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Tourism board walks out of meeting with HCA

Stewart calls halt after being told to 'shut up'

By ED BALDRIDGE

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SEBRING — After two hours of meeting Thursday morning about how tourism dollars are spent, members of the Highlands County Tourism Development Council adjourned and left the meeting before members of the public were through with their questions.

"This meeting is over," Chairwoman Barbara Stewart said after hearing someone in the audience ask her to "shut up and let others speak."

More than 40 members of the public, many representing the Heartland Cultural Alliance, were packed into room 3 of the Bert J. Harris Agricultural Center during the TDC meeting, and many were seeking change on how tourism tax money is allocated.

"This is like a bird trying to fly on just one wing," Fred Leavitt, president of HCA, told the council at the end of the meeting. "The tourism attempts right now are only half of a healthy and fair picture. A bird cannot fly on just one wing."

Leavitt and the HCA were trying to express their desire for more funding of one-day events and other actions that bring tourism into Highlands County, but the council directed John Scherlacher, the director of the TDC, to concentrate on



News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE
Fred Leavitt, president of the Heartland Cultural Alliance, attempts to point out Thursday that arts and culture could be a large part of tourism if the funding was available.

putting heads on beds when it came to funding events.

"The funding system is broke. The hotels and race track have the money locked down to where you cannot get funding for a small event. If small groups have to put the money up front and then they only get reimbursed if they are running two- and three-day events, then culture is going to be left out," Leavitt said.

Several on the council argued with allegations from



News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE
Members of the Highlands County Tourism Council follow Commissioner Barbara Stewart out of a meeting on Thursday leaving the public with more questions.

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School grading policy discussed again

by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — The School Board of Highlands County met with elementary and middle school administrators and some teachers Wednesday to discuss the school district's grading policy of at least 15 years standing that is meant to encourage students to keep trying and stay in school instead of dropping out.

At the elementary level, the Student Progression Plan states, "Individual grades below 50 will be averaged using a base value of 50 for the lowest grade."

At the middle school level the plan states, "The four nine-week grades will be averaged to determine the year-long grade. For year long courses, nine-week grades below 50 will be averaged using a value of 50 for the

lowest nine-week period only one per course."

During the course of the workshop it became clear that teachers, district and school-based administrators are overwhelmingly in favor of the policy. It was also clear several members of the school board have doubts.

The subject is complex, with many

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AP's Horses & Handicapped facility a unique place to visit

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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AVON PARK — Heartland Horses and Handicapped is a unique and heartwarming place. Hidden from the bustle of city life, HHH is a haven for horses and disabled individuals. The barn smells of hay, the peaceful quiet only broken by the occasional foot stomp, bridle jingle or snort.

Sandy Kuhn, the founder of HHH, began her work with horses at a young age. Kuhn founded this program in 1998 with the belief that horses are able to provide mentally and physically challenged individuals the support they need to become better functioning citizens, and gain self esteem.

Six beautiful horses and

two fun-loving ponies live in the barn, located off College Drive next to South Florida Community College.

The horses are considered volunteers rather than animals, present at the facility "to assist each individual so that they may improve their motor skills, posture, bal-

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Volunteer Marsha Steinhouse grooms a horse recently at the Heartland Horses and Handicapped in Avon Park.

Council debates special events fee plan

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — The 30-page special events manual sparked unforeseen debate at Tuesday's city council meeting.

After nine months of planning and development, the appointed committee — including councilmen John Griffin and representatives of the public works, police and fire departments — completed an application procedure for any groups or individuals interested in holding an event in



Griffin

Sebring. The committee developed what is now known as the special events manual/application. Both the manual and application were presented to council members (excluding John Clark and Bud Whitlock, who were not present at Tuesday's meeting) for approval.

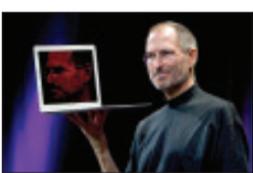
Sebring Fire Chief Brad Batz praised all involved parties for the development of the manual, but Mayor George Hensley did not agree with the new fee involved with special events.

The manual recommended that all events requiring state road closures be presented for approval before council 45 days prior to the event. All proposed events not requiring state road closures be submitted for approval 30 days prior to the event.

Batz stated that several triggering points had to be met before an event could be defined as a "special event."

The manual's definition of a special event is "any planned occurrence on

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Wednesday, Oct. 5:

◆ Joaquin Serapio Bautista, 30, of Zolfo Springs, was sentenced to 60 days for operating motor vehicle without valid license.

◆ Jerry Marcus Davis, 21, of Sebring, was charged with burglary of a conveyance; and larceny or grand theft.

◆ Troy Frank Dilanna, 23, of Sebring, was charged for possession of Oxycodone.

◆ Garrick Damon Harris, 37, of Sebring, was charged with possession of Oxycodone within 1,000 feet of park with intent to sell; sale of Oxycodone within 1,000 feet of park; and using two-way communication device to facilitate felony.

◆ Eric Tilghmal Hersberger, 21, of Lake Placid, was charged for possession of cannabis, two counts; possession of drug paraphernalia; and withholding support, non-support of children or spouse.

◆ Shawn Michael Leonhart, 31, of Avon Park, was charged for trafficking in stolen property, two counts; and false information given to pawn broker.

◆ Jerry Omar Morales-Ortiz, 23, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of controlled substance without prescription; and possession of narcotic equipment and/or use.

◆ Leo Savir Avila Rivas, 19, of Frostproof, was charged with larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense.

◆ Jose Trevino Salazar, 39, of Sebring, was charged on an Indiana County warrant for status hearing to revoke felony probation.

◆ Melissa Louise Vanderford, 36, of Sebring was charged for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Tuesday, Oct. 4:

◆ Alonzo Danielle Anderson, 30, of Sebring, kidnapping, false imprisonment of child under 13 years of age; and sexual assault, victim over 12 years of age, physical force.

◆ Eric Von Ferguson, 39, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of cannabis; possession of drug paraphernalia; and knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked.

◆ Jessica Lynn Fitch, 22, of Sebring, was charged with driving while license revoked, habitual offender.

◆ Aaron Heath Harmon, 34, of Sebring, was charged with battery on officer, firefighter, E.M.T., etc.; vehicle theft or grand theft of motor vehicle, two counts; burglary of occupied dwelling, unarmed; possession of controlled substance without prescription; burglary of unoccupied con-

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News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Chad Varga speaks passionately to Sebring High School's freshmen and senior classes Wednesday morning. Varga grabbed the attention of students and faculty as he shared his powerful life story of neglect, abuse, and eventually success.

Highlands County students get motivated, inspired

Former hoops star Varga shares his story

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Inspirational speaker, former professional basketball player and self-proclaimed "potential developer" Chad Varga spent the week in Highlands County addressing each of the middle and high schools.

Varga is a former University of Pittsburgh star who grew up in a rough life in the crime-riddled streets of Detroit.

After his childhood and teenage years filled with abuse and neglect, Varga used his painful past to transform his life into becoming a successful athlete, husband and father.

Varga has already spoken to the Highlands County Jail inmates, but felt it necessary to speak to teenagers in

schools in order to help them stay on the right path.

Lake Placid High School and Middle School heard Varga speak earlier this week, followed by Hill-Gustat, Avon Park and Sebring middle schools. Wednesday, Varga visited Sebring High School and Avon Park High School.

Varga demanded the attention, as well as the eyes, of each of the freshmen and seniors in the SHS gym as he began to tell his story.

Varga spoke of his mother's alcohol and drug abuse and how he and his older sister were violently abused and constantly neglected from an early age.

He went on to tell how basketball and his desire to be more than a statistic feed his hunger for success.

"I look around in here and I see so much potential, so much potential," Varga said.

Varga touched on several other issues including peer pressure, teen pregnancy and respect.

"Ladies, don't settle and don't let these guys disrespect you. Make them earn your respect. If they really care about you, if they love you they will respect you, they will wait," Varga said.

Varga has spoken to more than two million students since he started his non-profit organization Inspire Now. Students flocked to Varga's table following the assembly for photos and handshakes.

Highlands County students seemed moved and motivated by Varga's visits. Varga hopes to visit the area again in the near future.

Court says lawmakers can OK slots anywhere in state

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — State lawmakers can authorize slot machines anywhere in Florida, an appeals court ruled Thursday.

A three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal affirmed a prior decision that could open the door to letting the Legislature permit casino resorts in the state.

More immediately it makes Hialeah's race track eligible for slots although the opinion is likely to be appealed to the Florida Supreme Court.

Competitors had challenged a law passed last year that allows slots at Hialeah Park. They argued Hialeah didn't qualify under a state constitutional amendment voters passed in 2004.

The amendment permitted slots at seven horse and dog tracks and jai alai frontons that met certain criteria in Miami-Dade and Broward counties if approved through local referendums.

Circuit Judge James Shelfer of Tallahassee last

year dismissed part of a lawsuit and ruled the amendment didn't prevent the Legislature from approving additional slot machines anywhere.

The appeals court panel unanimously agreed, saying the only thing the amendment limited was the Legislature's authority to prohibit slots at certain facilities in the two counties.

There's no indication "voters intended to forever prohibit the Legislature from exercising its authority to expand slot machine gaming beyond those facilities," District Judge Marguerite H. Davis wrote for the panel.

"Nor is there any indication that Florida voters intended to grant the seven entities who met the criteria in a constitutionally-protected monopoly over slot machine gaming in the state," Davis added.

The Legislature for years had refused to permit slots and other casino-style gambling until 2010. Besides the slots law, lawmakers last year also endorsed a 20-year com-

Destination Downtown Halloween Bash Oct. 14

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Wednesday's edition of the News-Sun stated the wrong date for Destination Downtown's Halloween Bash. The event will take place Friday, Oct. 14.

The Halloween Bash will begin at 5 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Many events will be held during the Bash including the "All things Pumpkin" bake-off, costume contest, ghost stories and pumpkin carving.

The Night Moves 5K Run/Walk is sponsored by the Sebring Chamber of Commerce and will be held in conjunction with the Halloween Bash. The 5K Run/Walk will take place on the Circle and some of the spoke streets. The 5K will finish at the circle.

For more information on the Halloween Bash visit www.destinationdowntownsebring.com/.

For information or registration for the 5K call 385-8448.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

AARP offers Driver Safety Program

SEBRING — AARP Driver Safety Program will be offered from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 12-13 at First Presbyterian Church, in their education building, 319 Poinsettia Ave.

Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, payable to AARP. There is no written or driving test. The size of the class is limited.

Call Arlyn Fisher at 314-0401 to sign up for the class.

Shrine begins work for hospitals

Highlands Shrine Club Hospital Chairman Harry Lister announced this week that the annual "Advance Sales" will take place this year.

This is a once a year effort to contact businesses in Avon Park, Sebring and Lake Placid for donations to support the 22 Shrine Children's Orthopedic hospitals and burn centers around the country, Mexico and Canada. Children up to 18 years of age are treated free of charge.

Look for local Shriners in front of Winn Dixie and Publix stores in Avon Park, Sebring and Lake Placid on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14-15.

If you know of any child needing help, call (800) 237-5055, the Highlands Shrine Club at 382-2208 or Lister at 452-1480.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK — The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will host music by Lora Patten from 5-7 p.m. today. Karaoke by Bildi will be from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 452-9853.

The American Legion Post 69 E-Board will meet at 2:30 p.m. today. Music by Patsy. Call for time. For more information, call 453-4553.

LAKE PLACID
The American Legion Placid Post 25 will host Jimmy Black from 6:30-9:30 p.m. today. 20/21

starts Saturday. For details, call 465-0975.

The Lake Placid Moose 2374 will host music with Bob Weed from 6-9 p.m. today. Music with Steve and Peggy from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. For details, call 465-0131.

The Lake Placid Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 will host music with LT today. Call for time. For details, call 699-5444.

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

The Sebring Elks Lodge will have live music with Uptown Country from 6:30-9:30 p.m. today.

There will be a fundraiser for Jim Maxon, district vice president on Saturday. Apron Dance fundraiser (public invited). Come meet and dance with the Past Exalted Rulers and Spouses from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday. Music by Tom McGannon. Cost: \$5 Admission, food and munchies available. For details, call 471-3557.

Don & Allen play at Dance Club

SEBRING — The Highlands Social Dance Club hosts ballroom dancing today at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway. Music will be provided by Don & Allen.

Dance the night away to waltzes, cha-chas, foxtrots, rumbas, jitterbug and other ballroom favorites. All club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required.

Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. For more information call 863-385-6671

Ladies Auxiliary collect items for local veterans

SEBRING — AMVETS Post 21 Ladies Auxiliary is collecting donations of new underwear, socks or T-shirts for local men and women veterans of various sizes.

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School board member Bill Brantley (left), and School Superintendent Wally Cox, listen as Ruby Handley, principal of Memorial Elementary School, explains that at the elementary level the focus is working at grade level and mastering skills, not working for credits as in secondary school student do.

Grading policy an issue

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factors and influences, not the least of which is that the policy might violate state statute 1003.33, which says school districts "shall" issue report cards that "must" clearly depict and grade a student's academic performance based on examinations, written papers and class participation; performance at grade level; conduct and behavior; and attendance.

The question is whether assigning a 50 instead of using a student's actual lower score, met 1003.33's requirements.

School board attorney John McClure said the whole discussion of grading, from a legal point of view, is a gray area, complicated because there have been no challenges in case law and therefore no precedents.

McClure said, "It comes down to a strictly political

matter. I'm not much help, I realize. In my opinion there are ways to interpret (1003.33) either way."

There is concern, on the one hand, that the district's policy amounts to giving a student a free ride, advancing individuals when they were unprepared for a higher level of work.

School board member Andy Tuck, for example, worries that advancing students based on an inflated grade is an unfair burden on the next teacher. "Are we promoting a student who shouldn't be promoted?" he asked.

Administrators, however, point out that 50 is a failing grade. Students who continually under produce are not helped by the policy, they said, whereas students who work hard, but might be experiencing a temporary family crisis, or live in a permanently dysfunctional home, or who simply have

to work extra hard to pass, are helped.

The educators said classroom teachers and administrators, on the whole, try to avoid such extreme situations in the first place by providing extra study hall time and mentoring, dropping the lowest classroom score before averaging a grade, providing many assignments, meeting with parents, and consulting with other teachers.

They also told the school board the issue was more a mathematical conundrum than an ethical problem.

For example, a student can produce three perfect (100 percent) tests, and completely bomb on the fourth, getting a zero. That leaves him or her with a 75 average. It would take producing 10 more perfect papers to get back to "A."

The meeting was a workshop, so no action was taken.

Tourism meeting gets testy

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Leavitt that visitors did not spend as much as projected when they visited, and directed Leavitt to change the way the HCA held events.

"The first event that you bring this council that is a two-day event, you will have my support," said council member and hotel owner Reinhard Haubner.

But Leavitt countered that events could not flourish because of the way the council and tourism policy was structured.

"The Lake Placid Murals is a tourist attraction, but it does not put heads in beds, and it is not an event. How can we take a long view of increasing the overall economic picture in Highlands County if we are stuck doing the same old things?" Leavitt

said after the meeting.

"If a motorcycle event has to put heads on beds, why not them? Why should they be any different?" said Council member John Griffin.

Members of the council and the audience exchanged several harsh words during the meeting, and at one point Griffin motioned to adjourn and stood up to leave before he began arguing with someone in the crowd.

"You are just being rude. You asked us to stay until the end and now you are walking out when it is the public's time to talk. That is just rude," someone in the audience responded.

Several members of the public stayed after the council walked out, including Scherlacher, who answered questions and congratulated the public on their input.

"These are baby steps, but it is great to have the public out in force at the meeting. We need this discussion, and I hope it will continue," Scherlacher said.

"The council is not doing anything wrong, they are working within the framework they are given by the commission. It sounds like both groups are in agreement that getting folks into Highlands County is the goal. Now we have to work together to accomplish that goal. Exposure is what we want. We seem to be on the same page," Scherlacher said.

"They told us the public could not speak before the vote, now they are telling us that the public cannot speak after the vote. When does the public get a chance to speak on this issue?" said Gail Leavitt after the meeting.

Gov. Scott questioned about jobs promise

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Questions about whether he's flip-flopped on his job-creation promise continued to dog Gov. Rick Scott even at a ceremony Wednesday to welcome a new agency designed to help him keep that pledge.

Afterward, Scott was asked about the "Full Flop" he had just gotten from PolitiFact.com, a fact-checking website created by the St. Petersburg Times.

The Republican governor again denied he's gone back on his campaign promise of adding 700,000 new jobs in seven years. During last year's election campaign the former business executive said that his goal was "on top of what normal growth would be."

Now, he says it's not. "Let's remember what normal growth is," Scott told

reporters. "There was no normal growth when I took office."

State economists last year, though, had predicted a million new jobs would be created in the next seven years no matter what the state did.

That's 300,000 more than Scott now says he had promised.

Asked about the interview and debate recordings of his statements, Scott said "It's seven steps to 700,000 jobs. That's what I said."

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Solutions in search of a problem

When politicians or other authority figures impose sweeping new rules designed to restrict misbehavior that turns out to be extremely rare, or even nonexistent, critics sometimes say the rules are a solution in search of a problem.

The latest example: Florida's new law requiring drug tests for welfare applicants.

The law's backers said Florida needed to keep drug-guys from soaking up taxpayers' money. But since the law took effect in July, only about 2.5 percent of applicants for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families have tested positive for drug use. Another 2 percent ducked the test.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department believes about 6 percent of Americans (12 and older) are users of illegal drugs. As The Associated

Press put it, Florida welfare applicants apparently "are less likely than other people to use drugs."

So, where's the huge problem the new law was supposed to solve?

Other examples:

— The Legislature this spring changed Florida election laws, making it harder for some groups to register voters and making it harder to vote if you've recently moved — all allegedly to combat voter fraud. But elections officials keep telling us that individual voter fraud almost never occurs.

— The president of

Northwest Florida State College wants to establish "designated public speaking areas" at the school's campuses. These essentially would be free-speech zones where protesters could be contained. But the college has no history of rowdy or disruptive protests.

We could go on. Florida's "gag law" limiting what doctors can say about guns, Gov. Rick Scott's wish for an immigration crackdown . . . all address problems that exist mainly in politicians' busy imaginations.

Consider such moves a symptom of overactive government. Or, more troubling, consider them the most insidious kind of social engineering, since they spring from a belief that free people can be restricted, restrained and regulated into a state of virtue.

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Amanda Knox saga a cautionary tale

From now on, parents who plan to send their children abroad to study in a foreign nation should sit them down in front of the TV set and watch replays of the Amanda Knox saga. It has all the elements of a true-to-life lesson in the dangers



Making Sense

Michael Reagan

also be hazardous for young Americans born and bred in the best and fairest nation in the world, where the court system is designed to protect their rights and freedom of the citizenry — an uncommon idea in many

nations abroad.

I can readily understand why some parents believe that study abroad enhances their offspring's education. But I cannot understand how some parents can send their youngsters off to foreign counties to be on their own in a totally alien environment where many of the safeguards to their freedom, common here in the United States, simply do not exist. Many parents should consider accompanying their children on excursions abroad.

Parents need to wake up to the fact that the United States is the best and fairest country in the world. Our God-given freedom guaranteed by the Constitution is the reason why we have become the wealthiest nation in the world. Parents should educate themselves and their youngsters on the laws and customs of foreign nations before sending them abroad to study; otherwise they run the risk of losing them to an alien system of justice.

