sewing Group** meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Highlands County Agri-Civic Center in the 4-H laboratory, Sebring. For details, call 402-6540.

■ **Highlands Sertoma Club** meets noon, Takis Family Restaurant, Sebring.

■ **Highlands County Senior Squadron, Civil Air Patrol** the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary meets the second and fourth Monday nights at the Sebring Airport Terminal Building. All are welcome. For further information, call 471-1433 between 4 and 7 p.m.

■ **Lake Placid American Legion Post 25** meets 8 p.m., Legion hall.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** will have classes in Drawing and Painting, conducted by Anne Watson, from from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. From 1-4 p.m., Mary Gebhart will teach Fabric Painting at the center. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** will have 'Open Studio' from 1-4 p.m. Bring your projects in whatever medium, to work in

a friendly atmosphere. Cost is only \$2 per session. Call Pat Keesling, 699-2058.

■ **Lake Placid Elks 2661** opens its lounge at 1 p.m. at the lodge. Ladies crafts at 2 p.m. Sign up for darts is at 6:30 p.m. Music from 5-8 p.m. It is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Library** has storytime at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** plays cards at 2 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only. Lodge closes at 6 p.m.

■ **Let It Begin With Me Alanon Group** meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Monday at Heartland Christian Church, 2705 Alt. 27 South, Sebring. For details about Alanon, a self-help group for families and friends of alcoholics, call 385-5714.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous Never Alone Candlelight** meets at 8 p.m. at 133 N. Butler Ave. in Avon Park, near the First Congregational Church. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafliheartland.org.

■ **National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People**, Highlands County Branch meets 7:30 p.m., 401 Tulane, Avon Park.

■ **Orchid Society of Highlands County** meets 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday at the Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring. Call Ed Fabik at 465-2830 for details.

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 12-4:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday in Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. No meetings from end of May to October. For

details, call 465-4888.

■ **Rotary Club of Highlands County** meets at 6:15 p.m. at Beef 'O Brady's, Sebring.

■ **Sebring AARP** meets 1:30 p.m., The Palms, Pine Street, Sebring.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Mondays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** has pizza and darts at 7:30 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** has the lounge open from 12-7 p.m. For more details, call 471-3557.

■ **Sebring Historical Society** open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Located in back side of Sebring Public Library building on Lake Jackson. For information, call 471-2522.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** plays Texas Hold 'em at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages from 1 p.m. to closing. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly FL 632, Sebring** meets at 2 p.m. for weigh-in at the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, Sebring. For details, call 659-1019.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary Post 4300** meets 2 p.m. fourth Monday, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880** euchre, 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Oct 1	Fly-in (and Drive-in) Breakfast and Sanctuary Tour presented by the Florida Aircraft Services.
Oct 6	Farmers Market @ Donaldson Park
Oct 13	Farmers Market @ Donaldson Park
Oct 15	Fourth Annual Oktoberfest and Car Show.
Oct 20	Farmers Market @ Donaldson Park
Oct 27	Farmers Market @ Donaldson Park
Oct 29 & 30	The Highlands County Ryder Cup

SEBRING	
Sept 30-Oct 3	8th Annual Run to the Heartland
Oct 3	Blood Drive at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce
Oct 4	Central Florida Bridal Gala
Oct 6	Sebring's Centennial Celebration
Oct 8	Saturday Night Cruise Car Show
Oct 13	Get in Touch With the "Power of Pink"
Oct 14	Destination Downtown Sebring
Oct 15	Downtown Community Sidewalk Garage Sale Returns!
Oct 15	Octoberfest
Oct 15	Arc's 3rd Annual Wiener Dog Race
Oct 15	Car Show @ Home Depot
Oct 15	Car Show
Oct 15	Music in the Park, Fall Concerts. Highlands Hammock's evening outdoor concerts in the park's picnic area.
Oct 28-30	Ghost Tours
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Oct 29	Sebring Halloween Trick or Treat Night

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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■ **Volunteers of America of Florida** is a nonprofit organization in Sebring that specializes in assisting person's with mental illness. We are pleased to announce our Drop in Center is open to individuals with a mental illness 6 days a week from 11am to 3 pm. The center offers a welcoming environment where individuals are accepted and feel comfortable. For more information please contact Wendy at 863-382-2022.

