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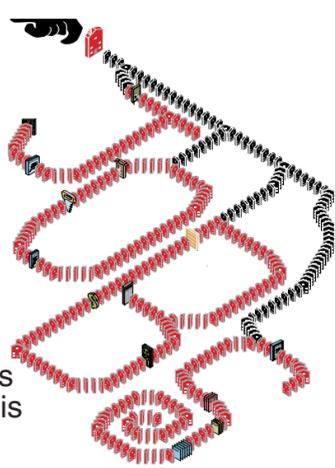
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No 85.8%

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Age 79, of Sebring

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Age 54, of Sebring

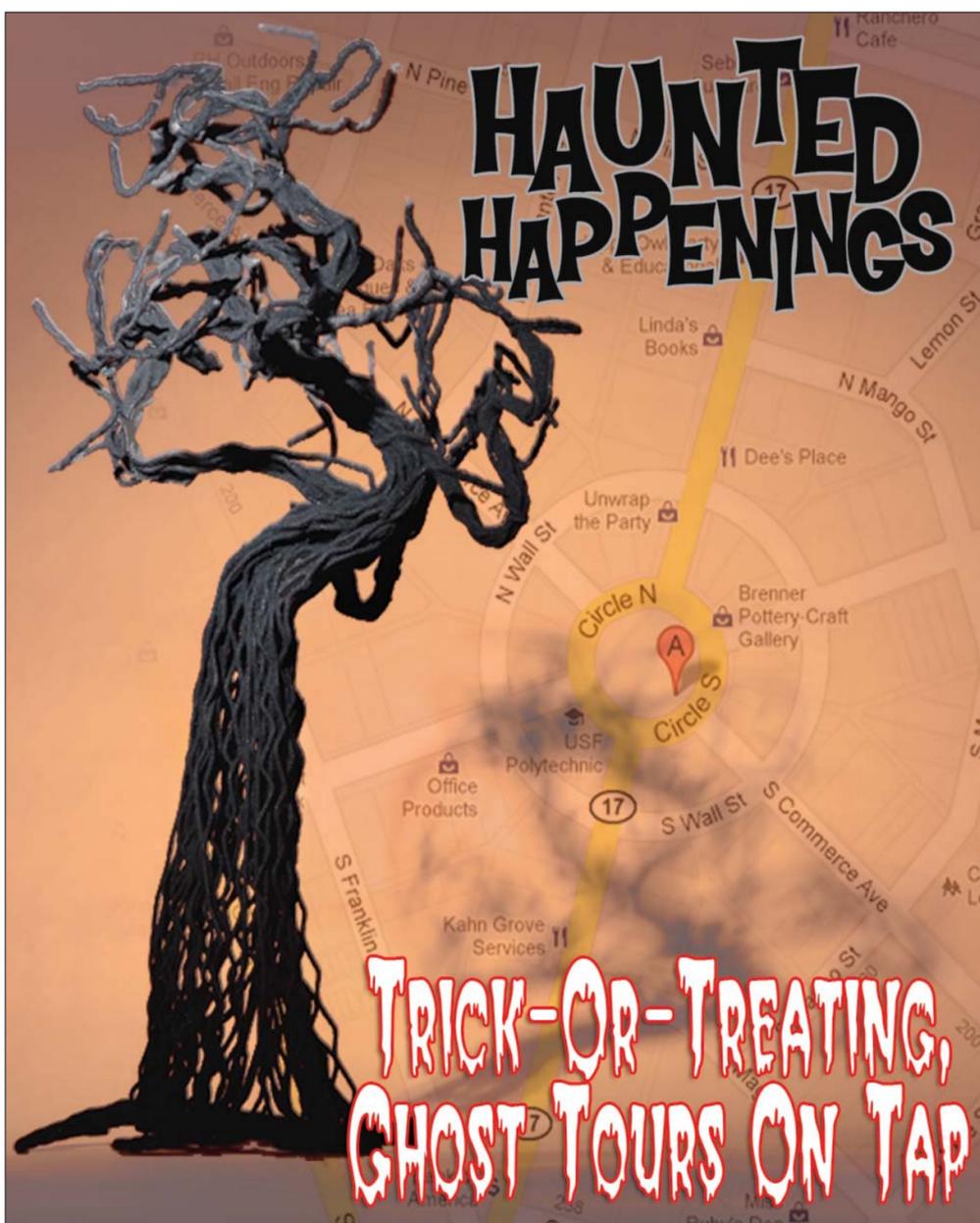
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Ghost Tours feature Sebring's creepy side

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — "There was a young woman standing over my bed. I could only see her for a moment, but in that moment she stared at me with anger, sadness and fear in her eyes — although those eyes were still and blank. I wanted to scream, but fear held it inside, then to my horror, she slowly dissolved into the air ..."

To hear the end of this spooky ghost story visit the Highlands Little Theatre's annual fundraiser Ghost Tours Friday, Saturday or Sunday night.

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Trick-or-treaters will fill the streets on Saturday

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — All Hallows Eve is just around the corner and little princesses, vampires and superheroes will fill the streets of Highlands County looking for treats.

Avon Park, Lake Placid and Sebring have all designated Halloween trick-or-treaters to collect their goodies from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday.

The American Red Cross gives Florida residents tips to help make the holiday safe and less scary.

Costume safety

- Parents can add reflective tape to costumes and candy bags.
- Purchase or wear flame resistant

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Drug Free Highlands getting its message out

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Drug Free Highlands Project Coordinator Amanda Sherley is excited about the additional exposure that the Drug Free Highlands organization recently has gained through a public service announcement.

"We worked with a company called Community Service Media to do a public service announce-

ment (PSA). We focused on the three main substance abuse issues in our county, which are alcohol, marijuana and tobacco. Not that we ignore the other issues, we just focused on those and wanted to bring awareness to those three," said Sherley.

The PSA features three groups of students from each of the three high schools in the county. Sherley

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Drug Free Highlands recently added three new billboards in the county displaying a positive take on alcohol, marijuana and tobacco use.

Brawl puts APHS on alert

Students warned homecoming at risk

By ED BALDRIDGE

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AVON PARK — Avon Park High School students were warned that homecoming could be canceled after what started as a routine scuffle on campus turned into large fight with several arrests on Tuesday.

According to Avon Park Police Department Cmdr. Jason Lister, 15 students were arrested and the estimates of those involved were between 40 and 50 students.

"This was an isolated incident that started as a scuffle between two females who were carrying on a discussion on

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Mud bogging an economic success in Okeechobee

Okeechobee County commissioner urges local counterparts to support proposed recreation site

By ED BALDRIDGE

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SEBRING — An Okeechobee County commissioner added his support to the several Highlands County citizens gathered at the board meeting on Tuesday night to support outdoor recreation.

Highlands commissioners addressed complaints from property owners as citizens not on the agenda at their Tuesday meeting, and decided to stop any mud bog events until regulation could be drafted to limit the impact of the events proposed at Swamp Hammock Mud Bog and Country Club on surrounding property owners.

Although the commission voted to have the discussion on the agenda this Tuesday, the proposed mud bog events were not on the schedule and those wishing to address the issue had to fill out "citizens not on the

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Author to speak at Tea Party rally in LP

By ED BALDRIDGE

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LAKE PLACID — Local organizers are planning a Tea Party Rally Saturday in Lake Placid, and those who turn out may be surprised by the message.

Frantz Kebreau, a motivational speaker and author of "Stolen History - What the Progressives and the Left Don't want You to Know!" will be the main attraction in Devane Park for the rally, according to organizer Mary L. Bengtson.

Kebreau is the National Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Conservative People of all Colors (NAACPC), a member of the "Black Robe Regiment," was named one of the Top Ten Most Influential

People of the Year in the State of Florida last December, and was recently awarded the Americans for Prosperity 2011 Freedom Fighter Award, Bengtson said in a press release on Wednesday.

Also speaking will be Virgil Beato with Get Out The Vote and Alyssa Castelli, a local youth who "is leading youth in a positive direction," according to Bengtson.

The event is free to the public and is sponsored by Highlands Liberty Caucus, The Highlands Tea Party, American Party of Florida, Get Out The Vote, Citizens for Government Accountability and private individuals.

"It is my belief that, as citizens of Highlands County, we can affect the most change on the local level,"

Bengtson said.

"When you start looking at the state and federal level, most people feel there is no way they can make a difference, and rightfully so in some cases. It can seem overwhelming at times.

"We have the most power here in our local community. Sometimes just showing up at a city council meeting or county commission meeting, even if you don't say a word, makes a difference," said Bengtson.

The rally will start at 11 a.m. and last until 2 p.m.

Bengtson also reported that 8-year-old Rachel Castillo will kick off the event by singing "God Bless America," and intermission entertainment will be provided by Long Shot.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

VFW hosting Halloween party

AVON PARK — On Saturday, VFW Post 9853 and its Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a fun and safe Halloween party for our "kids" young and old. The children's costume party will be from 4-6 p.m. The adult costume party will be in the canteen beginning at 6 p.m. The party will be complete with a haunted house, games, prizes and candy. Food will be available.

The public is welcome. For more information, call 452-9853.

Fall Festival set at LP football field

LAKE PLACID — Halloween Fall Festival will be held at the Lake Placid High School Football Field at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Trick or treaters will need to be chaperoned. There will be candy, face painting, games, food and entertainment. Booth space is still available. Volunteering opportunities for groups or individuals.

Sponsored by the Lake Placid Merchants Association.

Call Norma at 464-0357 or Nancy at 465-4731 for more information.

Octoberfest dinner, dance slated

AVON PARK — Octoberfest dinner and dance will be from 5-10 p.m. on Saturday at Our Lady of Grace Grogan Center in Avon Park. Cost of \$10 includes traditional German cuisine (served 5-6:30 p.m.) and entertainment by Gary and Shirley Daniels.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Garage and dinner sale Saturday in LP

LAKE PLACID — The Hiway Park Businessmen/Star Advisory Board Garage and Dinner Sale will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday at Stuart Park.

We are having a garage and dinner sale on October 29. electronics and clothing in good condition are

encourage to do so. Please bring items to Star Center. You may also wait to bring items on day of garage sale.

Barbecue chicken or ribs dinners will be on site for a donation of \$10. Tickets are being sold at the Star Center, 141 Josephine Ave., Hiway Park, in the Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

There will be a Drawing for DVD player.

The garage and dinner sale is a fundraiser to support the ongoing services of the Hiway Park Community Star Program.

For more information, please contact Frank Branch Jr. at fbranch@stes.com, 863-707-1283, Starcenter@centurylink.net, 465-8131, or Deborah Weathers guidanceebbie@yahoo.com, 386-1609.

Saturday race to benefit Arc

SEBRING — Ridge Area Arc and MidFlorida will present a Halloween 10K run & 5K run/walk on Saturday at 8 a.m. in Highlands Hammock State Park. This third annual event, being coordinated by Chet Brojek, will benefit Ridge Area Arc, providing opportunities for individuals with developmental and other disabilities.

This event welcomes the serious runners, the casual walkers, as well as Arc's special athletes. Prizes will be awarded to the overall male and female winners as well as the first, second and third place finishers in each age category and for the participants with the most money raised for the Arc. Donations raised may be turned in the day of the race.

Entry forms and pledge sheets are available by calling Rhonda Beckman at 452-1295, ext. 112, or e-mail rbeckman@ridgeareaarc.org.

Duffers hosting Scaryoake Contest

AVON PARK — This Halloween come scare the pants off the judges and

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Exotic pets in need of homes

Special to the News-Sun

In an effort to keep unwanted exotic pets out of Florida's native habitats, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and SeaWorld will host Exotic Pet Amnesty Day Nov. 5 at SeaWorld Orlando.

"We expect to get quite a few nonnative animals that day, so we need to make sure we have safe homes for them," said Jenny Novak of the FWC.

"Released pets can survive in Florida's wild areas. Often, pet owners don't understand the difference between native and nonnative species, or they don't realize the possible effects releasing a nonnative species can have," she said.

"This event gives pet owners who can no longer take care of their pets or no longer wish to keep them a legal, ethical option."

Currently, the FWC is looking for potential adopters in Central Florida who are experienced pet owners and are willing to provide a home for one or two more animals.

All adopters must fill out the proper application forms before they receive surrendered animals.

"This isn't a free pet giveaway," Novak said. "We're looking for adopters with knowledge and expertise in caring for exotic pets, not people who have always wanted a pet and think this is an opportunity to try their hand at owning one that they don't have to purchase."

Exotic Pet Amnesty Day is free and open to the public. Exotic animals can be surrendered to the FWC at SeaWorld Orlando from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., free of charge, with no questions asked and no penalties.

"We will not penalize any pet owners who choose the responsible option of not releasing their nonnative pets into the wild. This is about curbing our ongoing problem of exotic fish and wildlife," Novak said.

A veterinarian will examine each animal, and every attempt will be made to place all healthy animals with qualified adopters. Exotic Pet Amnesty Day is also a family event. Live animals will be on display.

Experts will be on hand to talk about proper care of exotic pets, so people who are thinking about purchasing one can learn from credible sources before they buy.

Handley sworn in



News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE

With wife Patty looking on, William "Ron" Handley took his oath as Highlands County Commissioner on Tuesday. He was appointed last week by Gov. Rick Scott to serve the remainder of Jeff Carlson's term. Carlson was suspended in November after being charged with BUI after a boating accident that killed his wife.

Teen starts Princess Project to help girls dress for proms

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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FROSTPROOF — A Frostproof High School student has set out to lend a hand to fellow high schoolers.

The Princess Project is an idea that Kirsten Scarborough came up with last year. Scarborough collected nearly 300 gently used prom dresses and then went on to put on a fashion show highlighted all the dresses, purses, shoes and accessories she had gathered.

"I started the Princess Project because I had heard from Mrs. (Nancy) Demarco (and others) that some girls can not afford to purchase prom dresses.

"Mrs. Demarco said that some teachers actually help some girls out. I also realized how expensive the dresses were when I began looking for my own dresses. I wanted to help in a fun way, because everyone should be able to experience their prom," Scarborough said.

Scarborough began collecting the dresses following the school's Thanksgiving break, and a fashion show took place this past February.

Following the show, Scarborough opened the "closet" to girls who could not afford prom dresses, giving away more than half of what she had collected. The closet remained open until late April.

Scarborough visited high schools within Polk County and made a stop at Avon Park High School. The "closet" was opened at APHS two or three times for students. Scarborough also opened the closet to girls at Fort Meade High School.

Girls who could not afford to purchase a brand new prom dress were allowed to choose their own dress for their prom.

"There really is no criteria. If the girls feel that they can not afford a dress or want to

pick out a dress from The Princess Project, we leave it up to the girls to decide if they would like to participate. We don't actually ask if they can afford to buy one," Scarborough explained. "Some are teacher referrals. Most of the girls come in groups of friends and have fun trying all the different dresses."

The dresses are displayed on hanging racks according to size. Boxes of new shoes and gently used shoes and purses are also available to the girls.

Scarborough enlists the help of her Demarco and friends of her mother who teach at high schools nearby to find girls who may be interested in the Princess Project. Scarborough's grandmother works as a "tailor" mending any items that need to be repaired or touched up.

The idea to give back has long been instilled in Scarborough by her mother and the rest of the family.

"My mother has always involved us in projects to give back and volunteer and this is a fun way to make good High School memories for everyone," said Scarborough.

Though the date for the Princess Project fashion show has not yet been set for this year, Scarborough is seeking the help of volunteers and dress donations. She hopes to be able to share the Princess Project with all of Highlands, Hardee, and Polk counties this year.

"Avon Park High School would like to participate again this year and we had interest from Wauchula High School. We hope to make contacts and offer to all Highlands, Hardee and Polk County girls," Scarborough said.

Scarborough plans to hand the Princess Project to an underclassman to continue when she graduates.

Scarborough plans to study law in college and hopes to

become an attorney in the future, but before she's practicing law she plans to help out as much as possible.

"People wishing to donate dresses can call Frostproof High School. If there are several dresses we may be able to do pickup," Scarborough said. Contact Demarco at 863-635-7809.



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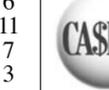
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Oct. 19 16 26 35 52 58 PB: 2 PP: 4

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Okay, what cut would you choose?

Facing a possible budget shortfall of more than \$1 billion, the state legislature continues to pare down the budget. Unfortunately, we're at a point where more smaller cuts can't be avoided.

When State Representative Denise Grimsley addressed the motorcycle educational group ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) on Saturday, she offered some examples of possible cuts and asked for feedback.

The News-Sun is only too happy to oblige.

Grimsley mentioned six programs in particular: The Boy Scouts; The Boys & Girls Club; cancer research; \$2 million in art programs; public libraries; and \$1.1 million to the Caribbean Initiative, which deals with trade.

First, we need to make clear we understand just how difficult creating a budget is these days. Elected officials in charge of dispersing public

money do not have the luxury of choosing what does the most good, but have to settle for what does the least harm.

If you'll forgive us for quoting a Democratic president to a Republican majority, "We feel your pain."

Our thinking in general focuses on the practical — every dollar spent on a program today that saves 100s of dollars in the future is the least expensive choice — but we also believe, as family budgets shrink on a par with the state's, quality-of-life issues are essential.

Here goes.

The benefits of cancer research go without saying.

The contributions made by the Boy Scouts and the Boys & Girls Club are also self-evident. Both organizations

have proven track records. Both are instrumental in helping children stay in school and provide hope for a better future. Spending a small amount supporting children today instead of spending a large amount incarcerating adults tomorrow is not just the moral thing to do, it is a matter of enlightened self-interest.

Support for the arts and public libraries might seem as a luxury at first, but we disagree. Too many studies have shown art programs — either in the plastic arts or the performing — attract audiences and expand tourism. In other words, beyond the abstract benefits of self-expression, increased awareness and understanding of the world around us, there is the

concrete benefit of tourist spending. We feel investing in the arts will pay for itself.

As for public libraries, they remain in high demand, especially now that their services have been expanded. Beyond their popularity is the fact they are often a person's only access to the Internet, music, movies and books. This makes them not just a foundation for an enhanced quality of life, but a gateway to a better life.

Which leaves us with the Caribbean Initiative.

Developing trade with our southern neighbors also makes sense. Creating a market for American products is obviously to our advantage. Then there is the indirect benefit we get when buying imported products — by creating jobs in other countries their people don't have to come flooding into ours looking for work.

The good news is that none of these programs is a waste

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of tax dollars. Each contributes to all of us in more than one way. The bad news is that without raising taxes, something does have to be cut, like it or not.

We'd love to duck the issue, tell the state legislators they volunteered for the job, it's up to them to make the decisions. But that would be cowardly, just passing the buck.

So with reluctance, we would cut funding to the

Caribbean Initiative — improved trade will just have to wait.

With great reluctance and trepidation, we would cut state contributions to cancer research — only because there are many other funding sources and generous donations.

Two cuts out of six. That's not a drop in the bucket.

Believe us Ms. Grimsley, we feel your pain, but we're not sure we helped.

TODAY'S LETTERS

A rebirth of Charm

Editor:

In spite of Avon Park's stormy political weather, the winds of charm are once again blowing in the City of Charm.

Just take a look around. A lot is going on, especially in the downtown district. Like Jonah and the Whale, a brand new fresh fish market on Lake Avenue. Like a brand new restaurant, called 18 East, just bursting at its seams to open. Like the Depot Museum's recent open house and its annual community picnic and high school reunion every August. Like the Nov. 1 CRA-hosted What's Up Main Street meeting, open to the public and featuring an overview of the city's history, followed by the inaugural Historic Walking Tour of the Main Street district conducted by members of the Historical Society of Avon Park.

And, speaking of history and speaking of community, take a long hard look at the recent Harvest on Main Festival at Donaldson Park, a festival that attracted thousands of folks, mainly school children accompanied by their parents and grandparents.

As was written in the News-Sun Oct. 23, "The day was filled with nostalgia, recalling past Halloween parades and festivals in the downtown area."

