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Who killed Jeb Taylor?

Ghosts will give clues to mystery

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Many swear ghosts haunt some city streets. Shhh, didn't you just hear rustling behind your back? Oh no. There it is again.

Okay, so you're dubious. That rustling is probably just a cat in the trash, you say — but, can you really be sure?

Find out first hand when volunteers from the Little Highlands Theatre lead lovers of the theater on dramatic guided tours at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. today through Sunday.

The question is: Will everyone return safely, or will someone disappear without a trace, adding a new horror story to the city's eerie repertoire?

In case Sebring's ghosts aren't enough to entice you, and you're not afraid of vanishing into the mist, HLT is adding a new element in honor of the Centennial — a murder mystery.

One dark and stormy night (or was it a beautiful morning) 100 years ago in Sebring, Pearl found her father, Jeb Taylor, brutally murdered. He was seated at his table next to the window, stabbed while counting his money.

"The challenge of those who take the tour," said Vanessa Logsdon,

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Felon Sweep nets 143 arrests

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — The Highlands County Sheriff's Office recently participated in the statewide Florida Sheriff's Task Force Operation Felon Sweep." The focus was on removing violent felons and felons with outstanding warrants off the streets.

Highlands County was one of 43 sheriff's offices that participated in the operation, which resulted in 11,857 felons being arrested statewide.

Operation Felon Sweep consisted of three phases.

The first was from Sept. 28 to Oct. 6; the next was Oct. 7-14 and the final phase was Oct. 15-22.

During the operation, the HCSO focused on prescription drug abuse and obtaining prescriptions by fraud. There were 143 felons arrested in Highlands County during the three phases and 30 of those arrests involved charges surrounding prescription drug abuse and fraud.

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CANDIDATE PROFILE

Harris says budget will remain biggest challenge

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Greg Harris is running for re-election to the county commission's District 5 seat. Harris was elected in 1210 to replace Guy Maxcy, an 18-year veteran of the county commission who resigned to run for tax collector and lost.

Harris arrived in Highlands County with his father when he was 16. His

father came to develop the Country Club of Sebring and Harris has carried on since.

He has served as the Sebring Chamber of Commerce's CEO and president and been the executive director of the Highlands Family YMCA since 2011.

Harris said, "I've learned a lot in the

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Courtesy photo
Greg Harris is running for re-election to the county commission District 5 seat.

Local's quest to be millionaire airs today

Von Walter already starred on 'Jeopardy!' in 2010

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — A former Walker Memorial Academy student, who has gone on to achieve much academic success on the undergraduate and graduate level in college, was recently chosen as a contestant on the well-known game show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire."

Hans Von Walter's appearance on "Millionaire" will be broadcast on WTOG Channel 44 at 9 a.m. today. Local listings can be found at <http://dadt.com/millionaire/listings/>

Von Walter attended Walker Academy from kindergarten through 10th grade before transferring to a boarding school in Georgia his final two years of high school.

The biochemistry major has accomplished a number of great things over the past few years including acceptance into medical school at Loma Linda University in California in addition to finishing third in the 2010 college tournament on "Jeopardy!"

Von Walter will now take the spotlight

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Courtesy photo
Hans Von Walter and Merideth Vieira on the set of 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?'

Fisher hired as county administrator

By BARRY FOSTER
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Former assistant county administrator June Fisher took over the job on a full-time basis Wednesday morning. She was vaulted into the position following a vote Tuesday night, when a 4-1 majority of Highlands County commissioners ignored requests to scale back her contract offer in light of a pressing budget year.

Commissioner Don Elwell supported the choice of Fisher, but raised a number of concerns ranging from terms of her severance package to her salary.

Elwell first questioned a generous 20-week severance package noting it was



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Fine Arts & Crafts Festival is Nov. 3

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Positioned every first Saturday in November, the Sebring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival is a great place to start out holiday shopping. The 46th annual festival will feature artists from around the U.S. displaying their art in several mediums including painting, photography, wood working, ceramics pottery, fabric, metal and garden art.

Plan now to attend the festival on Saturday, Nov. 3, on the Circle in historic downtown Sebring. This year's festival will include the popular Children's Street with a tent for children's activities, Culinary Street with an array of food vendors, local businesses featured on the Chamber of Commerce Street and, of course, the Circle of Artists, filled with the fine artists and crafters who have made this festival a premier venue, attended by some 15,000 visitors annually.

"We are thrilled to host the 46th annual art festival that is well-known for bringing fine arts and crafts to Florida's Heartland and Downtown Sebring," said Jeri Wohl, Highlands Art League board member and festival director. "We are expecting a full show with amazing art at the perfect time of year to purchase holiday gifts."

Sponsors include Alan Jay Automotive, Kahn Citrus Management, Highlands Independent Bank, Heartland National Bank, Bill Jarrett Ford-Mercury, Colston Engineering, Heartland Real Estate Corp., Allison Willey (realtor), Glades Electric Cooperative, Clifton Larson Allen, Progress Energy, South Florida State College, Miller's Central Air, Florida Hospital Heartland, Gene Brenner Pottery Studio, Souther Sign Co., Highlands Today, Frames & Images and the Highlands County CVB. A special thanks to Wauchula State Bank, Jack Rhine Insurance, Koch Construction, Rotary Club of Sebring, Blackman Properties, Alligator Antiques, Crutchfield Groves, McCracken Farms and Jimmy The Greek Restaurant.

For more information, call the Highlands Art League at 385-6682 or visit www.HighlandsArtLeague.org/. Co-sponsored by the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

The Highlands Art League's "Village Where Art Lives" is located at the Allen Altwater Cultural Center in Downtown Sebring on the shores of Lake Jackson. The Village consists of four buildings: The Yellow House Gallery & Gift Shop features studio artists and members' gallery; the Visual Arts Center houses art classes for children and adults; MOTA features curated exhibits, art competitions and receptions; and the Clovelly House that is undergoing final renovations and will house visiting artists, as well as art business classes for high school students.

For more information about HAL, visit www.HighlandsArtLeague.org/.



U.S. Marine Sgt. Tommy Bagosy, 25, served in Afghanistan and Iraq before committing suicide on May 10, 2010, at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is buried in Section 59 of Arlington National Cemetery.

A hero's last stop

Bob Bagosy will always remember the day his 19-year-old son, Tommy, told him he was joining the United States Marine Corps.

"I said OK, let's talk about this," Bob, who was living in Delaware, recalled.

When Bob said he wanted to talk, he meant it. Not only would he drive down to Florida, where Tommy was living, but the father and son would also make two key stops during a subsequent drive up the east coast. The first was South Carolina's Parris Island, where thousands of Marine recruits endure boot camp each year.

"I dropped him off and left for an hour," Bob said. "He got back in the car and said 'I can do this.'"

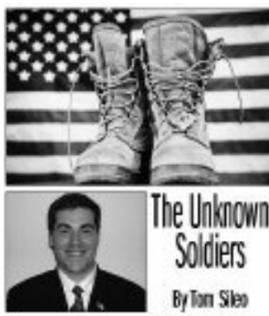
Before endorsing Tommy's decision, Bob had something else to show him.

"The second stop was Arlington National Cemetery, because I wanted him to see the other half of the military," Bob said.

After seeing the majestic white headstones that mark the hallowed resting spots of so many American heroes, Tommy turned to his father.

"If I die, I want to have the biggest tombstone available," the teenager said.

"Tommy, you won't get any bigger than Arlington," his dad replied.



In 2006, Sgt. Tommy Bagosy deployed to Iraq, where he helped find enemy improvised explosive devices (IEDs) outside the besieged city of Fallujah. It was a tough deployment.

"A best friend took his patrol one night," Bob said. "The guy hit an IED and died."

"Tommy blamed himself and said it should have been him."

During their first visit after Sgt. Bagosy's return, the Marine's parents realized why their son's wife, Katie, was insisting that Iraq's horrors had changed her husband.

"He turned to me in a restaurant and said 'you know dad, I killed people over there,'" Bob said.

Tommy was suffering from headaches, flashbacks, and insomnia. According to his father, traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-trau-

matic stress (PTS) from his Iraq deployment caused the symptoms. The Marine was prescribed medication and tried to live a normal life with his wife and two children.

In 2009, Tommy deployed to Afghanistan after renewing his military contract. While admiring his son's bravery, Bob was also concerned about the lingering effects of TBI and PTS. But Tommy served honorably in Afghanistan, particularly while taking enemy fire during an ambush.

"He got his second combat action ribbon for that," Bob said. "He never mentioned a word about it."

Not long after Tommy's November 2009 return, Bob learned his son was again overwhelmed by violent headaches and nightmares, prompting more psychological treatment. When Tommy called home on May 9, 2010, the Marine was at a tragic crossroads.

"He was in absolute tears and told his mother he didn't know what was going on," Bob said. "He was all jumbled up in his head."

The next day, Sgt. Bagosy, 25, fled a hospital

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Construction closes part of U.S. 27

SEBRING — A portion of U.S. 27 southbound lane at 2815 U.S. 27 South will be down to two lanes as necessary from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. Excavation Point Inc. will be constructing U.S. 27 entrance for new Checkers Restaurant. Lane closure signs will be posted when lane is closed.

For further information, contact Excavation Point Inc. at 471-1997.

AMVET Ladies plan Halloween party

SEBRING — AMVET Ladies Auxiliary will host a Halloween party on Saturday at the post. A dinner consisting of bratwursts and sauerkraut will be from 5-7 p.m. There will be prizes for the costumes, games, a 50-50 drawing, a booze basket and music by Di Ann.

All members and guests are invited to join in the fun.

Trick or Treat set for Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — Trick or Treat will occur from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday in Lake Placid. Extra police officers will be on duty to make it a safe event.

LPPD offers monthly classes

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Police Department will host its monthly CPR class at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Sign up at the police department or call and reserve a spot.

The First Aid class will follow one week behind at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6. The First Aid class is not being offered every month so sign up while you can.

Arts benefit from Drive One 4 UR School

AVON PARK — Ford Motor Company and Bill Jarrett Ford are partnering to help raise up to \$8,000 in support of Avon Park High School Art, Chorus, Drama and Band as part of

the Drive One 4 UR School program. Members of the local Avon Park community will have the opportunity to raise money for the Fine Arts Program by test driving a Ford, Lincoln or Mercury vehicle.

The one-day event takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Bill Jarrett Ford. Ford Motor Company and Bill Jarrett Ford will donate \$20 to APHS for every person from a unique household who test drives a 2013 Ford vehicle, including the new Ford Escape. The organization will be using the proceeds for materials and experiences for the fine arts classes and students.

Each test drive will last approximately five minutes. Participants must be 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. Limit one test drive per household.

Masonic District plans Child ID event

SEBRING — Masonic District 25 will do a Child ID for children up through 18 years of age at Spring Lake Community Center from 11-3 p.m. Saturday.

This is free of charge. You get a CD with your child's pictures, voice, fingerprints, emergency information and D.N.A. hotline.

For more information, call Ross Canright at 452-0346.

Political group plans Candidates Rally

SEBRING — The members of the Rosa Parks Political Coalition would like to invite the residents of Highlands County to attend an upcoming Candidates Rally. This rally will be held at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Grand Avenue (across from Bountiful Blessing Church). It will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday.

The rally is to introduce the members of the voting public to the candidates that are currently running for public office in

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Zwayer honored by fellow tax collectors

Special to the News-Sun
TALLAHASSEE — Eric T. Zwayer, Tax Collector for Highlands County, has earned a special designation for excellence in the field of financial operations. A judging panel performed a detailed review of the Tax Collector's financial records, practices and use of technology in considering Zwayer for the honor.

"The Legacy Award is one of the highest achievements the Florida Tax Collector's Association can award a local Tax Collector," said FTCA President Maloy of Leon County. "The judging process was arduous and included a detailed review of the financial functions of the Tax Collector's Office. I am very proud to say that Honorable Zwayer has earned the designation. He represents the very top echelon of elected officials."

Last year, Zwayer earned the Excellence in Financial Operations Award after demonstrating proficiency in four areas of expertise: Innovation & Automation; a Perfect Annual Audit Report;

Customer Focus; and Budgeting. For the 2012 Legacy Award, Zwayer demonstrated that the office had further enhanced its financial operations.

A five-person judging panel made up of government financial executives from throughout Florida reviewed the Tax Collector's processes as related to the four areas of competency.

"The citizens of Highlands County can be very proud of Honorable Zwayer for the award-winning manner in which he operates the Tax Collector's Office," Maloy said. "The panelists' review of his office went far and above reviewing his perfect audit report. The review included methods utilized by Honorable Zwayer to deliver service to the people he serves and consideration of the technological innovations he has developed and put into place."

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Zwayer

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AP wins grant to study upgrades to water system

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AVON PARK — City manager Julian Deleon announced Tuesday that Avon Park has received “some excellent news.” The city has been awarded a \$101,000 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection to be used for “analysis and evaluation” in planning upgrades to the city’s wastewater treatment system.

Avon Park has received similar

FDEP grants in the past, Deleon said.

Actual improvements, based on this preliminary survey, could be funded through grants or low-interest loan funding, Deleon said.

While a particular project has not yet been chosen, he added there are four possibilities.

One idea is to reclaim water. This treatment process converts regular wastewater to irrigation-quality water.

Other ideas are to buy additional land to expand the treatment plant’s percolation system, make improvements in water transmission or rehabbing the master lift station.



Deleon

Water reclamation is the leading choice because in April 2012 Gov. Rick Scott signed legislation forbidding water man-

agement districts from forcing utilities or municipalities to sell water they had treated.

The goal is to encourage investment in reclamation plants so the treated water can be used for commercial and residential irrigation. The large purpose is to save water.

Whatever the city decides, it has a strict timeline to follow.

The completed application must be fully executed and signed within 210 days of the FDEP’s public hear-

ing of Oct. 10, (Feb. 2, 2013). The fully executed agreement is due May 8, 2013.

If the deadlines are not met, the city loses the grant.

Once the project’s planning is complete, Robert Holmden, chief of the FDEP’s Bureau of Water Facilities Funding, told the city it may apply for a grant to fund building the plant, but he warned that “there is no guarantee of getting a construction grant.”

Major League Fishing comes to Istokpoga

Show to air on Outdoor Channel next year

By **BARRY FOSTER**

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — There have been a bunch of the nation’s top anglers in Highlands County this week. Teams competing in a new television series entitled “Major League Fishing” descended on Lake Istokpoga this past weekend in search of points and air-time.

Highlands County reportedly is one of the “surprise locations” used as one of variables which are part of the show. Major League Fishing is a combination of an angling competition and a reality series which currently is in its second season. In addition to the short notice on each particular location, anglers are given no practice days, there are computer generated real time leaderboards on each boat and there is no limit on the number of fish weighed.

“Who’s the better fisher-

man? The guy who catches one 20-pound bass, or the one who catches four 5-pounders?” asked Randy Coleman, spokesman for MLF.

Coleman explained the program is a fishing competition interwoven with stories from within two professional groups, each with a similar goal: to present the sport of competitive professional bass fishing in a way that the viewing public has never seen before.

He complimented Highlands County for what he termed “extraordinary cooperation and general niceness.” “The experience we have had here has been just phenomenal,” he said.

Coleman said that the area already has had exposure to a “who’s who” of professional anglers, most of whom had never had even heard of Lake Istokpoga.

“We have two Florida



anglers who’d heard of the place but most of these guys are getting a taste of a new world this week and they’re enjoying the heck out of it,” Coleman said.

One of the up-sides of being a stop on the tour is that MLF wants to make the location look good, something that is beneficial both to Highlands County and to the show. Additionally, the goal is to drive traffic to the area from those who view the program.

In addition to thanking the county, Coleman said the production had received support from the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission.

“I think the FWC likes what we are doing from a conservation standpoint,” he said.

As part of the deal, Highlands County will receive promotional television spots that will be aired during the program. Professional angler Boyd Duckett, who helped originate the series, will be one of the stars of Highlands County’s commercial message.

“One of the features here is your wonderful golf courses. I don’t know if they intended for me to land a bass with a nine iron or kill one with one of my swings,” he joked.

The Highlands County stop on the tour is slated to be shown on the Outdoor Channel sometime during the second quarter of next year. An extended broadcast of the program also will be offered on the Internet.

Alzheimer’s walk steps off Saturday

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Alzheimer’s Association - Florida Gulf Coast Chapter is inviting Highlands and surrounding county residents to unite in a movement to reclaim the future for millions by participating in the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s.

Circle Park will be the site of the walk as registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday and the walk begins at 9 a.m.

Walk to End Alzheimer’s is more than a walk. It is an experience for 200 participants in Highlands, Glades, Hardee, and Hendry counties who will learn about Alzheimer’s disease and how to get involved with this critical cause, from advocacy opportunities, the latest in Alzheimer’s research and clinical trial enrollment to support programs and services.

Each walker will also join in a meaningful ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer’s disease.

Alzheimer’s disease is a growing epidemic and is

now the nation’s sixth-leading cause of death.

As baby boomers age, the number of individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease will rapidly escalate, increasing well beyond today’s estimated 5.4 million Americans living with Alzheimer’s.

In addition to the Walk, participants will enjoy entertainment and a special tribute to those who have experienced or are experiencing Alzheimer’s. Join a team at alz.org/walk.

“There has never been a greater need for the citizens of Highlands, Glades, Hardee and Hendry Counties to join in the fight against Alzheimer’s disease by participating in Walk to End Alzheimer’s,” said Gloria J.T. Smith, president and CEO, Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association.

“Funds raised will provide care and support services to the 5,423 residents of Highlands and surrounding counties living with Alzheimer’s, while also contributing to advancing critically-needed research.”

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AP Chamber candidate forum set for Monday

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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AVON PARK — Monday the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce will hold a candidate forum at the city council chambers on Pine Street.

Laura Wade, director of the chamber, will be moderating the event, and Steve Maxwell will act as official timer.

Questions were solicited in advance and will be read to the candidates. Submissions came from business owners, chamber members, and even from some of the candidates themselves.

Each candidate will have to answer every question asked. Candidates will take turns answering first.

Wade said the forum begins at 6 p.m. and is expected to last until 7:30 p.m.

“There will probably be about eight or 10 questions asked depending on the time,” Wade said.

“Some questions will be restricted to one minute answers, others to two minutes. Each candidate has two minutes at the end to make a closing statement.”

Wade hopes for a large turnout. The election is one week and a day from Monday.

The municipal election is non-artisan. Three seats are in contention.

Five candidates are running for them. The top three vote getters are elected to the council.

Brenda Gray, Terry Heston and Paul Miller are the incumbents. Garrett Anderson and Jim Bernard are the two challengers.

Justices’ supporters say fears are easing

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Supporters of three Florida Supreme Court justices seeking up-or-down retention votes on Nov. 6 say they’re now less worried about losing due to public indifference.

They had feared a repeat of what happened in Iowa two years ago.

That’s when a late infusion of money helped defeat three Iowa justices over a 2009 ruling that legalized same-sex

marriage in that state.

Former state Sen. Alex Villalobos said fears of such a “stealth” attack eased after Sept. 21.

That’s when the Florida Republican Party came out in opposition to the justices.

Villalobos newspaper editorial boards that once ignored the issue began criticizing the GOP for its stance while lawyers and others began writing checks and volunteering to help the justices.