TUESDAY

■ **AI-Anon Family Groups** meet for discussion and Twelve Step study at noon, Union Congregational Church, 105 N. Forest Ave., Avon Park. Parking available south of old church.

■ **8 & 40 Salon 687** Call Betty Darmer, 465-2272, for details.

■ **Alzheimer's/Dementia Seminar** held at 11 a.m. every fourth Tuesday at Southern Lifestyle, 1297 U.S. 27 North, Lake Placid. Also sponsored by Nurse on Call. Covers common signs of dementia, coping and care giving tips, disease management, organizations, etc. Call 465-0568.

■ **American Legion Placid Post 25 Lake Placid** has shuffleboard and euchre, both at 1 p.m. Lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **Audubon Chapter** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Masonic Lodge, downtown Lake Placid on the corner of Main and Park. Bring a covered dish to share, utensils and plates, at 6:30 p.m. or come at 7:30 p.m. for presentations by guest speaker. The public is invited.

■ **Avon Park Boy Scout Troop 156** meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Scout Lodge, 202 Robert Britt St., Avon Park.

Boys ages 11-17 are eligible to join. For details, call 452-2385.

■ **Avon Park Library** has storytime at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

■ **Beta Sigma Phi, Xi Nu Sigma** Chapter of Avon Park, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month in the members home. Call president Mary Joiner at 382-4488 or vice president Linda Webster at 385-1124.

■ **Busy Bee Craft Club** meets 9-11 a.m., Fairway Pines, Sun 'N Lakes Boulevard, Sebring. Everyone is welcome. For more details, call 382-8431.

■ **Celebrate Recovery** meets every Tuesday night at "The Rock," Union Congregational Church, 28 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park. A barbecue meal is served at 6 p.m. for a donation. At 6:45 p.m., members meet. At 7:30 p.m., the group breaks up into small groups for men and women. The program is designed for drug and alcohol addiction, divorce, death or illness grief, low or lost self-esteem or identity due to dysfunctional relationships, depression/anxiety, or any other need for healing. For details, contact Celebrate Recovery coordinator Pam Sim by calling 453-3345, ext. 106.

■ **The Computer Club at Buttonwood Bay** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month November through March. We invite anyone interested in expanding their computer knowledge to attend the Buttonwood Bay Bytes Computer Club meeting.

■ **Fletcher Music Club** meets every Thursday and Tuesday at Fletcher Music Center in Lakeshore Mall, Sebring. For more details, call 385-3288.

■ **G2G (Grandparent to Grandparent)**, a support group to help grandparents raising grandchildren, meets at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at One Hope United, 7195 S. George Blvd., Sebring. Call 214-9009.

■ **Heartland Harmonizers**

■ **Barbershop Chorus** meets from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Sebring High School Music Room, Sebring. All men who enjoy singing are invited. Reading music is not required. Call 471-2294 or 386-5098.

■ **Highlands County Quilt Guild** meets first and third Tuesday, St. Agnes Episcopal Church, Sebring. Call Lynn Ullinn for meeting times at 314-0557 or e-mail lucky-duck@mymailstation.com.

■ **Highlands Senior Center Bingo** every Tuesday 6-9 p.m. at 3400 Sebring Parkway. Doors open at 4 p.m. Cards on sale at 5 p.m.; games start at 6 p.m. Great snack bar. For more information, call 386-0752.

■ **Highlands Tea Party** meets at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Square. Call 386-1440.

■ **Hope Hospice** grief support group meets at 11 a.m. at 319 W. Center Ave., Sebring; and 4:30 p.m. at Southern Lifestyle ALF, across U.S. 27 from Florida Hospital Lake Placid. Call 382-0312.

■ **Knights of Columbus Council 5441** meets 8 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at Knights of Columbus Hall, 900 U.S. 27 N., Sebring. For details, call 385-0987.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** has classes in Parchment Embossing from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd., taught by Maria Lorant. For information, call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lake Placid Art League Woodcarvers** will have Focus on Airbrushing from 1-4 p.m. and Open Carving from 5-8 p.m. at the Art League, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. Call Norm Pelland, 465-5510, or Ken Lorant, 699-0172.

