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2 arrested for stealing jar with donations for lung transplant

By ED BALDRIDGE
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 AVON PARK — Two Avon Park residents who stole more than \$100 in donations set aside for a woman's lung transplant were arrested this month by the Avon Park Police Department.

Walter Anthony Campbell, 27, and Missy Denise Nelson, 29, were charged with allegedly stealing a donation jar that contained between \$100 and \$150 from the Stop and Shop at 200 W. Main St.

According to the report from APPD Det. Nathan W. Coogan, the donations were set aside for Helen T. Wilson, who needs a lung transplant. A website set up for donations, www.helenwilson.info/ states that

Wilson is suffering from end stage chronic obstruction pulmonary disease (COPD) and is on oxygen 24 hours a day.

Wilson is a 30-year resident of Highlands County and currently works for the Highlands County School Board.

The arrest warrant states that on Nov. 2, Vivan L. Darley, a clerk at the



Campbell **Nelson**

Stop and Shop, witnessed Campbell and Nelson leaving the convenience store via the rear door with "something in hand."

Darley told the APPD that she

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
 Wall Street in Downtown Sebring will have a new look soon. Sebring City Council approved CRA to use grant funds to restore and revitalize the neglected street.

Beautify Wall Street

Council approves CRA restoration project in downtown Sebring

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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 SEBRING — The Sebring City Council approved the Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) recommendation to use remaining grant funds to restore Wall Street in downtown Sebring.

CRA President Pete Pollard addressed council members and Mayor George Hensley Tuesday evening about the importance of focusing on Wall Street for this project.

"Wall Street has always been the bridesmaid and never the bride," Pollard said.

Wall Street is one of the least used streets around the downtown Circle, according to Pollard.

People who visit Circle Park and attend events rarely use Wall Street for parking and the street has become increasingly neglected.

The \$147,862 in unobligated grant funds is connected with a contract through the Department of Economic Opportunity.

The grant funds will expire on Jan. 3 of the upcoming year, however the DEO agreed to give the City of Sebring a six-month extension on the contract.

The CRA worked closely with Excavation Point for estimates for the restoration project. Excavation Point estimated the Wall Street restoration project to cost \$225,000 not including the additional



lighting, utility modifications and relocation costs.

The CRA proposes to remove the brick and asphalt that is currently on Wall Street and replace it with new brick. The concrete borders that are already in place on the street will also be repaired or replaced where it is necessary. The new parking lot located at South Ridgewood and Wall Street will also receive modifications.

"We believe that Wall Street needs to be addressed as a high priority. Right now it's really an eyesore."

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AP stays under budget

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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 AVON PARK — Members of the city council were presented with the fourth quarter financial report Monday night. The report was actually a review of the entire fiscal year, and reflected a rosy picture of the city's finances, city manager Julian Deleon said.

It did come with one qualifier: the figures were unaudited balances. "Balances may be subject to change after the audit," the report states. "A final presentation will be presented to Council by the auditors with final balances once audit is complete." There are still some bills outstanding, Deleon told the council, but he expects the numbers to remain close.

Most departments kept expenditures under the allotted budget.

The general fund as a whole was more than \$115,000 under budget. The general fund includes the

Deleon

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Aging in place: a little help can go a long way

"There are some people who just can do it, especially if they have family support. And then you run into people who think they can do it, yet really can't. You need to start educating people before a crisis hits."

By DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer
 VERONA, N.J. — Retirement communities may have their perks, but Beryl O'Connor says it would be tough to match the birthday surprise she got in her own backyard when she turned 80 this year.

She was tending her garden when two little girls from next door — "my buddies," she calls them — brought her a strawberry shortcake. It underscored why she wants to stay put in the house that she and her husband, who died 18 years ago, purchased in the late 1970s.

"I couldn't just be around old peo-

ple — that's not my lifestyle," she said. "I'd go out of my mind."

Physically spry and socially active, O'Connor in many respects is the embodiment of "aging in place," growing old in one's own longtime home and remaining engaged in the community rather than moving to a retirement facility.

According to surveys, aging in place is the overwhelming preference of Americans over 50. But doing it successfully requires both good fortune and support services — things that O'Connor's pleasant hometown of Verona has become increasingly capable of providing.

About 10 miles northwest of Newark, Verona has roughly 13,300 residents nestled into less than 3 square miles.

There's a transportation network that takes older people on shopping trips and to medical appointments,

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AP wins another water award

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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AVON PARK — On the heels of winning an award for the best tasting water in the state, the city has received the 2011 Plant Operations Excellence Award from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, "in recognition of outstanding treatment plant operation, maintenance and compliance."

According to the DEP website, the award is, "one way (the agency) can recognize water and wastewater facilities that demonstrate excellence."

Efforts to reach the DEP were unsuccessful.

"The bigger story," said city manager and public works director Julian Deleon, "is that the city is really trying to do the right thing."

For example, after years of running over budget, the water and waste water departments are operating in the black. Expenditures during the fiscal year 2010-2011, for example, were more than \$156,000 under budget.

Deleon credits the city council for funding several key capital projects that have modernized the city's utilities and improved efficiencies while providing greater quality.

Cain seeks support of key constituencies in Florida

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH — Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain said on a campaign stop in Florida on Wednesday that Republicans took back control of the House in 2008 — when that really happened in 2010.

"When the American people begin to ignite that American spirit they make things happen, just like they made things happen in 2008 when the Republicans took back control of the House," he said at a rally at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.

The misstep came two days after a much-replayed fumbling to a question on Libya that has had some questioning his fitness to deal with international affairs.

"I get criticized, 'Well he doesn't have extensive foreign policy experience,'" he said. "And the guy there now does?" he said, referring to Obama.

Cain was reaching out to South Florida's influential Cuban-American and Jewish communities during the stops.

2008 actually was a banner year for Democrats, putting Barack Obama in the White House as his party gained seats in both House and Senate.

Cain said he believed an attack on Israel by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad would be considered an attack on the U.S., echoing comments earlier in the day seeking the support of Florida's sizable Jewish community.

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
The Good Shepherd Hospice sign on Hammock Road in Sebring is one of many signs that could be changing after Planning and Zoning amends sections of the city's sign ordinance in the upcoming weeks.

Sebring council revisits amending sign ordinance

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Council members discussed details to a proposed sign code amendment Tuesday evening at the monthly meeting in Sebring.

Planning and zoning Director Jim Polatty presented numerous issues regarding the current sign ordinance to the council in hopes of getting a go ahead to create and tweak the current ordinance.

Polatty is requesting council to refer to city attorney Bob Swaine regarding three sets of amendments.

"One set of amendments has to do with the Fair Association's request to replace their sign," Polatty said Tuesday evening.

According to Polatty, upon looking at the ordinance there is no mention of the sign code in the public district.

Tenille Drury, marketing and sales manager at the Highlands County Fair Association, said the fairgrounds and convention center is in need of a new sign.

"There is nothing that really says that we are here and there's nothing that advertises what is going on here," Drury said. "We want to be able to advertise not only for the fair but for events at the

County Fair Association wants LED sign

convention center. We are getting a pretty decent name here."

Drury and the Fair Association are looking to place a 15-foot-tall sign not far from the current location of the existing sign.

"We just want it a few feet to the left where it currently is, that way it is more in front of the convention center and is able to be seen better," said Drury.

The proposed sign will also include an 3-by-9.5-foot LED section. The full-color scrolling marquee will display current and upcoming events at the fair grounds and convention center. Drury hopes to have the sign up in time for the fair in early February.

The second group of amendments were drafted by Swaine and include directional signage (off-premises signs telling people which way to turn or where enter/exit a facility).

The last amendment to be addressed is the signage in front yards and residential neighborhood lots. Home businesses or occupations are directed to place signs on the structure of the business according to Polatty, however Planning and Zoning has allowed signs to be placed in front yards.

The sign ordinance was challenged a few months ago by Good Shepherd Hospice's Somers Hospice House, which is located within a residential district on Hammock Road. The hospice requested revisions of the sign ordinance so that they may place a larger sign near the entrance of the facility. Council members denied the requests at that time.

"I understand that things that are being brought to us now are things that have been needed to be cleaned up and fixed for a while, probably back when the hospice issue came up the first time. However, now this is being brought up because the Highlands County Fair board wants to put up a sign that is not technically allowed, but I'll say the same thing I said then, I don't like the idea of going in and changing stuff

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Wacaster Family at Leisure Lakes

LAKE PLACID — The Wacaster Family, one of America's favorite gospel groups, will be in concert this Sunday morning at the Leisure Lakes Baptist Church of Lake Placid.

Darren, Hope and their son Matthew have delighted fans across America with their fresh country gospel music. They will be sharing their music and testimony during the 11 a.m. service.

Following the morning concert, all are invited to stay for "dinner on the grounds" in the church fellowship hall.

The church is located at the western end of Lake June. From U.S. 27, take Lake June Road to Miller, turning north on Wildflower. For further information, contact the church office at 699-0671.

Drum Circle planned Sunday

SEBRING — The Primal Connection Community Drum Circle will take place Sunday from 3-5 p.m. behind the Sebring Civic Center, 355 W. Center Ave., overlooking Lake Jackson.

Everybody is welcome. For more information contact Fred Leavitt, Primal Connection, 402-8238, email fred@primalconnection.org/ or online at www.primalconnection.org/

Duffers cooks up some Thanksgiving entertainment

AVON PARK — Ransom Band is ready to rock at Duffers Sports Grille from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday.

This local four-piece band provides a variety of rock and popular dance tunes to keep everyone moving. They will also be back up on stage for the Duffers Pre Turkey Day Party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 23. There is no cover charge for either event.

After enjoying a big Thanksgiving feast, every-

one is encouraged to come out and enter the Turkey Karaoke Kontest on Nov. 26. Registration starts at 9 p.m. Judging begins at 10 p.m. There will be a \$50 prize for the first place male and a \$50 prize for first place female. All entries will get their name in a drawing for a free turkey. There is no entry fee or cover charge. Singers get one song to warm up and can only enter the contest once. Winners will be announced at the end of the contest around midnight. J & B Karaoke will provide the music.

Johnny 5 and Patty Lomanto will sing and play music from 6-9 p.m. today.

Rick Arnold will be on stage from 6-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 25, followed by J & B Karaoke from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Free line dancing offered from 6-8 p.m., Mondays. Bob Weed spins oldies and country music from 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays.

There is no cover charge for any musical entertainment at Duffers. Duffers is at 2451 U.S. 27 South, Avon Park. For details, call 452-6339.

Pecans, nuts available for sale

AVON PARK — The Hibiscus Garden Club of Avon Park has received the shipment of nuts. These are new crop Georgia jumbo pecans from California, whole and sliced almonds, English walnuts and pistachios.

You may call 453-4361 for order or see a member of the Hibiscus Garden Club.

Class on smoking cessation today

SEBRING — The Tobacco Free Partnership of Highlands County, The Healthy Start Coalition of Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties Inc. and Central Florida AHEC will offer "Make Yours A Fresh Start Family - Pre and Post Partum Smoking Cessation for Pregnant Women" from

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Another Teen Driver Challenge scheduled for December

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Highlands County Sheriff's Office is once again offering the Teen Driver Challenge for licensed teen drivers. Utilizing lesson plans developed by the Florida Sheriff's Association, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Department of Transportation, the Teen Driver Program will be administered by specially certified Highlands County law enforcement officers.

The class consists of two days totaling 12 hours of training — four hours of classroom and eight hours of actual vehicle operations — and will be offered Thursday Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 10. The classroom session on Dec. 8 will be held at the Bert Harris Agri-Civic Center Conference Room 2 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. The driving portion will be held Dec. 10 at the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Driving

Range from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students will use their personal vehicles in the driving portion of the course and are required to attend both the classroom and driving sessions.

The purpose of the Teen Driver Challenge is to provide knowledge and hands-on experience to reduce the likelihood of an accident by teenage drivers. Students learn basic information about the operation of a motor vehicle, driving techniques and life-saving skills.

For more information on the Teen Driver Challenge or to sign up for the program, students should contact their School Resource Officer for an enrollment package. Complete course details and information are included in the package. A video of the Teen Driver Challenge is also available on the Florida Sheriff's Association's website, www.flsheriffs.org, then click on Programs and Youth Programs.



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Next jackpot \$32 million

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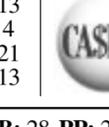
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Nov. 15 (d) 3 7 2



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Sign law debated in Sebring

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because one group comes in and asks us 'Hey. Can we change the ordinance for this?'" said council member Andrew Fells.

Polatty spoke to Becky McIntyre of Good Shepherd before Tuesday's meeting and McIntyre showed interest in still wanting a bigger sign, but stated they are currently focused on providing services to the community. Polatty plans to present the hospice with information regarding the changes to the ordinance in the near future.

Fells stated later that he believes that a large part of the sign code does need to be changed.

"Something always has to initiate amendments. You've got to start somewhere," Polatty said.

Polatty complimented Sebring's sign code for being "synched and brief."

"I think the commercial sign code is in pretty good shape. What we have is good. But we are proposing to do what you said, Councilmen Fells, in smaller bites," Polatty said.

Councilman John Clark expressed concern with the Fair Association's proposed sign becoming a nuisance to residents in the area.

"Electric or lighted signs tend to offend residents a lot more than just an old sign stuck in the dirt. This doesn't address illuminated or back-light or LED signs," said Clark. "That's what worries me with this (ordinance), it's not specific."

Polatty will propose a model ordinance that will address the residential area and lit signs.

Councilman John Griffin made a motion to table the proposed changes to the sign ordinance until the next meeting.

Council members approved unanimously and instructed the Planning & Zoning board, along with the city attorney, to clean up the proposed changes and the ordinance before presenting it again at the next meeting.

Cain makes stops in south Fla.

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At an afternoon appearance in the Fort Lauderdale suburb of Coral Springs, Cain rallied supporters at a chicken wing restaurant and again stressed support for Israel.

He also raised questions about whether the U.S. can truly count on longtime ally Pakistan, noting that al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was able to hide out there until he was killed by U.S. commandos earlier this year.

"Let's clarify who our enemies are and stop giving money to our enemies," Cain said. "We've got to clarify whether Pakistan is a friend. I'm not sure."

At the start of the day in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood, Cain sampled the local Cuban coffee and fried cheese sticks known as croquetas.

Season is gearing up



The Avon Park Christmas Parade is usually a large one, featuring everything from old cars to new floats ... and, of course, Santa.

News-Sun file photo

Parade and performance to kick off holiday season in Avon Park

By ED BALDRIDGE
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AVON PARK — The Avon Park Chamber of Commerce, and Santa, announced this week that they are ready to start the holiday season.

"We have it all lined out," said David Greenslade, executive director for the chamber.

"We have been taking applications since September for the parade, and we will have between 90 and 100 registered units and floats again this year," Greenslade said.

The parade starts sharply at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 28, according to Greenslade, and the weather is usually perfect this time of the year for the event.

Greenslade advised that the parade is usually a long one, so bring something to sit on to watch the festivities.

"Bring your lawn chairs. It is a great time. We have one of the largest parades in the county, and we always kick off

'We have one of the largest parades in the county and we always kick off the holiday season with the first one.'

DAVID GREENSLADE
AP chamber director

the holiday season with the first one," Greenslade said.

The parade starts on north Anoka and then runs east on Main Street.

Eastbound traffic is shut down during the parade, but the westbound lanes are open.

"If you haven't had a chance to see it, I would encourage folks to come out. This is a great chance to relax, eat some, enjoy the sights and sounds, and just visit," Greenslade said.

The following Monday night, which

is Dec. 5, the Chamber will feature local schools for a Christmas on Main Street event.

Music presented by Avon, Memorial and Park Elementary Schools as well as the Avon Park Middle and High School chorus groups and the Avon Park High Band will be provided to entertain and put people in the mood for the season.

"Christmas on Main Street is a good time to hear some local talent. The kids work hard to get ready for this and the music definitely puts you in the spirit," Greenslade added.

The chamber will be running a concession stand that evening, with the proceeds going towards the scholarship fund, Greenslade said.

"Come out and enjoy the music and support a great cause," Greenslade said.

Those seeking more information about either event can contact the chamber at 453-3350.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

New curbs will be just one of the improvements made along Wall Street in downtown Sebring.

Wall Street in Sebring to get needed facelift

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You've got a lot of trip hazards, safety hazards and it's very dark at night. Every public parking lot that we have that provides access to Circle Park, people would have to walk through Wall

Street. We believe it's very high priority," Pollard said.

CRA proposed on Monday night to move \$125,000 from the Streetscape IX budget into the Wall Street restoration project to cover the additional costs.

Jar filled with donations stolen from store counter

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noticed at the same time that the donation container for Wilson was missing.

Darley told the APPD that she ran to the back door and called out to the subjects, who fled the store westbound towards the Avon Park Community Center.

Darley was able to identify Campbell immediately, and supplied his description to the police.

A patron in the store, Omar Mendoza-Macias, stated that he witnessed Nelson take the container and pass it to Campbell before they left the store.

Mendoza-Macias was also able to positively identify Campbell, whom he knew as "Walt."

The duo fled the Stop and Shop and traveled to "Goatman's" house, who was identified as Terry L. Jones, at 103 N. Glenwood Ave., where Nelson allegedly disposed of the container and the couple split the cash.

Coogan said that Campbell was arrested on another charge on Nov. 4 and identified Nelson as his accomplice.

Both Campbell and Nelson were charged with second degree petty theft, and for both it is their third offense, according to the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

Campbell and Nelson are still being held in the HCSO Jail on \$5,000 bond.

The money was not recovered.

City of AP under budget

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budgets for the city council, the city manager, and the finance, legal, public safety, streets, and recreation departments.