And something else that recalls yesteryear: the weekly Farmers' Market, held Thursday afternoons at Donaldson Park.

Put all these happenings in one basket and you come up with a community that invites progress at the same time it honors its past.

Sounds charming, doesn't it?

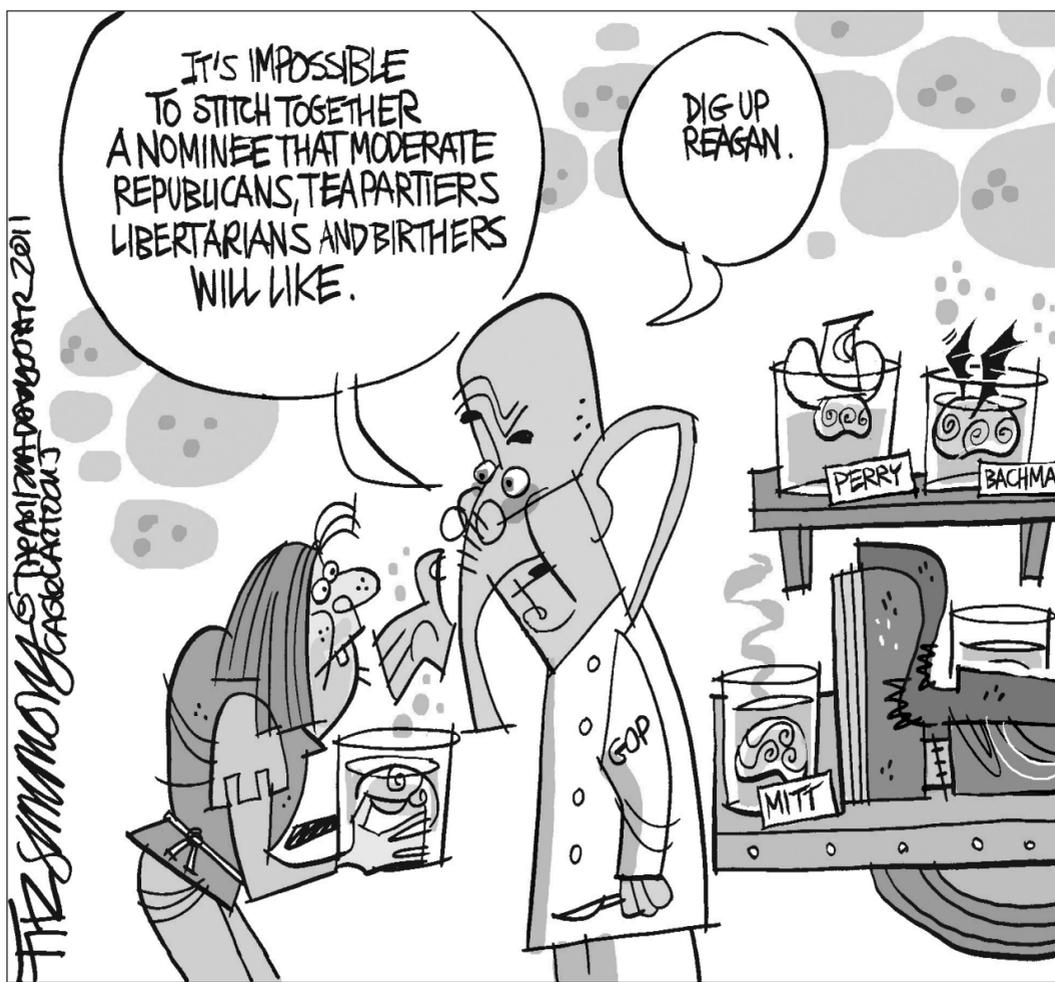
*Larry Levey
Avon Park*

Foreclosure or solutions

Editor:

Mitt Romney recently suggested that the way to solve the "underwater" mortgage crisis is to let the foreclosure process run its course, let investors buy up the homes at reduced prices and then rent the homes to the recently displaced. Without commenting on the lack of compassion in this approach, it is also bad business.

When the value of a home is less than the outstanding balance on the mortgage, it is not only the homeowner who has a problem; the value of the lender's security is also in jeopardy. In a foreclosure, the lender must spend additional funds to cover the costs of foreclosure and winds up with an empty



house (that is) rapidly depreciating and a loss still not liquidated.

It would be wiser to "take the hit," a tax-deductible loss, write down the balance on the mortgage and negotiate a new agreement with the home owner.

A win-win solution. Rather than wind up with an inventory of unsold houses rapidly depreciating, the lender now has an inventory of amortizing mortgages and cash flow, while the homeowner now has a mortgage tied to the home's current value and a motivation to pay it off. Foreclosures and homelessness serves no one's interest.

*Randy Ludacer
Lake Placid*

Remembering a good man

Editor:

Last Saturday I got out of my usual perch in the living room and went up to Avon Park to the Legion Hall where they were having a memorial for Tom McConnell, an old time veteran and member of the Post. I have been a Legion member for years but had just transferred membership from Lake Placid to Avon Park, and quite soon after the transfer, I volun-



teered for kitchen duty and there had the opportunity to meet Tom.

Wednesday afternoon, from 4 p.m. to whatever, the Post has fried chicken wings as a special come on and Tom was one of the cooks serving at the time ... The dish cleanup seemed to rest on Tom's and my shoulders and we would usually be the ones to turn out the

lights and close up the place.

Working so close with Tom gave me a great opportunity to talk and become acquainted with him.

I learned that he had enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the airborne division as a paratrooper. Since I had been a barnstorming parachute jumper before the war, this gave us a bond that cemented

our friendship. We never talked combat but we did get into all the details of paratrooping...

Tom was not a Bible pounder. I really don't know what his church preference was but he didn't need a church. He was a man of his word. I never heard a cuss word from his mouth and he loved his wife dearly.

The fact that the Post was crowded for the whole afternoon to me was an indication that I was not alone in my honoring of Tom, but that he was beloved by the whole Post.

I was honored to be asked to speak before the gathering, but when Darlene Watkin introduced me as the oldest living member of the Post, it almost threw me. I guess it made me realize just how old I am and reminded me that the paper once stated that there are 1,000 of us kicking the bucket each day.

Tom was a man among men and I am proud to be able to say that he was a good friend of me and my wife.

*Woodie Jackson
Sebring*

Thanks for support of Nu-Hope store

Editor:

I am writing to express my gratitude to the residents of Highlands County for their support of the grand opening of the Sebring Nu-Hope Thrift Store.

Grants received by Nu-Hope allow community older adults to remain in their own homes, delaying or avoiding nursing home placement. While nursing homes are an integral part of the community and positively contribute to the lives of countless older adults and their families, they are understandably the last resort.

Each year, we must raise an additional \$225,000 in "matching funds" to maintain vital services to older adults at current levels.

I am proud to say that 100 percent of profits are used to provide services to the older residents living right here in the communities we serve. We are grateful for the community's ongoing support of both stores. Support of these stores, through the community's generous donation of quality goods, purchases, and volunteer hours are the reasons for their success.

Thank you again for all that you have done. You truly make a difference.

*Ingra Gardner
Sebring*

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win prize money during the Scaryoake Contest at Duffers Sports Grille.

Duffers, which is famously known for hosting karaoke contests that bring out awesome local talent, is putting a new spin on this contest hosted at its new location. Judges will be looking for the worst singer with the best costume in Duffers Scaryoake Contest happening this Saturday. This is a contest that anyone can enter. Registration is at 9 p.m. at Duffers. The contest will kick off at 10 p.m.

For the worst singer who walks away with first place, they can win \$150. Second place wins \$75 and third place takes home \$50. There will be prizes awarded for those who just want to enter the costume contest but not sing. Other performers who sing good are encouraged to perform as well but won't be eligible for the contest unless they can make it sound terrible or scary.

Costumes are a must. Contestants will be judged on poor

singing ability, stage performance that keeps a crowd entertained and a costume that blows the judges' minds. J & B Karaoke will play the music.

Winners will be announced after the last performance. There is no cover charge.

Hit singer and songwriter Rick Arnold will be performing from 6-9 p.m., today. J & B Karaoke plays music for singers from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Thursday and Friday. There is no cover charge for any musical entertainment.

Duffers is located at 2451 U.S. 27 South, Avon Park. For more details, call 452-6339.

Wild Turkey plans Halloween Party

AVON PARK — Wild Turkey Tavern's 31st anniversary Halloween Party will be from 7:30-11:30 p.m. on Monday. He Said/She Said Band will be performing (no cover charge). There will be a costume contest with cash prizes for first, second and third places.

The Wild Turkey Tavern is located at 2751 U.S. 27 South in Avon Park.

Events at local lodges, posts

AVON PARK — The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 in Avon Park, will host the following events:

Today - Music by Lora Patten from 5-7 p.m.

Saturday - Halloween party. Kids party from 4-8 p.m. Adults party starts at 8 p.m. Games, prizes, haunted house and food. Come and join the fun. Costumes for prizes. Karaoke by Peg and Perry from 5-8 p.m.

For more information, call 452-9853.

AVON PARK — The American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park, will host the following events:

Today - Music by LT (call for time).

For more information, call 453-4553.

LAKE PLACID — The American Legion Placid Post 25 in Lake Placid, will host the following events:

Today - M Square will perform from 6:30-9:30 p.m. For details, call 465-0975.

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Moose 2374, will host the following events:

Today - Music with Larry Musgrave from 6-9 p.m.

Saturday - Music with Jimmy Black 6-9 p.m. For details, call 465-0131.

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Elks 2661 will host the following events:

Today - Music by Frankie (call for time).

Saturday - Halloween dinner/dance with Music by Don and Allen (call for time). Feel free to wear a costume (but not necessary).

For more information, call 465-2661.

LAKE PLACID — The Lake

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

Today - Music with Tom (call for time).

Saturday - Halloween party (call for time and details). For details, call 699-5444.

SEBRING — The Sebring Elks 1529 will host the following events:

Today - Live music by Bruce from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturday - Halloween Costume Party; music from 6-9 p.m. by Gary Oliver; cost \$3 dance only. For details, call 471-3557.

SEBRING — The VFW Post 4300 in Sebring, will host the following events:

Today - Frank "E" music from 6-9 p.m.

Saturday - Post's "Scary Delights" Halloween party with costume contests, raffles, lots of fun! Big Freddie music 6-9 p.m. For details, call 385-8902.

OBITUARIES

FORREST E. JOHNSON

Forrest E. Johnson, 88, of Anderson, Ind., passed away Oct. 22, 2011 at his residence after an extended illness. He was born April 23, 1923 in Anderson, the son of Chas. Everett and Nettie (Cook) Johnson. He married the love of his life Betty (Brown) Johnson.

Forrest retired in 1981 from Delco Remy after 40 years as a tool and die maker. He lived most of his life in the Anderson/Pendleton, Indiana area, retired to Sebring for 13 years before returning back to Anderson. While in Florida he and Betty enjoyed playing golf and belonged to the Sebring Municipal Golf Course. They both enjoyed traveling together and took many memorable trips.

Forrest served our country during WWII in the US Army. He was in the 78th Lightning Infantry Division. He served in the Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop assigned to the 1st platoon. He was the recipient of two purple hearts.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Betty Johnson of Anderson; son, Royce Johnson of Indianapolis; daughter, Darla (husband, Dean) Forney of Markleville; two stepsons, Roger (wife, Mary) Fuller of Newnan, Ga. and Gordon (wife, Frances) Fuller of Tampa; stepdaughter, Anita (husband, Ron) Neal of French Lick; 11 grandchildren, six great grandchildren, sister, Bonita Lengerich of Decatur, Ind., and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, William "Bill" Johnson and Ervin Johnson; and sister, Evelyn Miller.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at Brown-Butz-Diedring Funeral Home, Anderson, Ind. with Chaplin Steve McIntosh officiating. Burial will be at Grovelawn Cemetery in Pendleton with military graveside rites conducted by VFW Post 266.

Online condolences can be made at www.brown-butzdiedring.com

DR. JOHN RUSSELL NEUMAN

Dr. John Russell Neuman, 79, of Sebring, passed away Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, at his home. He was born March 30, 1932, to Russell Pound and Gertrude Elizabeth (Melody) Neuman in Flint, Michigan, and had been a resident of Sebring since

2005, coming from Michigan. He was a Family Practice Physician for over 30 years in Lansing, MI; was active in the Tanglewood Community in Sebring and was of the Lutheran faith.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Elizabeth Neuman of Sebring; sons, Russell (Lori) Neuman, Mission Viejo, Calif. and Scott (Rhonda) Neuman, Overland Park, Kan.; daughter, Kathryn (Mark) St. Clair, Shawnee Mission, Kan.; sister, Melody Cook, Maryland; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 30, 2011, at Tanglewood Community Church, Sebring, with Rev. Ken Thoreson officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to:

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RICHARD EDWARD ROSE

Richard (Rick) Edward Rose, born, July 18, 1957, in Astoria, N.Y., passed away, October 25, 2011, at Good Shepherd Hospice, Sebring, Florida, after enduring a life-long illness.

Rick is survived by the love of his life, Cindy Lynn Rose, his Father Richard F. Rose of New York City, his Mother, Katherine Saeman of Oregon, and his sister, Patricia Ann Rose of Vermont. Rick is also survived by his grandparents



Rose

Rose and grandparents McDonough; aunt Arlene Hunt of NYC; his cousins, Warren, Julie and Neil

Rose; PJ and Kevin Hunt and Kathleen Sullivan; niece, Brookley Spanbauer and nephew, Charley Abbate, and many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his uncle Warren Rose, aunt Barbara Rose, and cousin Jenny Rose.

Rick was born and reared in Queens, N.Y., where he met a Jehovah's Witness named Brother Selwyn Edwards, currently of North Carolina, who introduced Bible truths to Rick as a young teenager. He touched Rick's heart and from that moment onward Rick made his lifelong dedication to Jehovah and his new found faith symbolizing this by

water baptism on April 29, 1974.

In 1979, Rick moved to Montana where he married his true love in 1980. Rick's determination was to be a faithful life-long witness for Jehovah God, and his focus was always on spiritual things and sowing kingdom seeds wherever his travels took him and Cindy. After traveling to many places throughout the United States, as well as Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Ecuador and Costa Rica to promote Bible truths to all he met, Rick and Cindy have made their home in Sebring, Florida for the past nine years. He displayed his compassion and loving kindness toward his brothers and sisters and anyone he came in contact with every day of his life.

Rick and Cindy loved to travel where they developed

an appreciation for Jehovah God's creation, animals, plants and the land they lived in capturing these images with his camera, so they could remember and share what they saw with others. Rick is known in the community as a professional nature photographer, receiving several awards for his art.

Rick endured faithfully to the end, and placed his complete confidence in his heavenly Father's promise of the resurrection to life on a paradise earth.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011 at 1 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 3621 Hammock Road, Sebring, with a reception to follow.

Death Notices

Mary B. Haas, 76, of Sebring died Oct. 24, 2011.

Arrangements are being handled by Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring.

Dr. Stanley N. Myers, 96, of Sebring died Oct. 22, 2011. Arrangements are being handled by Stephenson-

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Chester Taylor Sr., 88, of Sebring died Oct. 25, 2011.

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The students of Lake Country Elementary School have fun dressing up while learning new vocabulary words. The word has to describe or explain the student's costume. The annual Halloween parade is a hit with teachers and parents, too.

Words on parade at Lake Country Elementary

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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LAKE PLACID — What do bumblebee bees, lady bugs, frogs and farmers have in common? No, it's not Ag-Venture.

How about adding soldiers, firemen, cowboys and pirates; a peacock, Tinker Bell and Cleopatra? Now it probably begins to make sense. Here are the dead giveaways — vampires, ghosts and witches. Yes, they are all part of the Lake Country Elementary School's annual Halloween Vocabulary Parade.

The idea is to blend the fun of dressing up as some else with expanding a student's lexicon of words. In addition to the costume, each child has a special word learned for the occasion that either identifies or describes what she or he is or does. The word is written on a card which they carry or wear on a string around their necks.

Instead of using the word real to describe her costume, for example, a girl in a true Vietnamese outfit learns she is authentic; a soldier is courageous; a vampire is nocturnal; a clown is hilarious.

Author, filmmaker visiting youth

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — A well-known filmmaker and author will speak at a youth rally in Highlands County targeting teens in the area.

Bill Myers' books and videos have been a huge hit within the popular vampire/supernatural genre.

Selling more than 8 million copies, Myers' stories grab readers attention but then challenge them to the core by causing them to explore their faith.

Myers' books use the trendy werewolf and vampire characters that intrigue teens as a stepping stone to relate to them.

A youth rally including a praise and worship group will be held Saturday from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. The Way Church, at 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, will hold Sunday school and service Sunday followed by an event regarding Hollywood and movies at Covenant Presbyterian Church at 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd.

On Monday, Myers will be a guest lecturer at Heartland Christian School.

For more information on Myers' works, visit his website www.billmyers.com/.

There was a ninja who was a protector, a bee who was vibrant, a pirate who was agile and one Pocohantas who was obsolete.

The work of choosing and learning their word is done during the week before the parade.

Teachers get into the act, too. One was dressed as a cleaner. Her sign read sanitize. One teacher with a frown and a ruler was stern,

another — complete with (fake) tattoos and a leather vest — was a motorcycle enthusiast. Then there was the front office staff, all dressed as M&Ms. They were delectable, scrumptious, nutty and sweet.

In a sign of love and support, there were almost as many parents attending as children.

As of Thursday the school has 564 students.

Fight at APHS leads to 15 arrests, increased caution

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Facebook," Lister said.

Around 8:30 a.m. 911 dispatch reported several calls about a "huge" fight on the APHS campus.

"We responded to the call immediately with about nine officers. We got the situation under control quickly before anyone was seriously injured," Lister said.

"There were some of the typical scuffs and bruises, and Dean (Tom) Zwayer was hit in the back of the head with an aluminum crutch, but on one needed to be transported," Lister said.

Four 18-year-old APHS students — Trey Damarcus, Christopher Donohue McGriff, Roger Pringle III and Vontravious Shaquille Dewberry — were charged with disturbing the peace and interfering with school administration functions and disorderly conduct.

Information on the others arrested as juveniles was not available.

Rumors since the incident circulated that the fight was gang related, but Lister disagreed.

'The rumors about a gang-related event are unfounded.'

JASON LISTER
APPD Commander

"The rumors about a gang-related event are unfounded, and we have looked into it and found no merit to them," Lister said.

Several students commented about the fight, and that there was some fear about attending school afterwards, but their concerns were addressed quickly by Zwayer and Lister.

According to the students, who asked not to be identified, Zwayer and APHS staff held a school assembly on Wednesday threatening to "cancel homecoming" if there was any further concern about the fight and talked candidly about the incident and what to do.

"We were told to get away and to inform a resource officer or a teacher if anything happens immediately,"

said an APHS student Wednesday night.

The name of the students are being withheld because of parental concerns.

"Dean Zwayer said he had received over 100 e-mails and phone calls about it, and yeah, it was a big fight, but it's over, and we can get on with school. My mother held me out of class for part of today, but you can tell there is a lot of parents and teachers making sure nothing else happens," another student said.

Lister confirmed that the APPD was cooperating with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office and school officials to make sure the environment was monitored with safety in mind.

"We will have an increased presence by both the APPD and the sheriff's office. We want to ensure that everyone knows that school is a safe environment for students and that students and staff will have all the resources they need to ensure that safety," Lister said.

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Wiener dogs have their day

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — Ridge Area Arc's third annual Wiener Dog Race, which was held Oct. 15 in conjunction with the Oktoberfest in downtown Avon Park, attracted Dachshunds, their owners, and race fans from all over central Florida.

A new addition to this year's race was the final heat appropriately named "Wiener Wannabes" for those dogs that want to race but are dachshunds. The majority of the dogs entered were Chiweenies, a mix of Chihuahua and Dachshund, however one poodle also entered the race.

