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Sunny to partly cloudy and breezy

High **80** Low **59**

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Question: Will you get a flu shot this season?

Yes **35.6%**

No **64.4%**

Total votes: **87**

### Next question:

Do you still send out Christmas cards?

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## AP selects new chamber head

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY [christopher.tuffley@newssun.com](mailto:christopher.tuffley@newssun.com)

AVON PARK — Chamber of Commerce President William Bennett announced Friday morning Laura Wade, South Florida Community College coordinator of Student Life, has been selected to serve as the chamber's executive director and chief executive officer.

Current director David Greenslade retires Jan. 1 after 15 years with the organization.

"Laura's energy and creativity will be a great asset to the chamber," Bennett wrote in the press release announcing Wade's appointment. "With all the great applicants, it was a tough decision for the board."



Wade

Kimberly Batty-Herbert, dean of Arts and Sciences at SFCC, was a member of the selection committee. She has supervised Wade and knows her work.

"Laura has a high energy level that is just going to be contagious within the Avon Park business community. She has technical skills and competence with social media. It's her greatest strength.

"She's just a dynamo and a pleasure to work with because she exudes a positive energy and creates a positive atmosphere."

Wade grew up in Highlands County, leaving for a time to go to college and attend graduate school where she studied the fine arts, particularly music and acting.

She and her husband, Eric Wade, returned home in 2007. Since then she has

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## Heartland holidays



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

There was plenty to entertain us this past weekend, and these pictures touch only a few of the activities. Santa and Mrs. Claus wave goodbye to spectators at the end of Sebring's Christmas parade Friday night. See story and more photos of parade on page 6A. Mike Jones of Smoke Shack BBQ (right) tends to the grill Saturday morning during the Central Florida BBQ Festival at Firemen's Field in Sebring. Jones and his team traveled from Columbus, Ohio to participate in the event. More photos on page 7A. Artists/musicians Kaye and James Hahn perform Saturday morning during the Art & Music Festival at the Lakeshore Mall in Sebring. The Heartland Cultural Alliance hosted the three-day fundraising event, which ends today at 4 p.m. The Hahns are new members of the HCA and believe in the Alliance's mission that art and culture can change a community. To learn more about HCA, contact Fred Leavitt at 402-8238. More events will be covered in Wednesday's 'News-Sun.'



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS



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## Deputy facing child porn charges

20-year veteran of detention bureau facing 16 counts

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — A 20-year veteran of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office detention bureau has been charged with 16 counts of possession of child pornography.

Following a nearly two-month investigation by the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit, Detention Deputy Michael Shawver was arrested on Thursday.



Shawver

According to a press release from the HCSO, a citizen complaint in early October against Shawver turned into a criminal matter. At the start of the investigation, Shawver was placed on administrative leave with pay.

Once detectives completed the criminal investigation, it was sent to the State's Attorney for review and a warrant was issued for 16 counts of possession of photographs of sexual performance by a child.

There was no bond on the warrant, but following a bond hearing where Shawver appeared before a judge, the court set bond at \$144,000. Shawver was booked into the Highlands County Jail and posted bond.

Shawver has now been placed on administrative leave without pay.

"These allegations are very

See HCSO, page 8A

## Celebrating decades of four-part harmony

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY [christopher.tuffley@newssun.com](mailto:christopher.tuffley@newssun.com)

AVON PARK — One advantage in the future world of virtual newspapers will be the ability to provide subscribers with sound.

Until then, the most important component in any story about the Sweet Adelines is missing, and so the story will be flat no matter how eloquent.

The Sweet Adelines sing. More than that, they sing without accompaniment and in four-part harmony — otherwise known as Barbershop Harmony. Voices, (from high to

low) tenors, leads, baritones and bass, braid and blend, sink and soar.

Here in Highlands County the Heart of Heartlands Sweet Adelines have been creating harmony for 35 years. An international organization, the Sweet Adelines began in the early 1950s.

Thursday night about 30 women gathered for their regular rehearsal, taking a moment to celebrate their anniversary and recognize four charter members.

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News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
Members of the Sweet Adelines harmonize during rehearsal at the Avon Park Rotary Club Thursday night. (Front row) Teresa Korn and Kathy Lettman.

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# 1 dead, 1 hurt in industrial accident

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING — The identities of the two men involved in an industrial accident at 1127 Bassage Road in Sebring Thursday afternoon have been confirmed by the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

Koletto Sharpe, 59, of Avon Park was killed after a Bevis Construction lift flipped over causing the two men to fall

## Fell 35 feet while clearing moss from trees

35 feet. Sharpe was declared dead at the scene by Emergency Medical Services. Zachary Brown, 20 of Lake Placid, was airlifted to a Tampa hospital follow-

ing the fall. Brown sustained unknown injuries from the accident.

The two men were picking moss from trees when the accident occurred. The HCSO is investigating the incident at the request of the Sebring Police Department.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was on the scene Friday morning to conduct further investigation of the accident.

# All she wants for Christmas is a blue ribbon

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING — Jayda Knight-Austin won't be too concerned with making her Christmas list a top priority in the upcoming weeks. It's likely she only wants one thing; a win that comes along with that blue ribbon.

The Sebring High School freshman has advanced to the 2011 AKC/Eukanuba National Dog Championship that will take place at the Orlando Convention Center on Dec. 17 and 18.

Austin has been showing dogs since the age of 10; she jumped into competition when she was 12 and hasn't looked back.

"It's awesome. It's a neat sport. It is a lot of fun, but it also teaches her a lot of responsibility," said Austin's mother Jackie.

Jackie has been fully supportive of her daughter's love of dog showing since the beginning and finds her dedication to the sport, as well as her bullmastiff, 'Hoss', a refreshing sight.

"I told her, if you want to do this, you've got to do this yourself. I'm just the chauffeur," Jackie said with a chuckle.

Austin spends countless hours training and practicing with Hoss. Before and after school, Austin works with her 130-pound animal, making sure he is in the best shape and has the best attitude possible.

In order to even compete in the national championship, a junior contestant must be between the ages of 9 and 18, have at least five first place finishes in their respective



Jayda Knight-Austin and her Bullmastiff Hoss will compete in the junior AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando in two weeks. Courtesy photo

category and carry at least a 3.0 grade point average; Austin has well over 10 first place finishes and holds a 3.4 GPA.

Austin also is an avid swimmer and was named "Most Improved Female Swimmer" in her first year as a Blue Streak swimmer and looks forward to joining the high school's track team in the spring.

At a mere 84 pounds, Austin is able to impressively and successfully handle the massive dog that happens to be the largest dog breed.

"A lot of long hours and many treats have made this a winning combination," Jackie said.

The success of Austin and Hoss is also due to some very helpful contributions of many people like Cheryl Williams of Pawsitively Pampered Pets. Williams has been "instrumental in training as her dog handler and instilling confidence." Kevin Skow, a local bullmastiff breeder, works with Austin during competitions as her coach and provides encour-

agement and confidence for the junior handler. Linda Whitney, also a professional handler, works with Austin and teaches her how to handle many different dog breeds.

The added encouragement and support of Austin's parents, Jackie and Bill, also goes a long way.

"I help her in any way I can. We go all over the place for these things ... but it is very exciting. I just enjoy watching her," Jackie said.

Austin is currently ranked third in the country for bullmastiff junior handler and certainly has everything it takes to get to number one.

Following a win at the national championship in Orlando, Austin could advance to Westminster Kennel Club show in New York City in February, but for now, AKC/Eukanuba is Austin's only focus. Austin will be one of 160 competitors in the championship in Orlando.

"It's an honor just to be there," Jackie said. Austin agreed with her mom.

As far as Hoss, Austin loves him and takes special care of her furry friend.

"He's a big baby and she loves him," said Austin's mother. "He listens to her, he's comfortable with her, with judges and with everyone. She does a good job with him. I'm very proud of her."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Ridge Area Arc wrapping holiday gifts at mall

SEBRING — Ridge Area Arc is wrapping holiday gifts at Lakeshore Mall from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, from now until Dec. 15.

Arc has set up a gift wrapping workshop in the former Trade Secrets Beauty Salon near Center Court. Bring packages in to be wrapped for a donation to help people with disabilities served by Arc. Any donation is accepted. There are a variety of bows, wrapping paper and tags to choose.

### Golub to speak to Tea Party

SEBRING — Eric Golub — a politically conservative Jewish blogger, author, public speaker and comedian — will be the guest speaker of this month's meeting of the Highlands Tea Party, 6 p.m. Tuesday at Homer's Restaurant. Golub's book trilogy is "Ideological Bigotry," "Ideological Violence," and "Ideological Idiocy."

He is Brooklyn born, Long Island raised, and has lived in Los Angeles since 1990. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Judaism, and his master's degree from USC. A stockbrokerage professional since 1994, he began blogging on March 11, 2007, the three-year anniversary of the Madrid

bombings and the midpoint of 9/11. He has been inflicting his world view on his unfortunate readers since then. He blogs about politics Monday through Friday, and about football and other human interest items on weekends.

### Boat ramp closed for repair

SEBRING — Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department will close the Lake Josephine boat ramp at 425 Lake Josephine Shire Road for repair and maintenance from Monday, Dec. 12 through Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012. The boat ramp will be closed during the Christmas holidays and New Year's Eve holiday and is schedule to reopen on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012.

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

### LPPD offers classes

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Police Department will offer its American Heart Association First Aid Class on Monday and the CPR Class on Tuesday. Find more information on the department website at www.lppd.com. Register at the police department.

### PA school retirees meet

SEBRING — Retired

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Golub

# Florida economists struggle to predict casino impact

By GARY FINEOUT  
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida state economists are struggling to figure how much money three new casinos could mean for the Sunshine State.

But what they have come up with so far could have far-reaching political consequences because the preliminary numbers suggest that mega-casinos proposed for South Florida are unlikely to create the large windfall of tax dollars that some casino backers have been predicting.

Two lawmakers have filed bills seeking the Florida Legislature's approval for massive casinos, most likely in Broward and Miami-Dade counties. The initial measure would require each casino developer to spend at least \$2 billion on construction in order to get a license. In exchange, casino operators would pay a much lower tax rate than existing dog and horse tracks.

Sen. Elyn Bogdanoff, R-Fort Lauderdale and one of the bill's sponsors, has played down the potential financial impact for the state, saying her legislation is more about mapping out how Florida regulates its gambling industry.

Colin Au, the president of Genting Americas, whose company has already acquired land for a resort along Biscayne Bay, told a Senate panel last month that casinos could bring the state anywhere from \$250 million to \$450 million a year.

But economists who work for the state —

and are trying to come up with a figure for legislators — could not agree Friday on a final number.

They spent more than two hours looking at everything from how much visitors might spend to whether the casinos would actually attract large numbers of new tourists to Florida. One of the big question marks around the casino proposal is whether a large resort in Miami would lure someone from Asia or Latin America who might otherwise never come to the state.

Economists also grappled with how much a visitor — depending on whether they already lived in Florida — would spend on a daily basis. They agreed that their preliminary numbers need more tweaking.

But right now the numbers suggest that three casinos would yield as much as \$155 million in 2012 for state and local governments but then no more than a total of \$319 million from 2013 to 2016.

Amy Baker, one of the main state economists crunching the numbers, pointed out that these preliminary numbers are estimates on how much the casinos and their customers would wind up paying in state and local taxes, not on the overall economic benefit to the state.

But the figure could still deflate a push by casino backers looking to line up votes. While Senate leaders have pledged to hold a vote on the casino proposal, it is unclear if House leaders will go along.

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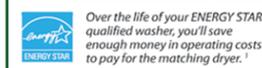
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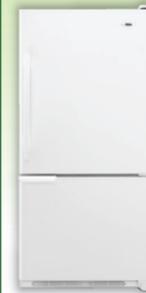
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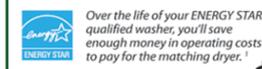
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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

# Volunteer, or don't complain

Let's be honest, recruiting and keeping volunteers is hard to do. It is especially hard when an organization provides no support and very little in the way of training. Or when you feel like there are too many obstacles to overcome when you do volunteer.

But, hey, that's most small governments, and despite the hurdles, volunteers are a crucial part of the policy process in most small towns.

Right now, the city of Avon Park is asking for no less than 17 volunteers to fill vacancies on various boards critical to the functions of the City of Charm.

Avon Park is looking for:

— Three regular and three alternate members of the Civil Service Board.

— One regular and one alternate for the Airport Advisory Board.

— One regular and two alternates on the Southside CRA Board.

— One regular and two alternates on

the Main Street CRA Board.

— Two regular members for the city's planning and zoning board.

That's a lot of people.

Although we understand why so few want to be involved in the running of a small, politically charged city, there is no one to blame but the citizens if the government is not what they want.

Volunteering for these kinds of positions allows input from those who live and work in the currently expanding bounds of the city proper. If those who live there remain silent, those that have to make decisions have no input from which to base their decisions.

Even though we are, as a nation, a representative government, the input from the masses is very important to the political process.

We cannot allow a government to make decisions in a vacuum.

Sometimes, the only place to share your input is on a volunteer committee and every citizen has some valuable insight at one time or another. Therefore, no matter what the obstacles, everyone should set aside the time to make sure your government, and the policy it sets, is the one you want. The alternative is not a pretty picture, and is a world where a citizen's input is discouraged at the end of a gun.

The News-Sun encourages everyone to get out and do their part in the government process by volunteering for a committee or government advisory board. Either that, or don't complain.

If you have any questions regarding qualifications to volunteer, please contact the City Clerk at 452-4403.



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## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Sebring bicyclists and pedestrians, take heed

Editor:

With Florida's beautiful and mild winter days upon us, residents and visitors no doubt find it a perfect time for strolling and pedaling the streets of Sebring. I do not wish to discourage your outdoor activities, only caution you about the dangers of inattentiveness. Yes, every licensed driver should be watching out for you, however pedestrians and bicyclists need to take ultimate responsibility for their own safety...

It should be obvious that if you happen to be the walker, jogger or biker, you're going to be on the losing end of a vehicular collision. So why in heaven's name would you load your beagle in the rear basket and put your wobbly, floundering adult tricycle skills to the test on the twisty roads of Lakeview Avenue during rush hour with the sun glaring brightly into the eyes of hurried morning drivers? Yes, by all means, you have the right to do it ... but the question is, should you do it?

And pedestrians, have you forgotten the most fundamental rules of crossing the street? You know, look left, look right, then look left again. Or is it "dash out there ... they'll stop ... white lines equal safe"?

I ask only because that's what I have been seeing.

Let's stop for a minute and think about some of the people we are sharing the road with here in Sebring: 1) Distracted drivers – drivers on cell phones, drivers eating, drivers applying makeup, drivers texting, drivers arguing with their GPS; 2) Elderly drivers – drivers with poor eyesight and/or diminished reflexes; 3) Medicated drivers – drivers taking a list of prescription medications as long as your arm; 4) Young drivers – drivers that are inexperienced or have an attitude of invincibility.

OK, so I've put together some tips that will hopefully prevent you from being squashed like an armadillo in the roadway – look left, right, then left again (yes, even if there is a crosswalk). If there is a car, make eye contact with the driver, and let him wave you across the street. Trucks cannot see you. Always assume you are in their blind spot. Stay out of their way. If there is a sidewalk, use it. Otherwise walk facing traffic.

Bicyclists: Stay to the far right and watch out behind you. If you are holding back a line of traffic, get off the road. (I know you have a right to be there, but is it really worth life or limb?) Be



defensive. Never assume anyone sees you. Never assume the driver will do the right thing. Use common sense. Don't take chances. Always err on the side of caution.

Drop the righteous attitude. Remember, you can be both right and dead.

*Kim Brandau  
Sebring*

### Cook gets outcome that he deserved

Editor:

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, Wesley Cook finally got the outcome from the court system he has been waiting on for four long years. If you know him, you know this story was bogus from the beginning ....

The State Attorney fell down on the job by prosecuting him without a strong investigation into the charges and when shown they were wrong still refused to back down – well shame on them. This is just another story of how powerful people step over the line and try and ruin a good, Christian-hearted man, but for once we can all rejoice in the season knowing he has been exonerated.

I hope that he can move on with his life and try to forget this awful time and I for one will be his friend because I always believed in him. He is a good person and no one has the right to try and destroy that for their own justifications.

*Patty Roney  
Avon Park*

### Grief is multiplied by poor preparations

Editor:

I don't believe I have ever written a letter to the editor before, but I was so appalled by the situation that arose recently at (a cemetery) that I had to write to hopefully spare some other family from having such a horrible experience.

rience.

My client's bereaved family members, after being charged an extra fee of \$250, to open and close a grave because it was Saturday, (even after my client had arranged a pre-need contract of more than \$4,000) and the staff firmly insisted that if the arrival time at the grave site was not before 3 p.m., that there would be no interment. Upon arrival at the grave site, there was nothing prepared. No tent, no chairs, someone was just starting to lay the grass mats to cover the raw open grave and the family members had to wait around standing in the heat while the crudest set up was accomplished.