Amanda was lucky. You and your family might not be so lucky.

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Consider this: Amanda Knox spent four years in prison before being tried in court on charges that ultimately appear to have been baseless. Moreover, her chief accuser himself now faces trial and possible imprisonment for misconduct. She was made hostage to a system of justice where the accused is guilty until proven innocent and she was locked away until a trial in court could take place, which in Amanda's case took 48 long months behind bars. . . . Four years in an Italian slammer — four years of waiting for a trial and a chance to tell her side of the story!

It is said that ignorance of the law is not an excuse for violating the law. That's true here, but no consideration is given to Americans visiting foreign nations, who cannot be expected to understand all the ins and outs of the laws of those nations.

It is true that foreign travel is broadening. It can

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The American Autumn: Children of the Lost Decade revolt

The movement known as the tea party started in the mainstream media, on a national show. CNBC's Rick Santelli, fired what cable news would later dub "the shot heard around the world" in 2009, when he lamented paying for the mortgages of the "losers" who couldn't pay their bills. "President Obama, are you listening?" he bel-lowed.

Well, it was broadcast on national television.

By the way they snarl about the mainstream media on Fox News, you'd think they were disseminating their programs via ham radio instead of on the number one cable news network in the country. Fox News is as mainstream a media as any. And they've puffed up and promoted their pet protest group called the tea party for the last two and half years.

And just like the imaginary death panels in the health care reform act or the fantasy Sharia law threat — the tea party got its legs from Fox News.

So when criticism is lobbed at the tea party as being an astroturf re-branding of the Republican Party, sponsored by interest groups and corporate media, it's because it is.

To put this into perspective, look at movement Fox News hasn't endorsed and Karl Rove's group, American Crossroads, haven't chartered busses for: meet Occupy Wall Street.

Occupy Wall Street started as a couple thousand protesters marching through lower Manhattan and camping out at the detonator of the economic meltdown.

For the first two weeks, the protest was largely ignored by actual mainstream media. Then NYPD officer



Guest Column

Tina Dupuy

Anthony Bologna pepper sprayed a couple of young women peacefully assembling at this public demonstration. The footage landed on YouTube: Then there was attention. A skirmish with police. A Story. Last Saturday, 700 of the protesters were arrested by the

NYPD. Another Story. Worthy of a mention even on the venerable Sunday Shows.

Who are these people? Are they the anti-tea party?

No. In fact they are not in any way like the tea party. If they were the tea party, the media would be giving value to all their political peccadilloes. Yes, "What does the tea party think?" has become a staple in American political discourse. And for what? They're identical to Republicans. They have a public approval rating, according to some polls, of 26 percent. And the tea party-led House suffers a historic low of around 13 percent (more people approve of salmonella).

Yet the tea party is given credence and credibility as a swell of a movement to give rich people and corporations more tax breaks. How is that populist, exactly? It's a protest movement that just so happens to be suspiciously business-friendly. How, as they say in corporate-speak, synergistic.

This tea party now has a seat at the table of power. Their corporate sponsors must snicker every time they hear about the "tea party's take" on whatever issue.

I was at an Occupy Wall Street solidarity demonstration over the weekend in Los Angeles. Around 3,000 people were there when I arrived. The first thing apparent is the crowd is young. These are not cantankerous retirees worried about the government getting involved in Medicare. No these are the children of the middle-class' Lost Decade. These are kids whose American Dream has been eroding while the rich have gotten richer. These are the young people on Facebook and Twitter calling for an "American Autumn" to match the Arab Spring.

And the Arab Spring is a far better comparison for this group.

Like the Egypt and Tunisia uprisings, Occupy Wall Street are youths worried about their futures' downgrade. It's about the lack of prospects in the "land of opportunity." Their battle cry: "We are the 99 percent and we are too big to fail." They've succinctly stated their goal is "economic justice." Pandering to the wealthy minority is the disease: Occupy Wall Street is a symptom.

What does economic justice mean? Maybe a better question is: How top-heavy can the wealth inequality get before something tumbles?

The hurdle for Occupy Wall Street is that it was not birthed on cable news. Cable news doesn't own it so it can't show it off like they have the tea party.

But the Arab Spring revolution wasn't televised; it was re-tweeted.

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Palin not entering election

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin said Wednesday she will not run for president, leaving little doubt that the eventual Republican nominee will come from the current field of contenders.

After months of leaving her fans guessing, Palin said in a statement that she and her husband Todd “devote ourselves to God, family and country.” She said her decision maintains that order.

Palin sent the statement to supporters. She told conservative radio host Mark Levin that she would not consider a third party candidacy because it would assure President Barack Obama’s reelection.

In a video posted on Youtube, Palin said, “you don’t need an office or a title to make a difference.”

Sen. John McCain plucked Palin from relative obscurity in 2008 by naming her as his running mate.

She electrified Republican activists for a while, delivering a well-received speech at the GOP national convention. But Palin later seemed overwhelmed by the national spotlight, faltering at times in televised interviews even when asked straightforward questions.

Palin’s announcement Wednesday was much anticipated but not greatly surprising.

Her popularity had plummeted in polls lately, even though she remained a darling to many hardcore conservatives. Some Republicans felt she waited and teased too long about a presidential candidacy.

Some remained perplexed by her decision to quit her job as governor with more than a year left in her single term.

Blessing of the animals



Courtesy photo
In the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi Day on Tuesday, a special group of animals gathered at St. Catherine Church for their annual blessing. Among the dogs, cats, fishes and birds, the unique creature this year was a bald eagle that is under the rehabilitation care of Dave Wrede at Wrede’s Rehabilitation Center in Sebring. Thunder, a full-grown bald eagle, came to Wrede after receiving a gun shot wound to his head. Although he regained his health, the loss of sight in one eye prevents him from ever returning to the wild, but Thunder presents an awesome site for admiring audiences and a fine example of the gift that all animals make to our world. Fr. José González, pastor of St. Catherine Church, is pictured after delivering the blessing to Thunder.

Council debates special events fee

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public property that by nature of the event causes a greater impact on City services or resources than would have occurred had the event not taken place.”

Triggering points for a special event include — alcohol sale and distribution, temporary food service or preparation, parades, athletic events, pyrotechnic displays, concerts, arts and craft shows, vehicle and boating events.

After the application is filled out and the soon-to-be appointed special events coordinator reviews the application, then it will be decided whether or not a \$25-per-day application fee is required from the individual or group.

“I’d like to create the least amount of hassle. We want to get people and events downtown. I’m not in favor of the application fee and I would

encourage not to do this \$25 just to get in the door,” Hensley said.

Council president Scott Stanley somewhat agreed with Mayor Hensley regarding the process.

“We are trying to encourage activity downtown. If somebody hands you a packet this thick, they’re not going to want to do it,” said Stanley.

Batz further explained that the manual and fee are needed, as well as a single person to answer questions and direct groups planning an event.

“If it meets the definition of a special event ... disrupts the normal function of the

Circle ... that is the only time we will require the \$25 fee,” Batz said.

Following a few more minutes of debate, council member Andrew Fells made a motion to table the item to the upcoming council meeting until city attorney could look over the manual.

“I think the manual is very good and addresses things that people don’t realize and don’t think about,” said city attorney Bob Swaine.

Council voted 3-0 to table the item and allow more time for city attorney to address the subjectivity of the definition of a special event. The next meeting is Oct. 18.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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These items may be dropped off during the “Drop Your Drawers” Drive at any of the following locations: AMVETS Post 21, 2029 U.S. 27 South; News-Sun; Highlands Today; JCPenney Hair Salon (see Clair); Publix North-Customer Service Counter; Grace Church of Sebring, 3626 Thunderbird Road; Kegel’s Bowling Center; Sebring Police Department, see Vickie Hicks; Halo Hair Design, 2914 Sparta Road; Highlands Family Chiropractic, Dr. Vickers; or the Veterans Service Office, 7205 George Blvd.

The items will be distributed on Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11.

Leisure Lakes hosts spaghetti dinner

LAKE PLACID — The members of the Leisure Lakes Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary are cooking a spaghetti dinner on

Saturday to raise needed funds. After the purchase of an \$8 per dinner ticket prior to the day of the fundraiser, you drive through the fire station between the hours of 4-7 p.m. Saturday to pick up spaghetti with meat sauce, bread sticks and green beans to bring home for you and your family.

Leisure Lakes Volunteer Fire Station 29 is at 2874 Lake June Blvd. in Leisure Lakes. Get tickets from any of the firefighters from the Leisure Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.

Feed the Need is Saturday

SEBRING — Feed the Need, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, at Ridgewood Service Station.

This is a non-profit event that is for the homeless. Lunch, clothes and hygiene kits will be handed out. Get out and spread the word, get out and feed the need. Call Sebring Christian Church for more information at 382-6676.

POLICE BLOTTER

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veyance, unarmed; larceny, grand theft of dwelling; possession of harmful new legend drug without prescription; and Polk County warrant for other charges.

◆ Merissa Leigh Jimenez, 29, of Avon Park, was charged on a Sarasota County warrant for failing to appear or comply with collections (child support) court order.

◆ Robert Lee Lawrence, 32, of Avon Park, was charged for driving with expired license for more than four months.

◆ Kimberly Sue Vaught, 44, of Sebring, was charged

with possession of drug equipment and/or use; possession of marijuana, not more than 20 grams; and possession of controlled substance without prescription.

◆ Leah Ann Williams, 45, of Sebring, was charged on an out-of-county warrant for principle larceny.

◆ Andre Lamont Wilson, 19, of Lake Placid, was charged with larceny or grand theft, three counts; and burglary of unoccupied dwelling, unarmed, four counts.

◆ Lemon Montell Young, 39, of Lake Placid, was charged for failing to pay child support.

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Romney talks about jobs at campaign stop in Tallahassee

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney used a lunchtime visit at a Tallahassee restaurant to criticize President Barack Obama's handling of the economy.

Romney took direct aim at Obama's contention that he was a warrior for the middle class, saying that ordinary Americans were the victims of how the president has steered the nation.

"This week, the president, he said to the American people that he is a warrior for the middle class. If that's the case I think there has been a severe case of friendly fire," Romney said. "This guy's friendly fire has hurt the American people."

Romney was spending his second straight day in Florida, which looms large in the presidential primary calendar now that its Republican voters will head to the polls Jan. 31.

He did make the unusual decision to campaign in the state capital, which has more Democratic than Republican voters even though the GOP controls state government.

But unlike a stop in Central Florida where Romney criticized Texas

Gov. Rick Perry he remained mum about his Republican rivals. Instead his visit to the Seminole Wind restaurant was just as much as about shaking hands with patrons and partaking of a plate of fried chicken, barbecue and vegetables off the restaurant's buffet line.

"Let's have some great chicken and let's take back America," Romney said.

The former Massachusetts governor focused solely on Obama, jobs and the nation's economy. He held a roundtable with some local business owners, including Thomas Bryant, the owner of the restaurant which features pictures of Jesus Christ along its walls.

Bryant told Romney that he was competing with the federal government for employees. He said that he has had trouble getting employees to work more hours because to do so would render them ineligible for various types of government assistance.

Before the roundtable Bryant said he was undecided about who to support in next year's primary.

Some voters gathered at lunchtime thought it was interesting that Romney chose the restaurant as a campaign stop. The restaurant not only had multiple pictures of Christ but it has a full array of evangelical Christian pamphlets.

Horses offer therapy

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ance, coordination, and strength," Kuhn said.

HHH provides free equine interaction for adults as well as children who have special needs. Sessions are held three times a week on Wednesday, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8-11 a.m. from September through May.

Stable manager and instructor Joy Ongley is one of the many volunteers who keeps the facility running.

Ongley spends many hours at continuing education seminars and classes to stay up to date on the best and most beneficial therapeutic farm ideas and instruction.

HHH also holds events throughout the year for the public to enjoy and participate in. The upcoming Damboise Ranch ride is expected to be a huge hit.

The ride will take place Nov. 4-6 and promises to provide barrels of fun, entertainment and friendly faces, from both horses and friends. The weekend will be filled with a trail ride along with ministries by Cowboy Up Ministry. Cowboy Up Ministry will also hold demonstrations and entertain guests throughout the weekend.

Pre-registration is required for dinner guarantee. The Damboise Ranch Ride will be held at the Cracker Trail Arena located at 6134 East State Road 66, Zolfo Springs.

At the facility, Heartland Horses and Handicapped also offers riding lessons and training to the Highlands County community. Pony rides are available to the public by appointment for a \$5 donation. Riding lessons are offered for \$20 an hour for anyone ages 5 and up. The facility also offers a place for children to make unique birthday memories. Birthday parties begin at \$85.

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Jobs told us what we needed before we knew

By **JORDAN ROBERTSON**

AP Technology Writer
SAN FRANCISCO —

Steve Jobs saw the future and led the world to it. He moved technology from garages to pockets, took entertainment from discs to bytes and turned gadgets into extensions of the people who use them.

Jobs, who founded and ran Apple, told us what we needed before we wanted it.

“To some people, this is like Elvis Presley or John Lennon. It’s a change in our times. It’s the end of an era,” said Scott Robbins, 34, a barber and an Apple fan. “It’s like the end of the innovators.”

Apple announced his death without giving a specific cause. He died peacefully on Wednesday, according to a statement from family members who were present. He was 56.

“Steve’s brilliance, passion and energy were the source of countless innovations that enrich and improve all of our lives,” Apple’s board said in a statement. “The world is immeasurably better because of Steve.”

President Barack Obama said in a statement that Jobs “exemplified the spirit of American ingenuity.”

“Steve was among the greatest of American innovators — brave enough to think differently, bold enough to believe he could change the world and talented enough to do it,” he said.

Jobs had battled cancer in 2004 and underwent a liver transplant in 2009 after taking a leave of absence for unspecified health problems. He took another leave of absence in January — his third since his health problems began — and resigned in August. Jobs became Apple’s chairman and handed the CEO job over to his hand-picked successor, Tim Cook.

“Those of us who have been fortunate enough to know and work with Steve have lost a dear friend and an inspiring mentor.” Cook wrote in an email to Apple’s employees. “Steve leaves behind a company that only he could have built, and his spirit will forever be the foundation of Apple.”

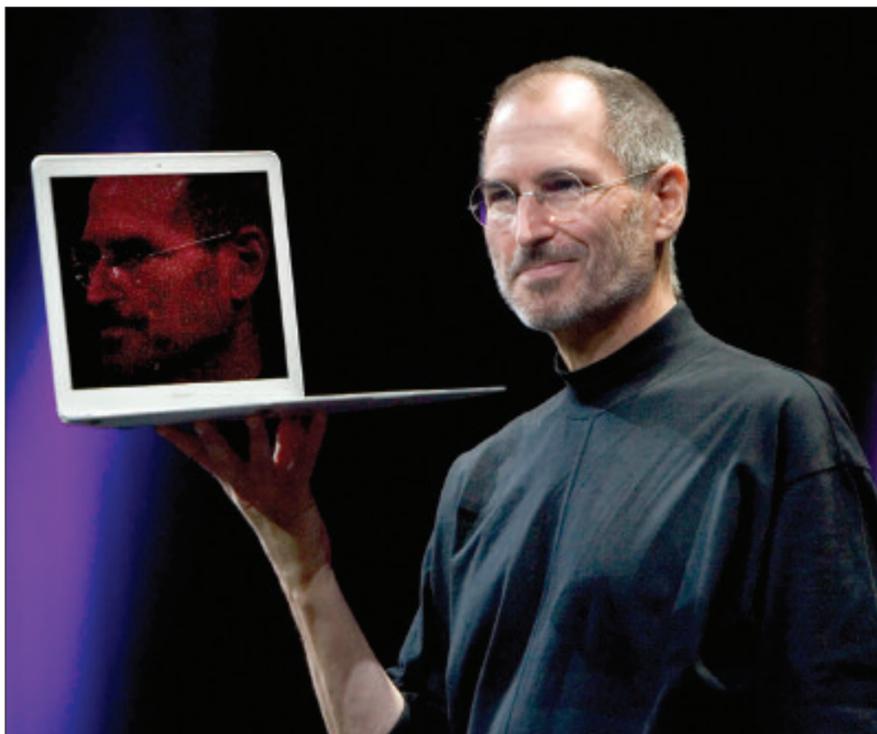
Jobs started Apple with a high school friend in a Silicon Valley garage in 1976, was forced out a decade later and returned in 1997 to rescue the company. During his second stint, it grew into the most valuable technology company in the world with a market value of \$351 billion. Almost all that wealth has been created since Jobs’ return.

Cultivating Apple’s countercultural sensibility and a minimalist design ethic, Jobs rolled out one sensational product after another, even in the face of the late-2000s recession and his own failing health.

For transformation of American industry, he has few rivals. He has long been linked to his personal computer-age contemporary, Bill Gates, and has drawn comparisons to other creative geniuses such as Walt Disney. Jobs died as Walt Disney Co.’s largest shareholder, a by-product of his decision to sell computer animation studio Pixar in 2006.

Perhaps most influentially, Jobs in 2001 launched the iPod, which offered “1,000 songs in your pocket.” Over the next 10 years, its white earphones and thumb-dial control seemed to become more ubiquitous than the wristwatch.

In 2007 came the touchscreen iPhone, joined a year later by Apple’s App Store, where developers could sell iPhone “apps” which made the phone a device not just



Apple co-founder Steve Jobs died Wednesday at the age of 56.

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for making calls but also for managing money, editing photos, playing games and social networking. And in 2010, Jobs introduced the iPad, a tablet-sized, all-touch computer that took off even though market analysts said no one really needed one.

By 2011, Apple had become the second-largest company of any kind in the United States by market value. In August, it briefly surpassed Exxon Mobil as the most valuable company.

Under Jobs, the company cloaked itself in secrecy to build frenzied anticipation for each of its new products. Jobs himself had a wizardly sense of what his customers wanted, and where demand didn’t exist, he leveraged a cult-like following to create it.

When he spoke at Apple presentations, almost always in faded blue jeans, sneakers and a black mock turtleneck, legions of Apple acolytes listened to every word. He often boasted about Apple successes, then coyly added a coda — “one more thing” —

before introducing its latest ambitious idea.

In later years, Apple investors also watched these appearances for clues about his health. Jobs revealed in 2004 that he had been diagnosed with a very rare form of pancreatic cancer — an islet cell neuroendocrine tumor. He underwent surgery and said he had been cured. In 2009, following weight loss he initially attributed to a hormonal imbalance, he abruptly took a six-month leave. During that time, he received a liver transplant that became public two months after it was performed.

He went on another medical leave in January 2011, this time for an unspecified duration. He never went back and resigned as CEO in August, though he stayed on as chairman. Consistent with his penchant for secrecy, he didn’t reference his illness in his resignation letter.

Steven Paul Jobs was born Feb. 24, 1955, in San Francisco to Joanne Simpson, then an unmarried graduate

student, and Abdulfattah Jandali, a student from Syria. Simpson gave Jobs up for adoption, though she married Jandali and a few years later had a second child with him, Mona Simpson, who became a novelist.

Steven was adopted by Clara and Paul Jobs of Los Altos, Calif.

He saw his first computer terminal at NASA’s Ames Research Center when he was around 11 and landed a summer job at Hewlett-Packard before he had finished high school.

Jobs enrolled in Reed College in Portland, Ore., in 1972 but dropped out after six months.