■ **Lake Placid Elks 2661** opens its lounge at 1 p.m. at the lodge. Happy hour is from 2-5 p.m. Card games at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Grief Support (Hope Hospice)** meets at 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Southern Lifestyle, 1297 U.S. 27 North, Lake Placid, with Charlie Stroup. Refreshments served. Door prize given. Call 465-0568.

■ **Lake Placid Jaycees** meets 7:30 p.m., Jaxson's. Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Call Joe Collins, 655-5545, for details.

■ **Lake Placid Lions Club** meets at 7 p.m. (6 p.m. for dinner) the second Tuesday each month at Herons Garden, 501 US 27 North, Lake Placid. Call Jeanne at 699-0743.

■ **Lake Placid Women of the Moose** has a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday at the lodge.

■ **Lorida Community Club** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Lorida Community Center to plan events.

■ **Masonic Lodge** meets 8 p.m., 106 N. Main St., Lake Placid.

■ **Nar-Anon Support Group** for family members or friends of someone with a drug problem or addiction. Nar-Anon helps attain serenity and a more normal life for those affected by the addictions of loved ones, regardless of whether or not he/she has stopped using. 6 p.m. every Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets from 9-10 a.m. every Tuesday at Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1410 W. Avon Blvd. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Visit www.FloridaRidgeInterGroup.com. For details, call 382-7731. Visit www.oa.org for more information on OA.

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. For details, call 465-4888.

■ **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)** offers a full range of volunteer

opportunities for people age 55 and over. RSVP meets on the fourth Tuesday each month, 10 a.m., at the Highlands Little Theatre. Please join us for coffee and to learn more about current volunteer opportunities in Highlands County. Any interested and enrolled volunteers are invited to attend. For more information call Kris Schmidt, coordinator, RSVP, at 784-7189.

■ **Rotary Club of Sebring (Noon)** meets at noon at the Sebring Civic Center, near the library in downtown Sebring. For information, call 385-3829 or 471-9900.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** will have Duplicate Bridge games every Tuesday evening. If interested in playing Duplicate Bridge, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** plays darts, beginning with sign in at 6 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m. No experience necessary. Cost is \$2. For more details, call 471-3557.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves soft shell tacos 5-7 p.m. at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages from 1 p.m. to closing. Euchre is played at

6:30 p.m. 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., Sebring. For details, call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.

■ **Sertoma Club** meets at 7 a.m. at Dee's Restaurant, Sebring. For details, call Scott Albritton at 402-1819.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter FL 99** meets from 6-7 p.m. at the Atonement Lutheran Church, 1744 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 655-1743.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter FL 618** has weigh in from 4-4:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church, 1400 CR-17A N., Avon Park. Meeting is at 4:45 p.m. For details, call 452-1093.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880**, plays darts 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

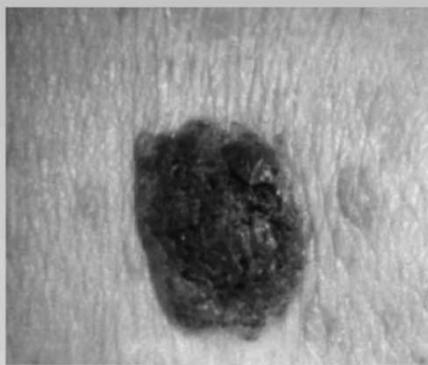
■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** has sandwiches at 5 p.m. and Franke from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