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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Help minority students, don't stigmatize them

When it comes to igniting an inferno, Molotov cocktails have nothing on race.

Recently, a firestorm blazed after the state Board of Education revealed new math and reading targets that use race to set student performance goals.

By 2018, the board expects 74 percent of black students and 81 percent of Hispanic students to be grade-level readers. That's far short of the 88 percent of white students and 90 percent of Asian students the board counts on hitting that benchmark.

Likewise, math proficiency goals are pegged to race.

Board officials insist diverse goals simply acknowledge that because of myriad socio-economic factors students come to school differently equipped.

Critics rightly consider stratified targets insulting — a move that channels what former President George W.

Bush famously called the "the soft bigotry of low expectations."

Florida was among 33 states and the District of Columbia granted exemptions from the No Child Left Behind law to set their own accountability goals.

Just as have Virginia and Washington, D.C., the Sunshine State's taking heat for setting different race-based interim goals. As Andrew Rotherham of the nonprofit Bellwether Education Partners correctly observed in a recent Washington Post op-ed, such moves send a message to students of "together and unequal."

Originally under NCLB, states tracked groups, but set blanket goals.

Feeling the heat, Rick Scott, Florida's education governor, stopped, dropped, and rolled away from the odious policy.

He wisely called for more focused efforts to lift every student to success. The plan, he said, "did not clearly articulate our shared commitment

to fully close that achievement gap for all students, regardless of race, geography, gender or other circumstance."

In the board's defense, Chairman Gary Chartrand argues that "we have to acknowledge that there are different starting points among groups of students today."

True, an inescapable reality that demands consideration. Not a fiat for goals steeped in racial fatalism.

A wiser plan would involve setting "common targets that assume minority and poor students can pass state tests at the same rates as others" while providing "substantially more support to these students and their schools," Rotherham noted.

What a concept: fortifying students who need help to speed their progress rather than stigmatizing them.

In its march to close the racial gap, the board would be wise to walk back from race-based targets.

Goals that suggest to minority students that the

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state, while rooting for them, isn't confident they can scale the mountaintop alongside their peers.

An editorial from the Orlando Sentinel.

I'm with Alvar, celebrating Florida's 500th year

Guest Column

Michael Cavendish

In 2013 the Florida of the historical record — from Ponce De Leon onward — turns 500 years old. That's five-zero-zero, as in, half a millennium.

When you consider that the United States, at 236 years of age and counting, is less than half that, this becomes a birthday that needs a unique celebration.

Of all the episodes within Florida's five centuries, perhaps the most breathtaking is a walk taken by a pair of Spanish explorers, including one Alvar Nunez, whom his friends teasingly called 'Cabeza de Vaca.'

Alvar's ship sailed from Cuba and landed near Tampa Bay, only six years into Florida's history. There were problems, their ships wrecked, and so he and a companion had to survive by walking — walking — north to what is now Tallahassee, and then west, to Mexico. They walked, from Tampa to Mexico.

Although the premise is fantastic, it is historically true, and Alvar wrote a book about it, *Adventures in the Unknown Interior of America*, which is still in print. Florida is the stage-center star of his story.

For next year's 500th, an intrepid way to cheer, toast, honor, or just learn more about Florida, is to draw inspiration from the way Alvar experienced our Great American Peninsula.

Are you active and adventurous? Parts of Alvar's voyage read like the script of an island survival show. He ran headlong through hardwood forests, he fished with his hands in marshes, he waded the Apalachicola River, near Chattahoochee.

Have you not yet camped in Florida's state parks? Alvar did, more or less, spending score upon score of evenings, both humid and cool, sleeping

under Florida stars, roasting clams over, sometimes, big bonfires and, other times, small pits of softly glowing coals.

Or have you ever wondered what waits to be discovered in Florida's 'breadbox,' that rectangle of territory north of Orlando, south of Gainesville, and inland from Tampa and Daytona? This is a swath of shimmering lakes, curious black bears, pistachio green mosses, and roiling black bass, with much of the landscape left just as it was when Alvar passed through.

If none of these experiences sound quite right, perhaps you are a people person. Alvar was. Along his walk he met hundreds, maybe thousands, of original Floridians. Friendly and unfriendly, workers and chiefs alike, meat eaters and fish eaters, and surely, clumsy but lovable types with leftover berry juice on their buckskins. If you enjoy meeting other Floridians and learning whether the same sights, scents, and sounds of Florida fascinate them also, then, like Alvar, you are an explorer in your own right.

Or maybe, just maybe, you'll take it easier, and ring in this biggest birthday Florida has ever seen, and will ever see, for a further 500 years, by reading Alvar's story, or by reading it aloud to some children you know.

As for me, how will I celebrate Florida at 500? That's easy, I'm with Alvar.

Michael Cavendish is a member of Leadership Florida. He is writing an online journal of life in Florida, acrossflorida.org.



TODAY'S LETTERS

Nit-pick and visioning

Editor:

I do not know Don Elwell nor June Fisher. Everything I have heard and read she is a remarkable person — honest, hard working, familiar with the community. It appears Mr. Elwell would rather go for a nation-wide search. Waste taxpayers funds.

Then he wants to have a visioning session. I have no idea what that is and I do not intend to waste any time finding out.

Mr. Ewell is a big man. It is time to grow up. Earn the respect and trust that your constituents elected you to do. You may think it is cute to nit-pick and visionize.

Thank goodness that we have at least four more sensible commissioners on the board. Take my advise, grow up and grow into the position that your constituents expect of you.

Joseph J. Oros.
Sebring

A drain in bay head can cause low lake levels

Editor:

In a recent editorial, I read that sometimes we can benefit from the knowledge of past generations. A number of years ago, my late father, Ross Johnson, who loved to fish Little and Big Lake Jackson, became perturbed because the water levels dropped lower than what he felt the lack of rain fall would cause. The water moccasins swimming between his legs or the gators watching him from a distance did not defer his wade fishing in Big Lake, but when he could no longer get his boat under the

bridge into Little Lake Jackson, it spurred him into action.

My dad noticed the bay head that leaves Little Lake Jackson and flows pretty much concurrently with Jackson Creek. It goes behind the Pizza Hut and winds all the way past Skipper Road and areas below. At that time, there was a peat mining company that had dug a tremendous hole from which they had dug out the peat. In order to be able to do this, they were pretty much 24-7 pumping water from that hole into Jackson Creek through a very large conduit.

Now anybody who has ever had a leak in their roof knows that once water finds a path, the flow increases quickly. Bay heads can transport very large amounts of water through seepage and is exactly what was happening to the two lakes.

After discovering what was causing the lake level problem, my dad had a hard time getting anyone to do anything about it. Eventually though, the pumping ceased.

Today, what was a big hole in the ground is now a nice gated community on a fairly good-sized lake. Can you imagine how much the water level on Lake Jackson and Little Lake Jackson would rise if you poured that lake back into the Jackson lakes?

I don't know if anyone is now doing any kind of operation that would drain that bay head, but if they are, the water level on the lakes would come back up some with good rain fall, but not like it should. That bay head will have to resaturate itself and that takes a good bit of time and rains.

Incidentally, I hope there's a

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nice lake in Heaven and if there is, I know who is out there fishing on it today.

Larry Ross Johnson
Sebring

Is statistic true, or a scare tactic?

Editor:

I refer you to the Sunday, Oct. 14 edition of the *News-Sun*, page 5b.

Thereon is an advertisement that I think requires verification. I know this is election time and we the people are being fed all kinds of things for facts that are not facts. However, when a private organization stretches the truth this much they should correct their wording. Either that, or point out

to me where my misinterpretation rests.

According to that ad, 24 persons a day die from a skin cancer in Highlands County.

Is this true or is it a scare tactic?

Jim White
Sebring

Common sense should have been used

Editor:

This letter is about the young man who dyed his hair pink to support his family and the month for fighting cancer and bringing awareness to its cause and the principal who brought down the book on him, so to speak.

I find it quite ironic that the principal stated that although this is a rule he broke, he allowed exceptions to it in allowing small strands of pink to be worn by others in the school. This is reverse discrimination and the principal is wrong to make the child an example when the boy was doing the absolute right thing in supporting his family, supporting his community and supporting the awareness of the scourge of cancer to other kids around him ... not to mention making them aware that this has affected his own family and life. What better way to bend a rule than for the right reasons.

This is one such time that the principal seems to have overlooked in his zealous stance. Rules are not laws and this child had no intentions of using this act to interrupt classes or the school, but to be a positive force in an issue that many are fighting against in our own communities and family. A simple

word by the principal over the loud speaker down-playing the positive act by this child to the other students addressing the one time issue for a good cause would have been the sane thing to do and would have made this a win-win situation for all involved.

It seems common sense was not had on the part of the administration on that day. And to Michael Doty and his family personally, Thank you for standing up to cancer, with your family and for your community.

Gingerlee Mitchellindo
Sebring

Focus on the good, not the bad possibilities

Editor:

I recently read an editorial about Swamp Hammock that went through all of the "bad" things that will happen when they open. Last time I checked no one can tell what the future will hold. This is a group who is willing to put themselves on the line to bring new activities to Sebring. This will help keep money in our community and promote economic growth.

In a time of economic downslide that we have been in over the last few years, we should commend these innovators not condemn them for something that "might" happen. Bad things happen every day in all kinds of communities, big and small, rich and poor, rural and urban. Let's try to promote the good things that happen and hopefully the "bad" things will become less prevalent.

Dalne Kennedy
Sebring

Trick-or-treating safety tips

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Trick or treaters will fill the streets tomorrow evening looking for candy and treats in their Halloween best. Each city has designated Halloween trick or treating to take place 6-9 p.m. Saturday all over Highlands County.

Ghouls and princess, heroes and animals will come a knockin' on doors with open bags and buckets to fill. Trick or treating is an exciting and fun adventure each year for little ones but parents should always be sure to take necessary precautions while out and about with enthusiastic young ones.

Several tips can be followed to ensure trick or treaters have an enjoyable and safe Halloween night:

Costume safety

- Add reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- Use flame-resistant costumes.
- Use face makeup in place of masks. This allows for better eyesight.

While out

- Pre-plan a route. Be sure everyone knows where you are going.

- A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children.

- Make sure trick-or-treaters have a flashlight.

- Only stop at the homes that have a porch light on.

- Accept treats at the door, refrain from going inside an unknown residence.

- Use the sidewalks.

- Walk at the edge of the roadway, facing traffic if no sidewalk is available.

- Look both ways before crossing the street, cross only at the corners.

- Refrain from crossing yards and between parked cars.

- Be cautious around strange animals, such as dogs.

Greeting trick-or-treaters

- Be sure outdoor lights are on.

- Sweep leaves from sidewalks and steps.

- Clear the porch/front yard of any objects that children may trip over.

- To avoid a fire hazard, use a glow stick instead of a candle in jack-o-lanterns

- Restrain pets.

- Porch and outside lights should remain off if you do not plan to hand out treats.



Metro
If you are welcoming trick-or-treaters on Saturday, be sure to have your porch lights on and the walkway cleared on any trip hazards.

Felon Sweep sees 143 arrests in county

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Additionally, special attention was paid to the registered sexual offenders and predators.

"As Sheriff in Highlands County and President of the Florida Sheriff's Association, I am proud of the efforts of the men and women who work so perilously to protect our citizens," Sheriff Susan Benton said in a press release.

"This recent operational effort shows that locally we must keep the focus on the persons and the crimes that impact our community the most but also display the collective capabilities statewide of

the Florida Sheriff's and our ability to work together for the benefit of the entire State of Florida."



Benton

According to the 2011 Medical Examiners Report, of the 172,000 deaths in Florida, 9,135 were drug related deaths. The four most frequently occurring drugs found in decedents were alcohol, alprazolam, oxycodone and cocaine. Of the drugs that actually caused the most deaths, alprazolam and oxycodone were most prevalent.

For the 143 people arrested on felonies, total number of charges placed were 80 felony offenses, 188 felony warrants and 54 accompanying misdemeanor charges.

Arrests were also made for aggravated battery, homicide, child abuse, firearm related crimes and felony battery.

A total of 168 sexual offenders and predators were checked during the three phases, and three were arrested for violations

There were also 81 people arrested for 138 misdemeanor offenses and 70 arrested on 96 misdemeanor warrants.

Tommy gets his big tombstone: Arlington

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Carolina's Camp Lejeune, where he was being held for treatment. After a brief pursuit by military police, Tommy shot himself in the head.

"We don't know if he felt like he was being chased by the Taliban," Bob said. "But in that one moment of insanity, he just pulled the trigger."

For Tommy's loved ones, the last two-plus years have

been filled with painful questions.

"I know the who, what, where, when, and how," Bob said. "But the why has been eluding me."

Bob, who served in the Marine Corps Reserve, doesn't blame the military for his son's suicide. While searching for answers about Tommy's death, the grieving father is proud of his son's life, and particularly his service in Afghanistan and Iraq.

On Memorial Day, Bob visited Tommy's grave in Section 59 of Arlington National Cemetery, one section over from many of America's most celebrated post-9/11 heroes.

"I looked over (at Section 60) and there were people on lawn chairs ... it was like a community there," Bob said. "Tommy's buried with a lot of honored people, but there's nobody there from Iraq and Afghanistan."

While Bob supports his

daughter-in-law's efforts to move Tommy's grave to Section 60, he also remembers the wisdom he once imparted to his son. When it comes to a final place of rest, it doesn't get any bigger than Arlington.

"He wanted a big tombstone," Bob said. "And he got one."

To find out more about Tom Sileo, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

FHP cracking down for Halloween

Special to the News-Sun
TALLAHASSEE — If you think a Halloween costume will disguise your drunk driving, the Florida Highway Patrol has a message just for you, "keep the party off the road."

The Patrol joins thousands of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation this week to launch an aggressive crackdown on impaired drivers Oct. 25 through Nov. 4.

"The Patrol continues to make driving under the influence (DUI) enforcement a priority," said Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol.

"In an effort to get impaired drivers off the road, troopers will be vigilant throughout the state with an aggressive Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over crack down."

To keep Halloween safe, FHP recommends these tips:

- Plan a safe way to get home before the festivities begin.

- Before drinking, designate a sober driver.

- If you are impaired, take a taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation to get home safely.

- Remember, friends don't let friends drive drunk.

Ghost Tours to be held this weekend

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executive director of the HLT, "is to meet the spirits of those who were that fateful evening, and using what they learn to determine who the murderer is."

Correct answers will be put into the hat, and one pulled for a prize.

The walk itself, Logsdon said, is about a mile long with designated stops. Tickets for fear seekers 13 and older are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door; children 5-12 can take the tour for \$7 early, \$10 at the door. Children under 5 walk for free.

For those who do not care to walk there is a special,

one-time-only performance of "The Ghost of Jeb Taylor" in the Thakker Pavilion behind the main theater on Sunday. The show starts at 8 p.m. Save \$3 by buying your ticket in advance.

For tickets and information, call 382-2525, or visit www.highlandslittletheatre.org/.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Highlands County and in the state senate and state house. This rally will give residents the chance to meet the candidates, ask them about any issues that concern them and hear their responses firsthand. This rally will also give the candidates the chance to meet their constituents and speak to them face-to-face.

Citrus Ridge chapter plans Saturday meeting

LAKE WALES — The Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters meets the fourth

Saturday of each month at the Lake Wales Tourist Club, 205 Fifth St. N., Lake Wales. The chapter meeting is at 10 a.m. and is followed by a painting program/workshop. Membership is open to painters of all levels — from beginner to expert. Doors open at 9 a.m. Come early and enjoy coffee and goodies and opportunity to meet our members and special guests.

The next meeting will be Saturday, Maggie Anderson and Sonja Lee Sindell will teach a pen and ink class. Contact Vicki Alley at (863) 632-1472 for details about the class and any class fees.

Harris running for re-election to county commission

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last two years.

"As a commissioner, we have to know a little about a lot of stuff. Everything comes to us. It's humbling."

After making it clear he respects county staff — "they do an awesome job," he said — Harris added one challenge has been to help employees change work habits or processes.

When he asks why something is done a certain way, he's told, "because we always have."

Harris said the county has been "a pretty good steward of tax money. We've tried to do what's best for the county. There's a lot more to do, absolutely."

A continuing challenge, he said, is the budget.

"I do not see a rise in ad valorem taxes, and of our \$118 million budget only about \$18 million is under our (the commission's) control. We're asking department heads to cut another 10 percent. That's hard to do. It's very, very difficult.

"Next year we're going to look at the constitutional officers to see if they can help us."

Harris said the county will have to make more cuts next year.

Already money allotted to employee and commissioner training, travel expenses — including mileage — and the cost of certifications has been cut off, and no money goes to offset phone costs to com-

missioners.

The task is not easy, Harris said. For one thing, the commission is leery about cutting jobs. "We don't want to add to unemployment, Harris said.

The commission is pretty much agreed, he added, that it can no longer provide funding to non-profits, even those who provide a recognized benefit to county residents.

For Harris, the issue is about giving tax dollars to non-government organizations. When it comes to charity, Harris said, "It should be an individual decision."

In terms of land ownership and free enterprise, Harris said, "We had 104 acres taken from us without compensation, so I'm a big proponent of private property rights."

He added that he supported the Swamp Hammock proposed outdoor recreation club. "It's his, (Gabe White's) way to give back," Harris said.

White, a retired professional baseball player who last pitched for the New York Yankees, is one of the partners in the project.

The people of Highlands County, Harris said, look for their elected officials to be honest, hard working and open.

"It's an honor to be on the commission. It really, really is. It's rewarding, especially when it works for the good. We're all in this together," he said.

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Cornerstone Hospice planning Mad Hatter Tea fundraiser

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – “Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late,” the White Rabbit said to itself as he scurried to the rabbit hole and then disappeared.

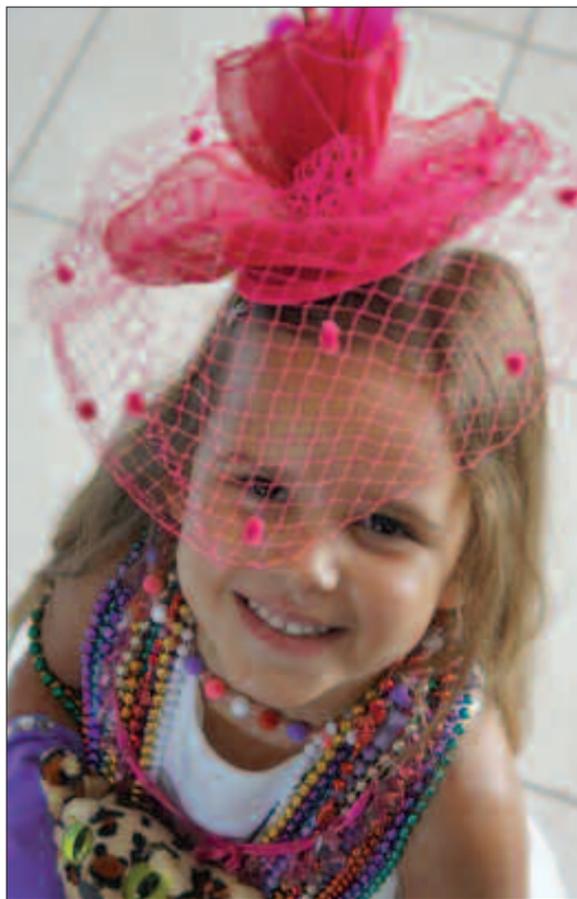
Don't be late for this very important date. There is still time to purchase tickets for the Mad Hatter Ladies Lunch and Tea Party presented by Cornerstone Hospice. The event will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Island View Restaurant, 5223 Sun 'N Lake Blvd. The tea will feature a host of prizes for creativity in attendee's hats.