“All of my working-class parents’ savings were being spent on my college tuition. After six months, I couldn’t see the value in it,” he said at a Stanford University commencement address in 2005. “I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and no idea how college was going to help me figure it out.”

When he returned to California in 1974, Jobs

worked for video game maker Atari and attended meetings of the Homebrew Computer Club — a group of computer hobbyists — with Steve Wozniak, a high school friend who was a few years older.

Wozniak’s homemade computer drew attention from other enthusiasts, but Jobs saw its potential far beyond the geeky hobbyists of the time. The pair started Apple Computer Inc. in Jobs’ parents’ garage in 1976.

According to Wozniak, Jobs suggested the name after visiting an “apple orchard” that Wozniak said was actually a commune.

Their first creation was the Apple I — essentially, the guts of a computer without a case, keyboard or monitor.

The Apple II, which hit the market in 1977, was their first machine for the masses. It became so popular that Jobs was worth \$100 million by age 25.

During a 1979 visit to the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center, Jobs again spotted mass potential in a niche invention: a computer that allowed people to control computers with the click of a mouse, not typed commands. He returned to Apple and ordered his engineering team to copy what he had seen.

It foreshadowed a propensity to take other people’s concepts, improve on them and spin them into wildly successful products.

Under Jobs, Apple didn’t invent computers, digital music players or smartphones — it reinvented them for people who didn’t want to learn computer programming or negotiate the technical hassles of keeping their gadgets working.

“We have always been shameless about stealing great ideas,” Jobs said in an interview for the 1996 PBS series “Triumph of the Nerds.”

The Macintosh, named for an employee’s favorite apple, exploded onto the scene in 1984.

The Mac was heralded by

an epic Super Bowl commercial that referenced George Orwell’s “1984” and captured Apple’s iconoclastic style.

There were early stumbles at Apple. Jobs clashed with colleagues and even the CEO he had hired away from Pepsi, John Sculley. And after an initial spike, Mac sales slowed, in part because few programs had been written for it.

With Apple’s stock price sinking, conflicts between Jobs and Sculley mounted. Sculley won over the board in 1985 and pushed Jobs out of his day-to-day role leading the Macintosh team.

Jobs resigned his post as chairman of the board and left Apple within months.

“What had been the focus of my entire adult life was gone, and it was devastating,” Jobs said in his Stanford speech.

He got into two other companies: Next, a computer maker, and Pixar, a computer-animation studio that he bought from George Lucas for \$10 million.

Pixar, ultimately the more successful venture, seemed at first a bottomless money pit. Then in 1995 came “Toy Story,” the first computer-animated full-length feature.

Ultimately, he shifted the focus to software — a move that paid off later when Apple bought Next for its operating system technology, the basis for the software still used in Mac computers.

By 1996, when Apple bought Next, Apple was in dire financial straits.

It had lost more than \$800 million in a year, dragged its heels in licensing Mac software for other computers and surrendered most of its market share to PCs that ran Windows.

Larry Ellison, Jobs’ close friend and fellow Silicon Valley billionaire and the CEO of Oracle Corp., publicly contemplated buying Apple in early 1997 and ousting its leadership.

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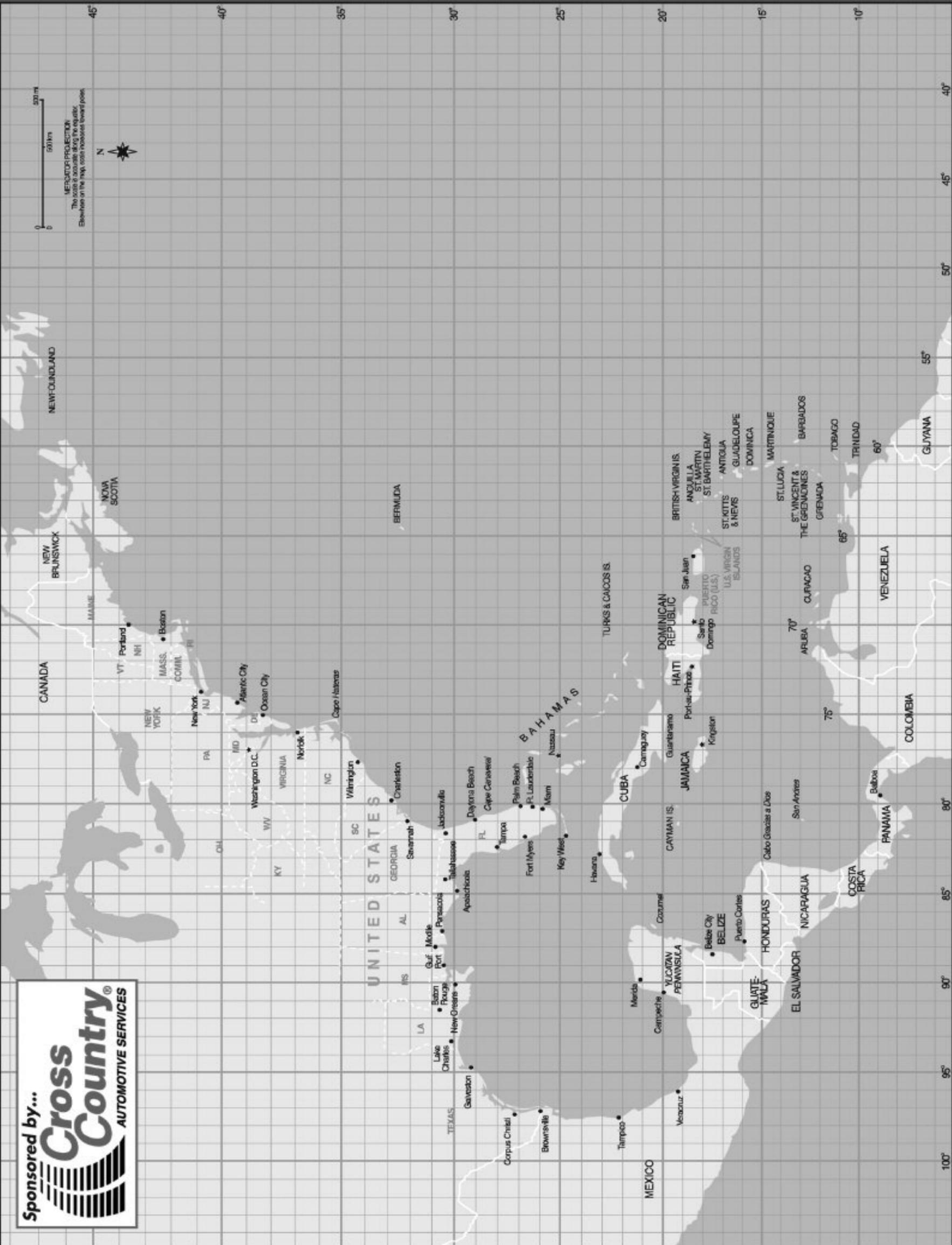


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-1376 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF GLENN ROBERT RICE a.k.a. GLENN R. RICE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

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

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of GLENN ROBERT RICE a.k.a. GLENN R. RICE, deceased, File Number PC 11-1376, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was February 9, 2011; that the total value of the estate is \$40,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
Helen Rice	1720 W. Orangewood Lane
James Price	430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870

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 30, 2011.

Person Giving Notice:
/s/ Helen Rice
1720 W. Orangewood Lane
Avon Park, Florida 33825

/s/ Karen Liberty
70 Dornoch Way
Coto de Caza, California 92679

/s/ Glenda Kurtz
6935 Riverdale Drive
Horace, North Dakota 58047

/s/ Cindy clegg
KM 4.5 Coda Road
Tulum, Quintana Roo Mexico 77780

/s/ Bob Rice
563 Las Palmas Drive
Irvine, California 92602

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
/s/ David F. Lanier
E-Mail Address: lanier30@embarqmail.com
Florida Bar No. 045399
DAVID F. LANIER
P.O. Box 400
Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400
Telephone: (863)453-4457
September 30, October 7, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 11-194 GCS

CITY OF AVON PARK, a Florida Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. MANUEL AND MARIA PITA LECA, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot 7 + N 1/2 Lot 8, Block C, MARSH SUBDIVISION, in Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, thereof, recorded in Transcript Book, Page 28 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, Parcel Identification Number: A-27-33-28-080-0000-0070

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, in Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 25th day of October, 2011.

SIGNED this 27th day of September, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 11-00028 GCS

J. H. MOORE MEMORIAL CHURCH OF THE BROTHERN OF SEBRING, INC., a Florida Not for Profit Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST KARL E. LUHRING AND MAPLE H. LUHRING, husband and wife, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE - PROPERTY TO: ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST KARL E. LUHRING AND MAPLE H. LUHRING, husband and wife, YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title and Reformation of a Deed on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

Lot 21, Block 81, SIXTH ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF SEBRING, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 180, of the Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida (of which Highlands County was formerly a part), has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on JOHN K. McCALLURE, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 211 South Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, FL 33870, on or before November 10, 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED ON September 28, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; telephone (863)402-6591, not alter than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

September 30, October 7, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY Case #: GCS 11-453 Judge: J. David Langford

BROWN & BROWN INVESTMENTS, LLC Plaintiff(s), vs. FIRST FLORIDA LENDING CORP. A dissolved Florida Corporation, et al Defendant(s)

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION - PROPERTY TO: Michael A. Clein Last Known Address 2075 W 76th St. Hialeah, FL 33016

James Price Last Known Address 1400 S Waterview Dr. Inverness, FL 34450

Nancy D. Price Last Known Address 1879 E Monopoly Loop Inverness, FL 34453

First Florida Lending James Price Registered Agent Last Known Address 3903 SE 21st Place Cape Coral, FL 33904

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Action to Quiet Title for the following described property, to wit:

Lot 17, Block D, SILVER FOX RANCH, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 41, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Parcel ID Number C 22-35-28-020-0000-0170 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney, whose name and address is: David F. Lanier, Esq., P.O. Box 400, Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before November 16, 2011, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY hand and the seal of said Court on October 4, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk
October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011

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September 30, October 7, 2011

NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at public sale or auction to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 713.78(2) of the Florida Statutes at 10:00 a.m. on 10/21/11 at 1118 WEIGLE AVE. Sebring, FL 33870.

2001 PONT	162NW52E51C115580
	SALE DATE 10/25/11
1999 PONT	16MDX039XD118809
	SALE DATE 11/1/11
2002 DODGE	1D7HU18N92S662105

October 7, 2011

PUBLIC AUCTION: OCTOBER 31, 2011 AT: 9:00 AM LOCATION: AVON TOWING: 1102 KERSEY ST. AVON PARK, FL 33825 YEAR MAKE VIN # SEAHAW TRAILER 2008 1N9BB27208B171420 2006 LARSON BOAT LAR2055E606

October 7, 2011

PUBLIC AUCTION: NOVEMBER 4, 2011 AT: 9:00 AM LOCATION: AVON TOWING: 1102 KERSEY ST. AVON PARK, FL 33825 YEAR MAKE VIN # VOLKSWAGEN 1999 3VWVA29M7XM040250

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September 30, October 7, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-001302

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3 Plaintiff, vs. PETER MESSINA, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated on September 20, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-001302 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, is the Plaintiff and PETER MESSINA N/K/A BARBARA MESSINA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC; 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 18th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 21, IN BLOCK 11, OF OAK BEACH COLONY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, AT PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2170 OAK BEACH BOULEVARD, SEBRING, FL 33875

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on September 21, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-001294

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL INC. TRUST 2005-WMCS MORTGAGE PASSTHROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WMCS, Plaintiff, vs. GAIL K. CARLSON, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on September 26, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-001294 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL INC. TRUST 2005-WMCS MORTGAGE PASSTHROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WMCS is the Plaintiff and GAIL K. CARLSON; CENTURY BANK, FSB; 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 25th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

BEGINNING AT A PERMANENT REFERENCE MARKER ON THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 23 AND 24, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, 660 FEET NORTH 0 DEGREES 29 MINUTES WEST FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, 115.0 FEET TO P.R.M.; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 231.69 FEET TO P.R.M. AND THE BEGINNING OF A 6.0 DEGREES CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE FOLLOWING SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24 DEGREES 20 MINUTES, 405.556 FEET TO PERMANENT REFERENCE MARKER, THENCE NORTH 24 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 56.83 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SAID SECTIONS 23 AND 24; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 24 DEGREE 24 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST. 405.11 FEET TO P.R.M. AND THE BEGINNING OF A 4.0 DEGREES CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE FOLLOWING SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 19 DEGREES 37 MINUTES, 490.417 FEET TO A P.R.M.; THENCE NORTH 4 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 75 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 140 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SHORE LINE OF LAKE PLACID AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 140 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE COUNTY ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN DEED TO HIGHLANDS COUNTY, DATED AUGUST 4, 1953, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 136, AT PAGE 319, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 4 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID COUNTY ROAD 75 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 131 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SHORE LINE OF LAKE PLACID, THENCE MEANDERING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SHORE LINE OF LAKE PLACID TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHICH PROPERTY IS ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOT 23, BLOCK A, OF LAKE SHORE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3679 PLACID VIEW DRIVE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on September 27, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated on September 26, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-001294 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL INC. TRUST 2005-WMCS MORTGAGE PASSTHROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WMCS is the Plaintiff and GAIL K. CARLSON; CENTURY BANK, FSB; 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 25th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

BEGINNING AT A PERMANENT REFERENCE MARKER ON THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 23 AND 24, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, 660 FEET NORTH 0 DEGREES 29 MINUTES WEST FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, 115.0 FEET TO P.R.M.; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 231.69 FEET TO P.R.M. AND THE BEGINNING OF A 6.0 DEGREES CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE FOLLOWING SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24 DEGREES 20 MINUTES, 405.556 FEET TO PERMANENT REFERENCE MARKER, THENCE NORTH 24 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 56.83 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SAID SECTIONS 23 AND 24; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 24 DEGREE 24 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST. 405.11 FEET TO P.R.M. AND THE BEGINNING OF A 4.0 DEGREES CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE FOLLOWING SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 19 DEGREES 37 MINUTES, 490.417 FEET TO A P.R.M.; THENCE NORTH 4 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 75 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 140 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SHORE LINE OF LAKE PLACID AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 140 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE COUNTY ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN DEED TO HIGHLANDS COUNTY, DATED AUGUST 4, 1953, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 136, AT PAGE 319, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 4 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID COUNTY ROAD 75 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 131 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SHORE LINE OF LAKE PLACID, THENCE MEANDERING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SHORE LINE OF LAKE PLACID TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHICH PROPERTY IS ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOT 23, BLOCK A, OF LAKE SHORE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3679 PLACID VIEW DRIVE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on September 27, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-000277

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. RHONDA J. CONNELLY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated on September 20, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-000277 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, is the Plaintiff and RHONDA J. CONNELLY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RHONDA J. CONNELLY N/K/A ROBERT ARMSTRONG; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL CORPORATION; TENANT #1 N/K/A CHRISTINE WALDON; 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 18th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 6, LEE WAY HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3807 LEEWAY COURT, SEBRING, FL 33875

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on September 21, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
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.: 28-2011-CA-000466
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES,
ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES,
OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH,
UNDER, OR AGAINST OLGA VEGA, DECEASED,
et al,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES,
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OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH,
UNDER, OR AGAINST OLGA VEGA, DECEASED,
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CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
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OF OLGA VEGA, DECEASED
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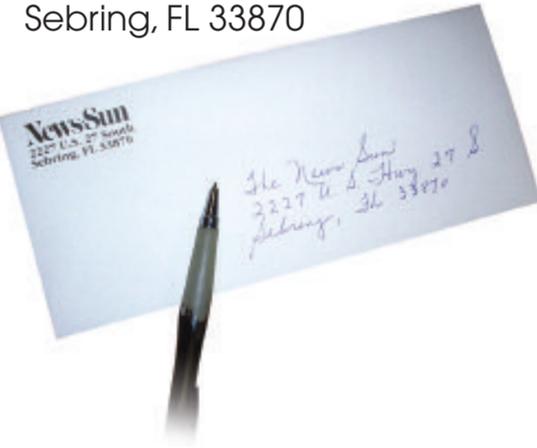
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Clouds and sun, a shower; breezy	A couple of showers and a t-storm	Variable clouds, t-storms; breezy	Some sun with a t-storm possible	Clouds and sun, t-storms possible
87° / 70°	86° / 70°	88° / 70°	89° / 71°	89° / 71°
Winds: ENE at 12-25 mph	Winds: E at 12-25 mph	Winds: ENE at 12-25 mph	Winds: NW at 8-16 mph	Winds: SW at 7-14 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	86°
Low Sunday	56°
High Monday	89°
Low Monday	61°
High Tuesday	88°
Low Tuesday	59°
High Wednesday	89°
Low Wednesday	57°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	47%
Expected air temperature	87°
Makes it feel like	89°

Barometer

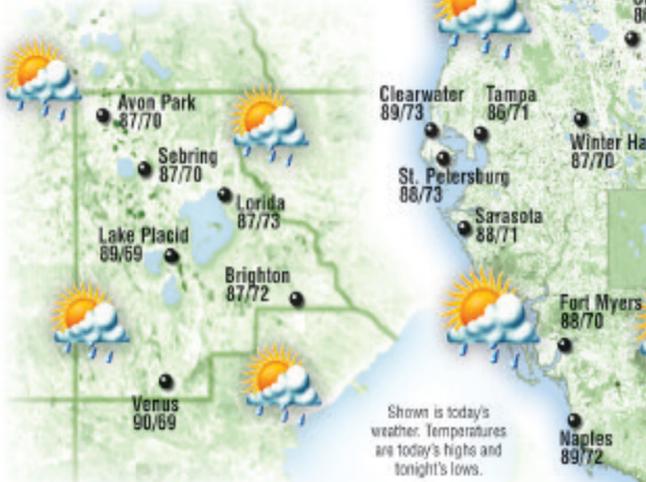
Monday	30.05
Tuesday	30.03
Wednesday	30.03

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Year to date	38.30"

Regional Summary

Intervals of clouds and sun today with a passing shower; breezy. Patchy clouds tonight with a shower. Clouds and breaks of sun tomorrow and Sunday; windy with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm.



Farm Report

Breezy today with a passing shower. Winds east-northeast 12-25 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 60%.

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

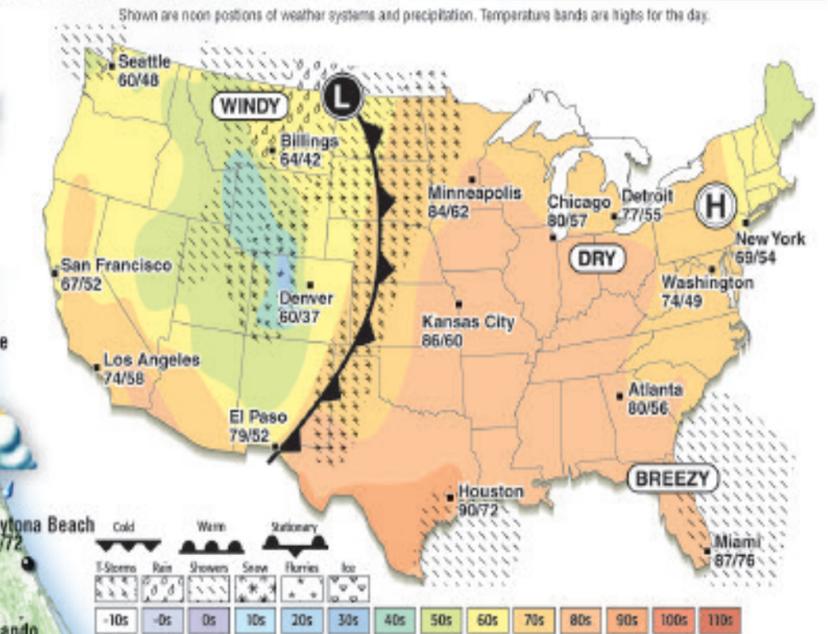
On Oct. 7, 1902, a waterspout was spotted off Cape May, N.J. When the first chilly air masses of fall cross warm bodies of water, waterspouts form.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:21 a.m.	7:21 a.m.
Sunset	7:07 p.m.	7:06 p.m.
Moonrise	4:29 p.m.	5:02 p.m.
Moonset	3:30 a.m.	4:23 a.m.