The event started with the popular Wiener Walk and costume contest. The Best Dressed Dog was Baxter, owned by Elena Kay of Orlando. Baxter was dressed as a Serta sheep. This was a second win for Baxter, who was the beautiful peacock last year.

The Best Dressed Team (owner/dog) was Henry, owned by Lisa Manuel of Naples. They were dressed as ketchup and mustard hot dog. The Best Float was again won by Bailey and Charlie, owned by Craig Senow and Rea Myers of Lake Placid. They were riding in a tiki hut lounge.

The Top Dog winner for 2011 was Henry. This category was open for all dogs. The Adult Dog winner, ages 1-8, was won by Flaube, owned by Cheri Lander of Avon Park. Second place went to Snickers, owned by Joshua Strusz of Sebring. The Puppy winner, for dogs



Henry, owned by Lisa Manuel of Naples, was the Top Dog winner at the Arc Wiener Dog Race in Avon Park.

under 1, was Callie, owned by Lauren Johnson of Sebring. Second place went to Desi, owned by Leah Grecko of Sebring.

The Senior/Handicapped winner, for dogs with a disability or age 9 or older, was Buttercup Truffles, owned by Emily Burns of Coral Springs. Second place was won by Spike, owned by Justin Baird of Sebring.

Sponsors for the event were Heacock

Insurance Group Inc., Anderson Animal Clinic, A+ Dog Academy, Fizzion, Citrus Animal Clinic, County Commissioner Barbara Stewart and Just Like Home Pet Hotel.

A special thank you goes to Union Congregational Church for allowing its property to be used for the Wiener Dog Race event to raise funds to support the services and programs provided by Ridge Area Arc.

Drug-Free Highlands using billboards, TV ads for new campaign

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and the media company used what is known as a positive community model to create the PSA.

"If you notice anytime you see a tobacco commercial, it's always boring or negative and people don't really like them. We wanted to go a different route," Sherley said.

The PSA features members of Sebring High School's swim team, hand-picked Avon Park High School students, and a group of student volunteers from Lake Placid High School.

According to DFH, 68 percent of all Highlands County high school students choose not to drink alcohol. The PSA showed the students all spending their time swimming, playing basketball and playing volleyball instead of using alcohol, marijuana or tobacco.

The PSA will run approximately 10 weeks and Sherley, along with the entire DFH organization, looks forward to the Highlands County community seeing a positive spin on a normally negative topic.

"These kids are not out drinking and doing drugs. So many of them say no to alcohol and drugs and tobacco, way more than those who don't say no. We wanted to do this not only to let people know that, but

to give them (students) something to be proud of and I'm really excited for them," Sherley said.

The DFH PSA channel schedule is as follows:

Monday through Sunday on ABC Family, Animal Planet, FX, MTV, Nickelodeon, TBS and USA between 6 p.m. and midnight.

"The kids are excited. One of them saw it on MTV and it was a huge deal for them," Sherley said.

DFH also just put up three new billboards in Highlands County, one in each of the cities, displaying the same positive awareness of teens and substance abuse.

"There is one by Wild Turkey on U.S. 27. Then there is another at (State Road) 66 and (U.S.) 98 and the other is down near Lake Henry Drive.

"There's one in each of the cities and they will be up for several weeks or until someone else purchases the space," said Sherley.

Next up for the DFH organization is the reoccurring Operation Medicine Cabinet event which will be held this weekend followed by the first time event Teen Summit on Nov. 5.

"We've just been so busy. There is so much going on and we are continuing to work and do new things for the community and for the students," Sherley said.



Sherley

Stocks surge on European debt deal, GDP growth

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks are soaring after European leaders agreed on a deal to slash Greece's debt load and prevent the debt crisis there from engulfing larger countries like Italy. Stronger U.S. economic growth and corporate earnings also drove markets higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 300 points at midday. All 30 stocks in the Dow rose, led by aluminum maker Alcoa Inc. with a 7

percent gain. Commodities prices and Treasury yields also rose as investors took on more risk. The euro rose sharply against the dollar.

Europe's sweeping agreement, reached after an all-night summit meeting, is aimed at preventing the Greek government's inability to pay its debt from escalating into another financial crisis like the one in September 2008 after the collapse of Lehman Brothers.

Banks agreed to take 50

percent losses on the Greek bonds they hold. Europe will also strengthen a financial rescue fund to protect the region's banks and other struggling European countries such as Italy and Portugal.

The Dow Jones industrial average surged 305 points, or 2.6 percent, to 12,173 at noon Eastern. The Dow hasn't closed above the 12,000 level since Aug. 1.

The S&P 500 rose 36, or 2.9 percent, to 1,278. The

gain turned the S&P positive for the year for the first time since Aug. 3, just before the U.S. government's debt was downgraded. The Nasdaq composite rose 73, or 2.7 percent, to 2,723.

Small company stocks rose more than the broader market, a sign that investors were more comfortable holding assets perceived as being risky but also more likely to appreciate in a strong economy. The Russell 2000 index jumped 4.1 percent.



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Trick-or-treating set for 6-9 Saturday night

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costumes and bags, avoid candles or decorations containing flames.

— Instead of wearing masks, use costume make-up. This keeps the eyes clear and allows kids better visibility.

— Make sure costume props (swords, knives, fairy wands) are not too long or sharp.

— Costumes should fit appropriately so that dragging or tripping is avoided.

Whether you are a monster or a fairy, these tips will keep children safe when it comes to what they wear during trick or treating.

The second set of tips involves the neighborhoods. Parents should always accompany young children during trick-or-treating. Allowing an older sibling or family member to watch little ones may not be beneficial and could become unsafe to all parties involved.

Neighborhood tips

— Map out your trick-or-treating route before the evening begins.

— Carry a flashlight.

— Trick-or-treaters should only visit homes that have the porch light on.

— Candy acceptance should be done outside. Entering an unfamiliar person's home is not always safe.

— Walk on sidewalks as much as possible. If there is no sidewalk available, walk on the edge of the roadway facing the traffic.

— Before crossing any streets, remember to look both ways.

— Do not cut across lawns or between parked vehicles.

— Always remain cautious around dogs at homes.

— Let your spouse or any family member/friend know your intended route.

If you are one of the candy distributors there are tips to keep you safe as well as allow the trick or treating to be an enjoyable experience.

Candy distribution tips

— Be sure to leave porch and outdoor lights on for trick or treaters.

— Clear your walkway/steps of leaves, branches, etc.

— Restrain any pets

— Instead of lighting jack-o-lanterns with candles, use glow sticks to eliminate fire hazard

— Try substituting no-food items such as coloring books, crayons, stickers, games

Once home and safe parents should always examine trick-or-treaters' candy. Candy tampering has always been an "urban legend" revolving around Halloween, but it is always better to be safe than sorry.

Sort through candy to make sure it is safe and fresh. Any unwrapped, spoiled or suspicious looking items should be discarded.

Parents should be sure to feed their ghouls and goblins a hearty dinner before hitting the streets to avoid the children's temptation to fill up on the sweets.

If parents will not be accompanying trick-or-treaters, ensure the children that they will be safe during the holiday; however, remind them of the rules of strangers and unfamiliar people. Children should not enter into any homes they do not already know or enter into a vehicle with any stranger.

Keep the trick or treating to a few hours, younger children should not trick-or-treat past 9 p.m. to avoid fatigue.

Mud bogging ordinance in the works

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agenda" forms, including Okeechobee Commissioner Bryant Culpepper.

Culpepper informed Highlands County that outdoor recreation — which included mud bogging, where participants had to race various vehicles through a man-made mud hole — "would be a great success for you."

"I can speak with authority, we are on our fifth (mud bog) and each time we've had one, the problems become less and less," Culpepper said.

"Everyone is looking for creative ways to bring not only recreation into the county but also revenue. This event is a huge economic boom. In Okeechobee this year we had over 525 businesses that did not renew their licenses. That is not sustainable," Culpepper said.

"I volunteered to help with our three-day event. It was a good time. I laughed and laughed for four solid hours. It was good clean, well not clean, fun," Culpepper said. "There were no real complaints because the businesses and people in Okeechobee County were so glad to get this shot in the arm economically."

"After you see it work, you will want to do it again and again. We are still working out the kinks, but this is a good for our county. We are going to do it again, but the only thing I would ask is that you don't put it on the same weekend as ours," Culpepper said.

Not all of the speakers during the meeting were for an event that drew large crowds to the area, and Donald Skipper, a neighbor to the proposed outdoor



News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE
Okeechobee County Commissioners Bryant Culpepper addressed the Highlands County board on Tuesday in support of outdoor recreation like mud bogging.

recreation club, expressed concerns about the state of the county road leading past his property to the events and the compatibility of the land use for an outdoor recreational park.

"It has to be a compatible use area. They have land property rights, but so do the people around them," said Skipper.

"Eight thousand people coming down that road is heck of a lot of noise, and cows don't like that. This area is surrounded north south, east and west by cov pastures," Skipper said.

"It's gonna have problems I can guarantee that. Let's have a mud bog, but let's put it out in a place where you can access it easily and patrol easily. Let's put it on U.S. 27," Skipper added.

"Having a mud bog in the middle of cow country is like having a fireworks testin' facility in the middle of chicken ranch," Skipper pointed out.

Others in the audience were in support of the effort to put an organized and legal

area for outdoor vehicle use.

"We used to go to the scrubs in Avon Park, but we

are no longer able to do that," said Highlands County resident Theresa Danzig.

"It is a time for mothers and fathers to spend quality time with their family. Having something like this that is affordable is good for families and good for Highlands County," Danzig said.

Although Mark Hill, director of Planning and Zoning Services for Highlands County, told commissioners last week it could take up to nine months to draft regulation for the proposed mud bog events, the commission had a proposed ordinance in their hands this week and are planning their first public hearing for Nov. 29 at 6 p.m.

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 11-435
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN EMMERT 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 JOHN EMMERT, deceased, File Number PC 11-435, 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 January 3, 2010; that the total value of the estate is \$15,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
John David Emmert	7528 E. Lobo, Mesa, Arizona 85208
Deborah Wiegela	620 NW Pollard Ave., Apt. B, Lawton, OK 73505

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 October 28, 2011.

Person Giving Notice:
 /s/ Adam Estes
 31 Mansfield Ave.
 Mt. Vernon, Ohio 43050

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
 October 28; November 4, 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, or whose exact legal status, if known, claiming under any of the above named or interest in and to the lands hereinafter described.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Action to Quiet Title for the following described property, 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 22-35-28-020-00D0-0170 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

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 11-333 GCS

MICHAEL A. RIDER and KRIS Y. RIDER, his wife PLAINTIFFS,
 VS.
 SHAUNA M. ORLOS, a/k/a SHAUNA CARRION DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot 88, SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES, SECTION D, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 13, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Jury Assembly Room of the Highlands County Courthouse, in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., on the 10th day of November, 2011.

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

SIGNED this 17th day of October, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
 Deputy Clerk
 October 21, 28, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. PC 11-422
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF SUE B. HOOD WOODRUFF Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SUE B. HOOD WOODRUFF, deceased, whose date of death was September 13, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is October 21, 2011.

Personal Representative:
 John S. Hood
 P.O. Box 1855
 Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 John K. McClure
 Attorney for John S. Hood
 Florida Bar Number: 286958
 MCCLURE & LOBOZZO
 211 S. Ridgewood Drive
 Sebring, Florida 33870
 Telephone: (863) 402-1888
 Fax: (863) 402-0751
 E-Mail: kelly@mlaw.net

October 21, 28, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282009CA001195A000XX
 BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING L.P., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 FRANCES M. OZYJOWSKI; CLERK OF THE COURT, HIGHLANDS COUNTY; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCES M. OZYJOWSKI; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 4th day of October, 2011, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001195A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and FRANCES M. OZYJOWSKI; CLERK OF THE COURT, HIGHLANDS COUNTY; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCES M. OZYJOWSKI; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 8th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 17, BLOCK 153, SEBRING HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 97, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 7th day of October, 2011.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 October 21, 28, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 11-000028 GCS

J. H. MOORE MEMORIAL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 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. MCCLURE, 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
 October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282009CA000489A000XX
 COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 STEPHEN COWAN A/K/A STEVE COWAN; MARK PALMER ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.; ANTHONY LOMONICO; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); UNKNOWN SPOUSE FOR STEPHEN COWAN A/K/A STEVE COWAN; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 4th day of October, 2011, and entered in Case No. 282009CA000489A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP is the Plaintiff and STEPHEN COWAN A/K/A STEVE COWAN; MARK PALMER ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.; ANTHONY LOMONICO; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); UNKNOWN SPOUSE FOR STEPHEN COWAN A/K/A STEVE COWAN; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 8th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 3, IN BLOCK 8, OF HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES SECTION K, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 7th day of October, 2011.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 October 21, 28, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 11-617 GCS
 SECTION NO.

MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION, F/K/A MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,
 v.
 JUDY J. CRAWFORD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUDY J. CRAWFORD; TENANT #1; TENANT #2; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose on the following real property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 17, BLOCK 5, REPLAT OF LORIDA HEIGHTS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 48, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ADDRESS: 1848 ELDER DRIVE, LORIDA, FL 33857

has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Highlands County, Florida, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses to the Complaint, if any, to Gregory A. Sanoba, Esq., 422 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33801, on or before November 29, 2011, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATE: October 18, 2011.

BOB GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 October 28; November 4, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 11-972-FCS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF ALEXSIS JO-LICIA HELMS Adoptee

AMENDED
 NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JOHN EDWARD GREEN
 26 Ridgeway Road
 Kingston 19
 Jamaica, W.I.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights Pending Adoption and Petition for Adoption has been filed and you are required to serve a copy of your answer or pleading of the petition to the Petitioner's attorney, TED A. LASSEIGNE, Post Office Box 2238, Haines City, Florida 33845-2238, and file the original answer or pleading in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court on or before November 17, 2011. If you fail to do so, judgment for adoption and for other relief prayed for in the Petition may be granted by default.

"If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at 863-534-4690 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the schedule appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711."

DONE AND ORDERED at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 17th day of October, 2011.

(COURT SEAL)

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
 Deputy Clerk
 October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO: GC-11-000556

TAYLOR BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 KENNETH ANGERS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KENNETH ANGERS; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: KENNETH ANGERS
 5601 CALIGULA AVENUE
 SEBRING, FL 33872

KENNETH ANGERS
 2705 MICHIGAN AVE.
 FORT MEYERS, FL 33916

KENNETH ANGERS
 2110 DAVIS CT.
 FORT MYERS, FL 33916

UNKNOWN SPOUSE KENNETH ANGERS
 5601 CALIGULA AVENUE
 SEBRING, FL 33872

UNKNOWN SPOUSE KENNETH ANGERS
 2705 MICHIGAN AVE.
 FORT MEYERS, FL 33916

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KENNETH ANGERS
 2110 DAVIS CT.
 FORT MYERS, FL 33916

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 1 BLOCK 187, UNIT 11, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Mark A. Buckles, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 13th day of October, 2011.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Phone No. (941)534-4690 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 20th day of October, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk
 October 28; November 4, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 11000048GCS

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JIMMIE L. GRABACH A/K/A JIMMY GRABACH A/K/A JIMMIE L. GRABACH A/K/A JIM L. GRABACH, ET AL Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):
 JIMMIE L. GRABACH A/K/A JIMMY GRABACH A/K/A JIMMIE L. GRABACH A/K/A JIM L. GRABACH (LAST KNOWN ADDRESS)
 28771 RIVER ROAD, 400, MADERA, CA 93636

DEAMA GRABACH A/K/A DEAMA A. GRABACH (LAST KNOWN ADDRESS)
 28771 RIVER ROAD, 400, MADERA, CA 93636

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
 LOT 28, OAK ISLAND, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Street Address: 139 Deanna Drive, Lake Placid, Florida 33852

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Moskowitz, Mandell, Salim & Simowitz, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 800 Corporate Drive, Suite 500, Fort Lauderdale, FLORIDA 33334 on or before November 29, 2011, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE NEWS SUN and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Phone No. (941)534-4690 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 20th day of October, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk
 October 28; November 4, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NUMBER: 11-000028 GCS

J. H. MOORE MEMORIAL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 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. MCCLURE, 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
 October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 11-000028 GCS

J. H. MOORE MEMORIAL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 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. MCCLURE, 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
 October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282009CA000489A000XX
 COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 STEPHEN COWAN A/K/A STEVE COWAN; MARK PALMER ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.; ANTHONY LOMONICO; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); UNKNOWN SPOUSE FOR STEPHEN COWAN A/K/A STEVE COWAN; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 4th day of October, 2011, and entered in Case No. 282009CA000489A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP is the Plaintiff and STEPHEN COWAN A/K/A STEVE COWAN; MARK PALMER ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.; ANTHONY LOMONICO; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); UNKNOWN SPOUSE FOR STEPHEN COWAN A/K/A STEVE COWAN; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 8th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 3, IN BLOCK 8, OF HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES SECTION K, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 7th day of October, 2011.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
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 October 21, 28, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 11000505GCS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND OR BENEFICIARIES
OF THE ESTATE OF VIVIAN L. GRAYHEK, et al,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO:
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VIVIAN GRAYHEK
AKA VIVIAN L. GRAYHEK
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 113 Crestview Terrace,
Lake Placid, FL 33852
CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE
ESTATE OF VIVIAN L. GRAYHEK
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclo-
sure of Mortgage on the following described prop-
erty:
LOT 42, BLOCK A, TOMOKA HEIGHTS SECTION
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has been filed against you and you are required to
serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it,
on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff,
whose address is 1800 NW 49TH STREET, SUITE
120, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33309 on or before
November 29, 2011 a date which is within thirty
(30) days after the first publication of this Notice in
THE NEWS SUN and file the original with the Clerk
of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's at-
torney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a de-
fault will be entered against you for the relief de-
manded in the complaint.

If you are a person with a disability who needs
any accommodation in order to participate in this
proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to
the provision of certain assistance. Please contact
the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N.
Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863)
534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled
court appearance, or immediately upon receiving
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or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court this
21st day of October, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk
October 28, November 4, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 11-348 GCS

SIMEON A. BRIDGEWATER and
GERTRUDE E. BRIDGEWATER, his wife
PLAINTIFFS,
vs.

PRECIOUS MAE DAVIS and
MARY DAVIS, and the Administrator
of the SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION,
an agency of the Government of the United States
of America
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final
decree of foreclosure entered in the above-enti-
tled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands
County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in
HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:
SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A
EXHIBIT A

The North Half of Lot 8, Block E, SERENITY SUB-
DIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in
Plat Book 12, Page 1, of the Public Records of
Highlands County, Florida, more particularly de-
scribed as follows:

BEGIN at the Northwest corner of said Lot 8;
thence South 79 degrees 44'00" East along the
Northerly line of said Lot 8 for a distance of
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Grove Street; thence North 10 degrees 00'00"
East along the Easterly right-of-way line of Grove
Street for a distance of 14.33 feet to a point of
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angle of 11 degrees 53'46"; thence along said
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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for
cash, at the Jury Assembly Room of the Highlands
County Courthouse, in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00
a.m., on the 10th day of November, 2011.

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

SIGNED this 17th day of October, 2011.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk
October 21, 28, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 11-660-GCS

ROBERT H. HOFFMAN and FRED A. L. HOFFMAN,
Plaintiffs, vs. ESTATE OF JAMES D. ROGERS;
CHERYL ROGERS; MANDY CARLISLE; MICHELLE
ROGERS NICKERSON; JAMES D. ROGERS, JR.; et
al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT - PROPERTY
TO: ESTATE OF JAMES D. ROGERS, or any other
party claiming by, through, under or against it.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action fore-
close on the following property in Highlands
County, Florida:

Lot 2, Block 1, of RE-PLAT OF PORTION OF
FISHER'S SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat
thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 78, of the
Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to
serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to
Thomas J. Wohl, Swaine & Harris, P.A., 425
South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida
33870, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original
with the Clerk of the above styled court on or be-
fore November 29, 2011; otherwise a default may
be entered against you for the relief demanded in
the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the
19th day of October, 2011.