They were offered no apologies or any sympathy; in fact, in spite of arriving about 2:45 p.m., (due to the previous threat of no interment if they did not arrive before 3 p.m.), they were told they were too early and treated as if it was their fault that things were not prepared.

In all my years of arranging burials and helping family members of my clients, I have never had anyone treated so callously. If this helps open someone's eyes, or prevents another family suffering this distress, I will be satisfied, because this should never have happened, especially to a grieving family.

*J. Thorpe  
Guardian*

### Bouquet

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Editor:

For six seasons, the Tanglewood Actors Guild (TAG) has been staging very professional productions with our "amateur seniors". We got our start when Joe Morano left his job teaching Theatre Arts in Davie, Fla. and took up full-time residence in Tanglewood. He brought with him a wealth of

talent and experience in all aspects of staging quality productions.

We, in Tanglewood, are fortunate to have a clubhouse that can hold live theatre. Thanks to Hometown America for providing such a great facility.

In Sebring, we have been blessed with many community-minded businesses that value the arts and have made a point of supporting TAG's activities. At this time we wish to extend a very special thank you to: NewsomEye, Florida Hospital-Heartland Medical Centre, Heartland National Bank and Alan J. Holmes/Edward Jones for their unwavering support. Intermission dessert has become standard fare at TAG plays. We couldn't keep our prices low and offer complimentary dessert without the help of the businesses mentioned above.

As well, we have numerous program sponsors who help to make our productions possible. Hats off to: Paragon Lawn Care, Goin' Postal, Alligator Pack and Ship, Alan Jay Automotive Network, Young at Heart Travel, Hayes Automotive, Wells Insurance, Digital Hearing Aid Outlet, Eye Specialists of Mid-Florida, Wauchula State Financial Services, Stewart's Moblie Village Inc., CFRA Roofing and Aluminum, Phil Nisa Air Conditioning and Heating, Christine's Golf Carts, Gravelle Installations, Unique Window Treatments, Visions Koin Korner, Willie Watch, Creative Crafts by Design, On-Top Concrete Coatings, Lakeside RV, Ridge Area Arc, Beef O'Brady's, Suyle's Hair Care and Albert Ruiz, D.D.S.

There are still tickets available for the performances of "Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner" on Thursday, Dec. 8 and Friday, Dec. 9. For tickets, please call Linda at 382-9507.

*Neil Simpson  
Sebring*

## Santa and guns?

Once upon a time, I took my kids to have their pictures taken with Santa Claus.

It's a holiday tradition most parents go through. You get the kid to sit on Santa's lap and (hopefully) smile for a waiting camera. You then buy some of the pictures either to remember the event or even to share.

Santa would be seated on a nice looking chair surrounded by gifts, and just maybe an elf or two. It's all very warm and fuzzy and part of the holiday spirit.

Apparently there is now a new spin on said holiday spirit. A gun club has been offering pictures with Saint Nick – and your firearm of choice.

I am not kidding. According to the article on the CBS news website, the Scottsdale Gun Club is offering people the chance to pose with Santa Claus while they hold pistols and other kinds of firearms. The website included a number of pictures of adults, some dressed in camouflage, all holding weapons.

According to Ron Kennedy, the general manager of the gun club, the business got the idea when a member showed up last year dressed as Santa and people asked to have pictures taken.

Children are not excluded from the photo opportunity. The article described a picture of Santa holding a toddler dressed in camouflage while a man and woman stood close by holding rifles. Kennedy says that while they are not aiming the event at children they left it up to the parents whether or not a kid should be included.

According to Kennedy the guns used in the photos have had their firing pins removed and are not loaded. Furthermore, their chambers are cleaned regularly "to ensure safety."

Not everyone is ho-ho-ho'ing over the gun club's pictures. Democratic state Representative Steve Farley called the photo op inappropriate and suggested the owners read the New Testament before mixing Christmas with machine guns.

### Laura's Look

*Laura Ware*

Kennedy, on the other hand, says that the photo op is just a way for people to express their passions and celebrate their Second Amendment rights. He says that as long as customers want them to continue providing the photos that they will do so.

I am a believer in the legality of the Second Amendment. I think that individuals have a

Constitutional right to possess a firearm. I also think that what the gun club is doing is perfectly legal and technically not hurting anyone. And if someone wants to ask Santa for a gun for Christmas, there's no law saying he can't.

It still makes me scratch my head and wonder if the pictures are such a great idea.

We tend to associate a lot of things with Santa. Christmas. Holiday cheer. Gift-giving. Generosity. Do we really want to add an AK-47 to that list?

There are those who celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday, the birth of Jesus. I can't seem to picture the wise men coming to greet the Prince of Peace with gold, frankincense, and a semi-automatic handgun.

And while I am an advocate of the Second Amendment, I worry about putting guns, even unloaded ones with no firing pins, in the hands of young children. What is that teaching them? I'm not sure.

I will defend the club's right to do what they're doing. Like I said, they break no laws. But don't ask me to pose with Santa armed with anything more threatening than a chocolate cake. Wonder how I can get one of those in my stocking this year.

*Laura Ware is a Sebring resident. She can be contacted by e-mail at bookwormlady@embarqmail.com. Visit her website at www.laurahware.com. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the staff of the News-Sun.*

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All items will run on a first-come basis as space permits, although more timely ones could be moved up.



South Florida Community College's Take Stock in Children program awarded new scholarships to 11 Highlands County students – (front row, from left) Luzedy Ocasio, Isaac Vega, Kelley Young, Alison Romero, Danielle Windham, Hally Sebring, and Kaitlynn Wilson. Back; (back row, from left) Nicole Escobar, Maria Gloria, Kendell Bowen, Callie Bobo, Cristian Resendiz, and Leticia Jauregui. Not pictured is Destiny Ybarra.

## Take Stock in Children awards 11 scholarships

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – South Florida Community College's Take Stock in Children program awarded new scholarships to 11 Highlands County seventh-grade students and two Lake Placid High School 10th-grade students at a contract signing on Nov. 16.

Wally Cox, superintendent, Highlands County

Schools, and Dr. Norm Stephens, SFCC president and chairman of TSIC's Leadership Council, attended the contract signing to congratulate the students.

Take Stock in Children (TSIC) is a statewide program that provides at-risk children with a mentor and a four-year college scholarship. In return, TSIC schol-

ars sign contracts in which they promise to remain drug-free, to avoid behavior that would get them into trouble with law enforcement, to attend school regularly, and to earn satisfactory grades. The students' parents also sign the contracts and agree to provide home environments conducive to education and to participate in.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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employees of Pennsylvania public schools will hold their fall luncheon meeting on Tuesday at Inn On the Lakes of Sebring. Social time will begin at 11 a.m., with "formal" activities starting at 11:30 a.m.

The event is organized by the Citrus Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees. All retirees from all categories of school services who are members of the Pennsylvania school retirement system are encouraged to attend. For reservation information, call 471-3769 or 314-0219.

### SHS Choral Department presents concert

AVON PARK — The

Sebring High School Choral Department will present its Winter Concert at 7 p.m. Monday at the South Florida Community College's Auditorium. The public is invited to come enjoy a variety of musical selections including holiday, classical, popular and spirituals. Six choirs will perform, including Show Choir and a men's choir. Donations will be taken at the door to help support choral music at Sebring High School.

Sebring High's choral students recently performed with the Disney orchestra at EPCOT's Candlelight Program with narrator Michael W. Smith.

The Sebring choirs are under the choral direction of Luanne Hawk.

Hawk is pleased to announce this year's All

State students are Amanda Ladinsky, Rachel LaVo, Olivia Napper, Evan Napper and George Dumont. These students passed three extensive theory, sight-reading and vocal exams and will perform at the Tampa All State Convention in January.

### Holiday Mixer scheduled Dec. 6

AVON PARK – The Avon Park Community Redevelopment Agency - Main Street District will host its "What's Up Main Street?" Holiday Mixer from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday at the new Highlands County Economic Development Commission office, 1 E. Main St.

Anyone who has an interest in Main Street Avon Park is invited to attend this social gathering that is free. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Casey Wohl at Casey.Wohl@Yahoo.com or by phone at (863) 224-6326. For more information about the Avon Park CRA, visit www.AvonParkCRA.com.

vived by a very special friend, Judy Bateman of Sebring, Fla. Special thanks to her caregivers at the Palms of Sebring, especially to her most caring doctor, Cheri.

Per her request, there will be no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity. Interment will be at the convenience of the family at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla., where she will be reunited with her husband, Stewart E. Green. Condolences may be expressed by visiting TBO.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Dowden Funeral Home, Sebring, Fla.

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### Death notice

Mark S. Greene, 63, of Sebring died Nov. 28, 2011. Dowden Funeral Home, Sebring, is in charge of arrangements.

## HLT supporters turn to innovative fundraising sites

Special to the News-Sun  
SEBRING – Highlands Little Theatre supporters are revolutionizing charitable giving – turning their every day actions into ways of bringing community theatre to our area.

How? By using GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com.

GoodShop.com works with more than 3,000 top online retailers including Toys "R" Us, Target, Best Buy, Apple, Sephora, Macy's, 1-800-Flowers, PetSmart, and Expedia among others. The shopping experience and prices are the same as going to the retailer directly, but each time you shop at one of these stores via GoodShop, a percentage of what you spend goes back to your favorite charity or school. And, equally as exciting, GoodShop.com offers over 100,000 money saving coupons and free shipping offers. So, not only are you helping your cause, but you are also saving money while doing so.

Similarly, with every search conducted on Yahoo!-powered GoodSearch.com, approximately one penny is donated to your favorite

charity. It's used exactly like any other search engine and the pennies add up quickly.

Search engine advertisers and online shopping generate billions of dollars each year. Now, some of that money is going towards helping HLT produce shows such as "The Diary of Anne Frank" in January.

More than 100,000 nonprofits have partnered with GoodShop and GoodSearch and millions of people are using these sites to help their causes. GoodSearch and GoodShop have raised nearly \$8 million – helping make a real difference for the organizations they work with.

To date, HLT has raised \$435.17. To understand the potential of GoodSearch, here are some other examples:

UNICEF has used the money earned from GoodSearch and GoodShop to provide clean drinking water to more than 200,000 children.

Supporters of the ASPCA have raised more than \$40,000 to help animals in need.

The National Inclusion Project, which helps children with disabilities, has used the

\$16,000-plus its supporters have raised to send nearly 250 children to summer camp.

GoodSearch and GoodShop have grown into a massive online grassroots movement attracting the attention of leaders in the nonprofit industry, students, bloggers, writers, and even celebrities such as Jessica Biel, Montel Williams, Thomas Ian Nicholas, and Rob Thomas who have all created videos on behalf of their favorite charities.

The GoodSearch and GoodShop team is revolutionizing online philanthropy so that no one is denied the opportunity to support the causes most important to them. "We have taken simple everyday actions, like searching and shopping, and turned them into ways people can do good with just the click of a mouse," says Scott Garell, CEO of GoodSearch (and former President of Ask.com). "Around the holidays when everyone is thinking 'how can I give back,' GoodSearch provides an easy and meaningful way to fund causes most important to them."

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# 'Tis the season; parade bigger, better this year

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING – Hundreds filled the Downtown Circle in Sebring Friday night to take part in the season's most popular event, the annual Christmas parade.

Early spectators walked around The Circle looking for a comfy, close seat beginning just after 6 p.m. Within a half hour however, people filled in groups of four or five creating a tight squeeze around each of the sidewalks and down the spoke streets.

The Carousel of Lights kept spectators occupied as they awaited the start of the parade. The light show started slowly, first lighting the arches that create a glowing entrance to The Circle.

A few minutes later, the entire Circle lit up including the center Christmas tree, which sparkled with colorful lights.

The parade kicked off at 7 p.m.; spectators anxiously awaited the sight of the first float following the Sebring High School Jr. ROTC.

Sebring Mayor George Hensley along with his wife greeted spectators followed by some city council members and other dignitaries.

Cross Country Automotive, which recently changed its name to Agero, floated by with a lit up float and candy for little ones.

Other large floats included Alan Jay Automotive Network, Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Heartland National Bank, Wauchula State Bank, West Sebring Volunteer Fire Department, and local Girl and Boy Scout troops.

Several local organizations and businesses floated along



Santa's helpers are already busy as they take a stroll down South Ridgewood Friday night during the Christmas parade.

the route handing out candy, key chains and other knick-knacks to excited kids and adults.

School groups and sports organizations, including Sebring High School D.A.R.E. organization, football team, SADD, as well as cheer and basketball teams all took part in the Christmas parade.

Spectators enjoyed several performances by Dance Unlimited and Stepz as well as musical entertainment from the Blue Steak marching band and vocalist throughout the parade.

Kids lined the streets in search of a good spot to nab some sweet treats. One little trio brought blankets to rest on as they sat and watched the parade in comfort.

"This is awesome," said Cracker Trail Elementary student Samuel McNamee. McNamee sat with fellow CTE students and family friends Eva Ebey and sister Chelsea. The group was busy sorting through candy for half of the parade and sharing waves and kind words with the people on the floats.



Kids reach for sweet treats from Wauchula State Bank employees during the Sebring Christmas Parade Friday night in Downtown Sebring.

"Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas," Ebey shouted as floats passed by.

The feeling of Christmas was in the air, the weather was perfect, and everyone in the crowd wore a smile during the parade.

It seemed as if every person – spectators, police officers, and float riders – have been bitten by the Christmas spirit bug.

This year's parade had more floats than past years, giving spectators a little more time to spend out with family and friends Friday night.

Santa and Mrs. Claus closed out the parade. Children giggled with delight and reached for the hundreds of bubbles drifting from the float. Little fingers were busy popping the bubbles as Santa and Mrs. Claus waved good-bye and goodnight to finish out the evening.



Floats in Sebring's Christmas Parade show support of the U.S. Troops Friday night in Downtown Sebring.

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# Lots of good eats at the Central Florida BBQ Festival

Kalee DeShazo, 3, and her mom Angeline prepare to serve up pulled pork Saturday morning for the People's Choice Awards at the Central Florida BBQ Festival in Sebring.



Joseph Keiber, 4, and Graham Weisz, 1, check out a large pig on display during the BBQ Festival in Sebring. The boys visited the festival with their grandparents Fred and Sharon Keiber.

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# Sweet Adelines make sweet music

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Bette Killen, 90, is retired now, but she has sung Barbershop Harmony for 44 years. Evelyn Delk, who politely asked to keep her age to herself, is the oldest charter member still singing. Other charter members Nancy Nunnallee, Billie Sue Ervin and Maureen Welch (the Heart of Highlands' first president) were also on hand.

Delk, who is a classically trained pianist, told how she knew nothing about Barbershop Harmony in the beginning, and neither did the first director. "She asked if I would play the piano (as the accompanist)," Delk said. This is an inside joke as Barbershop Harmony is always sung a capella.

In any case, Delk became hooked and joined the group. Not only is it beautiful to listen to, and fun to create, Delk said singing with the Sweet Adelines, "was a good aerobic exercise and good for your mind because you have to learn hundreds of songs."

It is also a very social time. Many of the singers become lasting friends. Heart of Highlands draws members from Wauchula, Winter Have and Lake Wales, as well as from all over the county.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
**Barb Kuiper (left) and Maureen Raymond are members of the Sweet Adelines. Both sing lead, which means they carry the melody.**

The group's current director is Ron Bower. "I'm real proud of them," he said. "We have a heck of a good time. Women are so much more receptive to change and better at taking direction than men."

Bower paused a moment and looked around him, "What it's like," he said with a grin, "is just like hav-

ing 30 mothers."

Besides remembering a special Disney show they once put on — with Disney characters in costume, something Disney no longer allows — most members had a clear memory of a fundraiser gone horribly wrong.

They had decided to bake cakes to sell during a 12

Hours of Art Festival, sponsored by the Highlands Art League. Each member was asked to bake four cakes. They ended up with about 200 on display — on tables without any cover.

It began to rain, then downpour. There was a scramble to try and save the confections, but without much success. The rain coursed in the road filling the gutter and they watched as one cake floated in the current and sailed down the street.

The melodious laughter accompanying the story came in four-part harmony.

In this year's annual show, The Heart of Highlands Sweet Adelines will be joined by the Heartland Pops on Feb. 25 at the Union Congregational Church in Avon Park. Tickets are \$12; the proceeds go to the Sweet Adelines fund that provides college scholarships for young women studying music.

"We're open for membership," said Ida Di Stefano, president of the group. "Come listen here (at the Avon Park Rotary Club) for three weeks, and then you can audition."

Call Jeannie Parzygnat at 699-0743 for more information.

# Wright Brothers historian to speak at Expo

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Darrell Collins, chief historian and interpreter at the Wright Brothers National Memorial in North Carolina, will tell the remarkable story of Wilbur and Orville Wright's 1911 flight that lasted nine minutes and 45 seconds and is regarded as the first soaring flight. Collins is on the schedule to speak Friday, Jan. 20 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the AeroShell tent. There is no additional cost to attend this speaking engagement.