Tickets are \$25 for ladies and \$10 for little girls 12 and under. They are currently available by calling Cornerstone Hospice at (863) 291-5571 or (863) 518-9138.

The event will raise funds to care for patients with life limiting illnesses in Highlands County. Since 1984, Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., a not-for-profit, community-

based healthcare organization, has provided care and services to central Florida residents experiencing life-limiting illnesses. The Mission of Cornerstone Hospice is to make quality hospice care available to all persons, their families, and those affected by serious illness, death and dying in our community; to advocate effectively for patients' comfort, dignity and choice; and to be recognized as the leading resource in clinical, ethical, and spiritual issues of dying and grief.

A special thank you goes out to the event's current Alice sponsors, Rep. Denise Grimsley and Positive Medical Transport. There are several sponsorship levels available that offer a range of advertising advantages. Information can be obtained by calling the Cornerstone Hospice Foundation in Winter Haven at (863) 291-5571.



Courtesy photo
Nicole McGrath, 4, tries on her outfit complete with her aunt's hot pink hat, in preparation for the Mad Hatter Tea Party on Nov. 4. She is confident that the combination of beads, gloves and hat are going to win her prizes.

Fisher named county administrator

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more than previous administrator Rick Helms. When reminded that there would be one week deducted each year to a total of 10 weeks, Elwell responded that the previous two administrators didn't last but two years after glowing recommendations for the job.

Further, Elwell said his conversations with Fisher indicated that she wished to retire in five or six years.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked Fisher if that was true.

"I will be eligible for retirement in five years," Fisher replied.

County Attorney Ross Macbeth then added that Fisher would not be entitled to the severance package unless she was terminated without cause as was the case with the two previous administrators.

Elwell then suggested commissioners consider a 90-day severance package combined with a provision that the termination of the

county administrator require a super-majority – at least four of the five votes on the commission.

A consensus of commissioners then agreed they didn't like Elwell's suggestion.

Fisher's salary and benefit package was bumped to \$116,000 just 18 months ago when she became the assistant county administrator. Elwell asked other commissioners if they might consider just a 10 percent raise. That would have started her at \$128,000 annually versus the proposed \$139,000

including \$5,000 in deferred compensation.

The suggestion came with an eye toward phasing in increases over the next few years based on performance.

"We paid our last administrator \$135,000," commissioner Barbara Stewart said. "After looking at Ms. Fisher's credentials, I think \$134,000 is reasonable."

Commissioner Greg Harris was quick to agree with commissioner Ron Handley indicating he was "good with the way it was written."

Elwell's final suggestion

that the contract reference her performance of the duties detailed in the job description also was shot down, with Stewart laughing at the idea that the "CEO of the county," as she put it, would even need a job description.

Before casting the lone negative vote to name Fisher as county administrator, Elwell emphasized his problem was not with her ability to do the job but in trying to find a balance between fairly compensating the administrator and protecting taxpayer dollars.

Gov. Scott cancels events to be with mother

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Rick Scott is canceling events on his schedule to be with his seriously ill mother.

Scott on Twitter this morning asked Floridians to pray for his mother, Esther Scott. He said that she is battling an infection and is intensive care.

She splits her time between Florida and Kansas City, Missouri. Esther

Scott was a mainstay on the 2010 campaign trail and was featured in a television ad where she told Florida voters that her son was a good boy.

A spokeswoman for Scott says the governor is canceling events planned for both Friday and Saturday.

Those events include an afternoon press conference in Tampa as well as a phone meeting with U.S. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner.

Scott gave a speech outlining his education agenda Friday morning.

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Audit: US oversight of charter school funds lax

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An audit of the U.S. Department of Education's division overseeing hundreds of millions of dollars in charter school funding has criticized the office for failing to properly monitor how states spend the money.

The report released in late September by the department's Office of the Inspector General also singled out state education departments in California, Florida and Arizona for lax monitoring of what charter schools do with the funds and whether their expenditures comply with federal regulations.

The education department's Office of Innovation and Improvement spent

\$940 million from 2008 to 2011 on charter schools, which are autonomously operated public schools. Most of the money is funneled through state education departments, although some is given directly to charter schools.

The funds are administered through competitive grants aimed at helping launch new charters and replicate successful charter models.

The inspector general said the innovation office has not given proper guidance to states on monitoring the use of the money and does not have policies to ensure that states corrected deficiencies when they were found.

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Von Walter goes for \$1 million today

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on the other longtime favorite game show that will showcase his knowledge of pop culture, history, geography and random trivia for a chance to win \$1 million.

The cash will definitely come in handy for the first-year medical student, who has racked tens of thousands of dollars in debt due to his studies.

The student studies trivia regularly and after his appearance on Jeopardy, Von Walter has made his way into a "trivia group" with close-knit ties to the show's all-time winningest contestant, Brad Rutter, and other trivia enthusiasts in Los Angeles.

Von Walter will take the stage of "Millionaire" looking quite different than he did on Jeopardy. After much hard work, Von Walter has lost close to 60 pounds and is working to maintain his healthy lifestyle.

"Losing the weight has all kind of culminated in being on the show, so it was a great time to be on TV," said Von Walter.

Von Walter's episode was filled Aug. 28. The past two months have been a whirlwind of emotions for the contestant, who has been "sitting on the show" and holding information.

He was unable to discuss his winnings prior to the show airing, but did reveal that he went into "Millionaire" with his own personal goal.

"I kind of had a semi goal in my head. I wanted to beat my Jeopardy wins, which was \$25,000. It's kind of like a runner having a personal



Courtesy photo

Hans Von Walter's quest to be a millionaire will air today at 9 a.m. on WOTG Channel 44.

best in a relay or run," Von Walter said.

Plans have already been made for the cash Von Walter wins on "Millionaire."

"If I won a big chunk (of money) it will go to my loans, if I won big. If I win a little it will just go to normal stuff. Things for my mom and my apartment and gas," Von Walter said with a laugh. "Gas is really expensive out here. Right now it's \$4.67 a gallon. I bike to class."

Family members and friends joined Von Walter at the "Millionaire" set in New York City where he took on the questions. Von Walter

described "Millionaire" host Meredith Vieira as "sweet and helpful," but admitted to being quite taken aback by the experience.

"With this one (Millionaire), it's more of a personal attempt, a personal accomplishment. On Jeopardy, I was representing my school and there was a lot of school spirit and support there," Von Walter explained.

"It was an extremely memorable experience and a complete rush. I was a bundle of nerves and it's going to be odd to watch myself on TV but I am very thankful for the opportunity."

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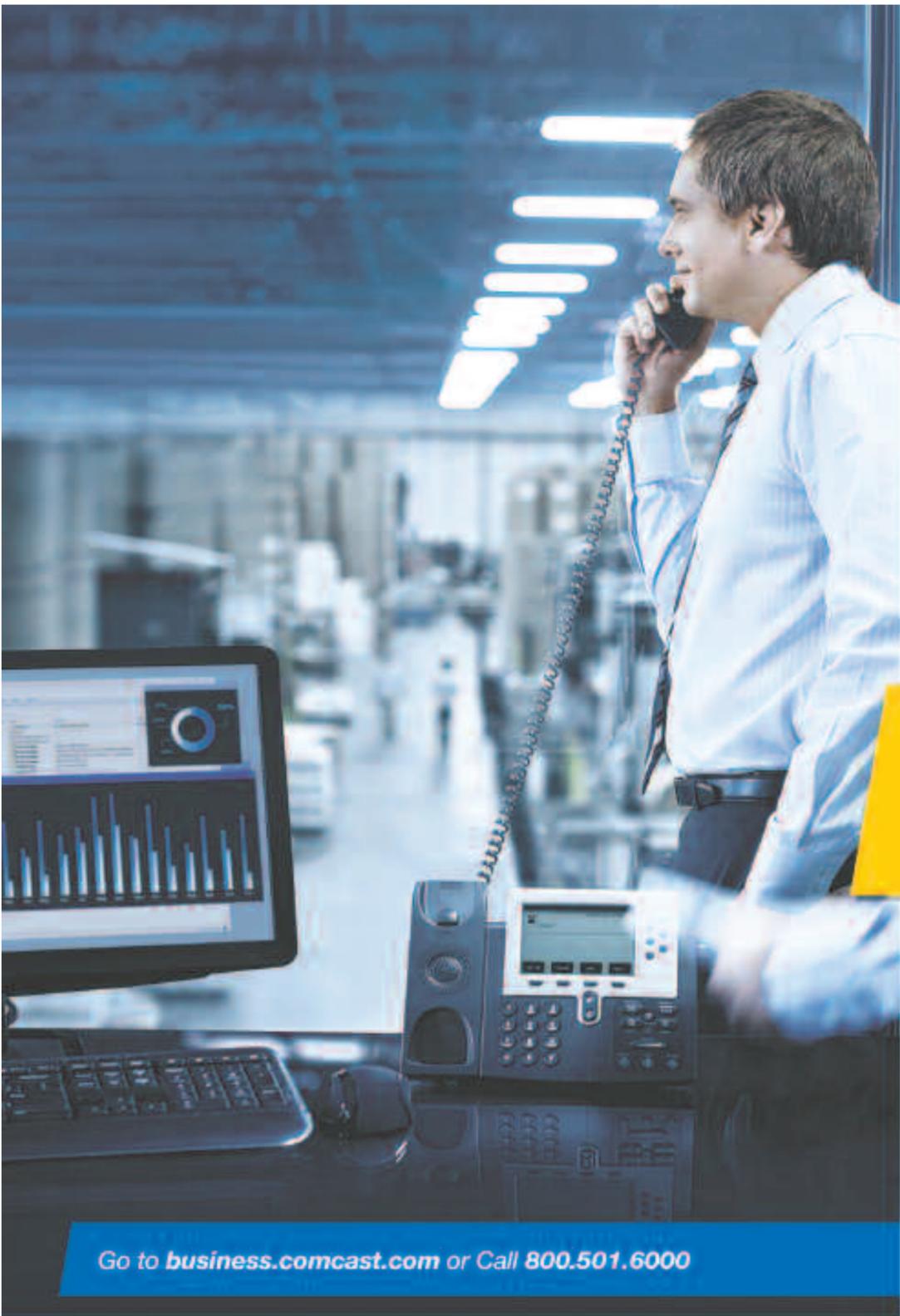
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BUSINESS

Windows 8: Make-or-break moment for Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO —

Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer can't afford to be wrong about Windows 8.

On Thursday in New York, Microsoft will unveil a dramatic overhaul of its ubiquitous Windows operating system. If it flops, the failure will reinforce perceptions that Microsoft is falling behind competitors such as Apple, Google and Amazon as its stranglehold on personal computers becomes less relevant in an era of smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices.

If Ballmer is right, Windows 8 will prove that the world's largest software maker still has the technological chops and marketing muscle to shape the future of computing.

"This is going to be his defining moment," said technology industry analyst Patrick Moorhead of Moor Insights & Strategy. Ballmer's "legacy will be looked at as what he did or didn't do with Windows 8. If Windows 8 is not a success, a lot of people will be looking for Microsoft to make a change at the CEO level."

Windows 8 is designed to run on PCs and tablet computers, heralding the biggest change to the industry's dominant operating system in at least 17 years. It also marks the first time that Microsoft has made touch-screen control the top priority, though the system can still be switched into the familiar desktop mode that allows for control by keyboard and mouse.

Ballmer sees Windows 8 as the catalyst for a new era at Microsoft. He wants the operating system to ensure the company plays an integral role on all the important screens in people's lives — PCs, smartphones, tablets and televisions.

"We are trying to re-imagine the world from the ground up with Windows 8," Ballmer told The Seattle Times. He declined to be interviewed for this story.

Early reaction has been mixed. Some reviewers like the way the system greets users with a mosaic of tiles displaying applications instead of relying on the desktop icons that served as the welcome mat for years. Critics say it's a confusing jumble that will frustrate users accustomed to the older versions, particularly when they switch to desktop mode and don't see the familiar "start" button and menu.

Windows 8 will hit the market backed by an estimated \$1 billion marketing campaign. The advertising frenzy is just one measure of how important Windows 8 is to Microsoft's future.

Ballmer's margin for error is slim after being consistently outpaced by Apple and Google in his nearly 13 years as CEO. During his tenure, Microsoft's stock has lost nearly half its value, wiping out more than \$200 billion in shareholder wealth.

But the company's board hasn't expressed any public dissatisfaction with Ballmer, who is Microsoft's second-largest shareholder with a 4 percent stake worth \$9 billion. Only his good friend and predecessor, Microsoft founder Bill Gates, owns more of the company's stock. Gates has a 5.5 percent stake.

Since Ballmer succeeded Gates as CEO in January 2000, Microsoft's annual revenue has nearly quadrupled



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer says his company is trying to 're-imagine the world from the ground up with Windows 8.'

pled to \$74 billion and expanded into lucrative new territory with its popular Xbox 360 video game console, which has given the company a platform for delivering services to television sets. But Microsoft has been slow to respond to technology shifts and has made some costly missteps trying to catch up.

Some of the best-known blunders include the company's iPod clone, the Zune, and its \$6.3 billion acquisition of Internet ad service aQuantive.

Ballmer, 56, has spent most of his life at Microsoft. He was attending Stanford University's graduate school of business in 1980 when Gates, a former classmate at Harvard University, persuaded him to drop out and become one of the startup's first 30 employees. He brought more business savvy to the operation just as the company began providing an operating system for IBM Corp.'s first personal computer.

Just two weeks before Ballmer took over, Microsoft's stock reached its peak price. The dot-com bust quickly deflated that market value, and the company became locked in antitrust battles in the U.S. and Europe that distracted management for years.

The biggest question hovering over Windows 8: Is it innovative and elegant enough to lure consumers who are increasingly fond of smartphones, tablets and other sleek gadgets? Those mobile devices have been setting industry standards while Microsoft engineers have spent two years designing a new operating system.

And Windows 8 must address not only the upheaval in the computing market since Windows 7 came out in 2009, but also have the flexibility to adjust to future shifts in technology before Microsoft releases another version in two or three years.

"It doesn't seem like Microsoft is really pushing consumers into the future with Windows 8," said Forrester Research analyst Sarah Rotman Epps. "What Microsoft has done is like buying a pair of shoes for a kid. The shoes may fit exactly right today, but those shoes probably won't fit six months from now."

Previous versions of Windows and other Microsoft products such as Office are so deeply embedded in companies and government agencies that Microsoft is still assured a steady stream of revenue

from that segment of the market. That loyal base of customers is one of the reasons that Microsoft is expected to earn \$25 billion on revenue of \$80 billion in its current fiscal year ending next June.

"This isn't a company that is on the edge of extinction, like some people would have you think," said BGC Financial analyst Colin Gillis. "What we are seeing with Windows 8 is classic Microsoft. They let the (technology) market lead and then they follow."

But investors want to see Microsoft do something more. The nagging fear on Wall Street is that the PC industry is past its prime and heading into a gradual decline that will pull down Microsoft, too.

The signs of decay have been proliferating since Apple released the iPad in 2010, hatching a tablet computer market that has combined with an already vibrant smartphone market to siphon away technology spending that used to go toward the latest PCs.

Worldwide PC sales year are expected to decline this year for the first time since 2001, according to the research firm ISH iSuppli. It's a drop of just 1 percent, but it underscores a troubling trend that has been hurting Microsoft.

The shift to mobile devices has whittled Microsoft's worldwide share of the computing device market from 67 percent in 2008 to about 30 percent today, estimates Forrester Research analyst Frank Gillett. Thanks to its Android software for phones and tablets, Google is now the leader with a 40 percent share of the computing device market. Apple stands at 20 percent.

Analysts don't expect Microsoft's corporate and government customers to immediately embrace the new system, no matter how much it's hyped. About half of this traditionally cautious group of customers still haven't upgraded to Windows 7. Most analysts expect companies and government to hold off on switching to Windows 8 for at least another year.

Ballmer hopes to accelerate the changeover by making Microsoft's Office software suite more compelling, with the help of two major acquisitions.

Microsoft bought the video chat service Skype for \$8.5 billion last year and in June agreed to pay \$1.2 billion for Yammer, a service the builds social networking services within companies. Both are

expected to become key features within Office to make it easier for workers to connect and collaborate with their peers and customers.

Ballmer also has won praise from analysts for striking potentially fruitful partnerships with Yahoo Inc. and Nokia. Microsoft now provides Yahoo with much of the same technology that runs its Bing search engine. The Yahoo deal provides Microsoft with 12 percent of the revenue from the ads shown alongside search results on Yahoo's website.

The Nokia alliance ensured Windows 8 would be the operating system on that company's latest line of smartphones, a potentially

valuable platform if Nokia is able to regain some of the market share it has lost in mobile phones during the past five years.

(Microsoft has also joined with The Associated Press to use AP content in Windows 8 news applications.)

But none of that has yet restored the luster Microsoft had on Wall Street when Gates was in charge.

Ballmer's initially dismissed emerging threats from Google and Apple. He consistently pooh-poohed Google as a one-trick company during its early years and in 2007 declared: "No chance that the iPhone is going to get any significant market share."

Those were some of his biggest mistakes, detractors say. Google quickly made important inroads in Internet video, online maps, email and mobile computing and contributed to the damage that the iPhone and iPad have done to Microsoft and its partners in the PC market.

Apple's meteoric rise has been especially painful for Microsoft. When Steve Jobs returned to run Apple in 1997, the company was so bad off that it needed a \$150 million infusion from Microsoft to stay afloat. Now Apple has a market value of \$570 billion — more than double Microsoft's \$250 billion.

On Tuesday, Apple got a chance to upstage Microsoft when CEO Tim Cook showed off the iPad Mini, a smaller and less expensive version of its top-selling tablet.

Ex-Goldman executive's sentence raises some eyebrows

NEW YORK (AP) — A two-year prison sentence for insider trading at the height of the 2008 economic crisis, by a man who was once one of the nation's most respected business executives, is a fifth of the 10 years requested by the government and well below sentencing guidelines. Now, some experts are questioning whether it's fair.

Judge Jed Rakoff described the sentence and \$5 million fine given to former Goldman Sachs and Procter & Gamble Co. board member Rajat Gupta, 63, on Wednesday as sufficient to deter others and properly punish Gupta.

"At the same time, no one really knows how much jail time is necessary to materially deter insider trading; but common sense suggests that most business executives fear even a modest prison term to a degree that more hardened types might not. Thus, a relatively modest prison term should be 'sufficient, but not more than necessary,' for this purpose," Rakoff said.