ROBERT "BOB" GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(SEAL) BY: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any
accommodation in order to participate in this pro-
ceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to
the provision of certain assistance. Please contact
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534-4690, within two (2) working days of your re-
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282009CA000877A000XX
 BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 TAYMI ZOLLNER; EDWARD L. ZOLLNER II; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, AS A NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 4th day of October, 2011, and entered in Case No. 282009CA000877A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and TAYMI ZOLLNER; EDWARD L. ZOLLNER II; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, AS A NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 8th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 9, BLOCK Q, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2011.
 Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 October 21, 28, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282009CA001584A000XX
 BAN OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.

MANUEL A. BARRIOS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GUILLERMO DEL SOLAR; GUILLERMO DEL SOLAR; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 4th day of October, 2011, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001584A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and MANUEL A. BARRIOS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GUILLERMO DEL SOLAR; GUILLERMO DEL SOLAR; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 8th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, AND 15, BLOCK 6, HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES SECTION B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2011.
 Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 October 21, 28, 2011

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Applications close 5:00pm. on Friday, November 4, 2011. Police Officer's Exam to be given at 1:00pm. Wednesday November 9, 2011, at the City of Avon Park Community Center, 310 W. Main Street, Avon Park, FL.

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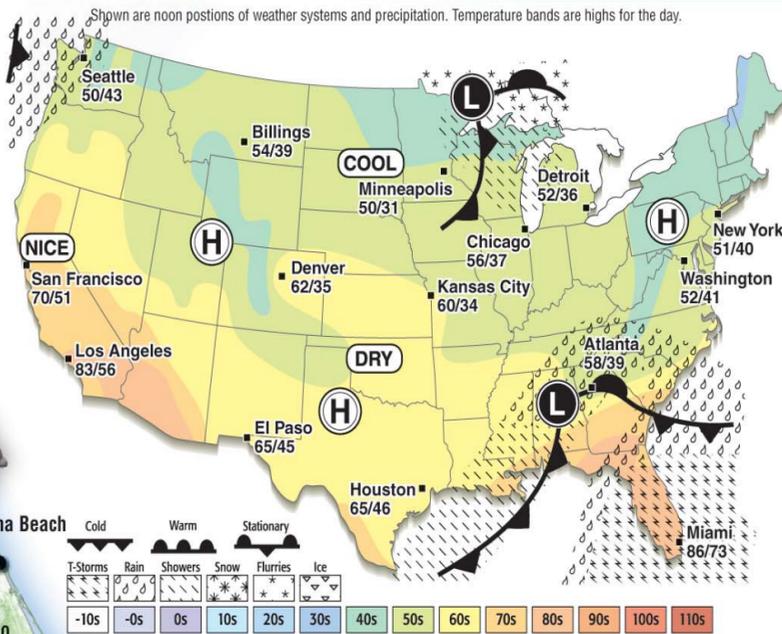


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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A couple of showers and a t-storm	A morning t-storm; clouds breaking	Some sun, breezy and less humid	Mostly cloudy, t-storms possible	Times of clouds and sun
83° / 69°	83° / 61°	83° / 63°	83° / 62°	82° / 59°
Winds: E at 7-14 mph	Winds: NNE at 8-16 mph	Winds: NE at 12-25 mph	Winds: NNE at 8-16 mph	Winds: NNE at 10-20 mph

National Forecast for October 28



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	82°
Low Sunday	51°
High Monday	81°
Low Monday	49°
High Tuesday	84°
Low Tuesday	51°
High Wednesday	86°
Low Wednesday	53°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	65%
Expected air temperature	83°
Makes it feel like	88°

Barometer

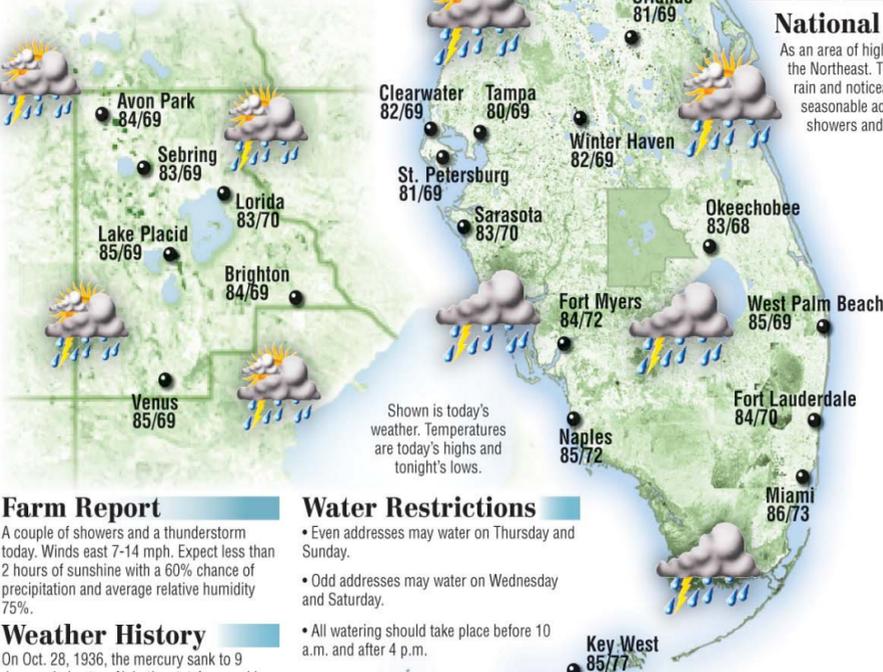
Monday	30.10
Tuesday	30.04
Wednesday	29.96

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	4.94"
Year to date	43.24"

Regional Summary

Variable clouds today with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy tonight with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm. A shower or thunderstorm tomorrow morning. Sunday: some sun.



Farm Report

A couple of showers and a thunderstorm today. Winds east 7-14 mph. Expect less than 2 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 75%.

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. 28, 1936, the mercury sank to 9 degrees in Layton, N.J., the state's record low for October. Five inches of snow fell in the mountains of Georgia 37 years later.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:32 a.m.	7:33 a.m.
Sunset	6:47 p.m.	6:47 p.m.
Moonrise	9:30 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
Moonset	8:26 p.m.	9:26 p.m.



Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	84/72/t	84/64/t	84/67/pc	Miami	86/73/t	82/73/t	82/74/t
Clearwater	82/69/t	81/64/pc	79/65/pc	Okeechobee	83/68/t	81/71/t	78/71/pc
Coral Springs	85/71/t	82/74/t	81/75/t	Orlando	81/69/t	80/59/pc	80/63/pc
Daytona Beach	82/68/t	78/60/pc	76/63/s	Pembroke Pines	86/72/t	82/73/t	82/74/t
Ft. Laud. Bch	84/70/t	82/76/t	82/75/t	St. Augustine	78/68/t	73/55/s	71/61/s
Fort Myers	84/72/t	85/65/t	83/67/pc	St. Petersburg	81/69/t	80/65/pc	79/66/pc
Gainesville	81/63/t	74/46/s	74/52/s	Sarasota	83/70/t	83/61/pc	82/65/pc
Hollywood	86/72/t	82/73/t	82/74/t	Tallahassee	80/56/c	71/41/s	72/47/s
Homestead AFB	84/71/t	82/72/t	81/71/t	Tampa	80/69/t	82/62/pc	81/64/pc
Jacksonville	78/61/t	71/47/s	72/53/s	W. Palm Bch	85/69/t	83/72/t	81/72/t
Key West	85/77/t	82/76/t	83/77/t	Winter Haven	82/69/t	82/60/pc	80/63/pc

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

National Summary

As an area of high pressure replaces a storm with wet snow, today is shaping up to be a dry but chilly day across the Northeast. The Midwest will stay cool as rain and even snow showers dot the Great Lakes. To the south, some rain and noticeably colder air will invade the Carolinas and the central Gulf Coast states. Temperatures will remain seasonable across southern Georgia and Florida. The Florida Peninsula is where moisture from Rina will lead to showers and thunderstorms.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	59/42/s	66/44/pc	68/43/s	Los Angeles	83/56/s	85/58/s	85/60/pc
Atlanta	58/39/r	62/40/s	63/43/s	Louisville	54/39/pc	56/37/pc	60/43/s
Baltimore	58/37/pc	45/34/r	54/36/s	Memphis	60/43/pc	62/41/s	65/46/s
Birmingham	60/40/r	65/37/s	64/41/s	Milwaukee	53/36/pc	49/37/pc	51/38/c
Boston	48/34/s	47/38/r	52/38/s	Minneapolis	50/31/pc	51/36/s	48/35/pc
Charlotte	54/36/r	57/34/s	61/36/s	Nashville	56/38/c	61/34/s	63/44/s
Cheyenne	56/36/s	61/29/pc	54/36/s	New Orleans	70/50/r	70/50/s	71/49/s
Chicago	56/37/pc	51/37/pc	54/39/pc	New York City	51/40/s	45/39/r	52/40/s
Cleveland	52/36/s	46/37/c	52/40/pc	Norfolk	52/48/r	52/40/r	57/43/s
Columbus	52/36/pc	52/35/c	54/40/pc	Oklahoma City	61/37/s	66/42/s	68/40/s
Dallas	64/42/s	69/47/s	73/49/s	Philadelphia	53/39/s	45/37/r	51/41/s
Denver	62/35/s	70/33/s	63/38/s	Phoenix	85/62/s	86/62/s	88/62/s
Detroit	52/36/pc	48/36/c	51/39/pc	Pittsburgh	48/34/pc	46/31/c	52/36/s
Harrisburg	50/34/s	46/30/r	52/36/s	Portland, ME	46/29/pc	48/30/pc	49/32/s
Honolulu	84/72/pc	84/72/pc	85/71/pc	Portland, OR	57/45/r	60/43/c	59/44/r
Houston	65/48/pc	72/46/s	75/50/s	Raleigh	52/41/r	57/35/r	60/38/s
Indianapolis	54/33/pc	54/35/pc	57/39/pc	Rochester	46/33/pc	48/34/c	51/37/s
Jackson, MS	64/38/r	68/38/s	67/39/s	St. Louis	58/37/s	60/40/s	61/41/pc
Kansas City	60/34/s	62/41/s	58/36/pc	San Francisco	70/51/s	71/53/s	68/53/s
Lexington	54/34/pc	56/33/pc	59/43/s	Seattle	50/43/r	55/44/c	54/42/r
Little Rock	64/40/pc	64/42/s	67/45/s	Wash., DC	52/41/pc	47/35/r	50/44/s

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	90/72/pc	90/75/pc	89/75/s	London	61/48/pc	59/49/pc	64/54/c
Athens	63/49/pc	60/52/pc	64/48/pc	Montreal	42/31/s	43/34/pc	45/34/pc
Beirut	74/62/pc	72/60/s	69/59/s	Moscow	39/32/pc	43/35/c	40/31/c
Berlin	57/50/s	60/50/pc	59/47/s	Nice	66/58/pc	73/57/pc	71/56/pc
Bermuda	79/69/sh	76/68/r	77/67/r	Ottawa	44/33/pc	47/32/pc	49/33/s
Calgary	48/33/c	47/30/pc	56/33/pc	Quebec	42/21/s	42/28/pc	40/30/pc
Dublin	55/46/pc	57/48/r	59/48/r	Rio de Janeiro	84/74/t	85/76/t	81/64/t
Edmonton	45/30/s	47/26/s	56/28/pc	Seoul	65/45/c	61/44/c	68/46/s
Freeport	82/76/t	78/73/t	79/74/t	Singapore	85/77/t	88/77/t	85/77/sh
Geneva	64/51/c	61/53/pc	60/50/c	Sydney	78/56/c	85/64/sh	73/57/t
Havana	83/70/t	81/70/t	82/74/r	Toronto	50/39/pc	44/35/c	49/39/pc
Hong Kong	81/69/pc	81/69/s	80/69/s	Vancouver	56/46/r	54/46/c	52/42/r
Jerusalem	69/49/s	69/48/s	67/51/s	Vienna	56/46/c	57/46/pc	57/47/s
Johannesburg	74/58/t	71/58/t	72/53/t	Warsaw	55/43/s	56/40/pc	54/42/s
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Ashley Townsend, No. 2, along with Alana Nielander, No. 9 and Breana Corley celebrate a point in the Lady Dragons three-set sweep of Frostproof in the second round of the District 10-4A volleyball tournament Tuesday night.

Highlands strong at DeSoto District

By DAN HOEHNE

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ARCADIA – Both were locked in on their goals.

And different as they might be, those goals drove both the Lake Placid and Avon Park volleyball teams to standout nights Tuesday in the District 10-4A tournament.

Though they split the regular season series to gain a share of the regular season title, when seeding came for the tournament, the Lady Dragons fell to number two behind DeSoto.

Still with a chance to earn their seventh straight district championship, Lake Placid had its' blinders on, focused straight on that aim and swept past Frostproof in three sets.

"The one thing we didn't do was play down," head coach Linette Wells said afterward. "It's districts and the girls know what is at stake. They came to play tonight."

That was evident as the Dragons took control of the first set early and never looked back.

Brittany Collison, Marissa Baldwin and Ashley Townsend all had kills to stake the team out to a 9-2 lead, with a kill from Breana Corley and two from Alana Nielander then stretching it to 17-6.

The Lady Bulldogs would take little bites in the form of a few two-point runs, but that merely made it a back-and-forth the rest of the way with Lake Placid taking the 25-14 win.

Things began similarly in the second set, with a Nielander ace and kills from Corely and Shelbi Bertram staking the Dragons to an 11-4 lead.

But this was the set where there were a few moments of the 'playing down' that is Wells' worry.

Some sloppy play by Lake Placid and some fight from Frostproof soon had it tied 11-11, before the Dragons again locked in and ran off the next nine points in a row with kills



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Kayla Wilson goes up for a kill Tuesday night as the Red Devils gave DeSoto a run for their money in the district tournament semifinals.

from Bertram and Nielander spurring the run.

It was soon 22-13, but again the Bulldogs bit back, getting it to 22-19 and 23-20 before a Baldwin kill and ace sealed the 25-20 win.

With the potential trap of the second set avoided, it was back to the business at hand, advancing to the title match.

And though Rhoni Gavagni had an ace early on, Frostproof was proving game.

That was, up until it was tied 6-6 and the Dragons went on another nine-point run.

That was soon followed by four more straight points and a 20-8 lead before Lake Placid inked their reservation for Thursday's championship match with the 25-12 win.

"We have a target on our back so we know the other teams are going to come

after us," Wells said. "But we were communicating and it's tournament time, so the girls were fired up."

Avon Park's goal may have been a little less lofty, but was a motivator nonetheless.

After Monday's opening-round win over Mulberry, and with top-seed DeSoto looming in Tuesday's nightcap, head coach Stephanie Devlin knew the task ahead of her team.

"We just want to make it competitive," she had said Monday. "Sure, we'd like to win and we know we can play with them. We really gave them a close match last time we played. But win or lose I just want the girls to play hard, to play their best so that they can end the season proudly."

That they certainly did Tuesday night, proving to be worthy foes rather than

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PREGAME PRIMER

Your Quick Guide To This Week's Action



Avon Park at Dunbar

Records

Avon Park 3-4; Dunbar 7-1

Last Week

Avon Park: Battled hard but fell in overtime, 36-34, to visiting Booker.
Dunbar: Went wild at Gateway Charter, posting an 80-0 win.

Game Notes

- Avon Park looks to give Dunbar its' first District 6-4A loss.
- The Red Devils are true road warriors, with all three of their wins on the season coming away from home.



Lake Placid vs. LaBelle

Records

Lake Placid 2-6; LaBelle 1-6

Last Week

Lake Placid: Had a tough time on the road at Clewiston, falling 35-7.
LaBelle: Had its' bye week after a 30-0 loss to Booker the week before.

Game Notes

- Tonight is the Green Dragons Homecoming game.
- This looks like an even match-up. In one more game played than LaBelle, Lake Placid has scored 30 more points and given up 31 more.



Sebring at Bartow

Records

Sebring 2-5; Bartow 2-5

Last Week

Sebring: Was run past by Winter Haven by a 45-7 score.
Bartow: Was doubled up in a 28-14 loss at Lake Gibson.

Game Notes

- The Blue Streaks and YellowJackets are both looking for their first district wins.
- Though just 2-5, Bartow's losses have come to the likes of state powers Lakeland and Fort Meade.

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

Lady Streaks reach title game

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – Sebring took on Lake Gibson in the first round of the abbreviated District 9-6A tournament Tuesday night in the Sebring High School gym.

With just four teams making up the district, the first round also served as the semifinal, so the Lady Streaks three-set win not only earned a spot in the title game, but locked up a trip to the regional playoffs.

Sebring topped Lake Gibson during the regular season, but knew that they had to play tight from the beginning so as not to allow the lady Braves to sneak in a winning set.

It would seem that this goal was threatened as play began and the two teams found themselves in a neck-and-neck battle for points. Thankfully, after one Mckenzie Hargaden kill tied the score at 4, Sebring found there groove.

The lady Streaks then gained a five point lead before Lake Gibson would receive the serving advantage once again.

Action continued to be a give and take, only this time Sebring had the lead in their favor.

However, Lake Gibson had a secret weapon: the serving skills of their captain, Kelsey Friend.

Her consistency would allow for three more points for her team, closing Sebring's lead from five points to three before Sebring gained back the



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Sydnee Connelly's arm is bent back as she and Lindsey Whittington attempted this block Tuesday night in Sebring's District Tournament win over Lake Gibson.

serve.

The Lady Braves would creep past Sebring's lead not long after, holding them at 14-12 in the first set as Sebring head coach Venessa Sinness called for a time out. Clearly this must have been one of Sinness' signature pep-talks, because as the girls took the court once

again, Sebring found their way into the swing of things once again

Another kill from Hargaden followed by a kill from Sydnee Connelly tied the score at 18 points.

The dynamic duo would earn two more kills before reaching the necessary 25

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Franchitti gets back on track in new IndyCar

Associated Press

SEBRING — Four-time IndyCar champion Dario Franchitti was back in the car Wednesday testing at Sebring International Raceway.

The two-car test was the first on-track activity for IndyCar since Dan Wheldon's death in the Oct. 16 season finale.

Franchitti drove the 2012

IndyCar for Honda.

Ryan Hunter-Reay drove for Chevrolet.

Jim Goodloe, the senior engineer with Honda Performance Development, says it was the first time Franchitti has driven the 2012 car.

The new car has been in development all year, and Wheldon was the primary

test driver for Dallara.

The car is widely considered to have significant upgrades in safety and technology.

Wheldon was killed in a fiery 15-car accident in the opening laps of IndyCar's season finale at Las Vegas.

It was the final race for the current car model.