Collins has worked with the National Park Service in the division of interpretation and education for 32 years, serving the majority of his time at the Wright Brothers National Memorial. He is a popular speaker on the aviation/aerospace lecture circuit, and is widely recognized as one of the top five authorities in the world on early aviation history and the Wright brothers. He is the author on numerous articles and consulting editor for play writes

and authors on early aviation and the Wright brothers.

In 2003, the National Aeronautic Association awarded him the Paul Tissandier Diploma for his career of service to aeronautics and airports.

Collins resides in Manteo, on Roanoke Island. His family has lived on the Outer Banks of North Carolina for 149 years, his great-grandparents having been members of the black Freedmen Colony that settled on Roanoke Island in 1862 during the Civil War.

The EXPO Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) Show features the best of the LSA community, and includes conventional aircraft, kit planes, powered parachutes, trikes, gyros, amphibians, and innovative designs such as electrically powered aircraft—over 150 aircraft on display.

Attendees will have the opportunity to see demonstration flights, attend EAA Educational Forums, and experience new aviation technologies.

# Wade chosen to lead Avon Park Chamber

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taught in the school district and organized student activities at SFCC for the last almost two years. She and her husband have two daughters.

Wade is well known among Highlands Little Theatre audiences. She played Beauty in "Beauty

and the Beast" and Laurie in "Oklahoma!" among many other roles.

"Our main priority is connecting business to business," Wade told the News-Sun during a telephone interview Friday.

"The chamber is in good shape financially, I'm going into a very positive organization to begin with. We

want to take the foundation and move into the future. I want to meet every member face to face, and make better use of Facebook."

Wade plans to keep members better informed via cutting edge technology. At the same time she will collect more feedback from members about their priorities, ideas or suggestions for

improvement.

"I want to build events around what people want — what they like, what we should change, and what we should continue. I want members to feel ownership."

Wade will begin the transition from one position to another Dec. 19. She will have to hit the deck running Jan. 2.

# HCSO detention deputy charged with child porn

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serious and shake the core of public trust," Sheriff Susan Benton said in the press release.

"Anyone would be disappointed when a respected 20-year veteran and co-worker is accused and arrested for crimes of this nature. "

"Detention Deputy Shawver has worked in the

jail his entire career with average and above performance, primarily as the inmate worker coordinator. We all know this is the beginning of a long judicial process but I assure you the members of the Sheriff's Office will continue to do our upmost to adhere to our core values of integrity, quality service, and professionalism."

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State treasuries and other government agencies are sitting on more than \$33 billion in unclaimed assets. And that doesn't include billions of dollars in unredeemed U.S. savings and treasury bonds, unclaimed pensions and income tax refunds returned to the IRS as undeliverable.

Here's a guide to locating unclaimed assets that may belong to you:

Money winds up in government lost-and-found agencies for many reasons, including:

- People move and don't leave accurate forwarding addresses; or, they forget to update companies where they do business, hold investments or have earned retirement benefits.

- Dying without a will leaves it up to the court to assign assets.

- You could unknowingly be named as beneficiary of an insurance policy or other account.

- Forgotten utility deposits, bank accounts or product rebates.

- Overpaid mortgage payments after a home sale.

- Name changes after marriage or divorce.

Start your search with the nonprofit National Association of Property Administrators (NAUPA), which provides tips on finding your money, as well as links to unclaimed property programs maintained by each state ([www.unclaimed.org](http://www.unclaimed.org)). Many individual state programs also participate in MissingMoney.com ([www.missingmoney.com](http://www.missingmoney.com)), a free, centralized database endorsed by NAUPA.

Companies are required to surrender balances from accounts that have been inactive for one year or longer to the state government of your last known address; also check with other states where you've lived or done business, just in case. To improve your chances, search using different variations of your name (such as first name and middle initial, first and middle initials, last name first, etc.), as well as common misspellings.



### Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

NAUPA also provides a handy round-up of links to other sources for unclaimed property such as unclaimed veteran's benefits, refunds from HUD/FHA-insured mortgages and unclaimed foreign bank accounts.

Other helpful sites include:

The IRS' "Where's My Refund?" page, where you can track down an expected federal tax refund you never received – or check the status of your current filing ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)).

The Treasury Department's "Treasury Hunt" search engine can help you find and redeem matured, uncashed Series E savings bonds issued since 1974 ([www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov)).

The Public Benefit Guaranty Corporation ([www.pbgc.gov](http://www.pbgc.gov)) can help you track down forgotten

pension benefits you've earned. Other helpful sites include PensionHelp America ([www.pensionhelp.org](http://www.pensionhelp.org)), and the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration ([www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa)).

The National Registry of Unclaimed Retirement Benefits can help you find an unclaimed defined contribution plan, such as a 401(k) or profit-sharing plan (<https://www.unclaimedretirementbenefits.com>).

Many legitimate companies use states' freedom of information acts to obtain owner information for unclaimed accounts. They contact individuals and offer to help find lost property for a fee (often a percentage of the total). This is the same information you can find yourself, for free.

Also, beware of emails or letters purporting to be from the state treasurer asking you to supply personal information – either by mail or by logging into a link provided. This is how many cases of identity theft begin. If in doubt, contact your state treasurer or controller's office to ensure the contact was legitimate.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

## Unemployment rate drops to lowest level since 2009

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The unemployment rate, which has refused to budge from the 9 percent neighborhood for two and a half frustrating years, suddenly dropped in November, driven in part by small businesses that finally see reason to hope and hire.

Economists said there was a long way to go but liked what they saw.

The rate fell to 8.6 percent, the lowest since March 2009, two months after President Barack Obama took office. Unemployment passed 9 percent that spring and had stayed there or higher for all but two months since then.

The country added 120,000 jobs in November, the Labor Department said Friday. The economy has generated 100,000 or more jobs five months in a row — the first time that has happened since April 2006, well before the Great Recession.

"Something good is stirring in the U.S. economy," Ian Shepherdson, an economist at High Frequency Economics, said in a note to clients.

It clinched one of the best weeks in stock market history. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 37 points and 825 for the week. The only better week was in October 2008, when stocks lurched higher and lower during the financial crisis.

The report showed that September and October were stronger months for the job market than first estimated. For four months in a row, the government has revised job growth figures higher for pre-

vious months.

Unemployment peaked at 10.1 percent in October 2009, four months after the Great Recession ended. It dipped to 8.9 percent last February and 8.8 percent last March but otherwise was at or above 9 percent.

Obama, who faces a re-election vote in less than a year and a presidential campaign that will turn on the economy, seized on the decline to argue for expanding a cut in the tax that workers pay toward Social Security.

The tax cut reaches 160 million Americans and will give most households \$1,000 to \$2,000 this year. It will expire Dec. 31 unless Congress acts. Republicans and Democrats have supported an extension but differ on how to pay for it.

The Senate on Thursday defeated plans from both parties. Republicans had proposed paying for the cut by freezing the pay of federal workers through 2015.

Democrats wanted to raise taxes on people making \$1 million or more a year.

"Now is not the time to slam the brakes on the recovery, right now it's time to step on the gas," Obama said Friday.

Inside the unemployment report, one of the most closely watched indicators of the economy's health, were signs of improvement for small businesses, which account for one of every two jobs in the private sector.

The government uses a survey of mostly large companies and government agencies to determine how many jobs were added or lost each month. It uses a separate survey of households to determine the unemployment rate.

The household survey picks up hiring by companies of all sizes, including small businesses and companies just getting off the ground. It also includes farm workers and the self-employed, who aren't included in the survey of companies.

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# BUSINESS

## Car dealership trades horsepower for horse

Special to the News-Sun

**PINELLAS PARK** — Park Auto Mall owner Fred Najjar may soon have to claim a new job title: horse trader.

For the second time in three months, Najjar has accepted a horse as a trade-in for an automobile. The most recent trade occurred on Oct. 29.

Sebring residents David and Kathy Sanders and their daughter Nikki traded in their horse named "I'm Diggin' It," a 9-year-old Appendix gelding, for a 2002 Daewoo Nubira.

In July, Najjar accepted Dallas, a buckskin quarter horse on trade. His wife and children urged him to keep Dallas, which he did. I'm Diggin' It now resides at a stable with Dallas.

Najjar admits he has broken a cardinal rule in the auto dealership business, which is to

never accept anything on trade that must be fed. However, David Sanders is glad Najjar did so.

"The car doesn't eat unless I use it," Sanders said as he laughed, adding that the horse was for his daughter, who once competed with the quarterhorse/thoroughbred cross but no longer does so. The family opted to trade the horse for a second vehicle.

Although Najjar has accepted unusual items on trade for years, he said the tough economy has prompted more customers to inquire about the dealership's willingness to accept unusual trade-ins.

"We are willing to consider almost anything that has value as a trade," Najjar said.

To learn more, call 866-708-0086 or visit [www.parkautomall.com/](http://www.parkautomall.com/).

## Signature Salon Suites brings new salon concept to county

Special to the News-Sun

**SEBRING** — Think of it as a mall for personal services. That's Signature Salon Suites, opening January 2012 in the Preserve Professional Plaza on U.S. 27, one mile north of Sun 'n Lake Boulevard between Avon Park and Sebring.

Suites are available for independent hair stylists, nail techs, massage therapists and estheticians. "Each suite is a fully functioning salon," said Diane Moree, vice president of Signature Salon Suites. "Clients get privacy and personal one-on-one service. No salon drama."

Signature Salon Suites features all new construction and equipment. Each hair stylist suite is complete with a shampoo/styling station, dual purpose shampoo/

styling chair, dispensary and retail shelving. Specialty services suites have sound-proof walls and a dispensary with sink, cabinets, retail shelving and any additional equipment needed.

Common waiting areas are positioned around the building that also features a laundry room and free Wi-Fi Internet access.

"A Signature Salon Suites website is under construction and each tenant will have a personal page to promote their business. We even have a professional beauty supply store with wholesale pricing to licensed professionals," said Glenn Moree, president of the Signature Salon Suites.

"Tenants have access 365 days a year with a secure access system employed at

night, weekends and holidays, if you have a client at night I want you and your client to feel safe."

The Morees have a combined 50-plus years in the salon industry and currently own and operate Mild to Wild Hair and The Professional Stylist Store in Avon Park. Signature Salon Suites plans future expansion with another location on Sebring's south side and locations throughout Florida.

Prospective tenants can call (863) 446-3362 for a complete confidential interview. Look for Signature Salon Suites on Facebook to follow the construction process.

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## 1000 Announcements

### 1050 Legals

IN THE COUNTY COURT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 11-498 CCS  
EMARK CORPORATION, a Florida corporation  
d/b/a LAKEVIEW MOBILE COURT  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
DEREK GREEN  
Defendant

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: Derek Green  
Residence Unknown  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a claim of lien 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 it on E. MARK BREED III, of BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 325 North Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, on or before November 30, 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 or petition.  
DATED this 29th day of November, 2011.  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Cyndi Dassinger  
Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: FC11-1032  
DIVISION: FAMILY  
VIOLET L. WILLIAMS,  
Petitioner  
and  
DAN A. WILLIAMS,  
Respondent.

**NOTICE OF ACTION  
FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**  
TO: Dan A. Williams  
Fort Stewart Army Base  
First Battalion, Forty-first Infantry, Building 631  
Fort Stewart, Georgia 31314  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Violet L. Williams, whose address is 336 E. Camphor Street, Avon Park, FL 33825, on or before December 15, 2011, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, before service on petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.  
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Courts office. You may review these documents upon request.  
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DATED: /s/ Robert W. Germaine, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ Kathy Whitlock  
Deputy Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 11-469 GCS  
SULLIVAN D. CURRAN,  
Plaintiff  
-vs-  
NORTH RIDGEWOOD, INC., a Florida corporation,  
MARIA E. DUGARTE, INDIVIDUALLY, EUGENE O'STEEN, INDIVIDUALLY, REPUBLIC NATIONAL DISTRIBUTING COMPANY LLC, a Florida limited liability company, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO, and DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,  
Defendants.

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TO: EUGENE O'STEEN, whose address is 4933 West Bay Dr., Tampa, Hillsborough County, FL 33629.  
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The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. §sect.287.133, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. §sect.287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination.  
The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof and the award. If an award is made, will be made to the most responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of the Sun'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid.  
Michael Wright, General Manager  
Sun'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District  
5306 Sun'n Lake Blvd.  
Sebring, Florida 33872  
November 27; December 4, 2011

**HIGHLANDS COUNTY DELEGATION  
NOTICE OF MEETING**  
TO: All agencies of local government and interested parties  
FROM: Representative Ben Albritton, Chairman, Highlands County Legislative Delegation  
SUBJECT: Special Highlands County Legislative Delegation Meeting and Public Hearing  
Representative Ben Albritton announces that a special meeting of the Highlands County Legislative Delegation will be held on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011 at 2:30 P.M. in the Senate Office Building, Room 229, located at 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 to take up the following changes to the original Charter for the Spring Lake Improvement District:  
\* Update elections provisions to reflect that there are currently two popularly elected Board members and to require the presence of a quorum to fill a vacancy on the Board.  
\* Grant the District the authority to conduct mosquito control activities  
\* Removes the power of eminent domain from the District charter  
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## 1050 Legals

Individuals wishing to address the Delegation on the topic being considered should plan to attend the public hearing at the Senate Office Building, Room 229, located at 404 South Monroe Street in Tallahassee.

If you have any questions or would like to be placed on the agenda for the Highlands County Legislative Delegation Special Hearing, please contact Kevin Cleary, Legislative Aide to Representative Ben Albritton at [kevin.cleary@myflorida-house.gov](mailto:kevin.cleary@myflorida-house.gov) by Monday December 5, before 5:00 p.m.  
December 4, 2011

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December 4, 2011

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

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

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Section 865.09, Florida Statutes  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Rustic House located at 4920 US 27 South, in the County of Highlands, in the City of Sebring, Florida 33870 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 1st day of December, 2011.  
GreenScape Nursery Inc.  
District Manager  
November 27, 2011; December 4, 2011

## 1050 Legals

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 January 9, 2012 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 18th day of November, 2011.  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff  
Deputy Clerk  
November 27; December 4, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
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**1055** Highlands County Legals

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The application for submission is located on the City's website at: [www.mysebring.com](http://www.mysebring.com). Click on City Board member applications. Please submit your complete application to City Hall, attn: Kathy Haley, City Clerk, at 368 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring or send by e-mail to: [kathyhaley@mysebring.com](mailto:kathyhaley@mysebring.com)  
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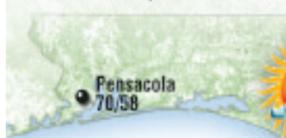
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**BACKGROUND CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED**

**Five-Day forecast for Highlands County**

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Sunny to partly cloudy and breezy	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny and warm	Clouds and sun; breezy, not as warm	Sunshine and nice
80° / 59°	81° / 60°	82° / 65°	74° / 47°	70° / 53°
Winds: E at 10-20 mph	Winds: ESE at 8-16 mph	Winds: SE at 7-14 mph	Winds: NW at 10-20 mph	Winds: NNE at 7-14 mph



**Almanac**

**Temperature**  
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	74°
Low Tuesday	42°
High Wednesday	71°
Low Wednesday	41°
High Thursday	72°
Low Thursday	46°

**Heat Index**  
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	47%
Expected air temperature	80°
Makes it feel like	81°

**Barometer**

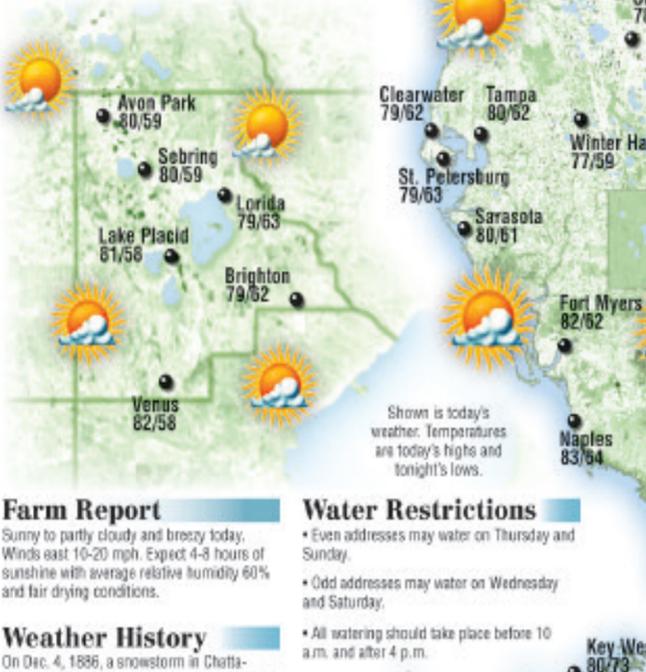
Tuesday	30.03
Wednesday	30.12
Thursday	30.22

**Precipitation**

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Year to date	46.22"

**Regional Summary**

Sunny to partly cloudy and breezy today. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Tuesday: warm with sunshine and patchy clouds. Wednesday: breezy and not as warm with clouds and sun. Thursday: sunshine and patchy clouds.