National Forecast for October 7



National Summary

High pressure will promote bright sunshine across most of the eastern third of the United States today. Temperatures throughout New England will remain cool, but elsewhere comfortable high temperatures will complement the sunshine. The exception to the sunny skies will be Florida and the Georgia coast, where showers and gusty winds will stream onshore. Winds will again howl across the Plains, which will also be rattled by a couple of thunderstorms. A few of these thunderstorms will turn strong in the afternoon.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Abuquerque	62/40t	62/45s	66/45s
Atlanta	80/59s	75/56pc	73/61pc
Baltimore	70/46s	75/50s	80/52s
Birmingham	82/59s	78/59s	80/62pc
Boston	61/50s	75/60s	80/62s
Charlotte	76/46s	74/52s	74/57pc
Cheyenne	68/36t	48/30c	59/37pc
Chicago	60/57s	78/57s	78/57s
Cleveland	78/53s	78/54s	75/56s
Columbus	82/56s	82/56s	81/54s
Dallas	88/72pc	88/68pc	83/64pc
Denver	60/37pc	56/33c	64/41pc
Detroit	77/55s	77/57s	76/54s
Harrodsburg	74/44s	77/47s	79/50s
Honolulu	88/75pc	88/75pc	88/75s
Houston	90/72pc	88/72t	89/70pc
Indianapolis	84/57s	82/56s	83/55s
Jackson, MS	85/59s	84/60pc	82/60pc
Kansas City	86/60pc	84/61pc	78/58pc
Lexington	85/53s	80/51s	80/53s
Little Rock	86/59s	84/62pc	84/60pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	91/77t	90/77t	89/79t
Athens	74/65pc	80/67s	71/59t
Beirut	78/60t	75/69pc	81/75s
Berlin	53/38t	51/34t	51/50t
Bermuda	75/67sh	75/70sh	77/73pc
Calgary	54/33pc	56/32pc	63/37sh
Dublin	57/46pc	61/50sh	63/52t
Edmonton	54/33pc	58/33s	60/33s
Fredericton	85/73pc	81/74t	84/76t
Geneva	61/44sh	48/45t	52/51t
Havana	83/67t	87/68t	86/68t
Hong Kong	82/75pc	84/77s	86/77s
Jerusalem	74/55s	73/57s	81/64s
Johannesburg	71/50s	75/51s	81/49s
Kier	63/52pc	54/46sh	54/44sh

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From left, Kaley Walter, Sydnee Connelly and Stephanie Struck helped Sebring to a three-set sweep of Lakeland Kathleen Tuesday night.

Lady Streaks sweep Kathleen

By DAN HOEHNE

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One night after needing four sets to top the Lady Red Devils of Avon Park, the Lady Blue Streaks of the volleyball court swept past another team of Red Devils, from Lakeland Kathleen.

And while Monday's contest had little more than county rivalry as a consequence, Tuesday's was a key match-up with a new district rival.

But it wasn't much of a contest as Sebring stormed out and rolled to a 25-8 win in the opening set and followed it up with 25-13 and 25-12 wins to make it a quick night.

"We played a lot better than we have been lately," head coach Vanessa Sinness said. "It was definitely more of a team effort."

Which has been a key sticking point of late as the senior-laden team has been scuffling.

But it is an indication as to the talent of the team that even amid the scattered performances and questions of confidence, only two losses mar their regular season schedule — a four-set loss at Lake Placid on Sept. 19 and a sweep at home by district-leading Winter Haven.

"That's the thing, yes we're still getting wins, but too often are playing down to our oppo-

nents," Sinness said. "We can't play like that if we want to have any chance to get past Winter Haven."

"There are just the four teams in our district and we've got to get on of the top two spots if we want to get to the playoffs."

Now 9-2 overall, 2-1 in district play, the Streaks looked to put more of a lock on that second spot with Thursday's home contest against Lake Gibson.

The team then closes out the district portion of the schedule next week with trips to Winter Haven Tuesday and Lake Gibson Thursday, before heading to Orlando for the Dig Pink Tournament next weekend.

Young pitchers key to Rays success

By FRED GOODALL

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — Joe Maddon congratulated the Texas Rangers for moving on in the playoffs, then gave his own Tampa Bay Rays a pat on the back.

"For a lot of different reasons it has been a fabulous year," the manager said, reflecting on an improbable journey that saw the team with baseball's lowest payroll begin with six straight losses and finish with a remarkable September to clinch its third postseason berth in four years.

At 0-6, Maddon opened a bottle of whiskey and toasted what he called the best 0-6 team in baseball history.

Six months later, it's difficult to argue with him.

The Rays wound up winning 91 games, going 16-8 after Sept. 3 to make up nine games on Boston in the wild card standings and finally the big-spending Red Sox on the final night of the regular season.

No team has ever overcome a bigger deficit in September to make the playoffs, and no other AL team has earned a spot

after starting 0-6.

"I didn't realize I was such a prophet. ... I say a lot of crazy things sometimes, but actually this one kind of came true," Maddon said. "It is the best 0-6 team in the history of major league baseball, and I am very proud of our guys."

The Rays did it despite vice president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman trimming payroll by more than \$30 million during the offseason.

Carl Crawford, Carlos Pena and most of the bullpen were lost to free agency.

Shortstop Jason Bartlett and starting pitcher Matt Garza were traded.

And, one of the team's biggest additions — Manny Ramirez — retired the first week of the season rather than face a 100-game suspension after testing positive a second time for a performance-enhancing substance.

Hardly daunted, Maddon not only held the team together but instilled a belief they could get back to the playoffs, even after star Evan Longoria went on the disabled list in April and the Rays gradu-

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PREGAME PRIMER

Your Quick Guide To This Week's Action



Lake Placid at Booker

Records

Lake Placid 2-3; Booker 0-4

Last Week

Lake Placid: Missed some scoring opportunities, but had little trouble topping Gateway Charter, 24-0.

Booker: Dropped a close one with Clewiston by a 28-24 score.

Game Notes

- The Dragons piled up over 300 yards rushing last week against the Griffins of Gateway Charter.
- The Tornados, though winless, have held their own in close losses to Sarasota, 17-12, and in last week's defeat against a tough Clewiston squad.

Coach Speak

Lake Placid's Jason Holden: "They play a tough non-district schedule and are very athletic with a lot of speed. They guys have been real attentive this week and we got a lot of work done. The defense has been playing well and offensively we need to take care of the ball better."

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



Avon Park vs. Clewiston

Records

Avon Park 2-2; Clewiston 3-2

Last Week

Avon Park: Took advantage of its' bye week to rest up and get healthy.

Clewiston: Held off the Booker Tornados 28-24.

Game Notes

- The Tigers are on a three-game win streak, topping Glades Day, Gateway Charter and Booker after falling to American Heritage and Kings Academy to open the season.
- Running back Tyler Johnson is questionable for the game with an ankle injury.

Coach Speak

Avon Park's Andy Bonjokian: "We were fortunate to get the bye week when we did to get ourselves healed up. Clewiston has a lot of weapons the we need to neutralize and we're as ready as we're going to be. It's our second district game and we're coming around. It should be a great match-up and we're excited."



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Roni Gavagni and Brittany Collison share a high five during the Lady Dragons Tuesday sweep of visiting Mulberry.

Dragons cruise past Panthers

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID — Playing down to the level of an opponent is often a coaches worry, especially Lake Placid head coach Linette Wells, as she often cites it as a Lady Dragon tradition of recent years to do just that.

And yet the Dragons must find a way to play up to an opponents' level as well, what with six consecutive district championships under their belts.

Tuesday's contest against a rebuilding Mulberry program, however, was just the sort of opponent that would have caused that aforementioned worry.

But there was little cause for concern as Lake Placid took care of business and swept the Lady Panthers in dominant form.

"They had a slow start in the first set, but they

quickly picked up their level and rhythm," Wells said, of the 25-11 win.

The second set was a continuation of that heightened level and rhythm as a 25-6 win zipped right by, before the cleared-bench third set saw a 25-19 win that wasn't quite as close as the score might indicate.

"Due to some disciplinary actions, I didn't have all my starters in," Wells said. "But the girls stepped up and played well. We are getting faster and more determined to get things where they should be. We are back to the way we were at the beginning of the season with our teamwork and communication."

Now 8-2 overall and 4-1 in district play, the Lady Dragons were on the road Thursday, looking to atone for their lone district loss of the season at DeSoto.



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Alan Nielander attempts to set this ball up to the front line, but was called for a "lift" in Lake Placid's Tuesday win.

Highlands Eagles sweep the Auburndale Hounds

Special to the News-Sun

The Highlands Youth Football and Cheer Organization (HYF) traveled to Winter Haven to play the Auburndale Hounds on Saturday, Oct. 2. The Eagles were ready for battle after several exciting games last week and looking to bring in some more "W's" this week.

Going into the seventh game of the season, the HYF teams are nearing the end of the regular season.

Each team is looking at the stats and the talk of playoffs is widespread throughout the Sunshine PAL Association.

Each game day and every "W" that is earned gets them one step closer to getting to the playoffs.

The Highlands Eagles teams are working hard and fighting every step of the way with several potential teams in the playoffs to represent Highlands Youth Football.

Starting off the day, the Flag team, ages 5- and 6-year old and lead by head coach Bob Ford, was the first team to take the field.

The Eagles flag team came out with a purpose with Fred



Highlands Eagles varsity player Tremaine Hawthorne looks for an opening as teammate Allan Williams blocks the line during Saturday's game against the Auburndale Hounds.

Hankerson leading them down the field to score two touchdowns for the day.

The Hounds quickly answered with two touchdowns of their own, but the Eagles offense was successful again with Kaden D'Amico scoring another touchdown.

The defense came out strong, lead by John Deluca,

Bryant Johnson, William King and Parker Ford, and the battle was on.

The Hounds got on the board again and going into the final minutes, the game was tied 20-20.

With the game winding down, the defenses on both sides stood strong and sent the game into overtime

The Eagles made their way

to the end zone, scoring a touchdown and making the two-point conversion to bring the score to 28-20.

The Hounds took the field and made their way to the end zone to score a touchdown, but the Eagles defense stopped them from scoring the extra point thus winning

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THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit 2, New York 2
Friday: Detroit 1, New York 1, 1 innings, susp., rain
Saturday: New York 9, Detroit 3, comp. of susp. game
Sunday: Detroit 5, New York 3
Monday: Detroit 5, New York 4
Tuesday: New York 10, Detroit 1
Thursday: Detroit (Fister 11-13) at New York (Nova 16-4), late

Texas 3, Tampa Bay 1
Friday: Tampa Bay 9, Texas 0
Saturday: Texas 8, Tampa Bay 6
Monday: Texas 4, Tampa Bay 3
Tuesday: Texas 4, Tampa Bay 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia 1, St. Louis 1
Saturday: Philadelphia 11, St. Louis 6
Sunday: St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 4
Tuesday: Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2
Wednesday: St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 3
Friday: St. Louis (Carpenter 11-9) at Philadelphia (Halladay 19-6), 8:37 p.m.
Milwaukee 2, Arizona 2
Saturday: Milwaukee 4, Arizona 1
Sunday: Milwaukee 9, Arizona 4
Tuesday: Arizona 8, Milwaukee 1
Wednesday: Arizona 10, Milwaukee 6
Friday: Arizona (Kennedy 21-4) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 17-10), 5:07 p.m.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Saturday, Oct. 8: Texas at New York OR Detroit at Texas
Sunday, Oct. 9: Texas at New York OR Detroit at Texas
Tuesday, Oct. 11: New York at Texas OR Texas at Detroit
Wednesday, Oct. 12: New York at Texas OR Texas at Detroit
x-Thursday, Oct. 13: New York at Texas OR Texas at Detroit
x-Saturday, Oct. 15: Texas at New York OR Detroit at Texas
x-Sunday, Oct. 16: Texas at New York OR Detroit at Texas

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Sunday, Oct. 9: Arizona-Milwaukee winner at Philadelphia OR St. Louis at Arizona-Milwaukee winner
Monday, Oct. 10: Arizona-Milwaukee winner at Philadelphia OR St. Louis at Arizona-Milwaukee winner
Wednesday, Oct. 12: Philadelphia at Arizona-Milwaukee winner OR Arizona-Milwaukee winner at St. Louis
Thursday, Oct. 13: Philadelphia at Arizona-Milwaukee winner OR Arizona-Milwaukee winner at St. Louis
x-Friday, Oct. 14: Philadelphia at Arizona-Milwaukee winner OR Arizona-Milwaukee winner at St. Louis
x-Sunday, Oct. 16: Arizona-Milwaukee winner at Philadelphia OR St. Louis at Arizona-Milwaukee winner
x-Monday, Oct. 17: Arizona-Milwaukee winner at Philadelphia OR St. Louis at Arizona-Milwaukee winner

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All games televised by Fox
Wednesday, Oct. 19 at National League
Thursday, Oct. 20 at National League
Saturday, Oct. 22 at American League
Sunday, Oct. 23 at American League
x-Monday, Oct. 24 at American League
x-Wednesday, Oct. 26 at National League
x-Thursday, Oct. 27 at National League

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Buffalo	3	1	0	.750	133	96
New England	3	1	0	.750	135	98
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	100	95
Miami	0	4	0	.000	69	104
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	3	1	0	.750	107	70
Tennessee	3	1	0	.750	88	56
Jacksonville	1	3	0	.250	39	85
Indianapolis	0	4	0	.000	63	108
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	119	57
Cincinnati	2	2	0	.500	80	74
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	74	93
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	64	72
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
San Diego	3	1	0	.750	91	85
Oakland	2	2	0	.500	111	113
Denver	1	3	0	.250	81	111
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250	49	126

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Washington	3	1	0	.750	83	63
N.Y. Giants	3	1	0	.750	102	87
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	99	101
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	101	101
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	84	77
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	127	98
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	90	105
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	89	102
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Green Bay	4	0	0	1.000	148	97
Detroit	4	0	0	1.000	135	76
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	94	98
Minnesota	0	4	0	.000	77	96
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	94	75
Seattle	1	3	0	.250	58	97
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	86	87
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000	46	113

Sunday's Games
Arizona at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Houston, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Baltimore, Cleveland, Dallas, Miami, St. Louis, Washington
Monday's Game
Chicago at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FRIDAY
9 p.m. Boise State at Fresno State. ESPN

SATURDAY
Noon Oklahoma vs. Texas. ABC
Noon Mississippi State at Alabama Birmingham SUN
Noon Minnesota at Purdue. ESPN
Noon Louisville at North Carolina. ESPN2
12:30 p.m. Florida State at Wake Forest. 44
3:30 p.m. Florida at LSU. CBS
3:30 p.m. Miami at Virginia Tech. ABC
3:30 p.m. Iowa at Penn State. ESPN
3:30 p.m. Air Force at Notre Dame. NBC
7 p.m. Auburn at Arkansas. ESPN
7 p.m. Georgia at Tennessee. ESPN2
8 p.m. Ohio State at Nebraska. ABC
10:30 p.m. TCU at San Diego State. SUN

GOLF

FRIDAY
9 a.m. EuroPGA – Madrid Masters. GOLF
1 p.m. LPGA – Hana Bank Championship. GOLF
4 p.m. PGA – Frys.com Open. GOLF
8:30 p.m. PGA – Insuperity Championship. GOLF

SATURDAY
1 p.m. LPGA – Hana Bank Championship. GOLF
4 p.m. PGA – Frys.com Open. GOLF
8:30 p.m. PGA – Insuperity Championship. GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

FRIDAY
5 p.m. Arizona at Milwaukee. TBS
8:30 p.m. St. Louis at Philadelphia. TBS

NASCAR RACING

FRIDAY
12:30 p.m. Hollywood Casino 400, Practice. ESPN2
2 p.m. Kansas Lottery 300, Practice. ESPN2
4 p.m. Kansas Lottery 300, Practice. ESPN2
5 p.m. Hollywood Casino 400, Qualifying. ESPN2

SATURDAY
10 a.m. Kansas Lottery 300, Qualifying. ESPN2
3:30 p.m. Kansas Lottery 300. ESPN2

NHL

FRIDAY
7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Carolina. SUN

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

WNBA FINALS

FRIDAY
8 p.m. Minnesota at Atlanta. ESPN2
Times, games, channels all subject to change

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Rangers	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	0

Pittsburgh at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Sporting KC	11	9	12	45	47	40
Philadelphia	10	7	14	44	41	34
Columbus	12	12	8	44	38	41
New York	9	7	16	43	49	42
Houston	10	9	13	43	40	40
D.C.	9	10	11	38	46	46
Chicago	7	8	16	37	40	40
Toronto FC	6	13	13	31	33	56
New England	5	14	12	27	35	51

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
x-Los Angeles	18	4	10	64	46	25
x-Seattle	16	6	9	57	51	33
x-Real Salt Lake	15	10	6	51	43	32
FC Dallas	13	11	7	46	36	34
Colorado	11	9	12	45	42	40
Portland	11	13	7	40	38	44
Chivas USA	8	12	12	36	40	39
San Jose	6	11	14	32	33	40
Vancouver	4	16	10	22	29	50

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

Tuesday's Game
New York 2, Los Angeles 0

Thursday's Game
Real Salt Lake at Vancouver, late

Saturday's Games
San Jose at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle FC, 10 p.m.

WNBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Indiana 2, New York 1
Atlanta 2, Connecticut 0

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Minnesota 2, San Antonio 1
Phoenix 2, Seattle 1

CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlanta 2, Indiana 1
Indiana 82, Atlanta 74
Atlanta 94, Indiana 77
Atlanta 83, Indiana 67

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Minnesota 2, Phoenix 0
Minnesota 95, Phoenix 87
Minnesota 103, Phoenix 86

CHAMPIONSHIP
Minnesota 2, Atlanta 0
Sunday: Minnesota 88, Atlanta 74
Wednesday: Minnesota 101, Atlanta 95
Friday: Minnesota at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, Oct. 9: Minnesota at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
x-Wednesday, Oct. 12: Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



TODAY: Football vs. Clewiston, 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Volleyball at Lake Placid, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Golf vs. Sonrise Christian, Pinecrest, 4 p.m.; Girls Golf at Sebring, 4 p.m.; Cross Country vs. DeSoto, 4 p.m.
THURSDAY: Volleyball vs. Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Golf vs. McKeel, 4 p.m.



TODAY: Football at Booker, 7:30 p.m.; Swimming at Orlando, 11 a.m.
TUESDAY: Volleyball vs. Avon Park, 6/7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY: JV Football vs. Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Volleyball at Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.