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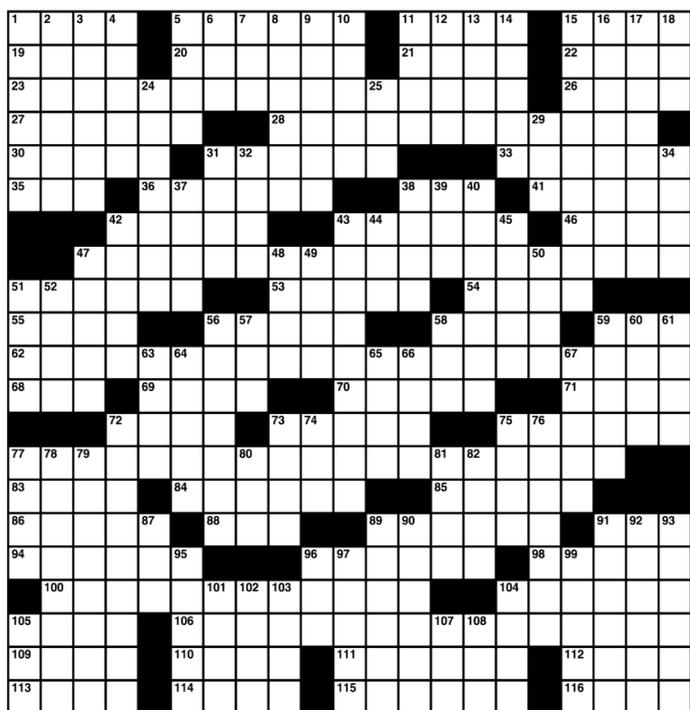
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By JEFFREY LEASE

Soul-searching excavation



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

Emotionally, I was a basket case.

Though it was many years ago, I can recall my scattered, confused state of mind when faced with divorce and raising my small son on my own. I felt vulnerable and emotionally shaky with an uncertain future before me.

Have you ever been in that place where life seems out of control as you dangle precariously above a valley floor far beneath your feet?

That's how I felt then...until I remembered Truth. Yes, that's right; Truth with a capital 'T.'

Suddenly I realized that my truth rested in the majesty and sovereignty of Almighty God. My identity was in Christ and my mind, emotions and faith found rest, security and hope.

In John 14:6, NKJV, Jesus declares, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

When this knowledge penetrated my being, my frustration turned to adoration.

When facing perplexing problems, uncertainties and confusion, recognize that God is in control and your perspective will change as you see how he values you.

I love the way Psalm 139 helps us probe these mind boggling concepts pulling our minds and emotions together by securing our faith.

God has searched and known me whether I'm at rest or on the go. He's not surprised by my thoughts

and he understands the paths before me even as I slumber. Things I may do or say are known to him beforehand; and, yet, he sandwiches me in and places his hand upon me. The Psalmist declares in verse

6, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it."

But, it prompts him to continue to explore the heights and depths to which our Lord will go to keep us in his care. And it reminds me of how the Apostle Paul declares that nothing can separate us from the love of God which in Christ Jesus our Lord.

King David acknowledges God's creativity (fearfully and wonderfully made) in his mother's womb; and, all that God knew and planned.

"How precious are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!"

My own soul searching led me to a deeper level of trust in the One who made me, knew me and had a future plan for my life.

Trust his heart when you can't see his hand and say with the Psalmist, "Search me O God and know my heart...and lead me in the way everlasting." (vs. 23a & 24b).

Searching implies excavation in which we find God's purpose and rest. Selah.

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

Stick with what you're doing, Aquarius

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 20) – Aries, if romance hasn't been on your mind, it's time to make it a priority. Do what you have to do – wine, dine and pull out all the romantic punches.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) – Another person's misdeeds will shed some light on your own, Taurus. Recognize your mistakes and work to correct them as soon as possible.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) – Gemini, you will need an abundance of patience if you are to make it through the next few days. Thursday proves especially challenging when a curveball gets thrown your way.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) – Manipulate a difficult situation to your advantage, Cancer. You already have a way with people, now you just have to get them on board with your idea.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) – Leo, after a few bumps along the road, things will even out to a steady pace for you. That's a good thing because now you'll be able to step back and review your actions.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) – Virgo, someone else's needs will take priority over your own this week. That could put a crimp in your plans. Find out if you will need help to get through the days.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Libra, just because something costs more doesn't mean it is necessarily better. You will learn this on Friday with your next purchase as you do your research.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov.

Horoscope

22) – Find a way to reduce the stress in your life, Scorpio. This way you can enjoy family and friends without a lot of things on your mind at any given time.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Sagittarius, don't make too much of a situation because you're reading into it the wrong way. The truth is much less than you are making things. Excitement awaits you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) – Capricorn, if you don't take a breather now and then you will be left with little energy. Take advantage of invitations by friends to hang out and enjoy some downtime.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) – Aquarius, you may feel like you're taking two steps back every day, but the truth is you're making progress - just in small doses. Stick with what you're doing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) – Pisces, few things are more exciting than being surprised by someone you love and respect. That is just what may happen to you.