**Farm Report**

Sunny to partly cloudy and breezy today. Winds east 10-20 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60% and fair drying conditions.

**Weather History**

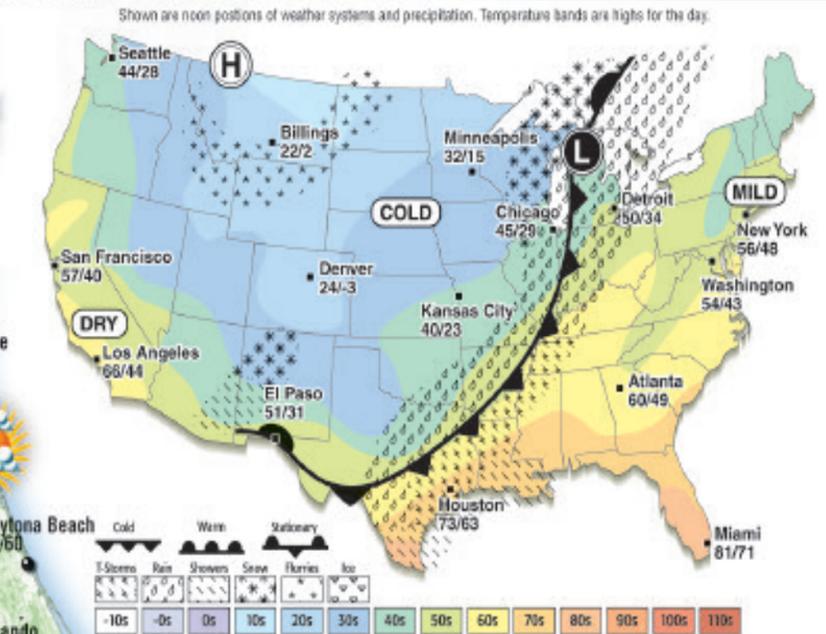
On Dec. 4, 1886, a snowstorm in Chattanooga, Tenn., broke records for city, including most snowfall in 24 hours: 12.0 inches and most snowfall from a single storm: 14.5 inches.

**Sun and Moon**

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:58 a.m.	6:59 a.m.
Sunset	5:34 p.m.	5:34 p.m.
Moonrise	1:41 p.m.	2:14 p.m.
Moonset	1:46 a.m.	2:37 a.m.



**National Forecast for December 4**



**National Summary**

A cold front stretching from the Great Lakes to the southern Plains will be the focus for unsettled weather and travel delays today. A soaking rain along with a few thunderstorms will provide some much-needed rainfall, while raising concerns for some flooding from eastern Texas to the Tennessee Valley. Lighter rain will stretch farther north into the Great Lakes, with some snow possible on the back side of the front across Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

**U.S. Cities**

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Abuquerque	39/25pc	26/11sn	32/19s
Atlanta	60/49pc	63/55c	60/35t
Baltimore	56/38s	60/48c	62/48t
Birmingham	66/54c	70/52y	54/27t
Boston	58/44s	68/48pc	64/52t
Charlotte	69/45pc	63/51c	68/49s
Cheyenne	23/48t	17/5s	36/19s
Chicago	45/29t	39/27pc	32/19st
Cleveland	52/40t	47/37t	43/31c
Columbus	56/43t	52/43t	46/32t
Dallas	48/37t	42/29t	38/25s
Denver	24/3c	17/3pc	40/18s
Detroit	50/34t	42/32sn	38/27st
Harlingen	53/37pc	52/46c	61/46t
Honolulu	82/88s	82/88pc	81/89s
Houston	73/63t	61/59t	49/31t
Indianapolis	50/37t	44/30t	37/22st
Jackson, MS	74/55c	63/42t	49/28t
Kansas City	40/23s	32/14c	27/17pc
Lexington	58/44t	58/42t	46/27t
Little Rock	57/41t	44/32t	38/25pc

**World Cities**

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	88/71s	88/71s	89/74pc
Athens	63/44s	64/55s	69/55pc
Beirut	66/59s	67/59c	66/59s
Berlin	43/37c	39/34sh	32/36st
Bermuda	70/68sh	71/67sh	72/70t
Calgary	21/20t	34/30c	40/19c
Dublin	43/32t	43/31pc	42/41pc
Edmonton	39/17pc	38/32s	36/19c
Freeport	78/61pc	79/61pc	81/63s
Geneva	49/48sh	49/38t	39/34t
Havana	83/66pc	83/63sh	86/63s
Hong Kong	70/61pc	70/61s	70/61pc
Jerusalem	63/48s	63/48s	62/48t
Johannesburg	73/52t	73/57c	74/58t
Kiev	46/43c	50/39t	39/27pc

**Water Restrictions**

• Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.  
• Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.

**Florida Cities**

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Cape Coral	82/60pc	82/62s	82/65s
Clearwater	79/62s	80/64s	78/64pc
Coral Springs	78/71pc	80/68pc	81/66s
Daytona Beach	74/60pc	78/62s	80/64s
Fl. Land. Bch	79/72pc	81/70pc	81/69s
Fort Myers	82/62pc	82/63s	82/66s
Gainesville	76/52t	78/55pc	82/57pc
Hollywood	81/68pc	82/67pc	81/65s
Homestead NFB	89/70pc	79/68pc	80/63s
Jacksonville	74/53pc	77/54pc	78/57pc
Key West	89/73pc	79/73pc	80/70s

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South Avon Park Baseball has produced three generations of Major League players, from Hal McRae to Thomas Gordon and now, current L.A. Dodger, Dee Gordon.

## Registration Day at the RCMA/Hopewell Center

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — Kids and parents gathered Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., to register their children for the South Avon Park Little League Baseball Program.

South Avon Park paired with Beachfront Community Outreach Inc., to feed and

register girls and boys, ages five to 13 for the program.

About 300 people were fed and 74 kids registered for the South Avon Park Little League.

The program will train youths to play the game of baseball and softball.

Through proper guidance

and exemplary leadership, the South Avon Park Little League program will also assist youth in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being by espousing the virtues of character, courage and loyalty.

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Blue Streak Matt Taylor blocks this lay-up attempt by Frostproof's Josh Murphy and also lead his team with 20 points in Friday's 68-32 win.

## Blue Streaks cruise

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — Blue Streak head coach Princeton Harris has often said he'll take an ugly win over a pretty loss.

That doesn't mean, however, he'll settle for sloppy play against an overmatched opponent, such as Friday's 68-32 win over visiting Frostproof.

A little delayed coming out of the locker room for the postgame interview, Harris mentioned that he had been doing some yelling.

"When you have a game like this, you should be working on the things you need to work on and we weren't doing that," he said. "We didn't execute as well as I felt we should. It wasn't an impressive win for me. We should have done a lot better."

One might look at the Bulldogs aggressive, physical, attacking style of defense for muddying up the works, but that gets precisely to

Harris' point, as execution will overcome.

Instead, the Streaks played into the pace, which became rather frenetic, resulting in hurried passes, rushed drives and a scant 13-9 lead after one.

Though that was slightly misleading as, behind Matt Taylor's six points in the period and a Michael Weston putback had Sebring up 13-6 in the waning seconds, Bulldog Jacoby Ross launched a three that banked in at the buzzer.

Josh Austin started the second with a baseline drive, before two Frostproof scores closed it to 15-13.

Davaris Faulk hit a 15-foot jumper for the Streaks, but the other aspect of the heightened pace, an excess of fouls, then came into play, which, actually slowed the pace to a crawl.

Sebring

68

Frostproof

32



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Jared Cannon hit two three pointers as part of his 10 points in Friday's win.

*'We didn't execute as well as I felt we should.'*

PRINCETON HARRIS

Sebring head coach

Or, rather, a slow-moving parade to the free-throw line.

But Sebring made their charity tosses at a 67-percent clip, 10-for-15, while the Bulldogs went just 1-of-8, helping the Streaks to a 31-18 edge at the half.

Any suspense that the first half may have held, as Frostproof had hung around, was waylaid in the third as Sebring blew it wide open with a 26-8 margin for the quarter.

Jonathan Tookes scored all seven of his points in the frame, with Jared Cannon canning two threes and a

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News-Sun file photo by

DAN HOEHNE

Brittany Collison received a rare and prestigious honor in being named to play in the FACA Volleyball All-Star game today at St. Leo University. Collison is the first Lake Placid player to receive the honor of being invited to play in the game.

## Collison honored, rolling

By DAN HOEHNE

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Lake Placid senior Brittany Collison dug out her volleyball gear to take part in the Florida Athletic Coaches Association All-Star game today at St. Leo's University.

The Lady Dragon libero, who finished the season with 273 digs, 90 more than her nearest teammate, is the first Lake Placid player to ever be honored with participation in the prestigious FACA event.

"It's pretty cool that I'm the first one to make it," Collison said.

Deservedly proud, her mother Michelle wasn't the only one.

"The whole school is ecstatic," she said.

But while she is back on the court today, Collison and her Dragon teammates have been tearing it up on the soccer pitch this past week.

After topping a tough Frostproof squad on Tuesday by a 4-2 score, with Collison scoring twice, she went for a hat trick with all three goals in Thursday's 3-1 win at Mulberry.

It was Stephanie Bennett's turn for a hat trick Friday as the Dragons took a 4-0 win at Ft. Meade, with Collison scoring the other goal, to move Lake Placid to 8-0-1 on the season.

It was a return to volleyball Sunday, in a very prestigious way, but it will be back onto the soccer pitch this week as the Dragons play host to Avon Park and DeSoto Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.



## Sebring soccer sweep

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — The parade lights were not the only ones lighting up the town Friday night.

Both the Sebring boys and girls varsity soccer squads kept up their winning streaks as they took on visiting Hardee at Firemen's Field.

The Lady Streaks would luck into the first goal of their game as a Hardee defender turned her back on a shot that would soon deflect off of her and turn into an own-goal, giving Sebring the lead after the 20-minute mark.

The ball remained primarily on the offensive half of the field for Sebring throughout the night.

Despite numerous more attempts it was one final save from Streak keeper Meghan Williams that ended the half at 1-0.

Hardee came back with a little more intensity in the second half, giving their offense more scoring opportunities and cashing in on one.

But Williams and the Sebring defenders did not allow them to

score again for the rest of the night.

They would, however, add three more to their own side of the board as a shot-on-goal for Jordan Hinkle turned into a handball in the box, setting up Heather Bloemsma for a successful penalty kick.

Nifty footwork from Justus Martin and a follow-through from Haylee Peters' shot by Jennifer Cochran finalized the score at 4-1.

Both head coach Paul Brown and assistant coach Daniel Grimaldo agreed that the girls' boosted confidence played a role in the win.

"Everyone came out aggressive," Brown said. "Our key players were present tonight, as well as the more up-and-coming strikers."

As the boys took the field shortly after, the battle for offensive control was a bit more intense; as both Sebring and Hardee battled hard to gain the first point advantage.

It wasn't until after 30 minutes of play when Sebring's Marcelo Gori headed a ball towards the goal.

Estebinson Joseph was able to



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Sebring's Estebinson Joseph maneuvers while these Hardee defenders try to keep track of his progress in Friday's Blue Streak win over the visiting Wildcats.

flip it past the Hardee goalie to make the first and only goal for the night.

As the last five minutes of the

first half came to a close, Hardee scrambled to get the ball through Sebring's defenders, but would not

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# THE SCOREBOARD



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	8	3	0	.727	331	223
N.Y. Jets	6	5	0	.545	256	241
Buffalo	5	6	0	.455	261	281
Miami	3	8	0	.273	12	206

South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	8	3	0	.727	293	179
Tennessee	6	5	0	.545	226	212
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	138	200
Indianapolis	0	11	0	.000	150	327

North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	8	3	0	.727	272	182
Pittsburgh	8	3	0	.727	233	188
Cincinnati	7	4	0	.636	259	215
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	165	216

West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Oakland	7	4	0	.636	260	274
Denver	6	5	0	.545	221	260
Kansas City	4	7	0	.364	153	265
San Diego	4	7	0	.364	249	275

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Dallas	7	4	0	.636	270	225
N.Y. Giants	6	5	0	.545	252	277
Washington	4	7	0	.364	183	222
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	271	282

South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	362	252
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	259	227
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	199	291
Carolina	3	8	0	.273	252	305

North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Green Bay	11	0	1	1.000	382	227
Chicago	7	4	0	.636	288	232
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	316	246
Minnesota	2	9	0	.182	214	295

West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
San Francisco	9	2	0	.818	262	161
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	216	246
Arizona	4	7	0	.364	213	256
St. Louis	2	9	0	.182	140	270

**Thursday's Game**  
Seattle 31, Philadelphia 14

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

**Monday's Game**  
San Diego at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 8**  
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 11**  
New Orleans at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Miami, 1 p.m.  
New England at Washington, 1 p.m.  
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.  
Chicago at Denver, 4:05 p.m.  
Buffalo at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.  
Oakland at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 12**  
St. Louis at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

**LEAGUE LEADERS**

**AFC PASSING**

Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int	
Brady, NE	421	277	3627	28	10
Schaub, HOU	292	178	2479	15	6
Rhlsbrgr, PIT	385	245	3070	17	10
M. Moore, MIA	219	138	1607	8	5
Ftzipatrk, BUF	369	236	2549	19	14

**NFC PASSING**

Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int	
Rodgers, GB	362	260	3475	33	4
Brees, NOR	460	323	3689	27	11
Romo, DAL	380	245	3026	21	9
Manning, NYG	355	220	2952	18	9
Smith, SF	298	186	2116	13	5

**AFC RUSHING**

Att	Yards	Avg	TD	
Jnes-Drew, JX	230	1040	4.5	5
Jackson, BUF	170	934	5.5	6
A. Foster, HOU	193	805	4.2	7
McGahee, DEN	162	775	4.8	3
Benson, CIN	188	740	3.9	5

**NFC RUSHING**

Att	Yards	Avg	TD	
L. McCoy, PHL	215	1134	5.3	12
Forte, CHI	198	985	5.0	3
M. Turner, ATL	219	948	4.3	8
Gore, SNF	203	909	4.5	5
Peterson, MIN	186	872	4.7	11

**AFC RECEIVING**

No Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
Welker, NE	82	1143	13.9	99t	8
Grnkwski, NE	60	864	14.4	52t	11
Marshall, MIA	59	850	14.4	46	3
M. Wallace, PIT	55	939	17.1	95t	6
Bowe, KAN	55	819	14.9	52t	4

**NFC RECEIVING**

No Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
J. Graham, NO	67	957	14.3	59	8
R. White, ATL	64	830	13.0	43	4
Johnson, DET	63	1023	16.2	73t	12
Sproles, NO	62	476	7.7	36	3
St. Smith, CAR	59	1060	18.0	77t	5

**AFC SCORING, NONKICKERS**

TD	Rus	Rec	Ret	X2	Pts
Gronkowski, NE	11	0	11	0	66
R. Rice, BAL	10	8	2	0	60
Decker, DEN	9	0	8	1	54
A. Foster, HOU	9	7	2	0	54
Welker, NE	8	0	8	0	48

**NFC SCORING, NONKICKERS**

TD	Rus	Rec	Ret	X2	Pts
L. McCoy, PHL	15	12	3	0	90
Johnson, DET	12	0	12	0	72
Peterson, MIN	12	11	1	0	72
C. Newton, CAR	10	10	0	0	60
J. Nelson, GB	9	0	9	0	54

### National Hockey League

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Atlantic Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Pittsburgh	15	7	4	34	82	64
N.Y. Rangers	14	5	3	31	65	49
Philadelphia	14	7	3	31	84	71
New Jersey	12	11	1	25	60	68
N.Y. Islanders	7	11	5	19	47	74

**Northeast Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	15	7	4	34	82	64
Montreal	14	5	3	31	65	49
Quebec	14	7	3	31	84	71
Ottawa	12	11	1	25	60	68
Toronto	7	11	5	19	47	74

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**MONDAY**  
7 p.m. St. John's at Detroit Mercy . . . . . ESPN2

**TUESDAY**  
7 p.m. Missouri vs. Villanova . . . . . ESPN  
9 p.m. Marquette vs. Washington . . . . . ESPN  
9 p.m. Memphis at Miami . . . . . ESPN2

### GOLF SUNDAY

9 a.m. Nedbank Golf Challenge . . . . . GOLF  
1 p.m. PGA - Chevron World Challenge . . . . . GOLF  
3 p.m. PGA - Chevron World Challenge . . . . . NBC  
4 p.m. PGA Tour Q-School, Fifth Round . . . . . GOLF

### NFL SUNDAY

1 p.m. Oakland at Miami . . . . . CBS-6  
1 p.m. Atlanta at Houston . . . . . FOX-13  
1 p.m. Carolina at Tampa Bay . . . . . FOX-36  
4 p.m. Baltimore at Cleveland . . . . . CBS-10  
4 p.m. Green Bay at N.Y. Giants . . . . . FOX  
8:15 p.m. Detroit at New Orleans . . . . . NBC