Chicago attorney Andrew Stoltmann said the sentence should have been closer to the 10 years prosecutors had recommended because Gupta's crimes were more serious than those committed by Raj Rajaratnam, the billionaire hedge fund founder he tipped off.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

13 HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

1. **Have adult supervision.** — Accompany your kids if you don't think they're old enough to trick or treat on their own.
2. **There is safety in numbers.** — If they're old enough to trick-or-treat without an adult, tell kids to stay in a group.
3. **Map out your plan.** — Designate a route before your kids begin trick-or-treating, and make sure they stick to it.
4. **Take the long way around.** — Have your kids trick-or-treat in areas where there are a lot of people around. They should also avoid taking short-cuts through alleys and parking lots.
5. **Try trick-or-treat friendly homes.** — Ensure your kids only visit houses with lights on. And you might also suggest the houses they visit have some sort of Halloween decoration on the porch.
6. **Stay Outside.** — Make sure that your kids do not go inside someone's house. They can get their candy from the porch.
7. **Remain visible.** — Dress your kids in a bright costume so others can see them. If their costume is dark, have your kids wear reflective strips or carry a glow stick or flashlight.
8. **Remember, shorter = safer.** — Goes without saying but just in-case you forget ensure that your kids costumes aren't so long that they can trip over them.
9. **Don't cover the face.** — Instead of masks, have your kids wear make-up so they can see better.
10. **Quality-check treats.** — Check your kids' candy before they eat it. Throw out any candy that is not in its original wrapper or looks like it has been tampered with.
11. **Say "NO" to strangers.** — Tell your kids to never accept a ride or go anywhere with a stranger.
12. **Obey the law.** — Encourage your kids to follow all the regular rules for walking around. That includes looking both ways before crossing, obeying all traffic laws and using cross walks and crossing lights where available.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 12-387
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF ELEANOR MILEY Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 (Summary Administration)

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

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Eleanor Miley deceased, File Number PC 12-387, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870; that the decedent's date of death was February 24th, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$12,523.30 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

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 October 19, 26, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000818
 DIVISION:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
 vs.
 THERESA L. SPENCE, ET AL, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, George H. Spence, deceased

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 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
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 CASE NO. 12-000685GCS
 Division:

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 v.
 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF KRISTA R. STEPHAN, DECEASED, ET AL. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

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WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 19th day of October, 2012.

ROBERT GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
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 Division:

U.S. Bank, National Association, as Successor Trustee to Bank of America, N.A., as Successor by Merger to Lasalle Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the MLMI Tru, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-HE6 Plaintiff
 Vs.
 MARIE PAMPHILE, et al Defendants.

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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 Udren Law Offices, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 4651 Sheridan Street Suite 460, Hollywood, FL 33021 on or before November 27, 2012, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the News-Sun and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

You have 30 calendar days after the first publication of this Notice to file a written response to the attached complaint with the clerk of this court. A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be filed if you want the court to hear your side of the case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may thereafter be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing impaired call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 19th day of October, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 As Clerk of the Court by:
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 As Deputy Clerk
 October 26; November 2, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 12-396

IN RE: ESTATE OF JEFFREY ALLEN NEWTON a/k/a JEFFREY ALLEN LAWRENCE NEWTON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Jeffrey Allen Newton a/k/a Jeffrey Allen Lawrence Newton, deceased, whose date of death was June 15, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is October 19, 2012.

Personal Representative:
 Darlene J. Hodder
 7307 Dereza Drive
 Windermere, FL 34786

BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A.
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 325 NORTH COMMERCE AVENUE
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 Telephone: (863) 382-3154
 By: /s/ E. Mark Breed III
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 October 19, 26, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 12000213GCS

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 DEBORAH K. BUDHRAJ, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 21, 2012, and entered in Case No. 12000213GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is Plaintiff, and DEBORAH K. BUDHRAJ, et al are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m., in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

A parcel of land in Section 5, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, herein-after described; For a Point of Beginning commence at the Southwest corner of said Lot 1, WELLS ESTATES; thence run West a distance of 767.96 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 569.30 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 43 minutes 30 seconds East a distance of 731.43 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 3100, AVON PARK LAKES, Unit No. 10, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 101, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida; run thence South 174.07 feet; thence run East 37.53 feet to the Point on the West right of way line of Jordan Road; thence run South a distance of 393.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel Identification Number:
 C-05-33-28-A00-0030-0000
 and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 at Sebring, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida, this 21st day of September, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk of said Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
 October 19, 26, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-00670

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CHRISTOPHER GARZA-GALVAN A/K/A CHRISTOPHER GARZA A/K/A CHRIS GARZA, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendants:
 CHRISTOPHER GARZA-GALVAN A/K/A CHRISTOPHER GARZA A/K/A CHRIS GARZA

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOTS 123 AND 124, LAKESIDE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 85, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 112 E. Viola Street, Avon Park, FL 33825

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Heller & Zion, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1428 Brickell Avenue, Suite 700, Miami, Florida 33131 on or before November 20, 2012, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE NEWS-SUN and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Action; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 11th day of October, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 As Deputy Clerk
 October 19, 26, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 08-551 GCS

THE QUINN GROUP, INC. A Florida corporation, Plaintiff(s),
 and CARLOS MATILLA and CARLOS MATILLA UNKNOWN SPOUSE, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO A Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 10, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 08-551 GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, of the Highlands County Courthouse located at: 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL, at 11:00 a.m. on the 7th day of November, 2012 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 24, Block 273, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 13, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 9, at Page 71 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

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

Dated this 11th day of October, 2012.

(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 October 19, 26, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 12-306-GCS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CREDIT SUISSE SEASONED LOAN TRUST 2006-1, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 TELETRA YUSHAWN SAIFULLAH; UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FRANCES SPEAKMAN, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; LOCATION UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 2, BLOCK A, STEWART'S ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 3, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Street Address: 1131 LEMON ST., SEBRING, FL 33870.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Clarfield, Okon, Salomone & Pincus, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 500 Australian Avenue South, Suite 730, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, within 30 days after the date of the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED ON October 15, 2012.

Bob Germaine
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 500 Australian Avenue South, Suite 730
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401
 Telephone: (561) 713-1400
 October 26; November 2, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000189
 DIVISION:

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 RAFAEL A. ALVARADO, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 23, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000189 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC is the Plaintiff and RAFAEL A. ALVARADO; ANGELICA M. ALVARADO; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 26th day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 41, BLOCK 61, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 6223 ORDUNA DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33872

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on August 27, 2012.

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

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 **See Americans with Disabilities Act
 In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
 October 26; November 2, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: GC-11-000547

TAYLOR BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CLARA LUCK A/K/A CLARA D. LUCK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARA LUCK A/K/A CLARA D. LUCK; TAYLOR BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORPORATION; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 7th day of November, 2012, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 14, BLOCK 21, PLAID LAKES, SECTION 19, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT PAGE 14, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this day of, 2012.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (941)534-4690, within seven (7) working days of your receipt of

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
October 19, 26, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-001323
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS
TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2006K55,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
ROILAN RODRIGUEZ, ET AL.,
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-001323 in the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for RASC 2006K55 was the Plaintiff and ROILAN RODRIGUEZ, ET AL., the Defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 on the 16th day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 18, IN BLOCK 17, OF HYDE PARK 2ND REPLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Clerk, Circuit Court
/s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
October 26; November 2, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000266
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE
FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN
TRUST, SERIES 2006-NC3 ASSET-BACKED
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
WILLIAM H. HAUCK; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on April 24, 2012 in Civil Case No. 28-2011-CA-000266, of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-NC3 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM H. HAUCK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM H. HAUCK N/K/A MARY RAMOS HAUCK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A GLORIA URBANOWSKI; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/K/A RICHARD URBANOWSKI; AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, at 11:00 A.M. on November 7, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 358, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 46, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on October 15, 2012.

IMPORTANT
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

CLERK OF THE COURT
Robert W. Germaine
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
October 19, 26, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 09001785GCS
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-21,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHARLES E. ANDERSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES E. ANDERSON; JUDITH F. ANDERSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUDITH F. ANDERSON; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVICES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOTS 7683, 7684, 7685, 7686 AND 7687 AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT NO. 24, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on November 7, 2012.
DATED THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 11th day of October, 2012

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 12-560-GCS HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff, vs. EARL E. ELLERBEE III, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on October 17, 2012, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on November 16, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.:

Lot 5 and Lot 6, Block 385, LEISURE LAKES, SECTION SEVENTEEN, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 15, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Property Address: 3456 Rhododendron Road, Lake Placid, Florida 33852 Tax ID No.: C-21-36-29-170-3850-0050 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

BOB GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk October 26; November 2, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 12-217-GCS HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff, vs. STEVEN W. HARRIS, ALLISON L. HARRIS, and DISCOVER BANK, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Amended Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on October 17, 2012, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on November 16, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.:

Lot 8, Block 32, SEBRING HILLS SOUTH, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 7, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Property Address: 232 Brant Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33872 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

BOB GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk October 26; November 2, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001364 Division NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF BENJAMIN C. NEELY, DECEASED; COLLEEN GREENTREE AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on October 4, 2012, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOTS 986 AND 987, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 90, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 2120 WEST HIBISCUS R, AVON PARK, FL 33825; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on November 7, 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 9th day of October, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk October 19, 26, 2012

1055 Highlands County Legals

NOTICE OF INTERNET AUCTION START DATE: October 25, 2012 at 8:00 AM END DATE: October 31, 2012 at 8:00 AM LOCATION: GOVDEALS.COM GOLF CARTS Pursuant to Florida Statutes and Sebring City Council policies, the City of Sebring, Sebring, Florida has declared various items as surplus property and have therefore authorized an Internet Auction to be conducted for the purpose of disposing said property.

A list of surplus items & questions about the City's Internet Auction process may be obtained from the City of Sebring Purchasing Department 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 between the hours of 8:30 - 4:30, calling 863-471-5110, or by emailing purchasing@mysc-sebring.com Note: all property will be sold on as "as is", "where is" basis. The City of Sebring reserves the right to add or delete items from GovDeals' website at anytime during the Internet bidding dates above.

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB Purchasing Agent City of Sebring, Florida October 24, 26, 2012

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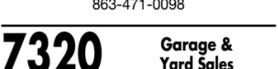
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A little wind and rain	Breezy with times of sun and clouds	Mostly sunny and comfortable	Mostly sunny and nice	Bright sunshine and pleasant
82° / 67°	81° / 61°	81° / 57°	77° / 48°	70° / 45°
Winds: NNE at 25-35 mph	Winds: NW at 15-25 mph	Winds: NW at 8-16 mph	Winds: NW at 8-16 mph	Winds: NNW at 7-14 mph



Almanac

Temperature

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	84°
Low Sunday	56°
High Monday	86°
Low Monday	63°
High Tuesday	83°
Low Tuesday	68°
High Wednesday	88°
Low Wednesday	71°

Heat Index

For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	68%
Expected air temperature	80°
Makes it feel like	83°

Barometer

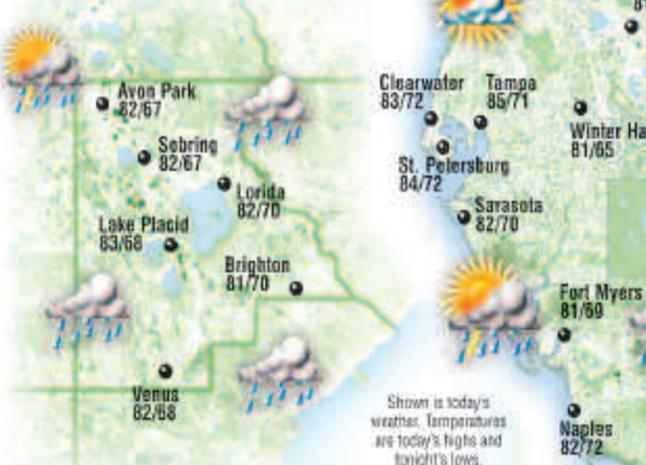
Monday	29.98
Tuesday	29.91
Wednesday	29.81

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.02"
Month to date	2.59"
Year to date	54.60"

Regional Summary

A little wind and rain from Hurricane Sandy today. Mainly cloudy and windy tonight. Breezy tomorrow with times of sun and clouds. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, mostly sunny and comfortable.



Farm Report

A little wind and rain today. Winds north-northeast 30-40 mph. Little or no sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%.

Water Restrictions

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

Weather History

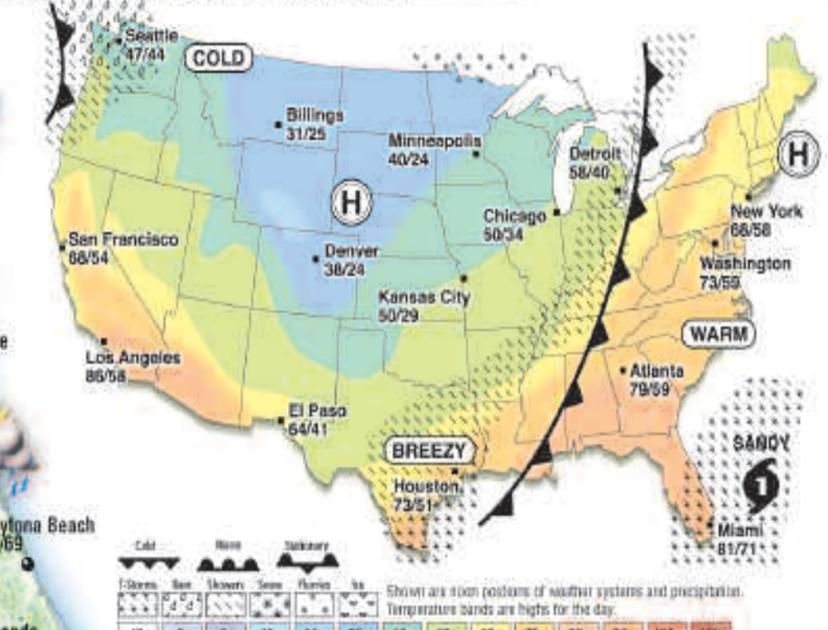
Days after a raging fire hit the Oakland, Calif., area, the first rainstorm of the season drenched the region on Oct. 26, 1991. The fire scene received 2 inches of rain.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:31 a.m.	7:32 a.m.
Sunset	6:48 p.m.	6:47 p.m.
Moonrise	4:51 a.m.	5:26 p.m.
Moonset	4:40 a.m.	5:34 a.m.

	Full	Last	New	First
	Oct 29	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20

National Forecast for October 26



National Summary

As Sandy impacts the Bahamas and southeastern Florida today with heavy rain and wind, rough surf and breezy conditions will spread northward along the Southeast coast. Plenty of warmth and some sunshine will be found elsewhere along the East Coast and the Deep South. A strong cold front slowly moving eastward will cut into the warmth from the eastern Great Lakes to Texas. Showers and some storms will occur ahead of the front. In the wake of the front, colder air will filter into the Plains and Midwest.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	53/34f	60/35f	62/36f
Alforta	79/59f	71/49f	63/39f
Baltimore	73/53f	68/53f	63/44f
Birmingham	62/53f	63/41f	59/37f
Boston	65/52f	65/52f	58/52f
Charlotte	70/50f	70/50f	68/41f
Chesapeake	62/44f	63/22f	48/33f
Chicago	52/34f	48/35f	45/35f
Cleveland	62/45f	52/40f	50/38f
Columbus	66/49f	61/35f	61/34f
Dallas	58/41f	63/42f	65/43f
Denver	38/24f	48/29f	52/36f
Detroit	58/40f	52/34f	48/35f
Harrisburg	65/55f	67/52f	68/45f
Honolulu	85/72f	85/72f	84/73f
Houston	73/51f	69/47f	68/46f
Indianapolis	54/35f	63/45f	60/39f
Jackson, MS	78/44f	63/40f	61/38f
Kansas City	50/34f	50/39f	54/33f
Lexington	61/44f	54/35f	52/31f
Little Rock	58/40f	61/38f	60/38f

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Agartata	86/74f	88/75f	95/75f
Athens	78/61f	72/65f	73/65f
Beirut	75/68f	77/63f	78/65f
Berlin	43/26f	41/25f	41/25f
Bermuda	77/71f	75/70f	86/70f
Calgary	24/15f	22/17f	36/23f
Dublin	48/37f	48/39f	48/19f
Edmonton	25/10f	24/14f	27/23f
Freetown	89/76f	89/71f	89/89f
Garyow	61/44f	46/29f	44/23f
Havana	85/85f	85/85f	84/81f
Hong Kong	84/77f	82/77f	82/77f
Jakarta	89/88f	70/58f	73/66f
Johnsburg	71/56f	78/52f	71/50f
Kiev	50/35f	54/38f	43/25f

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	12:22 a.m.
Low	6:50 a.m.
High	1:13 p.m.
Low	6:37 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	6:55 a.m.
Low	12:22 a.m.
High	7:09 p.m.
Low	12:48 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okechobee	15.84'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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Lady Devils move on

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID – One season ended Tuesday night, while another continued on as Avon Park topped Lake Placid in four sets in the District 10-4A tournament semifinal, but there were positives all around.

“It really was a remarkable year,” Lady Dragon head coach Linette Wells said afterward. “We started out with pretty much a brand new team and we kept improving all season long.”

So too did the Lady Devils, who survived two close opening sets and rebounded from a third set loss to win going away.

“I’m more relieved than anything,” head coach Stephanie Devlin said. “You never know what can happen in Districts and we haven’t had much luck in recent years.”

That would change this night, of course, though Avon Park would be tested.

They jumped out to a 6-1 lead to get things rolling early, but saw a Samantha Phipers kill and Breana Corley ace highlight a Dragon run that soon evened it at 6-6.

The Devils managed to keep slim leads into the early teens, but a big Lake

Placid run, sparked by two Corley kills, saw Lake Placid go up 19-15 and 22-16.

Avon Park clawed back, but stood on the brink of an opening loss at 24-22.

But a key run of four straight snatched victory from the jaws of defeat for a harrowing 26-24 win.

Things would play out similarly in the second set, though it was the Lady Dragons that opened the scoring, only to see the Devils rallying back.

A Marina Torres kill and Ashley Chacon ace evened things up at 4-4 before a Jacalyn Baldwin kill aided a run that put Lake Placid up 9-6.

Another Baldwin kill halted a Devil run and kept it close at 14-13, but an Otisha Smith kill and a pair of aces from junior varsity call-up Amani Tate opened the lead up to 19-13.

The Dragons would fight back, with a Phipers tip closing the gap to 23-22.

But the final two points would go to Avon Park, with Smith hammering home the game winner for the 25-22 win.

“That just shows the kind of contributions you need,” Devlin said. “I brought (Tate) up for her serving. We put her in and



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Teresa Devlin goes up for one of her six kills Tuesday in helping the Lady Devils reach the District 10-4A championship.

she gets a couple of aces.”

Things would turn, however, as keeping things close wasn’t going to satisfy this Lake Placid squad.

They jumped up 7-3, though saw the Devils close to within two at 12-10.

But Corley scored on an ace and kill and Shelbi

Bertram added a scoring smash to push it to 18-11.

Another short run upped the ante to 21-12.

Avon Park would score four of the next five points in an attempt to turn things around, but another Corley

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Why we fish

Anybody ever ask you “why you fish?”

It’s a reasonable question, given the fact that there are more non-fishermen in this country than fishermen.

Years ago, Nick Lyons wrote an article for Field & Stream that I enjoyed immensely and have often shared.

Since this is my last column in the News-Sun, I wanted share his thoughts on fishing and fishermen

“What sends a person away from the comforts of his hard-earned home to fight insects, rain, cold, and other disasters in the name of fishing?”

There is a curious rumor that fishing is idyllic and pastoral, that it rejuvenates the spirit and excites the blood to high adventure, that it requires high intelligence.

My experience has been otherwise.

Your boat leaks. It rains.