TODAY: Cross Country at Disney Classic, 4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Volleyball at Winter Haven, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Golf at Archbishop McCarthy Invite, 9 a.m.; Girls Golf vs. Avon Park, George Jenkins, Sun 'N Lake 4 p.m.; Swimming at Winter Haven, 5:30 p.m.
THURSDAY: JV Football at Ft. Meade, 7 p.m.; Volleyball at Lake Gibson, 6/7:30 p.m.; Bowling at Port St. Lucie, 3:30 p.m.



TODAY: Volleyball at State College of Florida Tournament, TBA
SATURDAY: Volleyball at State College of Florida Tournament, TBA
TUESDAY: Volleyball at Polk State College, 7 p.m.
THURSDAY: Volleyball vs. Florida College, 7 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Green Dragon 5K

LAKE PLACID – The inaugural Green Dragon 5K Walk/Run will take place Monday, Oct. 10 at 8 a.m. to help raise funds for the LPHS Cross-Country Teams. More information and entry forms are available at www.highlands.k12.fl.us/~lph. Look under "Current Happenings." Cost is \$20 through Friday, Oct. 7.

YMCA Youth Basketball

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is currently signing up for our Youth Basketball Program for ages ranging from 4-14. The program is having an all boys age group, 12-14 years, and an all girls age group, 12-14 years, this year. Any questions call 382-9622

Panther Hitting Camps

The SFCC Baseball program will be hosting a hitting camp this fall for aspiring players aged 6-14. The camp will be held Saturday's Oct. 15 and 29. Each day, the camps will run from 8:30 -11 a.m. on Panther Field at the SFCC Avon Park campus. Under the guidance of Panther head coach Rick Hitt, along with assistant coach Andy Polk and members of the 2011 SFCC squad, campers will learn all aspects of hitting, with drills, instruction and hitting analysis. Registration begins at 8 a.m. each day and players should bring glove, cap, bat and any desired baseball attire. Camp cost is \$25 per camper. To register, print Application and Consent and Release forms from www.southflorida.edu/baseball/camp 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 hitr@southflorida.edu.

LPGA 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. LPGA members will cook and serve a prime rib dinner. 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.

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.

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 SpringLake 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.

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Senior Tip MASTER STROKES

Get Back To Being A Smoothie

It's been a long season, and if your putting has been shaky, it just might be caused by being tired. This is especially a concern for seniors who tend to make a quick, jabbing type of stroke to begin with. Being worn out makes it more likely to happen. The jab stroke drives the ball down into the putting surface, causing it to bounce and resulting in inconsistent roll. To fight this, be very conscious to make a stroke that is as low and as level to the ground as possible, both back and through. To practice this stroke, lay a ruler down beside your ball on the practice green. Now try to stroke, keeping the bottom of your putter nearly touching the grass for a full 6 inches back and a full 6 inches through. Keep practicing until you ingrain this nice low and smooth feel back into your stroke. You'll be dropping putts again to help finish the season with some great scorecards.



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

Reaney, Don Boulton, Fred Neer and John Ruffo with 47; and third place, Ott Wegner, Jack Maginnis and Joe Swartz with 49.

Closest to the pin: No. 4, Norm Grubbs, 10-feet-2-inches; and No. 8, Jack Maginnis, 5-feet-7-inches.

Pinecrest

The Men's Association played Team and Individual Pro-Am Points on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Fred Latshaw, Art Demers and Bruce Summerfield came in with a +2 to win the team side of the event, while Latshaw totaled +4 to top A Division, Larry Holzwarth scored +1 to win B Division and Wayne Courson

had +5 points to take C Division honors.

Placid Lakes

An Individual Quota Points tournament was played on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Taking first, with +15, was Ken Burnette followed by Bill Lockwood's +11 for second.

Bob McMillian scored +8 for third and John Goble was fourth with +7.

Goble was also closest to the pin, getting to 11-feet, 10-inches from No. 6.

SpringLake

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, the SpringLake Women's Golf Association played a Low Net Flighted Tournament on the Panther Run 10 and Cougar Trail 1 courses.

Linda Pflieger won a tie breaker over Gail Whiting for first place in Flight A with net 69.

First place in Flight B was also won with net 69 by Sharon Warner and Julia Starr came in second with 73.

Golf Hammock

Last Monday the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am points at Golf Hammock Country Club.

Dave Mulligan scored a plus-2 for first place in A group and second place was a tie at minus 3 between Billy Parr and Doug Haire.

Joe Hyzny took first place in B group at even while Tony Frances and Sal Sbotto tied at minus-1.

In C group Billy Ringo made plus-3, good for first place and Larry Spry in second place with minus 1.

Ralph Scharrf was even in D group while Lee Stark was minus 1 for second place and Frank Branca took third place at minus 2.

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

Please arrive early to register.

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

Lake June West

A Mixed Scramble was played on

Thursday, Sept. 29.

Tying for first/second places were the teams of Joyce and Joe Swartz, John and Gloria Huggett; Ken Rowen, John and Sue Ruffo, and Margaret Schultz with 54 each. Third place, Ott and Maxine Wegner, Don Boulton and Charlotte Mathew with 57.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 8, Sue Ruffo, 13-feet. (Men), No. 4, Ken Rowen, 12-feet-7-inches.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Winning first place was the team of Dave Colvin, Ken Raub, Mario Cappelletti and Norm Grubbs with 44; second place, Dick

A Tuesday tumble for Lady Panthers



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Eryn Mahoney and the Lady Panthers have the game to match-up with the Manatees of the State College of Florida, but the team took a step back Tuesday in a three-set sweep. After dropping the opener 25-18, SFCC showed what it's capable of, taking a lead and having game point on a couple of occasions before falling 27-25. But the intensity roller coaster that the team struggles with was back on the downside as the Manatees built up a big early lead in the third set on the way to a 25-16 win. Stephanie De Hoyos and Shelby Flint lead the team with nine kills each, with Malea Kalina and Mahoney both adding seven.

Sebring Chamber 'Night Moves' 5K Run/Walk

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – The Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its' Annual 'Night Moves' 5K Run/Walk.

The race will take place at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, in downtown Sebring on the Circle.

Registration will take place starting at 5 p.m. and conclude at 5:50 p.m. on the day of the race.

You do not have to be a member to participate.

The early entry fee is \$20, which includes a commemorative t-shirt if you register by Friday, Oct. 7.

Entries will be accepted up

to the day of the race, and on the day of the race, for \$25, however a t-shirt is not guaranteed.

Checks should be made payable to the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce and mailed to 227 US Hwy 27 North, Sebring, FL 33870.

The race will feature awards for Overall Male and Overall Female finishers, as well as Master Male and Master Female finishers.

Medals will also be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each age group.

The top winners will also receive a ticket to this year's 60th anniversary of the 12 Hours of Sebring.

The overall winners will also be entered into a special drawing for a chance to win an entry into the Dirty Dozen's fun mud run on Saturday, Oct. 29.

This year's run will be held in conjunction with the Destination Downtown Sebring's Halloween Bash.

Their Halloween festivities will include an 'All Things Pumpkin' Bake-Off complete with local celebrity judges, a costume contest for all ages – including a special category especially for the 5K participants – a pumpkin patch, ghost stories, games for the kids and meal specials. Come run with the Chamber, and

then stick around for all the fun the Destination Downtown has to offer in honor of Halloween.

This will be the first year in the history of the Chamber's Annual 'Night Moves' 5K where participants will have the opportunity to sport their best Halloween costume as part of the event.

Get ready to impress the downtown with your best outfit, and be entered into your chance to win the title in the 5K costume category!

For questions, please contact Kristie Sottile-Ogg at the Chamber at 385-8448 or kristie@sebring.org

Jaguars' Meester anticipates emotional coin toss

By MARK LONG

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Brad Meester hopes to be at midfield for Sunday's coin toss.

The Jacksonville Jaguars center wants a close-up view of what's sure to be a memorable moment.

Meester's buddy, 6-year-old Luke Akerstrom, will walk — maybe even run — to the middle of the field and serve as an honorary captain against the Cincinnati Bengals.

No matter how he gets there, it will be the latest step in a journey that has been far from ordinary.

Luke suffered a 35-minute seizure on Dec. 31, 2010, and was diagnosed with a rare form of encephalitis.

He lost important cells that control motor function and didn't move his legs for six months.

He spent four months in the hospital, where Meester, his wife and their four daughters became some of Luke's regular visitors.

General manager Gene Smith, head athletic trainer Mike Ryan, communications manager Ryan Robinson, two cheerleaders and the team mascot also stopped by.

So did Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow and former President George W. Bush.

With constant therapy and around-the-clock care, Luke slowly got better.

His communication skills improved dramatically and he managed to take several steps by himself when he visited the team's training camp in August.

He got a rousing ovation, then walked off the field with Maurice Jones-Drew as the star running back held back tears.

Luke is nearly running

now, which is more than doctors expected but exactly what Luke envisioned when he told his mother he needed to be able to walk again "because Jaguars don't roll, they run."

Meester expects teammates to be stunned by Luke's progress.

"It's going to be huge for him to be out there," Meester said. "I know he's very excited. He's always excited to come to the game, but to get a chance to be out there for the coin toss, it's going to be huge. It really hasn't been that long ago and he's come a long way. I think they'll be amazed."

Luke gave his family and friends a big scare a couple of weeks ago when he fell at school. Luke didn't talk for 36 hours, prompting fear that he had a significant setback.

Numerous tests were done, but no cause could be found. Luke eventually started talking and walking again, then returned to school. He even attended last week's game against New Orleans.

This one will be considerably different, though.

Meester bought 11 tickets for Luke's family to attend the game and see their boy take center stage for a brief moment.

His paternal grandmother is coming from Sweden, and his maternal grandparents are traveling from Louisiana along with his uncle.

Meester doesn't know exactly what to expect, but he knows it will be special.

"Just seeing him out there like that, it just shows how unbelievable he's doing," Meester said. "It's amazing how far he's come."

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Eagles earn first sweep of season

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the game 28-26.

What an exciting game ending for this flag team, bringing their record to 3-3 for the season.

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

The Eagles offense came out strong and quickly took control of the game, scoring several touchdowns during while the Eagles defense worked diligently to shut down the Hounds efforts.

The Eagles took the win in a shutout with a final score of 33-0, bringing their record to 2-4.

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

The day started off with quarterback Anthony Rosado getting the ball to Thurlow Wilkins, Kasey Hawthorne and Marquis Hawthorne to score touchdowns to take an early lead, 23-0.

In the second half, the offense continued to move the ball down the field with TJ "Cadillac" Williams scoring another touchdown for the Eagles.

The defense, lead by Austin Oppold who made several key tackles of the day, rallied together with teammates Devin Brubaker and Shawn Nolan to shut down the Hounds offense.

In the fourth quarter, the Eagles offense drove down the field with Thurlow Wilkins and Kasey Hawthorne finding the end zone scoring two more touchdowns to wrap up the day with a final score of 46-0, bringing the Pee Wee team a 4-2 record.

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

The game got off to a great start with quarterback DJ Taylor driving down the field in the first quarter.

Taylor took his team the distance of the field and scored the first touchdown, with the extra point scored by fullback Cole Howell to give the Eagles an early lead 7-0.

The Eagles defense lead by



Courtesy photo

Highlands Eagles varsity player Malik Taylor makes a run during Saturday's game against the Auburndale Hounds.

Akem JnPierre then came out and shut the Hounds down.

Key touchdowns were made for the Eagles by quarterback Sammy Smith, fullback Akem JnPierre and running back Rafael Smith, but costly penalties caused Smith two and JnPierre one touchdown to be called back, taking the Eagles into halftime ahead 7-0.

The Eagles took the field in the second half and drove with key yardage made by CJ Harris and Timothy Jordon. Smith got around the end and into the end zone for another Eagles touchdown with Akem JnPierre earning the extra point to make the score 14-0.

In the next Hounds offensive drive, they were able to break through a couple of the Eagles tackles to get to the end zone to make the score 14-6.

Going into the fourth quarter, the Eagles defense stood

strong with key tackles made by Jalen Williams, Davonya "Cricket" Hunter, Timothy Jordan and Rafael Smith to keep the Hounds in check.

The Eagles offense then drove down the field, gaining yardage when fullback Akem JnPierre shook a couple of tackles to make his way to the end zone, bringing the score to 20-6.

In the last play of the game, the Hounds completed a pass to the wide receiver to make a touchdown ending the game with a final score of 20-12, bringing their record to 4-2.

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

The squad came out with another strong performance, though the Hounds drove down the field to score taking an early 7-0 lead.

The Eagles offense took the field, lead by the offen-

sive lineman EJ JnPierre, Anibal Kulian, Geraldo Sanchez, Leroy Conner and Kevin Munoz.

This strong quintet did some outstanding blocking and provided running lanes which allowed Tremaine Hawthorne to score twice early in the game.

The Eagles defense, lead by Anthony Oppold, Lamonte Lockhart, Allen Williams and Brandon Stewart, came out focused and determined, quickly taking control of the field and thwarting any offensive efforts the Hounds.

The offensive line continued to dominate, plowing the way for Lane Hammond to run in for a score.

Cole Kilgo then found plenty of time in the pocket and connected with Malik Taylor for a 10 yard touchdown pass.

Kilgo also had some very impressive runs, earning key yardage for the Eagles.

Taylor would also return a punt 70 yards for a touchdown, giving him two touchdowns for the day.

The Hounds offense struggled and their early score would end up being the only one as the Eagles would take home the 33-7 win, bringing their record to 3-3 for the season.

In the last couple of minutes of the Varsity game, the attention of the Eagles fans was drawn to the sky as a bald eagle soared over and circled the field.

The Eagles fans cheered as it was a fitting end to a successful day for the teams as they took their first sweep of the season.

HYF would like to spotlight the Eagle Cheerleaders and say "Thank You".

The Cheerleaders never failed the players; they kept cheering and boosting team spirit on the sidelines.

The Highlands Eagles will be hosting the next game at home on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Avon Park High School against the Lakeland Hurricanes.

Games will begin at 9 a.m. with admission being \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

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

Rays wrap-up

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ally slipped farther and farther behind the Yankees and Red Sox in playoff contention.

"We knew that was going to happen when the offseason started to arrive. Andrew and I spoke a lot about it, and you just start making your plans for the future," Maddon said.

A young, talented starting rotation of James Shields, David Price, Jeremy Hellickson Wade Davis and Jeff Niemann made Maddon's job a little easier.

Relievers Kyle Farnsworth and Joel Peralta were signed as free agents, and designated hitter Johnny Damon was brought in to provide much-needed leadership on and off the field.

"The starting pitching has made all of this work. And that's the one thing in the offseason, when I talked about the demise of the Rays being greatly exaggerated, was the fact I knew we had this great young starting group of pitchers," Maddon said. "If you don't have that core group of starters, there's no way you could compete or do what we did this year. It is impossible."

Shields rebounded from a subpar year to win a career-best 16 games and become an All-Star.

David Price was selected as an All-Star for the second time, although he went winless in September to finish with 12 wins — down from 19 in 2010.

Hellickson won 13 games and is one of the leading candidates for AL rookie of the year.

And there's more good pitching on the way.

Matt Moore made his second big league start in Game 1 of the playoffs against Texas and shut down the defending AL champions on two hits over

seven innings of a 9-0 victory.

Including that postseason win, rookies were the winning pitchers in 10 of Tampa Bay's 18 victories after Sept. 3.

"The fact that we did have that group, they made the bullpen better," Maddon said. "We didn't have to score as many runs to win games because they were so good. Every night you take the field ... we know we have a pretty good chance of winning because of our starters."

With attendance lagging, the current \$41 million payroll is not likely to rise much in 2012.

As much as Friedman would like to bolster an offense that struggled to score runs, the Rays are not in a position to mortgage the future by trading top prospects or spending big bucks in free agency to land a bat or two for the middle of the lineup.

Nevertheless, there will be change.

Friedman has been a master at bringing in low-priced free agents that have helped the team remain a playoff contender.

Damon was the team's highest paid player at \$5 million this season.

First baseman Casey Kotchman signed a minor league contract last winter and wound up batting a career-best .306 in 146 games.

"The tough thing is, you look around the room, you know some guys may not be back next year. Trades happen. Free-agency happens. This was definitely a special bunch," Damon said after Tuesday's 4-3 loss in Game 4 of ALDS ended the season.

"Unfortunately, history only remembers the champions," Damon added. "I do think the month of September really won us a lot of hearts with the fans. It was fun."

ACC likely to see standings separation

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES — Just about every preseason prediction of how the Atlantic Coast Conference would shake out this fall suggested the same thing, that Virginia Tech and Florida State would win their respective six-team divisions with ease.

Both are currently in fourth place.

Translation: Maybe a slew of teams really are legitimate candidates to win the ACC.

The true picture of where things stand in the conference should start coming into much clearer focus this weekend, when the ACC

slate is highlighted by Florida State visiting upstart Wake Forest in an Atlantic Division matchup and Miami heading to Virginia Tech for what seems much like an elimination game in the Coastal Division.

More than half of the 12 ACC clubs still control their own destinies in the league race, though that won't remain the case much longer.

"Now we're in the tournament," Miami coach Al Golden said. "It's ACC tournament time."

Of course, technically that isn't the case, but Golden's point is tough to argue with.

SEC Athletic directors meet, discuss 2012 schedule

By JOHN ZENOR

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — SEC athletic directors and Commissioner Mike Slive met Wednesday to discuss the logistics of Texas A&M's entry as the 13th member even though No. 14 might soon be on its way.

The meeting comes a day after University of Missouri curators voted unanimously to consider leaving the Big 12 — likely to join the Southeastern Conference — instead of committing to the league for the long term.

However, SEC spokesman Charles Bloom said the AD meeting at league headquarters was scheduled several weeks ago and was "to integrate Texas A&M into the Southeastern Conference and plan for a 13-team schedule for all sports in 2012-13."

SEC school administrators have indicated that adding a 14th school is likely, perhaps imminent.

And though the vote by Missouri curators makes the Tigers a leading contender, Mississippi State athletic director Scott Stricklin said the conference is in a wait-and-see mode on further expansion.

He said there were no discussions about a 14th team on Wednesday.

"The commissioner has done such a great job of posi-

tioning us and we continue just to kind of look for his guidance and for him to lead us in whatever direction we decide on," Stricklin said. "When he says, 'Hey, here's an idea,' we're going to listen to him.

"Until then, I think we are all very comfortable with where we are at 13 for the time being."

Mississippi AD Pete Boone said a 14-team schedule would be preferable, but he and his peers focused on a 13-team schedule because that's how many schools they have right now.

"Certainly, we've discussed that conceptually, it would be nice to have a 14-team league and to have a 14-team league sooner rather than later," Boone said. "But I don't believe anything is

imminent at this time."

Other athletic department staffers and the transition team formed after Texas A&M's admission into the league also participated in the four-hour meeting in a conference room in the downtown Birmingham offices.

"It was just about the schedule going forward and how we integrate what we've got," Stricklin said. "We're still excited about Texas A&M and what they bring to the table.

"As the commissioner has said, we anticipate being a 13-team league next year and we want to make sure we have a plan in place that's fair and equitable."

Stricklin said the transition team presented ideas and got feedback, but there wasn't a

vote or decision on scheduling or division setups.

"Any time you start talking about schedules, you want to make sure there's fairness involved and that rivalries where we can be protected," he said. "We've got such a great league, every matchup is a good matchup. It really doesn't matter who you play. Mainly just make sure we keep the ideas of as much balance as you can. I think we've done that traditionally as a league, and I didn't hear anything today that made me think we weren't going to go in that direction."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** offers a class in Lake Placid at the Sunshine RV Resort from 9-11 a.m. Friday. Call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at samdunn@samdunn.net.