**MONDAY**  
8:30 p.m. San Diego at Jacksonville . . . . . ESPN

### NHL MONDAY

7:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at Ottawa . . . . . SUN  
**TUESDAY**  
7 p.m. Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders . . . . . SUN

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**SUNDAY**  
2 p.m. Texas at Tennessee . . . . . SUN  
**TUESDAY**  
7 p.m. Texas A&M at Connecticut . . . . . ESPN2

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

Boston	15	7	1	31	81	50
Toronto	14	9	2	30	82	81
Buffalo	13	11	1	27	69	67
Ottawa	12	11	2	26	77	86
Montreal	10	11	5	25	65	68

**Southeast Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Florida	13	8	4	30	68	62
Washington	12	11	1	25	72	77
Tampa Bay	11	11	2	24	65	76
Winnipeg	10	11	4	24	71	80
Carolina	8	15	4	20	64	91

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	16	7	1	33	73	52
Chicago	15	8	3	33	85	82
St. Louis	14	8	3	31	61	53
Nashville	12	9	4	28	66	68
Columbus	7	16	3	17	62	88

**Northwest Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Minnesota	16	7	3	35	64	57
Vancouver	14	10	1	29	78	66
Edmonton	13	10	3	29	73	66
Colorado	12	13	1	25	71	76
Calgary	10	12	2	22	54	64

**Pacific Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Dallas	15	9	1	31	65	67
Los Angeles	13	8	4	30	59	56
San Jose	14	7	1	29	64	51
Phoenix	13	8	3	29	65	58
Anaheim	7	13	5	19	57	81

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

**Thursday's Games**

Columbus 4, Calgary 3, SO  
San Jose 4, Montreal 3, SO  
Pittsburgh 2, Washington 1  
N.Y. Rangers 5, Carolina 3  
Dallas 3, Ottawa 2  
Winnipeg 1, Phoenix 0  
Nashville 6, Vancouver 5  
Los Angeles 2, Florida 1

**Friday's Games**

Chicago 5, N.Y. Islanders 4, SO  
Colorado 3, St. Louis 2, SO  
Detroit 4, Buffalo 1  
Minnesota 4, New Jersey 2  
Edmonton 6, Columbus 3  
Philadelphia 4, Anaheim 3, OT

**Saturday's Games**

Montreal at Los Angeles, late  
Toronto at Boston, late  
Ottawa at Washington, late  
Pittsburgh at Carolina, late  
New Jersey at Winnipeg, late  
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, late  
Chicago at St. Louis, late  
Buffalo at Nashville, late  
Philadelphia at Phoenix, late  
N.Y. Islanders at Dallas, late  
Calgary at Edmonton, late  
Florida at San Jose, late

**Sunday's Games**

Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m.  
Minnesota at Anaheim, 8 p.m.  
Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

**SCORING LEADERS**

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
Kessel	TOR	16	16	32
Giroux	PHI	14	17	31
Lupul	TOR	12	18	30
D. Sedin	VAN	8	21	29
Nugent-Hopkin	EDM	11	17	28
Toews	CHI	14	13	27
Vanek	BUF	12	15	27
Eberle	EDM	10	17	27
Pominville	BUF	9	18	27
Stamkos	TB	16	10	26
Versteeg	FLA	12	14	26
Smyth	EDM	12	14	26
Backstrom	WAS	8	18	26
H. Sedin	VAN	8	18	26
Kane	CHI	7	19	26
Neal	PIT	14		



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Decaris Jones soars through a crowded lane toward the hoop in Friday's blowout win over visiting Frostproof.

## Hoops win for Blue Streaks

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deuce for eight. Taylor hit two buckets and three free throws, while Faulk and Ezell Gammage added a hoop each to balloon the lead to 57-26 heading into the final eight minutes.

Kenoi St.Louis drained one from downtown and added a free throw, his

brother Nelson got a basket, as did Gammage and Weston, with Grant Strickland hitting a free throw for Sebring's 11, fourth-quarter points that added to the final margin.

Now 2-3 on the young season, Harris hopes his squad can tighten up the execution as a tough stretch of the schedule looms.

"We have Lake Region on

Monday, with a 6-foot-11 kid and another one 6-foot-7," he said. "So we've really got to work on some things."

Following that game is a Tuesday rematch with Hardee, to whom the Streaks fell by nine to this past Tuesday, before hosting DeSoto in a rare Saturday night contest.

## Soccer takes two from Hardee

Continued from 1B

see the ball fall into the net. As play resumed after the half, Hardee had a few more goal attempts.

Keeper Ethan Smith would not allow for this, and made countless saves to keep the score at 1-0.

This would prove to be successful as the night came to a close, and as the final whistle blew Sebring took another win for their current 5-1-1 record.

"We were aggressive to the ball tonight," said head coach Keith Bowyer. "We were expecting a good game tonight."

While still undefeated in their district, the boys still continue to work hard and make improvements to their game.

"The attacking mids dropped back to help the defense, which is what they are supposed to do, but we need to keep them up as well," Bowyer said. "When you abandon space, you abandon a forward."



News-Sun photos by DAN HOEHNE

Above: Marcelo Gori lofts one over the Hardee defense in Friday's match at Firemen's Field. Below: Holly Scherlacher changes direction of her progress upfield as this Lady Wildcat defender flies by in Friday's 4-1 Lady Blue Streak win.

The Sebring boys host Frostproof Monday while the Lady Streaks hit the road for a match at Mulberry.

The girls stay on the road Tuesday at Auburndale, with the boys welcoming the

Bulldogs to Firemen's Field. The team's then finish out the week Thursday with the boys at Tenoroc and the girls hosting the Lady Titans.

## Suh's 2-game suspension upheld

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The suspension stands, and that means Detroit Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh will sit out the next two games for stomping an opponent during a loss to the Green Bay Packers.

Suh's appeal of the suspension handed out earlier this week was denied Friday by Art Shell, jointly appointed by the NFL and the players' association to hear such cases.

Suh will miss Sunday's game at New Orleans and a Dec. 11 home game against Minnesota.

He can return for practice on Dec. 12. Usually, a hearing is held within 10 days of an appeal, but the league expedited Suh's high-profile case so a decision could be made before Sunday's game.

Suh is barred from practice and the team's facility while suspended.



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# Florida Football Playoff Scores

## Class 8A Regional Final

Christopher Columbus Catholic 28, Miami Southridge 7  
Fletcher 31, Timber Creek 27  
Miramar 35, Palm Beach Gardens 7  
Plant 28, East Lake 21, OT

## Class 7A Regional Final

Dwyer 6, St. Thomas Aquinas 3  
First Coast 28, East Ridge 21  
Lakeland 42, Gaither 14  
Manatee 13, Fort Pierce Central 10

## Class 6A Region Final

Armwood 17, Gainesville 14  
Bartram Trail 34, Pace 24  
Mainland 27, Naples 16  
Miami Central 17, Palm Bay 7

## Class 5A Regional Final

Miami Norland 29, Glades Central 13  
Palmetto 42, Immokalee 21  
Pasco 31, Jesuit 7  
Wakulla 20, Ponte Vedra 6

## Class 4A State Semifinal

Bolles School 49, East Gadsden 7  
Miami Washington 20, Cocoa 14, OT

## Class 3A State Semifinal

Delray American Heritage 17, Berkeley Prep 9  
Madison County 14, Ocala Trinity Catholic 0

## Class 2A State Semifinal

Admiral Farragut 42, Glades Day 16  
North Florida Christian 54, Warner Christian 13

## Class 1A State Semifinal

ChIPLEY 25, Northview 21  
Jefferson County 27, Union County 6

# South AP Little League gives back

Continued from 1B

The South Avon Park Little League Baseball and Softball program is designed to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes.

Our goal also will include educational training to help increase FCAT scores.

Coach Hinson (President of SAPLL) stated that he has always believed in neighborhood baseball programs.

“It gives the community a sense of ownership and pride for the teams within the community,” he said. “The City Park is great but you don’t have that sense of ownership, that this is our field. Every community should have a community field for the kids to play on.”

Coach Hinson also stated that three generations of professional baseball players have come from the South Avon Park area and played on these same grounds – Hal McRae, Thomas Gordon and Dee Gordon.

Mr. Wilson (director of Beachfront Community

*‘It gives the community a sense of ownership and pride.’*

COACH HINSON  
SAPLL President

Outreach) was very happy with the turnout.

Beachfront Outreach sponsored the event and prepared the food, Jump Houses and entertainment for the day.

Mr. Wilson said that he too is concerned about the kids in the community and that he and his company are supporting the Little League Baseball and Softball program.

“The field has a history to be told and we hope to get back that pride we once had in this field and this community.”

South Avon Park Little League and Beachfront Community Inc. would like to thank RCMA, Kevin & Kevin Productions, parents and all who came out to support.

# Magic Johnson joins bid to buy Los Angeles Dodgers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers could be ready for a little Magic.

Magic Johnson has joined a group bidding to buy the beleaguered Dodgers, hoping to restore the luster of a once-glamorous franchise that has been sullied during owner Frank McCourt’s messy tenure.

Johnson, the longtime Los Angeles Lakers superstar and former part-owner of the NBA club, is partnering with former Atlanta Braves executive Stan Kasten and wealthy investor Mark Walter in the upcoming auction for the Dodgers, who filed for bankruptcy protection in June.

McCourt finally agreed last month to auction the team at an undetermined future date.

“I’m excited to have the opportunity to be part of the Dodgers legacy and bring a World Series championship back to LA,” Johnson tweeted Friday.

Johnson has joined a heavyweight group in what’s expected to be a tough competition for the Dodgers:

Kasten is the former presi-

dent of the Braves and Washington Nationals, while Walter is the CEO of a global financial services firm managing more than \$125 billion in assets.

Their organization will be called Guggenheim Baseball Management, and Walter’s vast financial resources could put the group up front in the bidding.

The Los Angeles Times first reported Johnson’s interest in the Dodgers.

The news was greeted with enthusiasm across Los Angeles from fans who count Magic among the most popular athletes in Southern California sports history.

The three-time NBA Most Valuable Player has become a successful businessman since his second retirement in 1996, with investments in several sectors of commercial real estate.

But Johnson’s passion still is sports, and he has spent several years looking for an ownership role in a pro franchise, most recently expressing his interest in returning the NFL to Los Angeles.

Johnson amicably left his ownership position with the

Lakers in October 2010, selling his 4.5 percent equity stake to Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong in what’s widely thought to be a wildly lucrative transaction for the former Lakers point guard.

The Lakers would love to see Johnson with a large ownership role in the Dodgers.

Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak regularly speaks with Johnson, who has said he’ll never leave his influential role behind the scenes with the Lakers and the Buss family.

“I know he’s sitting on a pile of cash, which is maybe why I take his calls as often as I do,” Kupchak said Friday. “He’s been incredibly supportive as an owner. Never once did he say, ‘Mitch, this is what you should do.’ He would be a great owner (of the Dodgers).”

Johnson played baseball growing up in Michigan, where he rooted for the Detroit Tigers.

The full list of bidders for the Dodgers is still unclear, but it will be studded with accomplished businessmen

and famous athletes who realize a cash machine is sitting up in Chavez Ravine for the proper ownership.

Former Dodgers owner Peter O’Malley is in the mix, and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban has said he’s investigating the prospect.

Former Dodgers Steve Garvey and Orel Hershiser have been vocal about pursuing the club, while former Dodgers general manager Fred Claire, Los Angeles developer Rick Caruso, supermarket mogul Ron Burkle and former Buffalo Sabres owner Tom Golisano have been linked to the bidding.

The price likely will break the record for a baseball franchise, topping the \$845 million paid by the Ricketts family for the Chicago Cubs in 2009.

# Muhammad Ali home after dehydration treatment

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — A spokesman for Muhammad Ali says the former heavyweight champion is “well, happy and carrying on with his daily routine” after being treated for dehydration last month.

Spokesman Craig Bankey says in a statement released Friday that Ali was treated Nov. 19, five days after the funeral of Joe Frazier, whom

he fought in three epic fights. Bankey says Ali is home in Scottsdale.

He adds that “early reports were blown out of proportion.”

Star magazine reported Ali had been hospitalized last month.

Jeanie Kahnke, a spokeswoman for the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, says she spoke with Ali’s wife, Lonnie, by phone Friday

morning and that “he was right next to her asking for breakfast and that he was doing good.”

Ali, who turns 70 in January, was last seen in public at Frazier’s funeral.

Ali long has suffered from Parkinson’s Syndrome, which can be caused by taking too many blows to the head.



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## SUNDAY

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

■ **American Legion Post 74** open 1-8 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Post is at 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Call 471-1448.

■ **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](http://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.

## MONDAY

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

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

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500

Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 314-0891.

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **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.

■ **Corvette Cruisers** meets at 6:30 p.m. first and third Monday at the Dairy Queen in front of The Home Depot, Sebring. For details, call Ed Robson at 655-2092.

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

■ **Garden Club of Sebring** meets noon, Sebring Civic Center. Call 471-0657 or 385-0759 for details.

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

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first and third Monday at Sebring Civic Center from December through April. There will be alternating mainstream and plus dancing with rounds. Casual dress or square dance attire is acceptable. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at [samdunn@samdunn.net](mailto:samdunn@samdunn.net).

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

■ **Heartland Pops** rehearses at 7 p.m. Mondays at Avon Park High School Band Room, 700 E. Main St., under the direction of Anthony Jones. Musicians of all ages are welcome. For information, call 314-8877.

■ **Highlands County Amateur Radio Club** meets at 7:30 p.m. third Monday in conference room 3 at the Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, Sebring. For details, call Don Roberts at 402-0554 or Darrell Koranda at 471-0226.

■ **Highlands County Concert Band** rehearses 7-9 p.m. every Monday at Sebring High School band room. All musicians are welcome. Vic Anderson, musical director. Call Don at 386-1101.

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

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

■ **La Leche League**, breastfeeding support for Highlands

and southern Polk counties, meets at 7 p.m. every third Monday at the Florida Hospital Heartland conference rooms. Pregnant and nursing mothers and their babies are welcome. For more information, call 655-6617 or 638-3954.

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

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

■ **Lake Placid Art League** will have 'Open Studio' from 1-4 p.m. Bring your projects in whatever medium, to work in a friendly atmosphere. Cost is only \$2 per session. Call Pat Keesling, 699-2058.

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

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

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

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

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Meetings held first and third Mondays at 8 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

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

■ **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People**, Highlands County Branch meets 7 p.m. third Monday for a general meeting at Sebring Chamber of Commerce, 227 U.S. 27 North, Sebring. For information, call All Hinson at 399-2243, Rev. Robert Walker at 414-6474 or Davette Thompson at (312) 543-5983..

■ **National Association of Retired Veteran Railway Employees (NARVRE)** meets at 11:30 a.m. third Monday from October through May at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring. All current and retired railroad employees and their spouses are invited to attend. For more details, call Jerry at 441-4418.

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

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

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

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

■ **Sebring Historical Society** open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Located in back side of Sebring Public

Library building on Lake Jackson. For information, call 471-2522.

■ **Sebring Meals on Wheels** delivers hot meals from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., including holidays, Monday-Friday. The cost is \$4.35 per meal. Call 402-1818 for details.

■ **Sebring Optimist Club** meets at 6:15 p.m. first and third Mondays at Jim's house. For details, call Jim Harrison at 381-9767 or Gabriel Read at 453-2859.

■ **Sebring Moose Club 2259** serves beef franks and Italian sausages from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Women of the Moose meets at 7 p.m. third Monday for a business meeting, snacks and trivia pursuit. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Women of the Moose** has a business meeting at 7 p.m. at the lodge, 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 382-8782.

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

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

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** meets 7 p.m. third Monday, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring.

## TUESDAY

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

■ **All Sebring Model Railroad Club** meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway, unless otherwise directed. Members build and run an "HO" Gauge model railroad layout. Rail-buffs interested in other model railroad gauges are welcomed. For information, or updates on meeting locations, call Gene Archer, 452-0334, or Curtis Petersen, 382-6967.

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

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

■ **Avon Park Boy Scout Troop 156** meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Scout Lodge, 202 Robert Britt St., Avon Park. Boys ages 11-17 are eligible to join. For details, call 452-2385.

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

■ **Avon Park Lions Club** meets 6:45 p.m., in the Lions Club, 1218 W. Bell St.

■ **Brown Bag Book Bunch** book reader's group meets at noon on the third Tuesday of the month at Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 3115 Hope St., Sebring. Read the selected book, bring your bag lunch, and join in the lively and interesting discussions. For information on each month's book, call 471-1999.