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8 p.m. BYU at Texas Christian. ESPN

SATURDAY

Noon Michigan State at Nebraska. ESPN

Noon Purdue at Michigan. ESPN2

Noon Missouri at Texas A&M. FX

Noon North Carolina State at Florida State. 28

12:30 p.m. Arkansas at Vanderbilt. 38

12:30 p.m. Virginia Tech at Duke. 44

3:30 p.m. Florida vs. Georgia. CBS

3:30 p.m. Navy at Notre Dame. NBC

3:30 p.m. West Virginia at Rutgers. ABC

3:30 p.m. Oklahoma at Kansas State. ESPN

3:30 p.m. Baylor at Oklahoma State. ESPN2

7 p.m. South Carolina at Tennessee. ESPN2

8 p.m. Clemson at Georgia Tech. ABC

8 p.m. Wisconsin at Ohio State. ESPN

GOLF FRIDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Andalucia Masters. GOLF

2:30 p.m. PGA – Nationwide Tour Championship. GOLF

5 p.m. Asia Pacific Classic. GOLF

SATURDAY

2:30 p.m. PGA – Nationwide Tour Championship. GOLF

5 p.m. Asia Pacific Classic. GOLF

NHL SATURDAY

7 p.m. Winnipeg at Tampa Bay. 44

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER FRIDAY

8 p.m. Mississippi State at Mississippi. SUN
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Pacific Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	7	2	0	14	22	17
Los Angeles	5	2	1	11	17	13
Anaheim	4	3	1	9	18	20
San Jose	4	3	0	8	21	17
Phoenix	3	3	2	8	22	25

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's Games						
Ottawa 3, Carolina 2, SO						
Chicago 3, Anaheim 2, SO						
Dallas 3, Phoenix 2, SO						
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Islanders 0						
Columbus 4, Detroit 1						
Tampa Bay 4, Buffalo 3						
San Jose 3, Nashville 1						
Edmonton 3, Vancouver 2						
New Jersey 3, Los Angeles 0						

Wednesday's Games						
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 1						
Calgary 4, Colorado 2						
St. Louis 3, Vancouver 0						

Thursday's Games						
Montreal at Boston, late						
Columbus at Buffalo, late						
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, late						
Winnipeg at Philadelphia, late						
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, late						
Florida at Ottawa, late						
Tampa Bay at Nashville, late						
Anaheim at Minnesota, late						
Los Angeles at Dallas, late						
Washington at Edmonton, late						
New Jersey at Phoenix, late						

Friday's Games						
Chicago at Carolina, 7 p.m.						
San Jose at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.						
Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.						
St. Louis at Calgary, 9 p.m.						

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Sporting KC	13	9	12	51	50	40
x-Houston	12	9	13	49	45	41
x-Philadelphia	11	8	15	48	44	36
x-Columbus	13	13	8	47	43	44
x-New York	10	8	16	46	50	44
Chicago	9	9	16	43	46	45
D.C.	9	13	12	39	49	52
Toronto FC	6	13	13	33	36	59
New England	5	16	13	28	38	58

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Los Angeles	19	5	10	67	48	28
x-Seattle	18	7	9	63	56	37
x-Real Salt Lake	15	11	8	53	44	36
x-FC Dallas	15	12	7	52	42	39
x-Colorado	12	9	13	49	44	41
Portland	11	14	9	42	40	48
San Jose	8	12	14	38	40	45
Chivas USA	8	14	12	36	41	43
Vancouver	6	18	10	28	35	55

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

MLS PLAYOFFS WILD CARD

Wednesday: New York 2, FC Dallas 0
Thursday, Oct. 27: Columbus at Colorado, late
WILD CARD SEEDS: 2. Colorado; 3. Columbus.

EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Sporting Kansas City vs. higher-seeded Wild Card winner
Saturday, Oct. 29: Sporting Kansas City at FC Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
or
Sunday, Oct. 30: Sporting Kansas City at Colorado-Columbus winner, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 2: FC Dallas-Columbus-Colorado winner at Sporting

Kansas City, TBA
Houston vs. Philadelphia
Sunday, Oct. 30: Houston at Philadelphia, TBA
Thursday, Nov. 3: Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, Nov. 6: TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Los Angeles vs. New York
Sunday, Oct. 30: Los Angeles at New York, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 3: New York at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.

Seattle vs. Real Salt Lake

Saturday, Oct. 29: Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 2: Real Salt Lake at Seattle, TBA

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, Nov. 6: TBD

MLS CUP

Sunday, Nov. 20: Conference Champions at Carson, Calif., 9 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Named Rick Rodriguez bullpen coach.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Announced the returning of the coaching staff, Robby Thompson, bench coach; Carl Willis, pitching coach; Chris Chambliss, hitting coach; Mike Brumley, first-base coach; Jeff Datz, third-base coach; Jaime Navarro, bullpen coach and Jason Phillips, bullpen catcher.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Announced in conjunction with the San Diego Padres that Jed Hoyer and Jason McLeod will leave the Padres, effective immediately, to become executive vice president/general manager and senior vice president/scouting and player development with the Cubs. The Cubs agreed to send a player to be named as compensation.
American Association
GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS—Acquired RHP Jon Hunton from Long Island (Atlantic) to complete an earlier trade.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
TORONTO RAPTORS—Named Ed Stefanski executive vice president of basketball operations.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Fined Minnesota DE Brian Robison \$20,000 for kicking Green Bay OL T.J. Lang in an Oct. 23 game.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed LB Antonio Coleman from the New York Giants' practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS—Signed CB Don Carey. Released TE Joe Jon Finley. Signed TE Nathan Overbay to the practice squad. Released RB Matt Clapp from the practice squad.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed WR Jeremy Horne to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed G Butch Lewis and WR Kerry Taylor to the practice squad.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released QB Sean Canfield. Signed TE Tory Humphrey.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed OT Mark LeVoir. Released LB Jabara Williams.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed RB Mossis Madu from the practice squad. Signed FB Matt Clapp to practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed TE Dominique Byrd and OL Jonathan Compas. Signed RB Tristan Davis to the practice squad. Released G John Malecki from the practice squad.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



TODAY: Football at Dunbar, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, Nov 4: Football vs. Gateway Charter, 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Nov. 8: Girls Basketball hosts Pre-season Tip-Off, 6 p.m.



TODAY: Football vs. LaBelle, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Girls Soccer at Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, Nov. 5: Swimming at Region 2-1A meet, Lake Highland Prep, 9 a.m.
MONDAY, Nov. 7: Girls Soccer vs. Clewiston, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY: Nov. 8: Girls Basketball at Pre-season Tip-Off, Avon Park, 6 p.m.; Boys Soccer vs. Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.



TODAY: Football at Bartow, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY: Girls Soccer vs. Lake Placid, 6/7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY: Girls Soccer vs. Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: Nov. 4: Football vs. Kathleen, 7 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Dirty Dozen still has room

SEBRING – The Dirty Dozen Fun Mud Run, set to slosh off Saturday, Oct. 29, is nearly upon us and the 11 a.m. Adult 13-and-Up wave has sold out.

But there is still time to register, with spots available in the kids Dirty Half-Dozen, ages 7-12, and the final adult wave, ages 13-and-Up, at 12:15 p.m.

In addition to the fun of the race, there will be Halloween Costume contests, Best Body contest and 12 Hidden Prize Pumpkins worth cash and prizes.

Cost is only \$50 per person for the adult race, \$35 for the Half-Dozen.

You can also save by signing up with teams of four for only \$180.

Spectators are welcome with free admission and just \$5 for parking.

Part of the proceeds will go to help benefit VFW Post 4300 and the Sebring Hall of Fame.

Register today by visiting www.doozen.com and/or www.sebringraceway.com and follow the links.

Registration forms can also be picked up at CrossFit Sebring, Sebring International Raceway and Gold's Gym.

Walk-up registrations will be available, but there will be no guarantee of getting a T-Shirt.

Call Lisa at 655-1442 with any questions and check out the Dirty Dozen Facebook page for frequent updates and news about the race.

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 Camp

AVON PARK – The South Florida Community College Baseball program will be holding it's final Fall Hitting Camp Saturday, Oct. 29, for players aged 6-16.

Registration will take place from 8-8:30 a.m., with hitting skill work to follow from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Cost is just \$25.

Pre-register by calling 863-784-7036.

Pre-register or sign-up Saturday morning.

**This is the final clinic this fall. The Annual SFCC Christmas camp will be held in December.

Busy fall for local golfers

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

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".

Blue Streak Basketball Camp

SEBRING – Head girls basketball coach Mike Lee will be running a basketball camp at Sebring High School for boys and girls from 2nd through 6th grade on Saturday, Nov 12, from 9 a.m.-Noon.

The cost for the camp is \$10 and each camper will receive a Blue Streaks Basketball T-shirt.

The camp is for boys and girls of all skill levels and experience.

Registration forms can be picked up at Sebring High School or can be emailed.

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Lee at 441-1221 or by email at leem@highlands.k12.fl.us.

Florida Trail Association

SEBRING – The Florida Trail Association, Heartland Chapter, has a number of outings scheduled for the month of November for outdoor enthusiasts and those seeking to enjoy the natural beauty the area has to offer.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Activity: Chapter Meeting, nature walk, and pot luck lunch

Location: Highlands Hammock State Park

Directions: Off US 27 on SR 634 (also known as Hammock Road), four miles west of Sebring.

Bring: Water, insect repellent, sun protection and a dish to share based on last names beginning with A-H dessert, I-Q salad, R-Z main dish.

Some will be camping at Highlands Hammock. You're welcome to join us by making reservations at reserveamerica.com and notifying Melissa of your intent to do so and your campsite location.

Contact: Melissa, phone 407-460-1388, or email ftamelissa@gmail.com for meet-up time and other details.

Sunday, Nov. 6

Activity: Hiking Trail Improvement – All Day

Location: Kicco Wildlife Management Area, S.R. 60, east of Lake Wales

Bring: Water, meals, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact: David at 605-3587 for meet-up time, directions, and other details.

Saturday, Nov. 12

Activity: Bicycle Maintenance Workshop

Description: Learn riding skills, and how to perform basic maintenance and repairs.

Location: Home of Jim, Lakeland, FL

Bring: Snacks, water and your bicycle.

Contact: Jim at 409-5996 for time, address, directions, and other details.

Saturday, Nov. 19

Activity: Bike Ride

Location: Ft. Fraser Trail from Bartow trailhead

Bring: helmet, water, snacks and your bicycle.

Contact: Eileen at 956-2145 for meet-up time, directions and other information.

Saturday, Nov. 26

Activity: Day Hike, approx. 7 miles

Location: Tenoroc Fish Management Area, Lakeland, FL, at office.

Description: This former phosphate mining area consists of lakes, marshes, grasslands and wooded hills, and is an important refuge for wildlife.

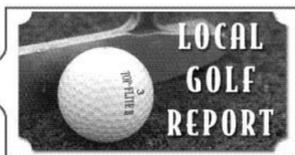
Bring: water, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact: Monika at 858-3106 for meet-up time and other details.

Heartland Volleyball Club

SEBRING – The Heartland Volleyball Club will be holding a parent meeting Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Sebring High School Smith Center.

For more information, contact Venessa Sinness, 214-9633, vsinness@yahoo.com, or Kim Crawford, 835-2377, kim.crawford@southflorida.edu.



Senior Tip

MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANKE WITH TOP 100 GOLF INSTRUCTORS

Don't Be A Stiff

As we move into colder weather throughout most of the country, time is running out on the golf season. Seniors who are trying to get in a few more rounds need to be especially careful not to injure themselves. Tight muscles are much more likely to pull or tear. That being said, the typical brief stretch is not enough in cold and windy conditions.

First, allow yourself more time to stretch and hit practice shots. Add two to three extra minutes of stretching to ensure stiff muscles and joints get properly loosened before going to the practice tee. Once there, hit 10 more balls than normal - let's say 30 instead of 20. Make sure to keep your practice swings easy, focusing on a slow, rhythmic tempo. Lastly, make sure you dress properly by having layers of warm gear.

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



Joe Swartz and Bob Nagel with 42; and third place, John Byron, Don Boulton, Dave Colvin, Fred Neer and Ken Raub with 46. Closest to the pin: No. 4, Dick Denhart, 11-feet-4-inches; and No. 8, Don Boulton, 9-feet-6-inches.

Pinecrest

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, the Men's Association played Team and Individual Pro-Am Points.

Winning first place was the team of Terry O'Leary, Bob Luttrell, Bill Ringo and J.W. McCamic with plus-13; and second place, Fred Latchaw, Rex Smolek, Glen Woodward and Bob Fowler with plus-8.

Individual winners were: A division - Tying for first/second places were Rex Waymire and Terry O'Leary with plus-5 each; and third place, Vern Gates with plus-2. B division - First place, Bob Luttrell with plus-5; tying for second/third places were Paul Brown and Ed Northrup with plus 3 each. C division - Tying for first/second/third places were Bill Ringo, Jack Litalien and Clarence Denard with plus-2 each; and fourth place, Ron Taylor with plus-4. D division - First place, Gregg Brewer with plus-3.

Placid Lakes

The Men's Association played a Team Low Net tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Winning first place was the team of Bob McMillion, Tom Lacy and Taft Green with minus-8; second place, Bruce Miseno, Russ Isaacs and Marvin (Bud) Snyder with minus-6; and third place, John Goble, Frank Fisher and Howard Ticknor with minus-5.

Closest to the pin: No. 13, Tom Lacy,

21-feet-7-inches.

The Ladies Association played a Throw Out Nine Blind Holes, One-half Handicap event on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

The winners were: First place, Carol Olsen with minus-2; tying for second/third places were Alice Bitzer and Von Lacy with even each.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Carol Olsen (Distance NA).

River Greens

The Golfettes played a Low Gross, Low Net flighted tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Linda Therrien took first in the Low Gross, with Betty LeBlanc, Michelle Koon and Peggy Wehunt all tying for second.

On the Low Net side, Sally Dworak was first, Babe McDonald second and Frances Neil and Marybeth Carby tied for third.

The Morrison Group played a 3 Front, 2 Back event Tuesday, Oct. 25.

With a -29, the team of Jim Cery, Joe Graf, Russ Rudd and Kevin Burks took first, while Johnny Wehunt, Hank Wunderlich, Larry Roy and Bob Stevens were just a shot behind, at -28, for second.

The Morrison Group played a round on Monday, Oct. 24, with Larry Roy, Jim Cery and Bob Stevens taking first.

Cliff Steele, Ken Koon, Cecil Lemons and Gil Heier finished in second.

A Men's Day event was played on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Bob Streeter, Harold Plagens, Bob Stevens and Al Farrell teamed up to take first, with Russ Rudd, Len Westdale, Gil Heier and Joe Craigo taking second.

Cliff Steele, Don McDonald and Don Miller were third on the day.

For closest to the pin for the round, Cery got to 6-feet from No. 3, Westdale to 6-feet, 10-inches from No. 5, Steele to 2-feet, 4-inches from No. 12 and Rudd to 8-feet, 11-inches from No. 17.

A P.M. Scramble was played on Friday, Oct. 21.

Cliff Steele, Jerry Lewis and John Yoder were first at -10, with Joe and Pat Graf, along with Len and Rhonda Westdale were second at -9.

A Ladies Pro-Am was played on Thursday, Oct. 20 with team and individual results.

Jan Stevens, Karen Speaker, Betty Wallace and Pat Kincer totaled +6 1/2 to win the team side, with Bev Rudd, Pat Graf and Carole McClug getting +3 for second.

Individually, Speaker won the 1st group with +7, Wallace the second group with +6 1/2 and Lucy Roberts won the third group with +3.

The Morrison Group hit the links on Thursday, Oct. 20, with Luke Sniogowski, Larry Roy, Jim Cery and Gil Heier winning with -32.

Bob Streeter, Ken Koon, Don McDonald and Leo Persails were second at -28.

SpringLake

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, the SpringLake Women's Golf Association played a 4 Person Team ProAm Points Tournament on the Cougar 1 and Panther 1 courses.

The team of Marilyn Redenbarger, Judy Dunn, Jean Donahue and Julia Starr came in first place with 67 points for a plus-9 win.

Second place was won by the team consisting of Maggie Robb, Gail Whiting, Ann McWilliams and Dottie Williams with 59 points (plus-7).

Coming in third with plus-4 points (58) was the team of Dotti Blackwell, Terrie Austin, Joan Gann and Wanda Baker.

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association conducted a Two Man Team One Best Ball competition starting on the Back Nine of Panther and finishing on the Front Nine of Cougar.

New holes on Cougar will make that course more interesting when they open soon.

Winners of the A Flight, with a net 62, were Jan Hard and Gale Monda.

There was a tie for second place at 63 between the teams of Bob Rogers and Bo Bohanon and old railroad buddies Wayne Nelson and Richie Eastep.

Third place was taken at 64 by Joe Austin and Jay Payne.

In Flight B, winners at a super low net 60 were Ray McKenzie and Bill Rentel.

In a great example of Ham and Egging, Bill took 8 holes and Ray took 7 holes, with the last 3 holes tied.

Second place went to the team of Ken Poe and Will David at net 64, while third place went to grouchy ol' Ed Clay and Dave Docherty at 65.

While a little cool starting out, the day became one of the best days of the year to play golf.

Lake June West Golf Club

A Mixed Scramble was played on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Winning first place was the team of John and Virginia Simmons, Betty Billau and Walt Nagel with 51; and second place, Ken Rowen, John and Gloria Huggett and Jane Roush with 54. Tying for third/fourth places were the teams of Doyan and Donna Eades, Margaret Schultz and Don Boulton; John and Shelly Byron, Dick Denhart and Charlotte Mathew with 56 each.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 8, Joyce Swartz, 17-feet-7-inches. (Men), No. 4, Frank Gallagher, 10-feet-4-inches.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Winning first place was the team of Doyan Eades, Mario Cappelletti, Norm Grubbs and John Ruffo with 41; second place, Dick Denhart, Simmons,



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

The Lady Red Devils gather before Tuesday's fantastic effort against top-seeded DeSoto in the District 10-4A tournament.

District title game to feature Lake Placid, DeSoto

Continued from 1B

petty foils.

Though it didn't seem like that would be the case, initially, as the host Bulldogs charged out, scoring the first five points and getting the home crowd quickly into it.

But the Lady Devils started clawing their way back.

An Otisha Smith block and a Teresa Devlin ace helped knot it at 6-6, with another Smith block getting Avon Park up 9-7.

Back and forth it went, with the Devils pushing the lead and DeSoto evening it up.

But with Avon Park leading 17-15, powerhouse hitter Tishonna Riley got going with two kills to get the Bulldogs up 20-18 before a finishing run ended it at 25-19.

The Lady Devils, however, weren't about to hang their heads.

Rather, they seemed uplifted by the awareness that they weren't overmatched.

So much so that they charged out to a 7-3 lead in the second set and had DeSoto scrambling.

But the mettle honed by a season of success soon shone

through as the Lady Dogs fought back, evening it at 9-9 and then taking a 15-12 lead.

Avon Park battled back themselves, evening it at 17s when it looked like a replay of the first-set finish would play out as DeSoto ran off the next four points to go up 21-17.

Three straight for the Devils made it 21-20, but the Bulldogs scored three of the next four to sit on the brink of a win at 24-21.

And it was here that Avon Park made its stand, scoring the next five in a row to silence the home crowd and stun DeSoto with the 26-24

win.

Over the final two sets, however, while the Lady Devils would show their worth and give the Bulldogs a battle, a match win was not in the cards.

They would have their runs, various shining moments and hard-earned points, but in the end, 25-18 and 25-19 DeSoto wins would end it.

"We told them to just go out and play hard tonight," Devlin said. "And they sure did. They had a great team effort and we accomplished what we set out to do, which was to make it competitive

and get at least one win. I'm proud of what these girls did."

And so the final stage was set, with the district co-leaders from the regular season meeting for the tournament title Thursday night.

By reaching the championship match, both Lake Placid and DeSoto have earned spots in the regional playoffs, with the winner hosting their first-round match and the losing team hitting the road.

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

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NBA marathon session ends after 15 hours

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBA owners and players made progress toward a new labor deal during more than 15 hours of talks and will return Thursday, still hoping an 82-game season is possible.

The talks Wednesday into Thursday morning were about the salary cap system, and Commissioner David Stern said they likely will stick with that issue when they resume.

"We were able to work through a number of different issues today regarding our system," union president Derek Fisher said. "We can't say that major progress was made in any way, but some progress was made on system issues. Obviously enough for us to come back."

And enough that the focus was more on games to be played, not canceled.

Though the remainder of the November schedule is already in jeopardy, Stern said he had no plans to cancel any more games at this moment.

