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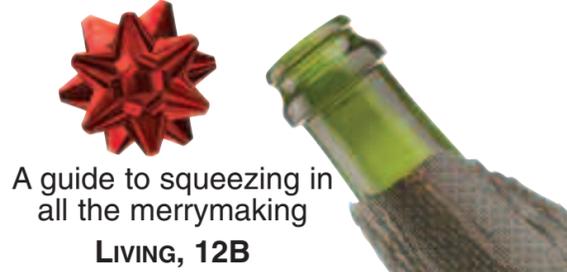


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By Tom Skoe

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Season of lights



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

To truly appreciate these lights, you need to drive down Sportsman Avenue, tune the radio to 106.7 and watch the show.

Some go all out to share holiday cheer

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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Christmas brings with it a sense of wonder and miracles, the joy of celebration because Jesus Christ was born.

Like the star that led the three wise men, Christmas lights twinkle and blink, turning homes and yards into gifts to the street.

Ask the Somers family, on the south end of Lakewood Road, why they enjoy taking months putting up their display of 40,000 lights. They say their work is for children.

"Kids' eyes pop open," patriarch Herb Somers Sr. said. "I enjoy seeing that and hearing the kids ooh and aah. The lights turn it into Christmas, even though there's no snow."

The Somers decorate for

the joy of sharing. They do not accept donations. "If I can't afford to run the lights," Somers said, "I don't need to put them up." He added the electrical costs are not astronomical, adding about \$150 to his monthly bill.

This is partly because he and his wife Sandy open their windows and turn off the air conditioner. Somers added laughing, "Besides, it's so bright outside, we almost don't need lights inside."

Somers, his wife, and grown children join together to put up the lights. "I use single strands," Somers said, "no net lighting — except for one small bush."

A few years ago Somers' son, Herb II, added a com-

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News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

Herb Somers Sr. uses a 16-foot ladder stringing a tree. Some of his words of advice: Always check the strands first to make sure they work and measure them from light to light to avoid dark spots. Somers warned LED lights should only be used indoors — while the strands have brass wiring, the light connections are steel. They corrode in the weather, typically lasting only one season.

Alert neighbor helps catch two burglary suspects

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — call came into Central Dispatch at 11:15 a.m. on Monday of a burglary in progress at 715 Ruth St. in Avon Park. The caller saw two subjects hanging around a residence where he knew no one was home. As the caller was making the observations, he heard a loud crash and immediately called the sheriff's office.

A short time later, the reporting person saw two subjects running from the residence and he provided their description to dispatch. Deputies immediately responded to the area and set up a perimeter. Sgt. Jamie Davidson and Deputy Elvin Ancheta saw two subjects fit-



Gonzalez



Manuel

ting the description in the area of Winthrop Street and U.S. 27 and detained them.

Meanwhile, Deputy Wayne Gunn and his K-9 partner Sarge responded to the burglary scene and tracked from the scene to the location where the subjects were being detained. Along the

way, K-9 Sarge alerted to various pieces of clothing matching the original description provided that had apparently been discarded by the subjects as they were fleeing.

As a result of this teamwork, Cristian Alfredo Manuel, 19, of 1115 W. Pleasant St., and Pedro Gonzalez, 20, 709 Palmetto St., both in Avon

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SFSC hosting HIV testing today

Marking World Aids Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — South Florida State College Allied Health Program will do its part to spread awareness about World Aids Day today.

From 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., free and confidential HIV testing will take place at the SFSC Health and Science Education Center on the Highlands County campus.

World Aids Day began in 1988 to spread awareness and remember the many people who have died from the disease while showing support with those currently living with HIV/AIDS.

Worldwide, an estimated 33.3 million people currently are living with HIV.

The treatment for the disease has made incredible strides in the past two decades, giving carriers a better, positive outlook in their battles.

Testing for the disease has also come leaps and bounds; the old blood work screenings are a thing of the past.

Today, the quickest and less invasive method of swapping is the norm for the detection of the HIV virus.

"Testing will be administered by the Health Department using an OraSure device, which requires only a swab of the inside of the mouth," the SFSC press release stated.

Results will return two to three weeks after the test.

The test is available for anyone age 13 or older, though a new study reveals that seniors are the fastest growing demographic for HIV cases.