■ **Celebrate Recovery** meets every Tuesday night at "The Rock," Union Congregational Church, 28 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park. A barbecue meal is served at 6 p.m. for a donation. At 6:45 p.m., members meet. At 7:30 p.m., the group breaks up into small groups for men and women. The program is designed for drug and alcohol addiction, divorce, death or illness grief, low or lost self-

esteem or identity due to dysfunctional relationships, depression/anxiety, or any other need for healing. For details, contact Celebrate Recovery coordinator Pam Sim by calling 453-3345, ext. 106.

■ **Ballroom Dance lessons**, 4 p.m., free, first and third Tuesday of each month. Eastside Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid. 314-9215 or 699-0886

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

■ **Friends of Highlands Hammock** meets at 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday, Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring. For more details, call 386-6099.

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

■ **Heartland Avian Society** meets every fourth Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at Huntington National Bank, 126 Center Ave., Sebring. For more details, call 465-9358.

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■ **Heartland Talk of the Town Toastmasters** meet the first and third Tuesday from 6:15-7:15 p.m. at Century 21 Advanced All-Service Realty, corner of Thunderbird Road and U.S. 27 in Sebring. For information call Linda Udall at 386-6495 or email [erinehess@yahoo.com](mailto:erinehess@yahoo.com) or [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

■ **Highlands County Quilt Guild** meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Women's Club of Sebring, 4260 Lakeview Drive, across from Veterans' Beach, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, call 471-0694 or e-mail [sbringquilter@embarqmail.com](mailto:sbringquilter@embarqmail.com)

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

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

■ **Highlands County Veterans Council** meets 7 p.m., third Tuesday in the conference room at the Veterans Services Office. The meeting is for the appointed delegate from each veteran organization

in the county to meet to discuss current issues regarding veterans and veterans activities.

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

■ **Lake Haven Homeowners Association** meets the third Tuesday of the month, 5400 N. Lake Huckleberry Drive, Sebring. Covered dish dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and meeting is at 7:30 p.m. For more details, call 382-4858.

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

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

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

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

■ **Lake Placid Jaycees** meet 7:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays, Jaxson's. Board meetings at 6:30 p.m., second Tuesday. For details, call Joe Collins, 655-5545.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** has an officers meeting at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday at the lodge.

■ **Lake Placid Toastmasters** meet the first and third Tuesday at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 101 S. Oak Ave. in Lake Placid. The web address is [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org). For information call Cathy Schreima at 382-3574 or Linda Udall at 386-6495.

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

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

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

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and has blood pressure screening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. first and third Tuesday at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. For details, call 465-4888.

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

■ **S.A.L.T. Council** (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meets the third Tuesday each month at 10 a.m. Location varies monthly. For more information call 402-7369.

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

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

■ **Sebring Lions Club** meets at noon at Dot's Restaurant, 950 Sebring Square. For information call 382-2333.

■ **Sebring Lodge 249 F&AM** meets 7:30 p.m., 1809 Home Ave., Sebring.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves soft shell tacos 5-7 p.m. at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing. Euchre is played at 6:30 p.m. For details, call 655-3920.

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

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

■ **"Souper" Book Group** meets the third Tuesday of each month at noon at Emmanuel United Church of Christ to discuss the monthly book selection and enjoy a soup, salad and dessert lunch. All book lovers are welcome. The church is at 3115 Hope St., Sebring (1.8 miles west from corner of Highway 27 and Hammock Rd.) For information about the book of the month and reservations, call the church office 471-1999 or 452-2697.

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

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

■ **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary** meets 7 p.m., third Tuesday, Sebring Jaycees building. Call 471-0393 or 385-2459.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880**, plays darts 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. House Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. For more details, call 699-5444.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Young superstar Ethan Bortnick to perform at SFCC Jan. 7

*Special to the News-Sun*

AVON PARK — The world's youngest solo musician to headline his own tour, Ethan Bortnick, will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the South Florida Community College Theatre for the Performing Arts.

This young pianist and composer seamlessly brings to life some of music's most well-known classics and biggest hits from every era and genre in his performance titled "Musical Time Machine." At 10 years of age, Bortnick is taking the entertainment world by storm with a talent well beyond his years.

Having headlined over 100 shows across the globe, he has received rave reviews and garnered media attention world-wide. He will be the youngest solo artist ever to appear on SFCC's stage.

He entertains crowds with a repertoire that spans from Bach and Mozart to disco, jazz, pop and rock songs. His amazingly fun, inspiring, funny, interactive show is filled with surprises. Bortnick delivers a trip through music's rich history and introduces some of his very own compositions, including the entertaining and inspiring stories behind his original songs.

As motivating as they are entertaining, his concerts captivate both kids and adults while reminding the audience that "anything is possible."

He has appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno four times and has been featured on Good Moring America, Access Hollywood, Inside Edition, Martha Stewart, and twice on Oprah. As a part of Oprah's Farwell Season, Bortnick was dubbed one of Oprah's All Time Smartest, Most Talented Kids.

Bortnick even created and hosted his own award-winning, nationally televised concert special on PBS, which was broadcast more than 700 times.

Recently, he became the youngest headliner at the Hilton Las Vegas, where legends like Elvis Presley, Tony Bennett, Barry Manilow and Barbara Streisand have graced



Courtesy photo

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the stage. Through concert and charity events he has shared the stage with legendary artist such as Natalie Cole, Beyonce, and Reba McEntire.

This performance is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. George D. Leidel and Dr. Andrew and Beth Kulick.

Tickets range from \$19 to \$25 and may be purchased online anytime at <http://performances.southflorida.edu>. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the SFCC Box Office at 863-784-7178 or by visiting the SFCC Box Office Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., located in the front of the Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 West College Drive.

## SFCC MOFAC to present 'Guardians of the Everglades'

*Special to the News-Sun*  
AVON PARK — South Florida Community College's Museum of Florida Art and Culture will present its third exhibition of the season, "Guardians of the Everglades: Nicolas Petrucci, Clyde Butcher and Connie Bransilver" Dec. 7-Jan. 30.

Guardians of the Everglades is an art, conservation, and education exhibition featuring Petrucci's oil portraits of people dedicated to preserving the Everglades ecosystem. Supporting the portraits to create the Everglades experience are Clyde Butcher's black and white landscape photographs, detailing the complexity of the glades, and Connie Bransilver's photographs of colorful native orchids printed on diaphanous silk panels. The exhibition is co-sponsored by Donald and Jeanmaire Appelquist and Charles and Anne Reynolds.

In conjunction with the exhibition, SFCC MOFAC will hold a special program "Guardians of the Everglades" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, at the SFCC University Center Auditorium. Who cares about the Everglades? Who cares about clean water and native species, about sawgrass and cypress swamps, about native cultures and human health? There are men and women who care and who work, each in his or her own way, to preserve the Everglades. Petrucci will talk about the outstanding living individuals he selected to honor as Guardians of the Everglades. Butcher and Bransilver will join Petrucci to expose the



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breathtaking beauty of this delicate and unique wetland ecosystem.

In the Lower Lobby Gallery located in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts, an exhibition of photographs by Niki Butcher runs Dec. 7-Jan. 30. Reminiscent of early hand-painted post cards, Butcher captures the fading facades and changing cultures of Florida in her color-tinted photographs. Her subjects include old shacks, lonesome sandy beaches, and the mysterious cypress strands of the Everglades.

SFCC MOFAC is open to the public Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m., one hour prior to each Artist and Matinee Series performance and by appointment for group tours. For more information about the museum and its exhibitions and workshops or to request a museum tour, contact Mollie Doctrow, curator, MOFAC, at ext. 7240 at 863-453-6661, 465-5300, 773-2252, or 494-7500.

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# 'America's Most Wanted' returns to TV on Lifetime

By FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — John Walsh is rallying America against the nation's bad guys again.

"America's Most Wanted," a Fox Broadcasting mainstay for 23 years before that network canceled it last spring, returns to weekly television at a new address: Lifetime, where it premieres Friday at 9 p.m.

"It will be basically the same show," says Walsh, whose criminal roundup has led to the capture of more than 1,100 fugitives in the U.S. and 30 countries, plus the rescue of 61 children and missing persons — and counting.

Walsh says there will be no softening of the show's gritty, tough-guy tone in its new home, despite Lifetime being chiefly a channel aimed at women.

"It will still be tough enough for people sitting in their living rooms to say, 'My God, that happened to a real person, that's not a scripted drama,'" he says, "and then get off their couch and go to their phone if they recognize

the fugitive, and do the right thing."

After "AMW" aired its last weekly episode on Fox last June, "people never stopped going to the website and calling the hotline, which amazed me," Walsh says. "We caught five guys." These included alleged child predator Kenneth Craig, who turned himself in to law enforcement in Brazil just days after watching himself being profiled on the show.

"I've told Lifetime, 'Most of the people we profile are cowards that have hurt women or children.' I think that's why Lifetime got it so much, and picked up the show," he says.

"I don't believe there's ever been a show that combines entertainment with public service in the way this show does, and its mission is something we believe in very deeply," says Rob Sharenow, Lifetime executive vice president of programming. "Public safety, keeping our streets safe, keeping our children safe is probably the issue of most importance to our viewers."

It was in 1981 that Walsh,



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John Walsh began his anti-crime crusade in 1981 after his son Adam was abducted and murdered.

now 65, launched his crime-busting crusade in the aftermath of the abduction and murder of his 6-year-old son Adam (who Walsh notes would have turned 37 last month).

The grieving father became an outspoken advocate for tougher laws against sex offenders, more coopera-

tion among law enforcement agencies, and citizen involvement in flushing out fugitives.

Then his TV show premiered in April 1988 on the fledgling Fox network and, little more than a year later, was the first-ever Fox program to rank first in viewership in its time slot. It

remained a fixture on the network after that, and during the 2010-11 season, was seen by an audience averaging 5 million viewers.

Last May, Fox announced it was axing the series because of high production costs. "AMW" remains on Fox with a greatly reduced presence — the first of four

quarterly, two-hour specials aired recently. But the weekly push has relocated to Lifetime, which signed for 20 episodes, with an option for 44 more, according to Walsh.

Fox sibling company Twentieth Television, which owns "AMW," has licensed the show to Lifetime. Now Walsh's company produces it. Based in Washington, D.C., Walsh Productions has several other series pilots in the works that Walsh hopes will lead to the rehiring of many of the remaining 55 people (out of a total of 80) he couldn't restore to "AMW" on Lifetime.

"It was very, very difficult," he says, describing the process of laying off staffers last summer.

Now, after a tumultuous few months, Walsh resumes his tireless TV mission, and he hopes loyal viewers again will do their part.

"Will they come back after we were off for several months?" he muses. "Will they follow us to cable?"

Online:

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### 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](http://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.

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■ **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."

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■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delp, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.;

Mision Bautista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Loomis, 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 Arubckle 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, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delp, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.;

"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](mailto:office@stcath.com); website, [www.stcath.com](http://www.stcath.com). Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Masses - Daily Masses 8 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday. Weekend Masses 4 and 5 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Saturday Spanish Mass (Holy Family Youth Center), 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, noon Sunday Sunday Mass; 5 p.m. Sunday English Family Mass (Holy Family Youth Center). Confession: every Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. or first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment with any priest.

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

### 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](http://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.

# BOOKS

## HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Explosive Eighteen" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
2. "11/22/63" by Stephen King (Scribner)
3. "The Litigators" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
4. "Kill Alex Cross" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
5. "V Is for Vengeance" by Sue Grafton (Marian Wood)
6. "Micro: A Novel" by Michael Crichton and Richard Preston (Harper)
7. "The Best of Me" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
8. "Zero Day" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
9. "Devil's Gate" by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown (Putnam Adult)
10. "The Christmas Wedding" by James Patterson, Richard DiLallo (Little, Brown)
11. "IQ84" by Haruki Murakami (Knopf)
12. "The Sense of an Ending" by Julian Barnes (Knopf)
13. "A Dance with Dragons" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
14. "The Snow Angel" by Glenn Beck and Nicole Baart

(Threshold Editions)

15. "The Marriage Plot: A Novel" by Jeffrey Eugenides (Farrar, Strauss & Giroux)

## HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Steve Jobs: A Biography" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)
2. "Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt and Co.)
3. "Being George Washington: The Indispensable Man, As You've Never Seen Him" by Glenn Beck (Threshold Editions)
4. "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
5. "Jack Kennedy: Elusive Hero" by Chris Matthews (Simon & Schuster)
6. "Guinness World Records 2012" (Guinness World Records)
7. "Throw Them All Out" by Peter Schweizer (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
8. "Go the F--k to Sleep" by Adam Mansbach (Akashic)
9. "Back to Work" by Bill Clinton (Knopf)

## Publisher's Weekly Best-Sellers

10. "Imperfect Justice: Prosecuting Casey Anthony" by Jeff Ashton and Lisa Pulitzer (Morrow)
11. "Nearing Home" by Billy Graham (Thomas Nelson)
12. "Lady Gaga x Terry Richardson" by Lady Gaga and Terry Richardson (Grand Central Publishing)
13. "Gabby" by Gabrielle Giffords, Mark Kelly with Jeffrey Zaslow (Scribner)
14. "Then Again" by Diane Keaton (Random House)
15. "How I Got This Way" by Regis Philbin (It Books)

## MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Smokin' Seventeen" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
2. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
3. "True Blue" by Diana Palmer (Harlequin)
4. "The Land of Painted Caves" by Jean M. Auel (Bantam)
5. "Quinn" by Iris Johansen (St. Martin's Paperbacks)
6. "Learning to Love:

- Sugar/Love by Degree" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
7. "Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
8. "Crescent Dawn" by Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler (Berkley)
9. "Cross Fire" by James Patterson (Vision)
10. Storm of Swords" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
11. "A Clash of Kings" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
12. "The Perfect Christmas" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
13. "Secrets to the Grave" by Tami Hoag (Signet)
14. "A Feast for Crows" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
15. "Immortal Rider" by Larissa Ione (Grand Central Publishing)

## TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett (Putnam Adult)
2. "Longing" by Karen Kingsbury (Zondervan)
3. "The Next Always" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)
4. "Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back" by

Todd Burpo, Sonja Burpo, Colton Burpo and Lynn Vincent (Thomas Nelson)

5. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot (Broadway)
6. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
7. "Sing You Home" by Jodi Picoult (Atria/Emily Bestler Books)
8. "Unlikely Freindships: 47 Remarkable Stories from the Animal Kingdom" by Jennifer S. Holland (Workman)
9. "The Tiger's Wife" by Tea Obreht (Random House)
10. "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay (St. Martin's Griffin)
11. "Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell (LB/Back Bay)
12. "The Zombie Survival Guide: Complete Protection from the Living Dead" by Max Brooks (Three Rivers)
13. "The Art of Racing in the Rain: A Novel" by Garth Stein (Harper)
14. "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese (Vintage)
15. "A-----s Finish First" by Tucker Max (Gallery)

# 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](mailto:redemer1895@aol.com) Web site: [redeemeravon.com](http://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](http://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 concretion 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](http://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,** 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

■ **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](http://www.newlife-sebring.com).

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

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 9 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at [www.Trinitylutheranlp.com](http://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](http://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, [lindadowning@live.com](mailto:lindadowning@live.com). Casey L. Downing, associate minister, [caseydowning@hotmail.com](mailto:caseydowning@hotmail.com). Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: [www.ctmforme.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:unity@vistanet.net). Web site, [www.unityofsebring.org](http://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](mailto:thewaychurch@hotmail.com). Web site: [www.TheWayChurch.org](http://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](mailto:covpres@strato.net); Web site: [www.cpcsebring.org](http://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.

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# Rattlesnakes play a vital role in ecosystem



**News From The Watershed**  
Corine Burgess

Cold-blooded, slithery, evil and scary are words that may come to mind when one thinks of a snake. Few creatures have the power to instill such

a sense of fear in humans. Since the beginning of time, the snake or serpent has had a bad reputation. Many myths and folk lores have stemmed from this anxiety. Perhaps the most feared snake of all is the rattlesnake because of its venomous bite as well as the frightening rattle at the end of its tail.

Rattlesnakes are indeed venomous snakes. They are in the family of pit vipers (Crotalinae), which means that they have a heat-sensing pit organ located between the eye and nostril on either side of the head. There are 32 known species of rattlesnakes and they range from Canada to Argentina. They are native to the Americas.

Florida's species of rattlesnakes are the Eastern diamondback and the pygmy rattlers. While the diamondback is a large snake, its relative the pygmy only reaches a length of just over two feet. Both species are equally dangerous if threatened or frightened into striking.

Rattlesnakes are predators and hunt for small animals and birds. They kill their prey with venom injected by fangs. Once the snake bites its victim, the venom travels through the bloodstream, destroying tissue and causing internal bleeding, swelling and pain.

Contrary to what most people have been led to believe, rattlesnakes rarely bite humans unless provoked or threatened. If the snake does strike, bites are rarely fatal if the victim is treated soon after the bite.

To locate their meal, rattlesnakes generally lie in wait or they may go into holes or burrows to find prey. Once located, the prey is killed quickly with the snake's venom. Before swallowing its meal, the snake will check to see if it is still alive by prodding it with its nose and flicking its tongue to smell it. The snake then locates the head of the prey by odors that emanate from the mouth.