You fall in the water, freeze, boil, hook yourself, hook your partner, lose your equipment, catch the weeds, catch pneumonia, lose more equipment, snarl the line, get bitten by flies you can’t see, miss the big one, and hear inevitably, that you “should have been here yesterday” - or last week or last month.

If you return alive and sane, no one believes a word you tell them; if you stay out too long or too often, you lose your family and your job.

If you don’t stay out long



Fishin’ Around...

Don Norton

enough, he who did will taunt you until your death that “they began to bite like mad ten minutes after you left.”

You don’t want to neglect your wife, so you take her along: she gets bitten to shreds by blackflies and doesn’t speak to you for a year.

You take your children along, since you’ve heard that in these hard times the family that fishes together stays together: you spend all day untying knots, the kiddies fall in, you bring them home sopping wet and sneezing, and your wife doesn’t speak to you for a year.

You drive 300 miles for striped bass fishing: the tides are perfect, moon tides, but a hurricane has driven all the fish offshore.

You fly to Montana in June: there’s a snowstorm.

You get up at 2 a.m. and collapse before you get to your pet stream.

You get to your pet stream - but 9 million guys have gotten there before you.

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Sebring stopped in semifinal



News-Sun photo by BRITTANY WHITTINGTON
Lindsey Whittington and the Lady Streaks saw their season come to an end Tuesday.

By BRITTANY WHITTINGTON

News-Sun correspondent

LAKE LAND – The Lady Blue Streaks would find their season coming to an end after Tuesday’s District 9-6A tournament loss to Lake Gibson at Kathleen.

“I felt like we were in slow motion,” said head coach Venessa Sinness. “We just moved very slow and were back on our heels.”

The Lady Streaks started off with a short run over Braves.

Communication, an element that had been a difficulty for Sebring throughout the season, was not slacking at all.

For the time being, the six on the court were playing in unison rather than as six individuals.

The mood on the court appeared to

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Courtesy photo

The Highlands Youth Football Cheerleaders had a fun and successful run at last weekend’s Police Athletic League (PAL) Cheer-Off competition.

Lady Eagles soar at Cheer competition

Special to the News-Sun

Cheerleading squads for the Highlands Youth Football and Cheer Organization (HYFC) participated in the 2012 Police Athletic League (PAL) Cheer-Off competition on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Fort Meade High School and Sunday, Oct. 21, at Bryant Stadium in Lakeland.

The competition began at 9 a.m. when a total of 39 squads from Polk and Highlands County participated in the Semifinal round of competition in the Flag, Mighty Mite, Pee Wee, Junior Varsity and Varsity divisions.

The Highlands Eagles had squads participating in the Flag, Pee Wee and Varsity division of the completion.

Each squad’s performance included a cheer and dance as part of their routine.

The Lady Eagles performed well and gathered together in a u-shaped formation at the end of the competition to await the final results.

The girls were very eager with anticipation after working so hard over the past few weeks to prepare for this night.

The scores were tallied by the judges and the results of the Semifinals were soon revealed.

The Flag Division team, lead by head coach Roxanne Meixner and assistant Jessica Cabrera, placed 7th in their division missing making the top six by 0.3 points

The Pee Wee squad, lead by head coach Sam Pollard and assistant Lainie Machia were awarded 5th place and the team in the Varsity Division, lead by head coach Krystal Garza and assistant Anna Brubaker were awarded 4th place.

All of the squads were awarded necklaces with pendants for participating in the Cheer-Off and the top three squads in each division were awarded trophies.

The top six squads in each division of the semifinals round would go on to day

two of the competition to the Final Championship Round.

The Eagles Pee Wee and Varsity squads made the cut and were on to the final round on Sunday.

The Championship round began at 10 a.m. and produced an exciting day of cheer, stunts and dance by the squads.

At the end of the day the anticipation was high and so were the hopes of the Lady Eagles.

The Pee Wee squad was awarded 6th place and the Varsity took 5th.

The top two squads were awarded championship trophies and all the participants were awarded a championship ring.

The coaches were very proud of their squads and pleased with their performances and results.

All of the HYFC Board of Directors would like recognize the cheerleading coaching staff: Chrissi Merrick,

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Lady Panthers pick up much more than a win



Courtesy photo

On Tuesday, Oct. 23, the South Florida State College Lady Panther Volleyball team hosted its annual Dig Pink match to support the fight against breast cancer. Through pledges for digs, aces, kills, and blocks, t-shirts sales sponsored by SFSC’s Student Government Association, concession proceeds donated by SFSC Athletics, and additional fundraising led by the Lady Panthers, the team’s fundraising totaled well over its \$1,500 goal in its support for a cure. The Lady Panthers defeated Indian River State College by scores of 25-21, 25-21, 24-26, 25-20 to win their final home match of the season.

THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

BOXING SATURDAY

10:15 p.m. Carlos Abregu vs. Thomas Dulorme HBO

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAY

Noon Tennessee at South Carolina ESPN
 Noon Iowa at Northwestern. ESPN2
 Noon Temple at Pittsburgh. 28
 12:20 p.m. Ole Miss at Arkansas. 38
 3 p.m. UCLA at Arizona State FX
 3:30 p.m. Florida vs. Georgia CBS
 3:30 p.m. Texas Tech at Kansas State FOX
 3:30 p.m. USC at Arizona. ABC
 3:30 p.m. Michigan State at Wisconsin ESPN2
 5:30 p.m. Ohio State at Penn State. ESPN
 8 p.m. Notre Dame at Oklahoma. ABC
 8 p.m. Michigan at Nebraska ESPN2
 8:30 p.m. Mississippi State at Alabama ESPN

GOLF FRIDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – BMW Masters. GOLF
 1 p.m. LPGA – Taiwan Championship. GOLF
 3:30 p.m. PGA – Web.com: Tour Championship. . . GOLF
 5:30 p.m. AT&T Championship GOLF
 8 p.m. LPGA – CIMB Classic GOLF

SATURDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – BMW Masters. GOLF
 1 p.m. LPGA – Taiwan Championship. GOLF
 3:30 p.m. PGA – Web.com: Tour Championship. . . GOLF
 5:30 p.m. AT&T Championship GOLF
 8 p.m. LPGA – CIMB Classic GOLF

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SATURDAY

12:30 p.m. Plantation at St. Thomas Aquinas. SUN

MLB WORLD SERIES SATURDAY

8 p.m. San Francisco at Detroit, Game 3 FOX

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER SATURDAY

1:30 p.m. New York at Philadelphia. NBC

NBA PRESEASON FRIDAY

8 p.m. New Orleans at Miami ESPN
 10:30 p.m. Denver at Phoenix ESPN
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	4	2	.667	—
Memphis	3	3	.500	1
New Orleans	3	4	.429	1.5
Dallas	2	3	.400	1.5
San Antonio	2	3	.400	1.5

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	3	2	.600	—
Minnesota	3	2	.600	—
Oklahoma City	4	3	.571	—
Utah	4	3	.571	—
Portland	3	3	.500	.5

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	5	2	.714	—
Sacramento	4	2	.667	.5
L.A. Clippers	4	3	.571	1
Phoenix	3	3	.500	1.5
L.A. Lakers	0	7	.000	5

National League				
CHICAGO CUBS—Claimed RHP Carlos Gutierrez off waivers from Minnesota. Designated C Anthony Recker for assignment.				
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Assigned SS Michael Martinez outright to Lehigh Valley (IL).				
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Activated SS Ryan Jackson, RHP Jake Westbrook, RHP Victor Marte, LHP Sam Freeman, LHP Jaime Garcia, C Steven Hill, 1B Lance Berkman and C Bryan Anderson. Recalled RHP Eduardo Sanchez, RHP Maikel Cleto, RHP Brandon Dickson, LHP Barret Browning, RHP Adam Reifer and 1B Matt Adams from Memphis (PCL).				
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Released RHP Micah Owings.				

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association				
CHICAGO BULLS—Waived G Ryan Allen and G Marko Jaric.				
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Exercised their third-year option on F Tobias Harris and fourth-year options on F Larry Sanders and F Ekpe Udoh.				
PHOENIX SUNS—Waived F Ike Diogu and F/C Solomon Jones.				

FOOTBALL

National Football League				
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Released CB Jordan Mabin from the practice squad. Signed LB Sergio Kindle to the practice squad.				
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed LB Jon Beason on injured reserve. Claimed CB James Dockery off waivers from Cleveland and LB Doug Hogue off waivers from Detroit.				
DALLAS COWBOYS—Placed LB Sean Lee and P Chris Jones on injured reserve. Signed LB Ernie Sims. Released WR Raymond Radway from the practice squad.				
DETROIT LIONS—Placed WR Nate Burleson on injured reserve and DB Lionel Smith on the practice squad/injured list. Signed WR Brian Robiskie. Signed WR Kendrick Adams to the practice squad.				
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed G Justin Cheadle and RB DuJuan Harris to the practice squad.				
Placed WR Diondre Borel on the practice squad/injured list.				
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed LB Monte Williams to the practice squad.				
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Released DE Ryan Davis. Signed RB Keith Toston.				
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed FB Dominique Jones to the practice squad.				
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released T Steve Vallos. Signed G Matt Tennant.				
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Released LB Joe Holland from the practice squad.				
TENNESSEE TITANS—Signed LB Xavier Adibi.				
Placed LB Zac Diles on injured reserve.				
Released WR Vidral Hazelton from the practice squad.				

Transactions

BASEBALL American League				
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Named Jack Maloof hitting coach and Andre David assistant hitting coach.				
MINNESOTA TWINS—Assigned RHP Jeff Manship, RHP Luis Perdomo, RHP Esmerling Vasquez, RHP Kyle Waldrop, RHP P.J. Walters and OF Matt Carson outright off the 40-man roster.				
Reinstated RHP Carl Pavano and RHP Scott Baker from the 60-day DL.				
SEATTLE MARINERS—Declined their 2013 option on C Miguel Olivo.				
Released INF Munenori Kawasaki.				
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Designated RHP Tyson Brummett for assignment.				

LOCAL SCHEDULE



TODAY: Football vs. Dunbar, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY: Volleyball in Class 4A Regional Quarterfinals, TBD, 7 p.m.



TODAY: Football at LaBelle, 7 p.m.
MONDAY: Bowling at Stuart, 8 a.m.
TUESDAY: Cross Country at Districts, Tenoroc, 5 p.m.



TODAY: Football vs. Bartow, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: Cross Country at Districts, George Jenkins, 4:30 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Tennis "Rally for the Cure"

SEBRING — The Highlands County Tennis Association is hosting the third "Rally" tennis event at the Thakkar Tennis Center in the Country Club of Sebring, Saturday, Oct. 27.

This men's and women's doubles fun tennis event includes goodie bags, drawings, prizes and an annual subscription to a magazine of your choice with lunch provided by Chicane's.

Each eight-game match will be played with a different partner against different opponents.

This event is a great way for men and women of all ages and levels to enjoy their game, meet other tennis players and support the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, for a registration fee of \$25.

To register or for more information, call Lynda at 471-0389.

Franza induction

AVON PARK — It's never too early to secure a spot to take in Joe Franza's induction into the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Tickets are not available at the door.

The 37th FACA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will be on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013 at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, beginning with a Noon luncheon.

The luncheon and induction are open to all friends and family, at \$35 per person if purchased prior to Friday, Dec. 21.

Tickets after this dates will be \$50 each, and no tickets will be sold after Friday, Jan. 4.

Luncheon tickets can be purchased by contacting FACA at (850) 727-8117, or PO Box 13805, Tallahassee, FL 32317.

Tickets are not mailed, but held at the door for pick up.

Hotel reservations are available at (386) 254-8200 — Please request the FACA Group rate of \$99.

The Hall of Fame is the highest honor given by the FACA.

The award is designed to recognize FACA members for years of coaching tenure in Florida high schools, for dedication to the FACA and for outstanding coaching accomplishments.

Don't miss out on seeing one of Highlands County's own bestowed with this great honor.

Plenty going on at YMCA

SEBRING — The Highlands County Family YMCA is in need of donated bicycles and helmets for ages 5-12 in good condition for a bicycle safety class.

The Highlands County Family YMCA is signing up youth from ages 4-14 years for the Winter Basketball League.

Cost for embers is \$45 and non-members \$65.

The YMCA has partnered with the Champion for Children Foundation to offer Free Drowning Prevention classes for children and parents every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Pre registration required.

The YMCA has not one, but two heated pools and a splash pad for your family to enjoy.

Pool Hours

Mon.-Thur. — 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday — 6 a.m.-7:45 p.m.
Saturday — 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
Sunday — 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

Master Val Henry and Master Hank Henry, who are bringing authentic traditional martial arts Karate training to the

YMCA.

Master Henry will be offering family martial arts training at the YMCA and classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for both adults and children.

Come try a free martial art karate class at the YMCA.

The fee thereafter is only \$50 per month for YMCA members and \$60 per month for non members.

For questions contact the "Y" at 382-9622.

Halloween 5K

SEBRING — Ridge Area Arc and MID-FLORIDA will present a Halloween 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 8:30 a.m. in Highlands Hammock State Park.

This fourth annual event, being coordinated by Chet Brojek, will benefit Ridge Area Arc, providing opportunities for individuals with developmental and other disabilities.

This event welcomes the serious runners, the casual walkers, as well as Arc's special athletes.

Prizes will be awarded to the overall male and female winners as well as the first, second and third place finishers in each age category and for the participants with the most money raised for the Arc.

Early entry fee is \$17 which includes a Dri-Fit shirt. After October 22, through race day, the fee is \$25.

Tee shirts can be guaranteed for early registrations only.

Children 10 and under may participate for \$10, but a shirt is not included.

The registration fee includes admission to the park.

Checks should be made payable and mailed to Ridge Area Arc, 120 W. College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825.

Donations raised may be turned in the day of the race.

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

EXCEL Volleyball

SEBRING — Team XCEL, the Highlands County AAU travel volleyball squad, will be holding a parents meeting on Monday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Sebring High School Smith Center.

The AAU Junior National Volleyball Program offers opportunities for boys and girls, ages 10 to 18, in all skill levels to participate in indoor and beach volleyball.

Events are held throughout the country, including local leagues, District Championships, Grand Prix tournaments, Super-Regionals and National Championships.

For more information, contact Venessa Sinness at 214-9633, or by email at vsinness@yahoo.com, or Kim Crawford at 835-2377, volley2befit@yahoo.com.

Lunch for Bowlers

LAKE PLACID — Hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and sausage sandwiches will be featured at a food sale Saturday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in front of Lake Placid "Do It Best" Quality Hardware in the Winn Dixie Plaza, Lake Placid.

All of the proceeds benefit the youth bowler's scholarship program in which over 30 youth bowlers are currently involved.

So bring your family and friends and come buy lunch from the youth bowlers of Coz's in Lake Placid.

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Golf Hammock

The Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am Points at Golf Hammock on Monday, Oct. 22.

Stan Griffiss had a plus 4 to take first place in A group, while there was a tie for second place between Gary Galle and Les Campbell at plus 2.

In B group, Paul Brown was at plus 4 for first place and Terry Yandle with plus 2 was in second place.

Jimmy Black took first place with plus 2 in C group.

In second place was Ralph Pickering at even and in third place at minus 4 was Joe Hamilton.

In D group Pete Mezza scored plus 5 to take first place and Ian Bell was at plus 2 for second place.

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

Please arrive early to register. For more information, call Pete at 382-1280.

Lake June West

A Scramble was played Thursday, Oct. 18.

Tying for first/second/third places were the teams of Doyan and Donna Eades, Mario Cappelletti and Joanne McGill; Margaret Schultz, Jane Roush, Norm Grubbs, Don Boulton and Charlotte Mathew; Joe and Joyce Swartz, John and Gloria Huggett with 53 each.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 2, Sue Ruffo, 10-feet-3-inches and No. 8, Donna Eades, 12-feet-5-inches. (Men), No. 4, John Huggett, 6-feet-1-inch.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Winning first place was the team of Dick Denhart, Mario Cappelletti, Joe Swartz and Fred Neer with 43; second place, Doyan Eades, John Byron, Ott Wegner, Larry Heath and Bill Brouhle with 44; and third place, Claude Cash, John Ruffo, Jack Maginnis, Norm Grubbs and Don Boulton with 48.

Closest to the pin: No. 4, Paul Martin, 18-feet; and No. 8, Paul Martin,

2-inches.

Placid Lakes

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, the Men's Association played an Individual Points event, which saw a match of cards needed to determine the winner.

Darrell Gardner's 49 points wound up on top of Bud Snyder's 49 for the day.

Ed Bartusch finished third with 47 and Russ Isaacs fourth with 46.

The Women's Association played a One BB Front, Two BB Back tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The team of Sue Mackey, Carol Olsen and Joan Sniffen took first with a -12, with Von Lacy, Karen Wallin and Barb Moriarity second at -7.

Bobbie Miller, Pat Haas and Jeanne Ransom were third at -3.

Wallin was closest to the pin on the day, getting to 8-feet, 10-inches from No. 2.

An LPHS Baseball Scramble was played on Saturday, Oct. 20 with 72 players.

Flight A - First place, Dana Harris, Dennis Frith, Jeff Spires and Smokey Smiling with minus-24.4; second place, Steve Griffen, Jackson Griffen, Ted Glarner and Danny Green with minus-24.1; and third place, Steve Young, Mort Jackson, Rock Thacker and Chris Myers with minus-23.8. Flight B - First place, Jackie Coyne, Alex Coyne, Andy Canady and Scott Canady with minus-23.9; second place, Dean Cram, Tom Nemeth, Jacob Cram and Art Miller with minus-23.5; and third place, Dan Wirick, Darren Wirick, Tom Whitehouse and Randy Proctor with minus-22.1.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Morgan



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

Lott; and No. 13, Dana Harris. Longest Drive: No. 18, Mike Shawver.

River Greens

The Morrison Group played a tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 23, with Russ Rudd, Butch Smith and Lefty St. Pierre getting the win at -18.

Tied for second was the team of Ken Brunswick, Cliff Steel and Don Ethan, at -15, with the team of Gil Heier, Ken Koon and John Anderson.

A Men's Day event was played on Saturday, Oct. 20, with Russ Rudd, Gil Heier, Neil Percell and Ron Jensen tallied a -23 to win.

Butch Smith, Johnny Wehunt, Don McDonald and Ken Koon were just behind with a -22.

For closest to the pin, Keith Kincer got toe 10-feet, 2-inches from No. 3, and 9-feet, 5-inches from No. 5.

Don McDonald hit to 3-feet, 10-inches from No. 12 and B.C. Roberts got to 7-feet, 6 1/2-inches from No. 17.

A Ladies Pro-Am was played on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Barb Plunkett, Pat Gower and Carol Ray won the team event with a +1 1/2, while Mary Beth Carby, Peggy Nicholson, Jeannine Persails and Linda Therrien were next at -2.

Individually, Roy had a +4 1/2 for the win, Babe McDonald was next at +3 and Carby third at +1.

The Morrison Group played a round on Thursday, Oct. 18, with Butch Smith and Harold Plagens teaming up to come in at -13 for the win.

Larry Roy and Ken Brunswick carded a -10 for second and Lefty St. Pierre and Jim Cery totaled a -9 for third.