Instead, union officials said they believed a full schedule — and the crucial first paycheck they seemed to have already lost — was possible if an agreement is reached by the end of this weekend.

Stern said it would be difficult, but that the league intends to play as many games as possible.

"Whether that gets to be 82 games or not is dependent upon so many things that have to be checked," he said. "We just think we've got to do it soon."

Less than a week after perhaps the low moment of the lockout, when talks broke down last Thursday with some nasty talk afterward, the process seems back on track.

"There's no question that today was a better day than last Thursday," Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said. "I think it's too early — not just in the morning — but still in the negotiations to express confidence that we're at a deal. But there's no question though that we did make progress on some significant issues, but there are still some very significant issues left."

Neither side would offer specifics or quantify the progress, but Fisher and union executive director Billy Hunter said they might be in a better position to do so after talks later Thursday.

Stern would only say that "the energy in the room has been good; the back and forth has been good."

The sides did not deal with the division of basketball revenues, the other big obstacle to a deal and the one that ended last week's talks.

It emerged as such a road-



Photo by Michael Cohen/Getty Images North America
NBA Union President Derek Fisher admits to some progress being made in Wednesday's 15-hour meeting with the owners. Not major progress, but some.

block that union executive director Billy Hunter said they should "park" the issue and turn the discussions back to the system, saying that players might be willing to take a lower percentage if they found the system rules more favorable.

"I think we'll turn to the split when we finish with the system," Stern said. "Right now, it has been profitable to turn to the system."

Seeking greater parity among their 30 teams, owners are looking to reduce the ways that teams can exceed the salary cap so that big markets won't have a significant payroll advantage.

Players have feared some of those changes would result in what would essentially be a hard salary cap, restricting player movement and perhaps even eliminating most guaranteed contracts.

But the league has insisted for months it can no longer move forward with a system where a team like Fisher's Lakers can greatly outspend most of its rivals.

"We are united on the NBA side in wanting a system that makes all teams competitive," Stern said. "We have some strong views on what the best way to do that is."

So do the players, who would like a system that looks much like the current soft cap structure.

So even with Wednesday's progress, there are still system items to sort through.

The sides have been struggling over things such as the length of the deal, players' contract lengths and the size of their raises.

"We're not going to get ahead of ourselves at this point," Fisher said. "We'll continue to remain focused on some key principal items in our system that have to remain there in order for our players to agree to what is already a reduced percentage of BRI."

The sides returned to bargaining with a small group meeting less than a week after three intense days of mediation didn't produce a new labor deal.

Wednesday's negotiations

marked the second-longest bargaining session since the lockout began July 1.

The talks stretched into early Thursday morning, the first time bargaining has gone past 3 a.m.

And they ended with a feeling of optimism.

In these negotiations, an agreement to keep talking the next day has sometimes qualified as progress.

With time already lost, they can't afford another setback without the season likely starting in December at the earliest.

"It's sad that we've missed two weeks, and we're trying to apply a tourniquet and go forward," Stern said. "That's always been our goal."

Talks broke down last Thursday when players said owners insisted they agree to a 50-50 split of revenues as a condition to further discuss the salary cap system.

Stern missed that meeting with the flu.

"I leave these guys alone for a little bit of time, and all hell breaks loose," he joked, motioning toward Silver.

The players have lowered their proposal to 52.5 percent of basketball-related income, leaving the sides about \$100 million apart annually, based on last season's revenues.

Players were guaranteed 57 percent of BRI under the previous collective bargaining agreement.

Stern rejoined the talks Wednesday after missing last Thursday's session with the flu.

He was joined by Silver, owners Peter Holt of San Antonio, Glen Taylor of Minnesota and James Dolan of New York, and a pair of league office attorneys.

They will brief the owners' labor relations committee via conference call Thursday before meeting with the players.

The union was represented by Hunter, Fisher and vice president Maurice Evans of the Wizards, attorney Ron Klempner and economist Kevin Murphy, who will be unavailable Thursday because of another commitment.

Streaks secure playoff spot

Continued from 1B

points to win the first set.

The talented serving of Lake Gibson's Friend would make the beginning of set two seem to have the same start as set one.

This time, however, Sebring would not allow history to repeat itself.

The Lady Streaks continued to increase their lead with little scoring opportunity for Lake Gibson.

Connelly, continuing her stunning performance throughout the night, would serve six times in a row to bring the score to 18-10.

This was the longest scoring streak for the set, and Sebring finished at 25-15 not long after to lead 2-0.

Set three saw a lot of the same pace; however the Sebring girls continued to improve and allow for less mistakes that would give Lake Gibson any advantage.

Kaley Walter's fierce serving stopped Lake Gibson in their tracks — it wasn't until Sebring had the lead at 21-12 that the Lady Braves would regain the serve.

Even with this advantage, Lake Gibson only added three more points before Lady Blue Streak Bella Caraballo went to the serving line for Sebring.

Caraballo gained three more points for her team, earning the ace that would top the score at 24-15.

Lake Gibson took the service one more time, but the first serve would fall short of the net, and thus Sebring won their third and final set.

All in all, the girls earned 24 total kills for the game with Hargaden leading the team individually with six, followed by Meghan Lollis



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN
Dino Lower lofts up one of her 21 assists in Tuesday's District Tournament win.

at five.

Caraballo earned the team-high four aces, and stellar setter Dino Lower added 21 assists to Sebring's statistics.

"During districts, everyone plays up," said Sinness. "They play better than normal. The serve-serve killed us tonight and we went back and forth too often."

"We've got to learn not to let the other team serve more than twice and to side

out as soon as possible."

These factors were to be key as Sebring took on Winter Haven Thursday night for the district title.

During the regular season, Sebring has struggled against the Lady Blue Devils, but Sinness assures they have given them a run for their money.

"We cannot allow the 'back and forth' like we did tonight; we need to serve receive, and if we do that we will be good to go."

Avon Park Mainstreet CRA Oktoberfest 2011



The Avon Park Main Street CRA Advisory Board with the help of the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce, had their fourth annual Oktoberfest event the weekend of October 15th. A big "Thank You!" to everyone who helped to make this a successful event! This event is a fundraising activity for the Main Street Advisory Board and all the proceeds go back into the Main Street CRA funds to promote downtown Avon Park. I personally want to thank all of the committee members for their hard work in pulling

this event together. Volunteering for an event like this takes a lot of hard work and dedication. - M. Wayne McFarland-Chairperson

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

American Legion Post 25

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

American Legion Post 74

has karaoke from 7 p.m. until final call at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Post open at noon. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.

Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club

meets 7 a.m., Rotary Club building.

Better Breathers Club Support Group

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

Bridge Club of Sebring

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

Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club

offers a class in Lake Placid at the Sunshine RV Resort from 9-11 a.m. Friday. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at samdunn@samdunn.net.

Highlands 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. For details, call 465-2661.

Lake Placid Hi-12 Club

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

Lake Placid Moose

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

Loyal Order of Moose

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

Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group

meets at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information

call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafl-heartland.org.

Sebring Bridge Club

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

Sebring Eagles Club

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

Sebring Elks Lodge 1529

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

Sebring Moose Lodge 2259

serves beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

Sebring Recreation Club

plays bridge at 12:30 p.m. and table tennis at 4 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave. For details, call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.

Teamster Retirees

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

U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club

serves a steak dinner on the fourth Friday of every month for \$7 at VFW Post 9853, State Road 64 West and North Oliva Drive. Call Hocky at (954) 592-4847

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800

serves steak by the ounce from 5:30-7 p.m. every fourth Friday at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. Texas Hold 'em lessons, 2 p.m. For more details, call 699-5444.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300

serves pizza from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

SATURDAY

American Legion Post 25

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

American Legion Post 69

in Avon Park serves dinner at 5 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m.

American Legion Post 74

open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

Avon Park Public Library

has a free Adult

Film Series at noon. For details, call 452-3803.

Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.

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

Highlands County Democratic Women's Club

meets 9:30 a.m., Democratic Party Headquarters, 2710 Fairmount Drive, Sebring.

Highlands Shrine Club

2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) has a flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., country store open from 8 a.m. to noon and pancake breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Vendors are welcome. No setup fee is charged for the summer months. Plenty of off road parking. For details, call 382-2208.

Lake Placid Art League

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

Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661

opens the lounge at 1 p.m. Card games are played at 1 p.m., and Bar Bingo is at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 601

meets at 12:30 p.m. first Saturday at Candlelight Restaurant, Sun 'N Lake in Sebring. All recipients and wives of the Purple Heart are welcome. Call 471-9190 or 465-7074 for details.

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.nafl-heartland.org.

Overeaters Anonymous

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

Sebring Eagles Club

4240 serves dinner from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Music is from 7-10 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

Twelve Step Study Group for Adult Children of Alcoholics

meets at 11 a.m. first and third Saturday, Union Congregational Church, Room 12 of the education building (upstairs), 105 N. Forest Ave., Avon Park. Parking available south of old church.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880

1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300

serves a meal for \$6 from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

Volunteers of America of Florida

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

SUNDAY

American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid

has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

American Legion Post 74

open 1-8 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Post is at 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Call 471-1448.

Inerstate chapter of A.B.A.T.E.

meets the last Sunday of every month at The Blue Crab, 825 Ridgewood Dr., Sebring at 11 a.m.

Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661

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

Lake Placid Moose

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

Loyal Order of Moose

Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Cards start at 4 p.m. Music outside Tiki Hut at 3 p.m. Call 452-0579.

Overeaters Anonymous

meets from 4-5 p.m. in second floor conference room No. 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 382-7731. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For details on the organization, go to www.oa.org.

Sebring Eagles Club

4240 serves lunch at 2 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 655-4007.

Sebring Moose Lodge 2259

offers NASCAR racing in the pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Bar open and kitchen open from 2-5 p.m. Lodge is at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880

serves hamburgers from 4-5:30 p.m. and plays poker at 5:30 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For details, call 699-5444.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300

Karaoke is from 5-8 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 385-8902.

Squirmy toddler? There's an app for that

By RASHA MADKOUR

Associated Press

MIAMI — There's a new routine these days whenever Amber Mullaney goes out to eat at a restaurant. While waiting to be seated, she asks her husband to get the phone ready to hand over to their 2-year-old daughter, Tatum.

The phone — with its ability to stream episodes of *Dora the Explorer* — is a godsend, Mullaney says.

Attempts at going out without whipping out the gadget have been disastrous, the Denver mom says. Her curious, independent toddler gets into everything. Salt shakers are fiddled with, drinks are spilled.

"She'll color for a little bit or talk with us for a little bit, but it's short-lived," Mullaney says. "It's miserable because all she wants to do is get out."

With the iPhone, however, Tatum sits quietly in the booth while her parents get to enjoy a meal.

Mullaney, a marketing manager for a technology company, sometimes wishes they could do without the phone because she doesn't want people to think they're using technology to shut their child up, but she also doesn't want to give up going out.

"Sometimes you gotta do what you gotta do," she says.

Mullaney is in good company. About 40 percent of 2- to 4-year-olds (and 10 percent of kids younger than that) have used a smartphone, tablet or video iPod, according to a new study by the nonprofit group Common Sense Media. Roughly 1 in 5 parents surveyed said they give their children these devices to keep them occupied while running errands.

There are thousands of apps targeted specifically to babies and toddlers — interactive games that name body parts, for example, or sing nursery rhymes. It has become commonplace to see little ones flicking through photos on their parents' phones during church or playing games on a tablet during a bus, train or plane ride. Parents of newborns rave about an app that plays white noise, a womb-like whoosh that lulls screaming babies to sleep.

In fact, toymaker Fisher Price has just released a new hard case for the iPhone and iPod touch, framed by a colorful rattle, which allows babies to play while promising protection from "dribbles, drool and unwanted call-making."

Denise Thevenot acknowledges that some people would look askance at the idea of giving a child a \$600 device to play

with — she had the same concerns initially. Then she discovered the sheer potential.

"The iPad is movies, books and games all wrapped in one nice package," says Thevenot, who works in the New Orleans tourism industry. The iPad, she says, keeps her 3-year-old son Frankie busy for hours. And, when needed, taking it away "is the greatest punishment. ... He loves it that much."

Kaamna Bhojwani-Dhawan is an unapologetic proponent of the trend.

"If you're raising children, you've got to raise them with the times," says Bhojwani-Dhawan, who lives in Silicon Valley and founded the family travel website Momaboard.com.

"If adults are going all digital, how can we expect children to be left behind?"

Her 2 1/2-year-old, Karam, loves the GoodieWords app, which explains complex concepts like "shadow" and "electricity." Other favorites are a memory matching game with farm animals and a drawing program.

Bhojwani-Dhawan points out that Karam also has books, crayons and Legos. "It's not replacing any of these things; it's one more thing he's getting exposed to," she says.

Experts say balance is key.

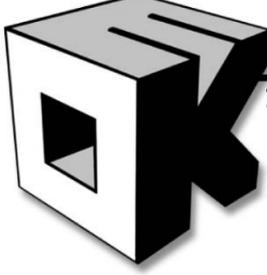
"It's really important that children have a variety of tools to learn from. Technology gadgets can be one of those tools, but they shouldn't dominate, especially when we're talking about very young children," says Cheryl Rode, a clinical psychologist at the San Diego Center for Children, a nonprofit that provides mental health services.

"If kids are isolating themselves or if it's narrowing their range of interest in things — everything else is boring — those are big red flags," Rode says. "You want them to have the ability to find lots of different ways to engage themselves."

For public relations consultant Stacey Stark, one red flag was seeing her 1 1/2-year-old cry if she wasn't allowed to hold Stark's iPhone. Little Amalia has dropped the phone, leaving it with a small crack on the back. She has also called a colleague of Stark's and almost shot off an email to a client.

For all those reasons, Stark and her husband have started to cut back on how much they let Amalia and 4-year-old Cecelia use their phones and tablets.

"It became an issue. We're trying to make it go away," the Milwaukee mom says. "It was easy for it to become a crutch."



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HEALTHY LIVING

Panel: Boys should get HPV vaccine

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A vaccine against cervical cancer hasn't been all that popular for girls. It may be even a harder sell for boys now that it's been recommended for them too.

A government advisory panel on Tuesday decided that the vaccine should also be given to boys, in part to help prevent the cancer-causing virus through sex.

Public health officials have tried since 2006 to get parents to have their daughters vaccinated against the human papillomavirus, or HPV, which causes most of the cervical cancer in women.

They have had limited success, hitting a number of hurdles. Some parents distrust the safety of vaccines, especially newer products. Others don't want to think about their daughters having sex one day, or worry that the vaccine essentially promotes promiscuous behavior.

Tuesday's vote by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' was the first to strongly recommend routine vaccination for boys since the vaccine was first approved for them two years ago. Officials acknowledged the low rate in girls encouraged them to take a new, hard look.

Experts say a key benefit of routinely vaccinating boys could be preventing the spread of the virus to others through sex — making up somewhat for the disappointing vaccination rate in girls. But the recommendation is being framed as an important new measure against cancer in males.

"Today is another milestone in the nation's battle against cancer," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention administrator who oversees the agency's immunization programs.

Federal health officials usually adopt the panel's recommendations and ask doctors and patients to follow them.

The vaccine has been advised for girls since 2006. Just 49 percent of adolescent girls have gotten at least the first of the three HPV shots. Only a third had gotten all three doses by last year.

"Pretty terrible," Schuchat said.

Schuchat attributed the low rates for girls to confusion or misunderstanding by parents that they can wait until their daughter becomes sexually active. It works best if the shots are given before a girl or boy begins having sex.

Some conservatives argue the vaccine could promote promiscuous behavior. It has come up in the GOP presidential campaign. Texas Gov. Rick Perry came under attack for a 2007 executive order requiring adolescent girls to get the vaccine (with an opt-out clause). When conservative lawmakers rebelled, he backed down.

Plantar fasciitis: Healing painful heels



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

Dear Pharmacist: I have plantar fasciitis causing terrible heel pain and my doctor says it will take a year to heal. Is there anything I can do to speed that up?

— P.D., Sanibel

Answer: You have my sympathy because I've been dealing with plantar fasciitis myself for the past three months. It's the price I paid for stomping too hard in Zumba class.

Plantar fasciitis is usually caused by a pulling of the long ligament, the plantar fascia, which runs along the bottom of your foot. It may hurt all the time, or just act up while walking and running. The inflammation announces itself as a dull or stabbing pain. When it flares up, it can feel like you've planted your heels on a sharp knife!

Typically, doctors recommend applying ice and taking oral anti-inflammatories like ibuprofen or naproxen, or injections of corticosteroids. Getting off your feet certainly helps! You can get custom-made orthotics from your podiatrist (or other physician) which insert into your shoes and offer more support for your feet. I bought an inexpensive gel insert at my local pharmacy and that helped a little bit. You can learn some exercises to stretch out and relax the inflamed tissues in your feet.

So, there you have the typical treatment experience includes medications, stretching exercise, orthotics and ice packs. Wearing supportive shoes are important. While I don't recommend this for everyone, I personally found that wearing high heels takes the pressure off my heel, and puts it on the ball of my foot. For a while,



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Plantar fasciitis can lead to some very sore feet.

it was the only way I could find relief, but this does not work for most people, especially men, lol. The stretching, ice packs and yoga helped me, but my best relief might surprise you. It was acupuncture. Seriously! You would think heel pain was enough, but imagine needles going into the area! Well no joke, this did the trick for me.

And a study confirms what I already know. Scientists in Greece at the University of Athens published their findings last summer. They tested two groups of athletes with plantar fasciitis. Both groups received conventional treatments, but only one group received acupuncture. Those who got needled experienced significantly more relief after just a matter of weeks. The researchers concluded that "acupuncture should be considered as a major therapeutic instrument for the decrease of heel pain, combined with traditional med-

ical approaches."

The earlier you begin acupuncture, the better. You can locate an acupuncturist at www.acufinder.com or ask your doctor for a recommendation. If you have access to a chiropractor or physical therapist, ultrasound is beneficial. I also believe in herbs such as calendula, ginger, bromelain and turmeric as dietary supplements. You can also massage the area with tea tree oil or arnica cream.

Did You Know?

Pregnant women in the U.S. who want to know if they are carrying a baby with Down syndrome can now take a blood test called MaterniT21 rather than doing amniocentesis.

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

Secrets of long life sought in DNA of the elderly

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK — George Eberhardt turned 107 last month, and scientists would love to know how he and other older folks like him made it that far. So he's going to hand over some of his DNA.

He's one of 100 centenarians taking part in a project announced Wednesday that will examine some of the oldest citizens with one of the newest scientific tools: whole-genome sequencing, the deciphering of a person's complete collection of DNA.

Scientists think DNA from very old healthy people could offer clues to how they lived so long. And that could one day lead to medicines to help the rest of us stay disease-free longer.

By the time you reach, say, 105, "it's very hard to get there without some genetic advantages," says Dr. Thomas Perls, a geriatrics expert at Boston University.

Perls is helping find centenarians for the Archon Genomics X Prize competition.

The X Prize Foundation, best known for a spaceflight competition, is offering \$10 million in prize money to researchers who decipher the complete DNA code from 100 people older than 100. The contest will be judged on accuracy, completeness and the speed and cost of sequencing.

The contest is a relaunch of an older competition with a new focus on centenarians, and it's the second sequencing project involving the elderly to be announced this month.

Genome pioneer J. Craig Venter says the centenarian project is just a first step in revealing the genetic secrets of a long and healthy life.

"We need 10,000 genomes, not 100, to start to understand the link between genetics, disease and wellness," said Venter, who is co-chairing the X Prize contest.

The 107-year-old Eberhardt of Chester, N.J.,

played and taught tennis until he was 94. He said he's participating in the X Prize project because he's interested in science and technology. It's not clear his genes will reveal much. Nobody else in his extended family reached 100, and he thinks only a couple reached 90, he said in a telephone interview.