The general economy continues to affect city finances, with lowered revenues due to lower property appraisals, fewer dollars from other government sources and a decrease in the purchase of licenses and permits.

Tax revenues, for example, were down by just over \$275,000.

"The next fiscal year may bring concerns," Deleon said in a telephone interview Thursday morning, "but with continuing annexations, and looking closely at all (personnel) vacancies before filling them, I think we are moving in the right direction."

One area of particular challenge are the parks and recreation budgets, which were over budget by more than \$37,000 in personal services and approximately \$12,000 in operating costs.

While two employees were laid off in an attempt to close the gap, Director of Recreation Maria Sutherland told the News-Sun Thursday morning, one of the individuals, per union rules, bumped a junior colleague in the streets department and only a small sum was saved.

One of the biggest drains on the recreational budget, Sutherland added, is maintaining city-owned parks — some used exclusively by a single group. Head Field is the best example of that circumstance.

Sutherland said the city is now setting the stage for "some non-profits to take over (some parks) with total control." That is, a specific non-profit, or consortium, would take over management of a particular park. Movement in that direction will be slow, however, because the city wants to be sure the arrangement will remain fiscally healthy into the future and that the park will be maintained properly — especially a site as historical as Head Field.

The city hopes to use part of the funds from the return on investment plan and pay to play to help meet the recreation and park budgets in the future.

Both the police personnel and legal budgets also exceeded estimated expenditures — the police department because of Michael Rowan's promotion to police chief in March, said Lily Ann Bermudez, who presented the report to the city council, and the extra costs of legal actions relating to Rowan's termination and lawsuit.

Deleon said the city has approximately \$50,000 in its contingency fund, enough money to provide a 2½ month cushion in emergencies.

Settlement reached in Chinese drywall case

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A settlement outlined Wednesday between a major manufacturer of Chinese-made drywall and homebuilders who used the tainted product in Florida, Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi could affect anywhere from 800 to 1,500 homes, attorneys said.

Lawyers called it a significant step toward resolving problems with some 10,000 buildings blamed on the drywall.

Plaintiffs' lawyer Bruce Steckler said the

settlement with the Knauf Group manufacturer involves reimbursements to builders for homes that have been fixed or are being repaired now, and others that are in line to be remediated. He expects U.S. District Judge Eldon Fallon to approve the settlement.

Fallon presides over other cases involving more than 10,000 properties owned by people who blame damage to their homes, including corroding plumbing and electrical connections, on defective Chinese-made drywall.

EDITORIAL & OPINION

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

State needs to tamp down gaming frenzy

Barrel racing isn't exactly the sport of kings, and Weston isn't clamoring for a new jai-alai fronton. Both, though, stand to become thorny challenges to those seeking to curb the spread of gambling in Florida. At the moment, interest in gambling is starting to run amok.

It's easy to pick through and find flaws in the recently filed casino bill that its sponsors, state Rep. Erik Fresen, R-Miami, and state Sen. Ellyn Bogdanoff, R-Fort Lauderdale, insist is necessary to curtail seedier and widespread gambling outlets. The real culprit, though, is a gambling loophole the Legislature created roughly three decades ago, and which could prove big enough to drive a gravy train through.

In 1980, state lawmakers decided to give those horse and dog track operators with the lowest amounts of money wagered on races a chance to obtain summer jai-alai permits. The statute only applied

to counties where five or more pari-mutuels held permits — namely, Broward and Miami-Dade counties — and those permits remained valid so long as there was no increase in the number of permit-holding pari-mutuels.

Now, 31 years later, that little-known law could be more pivotal than many people think.

A Miami casino used the statute to obtain a permit from the Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering. The permit allows the Magic City Casino to operate a poker room and a slots operation anywhere in Miami-Dade County. Following suit, Broward County-based developer Ron Bergeron is seeking a similar permit for a new jai-alai fronton on land he owns in Weston.

A recent state District Court of Appeal ruling allowing state lawmakers to expand gambling instead of going through a local referendum has also roiled any semblance of gambling control. A group in Gretna has used the ruling to obtain a permit to run barrel races and offer slots. And there's a pending application from a second North Florida group that wants to set up a similar operation in Jennings. ...

Currently, there's a major bill on the table that attempts

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to regulate gambling while opening the door for "destination" casinos in Florida. The jury's still out on the casinos, but the Legislature has to act to tamp down the gaming feeding frenzy, starting with the 1980 loophole, before the Bogdanoff-Fresen bill itself becomes a moot point.

An editorial from the Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel.



TODAY'S LETTERS

ALEC is a powerful right-wing group

Editor:

Ever heard of ALEC? ALEC is an acronym for American Legislative Exchange Council which was founded in 1973 by Paul Weyrich and other conservative activists to shape American politics.

ALEC has secretive tasks forces that are working to privatize education, break unions and suppress voter rights.

This powerful right-wing group believes that free markets are the only source of wealth. They believe that business should grab all the surplus for itself and that workers are worthless and the earth should be ravaged.

The Koch Brothers and their front group, Americans for Prosperity, are funneling millions of dollars into ALEC and the political campaigns of Rick Perry, Herman Cain and Rick Scott. Through Americans for Prosperity, (the richest one percent's prosperity), the brothers helped organize and fund Tea Party groups in the U.S. who believe, as they do, that the government must be destroyed; that voter rights be suppressed; that courts should be filled with right wing radical judges and that lobbyists for giant corporations formulate policy that takes away the power of the middle class.

If ALEC has it's way, the America our Founding Fathers worked so hard to create will be no more.

Millie Grime
Sebring

Bouquets

Thanks for making Terror Trail a success

Editor:

The Humane Society of Highlands County would like to thank everyone involved in Terror Trail 2011. Over 85 volunteers arrived every Friday and Saturday night to make this event the huge success it was. It was pure joy to work with so many talented students. They made the event come alive.

Special thank you to Lake Placid Health Care

Center for providing all the snacks and many of the volunteers. Keystone Water donated hundreds of bottles of water. Thank you, News-Sun for the great coverage and pictures. Thank you to Cohan Radio for doing all the ticket giveaways. Rhode's Landscaping was there for setup, upkeep of the shelter grounds and volunteered though it all.

Robbin's Nursery and Signs Now also supported this event. I wish I could name everyone individually who put the heart and soul into this project.

The Humane Society of Highlands County is a better place because all of you worked so hard. The Humane Society is a no-kill shelter that operates 100 percent on donations and community support.

P.S. I have to give extra thanks to my husband Jon. He worked every day all summer in the extreme heat to ensure everything was perfect. He asked me not to give him special mention, so if you see him, don't tell him about my secret thank you.

Judy Spiegel
Humane Society director
Sebring

Sebring Woman's Club appreciates donations

Editor:

The GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring thanks our members, a few of our members' husbands, and the community for their generous donations to our recent flea market. The event was a huge success because of charitable contributors, including U-Lock-It Storage. The Safe House, Church Service Center, and ARC were the recipients of the left over items; everything will be put to good use for people in the community, too.

Events like the flea market enables us to fund the programs we support including: The Peace River Safe House, Adopt-a-Highway Program, Salvation Army, The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Program, Woodlawn Elementary School RIF Program (Reading is Fundamental), scholarships for women at SFCC, as well as to create

and make items needed by local hospitals, Hospice centers, and nursing homes.

Toni Goff
Flea Market Chairman
GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring

Adelines offer thanks

Editor:

Heart of Highland Sweet Adelines Show Chorus had their Fashion Show and Luncheon "Adelines' Fashions on Parade" in the beautiful Plantation Room of the Kenilworth Lodge on Nov. 12. The Fashion Show was a huge success. We wish to extend our thanks to the 158 ladies who attended.

We also thank Amber Kelly, Manager of the Kenilworth Lodge, who helped plan in the setting up of the Plantation Room. Special thanks to Simply Trish Catering who provided a wonderful meal and staff. Thanks to the participating shops: Belk, Bonworth, Dress Barn, in Sebring, and Kasie's Collection in Lake Placid. Our members: Anita, Ann, Barb J, Barb K, Elaine, Geri, Kathy, and Mary Lou enjoyed modeling their lovely clothes.

Sincere thanks to those who donated door prizes: Belk, Bonworth, Dress Barn, Rejuvenation, Sylvia Hayes of Mild and Wild, and our chorus members who also donated door prizes and great items for the Opportunity Table.

A very special thank you to our future Sweet Adeline Shayla Renee, 5-year-old granddaughter of member Tina Altic. Shayla modeled a lovely tutu by Elegant Tutus by Patti of Avon Park Proceeds will go to the chorus' scholarship fund.

To date, the chorus has given out 24 scholarship awards. Our next event and scholarship fundraiser will be our Heart 2 HEART Feb. 25 at the Union Congregational Millennium Center in Avon Park. Guests are the Heartland Pops band. This is our very big Scholarship Fundraiser. For info, call 382-6632

In harmony with sincere thanks

Maureen Raymond
Heart of Highland, Sweet Adelines Show Chorus

Obama's energy plan: Chevy Volt



Three years ago, the national average for a gallon of regular grade gasoline was around \$1.70. The price climbed to \$2.60

in 2009 and \$2.80 a year later. As of Nov. 11, 2011, gas rose to an average of \$3.45 per gallon, roughly twice as much as what we were paying in 2008.

When gasoline prices hit their peak at around \$4.00, Democrats were demanding Bush's head on a platter, but under Obama the higher prices are simply the new normal. Rather than take steps to curb rising fuel prices, the administration is waging its own ideological war — against energy independence — by drilling regulations and moratoriums that, according to Steve Forbes, "is fueling an energy crisis that could bring this nation to its knees."

We hear much these days about all the jobs "saved or created" but hear little about jobs slashed or destroyed. In many ways, the Obama administration has become a job-wrecking machine. According to Forbes in the same Politico op-ed piece, the six-month gulf drilling moratorium alone cost 8,169 jobs and \$487 million in wages, not to mention the sweeping effects on the trucking and agriculture industries.

In this struggling economy, the obvious solution would be to reduce regula-



tions and tap into our own natural resources, which would strengthen our economy on many levels. But, for liberals, it is less about jobs and more about pleasing environmental constituencies. What is Obama's grand plan to get America back on the road to energy independence? One million electric cars on the road by 2015.

The Volt was supposed to be the bright and shining symbol of the Obama administration's green energy revolution, but instead has become a reminder of what happens when the federal government over steps its Constitutional boundaries to meddle in private industry.

Like most ideas coming from the ideological left, electric cars are great in theory but fall short in application. For one, the people who need them most can't afford them. Even with the \$7500 (taxpayer-funded) federal rebate, thousands of unwanted Volts, priced from \$32,000 to \$57,000, remain parked on dealership lots across the country. Many more would be sitting on those lots, were it not for Obama's buddy, General Electric (GE) CEO Jeff Immelt's decision to purchase twelve thousand Volts. Immelt also joined Obama's electric car revolution with

the development of the GE WattStation electric vehicle charger.

The Volt, just like everything else the government produces, underperforms and is overpriced. (I cannot wait for Obamacare!) In an op-ed piece for the New York Times, automobile expert Edward Niedermeyer wrote the Volt "offers the performance and interior space of a \$15,000 economy car."

Niedermeyer claims the Obama administration knew from the get-go that the Volt would likely be a financial flop. Nonetheless, with pockets stuffed full of taxpayer funds, the administration merrily doled out Energy Department grants and loans, and in essence, chose for us the type of cars they believe we should drive. On a positive note, the electric vehicle industry might have the unintended consequence of creating more jobs as fire stations hire more firefighters to handle the increased workload.

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OBITUARIES

KEITH DUNKLEBERGER

Keith Ivan Dunkleberger, 69, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011 in Tampa, Fla. He was born May 4, 1942, to Ivan Willard and Lena Ruth (Peters) Dunkleberger in Miami, Fla., and had been a resident of Sebring since 2003, coming from Miami. He had been a bridge tender, served in the U.S. Navy and was of the Jehovah Witness faith.

He is survived by his daughters, Lena Loretta Dunkleberger, Anne Dunkleberger and Elevia Dunkleberger, all of Miami, Fla. and sister, Ruth Irene Armstrong of Crossville, Tenn. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Chapel in Sebring. The family will receive friends prior to the service, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Interment at Lakeview

Memorial Gardens, Avon Park, will be immediately following the service. Arrangements are entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Sebring, Florida 33870 863-385-0125

ALDA JOSLIN

Alda Grace (Oliver) Joslin, 92, passed away on Nov. 13, 2011. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Ladies Auxiliary, Post

974, P. O. Box 601, Whitney Point, NY 13862 or the Whitney Point United Methodist Church, 7311 Collins Street, Whitney Point, NY 13862.

Death notices

Anna E. Geiger, 86, of Sebring died Nov. 17, 2011. Arrangements are being handled by Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Continued from page 2A

noon to 4 p.m. today.

Healthcare providers have long struggled to overcome the adverse effects caused by the use of tobacco during pregnancy. At least 20 percent of low-birth weight births, eight percent of pre-term deliveries and five percent of all prenatal deaths are linked to smoking during pregnancy, making smoking the most important modifiable cause of poor pregnancy outcome.

Lunch will be provided during the meeting at the Bert J. Harris Agri-Civic Center, 4509 George Blvd. Call 382-7252.

Golden Era Big Band at Highlands Social Dance Club

SEBRING — The Highlands Social Dance Club hosts ballroom dancing today at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway from 7-9:30 p.m.

Dance the night away to the music of the Chuck White and Friends. All Club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required. Snack bar opens at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

For more information, call 385-6671.

Shop at the Elks on Saturday

LAKE PLACID — Shop at the Lake Placid Elks Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will feature Christmas crafts, cookies by the pound, bake sale, apple samplings, Sam's Pickles, plants and many more homemade crafts. There will be a snack bar. The lodge is behind Winn Dixie, 200 C.R. 621. Call 465-2661.

Sons of the American Revolution meet Saturday

LAKE PLACID — Sons of the American Revolution Highlands Chapter meets on the third Saturday, (Nov. 19) of the month at 12:30 p.m. at the Heartland Bank in Lake Placid. Visitors are welcome.

Membership in the SAR is open to men who can demonstrate that their ancestor provided service in the cause of American independence either by serving in the military or in some other significant role.

Goals of the 118-year-old patriotic organization include promoting patriotism and building respect for American history and the founding fathers. Call 465-7345.

DeSoto MHP Bazaar is Saturday

SEBRING — DeSoto Mobile Home Park will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse. Handmade items and homemade baked goods, along with a lunch counter featuring homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts will be available. Come do your holiday shopping early.

Toy Run/Poker Run is Saturday

SEBRING — DeSoto City Volunteer Fire Department's fifth annual Toy Run/Poker Run will be on Saturday at 6800 George Blvd. West (behind the Health Department).

Please bring a toy and \$10 will include poker hand, one raffle ticket and one barbecue ticket. Any extra hand is \$5.

There will be doughnuts and coffee from 9-10 a.m. The run starts at 10:30 a.m. There will be lunch, raffles and more exciting things to do. Bring the kids and let them see the fire trucks. This is an important opportunity for everyone to meet their local volunteers.

Call Rene at 443-0213 or the fire station at 386-6755.

LPPD offering first aid, CPR classes.

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Police Department will offer its American Heart Association First Aid Class on Dec. 5 and the CPR Class on

Dec. 6.

More information on the department website at www.lppd.com/. Register at the police department

Boat ramp closed for repairs

LAKE PLACID — Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department Lake Persimmon boat ramp located at 150 Hillside Dr. in Lake Placid will be closed for repair and maintenance through Thursday, Dec. 91. The boat ramp will not be open for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

For further information on boat ramp closings you may contact the Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department at 402-6812.

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 Uptown Country from 5-8 p.m.

Saturday - Karaoke by Peg and Perry from 5-8 p.m.

For more information, call 452-9853.

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

Saturday - Ladies Christmas Bazaar (call for time).

For more information, call 465-2661.

LAKE PLACID — The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 in Lake Placid, will host the following events:

Today - Music, to be announced, call for time.

Saturday - Music with LT (call for time).

For details, call 699-5444.

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

Today - Music with BobKat from 6-10 p.m.

Saturday - Music with Big Freddie from 6-10 p.m.

For details, call 465-0131.

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All down the line

On a gray, windy fall afternoon just south of Atlanta, 16 American soldiers lined up to tell ordinary people about an extraordinary man.

Pfc. Jeremy Faulkner, 23, and five fellow 101st Airborne Division heroes were killed in Afghanistan's rugged Kunar Province during a chaotic Mar. 29 firefight. Despite heavy casualties, American forces ultimately won the battle, and this long line of proud "Screaming Eagles" served as living proof.

"We survived it," Pfc. Faulkner's company commander said, emphasizing the heroism of all his soldiers. "When it's all said and done, Jeremy's actions speak louder than (anything) we can do here."

Many of these soldiers returned from Afghanistan just weeks after the bloody battle. Nearly eight months later, as they check up on wounded buddies and miss their fallen friends, the Fort Campbell-based paratroopers flew by helicopter to Griffin, Ga., to present Pfc. Faulkner's family with the soldier's posthumous Bronze Star for Valor.

"I try not to think about that day so much," one soldier said, as Faulkner's family sat just a few feet in front of him. "I just think of the days before that."

"I miss Faulkner a lot ... he was a good friend of mine," another soldier said. "There was never a dull moment with him."

While laughing isn't easy, especially after seeing close friends killed and wounded, several Task Force No Slack troops, who spoke despite enormous grief and pressure, tried to lighten the mood.

"Jeremy was one of the smartest soldiers I met," a fel-



The Unknown Soldiers
By Tom Sileo

low paratrooper said. "He was always trying to learn and know his job.