"Statistics show that currently heterosexuals ages 70 and older have the fastest growing numbers for new HIV cases ... our county demographics suggest a strong need for one (screening).

"People of all ages are at risk and it is important that everyone know their status," said Becky Sroda, Associate Allied Health Dean.

This is the first HIV screening to be conducted in Highlands County. According to the Polk County Health Department, an estimated 135,000 Floridians currently live with HIV.

Last year, Florida ranked number one in the country for reported HIV cases and third for diagnosed Aids cases and 48,100 new infections occur each year in Florida.

One in five Floridians do not know they are infected.

For more information about the HIV testing or World Aids Day contact Sroda at 784-7021.



Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 2nd Class David Warsen and his fiancée, Karlyn Deveau, were to be married on Dec. 8, 2012. The Navy SEAL was killed in Afghanistan on Aug. 16. Photo courtesy of Karlyn Deveau.

Someday, they will meet again

For Karlyn Deveau, Dec. 8, 2012, wasn't just another date on the calendar. It was the day she would marry her fiancé, who would finally be home from Afghanistan.

"He was helping plan everything from over there," Karlyn told The Unknown Soldiers. "He was so excited about it."

As a Navy SEAL, Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 2nd Class David Warsen was often in harm's way. But when night fell in Afghanistan, the SEAL would always make time for a Skype call with Karlyn, who had usually wrapped up her night shift as a labor and delivery nurse in San Diego.

"There were maybe only three days I didn't talk to him during the entire deployment," Karlyn said. "We always found a way."

Karlyn and David found each other through an unlikely series of meetings in San Diego. After two chance encounters, David left for several months of training in Virginia. But in July 2011, once again in downtown San Diego, the future couple met a third time.

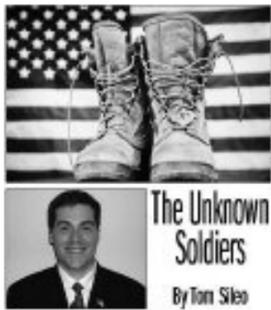
"We both knew at this point that we needed to hang out since we kept randomly running into each other," Karlyn, 26, wrote. "We went on our first date the following week and the rest is history."

Karlyn knew SEALs are some of the world's toughest men, yet was immediately struck by the genuine warmth of David's heart.

"He just loved everyone and made you feel so important," she said. "He had so much love and passion about life."

When David and Karlyn decided to get married, they understood the challenges they would later face. Like thousands of military couples, they would spend many months apart during an overseas deployment. But David always managed to stay positive, even when Karlyn could tell he wanted to come home.

"Every time we talked, he



tried to be in a cheerful mood," the SEAL's fiancée said.

Almost every night, Karlyn would keep her computer screen close as she fell asleep while looking into her future husband's eyes.

"It was just so peaceful knowing that if I woke up, I could see him," she wrote about their Skype calls. "I always dreaded when I would hear his alarm going off, which sounded like a dog barking, because I knew it was time for him to head out."

Karlyn and David spoke for about an hour in the early morning hours of Aug. 16 before the SEAL left for a mission. They were supposed to talk again later that day, but the Skype call never came.

"I was freaking out a little bit," Karlyn said. "Then I found an article that said there was a helicopter crash in Afghanistan."

It can't be him, Karlyn thought. But when she learned two Navy SEALs were killed in the crash, the worried fiancée grew terrified.

"I got that sick feeling that it could be him," she said. "But I didn't want to believe it."

Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 2nd Class Warsen, 27, died in the Aug. 16 helicopter crash near Kandahar, Afghanistan, along with six fellow Americans.

"It's hard to talk about things because in my mind I don't feel like this situation is real," Karlyn said on Nov. 20. "I feel like he's going to come back."

The fallen SEAL's fiancée, who spoke in a

quiet, dignified tone throughout our phone conversation, then paused.

"It's so hard to know he's not coming back," she said.

David also leaves behind his parents, brothers and grandparents.

"I'm glad that we're all together to be there for each other," Karlyn said. "It's nice, but it's hard."

David's obituary, printed in the Grand Rapids Press, contains a quote that sums up the courage of a Michigan native who refused to quit.

"Failure to David was never an option," the obituary reads.