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

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

■ **Lake Placid Moose** serves wings, fish and burgers at 6 p.m. Music provided from 7-11 p.m. Pool tournament is at 8 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Karaoke from 7-10 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **MOM's Club** meets at 10:30 a.m. first Friday at the First United Methodist Church on Pine Street in Sebring.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.

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

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves chicken or fish baskets from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring, for a \$4 donation. Blind darts is played at 7 p.m. Call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** serving buffet dinner at 5-7 p.m. Elks and guests invited. Dance music in ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and dance is \$10 donation. Smoke-free environment. For reservations, call 385-8647 or 471-3557. Lounge is open from 1-10 p.m.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Recreation Club** plays bridge at 12:30 p.m. and table tennis at 4 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave. Call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

Post 3880, 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. Texas Hold 'em lessons, 2 p.m. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves pizza from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 S.E. Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 385-8902.

SATURDAY

■ **American Legion Post 25** serves sirloin burgers from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Jam session is from 2-4 p.m. The lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Members and guests invited. Call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 69** in Avon Park serves dinner at 5 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m.

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

■ **Avon Park Public Library** has a free Adult Film Series at noon. Call 452-3803.

■ **Cancer Support Group** meets from 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Fellowship Church, 2935 New Life Way, Sebring, hosted by Sue and Kristi Olsen. Call 446-1284 or 385-2974.

■ **Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** provides free assisted riding sessions for adults and children with special needs from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 118 W. College Drive, Avon Park. For details or to volunteer, call Mary McClelland, coordinator, 452-0006.

■ **Highlands Shrine Club**, 2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) has a flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., country store open from 8 a.m. to noon and pancake breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Vendors are welcome. No setup fee is charged for the summer months. Plenty of off road parking. A monthly social is planned at 6:30 p.m. on the second Saturday at the club. There will be dinner and music provided for dancing. Reservations are required by calling 382-2208.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** has a class in Pastels/Acrylics taught by Llewellyn Rinald from from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** opens the lounge at 1 p.m. Card games are played at 1 p.m., and Bar Bingo is at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. Call 465-2661.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Oak Street, Lake Placid. For more details, call 382-1821.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves dinner from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Music is from 7-10 p.m. Call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Hills Association** has a pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at the clubhouse, 200 Lark Ave. All the pancakes, sausage, OJ, coffee or tea you can eat or drink for \$3 for members and \$3.50 for non-members.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800** serves breakfast from 8-11 a.m. and horse racing at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Saturday at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves a meal for \$6 from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 385-8902.

SUNDAY

■ **American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. Call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open 1-8 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Post is at 528 N. Pine

St., Sebring. Call 471-1448.

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

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

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**, meets from 4-5 p.m. in second floor conference room No. 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. 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. 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. 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. Call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** Karaoke is from 5-8 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. 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. 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. Call 202-0647..

■ **American Legion Post 74 Sons of Legion** meet at 6 p.m. Executive board meets at 7 p.m. on second Monday at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Happy hour from 4-6 p.m. Post open noon-8 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **AmVets Post 21** meets 6 p.m. second Monday, at the post, 2029 U.S. 27 South, Sebring. All members welcome.

■ **AmVets Post 21** plays darts at 7:30 p.m. for members and guests. 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. Call 385-8118.

■ **Diabetes Insulin Pump Support Group** meets the second Monday from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Florida Hospital Heartland Division Diabetes Center, 4023 Sun 'N Lake. Call 402-0177 for more information.

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

■ **Fairmount Mobile Estates Lunch Bunch** meets at noon second Monday at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring. Call 382-0481.

■ **Florida Association Home and Community Education**

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

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

■ **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. 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.

■ **Heartland Riders Association** meets at 6 p.m. second Monday at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center in Village Plaza (across from Sebring Gate Station). Call 402-1165.

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

■ **Highlands County Homeowners Association** meets the second Monday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Sebring Country Estates Clubhouse at 3240 Grand Prix Drive in Sebring.

■ **Highlands County Parkinson's Support Group**

meets at 10 a.m. second Monday at First Baptist Church in Downtown Sebring. Call 453-6589.

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

■ **Highlands Sertoma Club** meets at 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.

■ **Insulin Pump Support Group** meets from 3-4:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month in conference Room 3 of Florida Hospital. This group is open to all insulin pump wearers, their families and anyone who is interested in knowing more about insulin pumps. Pre-registration is not required. For information, call 402-0177.

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

■ **Lake Placid 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. Call 465-2661.

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

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

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

families and friends of alcoholics, call 385-5714.

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

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

■ **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. Call 465-4888.

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

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

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

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

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** plays Texas Hold 'em at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing. 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. Call 659-1019.

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

■ **Woman's Club of Sebring** meets at noon on the second Monday for lunch, from October through May, at the clubhouse, 4260 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 385-7268.

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Advice for whatever ails school kids

Dear Pharmacist: I have 4 kids all in school between kindergarten and 8th grade. We are at the doctor's office all year long. Do you have advice to help parents like me (and other students) who catch whatever is floating around?

— L.Y., Long Island, New York

Answer: Great question! Many parents have their hands full with work, commuting and family responsibilities. Having a sick child can throw a snag in an already full schedule. Here are some tips to help you with common conditions that often occur in the fall and winter season. Remember, these are just suggestions so everything you read here should be discussed with your pediatrician. Here's what to do if your child comes down with:

Respiratory infection

This is usually caused by a virus and quite common in the fall. It usually runs its course causing a nasty cough, fever, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea and exhaustion. In the pharmacy, Dimetapp, Triaminic and PediaCare are all popular medications for symptom relief in children.

In the health food store, you could look for Elderberry extract, Hyland's Homeopathic Belladonna extract or Boiron's Oscillococinum. The big problem with a respiratory infection, is that it can trigger an asthma attack. Do not ignore breathing issues for they can be fatal; you will need to get a prescription inhaler from your physician, something such as albuterol. Two inhalers are a good idea, send one with your child (or the school nurse) and



Dear Pharmacist

Suzy Cohen

keep the other at home. The pharmacist should put a complete label with directions on both containers.

Stomach flu

This commonly used term really refers to gastroenteritis, an inflammation of the stomach or intestinal tract caused by food poisoning, a virus, bacteria or contaminated water. Symptoms include cramps, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever and/or swollen lymph glands.

Dehydration is the scary complication here, so avoid that. If you are able to hold food down, eat bland foods like rice, toast or baby food. My best advice is to drink 100 percent pure coconut water; it contains natural electrolytes that closely match your blood and it's better than sugar-laden sports drinks.

Sore throat

Use zinc lozenges. This pain-relieving mineral does double duty by blocking viral cell reproduction. Even though studies conflict, one trial conducted at the Cleveland

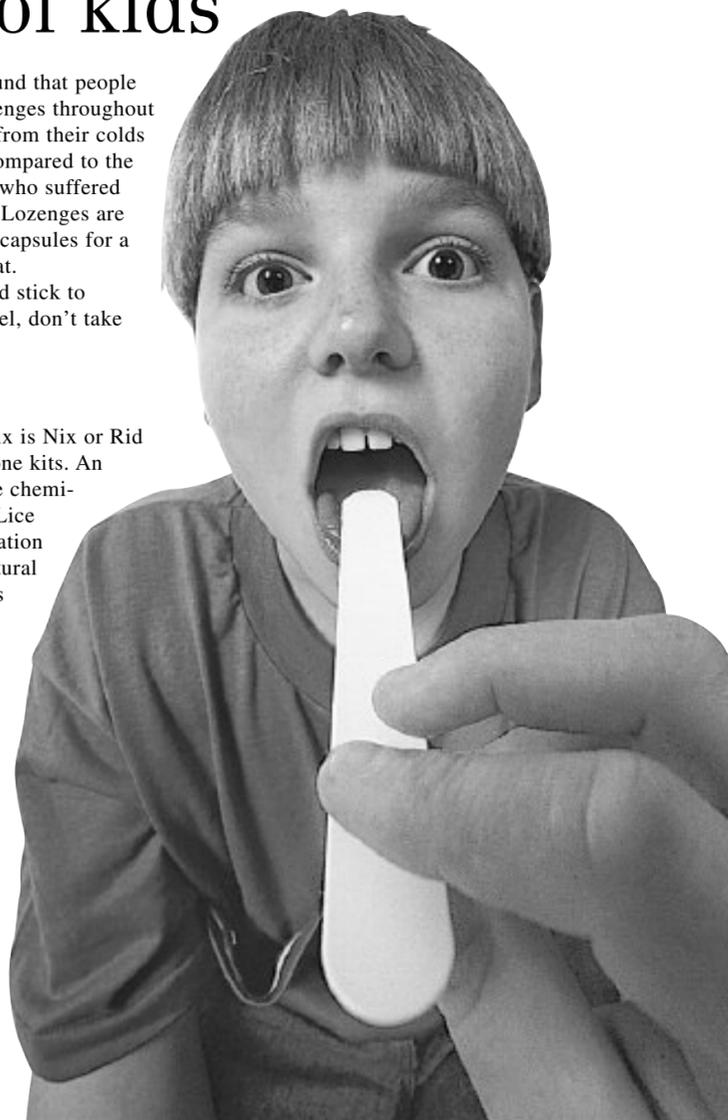
Clinic in 1996, found that people who took zinc lozenges throughout the day felt relief from their colds in under 5 days, compared to the non-treated group who suffered for almost 8 days. Lozenges are better than tablets/capsules for a sore or tickly throat.

For kids, I would stick to dosages on the label, don't take any extra.

Head lice

The pharmacy fix is Nix or Rid insecticide all-in-one kits. An alternative to these chemicals include Zero Lice by Thursday Plantation which contains natural ingredients such as tea tree oil, ylang ylang, citronella and eucalyptus. Nit removal is most important so take your time.

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



New meeting place, time for Heartland Amputee Group

SEBRING — The Heartland Amputee Group has reached out to people who live with amputations with its lecture series and support group meetings for many seasons. It is important to know that people who are experiencing this loss are not alone. The group's main purpose is to give support, encouragement and exchange information and news regarding living with an amputation. This information can be very helpful and educational. Anyone who is interested in sharing information that may help others is welcome to attend.

The first meeting of the season will be Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce, Village Fountain Plaza, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Chuck Rathmanner, C.P.O. from Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics in Sebring, will be on hand to answer any questions.

The group meets in an informal manner to bring news to both the experienced and the new amputee, their family and friends and interested health care professionals.

For any other information about the group, or if you would like to be on the mailing list for notification of the meetings and guest speakers, please call 385-1196, email: halloinc@embarqmail.com or write to HALLO, P.O. Box 7082, Sebring, FL 33872.

Free diabetes management classes offered

SEBRING — The Highlands County Health Department (HCHD) is offering Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) classes as part of its Wellness and Diabetes Education Program.

This program serves Highlands County residents of all ages, especially those

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with diabetes or at risk for developing diabetes.

These classes are free of charge and provided by a Certified Diabetes Educator.

Classes in English are scheduled in Sebring on Oct. 10-12 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and on Oct. 17-19 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Highlands County Health Department (7205 S. George Blvd., conference room A).

Enrollment is limited and registration is required.

To register and for more information, contact the HCHD Wellness and Diabetes Education Program, at 863-382-7228 or 863-382-7294.

March of Dimes seeking proposals for 2012 grant funding

MAITLAND — The March of Dimes Florida Chapter is seeking applications for grants in Florida that will address unmet maternal and child health needs. These grants are one way the March of Dimes pursues its mission of preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.

"Our current grant priorities are to help women become as healthy as possible before making the decision to have a baby," said Julie Samples, March of Dimes Florida Chapter Program Services Committee chair. "The key focus for the March of Dimes is improving the health and well-being of women both before and after they have a baby."

Information on the grant process, including the request for proposal and grant guidelines, can be found on our website at marchofdimes.com/florida. The closing date for applications is Oct. 15, for a funding cycle that will begin in early 2012. For additional questions about the grant process, please contact Lori Reeves, State Program Director, at lreeves@marchofdimes.com.

chofdimes.com.

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. With chapters nationwide and its premier event, March for Babies, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For the latest resources and information, visit marchofdimes.com/florida or nacersano.org/.

'Lunch and Learn' about cancer

SEBRING — Sebring Cancer Center is hosting a free "Lunch and Learn" at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Light lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and lecture begins at noon.

Dr. Stephanie Rapke, a board-certified radiation oncologist, will present "Common Cancers: Breast, Prostate, Colon, and Lung: Prevention, Early Detection and Risk Factors."

Dr. Rapke graduated with the highest honors from the University of Maryland, where she majored in General Physical Science. She attended the University of Maryland School of Medicine and completed an internal medicine internship and radiology residency at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. She completed her residency in radiation oncology at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she served as Chief Resident. After completing her training,

Dr. Rapke became an instructor in radiation oncology at Vanderbilt Medical Center and served as the

Clinical Director and Assistant Professor at Stony Brook Hospital in New York. She returned to work for Johns Hopkins Hospital and directed their first satellite center in Chambersburg, PA. She is now a highly valued member of the Sebring Cancer Center team.

Sebring Chamber of Commerce is at 227 US Highway 27 N in Sebring. Due to limited seating, reservations are required and can be made by calling 863-382-8811 or by email at tbarkey@oncure.com/.

Outreach schedule

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

— Today, 8 a.m., Health Fair, Sebring Village, Schumacher Road, Sebring; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Highlands Village, Villa Road, Sebring.

— Monday, 8 a.m., Health Fair, Hammock Estates, Hammock Road, Sebring; 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'n Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

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

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

— Thursday, 10 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Maranatha Village, Arbuckle Creek Road, Sebring.

Cloning method may help make personal stem cells

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Scientists used a cloning technique to create the type of customized stem cells that show promise for treating disease. But the first-of-its-kind result comes with a big hitch.

The newly created stem cells have too much genetic material to function properly. They include DNA from two people, not just the patient the cells were meant to match. Scientists still have to figure a way around that before they can use the cells to develop genetically-matched tissue for transplant to treat various diseases.

The research involved injecting DNA from skin cells of a volunteer into donor eggs. Normally in cloning, the egg's genetic material is removed first, but when researchers tried that it didn't work, said study lead author Dieter Egli, a senior research fellow at the New York Stem Cell Foundation. This new method only worked when the donor's DNA was left inside the egg and the volunteer's genetic material was added. That meant the

result had 69 chromosomes. That's 23 too many.

Because of that, Egli said, "I could never imagine that those cells could make a viable human being. That's simply out of the question."

Egli said he and his colleagues are trying several different approaches to overcome the "technical barrier" of too much DNA with this technique. What's important, he said, is that it shows researchers can use this method to turn a person's own cells into potent stem cells, something that has been demonstrated before in animals. The study was published online Wednesday in the journal Nature.

Researchers started with 270 eggs and eventually created two stem cell lines, according to study co-author Scott Noggle, director of the New York Stem Cell Foundation lab where the work was done.

There's also another promising method to create personalized stem cells that doesn't involve embryos. That technique reprograms skin cells to turn into stem cells.

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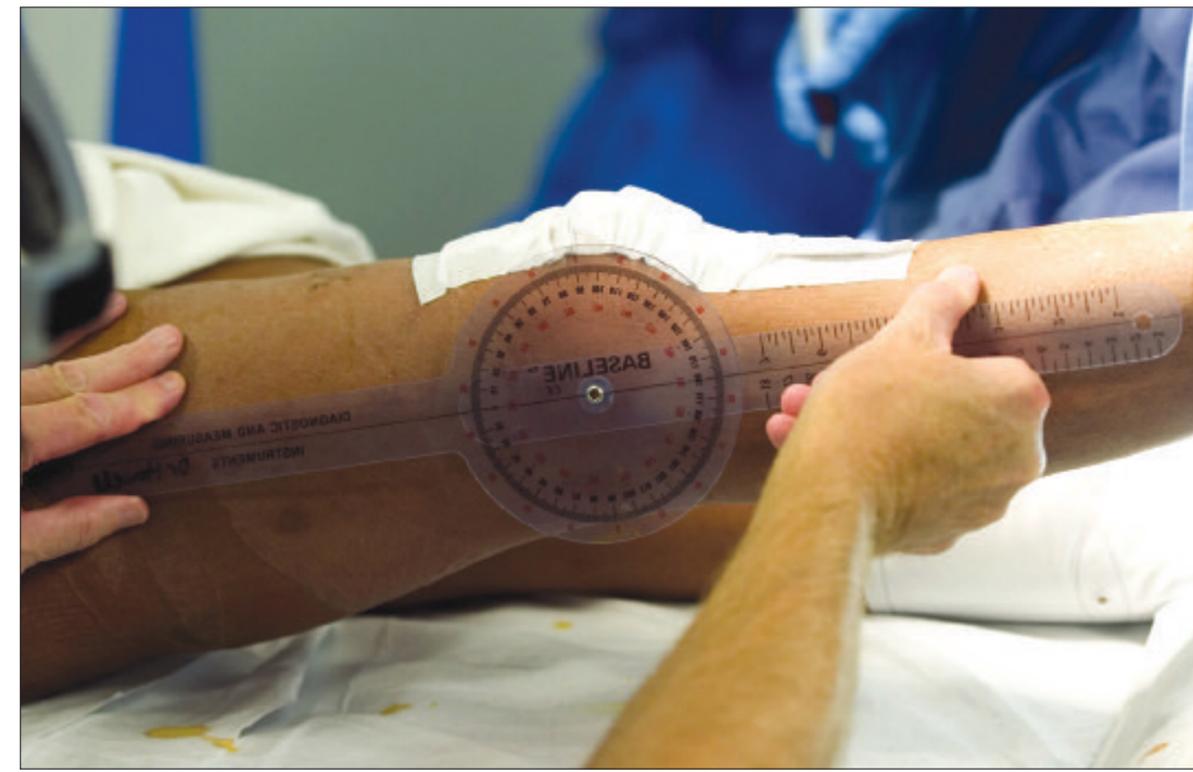
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A patient has her range of motion checked after having a knee replacement surgery. A computer generated model of what her knee looks like is below.

Baby boomers fueling boom in knee and hip surgeries

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE

AP Medical Writer

SAN DIEGO — We're becoming a nation of bum knees, worn-out hips and sore shoulders, and it's not just the Medicare set. Baby boomer bones and joints also are taking a pounding, spawning a boom in operations to fix them.

Knee replacement surgeries have doubled over the last decade and more than tripled in the 45-to-64 age group, new research shows. Hips are trending that way, too.

And here's a surprise: It's not all due to obesity. Ironically, trying to stay fit and avoid extra pounds is taking a toll on a generation that expects bad joints can be swapped out like old tires on a car.

"Boomeritis" or "fix-me-itis" is what Dr. Nicholas DiNubile, a suburban Philadelphia surgeon, calls it.