"But he was always the first to get yelled at," the soldier added, prompting laughter.

Still, tears began to flow when one tall, strong warrior, who looked like he could singlehandedly destroy a terror cell, could barely speak through his grief.

"I really can't say too much or I'm going to get choked up," he said.

One Army specialist, who appeared older than the troops standing to his left and right, touched the audience with his candor.

"I miss him," the soldier said before a painful pause. "And I loved him very much."

Nobody loved Jeremy more than his mother, Judy Berry. We spoke two days after the Nov. 10 ceremony.

"It made me real proud," Berry said. "But no matter how many medals or stripes - whatever your soldier gets - you'd much rather have him."

Jeremy's mom feels a close bond to her son's brothers in arms, who approached telling his story with the same fearless dedication they showed on the battlefield.

"I didn't realize how many lives he had saved until I got a call from Afghanistan," she said. "Those boys are like my

boys now." While Berry had spoken with several soldiers by phone, the mom was overwhelmed by seeing them recount her son's final moments.

"(I have to) forget about myself and try to lift them up," Berry said. "I didn't really understand that a lot of them were hurting the way they were."

She wants Jeremy's friends to know that her son's death was not their fault.

"It's very emotional for all of them," she said. "I know a lot of them feel like they should have been out there instead of him."

While Nov. 11 was Veterans Day, the raw, dignified emotion inside the Georgia National Guard Armory showed that for some, every day is Veterans Day. Combat veterans live with emotions that few can comprehend, and concern for their well-being must be paramount.

After the last soldier spoke, the audience paused to admire this remarkable line of heroes, who stood together in silence before the moving ceremony's conclusion. It was then that I reached a conclusion of my own.

While survivors of the Mar. 29 firefight are still being challenged, they have already won another battle since returning home. They have succeeded in keeping Pfc. Jeremy Faulkner's spirit alive.

"We know where you are," a brother in arms said. "And we'll see you again."

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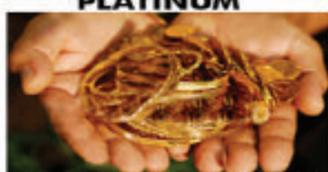
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Now what? Few tangible effects of Wall St. protests

Associated Press

NEW YORK —

Everywhere, it seems, people want to weigh in about the Occupy Wall Street protests around the country, from CEOs and politicians to your next-door neighbor. So far the talk has translated into little action.

Two months into the movement, with police dismantling the encampments one by one, city by city, few politicians or policymakers have publicly taken up the protesters' cause and done anything to address corporate excesses and economic inequality.

But some political observers say the demonstrators have changed the conversation in the U.S., and that is a big first step.

"They've shifted the center of gravity of the debate so that the whole question of wealth and privilege is now being discussed," said William Galston, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, the Washington political think tank. "In a democracy, what people are talking about matters."

Georgia state Sen. Vincent Fort, a Democrat who was among those arrested when protesters were expelled from an Atlanta park last month, said he is not troubled by the absence of any major tangible change.

"The Occupy movement is a relative baby. It's just a few months old," he said. "The most important thing it has done is to change the conversation in this country. You can't have any policy change, you can't have any legislative change, until the debate is changed."

Examples of real, measurable Occupy-inspired change in the political sphere are hard to come by, though a



Occupay Wall Street protestor Andrew Carbone takes his place as protesters are allowed back into Zuccotti Park on Tuesday evening in New York City. Howard Schnapp/Newsday/MCT

band of millionaires did storm Capitol Hill on Wednesday to urge Congress to tax them more, claiming they are not paying their "fair share."

In Rhode Island, Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse noted that Occupy activists encouraged customers to fight back recently against fees imposed by major banks — a fight that ended with Bank of America and its competitors backing down. Whitehouse is trying to channel the anger that has bubbled up in the Occupy movement against big banks as he seeks support for a bill to crack down on credit card interest rates.

Union leaders say the Occupy movement has also brought a spark of optimism and energy to organized labor after a summer of setbacks and assaults on their bargaining power.

"The Occupy movement

"They've shifted the center of gravity of the debate."

WILLIAM GALSTON
political think tank member

has framed the fight," said Mary Kay Henry, president of the Service Employees International Union. "They've totally changed the debate within a 30-day period."

She added: "It has impacted expectations among people who were beaten down."

In fact, labor leaders insist the Occupy movement's message of economic inequality was a factor earlier this month in Ohio, where voters overwhelmingly repealed a law curtailing public employees' right to collective bargaining.

But political experts are

skeptical of that claim.

"That's a stretch," said Paul Beck, a political science professor at the Ohio State University in Columbus. "The sentiment of Ohioans on that bill very much precedes any of the Occupy Wall Street activities and their spinoffs in various cities."

As for why the protesters have yet to turn the conversation into major action, some political observers said the movement has never really clarified its policy objectives and is hampered by a lack of clear-cut leadership.

Kalle Lasn, co-founder of Adbusters, the Canadian magazine that helped ignite the Occupy Wall Street movement by issuing the initial call for the demonstration last spring, said the "original magic" faded somewhat as news coverage of the encampments around the country began to focus less

on the participants' youthful idealism and more on drugs, violence and homelessness.

"Somehow, we lost the high ground, we lost the narrative," he said. "Tactically, the moment was right to declare victory, have a big global party and come back swinging next spring."

Where does the movement go from here, especially now that police cleared out its unofficial headquarters, Zuccotti Park in New York City?

Will marches pack the same punch as a noisy, ever-present outdoor camp in the heart of New York's financial district? The protesters may learn the answer to that on Thursday, when they plan acts of civil disobedience, including marches over bridges in several cities and an occupation of the New York City subway system.

"This thing has gone so far and reflects such intense feeling that I don't think there's any chance at all that we just saw it end," said Todd Gitlin, a Columbia

University authority on the student left during the 1960s.

Whether the Occupy movement will achieve real change, he said, may depend on whether the demonstrators and their sympathizers decide to bargain with the Democrats to achieve some of their agenda.

Florida state Rep. Dwight Bullard, a Miami Democrat who has met with organizers in Florida, said he and other lawmakers are listening to the protesters and taking up their cause on such issues as debit card fees.

"I would definitely say that Occupy has encouraged or helped ignite, I guess, a more aggressive fervor in the bellies of my colleagues," Bullard said. "Sometimes you don't want to jump out of the plane without a parachute," and it is nice to know "there are people not only around the state but around the country and around the globe that are tired of being beat down and taken advantage of by corporate interests."

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Aging in place is what most seniors want

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and the town is benefiting from a \$100,000 federal grant to put in place an aging-in-place program called Verona LIVE.

Administrated by United Jewish Communities of MetroWest New Jersey, the program strives to educate older people about available services to help them address problems and stay active in the community. Its partners include the health and police departments, the rescue squad, the public and public schools, and religious groups.

Among the support services are a home maintenance program with free safety checks and minor home repairs, access to a social worker and job counselor, a walking club and other social activities. In one program, a group of middle-school girls provided one-on-one computer training to about 20 older adults.

Social worker Connie Pifher, Verona's health coordinator, said a crucial part of the overall initiative is educating older people to plan ahead realistically and constantly reassess their prospects for successfully aging in place.

"There are some people who just can do it, especially if they have family support," said Pifher. "And then you run into people who think they can do it, yet really can't. You need to start educating people before a crisis hits."

There's no question that aging in place has broad appeal.

According to an Associated Press-LifeGoesStrong.com poll conducted in October, 52 percent of baby boomers said they were unlikely to move someplace new in retirement. In a 2005 survey by AARP, 89 percent of people age 50 and older said they would prefer to remain in their home indefinitely as they age.

That yearning, coupled with a widespread dread of going to a nursing home, has led to a nationwide surge of programs aimed at helping people stay in their neighborhoods longer.

Verona LIVE is a version of one such concept: the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community, or NORC. That can be either a specific housing complex or a larger neighborhood in which many of the residents have aged in place over a long period of time and need a range of support services in order to continue living in their homes.

Verona is an apt setting. Roughly 20 percent of its residents are over 65, compared with 13 percent for New Jersey as a whole.

Another notable initiative is the "village" concept. Members of these nonprofit entities can access specialized programs and services, such as transportation to stores, home health care, or help with household chores, as well as a network of social activities with other members.

About 65 village organizations have formed in the U.S. in recent years, offering vary-

ing services and charging membership fees that generally range between \$500 and \$700 a year.

One of the potential problems for people hoping to age in place is that their homes may not be senior-friendly.

"It becomes a challenge because we live in Peter Pan houses, designed for people who never grow old," said Susan Bosak, a social scientist who is overseeing a program to boost intergenerational engagement in Tulsa, Okla.

Many older people live in homes that are 40 or more years old, abounding with narrow interior doorways, hard-to-reach kitchen cupboards and potentially hazardous bathroom fixtures.

"If you're a boomer person, with money to remodel, think about making your house more user-friendly, not just more beautiful, for when you have your knee replacement or a chronic condition," said Nancy Thompson of AARP. "We're talking smart, convenient. It doesn't have to look institutional or utilitarian."

To promote this outlook, AARP has teamed up with the National Association of Home Builders to create a designation for certified aging in place specialists trained in designing and modifying residences for the elderly.

Several thousand builders, contractors, remodelers and architects have been certified. Building or remodeling homes can include such details as touchless faucets,

trim kitchen drawers instead of cupboards, grab bars and nonslip floors in the bathrooms.

Arizona's Pima County, along with a few other local governments, has gone a step further, passing an ordinance requiring that all new homes in the unincorporated areas around Tucson offer a basic level of accessibility.

They must have at least one entrance with no steps. Minimum heights and widths are set so that light switches can be easily reached and doorways are passable in a wheelchair.

For now, Beryl O'Connor's two-story, four-bedroom Cape Cod house, built in the 1940s, poses no physical challenges for her. Her own bedroom is

on the ground floor, and she recently had a safety bar installed in her bathtub, so she thinks prospects are good for staying put over the long term.

Plus, she's got company at home — a 26-year-old granddaughter lives upstairs and commutes to a job in New York — and many friends around town, where she has a busy schedule of club meetings, group lunches, card games and occasional bus trips to casinos.

"You've got to socialize," she says. "There are things out there to do — you've got to look for them."

Ira and Roseanne Bornstein, who live a few blocks from O'Connor, also think their longtime home can

accommodate them suitably for many years to come. There's a room on the ground floor they could convert to a bedroom, and space upstairs to house a live-in aide if one were needed.

"It's a modest home, but it's always worked for us," said Rosanne Bornstein, 63, who was a school counselor and teacher for 25 years. "We're very strong in wanting to stay here."

Her 69-year-old husband, a retired pharmacist, said they worry that the economics of relocating might result in a smaller residence, and crimp their ability to entertain and host out-of-town guests.

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 11-644 GCS SECTION NO. Civil

MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION, F/K/A MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs. KIMBERLEE L. GREENE DION; JAMES DION; MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION F/K/A MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; GOLF HAMMOCK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; 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, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: 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 12, GOLF HAMMOCK UNIT III, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 10, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. 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 December 13, 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: November 2, 2011.

BOB GERMAINE Clerk of the Court By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk November 11, 18, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 09-1721GCS

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. FRANK L. DUCHARME A/K/A FRANK DUCHARME; AUDREY M. DUCHARME A/K/A AUDREY DUCHARME, ET AL. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE (Please publish in THE NEWS SUN)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 3, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09-1721GCS, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and FRANK L. DUCHARME A/K/A FRANK DUCHARME; AUDREY M. DUCHARME A/K/A AUDREY DUCHARME; JOHN DOE N/A/A JIM KONKOLY; JANE DOE N/A/A BARBARA KONKOLY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the MAIN ENTRANCE of the Courthouse; 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, at 11:00 a.m., on the 6th day of December, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 29, BLOCK 195, WOODLAWN TERRACE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 96, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RECORDED IN TRANSCRIPT PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in an court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Foreclosure Complaint; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711. Dated this 9th day of November, 2011.

ROBERT GERMAINE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: /s/ Priscilla Michalak As Deputy Clerk November 18, 25, 2011

1050 Legals

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pursuant to a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the County Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit In and for Highlands County, Florida, on the 25th day of August, 2011, in the cause wherein OHR'T'S MOBILE VILLAGE, INC., is Plaintiff, and STONE REOLI, is Defendant, being Case No. 11-77CCS in the said Court, I, Susan Benton, Sheriff of Highlands County, Florida, have levied upon all of the Defendant, STONE REOLI's, right, title and interest in and to the following described PERSONAL property in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

MOBILE HOME LOCATED AT OHR'T'S MOBILE VILLAGE, 1722 JIM LANE, SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS A 1971 MOBILE HOME, IDENTIFICATION NUMBER F2023, TITLE NUMBER 4369061, 52' WITH A CARPORT, WHITE IN COLOR, ALSO INCLUDING FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS.

and on the 6th day of December, 2011, at OHR'T'S MOBILE VILLAGE, 1722 Jim Lane, in the City of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all of the said defendant, STONE REOLI's, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Dated this, October 25, 2011 SUSAN BENTON, SHERIFF OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA By: /s/ Deputy Kevin Awbrey

DEPUTY SHERIFF

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the agency sending this notice at 434 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, Telephone 863/402-7228 not later than seven days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Services. November 4, 11, 18, 25, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000155

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES 1 LLC, ASSET BACKED-CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE10, Plaintiff, vs. EDWARD T. ZARICK, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated October 28, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010CA000583XXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, is Plaintiff and EDWARD T. ZARICK; JANICE L. ZARICK; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at Highlands County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 17, BLOCK 40, DESOTO CITY, SECOND SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE NORTHERLY 10 FEET THEREOF, PARALLELING LOT 16, OF SAID PLAT AND THE NORTH HALF OF THAT PORTION OF SIXTH STREET SOUTH, LYING BETWEEN LOT 1, BLOCK 44 AND LOT 17, BLOCK 40, DESOTO CITY, SECOND SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS VACATED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 697, PAGE 115, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE NORTHERLY FIVE FEET F THAT PORTION OF SIXTH STREET SOUTH, LYING BETWEEN LOT 1, BLOCK 44, AND LOT 17, BLOCK 40, DESOTO CITY, SECOND SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH ATTACHED TO THE AFORESAID LOT 1, BLOCK 44, BY VIRTUE OF STREET VACATION EFFECTED BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 697, PAGE 115, 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.

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

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on October 31, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE As Clerk, Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak As Deputy Clerk November 11, 18, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000690

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. BLAKE C. JONES AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on October 31, 2011, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 15, IN BLOCK 1, OF HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES, SECTION B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 128 HALLMARK AVE., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on December 13, 2011 at 11 a.m.

Any persons 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 31st day of October, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk November 18, 25, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000088

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND TRUSTEES OF SUSAN JONES, DECEASED, STEFAN JONES; MAXINE CRANE; LLEWELLYN JONES, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on October 28, 2011, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 17, BLOCK 6, TEMPLE TERRACE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 36, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 34 DUKE STREET, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on November 28, 2011 at 11 a.m.

Any persons 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 31st day of October, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk November 11, 18, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION LICN: REF: 11000311PCS

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM JOSEPH GORMLEY, SR. Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of WILLIAM JOSEPH GORMLEY, SR., deceased, whose date of death was February 2, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 November 11, 2011.

Personal Representative: /s/ Virginia J. Foose 405 West Bridge Street Morrisville, Pennsylvania 19067-2303

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ John F. Freeborn JOHN F. FREEBORN, Esquire Attorney for VIRGINIA J. FOOSE Florida Bar Number: #520403 FREEBORN & FREEBORN PA 360 Monroe Street Duneside, FL 34698 Telephone: (727) 733-1900 Fax: (727) 733-6362 E-Mail: firm@freebornlaw.com November 11, 18, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 28-2010-CA-000662 Division: Civil

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-NC3 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-NC3 Plaintiff, vs. JANET MARIE MORENO; COSME DAMIEN MORENO; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated October 31, 2011, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2010-CA-000662, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-NC3 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-NC3 is Plaintiff, and JANET MARIE MORENO and COSME DAMIEN MORENO, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public sale, at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, 430 South Commerce Ave., Highlands County Courthouse, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of November, A.D. 2011 the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

THE SOUTH 100 FEET OF LOT 20 AND LOT 21, BLOCK C, CRESCENT VIEW SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 54, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on October 31, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE CLERK OF THE COURT By: /s/ Annette E. Daff Deputy Clerk (COURT SEAL) November 11, 18, 2011

1050 Legals

SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff, vs. ENID PRYCE, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed October 3, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 2009CA001111 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, the Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 13th day of December, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

Unit D-5, THE BLUFFS OF SEBRING CONDOMINIUM, PHASE H, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 849, Page 363, and amended in O.R. Book 883, Page 323, and amended in O.R. Book 916, Page 579, and amended in O.R. Book 916, Page 581, and amended in O.R. Book 934, Page 293, and amended in O.R. Book 934, Page 238, and amended in O.R. Book 952, Page 222, and amended in O.R. Book 952, Page 229, and amended in O.R. Book 958, Page 456, and amended in O.R. Book 967, Page 486, and amended in O.R. Book 972, Page 99, and amended in O.R. Book 973, Page 510, and amended in O.R. Book 985, Page 34, and amended in O.R. Book 990, Page 309, and amended in O.R. Book 1028, Page 272, and amended in O.R. Book 1053, Page 192, and amended in O.R. Book 1130, Page 1768, and amended in O.R. Book 1209, Page 412, and amended in O.R. Book 1213, Page 52, and amended in O.R. Book 1281, Page 64, and amended in O.R. Book 1356, Page 1552 (parts of which were revoked in O.R. Book 1365, Page 1473), and amended in O.R. Book 1398, Page 1158, and amended in O.R. Book 1596, Page 287, and amended in O.R. Book 1662, Page 868, and amended in O.R. Book 1830, Page 1903, and amended in O.R. Book 1850, Page 1460, and being a part of LAKE SEBRING TRACTS, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 146, 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 31st day of October, 2011.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT As Clerk of the Court BY: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk November 11, 18, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000988

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. f/k/a COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. Plaintiff, vs. BASIL O'NEILL A/K/A BASIL ONEILL. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 28, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000988 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., Plaintiff and BASIL O'NEILL A/K/A BASIL ONEILL are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., November 28, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 21, BLOCK 4, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION G, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 28, 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.