While Dec. 8 will be filled with tears of sadness instead of joy, Karlyn and David's romance is the opposite of failure. Karlyn's road ahead is difficult, but David's love will always be inside the heart of the woman he longed to call his wife.

"I just want him to be honored like the kind person he was," Karlyn said. "I wish the whole world could have met him."

Someday, David and Karlyn will meet again.

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Contact Lynn Cloud at APHS by calling 452-4311 ext. 256, if interested in purchasing a card. Thank You for your support!

Dance tonight

SEBRING — Highlands Social Dance Club will be dancing to music by Buddy Canova from 7-9:30 p.m. today. Free dance lessons from 6:30-7 p.m. by Bill and Shirley Ringo.

Snacks and sandwiches available. Bring your own beverage. Members, cost is \$5; non-members, cost is \$7. Everyone is welcome.

Senior Center is at 3400 Sebring Parkway. For more information, call 386-0855.

Masons to hold yard sale

LAKE PLACID — Placid Lodge Masons 282, 102 N. Main St., will hold a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

For information, call 465-8185.

Forest Service has trees for Christmas

FROSTPROOF — Lake Wales Ridge State Forest - Florida's Forest Service will have its third annual Sand Pine Christmas Tree sale at Arbuckle Tract Rucks Dairy Road and

School Bus Road on the following dates and times:

- Saturday and Dec. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — On these two Saturdays, anyone interested should meet the State Forest representative at the McLean cabin prior to cutting trees.

- Dec. 17-21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. — For this week, anyone interested should meet the State Forest representative at state forest headquarters prior to cutting trees to obtain a special use permit.

Sand Pine trees are 15 feet or less in height; bring your own hand saw. The cost is \$10 per tree.

For more information and directions, Lake Wales Ridge State Forest, Florida Forest Service, 851 County Road 630 East, Frostproof, FL 33843; phone (863) 635-7801.

Zumba in the Park classes to be held

SEBRING — Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving millions of people, of all fitness levels, toward joy and health.

And now you can enjoy these classes for free in Downtown Sebring's Sadie Kahn Park (two blocks off the Circle on North Ridgewood Drive) with a certified Zumba instructor sponsored by South Florida State College.

Classes will be held at 10 a.m. on the next three Saturdays - Dec. 1, 8 and 15.

Come enjoy the beauty and charm of Downtown Sebring's Circle Park while getting into shape before the holidays. For more information on this event and others, visit www.DowntownSebring.org.

Resurrection Lutheran Church has Nativity display

AVON PARK — The second annual Christmas Nativity display will be

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Florida's local governments toughening ethics laws

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — A new report says Florida's cities and counties are strengthening their ethics laws and enforcement while state laws have essentially remained frozen since the 1970s.

The report was released Thursday by a Florida State University think tank and a new ethics advocacy group.

Florida State University

political science professor Carol Weissert said Florida has been known more in the past for what she described as anti-ethics reforms.

Weissert and ethics advocate Dan Krassner from Integrity Florida say they're confident that new leadership in the Florida Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott are on board with their effort to toughen state ethics laws.

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Unique, free opportunity to see and hear history

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — A not-to-be-missed opportunity comes to Highlands County Dec. 8 through Jan. 19.

The event, called "Journey Stories", brings history to life explaining how individuals and families immigrated to Florida and populated the peninsula.

Made possible by the Florida Humanitarian Council and the Smithsonian Institute's "Museum on Main Street" program, it is hosted by the Highlands County Art League and the Highlands Museum of the Arts.

The exhibition includes images, artifacts, audio recordings and

Smithsonian's 'Journey Stories' to be on display Dec. 8 through Jan. 19

interactive stations.

"It is a first-class exhibit," Susan Jones of the Art League said. "We're one of only six cities in Florida chosen."

The others are Plant City, Blountstown, Dewberry, Clewiston and Dunedin.

"To our knowledge it is the only time the county has had such a sophisticated exhibit," Jones said.

Americans are a mobile society, and always were. Its vastness con-

tributes to its citizens' sense of adventure. So did curiosity and the dreams of people brave enough to leave home looking for a better life.

While crossing the Great Plains or climbing the Rocky Mountains posed enormous challenges, coming to Florida in the 19th century required much more.