A Men's Pro-Am was played on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Jim Cery, Ron Jensen, Don Ethan and Left St. Pierre totaled a +6 1/2 for the win, with Butch Smith, Dick McGloy, Glenn Nelson and B.C. Roberts next at +3 1/2.

Russ Rudd won A Flight, individually, at +1, Ken Koon took B Flight with +6 1/2, Keith Kincer won C Flight with +4 1/2 and Ron Jensen won D Flight at +6 1/2.

The Morrison Group hit the links on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Butch Smith, Ken Koon, Johnny Wehunt and Bill Mountford scored a -22 to win out by one over the -21 brought in by Harold Plagens, Don McDonald, Jim Anderson and Joe Graf.

The Golfettes also played a round on Tuesday, Oct. 16, wit Elaine Keppler and Patsy Miller winning out with a 62 on their card.

Karen Speaker and Michelle Koon weren't far behind, with a 63, nor were

Jodi Ethun and Barbi Plunkett (64) or Pat Graf and Dee Paul (65).

SpringLake

The SpringLake Women's Golf Association played a 4 Person Team - 3 Best Ball Tournament on the Panther Creek course on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Team No. 5, consisting of Gail Whiting, Debbie Delaney, Patty Miller and Jean Donahue won first place with a net score of 205.

There was a tie for second with team No. 3 (Judy Dunn, Carole Frederick, Donna Ryan and a blind) winning the tie breaker over the team No. 4 (Dotti Blackwell, Linda Pflieger, Kay Gorham and Ruth Ann Payne) with 216 net strokes.

This will be the last week of the summer games as on Wednesday, Oct. 31, there will be a Halloween tournament in the afternoon instead of the regular Women's League golf.

On Tuesday, Oct. 23, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association held a Four Man Team Modified Scramble competition in which all players played their second shot from the best drive in the fairway.

This was played on the Panther Creek course and each team's total score minus handicap was posted.

The team that won first place with 246 net strokes included Ken Kirby, Will David, Rick Nelson and Dan Porter.

Mr. David shot a net 58 and Mr. Porter shot a net 59.

In second place, at 248 net strokes, was the team of Bill Lawens, Gerry Esty, Jay Payne and Charlie Keniston.

Mr. Keniston sparked this effort with a net 57.

Third place went to the team of Pat Jaskowski, Ed Clay, Gale Monda, and a Blind, with a score of 257 strokes.

There was a tie at 262 strokes between Jan Hard, Richie Eastep, Vern Hoffman and Gene Horn and the team of Dave Kamish, Bo Bohanon, Bob Rogers and Jim Foote.

While cloudy, the rain held off long enough for all rounds to be completed in perfect golfing weather.

Cheer squads do Eagles proud

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Cheer Director, Roxanne Meixner, Flag Head Coach, Jessica Cabrera, Flag Assistant Coach, Samantha Flake, Head Pee Wee Coach,

Lainie Machia, Coach in Training, Krystal Garza, Head Varsity Coach and Anna Brubaker, Assistant Varsity Coach.

They all deserve thanks for the time and dedication to the

girls, cheerleading program and the Eagles organization.

The Lady Eagles represented the Highlands Youth Football and Cheer association well.

Sebring Chamber of Commerce Tom McGuire 5K results

Overall Male - Jack Bailey 20:55

Overall Female - Carolyn Cooper 24:26

Male Master - Chuck Best 22:01

Female Master - Trudy Benton 25:04

Male Grand Master - David Finley 24:00

Female Grand Master - Peggy Essex-Klammer 31:21

Female Age Groups

(10 & under) Shaya Cox 30:42, Megan Cooper 38:16; (11-14) Savannah Oldfield 29:27; (20-29) Emily Jones 27:38, Maggie Statler 28:01, Heather Mellow 29:42, Amy Cox 39:41, Heather Roberts 52:45; (30-39) Jane Mikulecky 25:02, Michele Delaney 26:18, Shawn Bray 27:29, Ginny Cox 37:36, Katie Peterman 37:31; (40-49) Mary Ann Andrews 28:20, Amy Sullivan 29:41, Michele Bednosky 35:30, Judy Brown 45:34,

Terry Coyle 41:44; (50-54) Martie Brooker 32:54, Joyce Statler 36:31, Marcia Percy 37:42, Carol West 39:24; (60-69) Sarah Farrell 48:09; (70+) Janice Coyle 48:48.

Male Age Groups

(10 & under) Bud Cox 34:18, Bradley Benton 41:1; (11-14) Kyle Howard 23:01, Chase Langston 23:06, Clint Patrick 24:00; (20-29) Terry Hancock 23:05; (30-39) Grant Rowe 21:45, Mathew Nelson 23:21, Carlos Torres 25:28, David Zoerb 25:31; (40-49) Ron Bednosky 24:34, Bryant Musselman 29:41, Bill Benton 41:19; (50-59) Russell Andrews 24:19, Bill Jarrett 24:20, Darrell Jensen 28:38, Richard Percy 27:19, Phillip Statler 35:04, Nelson Pacheco 38:38; (60-64) Neil Chappell 41:44; (70+) Joe Bird 52:00.

Turkey Trot 5K at Hammock

The 20th Annual Turkey Trot 5K has been set for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 22, at Highlands Hammock State Park at 8 a.m.

The largest running event in Highlands County last year's Turkey Trot 5K drew a record field of 658 finishers.

Entry fee is \$20 with checks payable to Friends of Highlands Hammock State

Park and mailed to Chet Brojek, 3310 Par Road, Sebring, FL 33872 by the Friday, Nov. 16 early entry deadline.

Race fees post November 16 will be \$25.

"We have a deluxe 20th edition dri-fit shirt and our unique custom awards for the 2012 Turkey Trot," said race director Chet Brojek.

Those entering after the

November 16 date will not be guaranteed size or shirt if we run out.

Those needing entry forms may contact Brojek at *cbrojek@comcast.net* or by calling him at 385-4736.

If sending your check without the form, you must include name, age and tee sizes of entrants.

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Otisha Smith had another huge night Tuesday, totaling a whopping 16 kills and adding three solo blocks in Avon Park's four-set win at Lake Placid.

AP in District Final and State Playoffs

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kill opened the final rally to clinch the 25-16 win and send it to the fourth set.

But here was where the turnaround came about, as Otaysha Smith got it started with an ace for the opening point.

The Lady Dragons would bounce back for a brief lead early, but it didn't last long.

Otisha Smith would add three kills to her match-high 16, while scoring slams were also had by Teresa Devlin, Brianna Rogue and Chacon, with Chacon also adding consecutive aces.

The Devils would build leads of 15-9 and 21-13 before settling on a 25-16 win.

"It was a good match and we played well," Wells said. "Avon Park just played smart. They found some weak spots and attacked. I

just can't say enough about the job Stephanie has done there. She has really built them into a strong team."

For the Lady Devils, the win secured a spot in the district final against top-seed DeSoto, as well as in the Class 4A State Playoffs.

"We played them close twice during the season, losing in four in one match and five in the other," Devlin said. "I'm just proud of the girls for having gotten this far. This is my first time, as coach, getting into the championship and the playoffs."

The title game was slated for Thursday night, with the winner then playing host for the Class 4A regional quarterfinal, while the losing team goes on the road Tuesday, Oct. 30.

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



News-Sun photo by BRITTANY WHITTINGTON

Despite a big night from senior Meghan Lollis, and a valiant comeback from two-sets down, the Lady Streaks saw their season come to a close Tuesday night.

Streaks battle to the end

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be very concentrated yet relaxed.

Suddenly, Lake Gibson was able to find a little momentum and stole the lead from the Streaks and changed the momentum.

Sebring tied up the score at 11 and Lake Gibson called a timeout to try and recover lost momentum.

The Streaks were able to go on a short run bringing the score 16-13, but the Lady Braves were able to pull the score closer and bring it back to a tie at 16.

The rest of the set became a nail biter.

With the lead going back and

forth between the two teams for the rest of the set, Lake Gibson finished it off 25-22.

The Braves were able to keep the fire from the first set victory to carry into the second set leaving Sebring behind 4-2.

The Blue Streaks picked up a little spit fire and tied the score up at four then again at nine.

The Streaks kept their cool, calm, and collective tone throughout the second set and took a slight lead, but Lake Gibson tied up back at 16.

The nailbiting continued with a back-and-forth point war between the two sides.

Lake Gibson called a timeout

when they were down 19-17.

The Braves tied back up at 20 creating stress on the Sebring bench and soon lead to a timeout of their own when they got down 21-20.

The momentum did not work out in their favor with Lake Gibson finishing the set again at 25-22.

And just when it seemed that this would be a closely contested match, the Streaks suddenly broke out in commanding fashion in the third set.

Down 10-5, the Braves called a timeout and would be forced to do so again when the Sebring lead grew to 17-8.

But nothing was going to stop the

momentum at the moment as the Streaks continued to roll and soon claimed the lopsided, 25-10 win.

The momentum would not last for long, however, and it was back to a nip-and-tuck battle in the fourth set.

Lake Gibson went up early but Sebring would catch them and take a brief lead at 17-16 on a service ace from Allie Mann.

The Lady Braves would go on a charge and get to within game point at 24-19, but the Streaks found that momentum again, catching them at 24, 25 and 26 before earning the final two points in the 28-26 win to move it to the fifth-set tie-breaker.

But the ups and downs of this season were soon shown in this little capsule as after these two thrilling wins, Sebring came out flat in the finale.

Lake Gibson ran rampant to start the set, getting out to 7-0 and 11-2 leads.

The gap would close some, but this time the hole was too deep to dig out of as the season fell one match short of reaching the district title game and the state playoffs.

The Streaks will lose two stand-outs to graduation in Meghan Lollis and Mann, but will return a strong core to the court next season.

Fish, the eternal quest for the pea-brained prize

Continued from 1B

They say that man has evolved.

Fishing disproves it.

In 1496, when Dame Juliana Berners wrote A Treatys of Flyfishing with an Angle, it was possible to fish for a whole year for respectable fish with a few cents worth of equipment. In the stone age it was cheaper, and the fish were larger.

Today more than \$3 billion is spent annually by those called in the national surveys "habitual anglers."

And the fish are smaller and fewer, and certainly no smarter.

On certain salmon rivers, the average fisherman spends more than \$300 per salmon caught: it's cheaper to have a dozen air-shipped from Scotland, and you don't have to worry about the black flies.

President Grover Cleveland, who on this occasion knew whereof he spoke, pronounced: "At the outset, the fact should be recognized that the community of fishermen constitute a class or subrace among the inhabitants of the earth." "Subrace." There's a message in that word.

And in the word "habitual," too.

"Good luck" is the traditional greeting among brothers of the angle.

Why not, "Good grief!?" I have been fishing since before I can remember, which is longer than I've been doing anything that I can remember, so I might be considered an authority on why so many people fish.

I've also researched the issue closely as I dare: the results are frightening.

One psychologist claims it

is behavioral conditioning; another speaks of it as a "submergence syndrome," a return to mother sea; others say there is covert hostility in all fishermen.

Not against the fish, I'm sure, but against oneself.

No matter. No one really knows.

We can go to the moon, but there are deeper mysteries and problems.

Like why people fish.

Consider how rational man in the twentieth century spends well over \$3 billion on what he can buy for a few dollars in the local fish market.

On April Fool's day, whether it falls on the first of the month or the last Saturday, thousands of otherwise sane and reliable men rise long before sunup, drive through dark city streets and along bleak, deserted highways to their idyllic stream, then ritualistically immerse themselves in ice water.

The temperature is below freezing, ice forms at the guides of their rods, they think desperately of excuses to wives and children for their madness, and by noon — unless they have had rigorous training for this ordeal — they are insensate, barely able to stand.

The next day newspapers carry photos of strange figures from a subrace of man, and a bewildering tangle of poles and lines.

Some are wearing arctic gear, others crouch around a streamside fire like cave-men; among them, there may be a beaming face — and if you look closely you will see, hanging by the jaws of a stick, several small reasons why.

Fortunately for many of these men, the season will be over in a month, and then

they will go no more, but then turn to golf or country-club tennis, to wives or badminton, to cruises and touring, or to any of a hundred more socially acceptable and comfortable ways of spending their leisure moments.

But many remain in the brotherhood of the angle.

Some spend thousands of dollars and days on end in the scorching sun, pursuing saltwater sea monsters it will take them hours to land.

Others stand on party boats, thirty abreast, having a party hauling up cod.

If you think cod fishing is fun, try attaching a clothesline to a can of garbage and lifting it to your fifth-floor apartment in the wind.

Worst of all are the trout fishermen.

A guy named Art Flick once spent three years doing nothing but catching and identifying the bugs trout eat.

He only carried a rod so fishermen wouldn't think he was nuts.

Maybe those were the best years of his life.

Trout fishermen are the subrace within the subrace. Which is pretty low.

They spend endless hours tying little bits of bird's feathers onto tiny wire hooks.

They have been known to slip into a mystical trance at the mere mention of holy names like "Beaverkill," "Battenkill," "Big Hole," "Snake."

They learn enough Latin to mumble about Iron fraudators and Ephemerella subvarias and Stenonema fuscums.

They attend panel discussions and slide presentations by experts and learned entomologists.

They study esoteric books like A Modern Dry-Fly Code and Matching the Hatch.

And all for what?

For a creature that averages about the weight of two Idaho potatoes and has a brain smaller than a chick pea. Evolution?

Perhaps the best answer to the age-old question of what keeps so many people in the category of "habitual anglers" was given twenty-five years ago by a sage named Ed Zern, who wrote that "roughly two-thirds of all fishermen never eat fish.

This should surprise nobody.

Fish is brain food.

People who eat fish have large well-developed brain.

People with large, well-developed brains don't fish.

And that was only part of the story. Since then the number of fishermen has greatly increased."

A rather cryptic, disheartening view of why we fish, written by a fisherman.

But I'm a fisherman, and although I take exception to

some of Nick's thoughts, he may be closer to the truth than I am.

I own a \$40,000.00 bass boat, at least 30-40 rods and reels and thousands of dollars worth of fishing lures, electronics and books on the subject of fishing.

I buy a fishing license for both saltwater and freshwater fishing in many different states, not to mention clothing, hats, sunscreen and the like and my favorite target is largemouth bass — which I catch a lot of and always release.

On the rare occasions when I keep, clean and eat fish, typically crappies (specks) and a few saltwater species, I'm often reminded that those tender filets may be costing me hundreds of dollars each.

Perhaps I am a "subrace" or "habitual angler," but I prefer to consider that I'm part of a large segment of our country who simply loves to fish.

Notwithstanding the many hardships listed in this arti-

cle, fishing defines who I am.

For all the non-fishermen out there, they'll never understand.

For those of you who do, nothing more needs to be said.

This is my last column for the News-Sun newspaper.

I enjoyed writing this column for the last six months and hearing from and meeting many of my readers.

If anybody's looking for me, I'll be fishing.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Non-drug solutions for restless leg syndrome sufferers

Dear Pharmacist: I've had restless legs syndrome (RLS) for four years and it's keeping my husband awake, and I'm so tired during the day I can't function. My doctor is sick of me, and wants to try Horizant now, since Requip and Mirapex didn't work. Should I try?

— T.N., Centennial, Colo.



Dear Pharmacist

Suzy Cohen

Answer: Your doctor is sick of you? After four years and all the money you've paid, you should be free of this nighttime calamity.

RLS symptoms include an uncontrollable urge to move your legs, and an unpleasant sensation of creepy-crawlies, as if worms are in your legs. There may be burning, tingling and symptoms worsen when you lie down, but often get better if you stretch or walk.

Soon, I will offer ideas to help you overcome the condition, but first let's discuss the prescription medication Horizant, a brand name of "gabapentin enacarbil."

On a flight home, I was reading the Oct. 22 issue of People magazine, and I came across an ad for it which begins with "RLS is actually a neurological condition." Hmm, that got my attention. It is not always "neurological." It may be a vitamin or mineral deficiency which can

be evaluated by a blood test.

Anyway, the ad says to "Call your health care provider right away if you have any of these symptoms, especially if they are new, worse or worry you: Thoughts or actions about suicide, self-harm or dying; attempt to commit suicide, new or worse restlessness or panic attacks, acting aggressive, being angry or violent; acting on dangerous impulses."

Remember, you started with restless legs. Whenever I see scary potential side effects — even if they are uncommon — I wonder why patients find that acceptable, and why physicians prescribe drugs that cause more serious problems than the original issue.

RLS is often caused by low levels of the hormone dopamine, which acts as a natural "happy" neurotransmitter in your brain. An easy way to evaluate dopamine is to measure



Getting a good night's sleep is tough if your bedmate has restless leg syndrome. Metro

another hormone called "prolactin" and if that is elevated, you can bet you're dopamine deficient.

Dopamine can be created in the brain by taking supplements of the amino acid "Tyrosine" along with some vitamin B6 (yes, both at the same time in the morning, but ask your doctor if it's okay).

RLS may also be caused from deficiencies of "ferritin," a stored form of iron. Hematocrit may be normal, but ferritin could still be low.

If you take a statin cholesterol reducing drug, you could develop symptoms that reek of RLS. Only replenishing what

the drug mugged stole will relieve your symptoms, so in the statin case (because they are drug muggers of CoQ10, vitamin D and creatine) you must restore those.

Additionally, L-carnitine, folic acid and magnesium are all critical considerations to support muscle health because they ease leg cramps, weakness and muscle spasms.

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

Report: Most women need Paps every 3 or 5 years

Associated Press

Most women can wait three to five years between checks for cervical cancer, depending on their age and test choice, say guidelines issued Monday.

Many medical groups have long recommended a Pap test every three years for most women. The new advice from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says that's true for women ages 21 to 29 whose Paps show no sign of trouble.

But for healthy women ages 30 to 65, the preferred check is a Pap plus a test for the cancer-causing HPV virus, the group concluded. If both show everything's fine, they can wait five years for further screening.

The guidelines from the nation's largest OB-GYN organization agree with advice issued earlier this year by a government panel, the American Cancer Society and other medical groups — showing growing consensus that it's safe for the right women to wait longer between Paps.

Cervical cancer grows so slowly that regular Pap smears, which examine cells scraped from the cervix, can find signs early enough to treat before a tumor even forms.

Certain strains of HPV, the human papillomavirus, cause most cervical cancer, but the infection has to persist for a number of years to do its damage.

HPV is a super-common virus in young women, whose bodies usually clear the infection on their own. Thus, health groups don't recommend routinely testing 20-somethings for HPV because it would cause too many false alarms.

A Pap averages around \$40; HPV tests can add another \$50 to \$100.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Don't believe everything you read on the Internet



Guest Column

Dr. Diana Carr

Some people turn to the web to save money on expensive doctor visits, some to better understand their disease,

some to check out a drug their doctor has prescribed. How do you know if the information is correct? Was that website written by a 12-year-old with lots of computer knowledge, but not much medical expertise? Or maybe someone trying to sell miracle cures?

One good internet source is a website associated with a well known medical school such as the Medical College of Georgia (www.MCG.health.org). This site has a "virtual medical library" with information on such diverse topics as car seats and asthma, all listed alphabetically.

Another excellent website is the Mayo Clinic website (www.mayoclinic.com). This is one of the most comprehensive medical sites I have seen. Topics run from newborn care for stressed out parents to stevia for weight control to the benefits of Tai Chi. There is a symptom checker, drug info, healthy recipes and first aid information.