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 Court Administration at 430 S.Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Highlands County, Florida By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk of Court November 11, 18, 2011

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd. Suite 100 Tampa, FL 33614 (813)880-8888 (813)880-8800 November 11, 18, 2011

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10000014GCS

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ANDRE FLETCHER, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 28, 2011 entered in Civil Case No.: 10000014GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Sebring, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at 11:00 am on the 28th day of November, 2011 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 297, 298, 299, 300 AND 301, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 88, 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 31st day of October, 2011.

(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL) Robert W. Germaine Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk November 11, 18, 2011

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282010CA000772A000XX
 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 LAVERNIA BUEFORD A/K/A LAVERNIA ZABACH; SEAN BUEFORD; FIDELITY FINANCIAL CORPORATION, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 7th day of November, 2011, and entered in Case No. 282010CA000772A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is the Plaintiff and LAVERNIA BUEFORD A/K/A LAVERNIA ZABACH; SEAN BUEFORD; FIDELITY FINANCIAL CORPORATION, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY and UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall 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 6th day of December, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

ALL OF LOT 5, THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 6 AND THE NORTH 10 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 268, LAKE SEBRING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AS A POINT OF BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5 ON THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF CLEVELAND ROAD; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF CLEVELAND ROAD A DISTANCE OF 10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH LOT LINE COMMON TO LOTS 5 AND 6 A DISTANCE OF 131.42 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE REAR LOT LINE OF LOTS 6, 5 AND 4 A DISTANCE OF 74.46 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL TO LOT LINE COMMON TO LOTS 4 AND 5 A DISTANCE OF 136.98 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF CLEVELAND ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF CLEVELAND ROAD IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 10th day of November, 2011.
 Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 November 18, 25, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 282010CA000215XXXXXX
 GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MICHAEL D. POWELL, et al.,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated October 28, 2011 and entered in Case No. 282010CA000215XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC is Plaintiff and MICHAEL D. POWELL; LYNN K. POWELL; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at Highlands County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 35, BLOCK 2, HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES SECTION E, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 87, 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.

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

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on October 31, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk, Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk
 November 11, 18, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. GC 10-548
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC., a Florida corporation
 Plaintiff,
 vs.

ESTATE OF MANUEL E. SANCHEZ, deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or grantees, and any and all other persons or parties claiming by, through, under or against him; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereafter described
 Defendants

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 situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

Lot 8, of PENNY HEIGHTS, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 68, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on the 6th day of December, A.D., 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.

DATED this 1st day of September, 2011.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk

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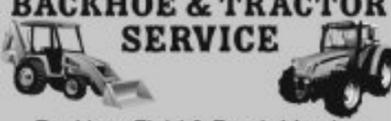
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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-000764
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANK V. TREVINO AND BENITA H. TREVINO, ADVANCED FINANCIAL SERVICES OF CALIFORNIA, INC., AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on October 5, 2011, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT EIGHTEEN (18), BLOCK TWO HUNDRED FORTH THREE (243), OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES, SECTION 18, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 667 SERENADE TERR, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on December 7, 2011 at 11 a.m.

Any persons 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 6th day of October, 2011.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
November 18, 25, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 03-00479

MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff,
vs.
DANNY SHANNON AND GWENDOLYN CAROL SHANNON, COMMERCIAL CREDIT CONSUMER SERVICES INC. N/A CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC., HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on November 22, 2006, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 63, OF RIDGEWOOD ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 102 North King Drive, Sebring, Florida 33870; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on November 29, 2011 at 11 a.m.

Any persons 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 4th day of November, 2011.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
November 11, 18, 2011

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER A NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 4.15 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is developing a new Rule 4.15, Advanced Academics. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. It is requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed to update in accordance with annual review and implement statutory changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: All elementary schools will offer an Advanced Academic class in Grades 1 through 5. Priority placement will be given to students identified as gifted. All teachers will be Gifted Endorsed or working toward endorsement by taking at least one class per year. All middle schools will offer Advanced Academic Classes in the four core content areas (Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science). Priority placement will be given to students identified as gifted. All teachers will participate in Advanced Academic staff development activities at the district level, be gifted endorsed or working toward endorsement by taking at least one class per year. The specific legal authority includes Sections 1001.41, 1001.42 and 1001.43, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglas Administration Building (Attn. Connie Sobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, BY: Wally Cox Superintendent & ex officio secretary
November 18, 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 FREDA L. HOFFMAN, Plaintiffs vs. ESTATE OF JAMES D. ROGERS; CHERYL ROGERS; MANDY CARLSLE; 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 foreclose on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

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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 Plaintiffs' attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled court on or before 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 proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Hearing; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000721
SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
RICHARD C. PROVERB and NANCY L. PROVERB, HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on October 28, 2011, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 6, BLOCK 12, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT 12, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 65, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 2030 ANDALUSIA ST., SEBRING, FL 33875; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on November 29, 2011 at 11 a.m.

Any persons 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.

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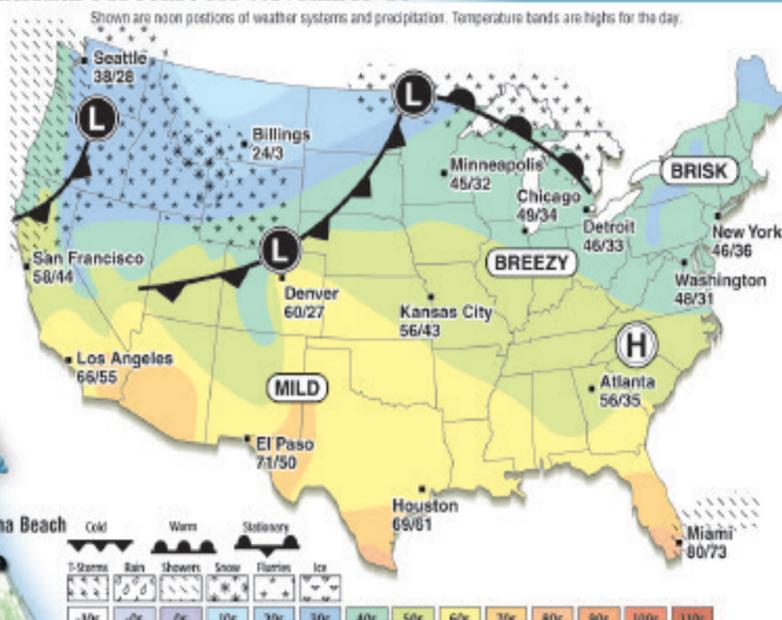
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Not as warm with a passing shower	Some sun with a shower, breezy	An afternoon shower possible	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny and pleasant
77° / 59°	83° / 65°	83° / 64°	81° / 59°	81° / 59°
Winds: ENE at 12-25 mph	Winds: E at 10-20 mph	Winds: ENE at 8-16 mph	Winds: NE at 8-16 mph	Winds: E at 7-14 mph

National Forecast for November 18



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archfield Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	81°
Low Sunday	52°
High Monday	85°
Low Monday	69°
High Tuesday	88°
Low Tuesday	72°
High Wednesday	88°
Low Wednesday	61°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	51%
Expected air temperature	74°
Makes it feel like	74°

Barometer

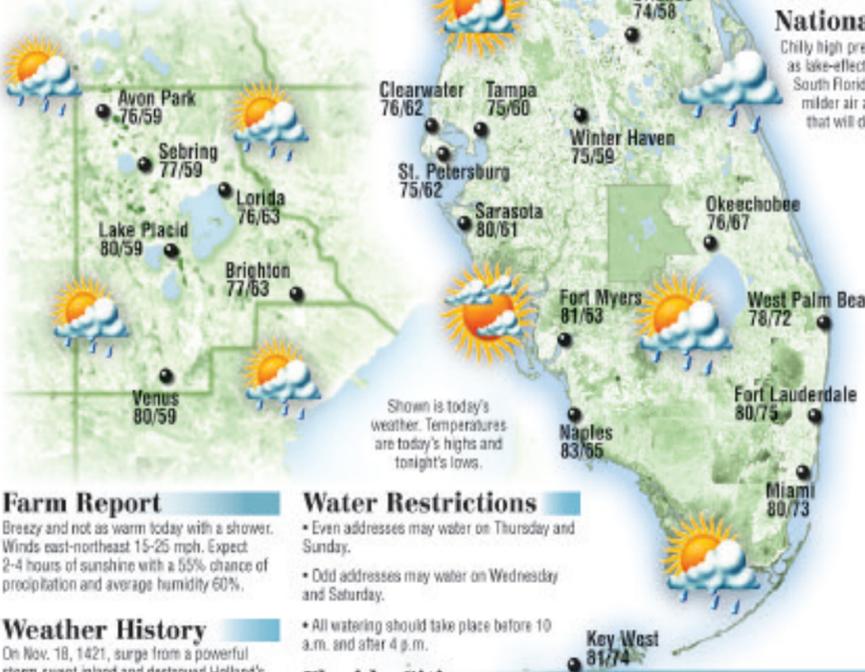
Monday	29.96
Tuesday	29.94
Wednesday	30.02

Precipitation
For 3 p.m. today

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.20"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.26"
Year to date	45.45"

Regional Summary

Periods of clouds and sun, breezy and not as warm today with a passing shower. Patchy clouds and breezy tonight. Some sun tomorrow with a passing shower; breezy. Sunday: partly sunny with a shower possible in the afternoon.



Farm Report

Breezy and not as warm today with a shower. Winds east-northeast 15-25 mph. Expect 2-4 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average humidity 60%.

Water Restrictions

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

Weather History

On Nov. 18, 1421, surge from a powerful storm swept inland and destroyed Holland's dikes. More than 70 villages were swept away; 10,000 people died.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:46 a.m.	6:47 a.m.
Sunset	5:36 p.m.	5:35 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:41 a.m.
Moonset	12:42 p.m.	1:20 p.m.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	80/62pc	85/65pc	84/65pc	Miami	80/73pc	82/74pc	83/71pc
Clearwater	76/62pc	81/67pc	83/66s	Okeechobee	76/67pc	81/69pc	80/68pc
Coral Springs	79/73pc	82/73sh	83/72pc	Orlando	74/58pc	81/62pc	82/64pc
Daytona Beach	70/59pc	78/63pc	79/63pc	Pembroke Pines	80/71pc	82/73pc	83/71pc
Fl. Laud. Bch	80/75s	81/75sh	82/73pc	St. Augustine	86/68pc	74/61pc	76/62pc
Fort Myers	81/63pc	84/66pc	85/67pc	St. Petersburg	75/62pc	81/66pc	82/66s
Gainesville	68/49pc	77/53pc	79/55pc	Sarasota	80/61pc	84/64pc	83/65pc
Hollywood	80/71pc	82/73pc	83/71pc	Tallahassee	67/44s	73/51pc	78/53s
Homestead AFB	80/72pc	81/73pc	81/71pc	Tampa	75/60pc	82/66pc	83/66s
Jacksonville	64/49pc	74/54pc	77/56pc	W. Palm Bch	78/72sh	80/73sh	83/70pc
Key West	81/74pc	80/76pc	81/74pc	Winter Haven	75/59pc	81/65pc	81/63pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sl-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-fog.

National Summary

Chilly high pressure will be in control of the East Coast today. Dry weather will also dominate much of the region as lake-effect snow showers downwind of the eastern Great Lakes come to an end. Spotty rain showers will make South Florida and the state's northeastern coast the exception. On the back side of the high, gusty winds will usher milder air across the southern Plains and Midwest. The warming will take place south of a weak storm system that will deliver a bit of snow to the border of Canada and the Great Lakes.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	58/39s	60/36pc	58/40pc	Los Angeles	60/55s	64/52pc	62/51s
Atlanta	66/35s	62/47s	66/33pc	Louisville	62/35s	62/52pc	63/54sh
Baltimore	48/31s	54/36s	62/43pc	Memphis	58/41s	62/58pc	74/62s
Birmingham	59/38s	64/52pc	71/55pc	Milwaukee	46/35pc	49/33s	45/32pc
Boston	48/38pc	54/43s	59/44pc	Minneapolis	45/32pc	38/21sh	30/22pc
Charlotte	52/26s	61/41s	65/47pc	Nashville	58/35s	62/53pc	70/57s
Cheyenne	54/24pc	35/19sh	42/28pc	New Orleans	66/56pc	77/64pc	79/64pc
Chicago	49/34pc	52/39c	47/35pc	New York City	46/35s	55/44s	61/49pc
Cleveland	46/34pc	54/46pc	56/40c	Norfolk	44/34s	56/48s	69/52pc
Columbus	49/32s	56/45pc	58/46c	Oklahoma City	64/52s	71/50c	68/48s
Dallas	67/60pc	78/65c	80/65c	Philadelphia	48/34s	53/48s	60/48pc
Denver	60/27s	45/19pc	45/28pc	Phoenix	77/54s	72/52pc	69/50pc
Detroit	46/33pc	52/44pc	54/35c	Pittsburgh	49/29s	57/43pc	56/48c
Harrisburg	46/27s	53/35s	57/42pc	Portland, ME	47/29pc	47/34pc	52/37c
Honolulu	82/72pc	83/71pc	83/71pc	Portland, OR	41/33sh	42/30c	42/38pc
Houston	68/61pc	80/67c	80/67c	Raleigh	52/28s	60/45s	69/50pc
Indianapolis	50/32s	58/47pc	59/46c	Rochester	44/30pc	54/41pc	55/38s
Jackson, MS	64/41s	71/58pc	79/59c	St. Louis	58/38s	66/47c	57/47pc
Kansas City	56/43s	65/31c	48/24pc	San Francisco	58/44sh	54/44c	57/43r
Lexington	52/32s	58/48pc	62/51c	Seattle	38/28sh	38/25c	43/37pc
Little Rock	60/41s	65/57c	75/60r	Wash., DC	48/31s	54/42s	59/48pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	91/73s	90/73s	88/73pc	London	61/46pc	59/50pc	57/49pc
Admas	55/44pc	60/48s	60/47s	Montreal	49/33pc	47/40c	53/29c
Beirut	63/54r	60/53sh	62/54s	Moscow	34/28pc	36/30c	31/10sh
Berlin	47/40c	47/38c	46/37c	Nice	58/45s	65/52c	64/51pc
Bermuda	73/68pc	73/70c	74/68pc	Ottawa	49/35pc	47/37c	52/21sh
Calgary	14/1s	9/1pc	20/17pc	Quebec	35/28pc	41/34c	46/24sh
Dublin	55/46c	55/46sh	54/46pc	Rio de Janeiro	72/66sh	74/66r	79/71s
Edmonton	2/-12s	4/-8c	9/3pc	Seoul	57/45r	59/29sh	37/28s
Freeport	79/64c	81/66sh	81/63pc	Singapore	84/77r	89/77r	84/77r
Geneva	59/39s	55/46c	53/47pc	Sydney	82/62s	88/58s	91/63r
Havana	86/67s	85/67pc	86/67sh	Toronto	44/35pc	47/42c	52/32c
Hong Kong	77/72r	81/71r	75/66pc	Vancouver	41/37sh	42/35c	43/39r
Jakarta	55/48r	54/44r	54/43sh	Yanai	47/40c	47/36pc	47/38s
Johannesburg	80/59r	77/57r	73/58r	Warsaw	39/23pc	37/25c	41/35sh
Kier	38/23pc	37/36c	37/37sh	Winnipeg	26/6sh	18/3pc	22/19pc

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Freshman Toryana Jones goes up for two of her 10 points in Avon Park's rout of Victory Christian Tuesday night.

Lady Red Devils come out strong

By ED BALDRIDGE

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AVON PARK — Avon Park started their season off strong at home Tuesday night with a 62-23 win over Lakeland Victory Christian High School.

"I saw a little bit better defense than last night. I didn't know what to expect, we haven't played them before, but we played well," said Avon Park head coach Paulette Daley.

The Devils jumped out ahead early, taking the fight to Victory Christian by netting 22 points in the first and 16 points in the second periods while keeping the Lakeland team to just 12 point for the total first half.

"We made our lay-ups. I am overall pleased with the girls tonight," Daley added. "We really didn't get an opportunity to set up our offense, and played a lot of transitional basketball, but we did well on our lay-ups."

Daley used her defense to

push the lead in the third and the Red Devils allowed just two points from Victory Christian shooters from the outside.

Taller and faster, Avon Park let off the gas a bit in the final period, scoring just six points while allowing Lakeland's guard Michelle King to net 10 points on her own.

King topped out at 15 points for the entire game, but was not used effectively by Victory Christian until the end of the game when teammates started feeding her the ball at the top of the key.

Lady Devil Jontavia Perry, a junior forward, racked up 26 points by the end of the runaway game, and was able to snag six steals.

The Lady Devils move on to face Hardee in Avon Park at 7:30 p.m. Monday before hosting Sebring after the Thanksgiving break on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Avon Park
62
Victory
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Lady Streaks getting close

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — The Lady Streaks varsity soccer team took on Auburndale Tuesday night in a heated battle to the finish.