The peninsula — a terrain of swamps, rivers, thick pine forests and expanses of razor sharp palmeto palms — was difficult to navigate

and the living very uncomfortable, with the mosquitoes, panthers, bears and rattle snakes, not to mention soft sugar sand and sand burrs. Still, the people came.

They arrived on foot, paddling canoes, sailing Spanish galleons, riding on horseback, jolting in covered wagons and stage coaches, riding on trains, driving cars and flying in planes.

Immigration came in waves — for example, following the Civil

War, during the Great Depression, and after the invention of air conditioning. In fact, six out of every 10 Floridians come from somewhere else.

The Smithsonian exhibit documents all that history.

If one stops to read everything, the exhibit takes about 45 minutes to tour. It is free.

Set up at the Art Museum next to the Highlands Little Theatre, hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. There is an opening reception from 5-7 p.m. on Dec. 7.

For more information call the Art League at 385-5312, or visit highlandsartleague.org

Runway back in operation at Sebring airport

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Aircraft arriving at the Sebring Regional Airport Thursday had a new option, the north/south runway.

The new stretch of asphalt became operational Wednesday after months of being closed for refurbishing.

The \$4.2 million project began in September of last year when the Sebring Airport Authority received a Federal Aviation Administration grant for reconstruction and overhaul of their main landing strip.

"We totally reconstructed it from the base up," said Executive Director of the Sebring Regional Airport Mike Willingham.

Temporary markings already are down with permanent markings slated to go on in about 30 days.

The project was undertak-

en to improve the structural integrity of the runway and to provide additional space.

This was phase one.

The second and final phase involves a 1,476-foot extension of the runway, which will lengthen it to 7,000 feet.

A parallel taxiway also is part of the plan.

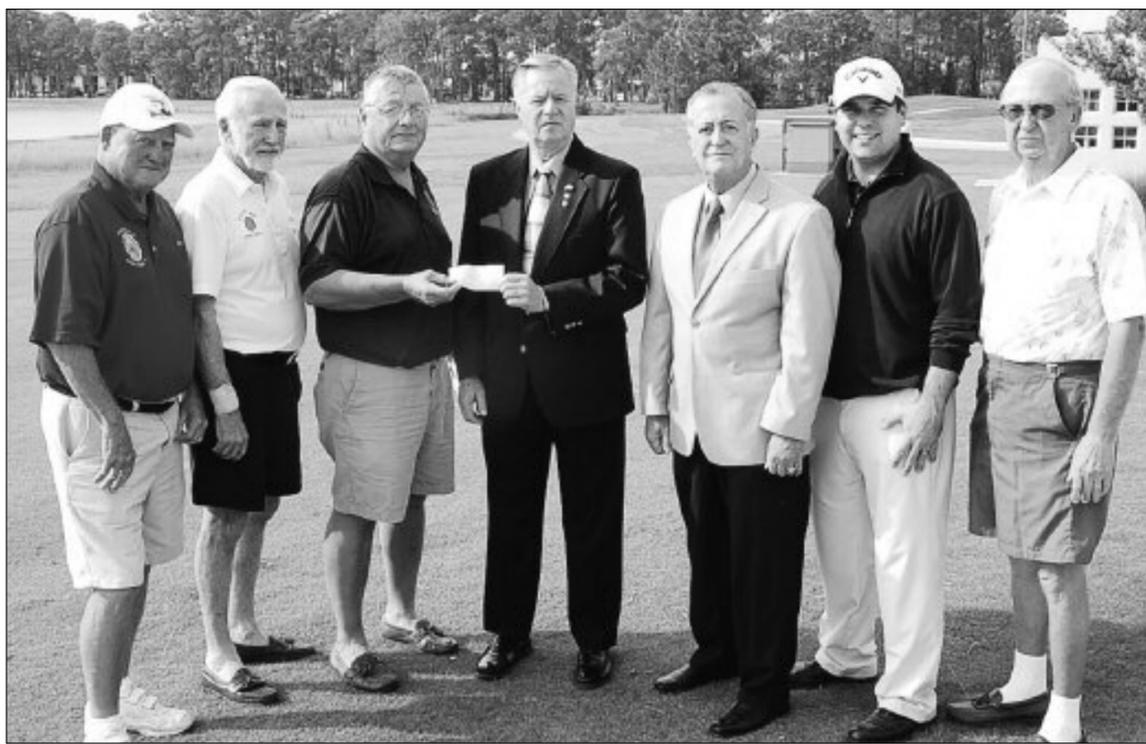
Engineers have started designing for that phase.