Two types of rattlesnakes are native to Florida. Although the Eastern diamondback (left) is much larger than the pygmy rattlesnake (right), both have a venomous bite and should be given a wide berth.

The unfortunate prey is then swallowed head first. This enables the snake to swallow the animal with minimal protrusions such as out folded wings or limbs. Within the rattlesnake are gastric fluids which allow the digestion of bone and flesh. Once the prey has been swallowed, if the snake is full, it will find a warm place to coil up until the meal is digested.

Often, the rattlesnake will warn predators off with its large rattle, which is located at the end of its tail. In spite of its fierce reputation, huge numbers of rattlesnakes are killed by humans as well as predators such as hawks, weasels, king snakes and indigo snakes. In fact, some populations of these snakes are severely threatened because of extermination campaigns as well as habitat destruction.

Rattlesnakes are found in most types of plant communities. Most species prefer open, rocky areas that offer cover and plenty of prey as well as open basking areas where they can sun themselves. Being cold-blooded reptiles, they do prefer temperatures between 80 and 90 degrees; however they can

survive below-freezing temperatures. They are active during the day and the evening.

Most reptiles lay eggs, but rattlesnakes are viviparous, which means they give birth to live young, which are born with venom intact. The babies take several years to reach maturity and females only reproduce about once in a three-year time span.

These snakes play a vital ecological role in the environment. They limit the size of vermin populations, which not only helps us out as humans, but prevents crop damage and stabilizes ecosystems.

Rattlesnake facts  
— 25 percent of adult rattlesnake bites are dry, with no venom injected.

— Rattlesnakes can strike a distance roughly two-thirds their own length.

— Fangs are like retractable hypodermic needles.

— The largest rattlesnake in the United States is the eastern diamondback (Crotalus adamanteus), which can grow to a length of eight feet

— All rattlesnakes are members of the Viperidae family of snakes (pit vipers),

a family that also includes copperheads, vipers and more. All members of this family are venomous.

— The pits on their heads are used to detect warm-blooded prey. Rattlesnakes can detect differences in temperature down to a fraction of a degree.

— Rattlesnakes give birth to as many as five to 20 live young at a time.

— Counting "buttons" on a rattlesnake's rattle is not an accurate measure of the snake's age. Rattlesnakes get extra buttons in conjunction with how often they shed and they may shed several times in a year. The buttons may also break off.

— Rattlesnakes are excellent swimmers and have been found several miles out at sea.

— If a snake bites you: stay calm, try to see what the snake looks like but do not approach it or try to catch it, take off any jewelry or clothing near the bite area before swelling occurs, lift a

bitten arm or leg so it is level with your heart, clean the bite wound (wipe in the direction away from the wound), get to a hospital if you think the snake was venomous. DO NOT bleed the

wound, try to suck venom out of the wound or put ice on the bite.

Corine Burgess is and Environmental Specialist for the Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department.

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A Public Hearing has been scheduled for December 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bartow Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2150 S. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830, for the purpose of advising all interested parties of the services planned if grant funds are awarded, and to ensure that contemplated services would not represent a duplication of current or proposed services.

**This hearing will be conducted if and only if a written request for the hearing is received by 4:00 p.m. December 12, 2011.**

Requests for a hearing must be addressed to Patricia M. Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 555 E. Church Street, Bartow, FL 33830. A copy of the request must also be sent to Terry Beacham, Florida Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1249 (801 North Broadway), Bartow, FL 33830-1249

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# Jackson legacy expected to thrive after trial

By LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES — The private world of Michael Jackson, fiercely shielded by the superstar in life, was exposed in the trial of Dr. Conrad Murray. But rather than suffering harm from revelations of drug use, experts say Jackson's legacy and posthumous earning power will survive any damage done and could actually grow after he was portrayed as a victim of a money-hungry doctor.

Jackson died before he could launch a series of highly anticipated comeback concerts in London as he tried to regain the towering status he enjoyed when he released the "Thriller" album in 1983.

But his death did breathe new life into record sales and boosted other projects to generate hundreds of millions of dollars for his estate, even as his already tarnished personal life took another hit by revelations about his drug use.

Jackson zoomed to the top of the Forbes Magazine list of highest earning dead celebrities and his executors are moving quickly on more projects designed to burnish the performer's image and expand the inheritance of his three children.

A Cirque du Soleil extravaganza, "Michael Jackson: The Immortal World Tour" opens in Las Vegas this weekend, a precursor to a permanent installation at the Mandalay Bay Hotel, and fans are expected to flock there for a "Fan Fest" exhibit of Jackson memorabilia.

After the trial, a judge made it clear that the defense effort to cast Jackson as the villain in the case had been a miserable failure. Murray was convicted of involuntary manslaughter, called a reckless opportunist and sentenced to the maximum four years in prison.

Judge Michael Pastor also



Kamal Ali Jr., 6, impersonates Michael Jackson outside Los Angeles Superior court where Jackson's personal physician Dr. Conrad Murray, 58, was sentenced to four years behind bars for the singer's June 2009 death.

Irfan Khan/Los Angeles Times/MCT

blasted Murray for experimenting on the pop star with the operating-room anesthetic propofol to help him battle debilitating insomnia, even though the drug was never meant to be used in a private home.

Some experts say the revelations made the King of Pop look more like a regular person coping with a difficult challenge.

"In the final analysis, not a lot of damage was done," Jackson biographer J. Randy Taraborelli said. "I think the trial humanized Michael Jackson. It presented him as a human being with problems."

As evidence unfolded, "It definitely made our hearts go out to Michael Jackson. He was a person suffering a great deal and not getting the help he needed," the author said.

Taraborelli said the entertainer's family, fans and estate executors were concerned before the trial that testimony would paint Jackson as responsible for his own death while resurrecting past accusations of child molestation and bizarre

behavior by the King of Pop.

But the judge limited testimony and evidence to Jackson's final months and specifically ruled out any mention of the 2005 molestation trial.

Thomas Mesereau Jr., the attorney who won Jackson's acquittal in that case, believes the Murray trial did damage Jackson's reputation but said the impact would likely be short term.

"It certainly didn't help to have all this testimony about drug use," Mesereau said. "But as time passes, people will focus more on his music and the negatives will fade."

While Murray was ultimately shown to be negligent, the portrait of his patient that emerged during the trial was one of an aging superstar desperate to cement his place in entertainment history while providing a stable home life for adored children, Paris, Prince and Blanket.

The image of Jackson as a caring father had never been illustrated quite so vividly. A probation officer who interviewed Jackson's mother, Katherine, said she told him:

"Michael Jackson was his children's world, and their world collapsed when he left."

A leading expert on the licensing and branding of dead celebrities believes the trial engendered so much sympathy for Jackson that in the long run it will eclipse negative fallout from his past.

"I don't think any tawdry revelations that may have come out of the trial will have any impact on his lasting legacy," said Martin Cribbs, who is based in New York. "We as a society tend to give everyone a second chance. Michael's legacy will be like Elvis and the Beatles. It will be his music, his genius, and his charitable works."

Cribbs has represented the estates of such deceased luminaries as Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein, Steve McQueen and Mae West.

He is not involved in the Jackson estate but praised its executors' efforts. Beginning with the rapid release of the concert movie, "This Is It," he said, "They have done a brilliant job of reminding us of Michael's genius."

Taraborelli also cited the film based on rehearsals for Jackson's ill-fated concerts as a spectacular move setting the stage for a posthumous comeback of the Jackson entertainment empire.

"It made you want to embrace him," said the author of "Michael Jackson: The Magic and the Madness."

Jackson's eccentricities and bizarre behavior often made headlines. Whether it was traveling with a chimp named Bubbles, sleeping in a hyperbaric chamber or dangling his baby Blanket off a balcony, he managed to alienate many people. The molestation trial pushed him further from the mainstream.

"That all ended on the day the news was announced that Michael was dead," said Lance Grode, a former music executive and onetime attorney for Jackson who now teaches legal issues in music at University of Southern California.

"The public decided they prefer to remember Michael as this great superstar and music prodigy and to forgive and forget any negative things they had heard over the last 10 or 15 years," Grode said. "Nothing came out at the trial that was nearly as bad as things they had heard in the past."

Grode said evidence of public acceptance is seen in the Jackson estate's ability to generate a half-billion dollars in the wake of his death.

The Cirque show, which

launched in Canada, is slated for 150 dates across North America through July and expected to run through 2014 internationally. The permanent Las Vegas show is due in 2013.

The year he died, Jackson sold 8.3 million albums in the U.S. — nearly twice as many as second-place Taylor Swift — and "This Is It" became the highest-grossing concert film and documentary of all time.

Joe Vogel, author of a new book on Jackson's music, and others said the most shocking part of the Murray trial was the playing of a recording of a drugged Jackson slurring his words while dreaming about his future concert and his plans to build a fantastic state of the art children's hospital.

Vogel said the recording, found on Murray's cell phone, reveals the dark side of Jackson's world.

"Michael had a difficult life. He said once that you have to have tragedy to pull from to create something beautiful and inspiring. And that's what he did. His music has staying power," Vogel said.

Rich Hanley, a pop culture specialist who teaches journalism at Connecticut's Quinnipiac University, said Jackson had "complexities on top of complexities."

"There may be collateral damage to his reputation from the trial. His inner sanctum was penetrated for the first time," he said.

However, "his music is eternal. It brings universal joy to people and will continue as much as Elvis' work continues to attract new fans even though he's been gone for generations," Hanley said.

## Paisley to hang with Urban after surgery

By CAITLIN R. KING

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — No one has spoken to Keith Urban since his surgery last week to remove a polyp on his vocal chord.

That's because the country star is on complete vocal rest for the next couple of weeks.

Good friend Brad Paisley has checked in with Urban, and they have plans to hang out while Urban recovers.

"We're big guitar junkies, and we wanted to get together and maybe go through some amplifiers and go through some gear," said Paisley before the CMT Artists of the Year taping on Tuesday in Nashville.

"I told him, 'Let's do that. You don't have to talk. We'll get together. We'll play guitar, set up some amps, go through some tubes, try some stuff out and tweak.' I'll do all the talking, which I am very capable of. He can just nod and grunt and do whatever he's allowed

to do."

Paisley said he can't imagine what it's like to not be able to talk for weeks. But he thinks Urban's wife, Nicole Kidman, should take full advantage of the situation.

"I'm sure Nicole loves it. It's got to be great for her," he joked.

Before heading into surgery, Urban posted a video for fans, thanking them for their gifts and well wishes. He said he looks forward to seeing fans in 2012.

An earlier statement from Urban's publicist called the surgery a minor outpatient procedure. Urban postponed his "All For The Hall" concert to benefit the Country Music Hall of Fame that was originally scheduled for Jan. 18. He also rescheduled the rest of his 2011 concert dates for next year.

Urban is a four-time Grammy winner with 13 No. 1 hits, including his most recent, "Long Hot Summer."

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by Patricia Valentine

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Lunch — Penne pasta, meat sauce, garlic breadstick, chicken patty on bun, Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, grilled chicken salad meal, broccoli, potato wedges, Colby Jack cheese stick, apple crisp, cut fresh fruit, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## Tuesday

Breakfast — Chicken biscuit, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, applesauce, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

Lunch — Baked chicken, dinner roll, chicken patty on bun, Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, Mama Sofia's pepperoni pizza, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, turkey Cobb salad plate, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, carrots and dip, President's Smart cookie, cut fresh fruit, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## Wednesday

Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, hash brown patty, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, applesauce, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

Lunch — Corn dog, hot and spicy chicken sandwich, Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, Mama Sofia's pepperoni pizza, ham sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, chef salad meal, baked beans, carrots and dip, potato chips, string cheese, Smart cookies, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## Thursday

Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, salsa, hash brown patty, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, diced peaches, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice,

assorted milk.

Lunch — Turkey and gravy, egg noodles, dinner roll, burger, cheeseburger, chicken patty on bun, Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, grilled chicken salad meal, broccoli, potato wedges, Colby Jack cheese stick, apple crisp, cut fresh fruit, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## Friday

Breakfast — Chocolate chip waffle stick, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, string cheese, strawberry cup, diced peaches, assorted juice, assorted fresh fruit, assorted milk.

Lunch — Chicken tenders, dinner roll, Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, Mama Sofia's pepperoni pizza, chicken patty on bun, PBJ sandwich meal, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, chef salad meal, baked french fries, corn, carrots and dip, string cheese, chocolate chip cookie, diced peaches, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## ACADEMY SCHOOLS Monday

Lunch — Penne pasta, meat sauce, garlic breadstick, green peas, applesauce snacking cake, diced pears, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## Tuesday

Lunch — Baked chicken, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, President's Smart cookie, assorted juice, assorted fresh fruit, assorted milk.

## Wednesday

Lunch — Corn dog, baked beans, carrots and dip, assorted juice, cocoa clodhoppers, potato chips, assorted milk.

## Thursday

Lunch — Turkey and gravy, egg noodles, dinner roll, broccoli, apple crisp, cut fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## Friday

Lunch — Chicken tenders, dinner roll, Sun Chips, carrots and dip, diced peaches, chocolate chip cookie, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS Monday

Breakfast — Egg and Cheese Daybreaker, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, fruit cocktail cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk. Breakfast on the Patio: Sausage biscuit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

3:30-4 p.m. — InFocus-17  
4-4:30 p.m. — InFocus-18  
4:30-5 p.m. — InFocus-19

## Thursday

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2:30-3 p.m. — InFocus-21  
3-3:30 p.m. — InFocus-22  
3:30-4 p.m. — InFocus-23  
4-4:30 p.m. — Developing the Worlds Best Work Force  
4:30-5 p.m. — Developing



## School Menus

Lunch — Penne pasta, meat sauce, garlic breadstick, chicken patty on bun, tacos, taco toppers, salsa, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich meal, chef salad meal, green peas, cheddar cheese stick, tossed salad, applesauce snacking cake, diced pears, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## Tuesday

Breakfast — Chicken biscuit, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, applesauce, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk. Breakfast on the Patio: Chicken biscuit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

Lunch — Baked chicken, dinner roll, burger, cheeseburger, chicken patty on bun, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, turkey Cobb salad plate, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, carrots and dip, President's Smart cookie, cut fresh fruit, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## Wednesday

Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, apricot cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk. Breakfast on the Patio: Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, assorted milk.

Lunch — Corn dog, cheeseburger hot and spicy sandwich, ham sub meal, dill stack, chef salad meal, PBJ sandwich meal, baked beans, carrots and dip, string cheese, assorted juice, Smart cookies, potato chips, assorted milk.

## Thursday

Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, salsa, hash brown patty, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted

Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, diced peaches, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk. Breakfast on the Patio: Chicken biscuit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

Lunch — Turkey and gravy, egg noodles, dinner roll, burger, cheeseburger, chicken patty on bun, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, grilled chicken salad meal, broccoli, potato wedges, Colby Jack cheese stick, apple crisp, cut fresh fruit, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## Friday

Breakfast — Chocolate chip waffle stick, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, string cheese, strawberry cup, assorted juice, assorted fresh fruit, assorted milk. Breakfast on the Patio: Sausage biscuit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

Lunch — Mama Sofia's pepperoni pizza, Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, chicken tenders, dinner roll, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, chef salad meal, PBJ sandwich meal, corn, carrots and dip, string cheese, chocolate chip cookie, diced peaches, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted milk.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS Monday

Breakfast — Egg and Cheese Daybreaker, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, fruit cocktail cup, assorted fresh fruit, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, assorted milk. Breakfast in the Classroom: Chocolate chip waffle stick, string cheese, fresh tangerine, chocolate milk, white milk.

Lunch — Hot dog on bun, Uncrustable Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich, turkey chef salad, baked sweet potato fries, baked beans, apple crisp, very berry juice bar, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice,

assorted milk.

## Tuesday

Breakfast — Chicken biscuit, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, applesauce, assorted fresh fruit, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, assorted milk. Breakfast in the Classroom: Blueberry/sausage pancake, strawberry cup, chocolate milk, white milk, apple cinnamon toast, peach cup.

Lunch — Baked chicken, dinner roll, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, ham chef salad, scalloped potatoes, corn cobbettes, raisins, very berry juice bar, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, assorted milk.

## Wednesday

Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, apricot cup, assorted fresh fruit, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, assorted milk. Breakfast in the Classroom: Apple cinnamon toast, peach cup, chocolate milk, white milk, blueberry/sausage pancake, strawberry cup.

Lunch — Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, turkey chef salad, corn dog, potato puffs, carrots and dip, diced peaches, cinnamon bears, apple juice, chocolate milk, strawberry milk, white milk.

## Thursday

Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, salsa, hash brown patty, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, diced peaches, assorted fresh fruit, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, assorted milk. Breakfast in the Classroom: Breakfast frittata, orange juice, chocolate milk, white milk, cinnamon oatmeal, Ultimate Breakfast Round, fresh apple slices.