And while Sebring started off strong, sticking with the pace of play Auburndale brought on the field, it wouldn't be quite enough in the end as the Lady Bloodhounds took the 4-2 win.

A Sebring penalty in the box gave Auburndale its first scoring opportunity on a penalty kick.

That left an Auburndale player one-on-one with Streak goal keeper Meghan Williams, a fight that would see the first point in Auburndale's favor.

The Lady Streaks would not give up just yet and

quickly recovered within the next ten minutes with a goal of their own.

Lefty Jordan Hinkle took a corner kick for Sebring, setting up a scoring opportunity for Haylee Peters and Mariana Becker.

As the scramble in the box continued, the ball finally found its way into the net, tying the score.

Unfortunately, in a later effort to clear the ball from the box, Sebring found themselves offering an own-goal, which then left the score at 2-1.

As the first half came to a close, an Auburndale forward blasted a shot that was just beyond the reach of Williams, leaving the score at 3-1 at the break.

Ever persistent, the Lady

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Auburndale
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Sebring
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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Freshman Haylee Peters goes all out in trying to get the ball away from this Auburndale player in Tuesday's 4-2 loss to the Lady Bloodhounds.

Bucs welcome challenge of facing unbeaten Packers

By FRED GOODALL

Associated Press

TAMPA — The struggling Tampa Bay Buccaneers relish the challenge of having to beat the NFL's hottest team to get their season back on track.

The Bucs (4-5) have played progressively worse in dropping three straight games, yet insist they have not lost confidence in themselves.

The team travels to Green Bay this weekend to face the unbeaten Packers (9-0) and feels it not only is capable of playing the Super Bowl champions tough — but winning.

"We know they're not going to take it easy, but you kind of hope they underestimate you a little bit and maybe we can sneak up on them," offensive tackle Donald Penn said Wednesday.

Tampa Bay is coming



MCT file photo

Josh Freeman and the Bucs have a tall task in front of them Sunday.

off an embarrassing 37-9 loss that prompted coach Raheem Morris to question the effort of some players. The defense yielded 420 yards to the Texans to tumble to 31st in the NFL rankings, and the Bucs' sputtering offense failed to score a touchdown until the fourth quarter for the second week in a row.

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Sebring hammers Hardee

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — It was a stifling defense that set the tone as the Lady Blue Streaks opened the regular season with a 55-14 rout of visiting Hardee Tuesday night.

Outsized and overmatched by the young Sebring squad, the Lady Wildcats had trouble against a swarming half-court trap that lead to steals, interceptions, turnovers and a seemingly continuous lay-up drill for the Streaks.

Rolling out to a 14-0 lead, Hardee didn't get its first hoop until the 3:53 mark, which was quickly followed up by a steal and Shalontay Rose drive for a 16-2 lead that would move to 22-4 by the end of the period.

The split for the second quarter was a bit closer, though not much, as the half ended with the Streaks up 34-8.

"He told them to keep hustling or else they'd be running in practice tomorrow,"

senior Destiny Sutton, out with a fractured ankle, said. "But really, he just said to keep playing hard and not downplay ourselves."

That advice held as the four-point-per-quarter defensive average kept up in the third period, as Sebring built the lead to 46-12 and early in the fourth the lead extended to more than 35, instituting the running-clock rule.

By then, both benches were emptied before the final minutes rolled off the clock on the season-opening triumph.

April Wallace lead the Streaks with 21 points and tallied an unconventional double-double with 10 steals.

Allie Mann added 11 points, Rose had five points and seven rebounds and Jamiese Wiley dished out five assists.

Sebring was at DeSoto Thursday night and play host to St. Petersburg's Dixie Hollins High School Friday.

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

Sebring
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Hardee
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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Angie Pintor leaps to intercept this pass in Sebring's 55-14 rout of visiting Hardee Tuesday.

Maddon, Gibson win Managers of Year

By BEN WALKER

Associated Press

NEW YORK —

Moments after his team lost a day-night double-header at Yankee Stadium in late September, Joe Maddon wandered into the Tampa Bay clubhouse.

The twin defeats left the Rays in a precarious position with only a week remaining in the regular season.

Rather than raise his voice, Maddon delivered a simple message.

"You guys are great," Maddon recalled telling them, "and I know you can still do this."

Eternally optimistic, Maddon won the AL Manager of the Year award Wednesday.

He certainly clinched the honor in the last month, when Tampa Bay overcame a nine-game deficit and trounced Boston for the wild-card spot.

Kirk Gibson, meanwhile, took a more stern approach starting in spring training.

He even brought three Navy SEALs to camp.

The SEALs wrote D, W and I on a board.

The letters stood for a sense of purpose, not a traffic offense: "Deal With It."

"They bought into it," said Gibson, voted the NL Manager of the Year after the guiding the Arizona Diamondbacks to a worst-to-first finish.

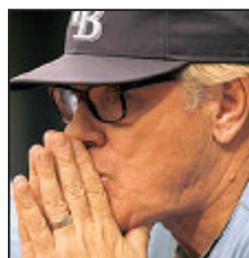
Gibson was a clear choice for guiding the Diamondbacks to a runaway NL West title.

A former MVP as a rough-and-tumble outfielder, he was honored in his first full season as a big league manager.

"I certainly had a vision," Gibson said during a conference call while on vacation in northern Michigan, adding, "It's certainly not all because of me."

Maddon was an easy pick in winning the AL award for the second time.

The Rays made the



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Rays manager Joe Maddon shouldn't have been so worried as he got all but two first-place votes for AL Manager of the Year.

biggest September rally in baseball history for a team that claimed a playoff berth, sealing it on the final day of the regular season.

"I like to think of it as a validation of the Rays' way of doing things," Maddon said of the award during a conference call while visiting family and friends in Hazleton, Pa.

Maddon led Tampa Bay to the playoffs for the third time in four years.

After that, his name popped up in speculation about managerial openings with Boston, the Chicago Cubs and St. Louis. The Cardinals have already hired Mike Matheny.

"I don't want to have to go anywhere else," Maddon said.

The awards were announced by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. The NL Cy Young winner will be revealed Thursday, with Clayton Kershaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers the leading candidate.

Gibson and the Diamondbacks went 94-68, a year after he took over in midseason as Arizona went 65-97.

Stressing fundamentals and details from the first day of camp, the 54-year-old Gibson pushed his team into the playoffs, where it lost to Milwaukee in the 10th inning of the deciding Game 5 in the opening round.

Gibson drew 28 of the

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THE SCOREBOARD



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National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	3	0	.667	259	200
N.Y. Jets	5	4	0	.556	215	200
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	229	218
Miami	2	7	0	.222	158	178

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	7	3	0	.700	273	166
Tennessee	5	4	0	.556	186	172
Jacksonville	3	6	0	.333	115	166
Indianapolis	0	10	0	.000	131	300

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	220	179
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	225	152
Cincinnati	6	3	0	.667	212	164
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	131	183

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	208	233
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	162	228
Denver	4	5	0	.444	188	234
Kansas City	4	5	0	.444	141	218

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	218	211
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	223	182
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Carolina	2	7	0	.222	190	237

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	0	1	1.000	320	186
Detroit	6	3	0	.667	252	184
Chicago	6	3	0	.667	237	187
Minnesota	2	7	0	.222	179	244

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	8	1	0	.889	233	138
Seattle	3	6	0	.333	144	202
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	183	213
St. Louis	2	7	0	.222	113	223

Thursday's Game

N.Y. Jets at Denver, late

Sunday's Games

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

Monday's Game

Kansas City at New England, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 24

Green Bay at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
 Miami at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
 San Francisco at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 27

Arizona at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
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 Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 28

N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

AFC PASSING

	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Brady, NE	360	238	1303	23	10
Schaub, HOU	292	178	2479	15	6
Rhlsbrgr, PIT	354	224	2877	16	9
Hsslbeck, TEN	312	193	2233	14	7
Ftpatrick, BUF	291	190	2076	16	12

NFC PASSING

	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Rodgers, GB	265	192	2619	24	3
Brees, NOR	422	299	3326	23	11
Romo, DAL	309	200	2508	16	7
Manning, NYG	320	202	2688	17	8
A. Smith, SF	236	151	1709	11	3

AFC RUSHING

	Att	Yards	Avg	TD
F. Jackson, BUF	163	917	5.6	6
Jns-Drew, JAC	191	854	4.5	4
A. Foster, HOU	171	740	4.3	6
Be. Tate, HOU	122	686	5.6	3
McGahee, DEN	127	640	5.0	3

NFC RUSHING

	Att	Yards	Avg	TD
L. McCoy, PHL	165	906	5.5	10
Forte, CHI	166	869	5.2	3
Peterson, MIN	166	795	4.8	9
M. Turner, ATL	179	788	4.4	7
Gore, SF	165	782	4.7	5

AFC RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Welker, NE	72	1006	14.0	99t	6
Wallace, PIT	53	922	17.4	95t	6
Marshall, MIA	53	742	14.0	46	2
Grnkwski, NE	52	709	13.6	30	8
R. Rice, BAL	46	470	10.2	52	2

NFC RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Graham, NOR	62	873	14.1	59	6
Sproles, NOR	60	448	7.5	36	3
Johnson, DET	54	885	16.4	73t	11
St. Smith, CAR	51	951	18.6	77t	4
Witten, DAL	49	585	11.9	64	4

AFC SCORING, NONKICKERS

	TD	Rus	Rec	Ret	X2	Pts
Decker, DEN	8	0	7	1	0	48
A. Foster, HOU	8	6	2	0	0	48
Grnkwski, NE	8	0	8	0	0	48
R. Rice, BAL	8	6	2	0	0	48

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L. McCoy, PHL	12	10	2	0	0	72
Johnson, DET	11	0	11	0	0	66
Peterson, MIN	10	9	1	0	0	60
C. Newton, CAR	7	7	0	0	0	42
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Lady Streaks edging up against tough competition

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Streaks came back hard as play resumed.

Heather Bloemsma took a direct kick for Sebring at the 37 minute mark from twenty five yards out.

Her lofted shot sailed just out of the goal keeper's reach and into the back of the net, bringing Auburndale's lead down to just one goal at 3-2.

The Sebring defense battled the Lady Hounds' superb passing skills, and because of this ongoing fight, saw another own-goal in an attempt to clear the ball once again.

Neither Sebring nor Auburndale capitalized on any scoring opportunity after that, and as the final two minutes ticked away, the final score saw 4-2 in



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Heather Bloemsma brought Sebring to within one goal on a direct kick score in the second half, but Auburndale would hold on for a 4-2 win.

Auburndale's favor.

"At the end of the day, two own goals and a penalty kick

says it all," said head coach Paul Brown. "We played well, but they were the better team and we were a bit tired. There is no argument, they were a very good team and passed well."

Sebring was back in action against McKeel on Thursday night, hoping to come out with the same level of intensity they've shown in recent matches, including Monday's ever-so-close 1-0 loss to a strong Frostproof squad.

"We've been on our game and it's starting to show," Bloemsma said. "The girls now know what we are up against."

After Thursday's match, the Lady Streaks are off until Tuesday, Nov. 29, when they head to Lake Wales.

Battle of the Bay's Sunday

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Green Bay, meanwhile, has won 15 straight dating to last season, the longest winning streak in franchise history.

"It's a long season. We need to get a run going, fix the little things that we can control — effort, dumb penalties, things like that," Penn said. "We do that and I think we'll be back to where we need to be. ... One thing we do is fight back. It's a perfect test."

The Bucs entered the season with heightened expectations after going 10-6 and narrowly missing the playoffs a year ago.

They've lost four of five following a 3-1 start, and Morris is fielding questions about whether the league's youngest team has regressed or simply is going through a tough stretch.

Third-year quarterback Josh Freeman is at the center of the struggles. After throw-

ing for 25 touchdowns and just six interceptions in 2010, he has nine TD passes vs. 13 interceptions through nine games this season.

Freeman reiterated Wednesday that he doesn't feel he's taken a step back and that he's actually a lot better player today than he was a year ago, even if his statistics don't support the contention he initially made after being sacked four times and throwing three interceptions during last Sunday's loss to the Texans.

He's played two games and part of a third with a sprained thumb on his throwing hand, however Freeman insisted the injury didn't hinder him that much during losses to Chicago, New Orleans and Houston.

"Being out there, you have to play well enough to win. ... It's near 100 percent right now, so it's not something I'm concerned about," Freeman said.

Morris also played down the severity of the injury, as well as how much it has affected Freeman's play.

"In my eyes, I don't see it as a factor. My young quarterback has to go out there and deliver the football with precision and timing," the coach said. "This young man played with a broken finger for the first four games of last season. We won't make excuses for a sprained thumb. And we won't blame our losing streak on it."

Despite the poor stretch, Freeman said he and his teammates remain confident.

He agreed with Morris that effort was a problem against Houston, but expects the team to rebound against Green Bay.

"You have to go out and play with 100 percent effort," Freeman said. "This league's so competitive, if you don't go out and give it the best you have, you're not going to have a chance."

Maddon an easy choice for honor

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32 first-place votes and got 152 points.

He was the only manager in either league to be listed on every ballot.

Ron Roenicke of the NL Central champion Brewers was second with three first-place votes and 92 points.

Tony La Russa of the World Series champion Cardinals was third with the other first-place vote and 24 points.

Voting was completed before the start of the playoffs.

Maddon added to the AL honor he won in 2008.

The 57-year-old manager who likes to speak on a vast array of subjects — he mentioned Mozart, his iPad and a puppy on his conference call — never panicked during a trying year.

The Rays cut \$30 million in payroll during the winter, losing the likes of Carl Crawford, Matt Garza and Carlos Pena.

The Rays' big addition, slugger Manny Ramirez, retired during the first week instead of facing a 100-game suspension for a second positive test for a performance-enhancing substance.

The Rays overcame an 0-6 start and injuries to star Evan Longoria and others, relying on a pitching staff anchored by All-Stars James Shields and David Price and recently picked AL Rookie of the Year Jeremy Hellickson.

Tampa Bay won its final five games, rallying from a 7-0 deficit against the Yankees on the last day to finish 91-71 and earn a playoff spot.

The Rays lost to Texas in the first round.

"My goal has been to make the Rays into the next century's Yankees, Red Sox, Cardinals," he said.

Maddon drew 26 of 28 first-place votes and had 133 points.

Jim Leyland of the AL Central champion Detroit Tigers got the other pair of first-place votes and 54 points and Ron Washington of the AL champion Rangers was third with 31.

Gibson was a two-time World Series champion, winning with Detroit and the Dodgers.

He was the fourth former

MVP to win the manager award, joining Joe Torre, Frank Robinson and Don Baylor.

Gibson hit two especially memorable home runs during his 17-year career.

He connected for the shot that clinched the 1984 crown for the Tigers in Game 5 against San Diego, and launched a bottom-of-the-ninth, pinch-hit homer off Dennis Eckersley to lift the Dodgers over Oakland in the 1988 opener, hobbling around the bases and pumping his arm.

As a player, Gibson acknowledged he sometimes was "a little emotional ... a little stupid."

"As a manager, you can't lose your composure," he said.

Gibson and Bob Melvin (2007) have won the manager award with Arizona.

Gibson received a three-year contract extension after the season, with options for two more years.

"I still want to win a World Series as a manager," he said.

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Golf Hammock

The Ladies of Golf Hammock played a three-day Scrub Jay tournament that finished up Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Winning the First Flight was Jeanie Fivecoat with an 80, followed by Laura Kebberly's 83 for second.

Marian Passafume and Judy Kelly tied for third with 85s and Carol Troupe was fifth with an 87.

In Second Flight, Ruth Kirk came out on top with an 85, with Florence Towell and Betty Clarke tying for second with dueling 86s.

In fourth was Trudy Stowe with an 89 and Wanda Hastie was fifth with an even 90.

Mary Cripps and Nancy Porcari each came in with 96s to tie for the top of the Third Flight, with Nancy Senior carding a 100 for third.

Joanne Thornburg and Alma Barefoot tied for fourth with 101s.

Any ladies wishing to join our group, please call Wanda Hastie at 386-5286

Last Monday, Nov. 14, the Mezza Group played individual golf at Golf Hammock Country Club.

In A group Les Campbell took the lead with plus 3 and Jim Gulick was in second place with plus 2.

Stan Griffis scored plus 2 to take first place in B group and Denis Shank had plus 1 for second place.

Jack Shell was fantastic with a plus 7 in C group, while Joe Hyzny was in second with plus 2.

In third place was Bob Topel at even.

Tony Frances made plus 5 for first place in D group and David Mulligan was at minus 1 for second place.

Doug Haire scored plus 4 to take over first place in F group, while Janet Regan was at plus 1 for second place.

In F group Paul Brown was in first place with plus 5 and Bill Alesi in second place with plus 2.

In G group Bob Colandrea was at minus 2 for first place and a tie between Dick Botelho and Jerry Patterson at minus 4.

Lee Stark was in first place in I group with plus 6 and a tie between Karl Mellor and Bud Hill at minus 4.

Ron Geouque took over first place with a minus 3 in J group and there was a tie between Frank Branca and Janet Howland at minus 4.

Next Monday will be a shotgun start beginning at 7:45 a.m. at Golf Hammock.

Because of the large field, please arrive early to register. For more information, call Pete Mezza at 382-1280.

Harder Hall

The Ladies League played a Low Putts event on Thursday, Nov. 10.

The winners were: First place, Ronna Mason with 29.

Tying for second/third/fourth/fifth places were Joyce Himler, Mary Hayes, Dori Landrum and Sue Herriman with 30 each.

Chip-ins: No. 10, Elaine Hettinga; No. 11, Sue Herriman, Mary Hayes and Dori Lundrum; and No. 12, Ronna Mason.