"This project opens up a window that allows others to know us. It will allow a huge amount of growth and development, not only to Sebring or Highlands County but to this entire region as well," said Willingham.

When completed, Willingham said there would be space to accommodate both more planes and larger ones.

"This eventually will allow us to land something as large as a Boeing 737/800," he said.

Golfers raise \$10,500 for veterans



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Members of the Sun 'N Lake Men's Golf Association present a check for \$10,500 to the Veterans Council Wednesday morning. Veterans Council President Ceasar Pinzon said the money, which was raised through a golf tournament, will be used for a number of different things. Pictured are (from left) Men's Golf Association Board of Directors member Jim Edwards, co-chairman Bob Burke, Mike Hurley, Treasurer of Veterans Council Harry Marsh, Pinzon, Sun 'n Lake Golf Pro Andy Kelsing and MGA President Howard Humphries.

Become a Secret Angel by passing Christmas forward

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Beth Gollihue recently started a group on Facebook called Secret Angels. Working year-round, not just at Christmas, the group helps people in need locally.

"We have been able to pay many bills, buy clothing and food and provide other things needed. Many, many people are stepping up to help," she said.

Gollihue added she understands what it means to need help.

"I'm not rich by all means. People helped me in the past. This is all about giving back. I'm just paying it forward."

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, the group will be washing cars at AutoZone, 3711 US 27 N. in Sebring — just north of Walmart on the west side of the highway — raising money for a toy drive. There is no set price for the wash,

just donate what can be afforded. New and used toys, children's clothing (from toddlers to teens) and non-perishable food are gladly accepted.

The used toys must be clean and in good shape.

"We're having a tough time getting items for teens," she said.

Gollihue hopes people visit the group's Facebook page. They regularly auction off donated items, raising money to pass on to those in Highlands County who are in need.

"We have a lot more requests than we have money," she said.

Collection boxes can be found at Master Cut in the Lakeshore Mall and at Fancy Tails Fish Pond at Heartland Treasures.

For more information go to www.facebook.com/groups/428564323875173 or call Gollihue at 368-2150.

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Lobbying reform needed

Florida legislators make \$29,687 a year — not bad for a part-time job, but not exactly king's wages. Their real chance to cash in comes after they leave the state Senate or House.

Then, as history shows, they can capitalize on their relationships and know-how in Tallahassee — assets they've acquired at public expense — to land lucrative jobs as lobbyists.

State law bars ex-legislators from lobbying their former colleagues in the Capitol, but only for two years. And there's no waiting period for them to lobby executive branch agencies.

As the Sentinel reported recently, former Speaker Dean Cannon, the Winter Park Republican whose two-year term as the state House's presiding officer ended this month, wasted no time in

hanging out his shingle. He actually created his own lobbying firm, Capitol Insight LLC, a month before his term expired, and told fellow legislators and lobbyists about his new gig before he left office.

Cannon, a lobbyist before he was first elected to the House in 2004, says he followed all the rules about legislating and lobbying and got the blessing of the state ethics commission. What this really shows is how weak those rules are and how lenient the commission is. ...

When the Legislature becomes a farm team for the Capito's lobbying pros,

Floridians can't be blamed for wondering if senators and representatives are making decisions to serve the public interest or to please potential employers. ...

The Legislature's new leaders, Senate President Don Gaetz and House Speaker Will Weatherford, both have vowed to make ethics reform a priority. That should make them eager, with Cannon as exhibit A, to push for a longer, broader ban on lobbying by former legislators. Why just two years? Why leave out executive branch agencies?

Floridians need to be confident that legislators are representing them, not trying to impress special interests with the biggest lobbying budgets.

An editorial from the Orlando Sentinel.

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Why spy on France?



Guest Column
Tom Purcell

The French have accused the American government of using U.S.-Israeli spy software to hack into the French presidential office. I read about it in The Hill. I contacted my French informant, Pierre Le Paint, to learn more about the incident.