So why does he think he lived so long? He credits 70 years of marriage to his wife, Marie. She in turn cites his "intense interest in so many things" over a lifetime, from building radios as a child to pursuing a career in electronics research.

But scientists believe there's more to it, and they want to use genome sequencing to investigate. Dr. Richard Cawthon of the University of Utah, who is seeking longevity genes by other means, says it may turn up genetic features that protect against multiple diseases or that slow the process of aging in general.

Protective features of a centenarian's DNA can even overcome less-than-ideal lifestyles, says Dr. Nir Barzilai of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

His own study of how centenarians live found that "as a group, they haven't done the right things."

Many in the group he studied were obese or overweight. Many were smokers, and few exercised or followed a vegetarian diet. His oldest participant, who died this month just short of her 110th birthday, smoked for 95 years.

"She had genes that protected her against the environment," Barzilai said. One of her sisters died at 102, and one of her brothers is 105 and still manages a hedge fund.

Earlier this month, Scripps Health of San Diego announced a different genome project involving the elderly.

The Scripps Welllderly Study will receive the complete genomes of 1,000 people age 80 and older from a sequencing company.

Good Shepherd to offer grief support

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The death of a loved one can have an impact on a person. Grief is an individual process; however, Good Shepherd Hospice offers free grief support groups to help the community learn the skills to cope with loss.

The 90-minute support groups are facilitated by Good Shepherd Hospice bereavement professionals and open to the public. Participants need not have used Good Shepherd Hospice services in the past. Grief support groups will be offered at these locations and times in November:

— Wednesday, Nov. 9, 3-4:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Hospice Sun Room, 3003 Herring Ave. in Sebring

— Thursday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-noon, Somers Hospice House, 1110 Hammock Rd. in Sebring; and 2-4 p.m., The Oaks at Avon Park 1010 US 27 in Avon Park.

— Monday, Nov. 14, 9-10:30 a.m., Balmoral Assisted Living, 93 Balmoral Drive in Lake Placid.

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(From left) Gregory H. Egan, first counselor; Robert W. Clover, president; and Benjamin D.K. Shipley, second counselor in the Bradenton Stake Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Bradenton Stake is comprised of wards (congregations) in Highlands, Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Manatee, Polk and Sarasota counties.

New leaders in local LDS leadership

Special to the News-Sun

More than 3,000 members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) gathered in chapels across Highlands, Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Manatee, Polk, and Sarasota counties to approve recent changes in Church leadership.

In this semi-annual meeting, known as Stake Conference by those of the LDS faith, Benjamin D. K. Shipley conducted for the first time in his new capacity as Second Counselor in the Bradenton Stake Presidency. Shipley takes the place of Gregory H. Egan who now serves as First Counselor. Egan replaces H. Calvin

Squires, who was given a formal vote of appreciation in September for his service. Robert W. Clover will continue as President.

Shipley, a Kentucky native, is a director in the commercial division of Quest Controls, a building controls manufacturer. He and his family moved here in 2003 and cites the density of animal and plant life, the ubiquity of water, and the mild winters as reasons he loves Florida. He is a descendant of both Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee.

As is the common practice for young men in the Church, Shipley began two years of voluntary service at age 19.

From 1990-92, he served in Dusseldorf, Germany area.

Egan, a Utah native who first came to Florida at age 11, is an agriculture teacher and Future Farmers of America advisor. In 1978, he began his two years of volunteer service in the Ft. Lauderdale area.

Clover, also a Kentucky native, is a retired employee of the United Parcel Company (UPS) having worked there for 30 years. Clover is a convert to the Church since 1979. In 1996, he and his wife moved to Florida after raising a daughter and a son who now live in the Atlanta area and in Naples, respectively.

CHURCH NEWS

Atonement Lutheran Church

SEBRING — Sunday is the Reformation Sunday celebration with Holy Eucharist being led by Deacon David Thoreson, and Lector/Assistant Jim Fiedler at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Non-members will be accepted into the church. Refreshments following the morning worship service in the fellowship hall.

Bible reading and discussion every Thursday with leader Sharon Palmer. Coffee provided.

The church is accepting "donations and non-perishable foods" to be distributed to local food banks in lieu of Thanksgiving meal served at the church this year. In these hard economic times more people are in need of basic food essentials throughout the month. Thus, a shortage at the food banks.

Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — "I Will Take Nothing Short of Victory" (I Corinthians 15:57) will be the Sunday morning message presented by Larry Roberts.

The Sunday evening service will be a devotional given by the young people. There will be a finger food fellowship to follow.

Monday Night Study Group is a free service to help children with their school work.

Avon Park Church of Christ is at 200 S. Forest Ave. Call 453-4692.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday, Pastor Scott McLean will be preaching a sermon entitled "Care to Dance?"

The church is at 1320 C.R. 64, east the Avon Park High School. Call 863-471-2663 or visit www.christ-

lutheranavonpark.org/. This is an LCMS congregation.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Everlasting Punishment." The keynote is from Hebrews 8:10, 12, "...I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: . . . For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

The church is at 146 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Associate Minister Casey L. Downing will bring the message titled "Get Up" 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.

Communion is offered weekly. The Agape Cafe is open for coffee and snacks between Sunday school and worship services.

We are looking forward to seeing all you little "monsters" at the Fall Festival on Saturday.

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. Tracy Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon,

"The Feet/Feat of Our Ancestors," with Scripture taken from Joshua 3:7-17.

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

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — Pastor Gary Kindle will be delivering his sermon entitled: "Justified Freely by God's Grace" from Romans 3:19-28.

The 8 a.m. service can be heard live on WITS 1340 AM.

First Baptist Church of Avon Park

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

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

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

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more information, call 453-6681 or e-mail info@fbcap.net/.

First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes

LAKE PLACID — On Sunday, Pastor Darryl George will preach the sermon entitled "God Is In Control - Five Life Lessons For All God's Children!" with regards to Luke 8:22-25.

Sunday evening's service will be a movie night showing "Where Do People Go When They Die," which is a must-see film exploring these hard questions with shocking answers from real people who have had bone-chilling near- and beyond-death encounters.

The church is at the corner

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Waiting on God, Part 3

As believers, one area in our lives that many of us struggle with is waiting on God or being patient.

There were many times throughout Joseph's life when he had to work on being patient. With all that he had gone through, there were probably times he often wondered if things would ever change or if he would ever be released, such as when he was in prison.

Joseph understood what it felt like to be persecuted, falsely accused, robbed, and more. However, he chose to respond in a Christ-like manner by allowing God to deal with his brothers and others who had hurt him just as Psalm 37:3, 4 suggests. "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

As Joseph trusted God and obeyed, God blessed him and appointed him as king. God tells us in Psalm 37:9-11 "For evildoers shall be cut off; but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." Also, verse 11 says, "But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Keep in mind that Joseph was human, and he was probably tempted on many occasions to act in such a way that was contrary God's way of handling matters.

Although Joseph didn't



Come To The River

Leslie Deese

know the life that was awaiting him, God knew. Psalm 37:18, 19 says, "The Lord knows the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied." This concept could still apply to those of us going through something similar.

It appears that Psalm 37:18, 19 could possibly relate to what is shown in Genesis 37:3-9, Genesis 41:25-32, Genesis 41:33-36, and Genesis 41:33-36. Joseph had a vision that was received in a dream about his future. Later, he was given the opportunity to interpret Pharaoh's dream through God' leading. Joseph gave instructions from the Lord base on the interpretation of the dream that Pharaoh was to choose someone wise to manage the land in a way that when famine came, there would still be plenty. Joseph was chosen by Pharaoh to rule under his authority over all of the land.

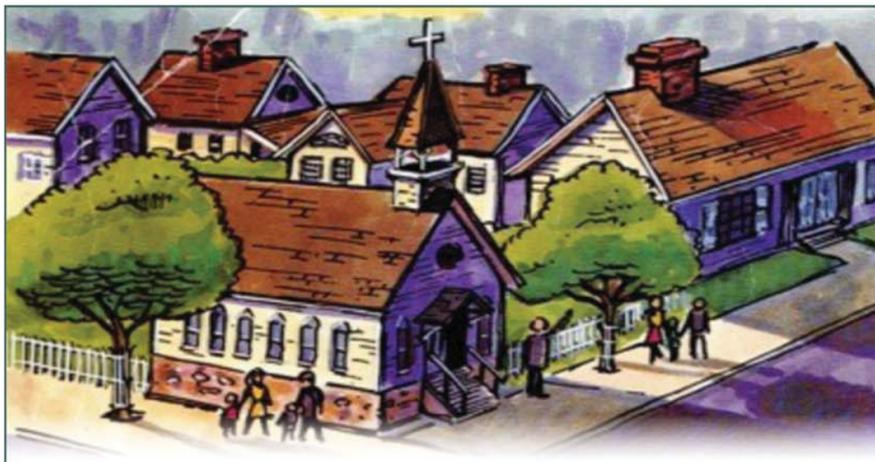
In spite of all that Joseph went through and all that he

felt, he obeyed and God blessed him. The Lord promises to do the same for us today. Psalm 37:27, 28 says "Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell forever more. For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever." Joseph could have lost his life several times, but God spared him for a greater purpose.

If Joseph had learned the importance of waiting on the Lord, he may have missed all the great things God had in store for his future. Verse 34 says, "Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land. When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it."

We have learned about the difficult things Joseph persevered through. It would appear that he would not have gotten through all of it without the power of God carrying him and strengthening him. As believers today, life is still hard, but by being patient, depending on the Lord daily, and trusting Him, He will help us also. "But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall help them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him."

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of Washington and Kemper Avenues in Placid Lakes. For more information, call 465-5126 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Thursday, or e-mail the church at placidlakes@hotmail.com/.

First Christian Church

AVON PARK — "I Ain't Afraid of Halloween" is the title of Pastor Greg's sermon this week on Sunday morning.

The annual Fall Festival is at 4 p.m. Sunday. The Fall Festival will be a time of games, fun and fellowship.

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

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Dick and Sharron Campbell. Communion will be served by Carol Graves and Catherine Baker, Mike Graves and Chris Baker.

Gene and Judi Stutzman are the greeters today.

Serving as acolyte for the month of October is Daniel Thibodeau.

Noel and Juanita Roberts will be working with the Children's Church the whole month of October.

Pastor Ron's sermon is titled "Nathan Rebukes David" from II Samuel 12:7-10.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Bob Johnson's sermon is entitled "Regeneration and Renewing" based on Titus 3:1-8.

Guest organist will be Emily Hayner.

The choir's introit will be "We Have Come Into His House" and the anthem will be "Legacy of Service."

Sunday school is available for all ages. The adult Sunday school class is continuing the study of David in II Samuel 17 which tells of the advice of Ahithophel and Hushai. Wendy Garcia is teaching the youth class and their lessons discuss how the Bible applies to life today.

CHURCH NEWS

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, Bible study, entitled "The Basics of the Faith" will be led by Pastor Bob Johnson.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrange Street). For more information, please call the church office at 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "What Kind of Freedom" is the title of the Sunday morning sermon given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

Thursday, the Bonclarken Gift Workshop will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

First Presbyterian Church of Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — First Presbyterian Church of Lake Placid is changing their worship times starting in November. Starting Sunday, Nov. 6, Sunday worship times will be 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. The Sunday School times will be: 9:15 a.m. for adult Sunday

school hour, 9:45 for Sunday school for all ages and 10:45 a.m. for adult Sunday school hour.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message "The Conversion of Saul" with Scripture reading from Acts 9:1-18.

The Fall Family Festival is being held Saturday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. with fun and games and a chili cook-off in the Family Life Center. Trunk or Treat begins at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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

Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Church is at 200 Lark Ave. in the Sebring Hills Association clubhouse.

Sunday, Pastor Zimmer continues the series on Making the Wilderness a Pasture. Is your wilderness really a place of desolation? Or can your wilderness become a pasture land of specific purpose? The Shepherd will lead you every step of the way.

Tuesday Home Bible Study continues, the Future Reveals, Revelations 21. For the kids Bible study, fun and crafts.

Welcome back Myrna from your ministry trip to New Hampshire.

The Women of Grace had a wonderful time of food and fellowship Saturday night.

The kids are looking forward to helping other kids by giving Angel Tree gifts for Christmas.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this Sunday will be: "Three Laws of Life," with Scripture from Romans 8:1-11. Communion is offered during the service weekly.

The service will also include Walter Malinowski singing "The Bible" and Richard Swenson playing and singing "Sheltered in the arms of God."

Adult Sunday school is led by Fran VanHooreweghe.

Tuesday night adult Bible study will be taught by Pastor Ted Moore. Come early for snacks.

Wednesday night young adult and children's programs are taught

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APOSTOLIC

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

■ **Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church**, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. George Hall, Pastor. Christ centered and biblically based. Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available. Bible studies at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Time 6:30 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; 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 mid-way 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 "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 pas-

tor, 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 Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Masses - Daily Masses 8 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday. Weekend Masses 4 and 5 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Saturday Spanish Mass (Holy Family Youth Center), 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, noon Sunday Sunday Mass; 5 p.m. Sunday English Family Mass (Holy Family Youth Center). Confession: every Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. or first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment with any priest.

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

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, 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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by George Kelly, Amanda and Jon Armentrout and Toby Cribbs. It features a free meal.

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Claude Burnett will preach at the Heritage Worship Service and the Celebration Service on the subject of “Stewardship.”

Pastor Fred Ball will preach at the New Song Contemporary Service in Rob Reynolds Hall.

Youth will meet at the Lighthouse for a Scavenger Hunt from 5-7 p.m.

The Church is at 500 Kent Ave. Please call 465-2422 for information.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, “Living As God’s People” is taken from Matthew 5:1-12 (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the Sunday morning message. The Sunday evening service will be our end-of-the-month-sing, followed by fellowship time.

Wednesday evening will be praise, prayer and Bible study.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr. will bring the message “David,” taken

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from the People Like Us Series. The Scripture reading will be from II Samuel 3:12-16. Nursery will be provided.

Sebring Christian Church

SEBRING — Trunk or Treat will be from 6-9 p.m., this Saturday. It will be an evening of family fun with bounce houses, candy, games, giveaways and 25-cent hot dogs and sodas.

Sebring Christian Church is at 4514 Hammock Road. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The phone number is 382-6676.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning will be a special service of prayer and fellowship. Pastor Keith Simmons will be away on vacation.

Sunday school meets in the Fidelis room. They will be studying “Fitting Into the Community” looking at the Scripture taken from I Corinthians 12:3-21 and Ephesians 4:1-16.

Southside Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Rev. David Altman will speak on “Hell’s Angels” in the Sunday morning worship service. Children’s church and a nursery are available. The evening service will focus on prayer for all nations.

Ron Frazee will give the Bible study on Wednesday.

The church is at 379 S. Commerce Ave. For information, call 385-0752.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane.

The Rev. Clyde Weaver’s sermon will be “Saints in God’s Household.” A special collection will be received for the Florida Methodist Children’s Home. Fellowship follows the service.

The Way Church

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, author and movie maker Bill Myers will be speaking, both in adult Sunday school and the worship service. He writes for children, teens and adults often in allegory style. One for kids is “My Life as a Computer Cockroach.” For adults there are books such as “The Judas Gospel” and “The God Hater.”

A Spaghetti Dinner to support the youth will follow the morning service.

The “J” Unit meets Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

The Way Church is at 1005 North Ridgewood Drive. Church phone is 471-6140 and the pastor’s cell is 273-3674. For church information and the pastor’s messages, go to www.thewaychurch.org/.

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 Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-1163.

■ **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church,** 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife-sebring.com.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA,** 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 9 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.bfcspring.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.wearunion.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@strato.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 Camerer, 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

RELIGION NEWS

GUIDELINES: The *News-Sun* publishes religion news on Fridays.

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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

Trying to master the illusive art of catching up

Is it just me, or do others have trouble catching up? Just when it looks like I am almost caught up with some project or my to-do-list, something happens setting me back a few paces. One step forward, as they say and for me 17 steps backward. Or, so it seems.

I don't have any problem whatsoever catching a cold. I once even caught a fly in my mouth while preaching, and it is as easy as New York style cheesecake to catch the dickens from the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Catching up is another matter all together.

Two things happened last week that brought this to my attention.

First, I took someone out to lunch. That in itself is not outstanding. My wife tells me I am out to lunch all the time.

Have you ever tried to impress someone by taking them out to lunch and insist on paying for lunch? That is exactly what I did this past week. Why I ever try to impress anyone is beyond my wife's wildest imagination, but I try, much to her chagrin.

With a couple of hours to spare, my friend called me. Immediately I set into action a plan to meet him at the restaurant for lunch — on me.

We had a grand time catching up

on each other's life. Personally, I was thrilled to Catch Up on something. Unfortunately, I thought I was on a roll with ham and cheese. It was delicious to enjoy this brief time if only for a moment, but all good things do end.

Things were about to turn ugly. No, someone did not bring me a mirror. Instead, the affable waitress brought me the check.

Normally, this would not be a problem. I would accept the check after some friendly banter with the waitress complaining about the amount and threatening not to tip her and she threatening to tell my wife. We all smiled and then it happened.

I casually reached around to my back pocket to extract my wallet containing my credit card with which I would pay the check. My back pocket was as empty as a politician's promises.

At first, a slight streak of panic raced through my person causing me to freeze in petrifying fear. My first thought, I had someone else's trousers on. But whose? More important, where was the man wearing my trousers?

I smiled one of those smiles that says, "Oops, I'm in trouble but I don't want anyone to know."

Guest Column

Rev. James L. Snyder

My friend sensed something was wrong; friends are like that.

Looking at me he said, "Is anything wrong?"

Being the truthful person I am, I said, "Wrong? What could be wrong? We've just enjoyed a great time together. No, nothing's wrong. Absolutely nothing is wrong."

One problem with friends is they always know when you are lying. My friend was no different. He just looked at me and said, "OK, what's wrong?"

I may have trouble catching up but I have no trouble whatsoever being caught with my pants down. Well, maybe not quite down but certainly empty. Nothing is sadder than a man wearing empty trousers. "Did you forget your wallet?" my friend asked with delight dancing in his eyes.

He happily paid the tab but I will never live it down.

The second incident also had to do with my wallet. Although this time, I did not forget my wallet.

I had an early morning meeting across town. I knew my car was

running on fumes but no need to worry. I left the house early enough to stop and gas up.

Pulling out of my driveway, I noticed the gas gauge was lower than I remembered it being the night before. A tinge of terror gripped my mind and I earnestly prayed I would get to the gas station on time.

I sighed with relief as I approached a gas station. The station had just opened and the sign on the pump informed me I needed to pay for the gas before pumping it.

No problem. I ambled in, presented my credit card and purchased \$20 worth of gas. There is a good feeling associated with a schedule well in hand. I glanced at my watch and noticed I was two minutes ahead of schedule.

With a whistle on my lips and air between my ears, I got into my car and drove away.

Two miles later, I glance at the gas gauge and noticed it had not moved. I tapped the gauge and nothing happened. At that time, the car sputtered and coughed ominously.

Then, like a bolt of lightning, it struck me. I had paid for the gas and drove away without pumping it

into my car. By this time, the car engine stopped and I had just enough momentum to pull to the side of the road.

I sat there a few minutes pondering my dilemma. I knew what I had to do but I did not want to do it. Slowly, I picked up my cell phone and dialed the dreaded number. The phone rang and in a moment, I heard myself speaking into the phone, "Honey, can you..."

Waiting for my wife to bring a can of gas I thought of a verse of scripture. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17 KJV).

Good intentions must be accompanied with appropriate action.

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RELIGION NEWS SNAPSHOTS

Faith Promise Mission Conference this weekend

LAKE PLACID — Bethel Baptist Church, located at 216 E. Park Street in Lake Placid, will hold its annual Faith Promise Missions Conference on Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.. Sunday evening service begins at 6 p.m.

Guest missionary speaker the Rev. Ken Fraley will be speaking both Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Bethel Baptist Church is interested in getting the gospel message to the world through missionaries. At the present, the church supports seven missionaries and missions workers.