Lake June West Golf Club

On Thursday, Nov. 10, a Mixed Scramble was played.

Winning first place was the team of Ken Rowen, Helen Mellon, Bill Brouhle, John and Gloria Huggett with 50. Tying for second/third places were the teams of Orville and Eva Huffman, Joe and Joyce Swartz; John and Virginia Simmons, Al Onstad, Bob and Elaine Orr with 52 each.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 2, Verna Knishka, 8-feet-5-inches; and No. 8, Sylvia West, 14-feet-2-inches. (Men), No. 4, Doyan Eades, 5-feet-6-inches.

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, the Men's Association played a Men's League event.

Winning first place was the team of Claude Cash, Bob Knishka, Ward Shaw and Walt Nagel with 39; second place, Ron West, Orville Huffman, Norm Grubbs and Roger Childers with 40; and third place, Ron Hesson, Cal Billingsley, Joe Swartz and Fred Neer with 42.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Joe Swartz, 7-feet-5-inches; No. 4, Claude Cash, 10-feet-4-inches; and No. 8, Art Schmeltz, 5-feet-5-inches.

Pinecrest

The Men's Association played Team and Individual Pro-Am Points on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

The team of Mike McCarville, Bruce Sommerfield, Mike Ruff and Frank Hocott took first in the team event with +13, while Bob Watkins, Rex Waymire, Chuck Primeau and Chick Regan were second with +7.

Individually, Ron Taylor and Brian Snowball tied for first in A Division with +3 each.

Bruce Sommerfield and Bud Kammerman tied for first in B Division with +7.

C Division went to Greg Brewer and his +6, while Glen Woodward and Chuck Primeau tied for second with +4 apiece.

In D Division, Darrell Bailey was first with +5 and Lynn Fredrick was second with +4.

Placid Lakes

A Thanksgiving Scramble was played on Wednesday, Nov. 16 and saw John Goble, Dick McArdle, Von Lacy and Karen Wallin take the win with -22.

Frank Fisher, Travis Harstine, Rose Hunter and Jeanne Ransom were second with -20.

Four teams were tied at -19, with the match of cards tie-breaker going all the way to the seventh hardest hole to determine third place.

When the dust settled, it was the foursome of Dave Roe, Lee Stark, Shirley Dill and David Raciti getting the nod.

Senior Tip
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Seniors Get Even
Too many seniors make nervous, quick putting strokes, which lead to erratic ball striking and big numbers on the ol' scorecard. What's needed for consistent, accurate putting is a nice, smooth stroke from start to finish. This offseason, make it your quest to practice your putting, striving for a stroke that is the same length going back as it is going through, and make sure to keep the tempo identical from start to finish. To help, imagine that there's a metronome next to your ball. As you start to stroke, count a smooth "ONE" for your back stroke and a smooth "TWO" for your forward stroke. Do this all winter, and you'll be "putting for dough" come spring.



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

Closest to the pin honors went to Rich Egizi, getting to 7-foot, 9-inches from No. 2, and Rose Hunter, at 8-feet, 9-inches from No. 11.

The Placid Lakes Women's Golf Association played a President's Cup tournament which wrapped up Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Sue Mackey got the overall win with 209 with Bobbie Miller taking second with 215 and Von Lacy third at 223.

Miller had closest to the pin, getting to 17-feet, 1/2-inch from No. 2.

River Greens

The Men's Association played a Pro-Am tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Winning first place was the team of Cecil Lemons, Jim Cercy, Russ Rudd and Dan Pelfrey with plus-17; second place, Gil Heier, Lefty St. Pierre, Al Farrell and Dick McClay with plus-7.5; and third place, Vince Boever, Cliff Steele, Bob Streeter and B.C. Roberts with plus-5.

Individual winners were: Cliff Steele with plus-7. Tying for second/third places were Vince Boever and Gil Heier with plus-6 each.

The Golfettes played a game on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Winning first place was the team of Laura Smutnick, Karen Speaker and Kay Conkle with 72; and second place, Carole McClay, Donna Johnson, Bev Rudd and Jan Stevens with 73. And tying for third/fourth places were Pauline Bridge, Jeannine Persails and Babe McDonald; Michele Koon, Mary Beth Carby, Patti Wedge and Sally Dworak with 75 each.

The Morrison Group played a game on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Winning first place was the team of Kenneth Brunswick, Hank Wunderlich, Cliff Steele and Joe Graf with minus-35; and second place, Lefty St. Pierre, Don McDonald, Keith Kincer and Leo Persails with minus-27.

The Morrison Group played Best One of Two event on Monday, Nov. 7.

Winning first place were Gil Heier and Garry Page with 58;

game on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Winning first place was the team of Hank Wunderlich, Ken Koon, Gil Heier and Bev Rudd with minus-28; and second place, Ken Brunswick, Jim Cercy, Joe Graf and Bob Stevens with minus-22 (Matching Card).

The Ladies Association played a Pro-Am tournament on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Winning first place was the team of Lucy Roberts, Laura Smutnick, Jody Ethan and Bev Rudd with plus-5.5; second place, Sally Dworak, Donna Johnson, Frances Neil and Helen Ochala with plus-4; and Pauline Bridge, Pat Kincer and Michele Koon with Even.

Individual winners were: First place, Michele Koon with plus-4.5; and second place, Jody Ethan with plus-4. And tying for third/fourth places were Laura Smutnick and Peggy Nicholson with plus-3.5 each.

The Men's Association played a Pro-Am tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Winning first place was the team of Ron Jensen, Vince Boever, Keith Kincer and Al Farrell with plus-4; and second place, Romy Febre, Johnny Wehunt and Leo Persails with plus-1.5.

Individual winners were: First place, Romy Febre with plus-6; second place, Vince Boever with plus-2; and third place, Harold Lee with plus-3.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Ken Koon; No. 5, Laura Smutnick; No. 12, Keith Kincer; and No. 17, Larry Roy.

A Morning Scramble was played Friday, Nov. 4. Winning first place were Don and Babe McDonald and Cliff Steele.

The Morrison Group played a

SpringLake

The SpringLake Women's Golf Association played a Low Gross/Low Net Flighted Tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

The Low Gross winners were: Flight A - Lou Cannon (86); Flight B - Linda Pflieger (87); Flight C - Grace Albert (92) and Kay Gorham won Flight D with 93.

Dotti Blackwell won Flight A Low Net with 70; Flight B - Terrie Austin (73); Sharon Warner was the Flight C winner with 71 and Dottie Williams won Flight D with 72.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association held an Individual Net - Flighted competition on the Panther Trail course.

First place in the A Flight went to Bo Bohanon who scored a net 64.

Gary Behrendt claimed second place with a net 66.

Third place went to Bob Hinde with a net 69 and Jack Hoerner took fourth place with a net 70.

First place in the B Flight was won by Chips Ryan with a net 65 and second place went to Red Bohanon, who scored a net 66.

There was a tie for third place between Bob Berg and Vern Hoffman at 69.

There was also a tie for fourth place between Gale Monda and Jay Payne, who scored net 71s.

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Sebring 70-and-over Softball League

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING - A senior 70-and-over softball league will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Interested players must have been born in 1943 or before.

It will be a drafted league. Games will be played at the Highlands County Sports Complex on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 10 a.m.

All interested softball players should contact Harry Bell at 382-0452 or see him at the Sports Complex on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Better Breathers group meets today

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — The American Lung Association's Better Breathers Club is a Lung Health Support Club for adults with lung disease and their families and friends. The club offers educational information on COPD, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, sleep apnea and other lung diseases.

The club features different speakers each meeting on topics ranging from living with lung diseases, equipment use, managing and coping with your disease, and more.

The next meeting is

today at noon in Conference Room 3, upstairs at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center in Sebring, on Sun 'n Lake Boulevard. The guest speaker will be Liz Haynes from Hill-Rom. She will be discussing sputum clearance for COPD'ers.

The December meeting will be on the 16th at noon. Dr. Lacson will be talking about preventing pseudomonas from growing on home respiratory equipment.

A healthy snack and beverage will be provided. For more information about the support group call Mike Napper at 402-3450.

Free kidney disease info session set

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Millions of Americans have kidney disease, and many of them don't know it. Fresenius Medical Care is hosting a Treatment Options Program (TOPs) session at no cost for anyone who wants to learn more about chronic kidney disease (CKD), and the different kinds of treatments available today.

The free session will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Health Care Specialists, 130 Medical Center Ave. in Sebring.

Open to the public, Fresenius Medical Care's TOPs is a community education program designed for:

- Chronic kidney disease patients who may need dialysis, or want to be prepared by learning about their treatment options early in the progression of their CKD.
- Existing dialysis patients who are interested in learning about alterna-

tive treatment options.

- Family members, friends and caregivers.
- Anyone at risk for CKD, including:
 - People with diabetes or high blood pressure.
 - Ethnic groups, including African Americans, Asians, Hispanics and Native Americans.
 - Senior citizens.
 - People with a family history of CKD.

At the TOPs session, people facing kidney failure can learn about the treatment options that best suit their health and lifestyle needs. Fresenius Medical Care healthcare professionals will talk about managing CKD, dialysis treatment options, kidney transplants, patient support services and more.

For more information, call toll-free 1-877-TOPSLIFE (1-877-867-7543), email TOPSLIFE@fmc-na.com, or visit www.UltraCare-Dialysis.com/TOPS (in English and Spanish).

Drug boosts 'good' cholesterol in mid-stage trial

Associated Press
ORLANDO — An experimental drug shows promise for raising HDL, or good cholesterol, which helps remove fats from the bloodstream.

Doctors think raising good cholesterol could be the next frontier in fighting heart disease. Most medicines now focus on lowering the bad form.

Eli Lilly and Co.'s evace-

trapib showed good effects on cholesterol in a mid-stage study of 400 people testing the drug by itself or with other cholesterol-lowering drugs. Larger studies are needed to see whether this will prevent heart attacks.

The study was discussed Tuesday at an American Heart Association confer-

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@newsun.com; or mail them to *News-Sun* Community Calendar, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

FRIDAY

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 314-0891.
- **American Legion Post 25** hosts a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Cost is \$6. Shrimp also is available for same price. Open to the public. Tickets in the lounge on Friday night. Lounge hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.
- **American Legion Post 74** has karaoke from 7 p.m. until final call at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Post open at noon. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. For details, call 471-1448.
- **Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club** meets 7 a.m., Rotary Club building.
- **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.
- **Buttonwood Bay Squares** meets first and third Friday in recreation hall, Sebring. Early rounds are from 7-7:30 p.m., alternate
- mainstream/plus/rounds are from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For details, call Larry Gow at 382-6995.
- **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 Moose** serves wings, fish and burgers at 6 p.m. Music provided from 7-11 p.m. Pool tournament is at 8 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.
- **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Karaoke from 7-10 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.
- **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863)

- 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.
- **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Fridays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.
- **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves chicken or fish baskets from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring, for a \$4 donation. Blind darts is played at 7 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.
- **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** serving buffet dinner at 5-7 p.m. Elks and guests invited. Dance music in ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and dance is \$10 donation. For reservations, call 385-8647 or 471-3557. Smoke-free environment. Lounge is open from 1-10 p.m.
- **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.
- **Sebring Recreation Club** plays bridge at 12:30 p.m. and table tennis at 4 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave. For details, call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880**, 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. Texas Hold 'em lessons, 2 p.m. For more details, call 699-5444.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves pizza from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 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.

SATURDAY

- **American Association of University Women** meets at 10 a.m. third Saturday at various locations. For details, call 465-2581 or 452-2493.
- **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 Lakes Association** has a pancake breakfast on the third Saturday of every month. \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. The clubhouse is at 2714 Nautilus Drive in Avon Park.
- **Avon Park Public Library** has a free Adult Film Series at noon. For details, call 452-3803.
- **Heartland Avian Society** meets at 1 p.m. third Saturday at various homes or a restaurant. Pet bird owners meet to share food and fellowship and take occasional field trips. Looking for other bird owners

- to join us. For details, call Sharol at 465-7350.
- **Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** provides free assisted riding sessions for adults and children with special needs from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 118 W. College Drive, Avon Park. For details or to volunteer, call Mary McClelland, coordinator, 452-0006.
- **Highlands Shrine Club**, 2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) has a flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., country store open from 8 a.m. to noon and pancake breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Vendors are welcome. No setup fee is charged for the summer months. Plenty of off road parking. For details, call 382-2208.
- **Historical Society of Greater Lake Placid** meets at noon quarterly on the third Saturday of March, June, September, and December at the Masonic Hall, 106 N. Main for a potluck luncheon.
- **Hot Rod Nights Cruise In**, meets from 5-8 p.m. every third Saturday at the Home Depot parking lot in Sebring. For details, call 441-3051 or 441-3086.
- **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 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.
- **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Oak Street, Lake Placid. For more details, call 382-1821.
- **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves dinner from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Music is from 7-10 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.
- **Sebring Moose Club 2259** offers line dancing lessons at 2 p.m. the first and third Saturday for members and guests at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.
- **Twelve Step Study Group for Adult Children of Alcoholics** meets at 11 a.m. first and third Saturday, at first building south of Union Congregational Church, 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. Spaghetti dinner and karaoke at 5:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. For more details,

- call 699-5444.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves a meal for \$6 from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

SUNDAY

- **American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.
- **American Legion Post 74** open 1-8 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Post is at 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Call 471-1448.
- **Heartland Interfaith Alliance** meets 1:30 p.m., first Friday, St. Frances of Assisi Episcopal Church, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid. For details, call 465-0051.
- **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** lounge is open from 1-7 p.m. Card games start at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.
- **Lake Placid Moose** has karaoke in the pavilion. Horseshoes played at 9:30 a.m. Food available at 4 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.
- **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Cards start at 4 p.m. Music outside Tiki Hut at 3 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.
- **Overeaters Anonymous**, meets from 4-5 p.m. in second floor conference room No. 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 382-7731. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For details on the organization, go to www.oa.org.
- **Ridge - Area Missionary Soldiers Avon Park Pathfinder Club** meets from 9 a.m. to noon every first and third Sunday at 58 E. Sixth St., Avon Park. For details, call 471-2143.
- **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves lunch at 2 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-4007.
- **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** offers NASCAR racing in the pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Bar open and kitchen open from 2-5 p.m. Lodge is at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.
- **Society for Creative Anachronism (Local Chapter: Shire of Stagridge)** meets at 2 p.m. first and third Sunday at Brewer's Coffee House on U.S. 27 in Sebring. For details, call 214-5522.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880** serves hamburgers from 4-5:30 p.m. and plays poker at 5:30 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For details, call 699-5444.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** Karaoke is from 5-8 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

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Coffee, tea, or... diabetes?

Studies show black coffee has its benefits

Dear Pharmacist: I read your Diabetes Without Drugs book, and I am on Step 3 feeling better, and have lost 18 pounds. I was surprised to see such positive remarks about coffee, you really seem to approve of that for diabetics. Why? Everything I hear is that it's bad. Thanks,



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

nine cups per day, (which I'm not advocating) and you'll sleep with your eyes wide open. Seriously, 7-9 cups, and those percentages increase to 33 and 66 percent respectively.

Another study conducted by the University of Sydney in Australia found that a similar daily intake of tea resulted in a 20 percent reduction in the risk for developing diabetes.

Now, percolate on this—a very recent Harvard study also found that consuming five cups a day slashed the risk for diabetes.

The scientists found that certain compounds could reduce blood levels of a nasty inflammation substance (interleukin-6) by 60 percent.

Just FYI, blood vessel inflammation plays some role in the development of coronary heart disease, so this is a very significant finding.

How can this be you ask? I know, we've all heard the litany of dangers associated with coffee consumption: Elevated blood pressure, cholesterol, and homocysteine levels (another inflam-



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mation mediator), vasoconstriction, jitteriness, and anxiety which sometimes causing one to hallucinate the aforementioned aliens.

Well, as it turns out, these are believed to be only short-term effects. Long-term effects are much better. In fact, the study cites that there isn't a clear long-term impact on blood pressure.

And zapping the interleukin-6 and the inflammation it causes may be why the temporary elevations of cholesterol are rendered innocuous, since it's believed that the only reason cholesterol clings to your artery walls is because of... drum roll ... inflammation.

A new study from the Archives of Internal Medicine concluded that women who drink four cups

of coffee a day have a 20 percent lower risk of developing depression.

A similar study previously done in Finland also correlated caffeine consumption among men with lower incidences of depression and suicide.

Take it leded like I do, you fellow wild-eyed bean

lovers.

Decaf coffee does not produce similar results.

Suzy Cohen is a registered pharmacist and the author. For more information, visit www.DearPharmacist.com. This information is not intended to treat, diagnose or cure your condition.

Blood type may affect stroke risk, study finds

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**
AP Chief Medical Writer
ORLANDO — Your blood type might affect your risk for stroke.

A study suggests that people with type AB and women with B may be a little more likely to suffer one than people with O blood, the most common type.

This is based on observing 90,000 people in two health studies that have gone on for more than 20 years. Doctors say this doesn't prove a link, but other research ties blood type to the risk of bleeding, heart attacks and blood clots in the legs.

Doctors suggest that people worried about being at higher risk might want to keep their blood pressure and cholesterol in line.

The study was discussed Wednesday at an American Heart Association conference.

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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday celebration and it will be led by Deacon David Thoresen at the morning service. Lector/Assistant is Jim Fiedler.

Thursday weekly Bible study is canceled until Dec. 1.

Atonement will be hosting the ELCA Fall Lake Conference meeting on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Come meet, greet and fellowship with ELCA officers and other church representatives in the district. Brunch 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 — "That I may proclaim with the voice of Thanksgiving, all Your wondrous works" (Psalm 26:7) will be the Sunday morning message presented by Minister Larry Roberts.