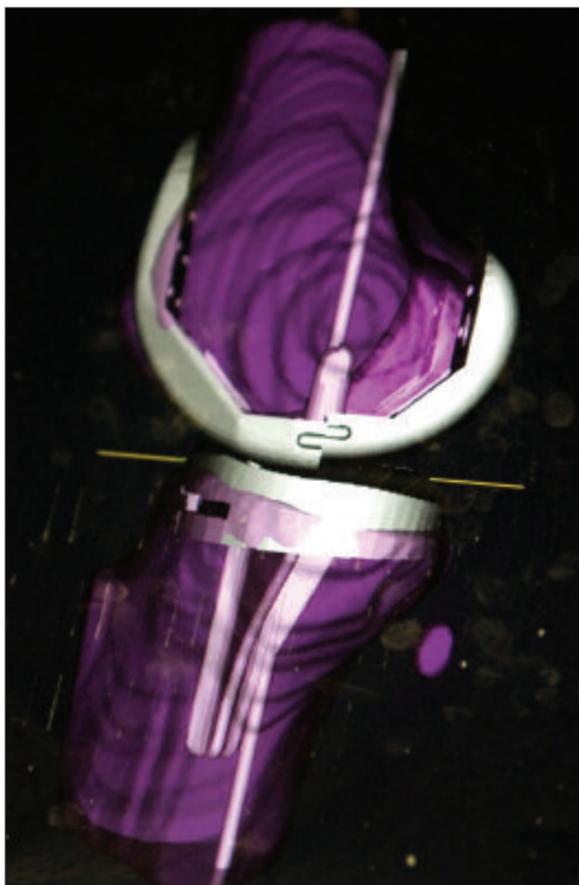
"It's this mindset of 'fix me at any cost, turn back the clock,'" said DiNubile, an adviser to several pro athletic groups and a spokesman for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. "The boomers are the first generation trying to stay active in droves on an aging frame" and are less willing to use a cane or put up with pain or stiffness as their grandparents did, he said.

A huge industry says they don't have to. TV ads show people water skiing with new hips. Ads tout "the athletic knee," "the custom knee," "the male knee," "the female knee." Tennis great Billie Jean King, 67, is promoting the "30-year" Smith & Nephew knees she got last year.

"I wanted to make sure whatever they put in me was going to last," she said. "I'm not trying to win Wimbledon anymore. I'm trying to get my exercise in," play a little tennis on the clay courts in Central Park, and walk to a movie or a restaurant. "If I'd known what I know now, I would have had it 10 years ago."

Joint replacements have enabled millions of people like King to lead better lives, and surgeons are increasingly comfortable offering them to younger people.

But here's the rub: No one really knows how well these implants will perform in the active baby boomers getting them now. Most studies were done in older folks whose expectations were to be able to go watch a grandchild's



soccer game — not play the sport themselves, as one researcher put it.

Even the studies presented at a recent orthopedics conference that found knee replacements are lasting 20 years come with the caveat that this is in older people who were not stressing their new joints by running marathons, skiing or playing tennis.

Besides the usual risks of surgery — infection, blood clots, anesthesia problems — replacing joints in younger people increases the odds they'll need future operations when these wear out, specialists say.

"We think very carefully about patients under 50" and talk many of them out of replacing joints, said Dr. William Robb, orthopedics chief at NorthShore University HealthSystem in suburban Chicago.

But many don't want to wait, even if they're not much beyond that:

—Karen Guffey, a 55-year-old retired civilian police worker in San Diego, plans to have a hip replaced in September. "I can't exercise the way I want to. I have to go slow, which is really aggravating. I want to go full force," she said. "I'm not worried about how I'm going to feel when I'm 75. I want to feel good now."

—Karen Cornwall, a Havertown, Pa., nurse who played a slew of sports since

childhood, had both knees replaced last year when she was 54. "I just felt like I was too young and too active to be in pain all the time," she explained.

—Bill McMullen, a former Marine and construction worker from suburban Philadelphia, had seven knee repair surgeries before finally getting a knee replacement at age 55 a decade ago. He took up weightlifting to spare his knees but damaged a shoulder and had it replaced two years ago. "People ask me if I'm happy and I say, 'If you have pain, go and get it done,'" he said of joint replacement. "It was the best thing for me. I have no pain."

People are urged to exercise because it's so important for health, but there are "too many wannabes" who overdo it by trying to imitate elite athletes, said Dr. Norman Schachar, a surgeon and assistant dean at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada.

"They think if they've got a sore knee they're entitled to having it replaced," he said. "I think surgeons are overdoing it too, to try to meet that expectation."

Dr. Ronald Hillock, an orthopedic surgeon in a large practice in Las Vegas that does about 4,000 joint replacements a year, sees the demand from patients.

"People come in and say 'this is what I want, this is what I need,'" he said. "They

could buy a cane or wear a brace," but most want a surgical fix.

The numbers tell the story. There were 288,471 total hip replacements in 2009, nearly half of them in people under 65, according to the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, which tracks hospitalizations.

Knee replacements soared from 264,311 in 1997 to 621,029 in 2009, and more than tripled in the 45-to-64-year-old age group.

"Five or 10 years ago, a very small number of people under 65 were receiving this surgery. Now we see more and more younger people getting it," said Elena Losina, co-director of the Orthopaedic and Arthritis Center for Outcomes Research at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

She analyzed how much of this rise was due to population growth and obesity, and presented results at an orthopedic meeting in San Diego in February.

From 1997 to 2007, the population of 45- to 64-year-olds grew by 36 percent, but knee replacements in this group more than tripled. Obesity rates didn't rise enough to explain the trend.

"At most, 23 percent of the 10-year growth in total knee replacement can be explained by increasing obesity and population size," Losina said.

"This is a very successful operation. The only caveat is, all the successes have been seen in the older population," who usually put less stress on their new joints than younger folks who want to return to sports.

"It's unclear whether the artificial joint is designed to withstand this higher activity," she said.

Study: Worst hospitals treat larger share of poor patients

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The nation's worst hospitals treat twice the proportion of elderly black patients and poor patients than the best hospitals, and their patients are more likely to die of heart attacks and pneumonia, new research shows.

Now, these hospitals, mostly in the South, may be at higher risk of financial failure, too. That's because the nation's new health care law punishes bad care by withholding some money, says the lead author of the study published Wednesday in the journal Health Affairs.

"These hospitals are going to have a much harder time in the new funding environment," said Dr. Ashish Jha of the Harvard School of Public Health, who led the study. "I worry they're going to get worse over time and possibly even fail. I worry that we're going to see a bunch of that happening over the next three to five years."

Under the Affordable Care Act, hospitals that fail to improve will see their Medicare payments shrink by 1 percent starting October 2012. That could jeopardize some hospitals already on the brink of closure, Jha said.

That unintended consequence of the health overhaul could increase health disparities for minorities, Jha said.

"We have to make sure we pay attention to what the results of those policies are and be ready to change directions if they're causing harm in the marketplace," Jha said.

The study doesn't name the 178 hospitals the researchers rated as "worst" because of their low quality of care and high costs. A data use agreement with Medicare prevented the researchers from identifying the hospitals publicly.

The study, funded by the Commonwealth Fund, found 122 "best" hospitals with high quality and low costs. Those best hospitals were

more likely to be in the Northeast, to be nonprofit and to have cardiac intensive care units compared to the worst hospitals.

Elderly blacks made up 15 percent of patients in the worst hospitals and about 7 percent in the best hospitals. There were similar differences for people on Medicaid, the state-federal health program for the poor. Worst-hospital patients with heart attacks or pneumonia were more likely to die than similar patients at the best hospitals.

Medicare chief Don Berwick called the study "valuable, but not completely new." He said the federal government is working to help all hospitals improve.

"We know they can improve," even if they treat sicker or disadvantaged patients, Berwick said. "There are examples of safety net hospitals that are some of the best in the country." He cited Denver Health, which has low death rates despite treating a large share of poor patients.

The health law's so-called "value-based purchasing" rewards hospitals for their rate of improvement, not just for attaining goals, Berwick said. So hospitals that start farther behind can get rewarded for making efforts to catch up. And the law provides money for hospital improvement programs.

"If I were talking to safety net hospitals, I would say, 'I know it's hard. Here's some help, and if you start (improving), you'll get rewarded for starting,'" Berwick said.

For the study, the researchers used data from six sources to determine which hospitals were worst and best. They divided the hospitals into four ranked groups for quality of care and divided them again into four ranked groups for cost.

Of 3,229 hospitals analyzed, 122 were in the top group for quality and also in the group that had the lowest costs.

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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — This is the 17th Sunday after Pentecost service with Holy Eucharist being led by the Rev. Jefferson Cox. Eucharist Assistant/Lector will be Jim Fiedler.

Bible reading and discussion every Thursday with Leaders Sharon Palmer and Barbara Donovan.

Sunday, Oct. 16, will be a special "Come Back to Church Sunday." Guest will be the Rev. Carol Solovitz, dean of the Lake Conference ELCA. Refreshments following the service.

The Labyrinth Prayer Garden is patterned after a very famous Labyrinth in France and is in memory of a former member, Kaitlyn Gossett. Bushes and flower decorating the garden were planted in memory of Scott Duncan Koch.

Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — "Building Winners" (II Corinthians 4:7) will be the

Sunday morning message presented by Larry Roberts, Minister. There will be a Teen Gathering on Sunday night following the evening service.

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

Bethel Baptist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor John Hankins of Bethel Baptist Church in Lake Placid, is teaching a series of Bible lessons on the "Fruit of the Spirit" during the adult Sunday school class each Sunday morning. The topic for this Sunday will be "Gentleness."

Biblical messages are preached each Sunday morning and evening at 6 p.m.

The church is at 216 E. Park Street. For more information, you may call the church at 633-9294.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday Pastor Scott McLean

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will be preaching a sermon entitled "The Peace Feast."

The church is at 1320 C.R. 64, east the Avon Park High School. For more information, call 471-2663 or visit www.christluther-anavonpark.org/. This is an LCMS congregation.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?" The keynote is from Isaiah 45:22, "I invite the whole world to turn to me and be saved. I alone am God! No others are real."

The church is at 146 N. Franklin Street.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Associate Minister Casey L. Downing will bring the message titled "Spirit Moving" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study

will continue the book of Hebrews.

Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — Wednesday evening's our mid-week Bible study and discussion time is an informal setting with open discussion.

Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Lake Placid Family Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 27.

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

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon, "Whose People Are They?" this Sunday morning. The Scripture is taken from Exodus 32:1-14.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County Road 634 (Hammock Road).

Call 471-1999 or visit www.sebringemmanuelucc.com/.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — Pastor Gary Kindle's will be delivering his sermon entitled: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus." This Sunday we will be celebrating LWML (Lutheran Women Missionary League) at both services.

Tai Chi is offered Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall - open to all (no charge, donations accepted).

Pizza and Game Night for everyone is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m. Come and have fun playing cards, board games, foosball, pool, or video games, Wii and more. Enjoy Galati's pizza, soft drinks, and dessert. All for \$3 per person (children under 10 free). Please call the church Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 385-7848, or e-mail faithlutheransebring@embarq.com or Facebook Faith Lutheran Church Sebring if

you plan to attend.

Men's prayer breakfast, devotions and fellowship is on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 7 a.m. Bring your Bibles and landscaping tools. Campus maintenance will follow the devotional time. Please RSVP.

Heartland Circuit Reformation Service will be held at Faith on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. Praise teams from the different churches of the Heartland Circuit will begin singing at 3:30 p.m., with a communion worship service beginning at 4 p.m.

There will be supper served after the service that will consist of brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, drink and dessert. The cost for the meal will be \$5. Please use the ways listed above to contact us so we can get a count for how many people to cook for.

First Baptist Church of Avon Park

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

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

APOSTOLIC

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshiping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 5 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org

ship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, senior pastor; Scott King, interim youth minister; Joy Loomis, music director; and Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Primera Mision Bautista pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship; 10:45 a.m. Children's Church; 6 p.m. Evening Service. Nursery provided for Sunday morning service. Regular Wednesday schedule: 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting; 6 p.m. children's choirs; 6 p.m. youth activities; 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal; 7 p.m. Mission Programs. Call 453-6681 for details. Spanish Sunday services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. Sunday worship; 7 p.m. evening worship. Spanish Wednesday Service: 7 p.m. Bible study. Spanish Friday Meeting: 7 p.m. Family Night Visitation. "In the heart of Avon Park. For the hearts of Avon Park."

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm Street. (2 blocks south of Interlake Blvd) Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Email: www.fbclp.com. Pastor Brett Morey, senior pastor. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Senior Sunday Night and Sunday Evening Bible study at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Adult-LifeSource classes, prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and Kids K-5-MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. Men meet at 8 a.m. every Tuesday for prayer breakfast and women's prayer breakfast is at 8 a.m. every Wednesday, both at the Family Restaurant.

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

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities;

and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Bautista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN & 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.

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evening service.

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

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

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more information, call 453-6681 or e-mail info@fbcap.net/.

First Baptist Church of Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — First Baptist Church of Lake Placid at 119 East Royal Palm Street, will host the following events this week:

Monday, Prime Timers covered dish luncheon will be in the fellowship hall. Speaker will be Jeff Roth of the Children's Advocacy Center.

Tuesday, Confection Connection women's Bible study is in the church sanctuary. Speaker will be

Jennifer Reser on the topic "Following the Footsteps of Jesus Where Ever They Go."

First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes

LAKE PLACID — On Sunday, Pastor Darryl George will preach the sermon entitled "Wisdom's Exceptional Love! The Challenge: Talk Less ... Love More!" with regards to Luke 7:35-39.

The church is at the corner of Washington and Kemper Avenues in Placid Lakes. For more information, call 465-5126 from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday or e-mail the church at placidlakes@hotmail.com/.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Diane Beidler and Betty Simpson.

CHURCH NEWS

Communion will be served by Sally Woolley, Joyce Winstel, Carol Chandler and Jayne Weldy.

Todd and Robin Martin will be the greeters this Sunday. Serving as acolyte for the month of October is Daniel Thibodeau.

Noel and Juanita Roberts will be working with Children's Church the whole month of October.

Pastor Ron's sermon is titled, "A Time for Everything," taken from Ecclesiastes 3:1-9.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Bob Johnson's sermon is entitled "Building the Church" based on I Corinthians 3:1-23.

The choir's introit will be

"We Have Come Into His House" and the anthem will be "The House We Build for the Lord."

Sunday school is available for all ages. The adult Sunday school class is continuing the study of David in II Samuel 14 in which Joab schemes for Absalom's return. Wendy Garcia is teaching the youth class and their lessons discuss how the Bible applies to life today.

Today is Clergy Appreciation Sunday. Members are asked to honor Pastor Johnson and his wife Maxine by showing any kindness or giving them something as a means of thanks.

On Monday, the church office will be closed.

On Wednesday, Bible study entitled "The Basics of the Faith" will be led by Pastor Bob Johnson.

The church is at 215 E. Circle Street (with two

entrances on Lagrande Street).

For more information, please call the church office at 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "In God's Waiting Room" is the title of the Sunday morning sermon, given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

Tuesday, Grief Support Group meets in the adult classroom. Youth Group meets in the fellowship hall for Bible study, sport activities, homework time and dinner.

Wednesday, Adult Bible study in the adult classroom. Choir rehearsal in the adult classroom.

Thursday, Men's Prayer Breakfast at Sandy's on U.S. 27.

Saturday, Oct. 15, Dinner and Movie Night at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Meat will be provided. Bring a snack and side dish to share.

Feature movie is "The River Runs Through It."

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — This Sunday is Laity Sunday.

The United Methodist Women's Circles will meet Tuesday.

Family Fellowship Dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday evening with dinner in the Family Life Center.

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

Call the church office for information at 385-5184. The church is downtown at 126 South Pine Street. Visit our website at www.sebring-firstumc.com/.

Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Church is at 200 Lark Ave. in the Sebring Hills

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.** Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail redeemer1895@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 Family of Faith.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 4348 Schumacher Road, Sebring, one mile west of Wal-Mart. James Wedel, 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: Children ages 4 years through fifth grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. 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. Sunday morning worship: Informal service, 8 a.m.; traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strawto.net; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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

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

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** www.fpclp.com, 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: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

■ **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.memorialumc.com.

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

■ **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.

RELIGION

RELIGION NEWS SNAPSHOTS

Sunridge starting Children's Church

SEBRING — The Sunridge Baptist Church announces Children's Church beginning on Sunday during the morning worship service each week at 10:45 a.m. for children ages 4-11.

Children will participate with their parents in the early part of the church worship service. Following the solo music for the week, Pastor Tim Finch will dismiss the children to Children's Church. Cindy Finch, Children's Church director, will lead the team of Children's Church workers as the children are involved in age-appropriate Bible stories and activities.

Sunridge Baptist Church is at 3704 Valerie Boulevard, Sebring at the intersection of U.S. 27 and Valerie Boulevard, directly across the street from Florida Hospital, Heartland Division. Call 382-3695.

FBC of Sebring presenting live story

SEBRING — First Baptist Church of Sebring will present a live story from Judgment House called "Web of Lies," Oct. 5-9. The community is invited Thursday through Saturday evenings from 3-9 p.m. and Sunday from 2-6 p.m., to walk through the scenes depicting the dangers of social media in our society. These are real choices with real consequences.

Children under 10 will not be allowed to view this presentation due to the content and subject matter. Cost is \$2 per ticket, paid at the door. The church is at 200 E. Center Street in Sebring.

Variety show planned

LAKE PLACID — The Women's Ministries of First Presbyterian Church in Lake Placid is hosting a Variety Show to be held on Sunday,

Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. There will be a variety of entertainers, piano, guitar, solos, trios, clowns and more.

Those in attendance will be served refreshments at intermission. There is no charge, only a free will offering to support the many ministries of the women of the church.

Southside Baptist Church hosting missionary conference

SEBRING — "Touching the World Through Missions" is the theme of the missionary conference that will be held Sunday through Wednesday. Speakers will be Ken and Kathie Golde, appointees to Niger with the mission board, Service In Missions; Darrell and Lori Jingst, with Baptist Mid Missions serving at Editorial Bautista Independiente, Sebring; and Michael Paul and Alisa Leek with Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, appointees to Kenya, Africa. The Monday through Wednesday services start at 7 p.m.

The church is at 379 S. Commerce Ave. For information call 385-0752.

St. John plans spaghetti dinner

SEBRING — St. John United Methodist Church will hold a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 18. Serving times will be 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person. Take-outs and walk-ins are welcome.

The church is located at 3214 Grand Prix Drive (just behind Walmart) in Sebring. Call 382-1736.

Riding and fellowship offered

ZOLFO SPRINGS — Load up and head on out to the Damboise Ranch at 6134 East S.R. 66 in Zolfo Springs (a.k.a. Cracker Trail arena) for a fun-filled week-

RELIGION GUIDELINES:

The *News-Sun* publishes religion news on Fridays. The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in the following Friday's paper.

Submit items to the *News-Sun's* from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; fax to 385-2453; send e-mail to editor@newssun.com; or mail to Lifestyle Editor, *News-Sun*, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. For information, call 385-6155, ext. 516.

end of riding, friends and fellowship, including horse soccer, entertainment and great food on Friday through Sunday, Nov. 4-6 (camping available all weekend).

Gates open at noon on Friday, Nov. 4. Ride the property (certain areas will be accessible, dinner on your own).

Saturday: Coffee, juice and doughnuts. Trail ride at 10 a.m. Lunch on your own. 3 p.m. Horse Soccer in the arena at 3 p.m.. Horse demonstration by Skipper Calder at 5 p.m. with Cowboy Up Ministry. Chicken and rib dinner at 5:45 p.m.

Sunday: Cowboy Up Ministry presents biblical principles demonstrated through horse training techniques at 10 a.m. Gates close at 12 p.m.