Other good internet sources are specialty group websites. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (www.aaos.org) and the Hand Society (www.assh.org) have all of their patient information brochures available online. The American Academy of Dermatology (www.AAD.org) also has a lot of good information on skin problems. They have a video on self exam for skin cancer that is very useful for anyone who has had a lot of sun exposure and/or a family history of skin disease.

Many of these websites also have physician locators. These are doctors who are board certified and are members of the specialty society.



Many people turn to the Internet to try to find out information about their illness. But where you get the information matters, so rely on trusted websites.

Many doctors have websites associated with their practice and some have links to websites they think are useful. These sites often contain information on the doctor's training, specialty boards and area of expertise within the specialty.

Another way you can use the web is to check on a doctor's credentials. The specialty boards all have websites and most will allow you to enter a doctor's name to verify board certification. This means the doctor has had an approved residency and passed an exam. Some specialties have additional practice requirements. This assures a level of competency.

Individual states do not license by specialty only to "practice medicine and surgery" in that state.

You can research your medical problems, but remember that sometimes a little knowledge is dangerous. This is particularly true when reading about prescription medications. Often the list of side effects is scary because all side effects are

listed without the perspective of how often they occur or if a particular group is more at risk than others.

Some drugs, for example chemotherapy drugs, have nasty side effects but not as bad as the untreated disease. Often patients stop or do not take medicines but never tell their doctor; occasionally with disastrous results. If you have a concern, speak with your doctor.

Dr. Diana D. Carr treats patients at The Hand & Shoulder Specialists offering specialty care close to home with a concentration on healing shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand problems. She is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Carr's long list of achievements include being the area's only Orthopaedic Surgeon certified as a hand specialist. For more information, please visit <http://hand-shoulder-specialist.com> or call (863) 382-7777. This information is not intended to diagnose, treat or cure your disease.

Disabled patients to benefit from Medicare change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Center for Medicare Advocacy. Thousands of Medicare patients with severe chronic illnesses such as Alzheimer's would get continuing access to rehab and other services under a change agreed to by the Obama administration, advocates said Tuesday.

The proposed agreement in a national class action suit would allow Medicare patients to keep receiving physical and occupational therapy and other skilled services at home or in a nursing home so they can remain stable, said Gill Deford, a lawyer with the Center for Medicare Advocacy. That's been a problem for some because of a long-standing Medicare policy that says patients must show improvement to keep getting rehab. "If you have a chronic condition, by definition you are not improving," said Deford, the lead attorney on the case. "Our view is that Medicare regulations were intended to allow people to maintain their health status. They don't have to show they are getting any better. The point is to allow them not to get any worse."

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Alzheimer's caregiver workshops set

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The first will be Oct. 29 on "Alzheimer's Disease and Safety." The speaker will be Lisa Rodriguez with Change of Pace's One Stop Shop.

The second workshop will be Nov. 12 on "Train Your Brain." The speaker will be Pam Polowski with Infinity Home Care.

Snapshots

The workshops will be from 10-11:30 a.m. at 4514 Hommock Road in Sebring. Please RSVP today at 382-1188.

Free diabetes classes planned

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

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

with diabetes or at risk for developing diabetes. These classes are free of charge and provided by Peggy Pierce, RN, and Aleyda Oliveros, nutrition educator.

Classes in English are scheduled in Sebring on Nov. 5-7 from 8:30-11:30 a.m., and Nov. 12-14 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Highlands County Health Department, 7205 S. George Blvd., conference room A.

Enrollment is limited and registration is required. To register and for more information, contact the HCHD Wellness and Diabetes Education Program at 863-382-7294.

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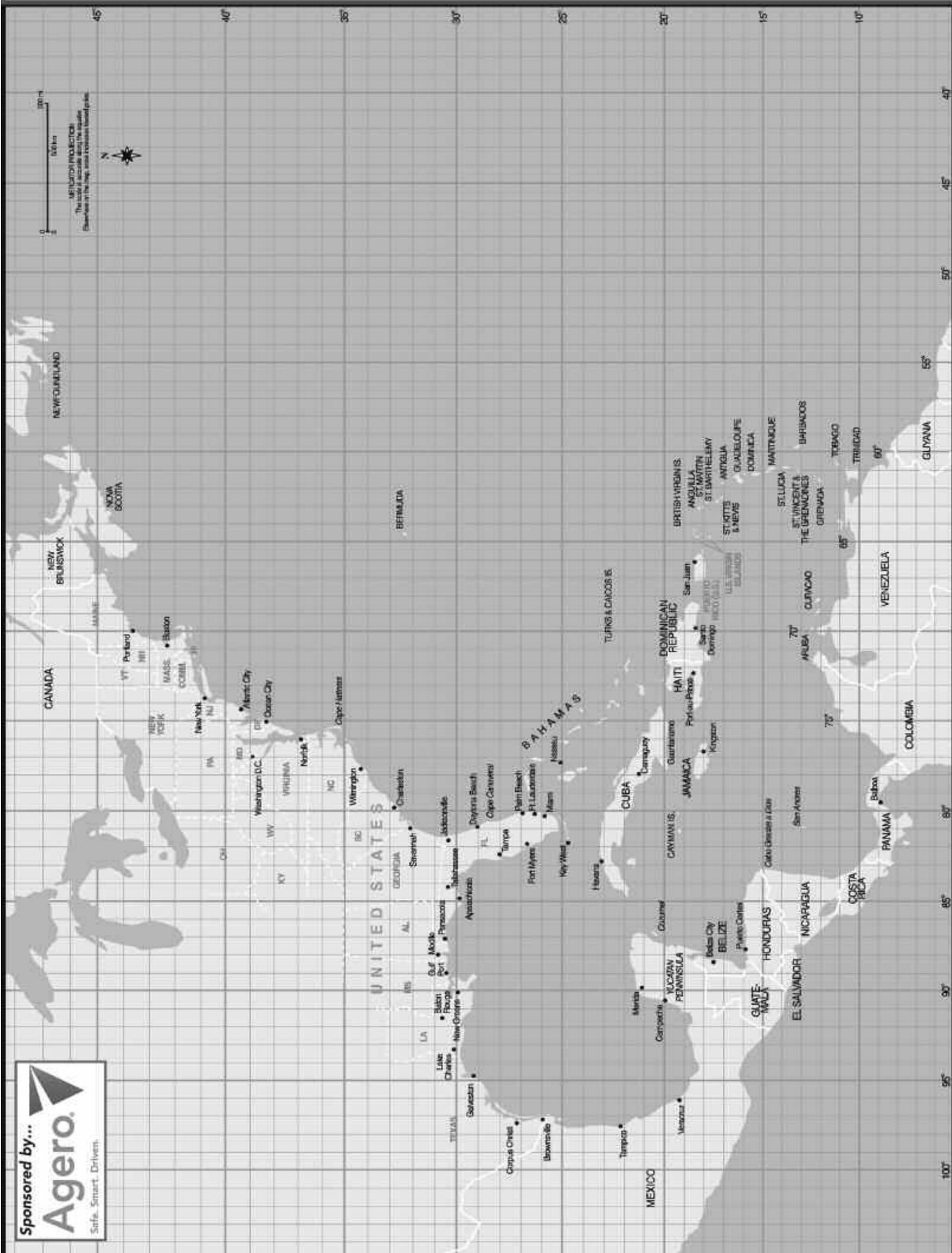
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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church - ELCA

SEBRING — This is Reformation Sunday (don't forget to wear something red) and the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost. Deacon David Thoresen's sermon will be based on the gospel reading of Mark 10:46-52.

Tuesday, Nov. 6 will be the Council meeting at 6 p.m. in fellowship hall.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon Sunday titled "Watch Out! The Reformation is not what you think."

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High School, past the four-way stop sign.

Thursday at 7 p.m. is Men's Fraternity: "The Quest for Genuine Manhood." For more information, call 471-2663 or search online at christlutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "And I Looked" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the Gospel of John.

RELIGION GUIDELINES: The *News-Sun* publishes religion news on Fridays.

The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in the following Friday's paper.

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

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING — In honor of Reformation Sunday, Pastor Cecil Hess is preaching on "What Do You Dream About?" The service is non-denominational and open to all.

The church is on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center. For information, call 382-1727.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon titled "Bread for the World" with Scripture taken from Isaiah 58:6-9a.

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

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — Sunday the church celebrates the Reformation Sunday. Pastor Bob Reinhardt will deliver

his sermon on a melody from readings of the day — Revelation 14:6-7, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, and John 8:31-36.

The adult Sunday school class is studying I Corinthians. Children's and youth classes are studying Moses.

Tuesday night Bible study will see the pastor in the Book of Nehemiah.

A Woman's Heart - Beth Moore Bible Study will continue at 1 p.m. today and again Friday, Nov. 2.

First Christian Church, Avon Park

AVON PARK — The Wednesday evening Bible study continues in the book of I Peter. Saturday at 6 p.m., the church will begin its inaugural "Trunk or Treat" program. Everyone is welcome.

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

www.firstchristianap.com.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Dick Asmussen and Linda Ellis. Communion will be served by Carol Chandler, Chris Baker, Carol Graves and Mike Graves.

Greeting the congregation will be Cy and Ruby Nicholson. The acolyte for the day is Daniel Thibodeau.

The pastor's sermon is titled "The Supremacy of Christ," taken from Colossians 1:15-20.

For any additional information, call the church office at 385-0352. The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, the pastor's sermon is titled "Heritage" based on Psalm 61.

Special music will be provided

by Margaret Desness and Bev Rudd singing "I Am Thine O Lord."

In the adult Sunday school class, the pastor leads the class in a video series titled "The Life and Ministry of the Messiah" sponsored by Focus on the Family. The lessons are filmed on location in Israel and narrated by historian/teacher Ray Vander Laan. Sunday's film is titled "Jerusalem - City of the Great King - Part 2."

There will be no Family Gathering meeting this week.

On Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., Bible study will be led by the pastor teaching "How Do We Glorify God?" There will be no Children's Choir and Ministry.

On Friday evening, Nov. 2 the pastor and his wife will provide dinner for the youth directors and pastors of the Frostproof, Sebring and Lake Placid ARP churches.

On Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m., the 90-minute movie "Monumental", starring Kirk Cameron, will be shown. This movie explores the principles upon which this country was founded. This land is known as the "land of opportunity." The movie discusses how we can apply these same foundational truths today. A discussion will be held afterwards. The public is cordially invited.

The church is at 215 E. Circle

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way, Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshiping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

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

BAPTIST

■ **Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church**, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. George Hall, Pastor. Christ centered and biblically based. Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available. Bible studies at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. are centered for all ages. Choir practice at 5 p.m. Sunday. Church phone: 452-6656.

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday — Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth 445, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children's Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Sunday broadcast on Cable TV Channel 6. Call 453-6681 for details. "In the heart of Avon

Park, for the hearts of Avon Park."

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Website: www.fbclp.com. Email: information@fbclp.com. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to www.fbclp.com.

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

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. 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 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 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 Arbutle 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. Mark McDowell, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer/Bible Study, 6 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-0869.

■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. CONFESSIO: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3:345 p.m.; Or by appointment with any priest. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Spanish Mass: noon; Last Sunday of the month: 2 p.m. (Creole/French); Sunday Family Mass

5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. and noon; Saturday: 9 a.m.

■ **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

■ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, (Saxon Hall) 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Bill Raymond, Preaching Minister. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-8929 or 449-0203.

■ **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; David Etherton, 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 1:30 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 (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: Don Smith. 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.

■ **Lake Placid Church of Christ**, 1069 Hwy 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship is 6 p.m. Bible class 9 a.m. Sundays and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us. For more information, call the church at 863-465-4636 or visit the website <http://www.thelordsway.com/lakeplacid-cof/>.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. Minister: Kevin Patterson. Times of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Class, 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. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 453-6052.

RELIGION

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St. (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). For questions, call 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — “The Sword of the Spirit” is the title of Sunday morning’s sermon, given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — This will be Laity Sunday and members of the church will participate and lead the congregation in all three services.

The pastor’s Wednesday morning Bible study will be “Receive God’s Blessings”.

The Family Fall Festival will be from 4:30-7 p.m. today, and includes a chili cook-off, games and “Trunk or Treat.” Everyone is welcome.

The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St. Visit the website at

www.sebringfirstumc.com. Call the church office for information at 385-5184.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore’s sermon

Sunday will be “God Transforms Lives” with Scripture from Psalm 51:1-13. The service will include Ruth Rayburn singing “I’m Bound for the Kingdom” and Robert Hull singing “This Ole’ House.”

Wednesday is Trunk or Treat for the kids. Be in the church parking lot before 6:45 p.m. with lots of candy.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South (behind Publix); phone number is 314-9693.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Rev. John Bryant, newly appointed senior pastor, will preach at a combined worship service on Sunday. He will also preach at the Heritage (traditional) Worship Service.

The youth will have a Pizza and Game Night at the Lighthouse from 5-7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting will be at the chapel at 6 a.m.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. For information, phone 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, “Furthering the Good News,” is

taken from Acts 8. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the Sunday morning message. The Sunday evening service will be the end-of-the-month-sing and fellowship time.

The Lord’s Supper will be observed Sunday, Nov. 4.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Sunday morning, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.’s message will be “Come and See.” Biblical reference is from John 1:35-42.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, the pastor will preach on “Who Controls the Debit Card?”

Sunday school will study “God’s Presence Comforts and Assures,” taken from the Scripture Psalm 63.

For more information, call 385-1597.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane. The Rev. Clyde Weaver’s Sunday sermon will be “Basic Beliefs of Protestantism.” Fellowship follows the service.

Snapshots

First UMC has pumpkins

AVON PARK — The pumpkins are waiting at First United Methodist Church, Avon Park. Look them over. There are all sizes and shapes. Bring groups of little ones. Story-time will be waiting for them to come and sit and hear about pumpkins. Call the office to set up a time for your group to have story-time.

To look the pumpkins over and purchase the one that is just right, the patch is open through Oct. 31, (except Sundays), from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The phone numbers to call are 453-3759 or 314-6164.

Church of Nazarene sets up Fall Festival

AVON PARK — Avon Park Church of the Nazarene, 707 W. Main St., will have a Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. There will be horseshoes for the adults, sack races, bobbing for apples, ladder golf and many other games for kids. Food will include pulled pork, baked beans and coleslaw.

Admission is free. Call 452-5165 for more information.

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ **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. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Anglican 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. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

■ **The Church of the Way EFCA**, 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: 273-3674. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

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.

INDEPENDENT

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

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 Tuesday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. 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 past the four-way stop sign. 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 (863) 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Reverend Robert Reinhardt, Pastor. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Sunday Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.; 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. 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 Faithful 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.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church – ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday school at 8:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for

January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men’s Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 yrs through 5th grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church**, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. 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. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

■ **Crossroads of Life**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long – empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don’t speak English – no problem. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

■ **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone. 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third

Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children’s & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

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

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

■ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children’s church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weare-union.org.

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

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun ‘N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children’s/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. 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. Email: faith@htn.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church

office for more information and other classes.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpclp.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday - Traditional Worship 9 a.m., Contemporary Worship 11 a.m., Sunday School 10:10-10:50 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group – (middle and high school) 7 p.m., RockSolid (kindergarten through fifth grade) 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

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

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

■ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, Pastor. Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Visit us at our church website: www.fumcap.org.

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

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

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

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RELIGION

Benson will speak at Nazarene renewal



Benson

Special to the News-Sun
 AVON PARK – Avon Park Church of the Nazarene will have Dr. Michael Benson as guest speaker for a weekend renewal Nov. 2-4.

He has more than 20 years of local church ministry experience and has conducted 400-plus revivals, retreats and camp meetings.

Benson has one published work, "Disciplines For the Inner Life," which was co-authored with his father, the late Bob Benson, former

president of the Benson Company. Dr. Benson has served as chaplain to the University at Olivet Nazarene University and as the director of Church and University Relations for Indiana. He has returned to itinerant ministry and preaches more than 100 times annually around the country at churches, retreats, and motorcycle rallies.

All are welcome to attend services at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2-3 and at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 4. The church is at 701 W. Main St. Call 452-5165 for more information. Randy Rupert is the host pastor.

Talking the talk or walking the walk?

The story is told of a man who preached on Sundays and drove a bus during the week. One day, a rider boarded the bus, paid his fare, and walked to the back of the bus. The preacher, upon counting the fare, realized the man had paid too much. He shouted back to the man to come up and receive his change.

When the man came forward he said, "I paid you too much on purpose. I heard your sermon on honesty last Sunday, and I just wanted to see if you practiced what you preached!"

One of the hardest things we will ever do is try to live our lives like Jesus Christ lived His. I am not referring to living without sin as the Son of God perfectly lived His life.

Instead, I am suggesting that we live our lives in ways that reflect Jesus to the world around us. How do we do that? By studying the Bible and obeying its commands, we each can grow in a knowledge and wisdom that only comes from God in Heaven above. During that growth process,



Kevin's Comments
 Kevin Patterson

we can expect to see changes in our lives that draw us closer to the Father through a more Christ like behavior in the things that we think, say, and do. Then, those around us will start seeing that example of the Savior in us.

Colossians 3:17 reads, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." In other words, live your life like Jesus Christ who always sought the pleasure of His heavenly Father in everything He thought, said, or did. To the best of your ability, try to live for the Lord a life that is better

today than the one you lived the day before.

Young people have a saying today that is similar to the "practice what you preach" that has been around for so long. It states, "You can talk the talk, but can you walk the walk?" Anyone can speak the words of Jesus. That is easy. But, can you take those words, listen to them, believe them, obey them, and live them? If you can do that, then you are "walking the walk" of Jesus, and you are pleasing in the eyes of Almighty God.

Remember, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter." (Matthew 7:21)

Kevin's Comments is presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ assembling at 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Find the church on the Internet at www.sebringcoc.com, or e-mail sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com.

New pastor at Memorial United Methodist Church



Bryant

Special to the News-Sun
 LAKE PLACID – Rev. John Bryant has been appointed by Bishop Ken Carter of the Florida United Methodist Conference to serve as the senior pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church at Lake Placid.

Bryant retired in June 2010 from the First UMC of Punta Gorda where he was senior pastor for more than 12 years.

He has been in the ministry

for 40 years, serving churches in West Ohio UMC and the Pine Castle United Methodist Church in

Orlando, First UMC of Hollywood and First United Methodist Church of Punta Gorda in the Florida UMC Conference.

He is originally from

Pomeroy, Ohio, and his wife, Barb, a Floridian, is from Sanford. They will soon be married 52 years. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Bryant will begin his ministry at Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, preaching at a combined service at 10:45 a.m.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. For information, phone 465-2422.

Snapshots

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Sebring Christian plans Trunk or Treat

SEBRING — Saturday, Sebring Christian Church will host its annual Trunk or Treat. Visit from 6-9 p.m. for a fun and safe alternative to trick or treating. There will be a bounce house and a giant slide, drawings for prizes and 25-cent hot dogs and sodas.

The church is at 4514 Hammock Road (last church on the right before you enter Highlands Hammock State Park).

For questions, call 382-6676.

First Assembly of God plans treat event

SEBRING — First Assembly of God, 4301 Kenilworth Blvd., will host a "Trunk or Treat" community outreach from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday in the church parking lot. There will be candy treats for the

boys and girls, a hot dog and marshmallow roast, chili, chips and soft drinks for everyone. There will also be music and entertainment by the church youth group.