"What could America possibly have to gain by spying on the French?" I said.

"The people currently running your government admire our country," said Pierre. "We have many cradle-to-grave government programs and powerful government unions. Our unemployment is more than 10 percent — even in good economic times, unemployment rarely goes below 7.5 percent! — and we just raised the top tax rate to 75 percent on the rich."

"Regrettably, some Americans do admire such things, but I don't see why we'd have to hack your computers for this information."

"I will tell you, then, the real reason they would do it: romance!"

"Romance? You're losing me, Pierre."

"Look, now that the American economy is bogged down by new regulations, a growing government and massive debt, it remains stagnant. With so much less work to do, Americans finally have free time to learn how to woo a woman. This requires secrets that only French men know."

"You're saying American men are poor at the art of romance?"

"Of course, you fool. Tell me: What would a typical American male consider to be a romantic date?"

"That's easy. We pick up our better half about 7 p.m., go to the diner for a couple of burgers, knock down some pins and brew at the bowling alley, then have 75-cent nightcaps at the American Legion."

"Clumsy oaf! This is not what women want! Let me share with you the basics on how to woo a woman. First, you promise to take your lady to a special place, but you don't tell her where."

"We American men have the promise part down pat!"

"Then, you go to a fine winery and find yourself a fine French wine. Not too dry, not too sweet."

"I already have a jug of that stuff in my refrigerator."

"Then, as you walk to her place, you stroll through the fields until you pluck a lovely flower."

"Are graveyard flowers acceptable?"

"And as you approach your beautiful lady's home, you prepare yourself for her."

"Double-check your deodorant?"

"No, you American peasant! You must MENTALLY prepare yourself for her! You close your eyes and dream of a faraway beach in the South Pacific."

"I do that when I'm at work."

"Then you picture yourself lying on the sand. And you imagine that you open your eyes and see a stunning woman, a mermaid, splashing about in the sea."

"Did you say mermaid?"

"She is the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. You stand and run into the water to be near her, but she laughs at you and swims away."

"What if she starts smacking you with her flipper?"

"She will not smack you, idiot Yankee! You must long for the mermaid, and as you are, you ring your lady's doorbell. Your lady will open the door. She will see the longing in your eyes and think you are longing for her!"

"If you say so."

"You give her your flower and wine, kiss her, then take her to a fine French restaurant, where you will charm her and whisper sweet nothings into her ear."

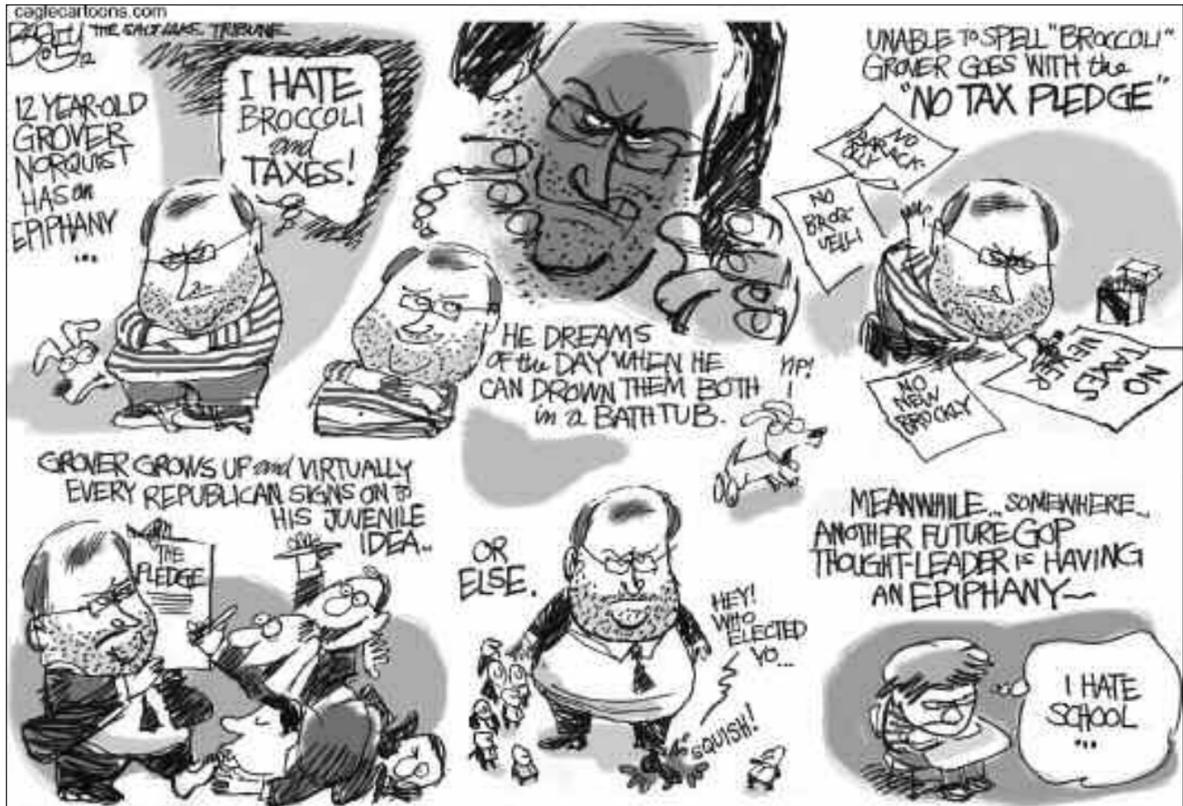
"Let me get this straight. You are suggesting that the U.S. government hacked into the French presidential office to find out French secrets on how to woo women?"