Minimum sponsorships: Adults 17 and up, \$50; Youth 16 and under, \$30; and non-rider, \$25 (includes all food and entertainment). Mail check or money order, with name, number of riders, sponsorships selected, phone number and e-mail address to: Damboise Ranch Fall Ride, P.O. Box 3787, Sebring, FL 33871-3787.

Pre-registration required for dinner guarantee. Payment may be made during on-site registration. Call 452-0006; e-mail heartlandhorses@embarqmail.com or visit www.heartlandhorses.org/.

CHURCH NEWS

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Claude Burnett will preach at the Heritage (traditional) worship service.

Pastor Jerry McCauley will preach at the 10:45 a.m. Celebration (blended) worship service on the subject, "Lessons for Today's Church."

Pastor Fred Ball will preach at the New Song Contemporary Service in Rob Reynolds Hall.

Worship at the Lake Placid Health Care Center at 3:45 p.m.

The Church is at 500 Kent Avenue. For information, call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "The Superiority of Wisdom" is taken from the ninth chapter of Ecclesiastes (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the messages in the Sunday morning and evening worship services. The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and Bible study.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — The third of the "People Like Us" series will be "Moses" taken from Exodus 3:10-4:13. Disciple Bible Study is Sunday. Boy Scouts meet Monday. Choir

is Wednesday. Over Eaters Anonymous meets Thursday.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, Pastor Keith Simmons will deliver a sermon titled "Seeking to Worship God." Scripture reading will be taken from John 4:21-24.

Sunday school meets in the Fidelis Room and they will be studying "Expansion of the Community," looking at the Scripture from Acts 6:1-15, 8:1-8.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane. The Rev. Clyde Weaver's sermon will be "With Him or Against Him." Fellowship follows the service.

The Way Church

SEBRING — The Word of Life Singers will be presenting music and the message on Sunday morning. Prayer meeting will be Sunday night.

The "J" Unit meets Wednesday evenings.

The Way Church is at 1005 North Ridgewood, Sebring. Church phone is 471-6140. Pastor's cell is 273-3674. For church information and the pastor's messages go to www.theway-church.org/.

I know I am somebody

Guest Column

Frank Parker

Contemplate the following observations: "You are an animal, and share a common heritage with earthworms"; "Humans probably evolved from bacteria that lived more than 4 billion years ago"; "We are no more than bacteria"; "We must acknowledge that we are animals... We like to think of ourselves as elevated above other creatures. But the human body evolved." The conclusion from these statements is that human life has no value...i.e. you are worth nothing! Tragically, this is a sample of the mindset that is being taught in many areas of secular education.

Contrast this view with Genesis 1:26-28 which begins with, "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..." If we have a distorted/perverted understanding/view of our origin, we will have the same about our destiny. Thanks to our Creator in that He has abundantly declared through His Word our/my worth. "I know I am somebody 'cause God don't make no junk!"

They/Deity made mankind/human life inherently more valuable than all other life on earth. "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not of more value than they?" (Matthew 6:26) Certainly, we should have respect for all life in their God-given sphere, but it was only human life made "in Our image, according to Our likeness."

The Psalmist David declared: "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?" (Psalm 8:3,4) David realized his littleness when compared to the vastness of the heavenly bodies but also realized his greatness when recalling the creation account in verses 5-8! The author raises two questions that are often asked: "God, why are you even aware that I exist?" and "Why do you take care of me?" The answer is the same today: "I know I am somebody 'cause God don't make no junk!"

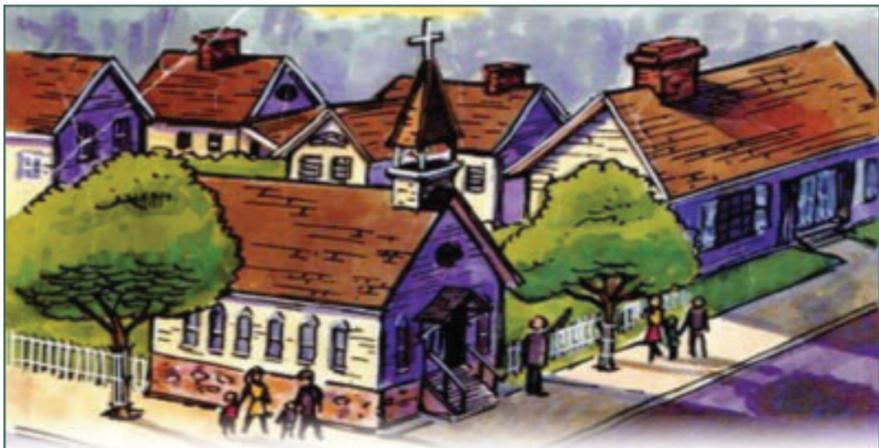
Look again at that great message in John 3:16. But this time consider the "world" as "ME" for that is the message to 7 billion precious souls today. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to

all men." (Titus 2:11) The word "men" is translated from the Greek word "anthropos" which means "a human being"...that's ME! The Spirit through the Hebrew writer states it this way "...that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone." (Hebrews 2:9)

Therefore, the overwhelming conclusion is "I know I am somebody 'cause God don't make no junk". We have an individual responsibility to respond to that amazing grace as seen when Philip explained Jesus from the text of Isaiah 53 to the man riding in the chariot. "And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him." (Acts 8:36-38)

Thanks to Inspiration for revealing to us this marvelous example that lives today! Yes, indeed, the Word/Truth still is sharper than a two edged sword.

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DIVERSIONS

\$60 home movie? Sure, but it's still in theaters

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer
LOS ANGELES — Movie studio Universal Pictures and its new parent, cable TV giant Comcast Corp., will try giving film buffs a chance to watch a movie that's still in theaters from the comfort of their living rooms. But the price tag for a single movie could have consumers spitting out their popcorn: \$60.

The test involves "Tower Heist," a PG-13 rated comedy caper starring Eddie Murphy and Ben Stiller due out Nov. 4.

Subscribers to Comcast Corp.'s digital cable service who have a high-definition TV and live in Atlanta and Portland, Ore., will be able to rent the movie starting Nov. 23 and watch it unlimited times in a 48-hour window. The test is available to about 500,000 people.

The cities were chosen because they are Comcast markets in which a significant number of people pay for digital cable and an HD channel package, a requirement to participate. Such services combined cost about \$60 a month.

The idea is to target families who might pay just as much on tickets, popcorn and a babysitter, but have chosen not to because they'd rather stay at home.

Studios are looking for ways of generating new revenue as DVD sales sag but want to avoid hurting box office revenue. The test includes copy protection measures so it doesn't end up spurring a new wave of piracy.

Offering the watch-at-home product so soon after a movie's release will allow customers willing to shell out the money to take part in whatever cultural zeitgeist the film creates. The price is close to what sports fans have paid to watch exclusive live boxing or mixed martial arts matches at home.

"This experiment will allow the two companies to sample consumer appetite for this film in this window at this price while allowing the film to achieve its full potential at the box office," a Universal spokeswoman said in a statement.

John Fithian, president of the National Association of Theatre Owners, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

It's not the first such experiment and it won't be the last.

Earlier this year, several studios, starting with Sony Corp. offered movies for rent to DirecTV subscribers for \$30 in a 48-hour window 60 days after they were released in theaters.

Movies usually take much longer to get to the home market — on average, a little more than four months — and people can rent those via set-top boxes for about \$5 apiece.

The earlier test at DirecTV, dubbed "Home Premiere," created a backlash from big-name directors like Michael Bay of "Transformers" and James Cameron of "Avatar" who felt it would jeopardize theater-going.



Ryan Gosling stars in the political thriller 'Ides of March.'

Saeed Adyani/Columbia Pictures/MCT

Great cast leads smart, uneven 'Ides of March'

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Movie Critic

When powerful men amass their armies and go to battle in a tight political race, even the most idealistic and fervent political junkies may find their faith tested, if not obliterated. It is an ugly, cynical business, full of ambitious people who will do whatever they must to survive.

This is the not-so-shocking point of "The Ides of March," the latest film George Clooney has directed, based on the 2008 play "Farragut North." It's meaty and weighty and relevant, exactly the kind of material that appeals to Clooney, and to fans of Clooney. But it doesn't tell us much that we didn't already know, or at least suspect, about the people we place our trust in to lead us in the right direction come election time. And it features a major and distracting twist that undermines all the serious-mindedness that came before it.

Clooney is such an excellent actor himself, though — here he plays a supporting role as a Pennsylvania governor seeking the Democratic presidential nomination — and he's such a smart, efficient director, he really knows how to get the best out of his cast. And it would seem difficult to go wrong with a cast like this. Philip Seymour Hoffman tears it up as the governor's gruff, non-nonsense campaign manager, a veteran who's seen it all and still continues to come back for more. Paul Giamatti is reliably smarmy as



'The Ides of March'

Hoffman's counterpart for

Rating: R (language)

Running time: 98 minutes

Review: ★★★ (of 4)

the rival Democratic candidate, and watching these two acting heavyweights eyeball each other backstage at a debate provides an early, juicy thrill. (Jennifer Ehle is unfortunately wasted in just one scene as the governor's dutiful wife.)

But the real star is Ryan Gosling as Stephen Myers, a young, up-and-coming strategist and press secretary who works for Clooney's Gov. Mike Morris. As he did earlier this year in "Crazy Stupid Love," Gosling radiates charisma, schmoozing and charming reporters and staffers with equal ease. But beneath that slick exterior, his character is a true believer. And Morris, with his great looks, smooth voice and progressive platitudes, seems to him like the real deal. Finally.

"The Ides of March," which Clooney co-wrote with his frequent collaborator, Grant Heslov, and "Farragut North" playwright Beau Willimon, follows the final,

frantic days before the Ohio Democratic primary. The nuts-and-bolts grunt work and the daily machinations and manipulations of a political campaign consistently ring true. Clooney is as interested in process as personalities, which was evident in the last film he directed, 2005's "Good Night, and Good Luck," and that balance gives his work an authenticity. With "The Ides of March," he is once again opening a portal to a specific world that he clearly takes seriously and cares a great deal about.

That's why it's such a let-down when the whole endeavor turns tawdry toward the end. We won't give away the details of the twist, but let's just say it involves a sexy, 20-year-old intern played by a coolly seductive Evan Rachel Wood. The actions and motivations in this subplot are entirely unbelievable, and the very idea of it feels like an easy way to inject melodrama. And that's a problem, since this character's choices are crucial to a series of events that culminate in the film's climax.

If "The Ides of March" had just been about intense, powerful people and the conflict between ideals and reality, it would have provided vital and vibrant entertainment. Still, Gosling's journey feels believable, despite the narrative potholes along the way. The lost, disillusioned look on his face in the film's final shot — especially in contrast with the confidence he exuded in a similar close-up at the start — says it all.

Teen's mom fails to heed nanny's words of warning

Dear Abby: I have worked as a nanny for many years for a divorced professional woman. She has a son and a daughter. The son, now 15, is smoking pot. I told his mom, but she's ignoring the problem. She said: "He's just experimenting. I want him to get it out of his system before he enters college."



Dear Abby

I love this child, and I feel helpless. He knows better. The boy used to be very honest, but that's no longer the case. How can I help him when his mother isn't making an effort?

— Nanny Who Cares in Texas

Dear Nanny: Your employer seems to be clueless. What makes her think her son will get into college if he's spending his high school years stoned on weed? And for that matter, when he grows bored with grass, what makes her think he won't go on to "experiment" with stronger illegal substances? Hiding her head in the sand is not the answer.

Where is the boy's father? If the mother isn't up to the task of keeping her son on the straight and narrow, the father should be informed about what's going on.

Dear Abby: My mother and "Simon," the man I consider my father, married when I was a toddler. Simon adopted me when I was in grade school. Most people believe he's my natural father, including my siblings. (I have no contact with or memory of my biological father.)

Last month at my brother's wedding, a guest commented to Dad about how much we look alike. Simon responded with, "Well, that would be tough." The guest replied, "Oh, she isn't yours?" and he said no. I was extremely hurt by his response.

This has left me wondering if he feels differently about me than my sisters and brothers.

Nothing has been said since, and I feel I should let it go. Should I say something to my dad or just chalk it up to a stress-

ful day for all of us?

— Feeling

Excluded in Ohio

Dear Feeling

Excluded: Chalk

it up to thought-

lessness on

Simon's part. You

became "his"

when he adopted

you. What he was focused on at the wedding was the question of biological relatedness, and I'm sure he didn't mean to slight you. Because this has troubled you enough to write to me, discuss it with your father and tell him how it made you feel, and give him a chance to explain.

Dear Abby: We have two sons, both married with children.

Unfortunately, their wives don't get along, which has resulted in strained family gatherings. There is now a tendency not to invite the "other" couple to family events. Our sons always got along with each other, but this has also strained their relationship.

Any suggestions? Should we, as parents, get involved and talk to both couples at the same time? It is heartbreaking to see our sons and our grandchildren miss out on together time.

— Sad in Syracuse

Dear Sad: Talk to your sons separately — and then with their wives. Whatever has caused the tension between your daughters-in-law may take mediation to fix. You are right to be concerned, because if the cousins don't grow up knowing each other, the breach in the branches of your family will be permanent.

To my Jewish readers: Tonight at sundown, Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, begins. It's a day of fasting, reflection, prayer and repentance. To all of you, may your fast be an easy one.

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George Clooney for President? No chance

Associated Press

NEW YORK — George Clooney may have an interest in politics, both on-screen and off, but public office is one role he'd never take on.

"It would never be something I'm interested in. I'm not good at the kind of compromises that you have to make to get elected," said the ever-dapper star at the premiere of his latest political thriller, "The Ides of March," Wednesday in New York.

Clooney's father's unsuccessful run for Kentucky's 4th Congressional District in 2004 may have left a sour taste in his mouth. "I watched that happen and I watched how frustrating it was for him and I didn't enjoy it," he said. But it's the current political climate that keeps him from throwing his hat in the ring.

"It's still the most polarized time we've seen in a long time. And very caring,

smart people on both sides of the aisle, you could argue, are having a very difficult time getting anything done," said the 50-year-old Academy Award winner.

Clooney, who directs, co-wrote, produces and stars in the film opening today, has no regrets about his chosen career path: "I got the better gig. I got a nice house, life is good," he said with a laugh.

In the film, Clooney's presidential hopeful, Pennsylvania Gov. Mike Morris, faces a tragic sex scandal, compromising back-room deals, political backstabbing and blackmail. But the liberal Democrat says he's more hopeful than he presents in "Ides," his fifth stint in the director's chair.

"Am I cynical? Some. But I'm also one of the big optimists in the game. I'm really optimistic about this country, I always am. I always feel like things are cyclical."

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A to-do list for brides-to-be

FAMILY FEATURES

Preparing for the big day means planning a multitude of details; everything from the flower arrangements to that something blue must be decided upon well in advance of the ceremony. Here are some tips to help ensure your big day goes off without a hitch.

The Big Decisions

The decision to get married is the first of many big decisions you will be making in the weeks and months to come. Here are some things to consider right away:

- **Pick a date.** Talk with your fiancé and family (and your fiancé's family) about potential wedding dates to ensure the important people in both your lives will be able to take part.
- **Select your guests.** The number of guests you invite will directly influence the cost of your wedding.
- **Set a budget.** Budgeting for your wedding is crucial, as this will have a great impact on every other aspect of your day, as well as your honeymoon. Plan for a little wiggle room for unexpected expenses.
- **Choose a location.** Because most popular bridal spots are just that — popular — you may want to start searching for a location quickly.
- **Organize the bridal party.** Make careful decisions about who you want supporting you leading up to the big day, and who will be displayed in front of everyone in your life.
- **Pick a style.** Many brides choose wedding styles that are reflected in their save-the-dates, invitations, ceremonies, receptions and thank-you cards. Choosing a theme and color scheme in the beginning will help narrow down options later.
- **Hire a caterer.** Take into account the dietary needs of your guests by offering a variety of menu options, including a vegetarian dish.
- **Order the cake.** Whether you choose a large multi-tiered cake or cupcakes, remember to keep your budget in mind—and pick flavors you and your fiancé truly enjoy.
- **Make the announcement.** Decide how you want to let the community know of your planned nuptials. Do you want to take professional engagement photos? Do you plan to contact your local paper? Will you include a link to a wedding day website on your save-the-date or your wedding invitations?
- **Get the gown.** On your wedding day, everyone will be awaiting a glimpse of your gown. Listen to your instincts and choose a gown that “feels right” and reflects your personality and style.
- **Dress your party.** Once you have chosen the wedding dress of your dreams, speak with your fiancé about his wishes for his suit, as well as the bridal party attire.
- **Hire a photographer.** Choose your professional photographer wisely. With a walk down the aisle, father/daughter dance and toast, your father is sure to get photographed, but your mother might get overlooked. Make sure to ask the photographer to get shots of your mother throughout the day as well.
- **Choose your flowers.** Once you set the date, discuss with your florists which flowers are in season to help narrow down your selection. You may love tulips, but if you have a winter wedding, they may be hard to come by, and may be more expensive.
- **Book the entertainment.** Do you want a DJ or a live band? Talk with your fiancé about your music preferences, as well as the types of tunes you want played at your reception to keep your guests on the dance floor.



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Wedding Day Details

- Provide bottled water for your wedding party. To ensure no one gets over-heated, hide water near your bridal party during the ceremony for emergencies.
- Choose meaningful gifts for your wedding party. Necklaces, earrings or bracelets are great for bridesmaids; cufflinks are perfect for groomsmen.
- Create individual envelopes for tipping drivers, caterers, musicians, etc. Separate envelopes will help ensure you don't forget anyone.
- Plan for weather:
 - In case of rain* — Order a tent or choose a venue with indoor space for last-minute protection from the elements. Offer extra umbrellas to usher people from their vehicles to the venue.
 - In case of heat* — Place fans throughout the venue and provide plenty of water for guests.
 - In case of cold* — Space heaters can be placed throughout the space to warm up the room in advance of the event.
- Over-estimate the amount of parking needed for guests.

Following the Honeymoon

- Open wedding gifts and keep an accurate list of each guest in correspondence with their gift.
- Write thoughtful, personalized hand-written thank you cards.

The Big Day Bridal Kit Supplies

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| Bobby pins, elastic hair bands | Static cling spray |
| Hairbrush | Antacid |
| Hairspray | Pain reliever |
| Panty hose | Bandages |
| Nail file, nail polish, remover | Deodorant |
| Baby powder | Dental floss |
| Makeup | Eye drops |
| Stain remover | Bottled water |
| Tissues | Breath mints |
| Sewing kit with scissors | Duct tape — for last-minute dress fix-ups and to adhere to the bottom of slippery dress shoes |
| Ballet flats | |
| Pocket mirror | |
| Extra post-earring backs | |

Before the Big Day

- Create a website for your wedding to keep guests informed of events and for easy access to registry information. Provide accommodation information for those guests traveling from out of town.
- Insure your engagement and wedding rings against loss, damage, theft or mysterious disappearance. According to a survey conducted by Jewelers Mutual Insurance Company, 44 percent of married women either don't insure their engagement ring, or don't know for certain whether their engagement and wedding rings are insured. For a free, no-obligation jewelry insurance quote, visit www.insureyourjewelry.com.
- Make sure your marriage license, travel documentation and insurance information are ready to go and stored in a safe place in advance of the wedding day.
- Practice reciting your vows and speeches until you feel comfortable.
- Wear your wedding heels around the house to “break them in.” Pack a back-up pair of flats to wear during the reception.
- Remember to ask for help. Designate members of your family or close friends to specific assignments.