Lunch — Turkey and gravy, egg noodles, dinner roll, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, ham chef salad, mixed vegeta-

bles, ice cream sandwich, diced peaches, very berry juice bar, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, assorted milk.

## Friday

Breakfast — Chocolate chip waffle stick, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, string cheese, strawberry cup, assorted fresh fruit, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, assorted milk. Breakfast in the Classroom: Cinnamon oatmeal, Ultimate Breakfast Round, fresh apple slices, chocolate milk, white milk, breakfast frittata, orange juice.

Lunch — Cheeseburger, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, turkey chef salad, turkey chef salad, potato puffs, carrots and dip, glazed berries and cherries, very berry juice bar, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, assorted milk.

## KINDERGARTEN LEARNING CENTER Monday

Lunch — Hot dog on bun, Uncrustable Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich, baked sweet potato fries, baked beans, apple crisp, assorted milk.

## Tuesday

Lunch — Baked chicken, dinner roll, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, scalloped potatoes, corn cobbettes, raisins, assorted milk.

## Wednesday

Lunch — Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, corn dog, potato puffs, carrots and dip, diced peaches, Goldfish crackers, apricot cup, assorted milk.

## Thursday

Lunch — Turkey and gravy, egg noodles, dinner roll, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, mixed vegetables, ice cream sandwich, diced peaches, assorted milk.

## Friday

Lunch — Cheeseburger, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, potato puffs, carrots and dip, glazed berries and cherries, assorted milk.

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## Wednesday

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## Panther Network

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# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

All interested parties within Hardee, Highland, and Okeechobee Counties are hereby advised that the Central Florida Regional Planning Council is applying to the Florida Department of Transportation for a capital grant under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, for the purchase of two wheelchair accessible vehicles at an approximate cost of \$40,952.00 per vehicle to replace vehicles currently used for the provision of public transit services within the three county area.

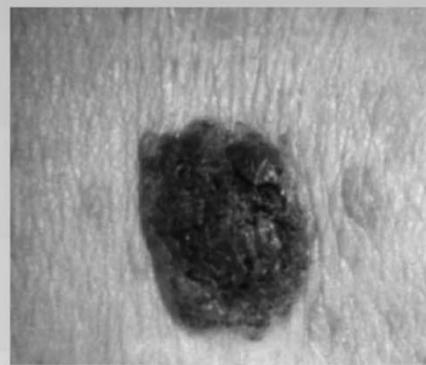
A public hearing has been scheduled for December 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bartow Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2150 S. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830. The Public Hearing will be held during the regular monthly meeting of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The public hearing is for the purpose of advising all interested parties of service being planned for if a grant is awarded, and to ensure that planned services would not represent a duplication of current or proposed services provided by existing transit or paratransit operators in the area.

**This hearing will be conducted if, and only if, a written request for the hearing is received by 4:00 p.m. December 12, 2011.**

Requests for a hearing must be addressed to Patricia M. Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 555 E Church Street, Bartow, FL 33830 (863)534-7130, and a copy sent to Mr. Terry Beacham, Florida Department of Transportation, District one, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33830-1249.



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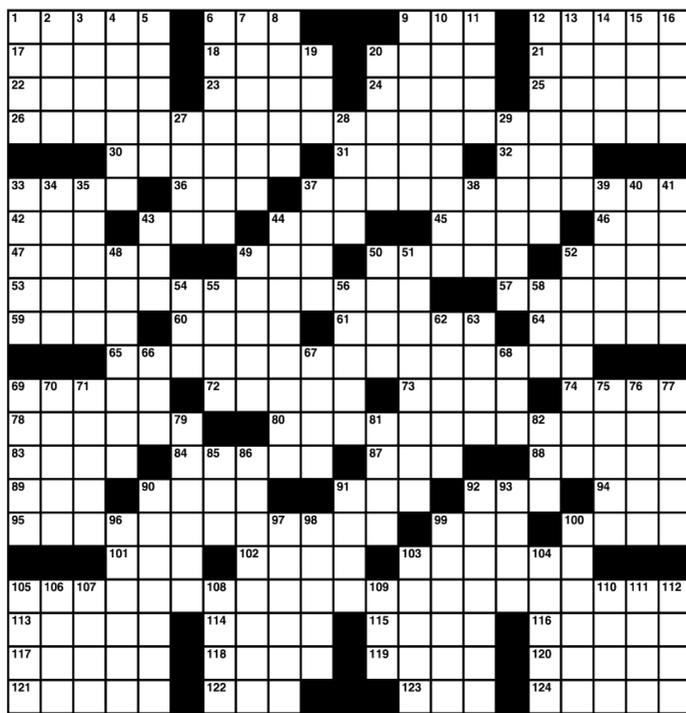
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# Released to sing praises

Come with me on a little journey of imagination. Let the familiar story lose some of its familiarity.

Put on the rough clothes of a shepherd.

Feel the staff in your hand.

Hear the bleat-  
 ing of the sheep.

It is just another ordinary night for a bunch of shepherds doing their ordinary duty. And it is here we will join them.

They are no strangers to the open expanse of fertile earth and starry skies.

Pretend you are a silent observer who has entered their world for a short visit.

Walk along with them and learn how they tend the sheep.

Vigilance marks their every step. This is not work for the faint of heart. Their staff is a prod for safety and direction; as well as a weapon of protection from wild animals.

Quietly, inhale the fragrances and absorb the stillness of the night listening to the rumbling of their voices and the "baa" of the sheep.

So, this is the life of a shepherd, we think, as we create a small box into which they fit nicely; just like the storage box that holds our shepherd figures that we display at Christmas.

But, then...  
 "Behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.



Pause And Consider  
 Jan Merop

Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the

Lord. And this will be a sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.'

From this account in Luke 2:9-12, NKJV, we see the ordinary life of a shepherd transformed. The small box of society's expectations suddenly bursts open. These simple shepherds are released to witness the extraordinary happenings of heaven.

Are our hearts beating in rhythm with the shepherds? Do we join with the music of the angel multitude that joined the messenger angel?

Do you want to cry out and run with the shepherds to "see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

The Scriptures tell us that after finding the babe they made widely known that which they had been told about the Child.

Let's do likewise. Open the box of praise kept silent too long and make him known to all. Selah.

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.

# Virgo, you know what you have to get done

Metro Services

**Aries (March 21-April 20)** — Aries, you may be all talk early in the week, but when Friday rolls around, you will have nothing much to say. Fortunately you have other things to fall back on.

**Taurus (April 21-May 21)** — Taurus, financial pressures can quickly turn a good week into one full of stress. There are things out of your control, but you can take back your finances.

**Gemini (May 22-June 21)** — Gemini, even though you care about your coworkers, you are not very cooperative this week. You prefer to remain low-key, and you're not planning on being a social butterfly.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Cancer, issues may arise over the path you have chosen. This uncertainty could cause you to mask your feelings with humor, but someone will see the truth.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)** — Leo, as much as you may want to help a friend make his or her dreams come to fruition, you simply do not have the time to devote to this project this week.

**Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)** — Virgo, you know what you have to get done, but you are stalled by fear of making the wrong choices. You could turn to running around as a distraction.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Accomplishing some goals this week may not bring you closer to the love you seek or the recognition you desire, Libra. It is essential to refocus your efforts.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov.**

## Horoscope

**22)** — Scorpio, although you may prefer to avoid a confrontation with someone and move on, you have to face the problem head-on. Otherwise nothing will be resolved.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Keep up the appearance of being a strong leader at work and at home, Sagittarius. You don't realize just how many people are watching your actions and using them as an example.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)** — Capricorn, relationship drama arises when you have a desire for relationship security but also want to be independent. There is no reason you cannot find a compromise.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)** — Aquarius, you have been keeping up with all of the social events in your life but they are wearing you down considerably. It's time to give yourself a timeout.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Pisces, someone doesn't approve of what you are doing but you can't figure out why. The reasons will reveal themselves in time.

## Notable birthdays

Dec. 4, Marisa Tomei, Actress (47); Dec. 5, Frankie Muniz, Actor (26); Dec. 6, Tom Hulce, Actor (58); Dec. 7, Aaron Carter, Singer (24); Dec. 8, Kim Basinger, Actress (58); Dec. 9, Donny Osmond, Entertainer (54); Dec. 10, Raven-Symone, Actress (26).

# Candle lighting shows support for those who are grieving a lost child

**Dear Abby:** Every year across the United States and around the world, families must deal with the holiday season after the unthinkable has happened — the death of a precious child.

In response to the need for grieving families to have one special day during the difficult holidays to remember, honor and reflect on the lives of these children who have died — at any age and from any cause — The Compassionate Friends, a national self-help support organization for families grieving the death of a child, created the Worldwide Candle Lighting. It is held the second Sunday of each December and is now in its 15th year. The event officially takes place at 7 p.m. local time for one hour and continues to grow larger every year.

The Compassionate Friends invites your readers to attend a service Dec. 11, to honor the lives of these children, or to light a remembrance candle at 7 p.m., wherever they may be, whether alone or with friends and family. They are also invited to visit The Compassionate Friends national website on the day of the Worldwide Candle Lighting and post a remembrance message in our online memory book. We do this so that their light may



Dear Abby

always shine, Abby. Thank you for spreading the message.

— Patricia Loder, executive director, The Compassionate Friends/USA

**Dear Patricia:** You're welcome. The holidays are an emotionally loaded time of year for many people. For families suffering from the loss of a child, it can be even more so. Thank you for the support you offer them. Readers, on Dec. 11, services open to the public will be held throughout the day in hundreds of locations across the U.S., as well as in about two dozen countries around the world.

Services will be held by many of the Compassionate Friends' 630 U.S. chapters, as well as allied organizations, community groups, churches and houses of worship, funeral homes, children's memorial gardens, hospices, schools, cemeteries — even community centers. To locate the nearest service and find out more information, you should visit

www.compassionatefriends.org or call 877-969-0010.

**Dear Abby:** I moved out of my parents' house and have been working full time and supporting myself for three years. I love my life as a young adult.

This past year, my younger sister "Nicole" has been saying she wants to move in with me so she can get out of our parents' house and be closer to me. She earns twice as much as I do, and can easily afford her own place.

I have not encouraged her because I enjoy living by myself.

Nicole and our parents are now accusing me of being a terrible sister and friend to her. She has been depressed, gone into therapy and has been cutting herself.

I want to support my sister in any way I can, but I don't think her living with me will be the solution to her many problems. I don't want to cause a rift in the family, but I also don't want to be guilted into letting her move in. What should I do?

— On My Own in Denver

**Dear On Your Own:** Because your sister's depression is so severe that she's cutting herself, you are right in thinking her living with you won't be the solution to her problems. That she realizes she needs professional

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# TECH GIFTS

## Pick the perfect gadget for your favorite tech head

By GREGG ELLMAN  
*McClatchy-Tribune*

Technology and electronics will again be the staple of many holiday shopping lists.

Whether you're a tech head or not, compiling the list can be a challenge. Here's a little help — some suggestions for larger gifts that most anyone would enjoy, plus a few ideas for stuffing those stockings.

### iHome iDM15 speakers

The iHome iDM15 is a space-saving (5.4-by-3.07-by-2.48 inches), travel-friendly portable set of respectable-sounding speakers designed to work with an iPad, iPhone, iPod or any other Bluetooth enabled device.

Cellular calls can be answered on the speakers since they include a built-in speakerphone equipped with iHome SoundClear Voice echo cancellation and conveniently located answer/end buttons on top.

A travel case is included to hold the speakers, a charging cable and a small amount of your other accessories. What makes it great, though, is it doubles as an iPad/iPad 2 stand for easy hands-free viewing.

The speakers are charged via USB and while one main speaker makes the Bluetooth connection to your device, the other is connected for sound with the included cable.

■ [www.ihomeaudio.com](http://www.ihomeaudio.com), \$99.99

### Soul by Ludacris SL150 headphones

Headphone choices are endless, but they make the perfect gift for anyone on any occasion. The Soul by Ludacris SL150 Pro Hi-Definition on-ear headphones are a great choice.

Aside from the awesome sound, flowing with lots of ear catching bass, the comfort is as good, if not better, than anything available.

They come with all the accessories you need, including a hard carrying case and standard headphone cables for any connection. The connectors are gold-plated to ensure a seamless signal transfer for the highest sound quality.

The Soul headphones are certified iPhone Ready, which means they work to control iPhones, iPads and iPods.

When connected to an iPhone, an in-line remote control lets the music stop for calls. The remote also controls the music choices, pause and volume.

You get a choice of chrome-on-black or white-on-black color combinations. They work the same but look a little different cosmetically.

■ [www.soulbyludacris.com](http://www.soulbyludacris.com), \$199

### Woogie 2 iPhone case

Last year, the Griffin Technology Woogie Huggable Case and Media Player for iPod touch and iPhone was one of biggest hits for the holiday season and even sold out in some locations.

So get a jump on this year with the



**iHome iDM15 speakers**

Woogie 2, which has an updated design and vibrant new colors.

Designed for children ages 3 and up, the case enables parents to let kids play with the expensive media players with the peace of mind that if it falls or is even tossed across the room, the device shouldn't get damaged.

The media player fits securely in an integrated pocket, which is secured shut with Velcro but still gives users full access to all the device's controls including the LCD screen with its touch-through screen protector.

Five fuzzy legs are used to prop it up for easy viewing or to just rest it on a lap.

The Woogie 2 is made with certified non-toxic materials and is available in blue or pink.

■ [www.griffintech.com](http://www.griffintech.com), \$17.99

### Energizer iSurge Travel Charging Station

The Energizer iSurge Travel Charging Station is obviously designed for traveling but works great in any location — hotels, home or work.

The item's description calls it "The Ultimate Charging Station," and when you see it, you believe it.

Just plug it into an AC wall outlet and your family's pile of power hungry gadgets has instant access to more than enough power charging options.

The iSurge includes an Apple 30-pin

charging dock on top, three front facing, surge protected AC outlets, one USB charging port on the side and a front-facing nightlight.

■ [www.energizer.com](http://www.energizer.com) \$59.99

### New Helium



**Iomega Helium portable hard drive**

### portable hard drives

Backing up your digital data, specifically priceless family photos and videos, is something very few do.

The typical person allows digital photos to sit on their computer — or even worse, in their cellphone — and only realize they are gone when the phone or computer hits the landfill.

New Helium portable hard drives from Iomega are a great gift choice for anyone to make a priceless backup of this data.

The USB 2.0 powered portable drives are made with a rugged and durable metal enclosure and feature the Iomega Drop Shock feature, which helps the drive withstand drops up to 36 inches.

■ [www.iomega.com](http://www.iomega.com) available in 500GB (\$99.99) and 1TB (\$149.99) capacities



**Energizer iSurge**

## STOCKING STUFFERS

Tech-minded gifts easily can fit into a stocking and those choices are endless, just like the bigger boxed items. Here are a few favorites:

■ Microsoft's Arc Touch wireless (transceiver) mouse is one of the coolest looking you will see. Obviously by its name, the design includes an arc to fit comfortably in the palm side of your hand and collapses for storage. Microsoft's BlueTrack Technology allows it to work on any surface and scrolling is done with the touch of your finger on the touch scroll strip.

■ [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com), \$59.95

■ Scosche's clipSYNC Charge and Sync Cable for iPod and iPhone has a built-in, spring-loaded carabiner clip to attach it to a backpack, belt loop or keychain to ensure you always have a charging cable with you. If Apple isn't your thing, there is a Micro and Mini USB model available. When closed, it measures just 2.5 inches.

■ [www.scosche.com](http://www.scosche.com), \$19.99

■ The PressReader app from NewspaperDirect is second-to-none for newspaper reading on Apple iOS or Google Android platforms. Currently the app has 2,000 full-content newspapers from 95 countries in 51 languages available in full XML versions by individual subscriptions. Once you have subscribed to the papers you want, every morning once the app is launched, the papers will automatically download. Each page lets you scroll, zoom or flip to the next with the touch of your finger with incredible clarity in both landscape and portrait views. Plans include the option for single downloads for \$0.99 or all you want to read for \$29.95 per month. Download the app from iTunes and you can get 7 issues free.

■ [www.pressreader.com](http://www.pressreader.com)

■ Flash drives are available in a fun way with the Disney Club Penguin series from Dane-Elec. The series includes Cadence, Gary the Gadget Guy and Captain Rockhopper themed flash drives with 4GB of storage on each. In addition to the storage, each drive comes with free bonus content including wallpaper, coloring pages and comics.

■ [www.clubpenguin.com](http://www.clubpenguin.com), \$14.50



■ The Enercell 2400mAh high-capacity universal portable battery will ensure your electronic gadget won't go powerless away from home, at least for a short period of time. The battery provides up to eight hours of portable power with most anything that takes a USB charge, but the exact time can vary depending on the device being charged. An Apple 30-pin connector along with a Mini and Micro USB connection cables are included with the pocket sized battery.

■ [www.radioshack.com](http://www.radioshack.com), \$49.99



**Woogie 2 iPhone case**