Famous birthdays

Sept. 25 - Will Smith, actor (43); Sept. 26 - Olivia Newton-John, singer (63); Sept. 27 - Gwyneth Paltrow, actress (39); Sept. 28 - Hilary Duff, actress (24); Sept. 29 - Mackenzie Crook, actor (40); Sept. 30 - Jenna Elfman, actress (40); Oct. 1 - Jay Underwood, actor (43).

Bratty 4-year-old gives swift kick to friendship

Dear Abby: I'm a licensed cosmetologist with 27 years of experience. My friend "Kara" brought her 4-year-old son in for a haircut two weeks ago. "Damien" would not sit still. He kept pulling the cape over his head, so I finally removed the cape and put it in a corner. As I leaned in to cut his bangs, he spat directly in my face. I told him never to spit on me again, and that I wouldn't cut his hair until he could behave.

In the past Damien has hit me in retaliation because he was in trouble. He once tried to kick me in the head as Kara carried him past me. His parents enforce no consequences for his bad behavior. "Time-outs" consist of him violently kicking the door and throwing things around his room while screaming at the top of his lungs.

I apologized to Kara for becoming upset. It was unprofessional. She apologized for Damien, saying he was just trying to make a funny noise and be silly. I told her I'd like an apology from him, but she told me he was sorry.

In all my years, I have never encountered a kid who behaved as badly as Damien. When a child whips his head and thrashes violently, he

could be seriously injured during a haircut. I carry insurance in case of injury, but I'll be darned if I allow him to be my first claim.

How should I handle this? Our friendship seems to have cooled since this incident. Please help me.

— *Disrespected Stylist in Washington*

Dear Disrespected: You handled the situation with more grace than many individuals would have. You should follow through on your statement that you won't cut the boy's hair until he can behave. There are salons that cater to small children, equipped with all kinds of distractions so the process isn't intimidating or boring for them. The next time Kara calls, you should pleasantly direct her to one within a 100-mile radius that will "suit her needs." If your friendship with Kara is based upon your willingness to tolerate her child's misbehavior, you'll be lucky to be rid of her.

Dear Abby: I was recently on a full three-hour flight. I was assigned an aisle seat instead of a window seat where I would normally sit.



Dear Abby

When my seatmates — a couple — came to take their seats, they were too large to fit so they lifted the armrests to squeeze in. The man said he'd have to keep the rests up and joked that he'd hold his breath so he wouldn't spill over on me.

As the other passengers boarded, I walked back and asked the flight attendant if something could be done. She said the gate attendant could remove the couple and have them each purchase a second seat. I was mortified that they'd be paraded through the plane because of their size, so I said I'd grin and try to bear it.

Big mistake! The husband was in my seat the entire flight. I hugged the armrest in the aisle, which meant everyone who walked by bumped me. I couldn't watch the movie or recline my seat because I no longer had access to the other armrest with the controls, and it was impossible to lower my tray table because it would have rested on his arm.

Abby, it shouldn't have been my responsibility to be the bad guy and object to sharing the seat with that

Mass. library undoes century-old Twain book ban

Associated Press

CHARLTON, Mass. — A Massachusetts library has put the Mark Twain work "Eve's Diary" back on the shelf more than a century after it was banned.

The Charlton Public Library's trustees this week unanimously voted to return the book to circulation, reversing the board's 1906 decision to ban the 1905 short story.

Trustee Richard Whitehead said the move

was made to coincide with the American Library Association's Banned Books Week.

The book was written from the perspective of the biblical Eve. It was banned because trustee Frank Wakefield objected to nude illustrations of Eve. Whitehead tells The Telegram and Gazette he considers the illustrations works of art. The 1906 decision drew attention from The New York Times, which reported that Twain was not particularly concerned.

couple. It was unfair to me to suffer because they couldn't fit into their seats. With the expanding waistlines in this country, how do I handle this next time?

— *Trish in Louisiana*

Dear Trish: Next time, take to heart the flight attendant's suggestion because you have now learned firsthand what will happen if you ignore it.

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GOLD RUSH



Gold is on fire.