The Sunday night service will be a devotional in the multi-purpose room with a finger food fellowship to follow.

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

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday morning, Pastor Scott McLean will be preaching a sermon entitled "A Vision of Life."

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

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "Witnesses of Truth: Part 2" at the Sunday morning service.

The Wednesday night Bible study will not meet on Nov. 23.

Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — It's not too late to enroll your child in 'Parent's Time Out,' scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3, from 1-5 p.m. This is a time for parents to bring their kindergarten through fifth grade children for an afternoon of fun while the parents can get other things done in preparation for the holidays. There will be games, crafts, movies, and snacks. This free event is open to the public but space is limited so please call before Monday, Nov. 28 to reserve your spot at 465-7065.

There is no Lunch Bunch scheduled for November or December, the next one will be Jan. 26, 2012 at the Olive Garden in Sebring.

Eastside Christian Church is at 101 Peace Ave. in Lake Placid, two miles east of U.S. 27 on C.R. 621.

Snapshots

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "The Story That Every One Should Know, Part II." The Scripture will be taken from Matthew 25:31-46.

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: "Sheep & Goats" from Matthew 25:231-46.

Faith's Closet Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Closed Sunday and Monday.

First Baptist Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — The Rev. Jon Beck will be speaking in the Sunday morning service. There is no evening service due to the church-wide Thanksgiving meal.

The church is at 100 N. Lake Avenue. Email info@fbcap.net or visit www.fbcap.net/.

First Christian Church - Avon Park

AVON PARK — Thanksgiving is a time where we gather with family and friends that we might not see as often as we wish we could and it would be a wonderful time this Thanksgiving to "Improve Your Witness for Christ." That is the title of Pastor Greg's sermon this week, with text coming from 1 Peter 2:12.

There will not be Bible study this Wednesday evening and the church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday.

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@embarq-mail.com. The website is www.firstchristianap.com/.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Juanita Roberts and Linda Ellis. Communion will be served by Carol Chandler, Franny Goff and Gretchen Ames.

Joe and Joyce Winstel are the greeters today. Serving as acolyte for the month of November will be Heaven Kunsak.

Carol Graves and Ann Van Covering will be working with Children's Church the whole month of November.

Pastor Ron's sermon is titled "Thanksgiving" and the Scripture is from I Corinthians 1:1-9.

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 "It Is Good to Give Thanks" based on Psalm 92.

Special music will be provided by Bob and Maxine Johnson.

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.

The Town Hall meeting will be at 4 p.m. to discuss the 2012 budget.

On Wednesday, Bible study, entitled "The Basics of the Faith", will be led by Pastor Bob Johnson. There will be no choir practice.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, "Hanging of the Greens" will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

Christmas decorating in the sanctuary is Monday at 9 a.m.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. AC Bryant will bring a Thanksgiving Sunday morning message "God is Able" with the Scripture from II Corinthians 9:8.

No Wednesday evening dinner and Bible studies next week.

Listen Live on WITS-AM 1340 each Sunday to hear the worship service.

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

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Resurrection of Jesus

Guest Column

Frank Parker

"And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished." (First Corinthians 15:17,18) The Spirit through the pen of Paul sets forth in clear language the importance and power of the risen Messiah.

This doctrine permeates the gospel of Christ and is fundamental in the scheme of redemption. As was the case in the first century so it is today there are those (in and out of Christendom) who claim that Jesus was not crucified and therefore was not raised from the dead.

"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." (1 Corinthians 15:20) Then observe the array of witnesses listed in verses 5-8. It is interesting to note the writing of a self appointed "prophet" some 600 years after the resurrection: "And because of their saying: We slew the Messiah Jesus son of Mary, Allah's messenger - They slew him not nor crucified, but it appeared so unto them; and lo! those who disagree concerning it are in doubt thereof save pursuit of a conjecture; they slew him not for certain." (Qur'an, Surah IV, 157).

Contrast this to Jesus' own statement in Matthew 20:18,19 and the apostles in Acts 2 regarding the death and resurrection of the Messiah.

Ahmed Deedat, a Muslim writer, stated: "Let me give you a quick summary of the points we have discussed so far, concluding that Jesus Christ was neither killed nor was he crucified, as alleged by the Christians and the

Jews, but he was alive!" (Crucifixion or Crucifiction, page 78, written in 1984). Then he lists 30 points in an effort to verify his claim that Jesus was not crucified/died.

Yahiya Emerick stated, "So in their anger they plotted to crucify him on a Roman cross. But Jesus slipped from their grip at the last moment, and all the while they thought they had succeeded. They were sure they had killed him, but God answered Jesus' prayer and saved him from their schemes. Confusion overtook the mob and they might have killed the man who betrayed Jesus instead. In any case, Jesus escaped from their grasp." (Who Was Jesus?)

Once again, it is refreshing and uplifting to read in the four gospel accounts of eyewitnesses of the death and burial of the Lamb of God.

The 12 stood boldly on Pentecost in Jerusalem and declared the resurrection of Jesus: "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know - Him, being

delivered by the determined council and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death because it was not possible that He should be held by it." (Acts 2:22-24).

This was within 50 days of Jesus' death and resurrection and these claims were not refuted. In fact, some 3,000 souls (verses 36-41) were convicted of the Truth proclaimed.

As further evidence of the power of the resurrection of the Messiah, Peter proclaimed; "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (First Peter 1:3) This event changed dejection, disillusion, hopelessness and despair into a burning zeal that knew no bounds. They spread the teachings of the Christ throughout the world with rapidity unequaled in history. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable." (First Corinthians 15:19)

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RELIGION

Church News

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Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Church is at 200 Lark Ave. in the Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

Tuesday home Bible study: The Future Revealed, Revelation 23.

Sunday, Pastor Zimmer continues the river renewal series "Making the Wilderness a Pasture."

The church website is www.gracepointeministries.net/. The church will begin a weekly radio broadcast of the morning worship service on 1390 AM. Freedom will also air twice a week per weekday.

Heartland Christian

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this Sunday morning will be: "How to get a Thanksgiving Blessing," with Scripture from: 1 Peter 3:8-12.

The service will also include The Heartland Singers singing "The Unclouded Day;" Roland Bates singing "The Flowers -The Sunset-The Trees" and a reading by Estelle Whitmer of "Little Boy's Prayer."

Adult Sunday school is led by Fran VanHooreweghe

Tuesday adult Bible study is

RELIGION GUIDELINES: The *News-Sun* publishes religion news on Fridays. The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in the following Friday's paper.

Submit items to the *News-Sun's* from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; fax to 385-2453; send e-mail to editor@newssun.com; or mail to Lifestyle Editor, *News-Sun*, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. For information, call 385-6155, ext. 516.

"Living on the Edge" taught by Pastor Ted Moore.

Wednesday young Adult and children's programs are taught by George Kelly, Amanda and Jon Armentrout and Toby Cribbs.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South in Sebring (behind Publix). Call 314-9693.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Sunday is Laity Sunday Service and United Methodist Student Day.

Pastor Fred will preach at the heritage (traditional) service and the combined service.

Middle and High School Youth will be combined in the Lighthouse from 5-7 p.m. for pizza and game night.

The church will have the Lake Placid Community Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the

Sanctuary.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. Call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "Praying As God's People" is taken from Matthew 6:5-15 (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the Sunday morning and evening messages.

The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and Bible study in the book of Ecclesiastes.

Resurrection Lutheran Church

AVON PARK — On Sunday, Pastor John Grodzinski's sermon will be based on the Gospel of Mark.

The church is at the intersection

of Memorial and Main Street in Avon Park.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — "Christ the King" will be the topic for Sunday morning's sermon.

Small Steps 4 Health is at 10 a.m. Monday.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, Pastor Keith Simmons will be preaching on "Humble Thanks." The Scripture reading will be from Matthew 6:25-34.

Sunday school will be studying "Witnesses of the Community," with Scripture taken from 1 Timothy 2:3, 4:1-5.

Southside Baptist Church

SEBRING — "Angels to Carry Me Home" is the title of the message the Rev. David Altman will give in the Sunday morning worship service. Children's church and a nursery are available.

The Sunday evening worship hour will continue in a focus on prayer.

The church is at 379 S. Commerce Ave. Call 385-0752.

Spring Lake Pesbyterian

SEBRING — "Have a Heart" is the title of the Sunday morning sermon, given by the Rev. Don Davis. The Scripture will be taken from Philippians 4:10-20.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane. Sunday morning service starts at 9:55 a.m. The Rev. Weaver's sermon will be "Give Thanks to God." Potluck will follow the service.

The Way Church

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum will be preaching a Thanksgiving message on Sunday morning.

The Difference Makers Youth meet Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Sunday, Nov. 19 will be Thanksgiving Dinner at Highlands Hammock State Park.

The Way Church is at 1005 North Ridgewood Drive. Church phone is 471-6140. Pastor's cell phone is 273-3674. For church information and the pastor's messages, go to www.thewaychurch.org/.

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Lorida** located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida's is "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 Buatista 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@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Masses - Daily Masses 8 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday. Weekend Masses 4 and 5 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Saturday Spanish Mass (Holy Family Youth Center), 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, noon Sunday Mass; 5 p.m. Sunday English Family Mass (Holy Family Youth Center). Confession: every Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. or first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment with any priest.

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

CHRISTIAN

■ **Eastside Christian Church**,

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

■ **The Alliance Church of Sebring**, 4451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

RELIGION

Bishops say government eroding religious liberty

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

BALTIMORE — U.S. Roman Catholic bishops vowed Monday to defend their religious liberty in the face of growing acceptance of gay marriage and what they called attempts by secularists to marginalize faith.

Bishop William Lori, leader of a new national religious liberty committee, condemned federal and state policies that he said interfered with the church's ability to provide social services, from health care to immigrant support to international aid.

In Illinois, government officials stopped working with Catholic Charities on adoptions and foster-care placements after 40 years because the agency refused to recognize a new civil union law. Illinois bishops had sued the state but on Monday said

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they would stop the legal fight and no longer provide state-funded services.

In New York, the bishops, along with Orthodox Jewish leaders and others, have complained that the religious exception in this year's law allowing gay marriage is too weak to be effective.

On the federal level, the bishops have been pressing the Health and Human Services Department during its public comment period for a broader religious exception to part of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul that mandates private insurers pay for contraception.

"We should not be obliged to provide services or other

initiatives that are contrary to our conscience," said Lori, bishop of Bridgeport, Conn. "We don't need the government forcing our hand."

Archbishop Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the bishops are not just reacting to Obama's policies, but to a broader society in a "drive to neuter religion" and "push religion back into the sacristy."

"That's a cultural issue that the church has been concerned about forever, not just in the United States," Dolan said.

But Dolan said he discussed the church's concerns with Obama when the two

men met last week in the Oval Office. The archbishop said Obama was "extraordinarily friendly" and "very ardent" in reassuring Dolan that the administration would look into the problems.

"I left there feeling a bit more at peace with this issue than when I entered," Dolan said.

Religious freedom was the main focus at the fall meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which has public sessions through Tuesday.

The new religious liberty committee that church leaders formed met for the first time. Anthony Picarello, general counsel for the confer-

ence, will oversee that work, which will include hiring a lobbyist and another attorney.

Picarello had worked for seven years at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a public-interest law firm based in Washington, and also served on an advisory committee for Obama's Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Bishops hope to persuade federal lawmakers to retain the Defense of Marriage Act, which passed in 1996, and launched a new website called Marriageuniquefora reason.org. Obama has said his administration would no longer defend the law, calling it "counter to the

Constitution." Bishops said it was wrong to describe their religious convictions as discrimination.

"The church has nothing against compromise, but we can't compromise principle," Dolan said.

The bishops are confronting the Health and Human Services Department on another front. The government agency recently decided not to renew a contract held since 2006 by the bishops' refugee services office to help victims of human trafficking.

The American Civil Liberties Union is suing to stop the agency from making grants to groups who "impose religiously based restrictions on reproductive health services" for human trafficking victims. The women are often raped and forced into prostitution by their captors.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.** Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail redemer1895@aol.com Web site: 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 Kindel, pastor. Traditional Worship service, 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes: 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Faily of Faith.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 4348 Schumacher Road, Sebring, one mile west of Wal-Mart. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-1163.

■ **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church,** 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife-sebring.com.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA,** 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Preschool director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 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.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church,** 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

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

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA),** 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Informal service, 8 a.m.; traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@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 Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 8 and 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary; contemporary worship is at 11 a.m. Sunday school classes for adults is at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and for all ages, adults and children, at 9:45 a.m. in the educational building. Wednesday: 6:45 p.m., youth group (middle and high school), and nursery and children's ministry; 7 p.m., adult small group Bible study. Children/youth music ministry (Thursday): grades 3-5 chimes, 2:30 p.m.; grades 3-5

choir, 3:15 p.m.; grades 6-12 handbells, 3:15 p.m. Bible Counseling available by appointment, 699-0132. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship.** Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday:

Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmy-sebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office, 465-2422 or www.memorialumc.com. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313.

■ **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.; Adult Sunday School, 11 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

Event canceled

AVON PARK — The Special Christmas Celebration, featuring recording artist Judy Peterson scheduled for Dec. 16 at Faith Pentecostal House of God Inc. in Avon Park has been canceled.

Church having Thanksgiving dinner

SEBRING — Faith Lutheran Church will again be hosting a free Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day. This meal is for those of any age group — singles, couples and families that were alone or in need. Meals can also be delivered to shut ins. No monetary donations will be accepted on Thanksgiving Day from those who are eating, this is not a fundraiser.

There is only one requirement to qualify for the church dinner, make a reservation by Monday. Call the church and let us know how many will be attending or how many meals you will need delivered. Dinner will be served from noon to 3 p.m. Please call the church Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 385-7848.

Bethel Baptist plans Thanksgiving service

LAKE PLACID — A special Thanksgiving service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Bethel Baptist Church in Lake Placid.

There will be a time of singing, prayer, special testimonies of how the Lord has blessed during the past year and the many things we thank Him for.

The service will conclude with Pastor Hankins giving a message about thanking God for His bountiful blessings.

The church is at 216 E. Park St. Call 633-9294.

Yard sale set for Saturday

LAKE PLACID — The Women on Missions at

Placid Lakes Baptist Church will be holding their yard sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The funds will support the Lottie Moon Mission Fund.

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

Saint James Parish anticipates celebrating the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

LAKE PLACID — The Parish of Saint James Catholic Church in Lake Placid anticipates celebrating the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming for the new candidates.

This Rite is a first step for adults to officially express their desire to become members of the Catholic Church. Pastor, Father Michael Cannon will be the Celebrant. The Rite will take place on Sunday during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, which is The Feast of Christ the King. The sponsors will introduce their candidate to the community of St. James.

Following their introduction, Fr. Cannon will ask each individual, "What do you ask of the church?" The common response is, "faith." The purpose of the Rite is to affirm that each individual is ready to proceed and continue on their journey of faith.

After affirmation by the sponsors and assembly, the candidates are signed with the sign of the cross on their forehead by Fr. Cannon. Later in the Rite, they will be presented with the Book of the Gospels. Fr. Cannon will say to each individual "(Name), receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ." The sponsor will then place the candidate's hand on the Book and say: "(Name), find in this Word, faith." The candidates will also be blessed by Fr. Cannon and the parish community and wel-

comed into the Catechumenate. The parish community of St. James will declare its commitment to assist the candidates to "find and follow Christ."

Interfaith Thanksgiving service is Sunday

SEBRING — The annual Sebring area community interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday in the Sebring Church of the Brethren (across the street from The Palms).

Entitled "Dwelling Together in Unity," the service will feature several musical groups and instrumentalists. They include The Sounds of Sebring; soloist Carol Kline; and the Wings of Faith choir and the reading of the original Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1623.

Also participating are representatives from many churches and organizations. They include: Rev. Cecil Hess, The Palms of Sebring and The Church of Buttonwood Bay; Rev. Keith Simmons, host pastor; Bishop Steve Austin, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Rev. Mr. Max Severe, St. Catherine Catholic Church; Rev. Jimmy Baker, Londa Church of the Brethren; Mr. David Averill, St. John United Methodist Church; Rev. A.C. Bryant, First United Methodist Church; Chaplain James Langham, Good Shepherd Hospice; Dr. Wes Johnston, Heartland Christian School; Rabbi Lorraine Rudenberg and Mr. Howard Salles, Temple Israel; Rev. Darrell Peer, First Presbyterian Church; and Rev. Ron Norton, First Christian Church.

This service is unique in that it brings together worshippers from all major faiths. It is sponsored by the Sebring Ministerial Association. A freewill offering will be used to benefit needy families in the Sebring area. The public is invited.

I don't mind flying it's airports I can't stand

Guest Column

Rev. James L. Snyder

Recently, I needed to make a trip to visit some relatives. These days, the way the economy and gas prices are it turns out to be cheaper to fly. Even though, airlines no longer serve the delicious food of which they became famous.

Several aspects about airplanes that give me cause for alarm. The person who designed the modern-day airplane must have used one of the dwarfs for a model. I'm thinking, Grumpy. The seats, for example, are not built for the average posterior. I know I need to go on a diet but my airplane seat does not have to remind me of that auspicious fact.

The restrooms do not have any room whatsoever to rest in them. The last one I was in I had to step outside in order to change my mind. What were they thinking when they designed and built these restrooms?

Personally, I think it is a conspiracy on the part of the entire airline industry to harass those of us who are diminutive challenged.

However, I can live with some of these inconveniences. I do not really mind flying it is the airports that I cannot stand.

If there were some way to fly the friendly skies and eliminate airports I would be a happy flyer.