Everyone is invited. For information, call 385-6431.

Trunk or Treat set at Emmanuel

SEBRING — Emmanuel United Church of Christ's first Trunk or Treat is from 6-8 p.m. Saturday. Popcorn and refreshments are supplied free of charge. Halloween-fashioned car trunks and treats for kids will be handed out in the parking lot.

Human trafficking to be discussed

SEBRING — The Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County will have Maria Mittil, pastor of Evangelistic Ministry Services, speak on "Human

Trafficking in Florida" at the club's monthly general meeting on Saturday. The meeting will be held at Democratic Party Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway, next to Ruby Tuesdays.

Light refreshments are served at 9:45 a.m., followed by the general business meeting and speaker. Like-minded women are welcome to attend. For further information, call 214 4680.

Singles Ministry plans get-together

SEBRING — Grace Bible Church's next Singles Ministry get-together is Sunday at Zeno's Restaurant. Cost is \$5 for pizza and soft drinks. The fun and fellowship will begin at 6 p.m.

There are now more than 50 members and everyone is invited if single. The group will continue to meet the fourth Sunday of each month.

Night of War comes to Crossroads

SEBRING — The 12th annual Night of War, featuring recording artist and minister Javis Mays, will be from 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday at Crossroads Fellowship, 605 State Road 66, (based on Ephesians 6:11-17). This is a free event for all ages.

For questions and information, call 655-0212 or 314-0400.

St. John UMC plans spaghetti dinner

SEBRING — St. John United Methodist Church will host a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday. Serving times are 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and may be reserved by calling the church office at 382-1736. Limited walk-ins and take-outs will be available.

The church is at 3214 Grand Prix Drive (just behind Walmart).

Trunk or Treat at Leisure Lakes

LAKE PLACID — The Leisure Lakes Baptist Church invites all the children in the area to come Trick or Treating to the church parking lot from 5-7 p.m. Saturday. Members of the church will be giving away candy from the trunks of their cars and trucks to their Halloween visitors. Hot dogs and drinks will also be available.

Don Roberts, pastor of the church, said, "In a time when parents are concerned who is behind the doors their kids are knocking on, the church provides a comfortable, safe location for the area families to visit."

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

Plans taking shape for Lake Placid Community Thanksgiving service

Special to the News-Sun
 LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Christian Ministerial Association announced this week that the Community Thanksgiving service is going to be held at First Presbyterian Church, 117 N. Oak Ave., at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18. Joy Toll-Chandler, director of Music Ministries, and Joshua Klatt, organist/accompanist at St. Francis Episcopal, will be leading the music for this year's service.

Any and all singers in the community are invited to sing in the choir for that evening.

There will be two anthems, one of which will

be accompanied by Klatt on the organ and by the First Presbyterian handbell choir. In order to prepare adequately so that God's name will be glorified in the best way that we can, there will be two rehearsals. It is requested that all who wish to sing try to attend both rehearsals. These will be from 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 and again on Nov. 18 (then there will be enough time to go and get a bite to eat before the service at 7 p.m.).

Drop an email or a text message to Joy Toll-Chandler by Wednesday so that adequate quantities of music can be prepared. Toll-Chandler's phone number is

(802) 522-3116, work; 465-2742 or email address her at jtollchandler@fpcpl.com.

Another opportunity for musician's participation at the service would be any instrumentalists who might enjoy playing in a small "orchestra." Again, let Toll-Chandler know as they will be accompanying the hymns for the worship service. Rehearsal schedule and music will be sent as interest is noted.

All are invited to participate in the music for this Community Thanksgiving Service, and also to plan to come and give thanks to God, the giver of all good gifts.

A trip back in time

Guest Column

Charles Schlosser

She would fill up the tub out in the yard. This tub was blocked up on brick. She would light a fire under that tub and boil those clothes. She would carry water about 100 feet and fill up two more tubs on the porch. She had a scrub board in one of the other tubs.

After she boiled the clothes, she would scrub the clothes by hand. Then in the third tub, she would wrench and ring the clothes by hand. Then she would take the clothes out in the yard and hang the clothes on a line. Then after the clothes dried, she would take them down and take the clothes in the house.

That was a full day's work. Then, the next morning she would light a fire in the wood stove. That was another full day's work,

ironing all those clothes. In the 1930s, when my dad wanted to sell a cow or two, he would tell Hob Parnell and Clifford Eiland. They had a little meat market on Park Street behind the ice plant. They would come out and butcher a cow or two. There was a pine tree on the south side of the hill down in the woods behind the barn. They would string those cows up in that pine tree to butcher them.

Palmetto fans were plentiful around that pine tree. They would cut palmetto fans and lay them in the bottom of the pick-up bed. They would lay the meat on the palmetto fans.

About 1940, Hob drove four spikes in the trunk of that pine tree, about five feet up from the ground. As they cut the cows up, they would hang the meat up on the spikes.

In the early 1940s, Hob and Clifford sold the meat market to Charlie Goodwin. Charlie still used that same pine tree and the four spikes, when he came out and butchered. In the latter 1940s, the Wauchula Livestock Market opened up. Then we started taking cows over there.

The old pine tree is now retired. The old pine tree died December 1986.

Charles Schlosser is a long-time Sebring resident and enjoys recalling the days of old.

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DIVERSIONS

'Cloud Atlas' laughably self-serious

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

Maybe if you're 20 years old and high in your dorm room with your friends, the platitudes presented in "Cloud Atlas" might seem profound.

Anyone else in his or her right mind should recognize it for what it is: a bloated, pseudo-intellectual, self-indulgent slog through some notions that are really rather facile.

Ooh, we're all interconnected and our souls keep meeting up with each other over the centuries, regardless of race, gender or geography. We're individual drops of water but we're all part of the same ocean. That is deep, man.

Perhaps it all worked better on the page. "Cloud Atlas" comes from the best-selling novel of the same name by David Mitchell which, in theory, might have seemed unfilmable, encompassing six stories over a span of 500 years and including some primitive dialogue in a far-away future. Sibling directors Lana and Andy Wachowski — who actually have come up with some original, provocative ideas of their own in the "Matrix" movies (well, at least the first one) — working with "Run Lola Run" director Tom Tykwer, have chopped up the various narratives and intercut between them out of order. The A-list actors who comprise the cast play multiple parts across the various stories and in elaborate make-up that's often laughable.

Tom Hanks is a scheming doctor on a voyage across the South Pacific in 1849, a trash-talking novelist in present-day London and a peaceful goatherd who's part of a post-apocalyptic tribe in the 2300s. Halle Berry is a composer's white trophy wife in 1936 Scotland, an investigative



Movie Review 'Cloud Atlas'

Rating: R (violence, language, some sexuality/nudity and drug use)

Running time: 172 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)



Tom Hanks stars as Zachry, and Halle Berry as Meronym, in the epic drama, 'Cloud Atlas' distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures.

reporter in 1973 San Francisco and a member of an elite society of prescients in the farthest future. Hugh Grant is often the least recognizable of all beneath layers of prosthetics and goop: at one point, he's a vengeful old man; at another, he's the raging leader of a band of cannibals.

One easy rule of thumb: If you see Hugo Weaving, you know he's a bad guy. Except for the story line in which he plays a woman, that is: an oppressive Nurse Ratched figure in a psychiatric hospital.

Maybe the concept of transformation and of connectedness despite the physical vessels we occupy felt especially resonant for the transgender Lana Wachowski, formerly Larry Wachowski. But rather than serving as a satisfying, cohesive device, the multiple-parts strategy feels like a distracting gimmick. Instead of seamlessly melding with the film's philosophy of continuity, it keeps you constantly wondering: "Who is that actor made up to look Asian? Who is that beneath the henna tattoos and macrame? Is that...

Susan Sarandon?" It takes you out of the heart of the stories and holds you at arm's length.

"Cloud Atlas" is ambitious in its scope, for sure — edited fluidly and often wondrous to look at, but totally ineffective from an emotional perspective.

As you're watching it you may ponder as I did whether any of these six stories across disparate genres would be more compelling as its own, stand-alone film.

Possibly the one set in pre-World War II, starring Ben Whishaw as an up-and-coming composer who flees London when he's exposed as a homosexual and goes to work for an aging musical master (Jim Broadbent), all the while writing letters to his lover (James D'Arcy) full of humor and longing. (This is one of the Tykwer segments, by the way. He also directed the tales set in 1973 and 2012, while the Wachowskis took on 1849, 2144 and the 24th century.)

The most ridiculous is the one that takes place "After the Fall" in Hawaii in the mid-2300s. It requires Hanks and

Berry to yammer at each other in a disjointed, stripped-down version of English that's as indecipherable as it is laughable. Even more unintentionally hilarious is the sight of Weaving hopping around in green makeup like some subversive leprechaun, whispering naughty things in Hanks' ear.

On the other end of the spectrum, the most engaging tale of all is set in the gleaming, futuristic city of Neo Seoul, a place of detailed, totalitarian precision built atop the remnants of a flood. Sonmi-451 (Doona Bae) is one of countless fabricated restaurant workers locked in a daily routine of servitude and sleep.

But she longs to think for herself and dares to escape with the help of a young revolutionary played by Jim Sturgess.

Sure, it's hugely derivative with its garish, dystopian aesthetic and themes of machines turning on the people who invented them, but it's also the only one that comes close to capturing any real sense of humanity.

Fiance's rare drunken bouts could become more frequent

Dear Abby: I have been dating the greatest man I've ever met in my life for three years. "Jared" has wonderful kids and a successful career. He's handsome and is kind to me, my kids



Dear Abby

and my family. We enjoy each other immensely, and we are now engaged.

We are social drinkers, but about once a year Jared gets incredibly intoxicated and changes into the most horrible person I have ever seen. It's all verbal yelling — nothing physical — but it's still inexcusable. After an "episode" he is guilt-ridden and apologetic for weeks. I believe he's sincere, but it has made me rethink our engagement. He had an episode a week ago — the third during the time we've been together.

Our kids are close and care about each other. I love Jared, but if I have to endure another instance of this I don't think I can go through with the marriage. I'm still angry about the last bout, and he's still guilt-ridden. How do I approach this?

— *Conflicted in Pennsylvania*

Dear Conflicted: The first thing to do is make it your business to attend some AA-Anon meetings. When you do, you'll soon realize that the behavior Jared is exhibiting can escalate.

While Jared may be able to handle his liquor 364 days a year (now), what happens on that 365th is a deal-breaker. Unless you want to spend your life worrying every time Jared picks up a glass who he will be when he puts the glass down, draw the line now. Tell him the person he becomes during these "episodes" is a stranger you have no desire to have anything to do with — ever — and if he can't guarantee that you will never see that person again, the marriage is off. Of course, this will mean the end of his social drinking and probably yours. If what you have together is as special as you say, it is only a small sacrifice.

Be prepared, because he will probably deny he has a problem. Unless you want to become a miserable

nervous wreck, you must not relent. The explosion, the guilt, the "honeymoon" period afterward are similar to the cycle of domestic violence, so be aware of that.

Dear Abby: My beautiful son died five years ago. He chose his death by hanging — suicide. He had suffered for years, and all our love couldn't help him. He once told me, "Mom, I don't want to live like this anymore. I want to be with Jesus."

We know we will see him again. Still, I find it hard to tell people how he died. I know I don't have to, but it still haunts me sometimes. I'd like to know how others who have been through the same thing feel about this. Thank you for your support.

— *Mom in Connecticut*

Dear Mom: I'm sorry about the death of your son, who suffered from severe chronic depression. When there is a suicide, the family can experience a range of emotions — including anger, sadness and guilt. When a child commits suicide there can also be feelings of self-recrimination.

If that's the case with you, please seek counseling.

I'm sure that when your letter is published, I'll hear from readers who will share their experiences.

If you will visit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention website, www.afsp.org, you can search for a suicide survivor support group in your area, because talking with others who have experienced this can be helpful.

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'Paranormal Activity 4' better if you've seen first three installments

By **BOB GARVER**
Special to the News-Sun

For my review of "Paranormal Activity 3," I gave the film a star rating in two parts. I wrote that the overly familiar plot would be unimpressive to anyone who had seen the previous entries in the series, and for those people I gave the film a rating of two and a half stars. But for newcomers who didn't yet know what to expect and would therefore be in for a surprise, I gave the film three and a half stars.

For the franchise's fourth installment, I'm going to switch the star ratings around. I think that those familiar with the series will find more to like than those coming in with no frame of reference.

The film takes place about five years after the series' first and second installments, which ran simultaneously (the third was a prequel, and it took some sting out of the scares to know that the two little girls at the film's center would definitely make it out alive to appear in the second movie).

You may remember that the second film ended with the evil Katie (Katie Featherston) kidnapping her nephew for unclear demonic purposes following multiple murders. The new film tries to get new viewers caught up on the storyline, but I don't think they'll be able to make any sense of the choppy introduction.

The new film features Alex (Kathryn Newton), a teenage girl filming the mundane events of her life. It's mostly



Movie Review 'Paranormal Activity 4'

Rating: R (language and some violence/terror)

Running time: 88 minutes

Review: ★★☆☆ (of 5) if you've seen the other 'Paranormal' movies, but ★★☆☆ if you haven't)

stuff involving her immature boyfriend, her at-odds parents, and her little brother Wyatt. Some strange things start happening with a neighbor boy named Robbie. His mother gets injured and he comes to stay with Alex and her family for a while.

Needless to say, this really causes the weirdness to pick up, especially as Robbie and Wyatt start interacting with a mutual invisible (don't say "imaginary") friend named Toby. Alex and her boyfriend begin using computer cameras to monitor the house, which she is now convinced is haunted.

The scares are typical of the franchise. We get a lot of bangs, sudden movements, things popping into frame, and creepy things happening unbeknownst to the charac-

ters. Many of the early scares turn out to be red herrings and if you see the film with friends you can have some fun competing against each other in predicting the legitimacy of the next one. Unique to this installment is that the mere presence of Katie in a scene is to be treated as a reason to be scared. She may not have a scary look to her, but we know what she can do and she usually turns up where she isn't welcome.

Or at least fans of the series know what Katie can do. There are a lot of scenes in the movie that will be appreciated by fans that will go over the heads of newcomers.

I saw the film with a responsive crowd and everybody welcomed back Katie, Toby, and even the title cards that tell us what night it is.

Longtime viewers know that these elements, as well as the slow build and fake-outs are an important part of the films' style. Newer viewers may not have the patience for such a setup, but true fans watch these films just as much for the journey as the destination.

Speaking of the destination, the last five minutes of "Paranormal Activity 4" are terrific. The finale had my audience screaming and then laughing at themselves for screaming.

An enthusiastic crowd can easily turn a simple screening into a party, and this is especially true with horror films.

When the screen turned to black, I applauded and announced that I would see everybody next year. I'm sure

there will be a "Paranormal Activity 5" and I can't wait to see it with a few hundred friends.

Three-and-a-half stars if you've seen the other "Paranormal Activity" movies. Two-and-a-half stars if you haven't. "Paranormal Activity 4" is rated R for language and some violence/terror. Its running time is 88 minutes.

Contact Bob Garver at rrg251@nyu.edu/.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku! This nine-by-nine puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid with some numbers already in place. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fit each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numbers already provided in the puzzle. The more numbers you have, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

2	1	9	7	4	8	5	6	3
7	2	8	9	6	1	5	2	8
8	9	6	8	7	2	2	1	9
1	9	2	8	6	9	8	7	7
6	8	7	7	1	8	6	9	9
3	9	5	6	2	7	1	6	8
9	8	1	9	2	7	8	6	7
5	2	8	6	7	4	9	8	1
7	8	7	1	4	3	6	8	2

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Kitchen Cleaning

ORGANIZE YOUR APPROACH

FAMILY FEATURES

Maintaining a clean kitchen is important. However, there are often cleaning tasks that get put on hold because they require a great deal of time and effort. According to the Scrubbing Bubbles Dirty Work Index survey, men and women agree the kitchen is the most difficult room to clean after the bathroom. Luckily, following a few simple steps and using all-purpose kitchen cleaners make tackling tough kitchen messes easier — ensuring that your home is not only clean but also healthy. Follow the below tips and tricks to learn how to clean your kitchen with ease.

Tackle the Appliances

Use these tips for maintaining your oven, microwave, dishwasher and refrigerator:

Oven

If your oven boasts a self-cleaning mode, go ahead and turn it on. For the stovetop and exterior of the oven, spray a grease-cutting cleaner that stays where you spray, such as the new Scrubbing Bubbles Total Kitchen Foaming All Purpose Cleaner with fantastik, to thoroughly cover the surfaces, exterior walls and oven door. Allow the cleaner to go to work penetrating and lifting grime while you move on to the microwave. Use damp sponges or paper towels to remove the cleaner when the grease and grime have dissolved.

Microwave

To loosen grease and food splatters, boil a cup of water with a few lemon slices in the microwave for one minute, which will help to soften dried food particles to make cleanup easier. Then, use a foaming all-purpose cleaner and a damp sponge to easily wipe away residue and grease and leave a fresh scent behind.

Dishwasher

Use a toothbrush and warm, soapy water to clean around the rubber seal on the door of your dishwasher. Use a scrubbing brush or sponge to wipe away dirt and grime on the inside of the door, as well as the walls. Wipe away debris around the drain that could cause later clogging. Run your empty dishwasher on the hottest cycle to help further remove buildup.

Fridge

Because the refrigerator houses perishable foods, it's crucial to your family's health to keep it well-maintained and sanitary. Cleaning the refrigerator requires more work than just pitching old food. To ensure your fridge is thoroughly cleaned, turn the dial control to "0" and remove and discard old food items before removing shelves and drawers, then wipe them down using mild soap and water. Next, use a toothpick and toothbrush to clean corners, hinges and the rubber gasket. Finally, sanitize the drop pan with an antibacterial all-purpose cleaner. Cleaning the drop pan weekly will help reduce spilled food odors. After these steps are complete, return the dial control to the original temperature setting.

Five Tips to an Organized, Clean Kitchen

- **Create a plan of action.**

Before you begin cleaning, gather everything you'll need to tackle the kitchen as a whole, from rubber gloves and sponges, to the vacuum and mop. Assign tasks to each family member to help speed up the process. To ensure everything gets squeaky clean, make a checklist.

- **Use all-purpose cleaners.**

Make it easier with a quality, all-purpose cleaning product that can tackle all sorts of kitchen messes while killing germs, such as the Scrubbing Bubbles All Purpose Heavy Duty Cleaner with fantastik, which kills 99.9 percent of germs and bacteria. This cleaner can wipe out tough grease and grime, without leaving behind a filmy residue.

- **Reorganize and prioritize.**

As you clean the kitchen, reorganize contents of pantries, cabinets, drawers and spice racks so everything is easy to find, with your most-used items in front for easy access. Ensure anything expired is thrown out, and donate canned foods you don't plan to use to a food bank.

- **Dust cabinet interiors.**

Remove dry-storage food items and dust out your cabinetry. Make sure you get back into the corners of your cabinets with a duster or vacuum. Wipe down dry food items with a damp cloth and place back in the cabinets.

- **Get your floors gleaming.**

Vacuum or sweep floors to get them prepped for mopping. Make sure to dust baseboards and corners where dust and pet hair can get trapped. Pay special attention to the cleaning solution you purchase to clean your floors, as hardwood flooring especially requires specific cleaners.

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