With concerns over the U.S. debt limit, financial crisis in Europe, a possible double-dip recession and a faltering stock market, Gold prices are up nearly 40 percent in the past 12 months.

The run-up has sent consumers to pawnshops and investors to their portfolios.

Here's a look at some of the facts and figures that make the metal so intriguing.

— Ryan Haggerty, Chicago Tribune

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THE SELL OFF

The gold-selling business is bustling at jewelry stores, kiosks, coin stores and pawn shops. Add in online sales and home parties, and you've got a boom.

With gold prices so high, almost anyone willing to part with a few trinkets can walk out with a few hundred dollars. With only a small handful of gold, it's easy to hit the \$1,000 mark.

As gold prices have risen, so has the competition for buying gold. Services like Cash4Gold and Money4Gold are part of the online craze that encourages consumers to mail in their gold. In almost every shopping center, you'll find someone offering to buy gold. They're also competing against independent consultants that offer private consultations or in-home parties.

There's no standard price on how much shoppers will get for the jewelry. Some places will pay as much as 90 percent of the market value of gold, reduced based on how much below 24-karat the piece is. But others pay as little as 65 percent of the market value.

— McClatchy Newspapers



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Jewelry stores are one place people go to sell gold items.

MAKE MINE SILVER

Rising gold prices have sent price-conscious consumers to other metals. Some brides and grooms are buying wedding bands made from alternative metals like tungsten or titanium. Silver fashion jewelry has gained popularity, with designer collections featuring gold and diamond accents.

— McClatchy Newspapers

GOLDEN INVESTMENT?

If the rise of gold prices make the precious metal seem like an investment too good to be true, it just might be.

Given gold's volatility you won't find many advisers suggesting that you start chasing gold profits right now. And you won't find any of them telling clients to load up on actual gold bullion — the better option, they say, is to go with gold-related exchange-traded funds, which don't require storage and, unlike mutual funds, can be bought and sold during the trading day.

People who get in at the end of a speculative bubble such as the current one are hurt more than anyone when prices collapse, warns Susan Spraker, president of Spraker Wealth Management in Maitland, Fla. Spraker has been putting her clients in gold for several years — mainly SPDR Gold Shares (ticker symbol GLD) — using a consistent buy-and-sell, profit-taking strategy.

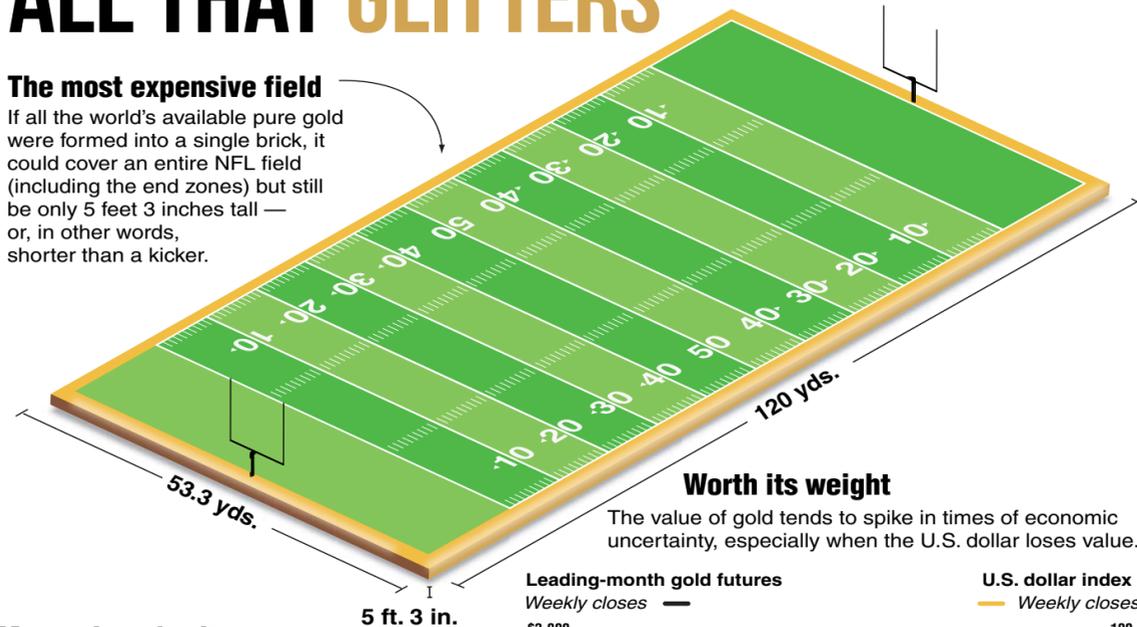
Others aren't buying into the gold rush at all. They cite the precious metal's long history of price crashes, especially from January 1980 to June 1982, when prices for the metal plummeted 65 percent.