It has been a while since I flew the friendly skies and so I had forgotten some of the airport rigmarole that paying customers must go through. I am surprised with all of the fees associated with flying these days someone has not come up with the bright idea of charging a fee for everyone to be patted down.

In order to get to the airplane you have to go through a very sophisticated technological gateway. I had forgotten how thoroughly they check out their passengers.

Everything needs placed into a tray, which then goes through a scanner to make sure nobody is transporting a bomb in his or her baggage.

Then comes the dangerous part.

Everybody has to take off his or her shoes, which makes the whole airport smell as if some bomb did go off. Not only shoes, but also everybody has to empty their

pockets and take off all jewelry.

Then, after putting all of my stuff in these trays, I was to walk through an archway to make sure I was not transporting a bomb in my underwear.

As I walked through the archway the buzzer went off.

"Sir, do you have anything in your pockets?"

I looked and found a pen, so I had to take that out and put in a tray.

Again, I walked through and the buzzer went off again.

"Sir, is there anything else in your pockets?"

My wallet with credit cards and such things, which I did not realize was setting the buzzer off. I placed my wallet into the tray and then walked to the archway again.

The buzzer went off again.

At this point I was a little confused because I did not know what else I could take off. Therefore, I took off my sweater. Maybe something in the buttons that the archway did not like.

Then the man on the other side of the archway spied what he thought was the trouble and said, "Sir, you have to take off your suspenders."

"Say what?" I said in alarm.

"You have to remove your suspenders."

I looked at the man and then said, "You do know the purpose of suspenders, don't you?"

With a distant disdain in his voice he simply said, "Sir, you will have to remove your suspenders."

By the tone of his voice, I ascertained that he did not have the foggiest idea of the purpose of a gentleman's suspenders. I wear suspenders because they are fashionable, comfortable and serve a vital purpose for me.

I looked at him and said, "Have you ever heard of wardrobe malfunction?"

"Sir," he said in a practiced monotone, "you will have to remove your suspenders."

I saw no way around this obstacle and if I wanted to get onto the airplane, I would need to go through this archway. Slowly I took off my suspenders and put them in a tray to send through the scanner.

The archway buzzer did not go off this time, which was a relief to me, but once I was through the archway things happened. As I reached for the tray on the conveyor, I suddenly felt a gentle breeze, heard several shrieks behind me and felt something grab my ankles.

Wardrobe malfunction! Sure, you can grab your trousers and pulled them up but you still have to live with the fact that you actually mooned potential fellow passengers on the airplane.

I am not sure which is worse. A bomb in your underwear, or, your underwear on display.

After adjusting everything and picking up my briefcase, I noticed several people pointing in my direction and laughing. Believe me, a wardrobe malfunction is not anything to laugh at unless of course it happens to someone else.

Sitting in the airplane waiting to take off a verse of Scripture dominated my thinking.

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world," (John 16:33 KJV).

Whatever our tribulations might be, we can rest unabashed in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

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Library denies permission for nativity scene

Associated Press
SPRINGHILL, La. — Plans to include a living nativity scene in the courtyard of the Springhill Branch Library have stirred controversy in this northern Louisiana city.

Letha Dew, who is leading Christmas season planning for the Main Street community program, said library officials refused to permit anything with "religious tones" on the library grounds.

The nativity scene by a First Assembly of God youth group will appear next month on the triangle-shaped property at the head of Main Street owned by the city of Springhill.

It will be among the numerous church, choir and handbell groups spread out up and down Main Street to entice visitors to walk the area and take part in the holiday spirit.

"They said we could not have anything there that had religious icons or religious tones, but I understood her to say anything religious-based or sponsored, which a nativity scene would be," Dew said of her conversation with the unidentified library manager.

Beverly Hammett, Webster Parish Library System director, said Tuesday that she would release a statement on the library's position but was

awaiting advice of legal counsel.

Should library officials reverse their decision, Dew is open to using the library's

property.

"If there are no restrictions, then most definitely we'll move something there," Dew said.



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Bride-to-be is feeling blue because fiance hates orange

Dear Abby: My fiance, "Todd," and I have been together for four years. He proposed this summer and our wedding is planned for next year. I thought planning our wedding would be



Dear Abby

have moved in. They've been together for so long, this may just be their way of communicating, but I can't put up with the long days and sleepless nights. It's beginning to wear on

my sanity.

How do I tell them I appreciate them for letting me stay, but I can no longer take the constant fighting?

— Thanks, But No Thanks

DEAR TBNT: Thank them for their hospitality and for offering to share their lovely home with you, but that you will be moving to a place of your own. If they ask you why, tell them that you love them both, but the long days and sleepless nights when they argue are preventing you from getting the rest you need. It's the truth, and it probably won't be the first time they've heard it.

Dear Abby: I am a middle-aged woman who is Baptist by faith. I believe that when I die I will go to heaven. My problem is, if going to heaven means being reunited with my parents and other family members, then I don't want to go! The idea of spending eternity with them is more than I can stand, but I don't want to go to hell, either. Any thoughts?

— Eternally Confused in Mississippi

Dear Eternally Confused in Mississippi: Yes. When you reach the pearly gates, talk this over with St. Peter. Perhaps he would be willing to place you in a different wing than the one your parents and other family members are staying in. And in the meantime, discuss this with your minister.

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George Clooney, from left, Shailene Woodley and Amara Miller star in 'The Descendants.'

Merie Wallace/Fox Searchlight/MCT

Clooney manages chaos in 'The Descendants'

By CHRISTY LEMIRE

AP Movie Critic

Alexander Payne makes movies about men on the brink — of a nervous breakdown, of personal or professional ruin and, ultimately, maybe even some hard-earned peace. That was true of Matthew Broderick's scheming teacher in "Election," Jack Nicholson's searching retiree in "About Schmidt" and Paul Giamatti's sloppy oenophile in "Sideways," and it's certainly true of George Clooney in "The Descendants."

As real-estate lawyer Matt King, he finds everything in his life is in flux and on the verge of collapse simultaneously. He isn't just functioning one day at a time, he's navigating the chaos one hour at a time. This isn't any easier even though he lives in Hawaii, a place that's supposed to be paradise.

Clooney being Clooney, though, he makes every stage of his character's arc believable, from grief through anger and eventual acceptance, and he gives a performance that's so understated as to appear effortless. Having long ago learned to jettison movie-star vanity to play varied, challenging parts — and having turned 50 this year — Clooney now seems comfortable portraying regular guys with regular problems. What Matt must endure cumulatively is extraordinary, but elements of his journey will surely resonate with ordinary folks.



Movie Review

'The Descendants'

Rating: R (language including some sexual references)

Running time: 115 minutes

Review: ★★★ (of 4)

Matt's wife, Elizabeth, is lying in a hospital bed in a coma following a boating accident. By all accounts, she's been a bit of a wild child her whole life, but now there isn't much hope that she's going to make it. Matt, who hasn't been the most available or hands-on father, must now take care of the couple's two daughters on his own: 17-year-old boarding school rebel Alexandra (Shailene Woodley) and 10-year-old troublemaker Scottie (Amara Miller).

Matt and the girls must make the rounds to friends and family to explain there isn't much time left for Elizabeth and to give them a

chance to say their good-byes. This process would seem wrenching enough, but Alexandra insists on making it even more difficult by bringing along her idiot boyfriend, Sid (Nick Krause), for moral support.

Then she drops another bombshell on her father: Elizabeth was having an affair at the time of her accident. Matt is understandably incensed by the discovery, but he's also curious to find out who this guy is, and his bumbling attempts at casual stalking provide some much-needed comic relief.

As if all this weren't enough to handle, Matt's enormous family has put him in charge of deciding what to do with the 25,000 acres of pristine land on Kauai that they've inherited from their royal Hawaiian ancestors. A deadline is looming to choose whether to sell it to developers, and to whom, and for how much; this burden of privilege is what gives the film, based on the novel by Kauai Hart Hemmings, its title. (Payne adapted the script with Nat Faxon and Jim Rash.)

Matt wades through all these troubles, and while everything would seem to be at stake at once, Payne's pacing is often so languid that we don't feel the sort of

mounting tension that we should. Maybe it has something to do with the laid-back setting (although it is novel to see this beautiful place through the eyes of everyday residents, rather than tourists). "The Descendants" also loses some of its power in the frequent use of voiceover, which tends to spell out too much.

But the story keeps you guessing as to where it will go, and it features some piercing moments of emotional truth. The casting of Matthew Lillard as the other man is an unexpected and inspired choice, and the inevitable confrontation with him takes some surprising turns; this is also true of the interactions with his wife, played by Judy Greer.

This is, of course, Clooney's show — he's in nearly every moment of the film, and he delivers a doozy of a moment-of-truth speech — but both young actresses who play his daughters hold their own beautifully with him.

Woodley in particular shows a confident spark as her character believably develops from a state of bitter resentment to mature responsibility.

The last shot indicates how all three of them have changed with quiet uplift.

'Oz' Munchkin Karl Slover dies at 93

Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ga. — Karl Slover, one of the last surviving actors who played Munchkins in the 1939 classic film, "The Wizard of Oz," has died. He was 93.

The 4-foot-5 Slover died of cardiopulmonary arrest Tuesday afternoon in a central Georgia hospital, said Laurens County Deputy Coroner Nathan Stanley. According to friends, as recently as last weekend, Slover appeared at events in the suburban Chicago area.

Slover was best known for playing the lead trumpeter in the Munchkins' band but also had roles as a townsman and soldier in the film, said John Fricke, author of "100 Years of Oz" and five other books on the movie and its star, Judy Garland. Slover was one of the tiniest male Munchkins in the movie.

Long after Slover retired, he continued to appear around the country at festivals and events related to the movie. He was one of seven Munchkins at the 2007 unveiling of a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame dedicated to the little people in the movie. Only three remain of the 124 diminutive actors who played the beloved Munchkins.

"He has a genuine immortality," Fricke said. "Of the 124 little people, he's one of the handful who got to enjoy this latter-day fame, to have people know who he was and be able to pick him out of the crowd in the movie."

Slover is the first of the three trumpeters to herald the Munchkin mayor when he makes his entrance. Slover had been cast to play the second trumpeter but switched when another actor got stage fight during filming, said longtime friend Allen Pease.

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Jason Segel and Amy Adams star in "The Muppets" which hits theaters Nov. 23

EVERYONE LOVES THE MUPPETS

Wacky characters have cross-generational appeal and inspire cameos by celebrities of all ages

BY MERRIE LEININGER
McClatchy-Tribune

In the '70s and '80s "The Muppet Show" was required viewing, in part because each week one of the most popular faces of the age — such as Elton John, Mark Hamill or Paul Simon — was sharing the stage with Kermit, Fozzie and Miss Piggy.

The first season of the show in 1976 was a wild risk — would adults watch a prime-time show about puppets? Creator and director Jim Henson called in favors from friends and coworkers to get stars to appear in the series.

Rita Moreno was one of the first guests to sit on that wall with Kermit, and she got her EGOT — receiving all four major entertainment awards — when she won an Emmy for her singing, dancing and acting in episode 105 of "The Muppet Show."

By season two, the show was a hit and drawing celebrities such as Steve Martin, who brought his banjo. Martin also later appeared in "The Muppet Movie" as a snooty waiter serving Piggy and Kermit.

After the show became spectacularly popular, the biggest celebrities of the day were approaching the producers about starring alongside Kermit and singing with Rowlf. Harry Belafonte, Diana Ross, Carol Burnett and Christopher Reeve all appeared on the show.

Brooke Shields was the youngest guest star ever to appear on the show, when she appeared in the fifth season at age 14. She also got hit on by Rizzo the rat in a diner scene during "The Muppets Take Manhattan."

Now kids who grew up with the Muppets are having their dreams of singing alongside Kermit realized.

Jason Segel ("How I Met Your Mother") gets the credit for bringing the Muppets back to the big screen. He pitched his idea to Disney after performing a puppet vampire musical in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall." He co-wrote, co-produced and is starring in the new film. He said that the set had



Chris Cooper, left, plays bad guy Tex Richman in "The Muppets."

more visitors than anything he's ever worked on — people clamored to meet Kermit and Piggy.

"I must say, there is something intrinsic of anyone who grew up with the Muppets. They have a wild love for the Muppets that comes out as soon as they come to set. Almost everybody legitimately freaked out," Segel said in an interview with MTV News. "I think the thing that was the coolest was seeing Academy Award winner Chris Cooper — he's not a cameo; he's our villain. But this guy is one of the best actors alive, and to see him talking to these Muppets, looking them straight in the eye and laughing, there's a puppeteer right next to the Muppet, operating the puppet, but he looks straight at the puppet, and to see that that even happens to someone like Chris Cooper, it reaffirmed everything that I was working for."

The thrust of "The Muppets," in theaters Nov. 23, involves the gang getting back together and recruiting celebrities to revive the old variety show, so there's a whole new generation of stars who pop up in this film, from Amy Adams ("Enchanted"), who co-stars with Segel, to John Krasinski ("The Office"), Donald Glover ("Community"), singers Katy Perry and Selena Gomez, and Rico Rodriguez ("Modern Family").

Kermit the Frog

(Originally voiced by Jim Henson)

Created for Jim Henson's TV show "Sam and Friends," which aired in 5-minute segments from 1955 to 1961. Kermit later went on to "Sesame Street," where he had memorable appearances as a news reporter and singing "(It's Not That Easy) Bein' Green." But his star was born when he became host of "The Muppet Show," which also is where Miss Piggy began pursuing him, frequently to his dismay. Fozzie Bear entered the fray on "The Muppet Show," as Kermit's best friend. From "The Muppet Show," the gang,



led by Kermit, starred in a series of movies on the big screen, including "The Muppet Movie," "The Great Muppet Caper" and "The Muppets Take Manhattan." **Catchphrase:** "Hi-ho, Kermit the Frog here!"

Miss Piggy

(Originally voiced by Frank Oz)

Miss Piggy's character originally started as a running gag, but she soon developed into a complex character, destined for stardom and a diva in the full sense of the word — she'll vacillate from sweet, smothering her "Kermie" in kisses, to sending him flying with her infamous karate chop ("hiiiiiiiiiii-yah!"). But one of the greatest elements of her character is her undying love for her Kermie. She pursued him endlessly and was frequently rebuffed at the beginning of their courtship. But persistence paid off and Kermit started returning her affections. The pair was married



— to Kermit's surprise — in "The Muppets Take Manhattan."

Fun fact: Miss Piggy was originally named after jazz singer Peggy Lee as a joke and an homage to her considerable talents. Piggy's name was shortened from Miss Piggy Lee because no one wanted to offend Peggy Lee.

Fozzie Bear

(Originally voiced by Frank Oz)

Fozzie, created as Frank Oz's main character, is "The Muppet Show's" undeniably bad comedian. Fozzie's indefatigable optimism grew from his failure as a comedian and created his endearing personality as we know it today. Fozzie and Kermit are best friends, having worked together on numerous sketches, movies, books and specials. Fozzie also frequently collaborates with Rowlf, and together they played a memorable piano duet — much to



Fozzie's surprise, since playing the piano was a previously unknown talent.

Catchphrase: "Wocka wocka wocka!"

Rowlf

(Originally voiced by Jim Henson)

It wasn't Kermit, but Rowlf the Dog who was the first national star of the Muppets. In 1962 he first appeared in a series of Purina Dog Chow commercials. He then rose to stardom as Jimmy Dean's sidekick on "The Jimmy Dean Show," from 1963 to 1966. He and Kermit later appeared together in a pitch reel for "Sesame Street," since they were the two best-known Muppets at the time. And, of course, he joined the cast of "The Muppet Show" as the resident musician, most often playing the piano, and was part of the



cast in the subsequent movies.

Fun fact: According to "Jim Henson: The Works," other names considered by Jim Henson for Rowlf were Barkley, Woofington, Baskerville, Barkus, Howlington, Waggington and Beowolf.

Gonzo

(Voiced by Dave Goelz)

The blue, crook-nosed ... uh, undetermined creature known as Gonzo the Great, was the daredevil on "The Muppet Show," performing such feats as eating a tire to "Flight of the Bumblebee" and hypnotizing chickens. Gonzo also was featured at the start of each "Muppet Show." In the first season, he attempted to hit the white space within the "O" to hilariously bad results, and in season two onward he would attempt to play the final trumpet note,



with equally bad results most of the time.

Fun fact: Gonzo's girlfriend is a chicken named Camilla.

— Kim Ossi, MCT

MERRY MELODIES: MUSIC REMAINS PART OF MUPPETS CHARM

Because of "The Muppet Movie," "Moving Right Along" is a song that always comes to mind during road trips. And "(It's Not That Easy) Bein' Green," is a song that made everyone fall in love with a 2-foot-high frog. The Muppets music has crossed generations and spans musical genres, from Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem — with their wild and wooly backbeat, Animal — to Rowlf's mellow piano man vibe.

So many of these songs were burned into our brains by a fuzzy

little chorus of dogs and bears and chickens and things, that people still love those songs 30 years later, as evidenced by "The Green Album" that was released in August, with indie and rock stars such as OK Go, Weezer, The Fray and Andrew Bird performing classic Muppet songs.

Those old favorites and new songs will surely be a huge part of the new Muppet movie, too. Walt Disney Records will release the soundtrack Nov. 21. Original songs, such as "Life's a Happy

Song," were written by music supervisor Bret McKenzie, of the delightfully wacky Flight of the Conchords. The Muppets are performing several cover songs, including "Smells Like Teen Spirit," by Nirvana, and Cee Lo's "Forget You."

The Muppets also will be dipping back into the well, inspiring sing-alongs with "The Rainbow Connection" and "Mahna Mahna." — Merrie Leininger, MCT

Kermit the Frog, center, plays the banjo in "The Muppets."