Pastor John Hankins and the congregation at Bethel Baptist Church, invites the public to attend. A Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study at 6:30 p.m. each week, is also open to the public.

For more information, please call the church office at 633-9294.

T.R.O.W. at Sunridge

SEBRING — The Sunridge Baptist Church announces "T.R.O.W." Community Outreach, on Saturday from 6-9 p.m. The event is called "T.R.O.W." Community Outreach (Through the Roof and Out the Window) because four men in the New Testament brought a sick friend for Jesus to heal. However, the only way they could get him to Jesus was by tearing a hole in (through) the roof of the house where Jesus was teaching and letting him down on a mat in front of Jesus.

In addition, the Christian English-Hispanic radio station, WVDV, will be holding a Share-A-Thon through Sunday, so music will be "out the window." This event is planned for children, along with their parents, to come by to get Halloween candy, meet our church people, and enjoy refreshments and music. It will be a fun time for all ages and an opportunity to get acquainted with our neighbors in the community.

Sunridge Baptist Church is located at 3704 Valerie Blvd., directly across U.S. 27 from Florida Hospital, Heartland Division. The Christian English-Hispanic radio station, WVDV, is

located across the side street from the church building. Call the church office at 382-3695.

Heartland Circuit Reformation Service

SEBRING — Faith Lutheran Church will host the Heartland Circuit Reformation Service on Sunday 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 which will consist of brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, drink and dessert. The cost for the meal will be \$5.

Please call the church Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 385-7848.

Churches invited to Creation Health "Imagine" TV Simulcast

SEBRING — As a leader in health care and health ministry for faith communities, Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center wants to introduce all church members to a new partnership initiative called the Creation Health Church Ministry.

This journey to a healthy lifestyle begins with a free, live television simulcast "Imagine" on Friday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Florida Hospital Sebring's second floor conference rooms to learn more about it. Seating is limited and a light lunch will be served, so please RSVP by calling 386-6421.

This unique event is designed to educate, inspire and engage church members, lay leaders and pastors to either develop a health ministry or re-energize existing ones that will inspire people to adopt health lifestyles. The simulcast guest speakers are all noted Christian authors: Mike Hyatt, Debbie Macomber, Les Brown, Dr. Dick Tibbitts, Steve Arterburn, Dr. Des Cummings, and Dr. Monica Reed.

For reservation and more information, contact the Florida Hospital Parish Nursing office at 386-6421 or e-mail Suzanne.Crews@AHSS.org.

Temple hosting High Tea

SEBRING — Temple Israel of Highlands invites the public to enjoy an English High Tea being hosted at the synagogue on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 3-5 pm. You are invited to sample a variety of tea sandwiches, sweet treats, scones, etc., and two types of tea, all for a donation of \$8 per person.

For more information and reservations, call 382-7744, or Jill, at 655-4045.

The synagogue is at 1305 Temple Israel Drive in Sebring.

FBC Lorida plans homecoming

LORIDA — Homecoming at First Baptist Church of Lorida will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday, Nov. 6. The Homecoming speaker will be Mike Ziegler and the Gulf State Quartet will be bringing gospel music.

There will be a covered dish luncheon following the service. The church is just off U.S. 98 in Lorida.

For more information, call 655-1878.

New worship times starting November

LAKE PLACID — First Presbyterian Church of Lake Placid is changing their worship times starting in November. Starting Sunday, Nov. 6, Sunday worship times will be 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. The Sunday School times will be: 9:15 a.m. for adult Sunday school hour,

9:45 for Sunday school for all ages and 10:45 a.m. for adult Sunday school hour.

Yard sale at Sebring Nazarene

SEBRING — Sebring Church of the Nazarene Women's Ministry is having a yard sale from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Pancake and sausage breakfast with beverage for \$3 per person.

Modern Woodsmen will match funds raised from the

yard sale to benefit the church's food pantry which helps to feed needy families in our local community.

The church is at 420 S. Pine St. (corner of Commerce and Pine). Call 385-0400.

Comedian coming to LP Dec. 8

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Christian School presents comedian Brad Stine at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, at Memorial United

Methodist Church at 500 Kent Ave.. Cost is a \$20 donation. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Call LPCS at 465-5491 for tickets.

Stine is the most media covered Christian comedian in the country. He had an eight-page profile written about him and his comedy in the New Yorker magazine, where he was referred to as "God's Comic." He has been featured many national publications and on all major television networks.



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Antonio Banderas provides the voice for the title kitty in 'Puss in Boots.'

'Puss in Boots' a lively spin-off

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**

AP Movie Critic

The "Shrek" movies may not even exist as far we're concerned in "Puss in Boots," which is fine, because they just kept getting worse; last year's "Shrek Forever After," in 3-D, felt especially flat. But the franchise reboots anew here, if you'll pardon the pun, with great energy, creativity and aplomb.

This spin-off is actually a prequel, providing the origin story of the diminutive, swashbuckling kitty voiced with great charisma, as always, by Antonio Banderas. The role has been an ideal showcase for Banderas to have a little fun with his suave, sophisticated image; he revels in Puss' playfulness and faux bravado as well as his genuine courage and heart.

At the film's start, Puss is an outlaw in his own small, Spanish hometown. Flashbacks take us to his childhood at an orphanage, where he was best friends with a brainy, ambitious Humpty Dumpty (Zach Galifianakis). Together, the two dreamed of stealing the magic beans, climbing the

beanstalk and getting rich off some golden eggs. Now, that crime has become Humpty's obsession; he tries to enlist Puss as the brawn of the operation, which would allow both to enjoy some redemption.

Humpty's partner in this caper is the dangerous master thief Kitty Softpaws, voiced with slinky seduction by Banderas' frequent co-star, Salma Hayek. It's a clever collaboration that doesn't feel like stunt casting, as is the case with many animated films; they're so good together after so long, it just makes sense.

But since Puss is a lover as much as he's a fighter, you know he'll find a way to win her over — and there is definitely a Pepe LePew vibe to the way they flirt with each other. A dance-off between the two characters early on, when Kitty is still disguised and Puss is unaware she's a woman, is both exquisitely choreographed and hilariously funny.

The Puss in Boots character eventually felt like the best part of the "Shrek" movies, but a little of him goes a long way. Giving him an entire movie of his own

would seem like a stretch, and really, he has trouble sustaining his shtick for the film's 90-minute running time. But for quick, lively, family friendly entertainment, "Puss in Boots" works just fine, even in 3-D, which is integrated thoughtfully into the narrative and doesn't just feel like a gimmick. Through chases, swordfights, dance sequences and even a flight into the clouds, the 3-D consistently provides a feeling of propulsive motion. (The glasses are still clunky and uncomfortable, but that's another conversation for another time.)

Puss looks so soft and fluffy and tactile in his little, leather boots, his jaunty, feathered hat and his shiny sword, you'll want to reach out and pet him — especially when he's a tiny kitten working those big, green eyes for maximum manipulative effect. But just as impressive is the way the film from director Chris Miller ("Shrek the Third") gives detailed expression and personality to a talking egg. Merely the idea that Humpty Dumpty might be a criminal mastermind is good for a laugh, but Galifianakis infuses the char-



Movie Review

'Puss in Boots'

Rating: PG (some adventure action and mild rude humor)

Running time: 90 minutes

Review: ★★★ (of 4)

acter with a healthy mix of neediness and megalomania. He gets so into the character, you might not even realize it's him under that shell until the credits roll.

The same is true of Jack and Jill, who are depicted as greedy and fearsome and are voiced with complexity (and perfect Southern twangs, naturally) by Billy Bob Thornton and Amy Sedaris. Their relationship reflects the best of what the "Shrek" movies have offered over the years: an unexpected twist on the fairy tales you know and love.

Thankfully there's a lot more of that kind of inspired writing — and not nearly so many pop-culture references and Hollywood in-jokes — this time around. Puss likes to dance, but he never does the Macarena.

Uncle's ashes 'temporarily' housed in mom's mausoleum



Dear Abby

Dear Abby: My 87-year-old mother recently discovered that the mausoleum site she had reserved for herself next to my father's grave — and paid for when he died — was occupied by my uncle's ashes and headstone. Mom had moved away 20 years ago and had not visited the cemetery in all that time.

My cousin's explanation, when confronted by my tearful mom, was that it was a "temporary solution" as the mausoleum was full at the time of my uncle's death. They were planning to move him. Apparently, it has taken 14 years for them to get around to it.

Mom had to send a notarized letter to the cemetery asking that my uncle's remains be removed. My cousins, who are wealthy and successful people, saved \$800 by using my mother's prepaid site. Should Mom charge them rent?

— *Bewildered in California*

Dear Bewildered: I don't think your mother should ask your cousins for "rent," but I do think your mother should contact the owners of the cemetery and ask what they plan to do to compensate her for her distress. Frankly, I don't understand how they could have allowed your uncle's ashes to be placed in her reserved site. The ball will then be in their court — and if they are ethical and responsible, they may offer free opening and closing costs at the time of her death.

Dear Abby: My daughter "Joy" is 19. She attended a small school with about 40 other students in her grade. She never had a boyfriend — or even a date — until the first week of college a year ago. The boy was a high school classmate of hers. They became engaged before he went off to boot camp.

My husband and I are extremely concerned because of Joy's age and inexperience. Her fiancé is OK, but we feel they are not for each other. We're positive she could find someone more compatible, but who's going to approach her with that ring on her finger? I feel my

daughter has low self-esteem and is afraid she won't find anyone else. How do we make Joy see that she's too young and inexperienced to make such an important decision?

— *Mama Knows Better in Ohio*

Dear Mama Knows Better: You can't. As well-meaning and caring a mother as you are, if you try to tell your daughter what you have in mind you will only make her defensive. Instead, encourage her to wait until her fiancé returns home and she either has her college degree or is close to it before they tie the knot. It will go a long way to making her more employable when she starts a career of her own. And if her fiancé decides to make a career of the military, it will make her more employable as they are transferred from place to place.

Dear Abby: It's almost Halloween and parents need to teach their children that if a house does not have its porch light on, it means the resident will not be handing out candy or other treats.

There are many reasons people don't participate. Some people run out of treats early, while others simply can't afford to buy candy in the first place. These homes should not be targeted with "tricks" or vandalism. Simply skip the house with the lights off and move on to the next one that has its lights on.

— *Lights On in California*

Dear Lights On: Your letter is a timely one, and I'm glad you brought the subject up because what you have written is correct. Some people do not participate in Halloween for religious and other reasons, and their beliefs should be respected.

Write www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

The birth of Gonzo in 'The Rum Diary'

By **JAKE COYLE**

AP Entertainment Writer

If Batman and the X-Men get prequels, why not Hunter S. Thompson?

He was certainly a superhero of a kind, just one whose powers mainly consisted of consuming copious amounts of alcohol while still, somehow, churning out wildly colorful, raging dispatches from the road.

"The Rum Diary" is based on Thompson's heavily autobiographical novel by the same name, which he wrote as a 22-year-old in the early 1960s after a stint as a newspaper reporter in San Juan, Puerto Rico. It wasn't published until 1998. Since then, Thompson's friend Johnny Depp (who also played Thompson in 1998's "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas") has been trying to adapt "The Rum Diary" to the screen.

"The Rum Diary" — which is dedicated to Thompson, who died in 2005 — is essentially a portrait of the Duke as a young journalist. The stand-in for Thompson, the young novelist-reporter Paul Kemp (Depp), is trying to find his way and his writing voice: It's the birth of Gonzo.

Criminally exaggerated resume in hand, Kemp has gone to Puerto Rico to try his hand as a reporter. He lands a job at the San Juan Star, whose editor-in-chief, Lotterman (the excellent Richard Jenkins), is at his wit's end running a failing,



Movie Review

'The Rum Diary'

Rating: R (language, brief drug use and some sexuality)

Running time: 120 minutes

Review: ★★★ (of 4)

diminishing daily. As he interviews a hung-over Kemp, he quizzes him on what kind of drinker he is, to which Kemp deadpans that he's at "the upper-end of social."

Kemp is befriended by staff photographer Sala (Michael Rispoli, in a deservedly big part for him), a burly, genial newsman who is nevertheless not once seen with a camera in hand. Kemp moves into Sala's dilapidated dump of an apartment, which he shares with crime reporter Moberg (Giovanni Ribisi), a horse-voiced, over-drugged oddity who listens to Hitler broadcasts and sets some kind of record for caustic reporter-editor relations. Kemp catches the attention of American businessman Sanderson (Aaron Eckhart), a smooth manipulator who is

trying to push through an enormous development of a nearby, pristine island that's pushing locals out in favor of American investors. Sanderson recruits Kemp to spin the development favorably in the Star.

This picture of American corruption of Puerto Rico is one of the more compelling aspects of "The Rum Diary." A combative atmosphere between poor locals and rich Americans hangs in the air, as do the Navy bombing tests on Vieques. Depp is again in the Caribbean among pirates. Sanderson's slick, wealthy appeal is tempting to Kemp, who isn't finding the constricting Star to be an especially noble pursuit, either. Even more alluring is Sanderson's beautiful fiancée Chenault, played by Amber Heard. Kemp immediately falls for her ("Oh God, why did she have to happen?" he mutters after meeting her) and it's no wonder: Beard is a stunning presence.

This builds slowly for Kemp into a moral crisis and, finally, an artistic tipping-point. "I don't know how to write like me," he says, but by the end of the film, it's clear that Kemp/Thompson has found his legs. The guiding principle is a furious distrust of authority (we glimpse him cursing Nixon), and a key ingredient is hallucinogens (we also get an early encounter with LSD).

You might expect a tribute such as this to be sycophan-

tic, but director Bruce Robinson (famous for the brilliant cult film "Withnail & I") keeps a realistic tone. Robinson, who also wrote the screenplay adaptation, doesn't present the cartoonish Thompson we've come to expect.

It's a refreshing, grounded view of the writer.

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DOMINO EFFECT

How a housing crisis becomes a jobs crisis

BY TIM LOGAN/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

The purchase of a house sets off a long chain of events.

The money spent to buy it and to live in it ripples through the economy, creating jobs. From a locksmith on Main Street to an investment banker on Wall Street, from furniture factories to City Hall, people earn a living off that one transaction.

We're now experiencing what happens when people don't buy houses. Home sales have fallen since before the recession. And the inability to change that has played a major role in an ongoing jobs crisis.

Housing and jobs have become so intertwined that many experts say we will never enjoy a broad recovery until the housing market picks up.

But without jobs, it's hard to see how people can start building and buying houses.

Here's a look at how real estate woes have infected the broader economy:

1 THE HOUSING INDUSTRY

A standard home sale involves two real estate agents, a home inspector, an appraiser and a title company. It involves the bank that writes the mortgage and, often, the broker who goes and finds it. If it's a new house, someone has got to build it. And there's a lot less of all that going on these days.

REALTORS

According to the latest data from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, there are 18,000 fewer real estate agents in the U.S. than there were in 2007.

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

There are more than 1.5 million fewer construction workers in the U.S. than there were in 2007, that includes everything from floor layers to roofers. (Although the Bureau of Labor and Statistics does lump miners and related extraction fields into those statistics.) Looking at carpenters alone, the U.S. is down 349,000 jobs. Many of those who remain have seen their hours and earnings plunge.

MORTGAGE BROKERS

Fewer home sales mean fewer mortgages, which means fewer brokers and bankers are needed to write them. The ranks of appraisers have shrunk, too, with 3,600 fewer jobs.

FURNITURE STORES

During the housing bust, furniture businesses all over the country cut staffing. Some stores closed their doors, including St. Louis, Mo.-based chain Storehouse, which was an early victim of the softening market in 2006.

HARDWARE STORES

Look at the Home Depot. In 2000, the orange giant had 227,000 "associates" manning stores nationwide, selling tools, lumber and appliances to contractors and do-it-yourself homeowners. By 2006, there were 364,000. Then came the crash, and today Home Depot's workforce is a lean 321,000, even as the number of stores has grown.

LOAN INDUSTRY

Loan servicing and processing outfits hire by the hundreds when times are good, then slash jobs when things go bad. There are more than 73,000 fewer loan officers than there were in 2007. And while some mortgage companies saw increased hiring during the 2009 refinancing surge, total employment is still less than its pre-bust peak.

MANUFACTURERS

The people who made household things like furniture, tools and electronics got clobbered as demand for their products plunged. St. Louis, Mo.-based Furniture Brands, one of the country's largest furniture-makers, has been cutting jobs and shifting manufacturing away from the United States for years. Since 2006, its workforce is down nearly 5,000 people, and 2,700 of its 9,000 employees are now overseas.

HOME EQUITY LOANS

During the 2000s, a chunk of consumer spending was fueled by second mortgages and home equity loans. Since the housing crash, those loans have become scarcer. Tighter lending standards and falling home values have squelched second-loan lending — dampening money spent on everything from education to travel, and the jobs that come with them.

SALES AND PROPERTY TAXES

Fewer appliances, TVs and hardware sold mean less money for local government, which relies heavily on sales taxes. Falling home values also have crimped property tax receipts — key revenue for school districts.

BANKS AND INVESTORS

Big banks and investors who bought the mortgages that went bust in the housing crash have written hundreds of billions of dollars off their books. They have written off employees, too. While hiring rebounded for a while last year, there are 100,000 fewer jobs at U.S. banks than there were at the start of 2007.

STARTUP CASH CRUNCH

To start a business, you need cash. And for many entrepreneurs, the most likely source is their home. But what happens when home equity and equity loans dry up? The number of businesses started in the U.S. fell 17.3 percent from 2007 to 2009, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. And it's new businesses, not old ones, that create most new jobs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAYOFFS

State and local governments are forecast to lose up to 110,000 jobs this fall, according to IHS Global Insight. Those who remain have faced furloughs and pay freezes in some parts of the country. Why? The bite of falling revenue from sales and property taxes is still being felt in budgets across the country.

LESS MOBILITY

According to data firm CoreLogic, more than 22 percent of mortgage-holders owe more than their house is worth. That makes moving for a better job a losing proposition. So, many stay put, working the job they have, or not working at all.

FEWER NEW HOUSEHOLDS

Eventually, this starts to cycle back upon itself. The inability to get a job means more young people stay home with their parents, or live with roommates longer. Even immigration has slowed, especially from Latin America — why come to the U.S. if there are no jobs? This means fewer households being started — household formation in 2008 and 2009 was at its lowest level since the 1940s — which means less spending of all kinds, which means fewer jobs.

2 RELATED INDUSTRIES

What's the first thing you do after you buy a house? You change the locks. Maybe buy some paint or furniture or a new lawn mower. You spend money on things that employ other people. But when you stay put, you don't buy that stuff. And a lot of people don't get paid.

3 THE BROADER ECONOMY

Consumer spending was so tied to home values that when those values sank, so did spending. The manufacturing pipeline began to dry up. The banking system had less juice. And local governments began to feel the pinch of less tax money. All that led to layoffs in industries that are, at least in theory, far removed from the buying and selling of homes.

4 STUNTED JOB CREATION

The housing collapse continues to ripple in many other ways. It saps funds people use to start a business and tax dollars that employ police and firefighters. It means some people stay put because they can't sell their house, while others wind up on their parents' couch, or doubled up with roommates instead of living on their own. This slows down our economy, and makes it harder to create jobs.

WHAT'S NEXT?

How do we turn housing from a drain on the economy back into a driver of it? How does it create jobs, instead of slashing them?

The only good answers seem to be time, and the ancient laws of supply and demand. Higher home prices would help, by freeing up more homeowners who are trapped by their mortgage, so they can sell and move and kick-start the cycle again. A slowdown in foreclosures could help too, by easing the glut of "shadow inventory" that hangs over everything else and drags prices down.

Home building has fallen sharply, which is keeping supply in check.

And, eventually, 20-somethings leave the nest. In the long run, that bodes well for housing, and for jobs. But the long run could be a long time coming.