— Orlando Sentinel

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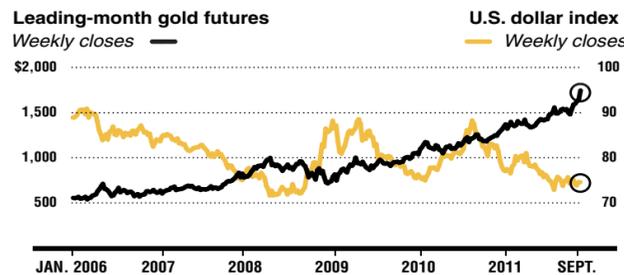
The most expensive field

If all the world's available pure gold were formed into a single brick, it could cover an entire NFL field (including the end zones) but still be only 5 feet 3 inches tall — or, in other words, shorter than a kicker.



Worth its weight

The value of gold tends to spike in times of economic uncertainty, especially when the U.S. dollar loses value.

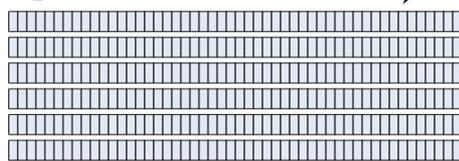


Mountains of salt

Only about 182,000 tons of mined gold exist in the world. For comparison's sake, Chicago began each of the last few winters with more than 300,000 tons of road salt on hand.

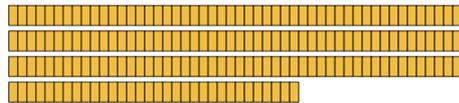
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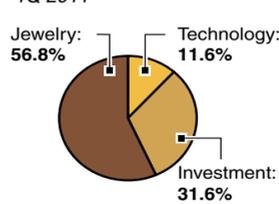
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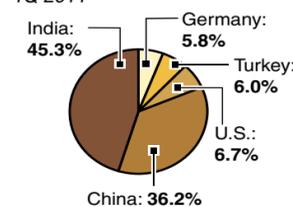
The many uses for gold

Most of the world's gold is used to make jewelry. India, the unofficial center of bling, has the greatest demand for gold.

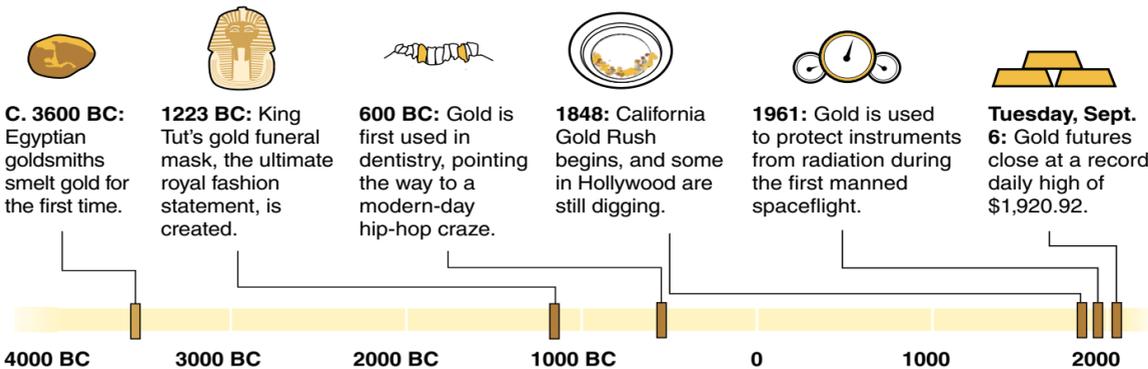
Worldwide demand by category 1Q 2011



Consumer demand in top 5 countries 1Q 2011



Gold's history goes way back



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