"Of course, but mainly your government was after the greatest French secret of all!"

"And what would that be, Pierre?"

"How to woo women without your wife finding out about it."

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The Conservative Spring is coming

It's a good time to be a conservative dissident reformer. Dissidents, long persecuted by the conservative power structure, have been vindicated by the 2012 elections. Their stinging critiques of modern conservatism's flaws and their urgent calls for reform have been borne out by actual events.

Now, as the GOP regroup from its electoral debacle, public criticisms of conservative dogmas have expanded beyond a small circle of dissidents. Prominent conservatives are saying heretical things that would have gotten them tarred, feathered, and banished a few months ago.

The long night of strict doctrinal conformity— a period when dissidents were condemned for the slightest deviations in the equivalent of media show trials, purged, and then airbrushed out of old CPAC convention pictures— shows signs of ending.

The high priests of the conservative infotainment industry are both discredited and politically vulnerable. Their agenda has been exposed as a bankrupt fraud—a Potemkin village, a path to nowhere.

And with the conservative power structure reeling in disarray, thoughtcrime— on issues as diverse as immigration, same-sex marriage, economic policy, and taxes— is no longer being punished.

A political and intellectual liberalization is occurring— a veritable Conservative Spring.

Guest Column

Michael Stafford

created the first breach in the ideological dike when he announced immediately after the election that his "evolving" views on immigration reform had led him to support a path to citizenship for illegal aliens. Hannity's statement might have been a transparent attempt to pander to Hispanic voters but in the context of conservative public discourse it was revolutionary.

And it was followed by a crescendo of challenges to other deeply held articles of conservative faith.

For example, former RNC Chair Ken Mehlman has attempted to articulate a "conservative case" for same-sex marriage. Meanwhile, Ross Douhat and David Brooks have penned post-election columns in The New York Times calling for policies that meet the needs of the middle class, and lionizing a new band of young conservative reformers bringing fresh policy ideas to the table, while Michael Gerson has observed that "[t]he GOP's economic message is well past its 1980 expiration date."

Some conservatives are also spouting heresies on tax increases. Bill Kristol, the editor of the Weekly Standard, observed just days after the election that "[i]t won't kill the country if we raise taxes a little bit on millionaires." On Sunday, Rep.

Peter King (R-N.Y.) said that Grover Norquist's famous anti-tax pledge was outdated, noting that "the world has changed" and Republicans "should not be taking iron-clad positions" against raising tax rates. Significantly, many of King's Republican colleagues seem to agree, and Norquist's iron grip on conservative tax policy is rapidly weakening.

Just as remarkably, Republicans are publicly challenging leading conservative entertainment figures, including Rush Limbaugh. For example, Mike Murphy, a Romney campaign consultant, has called on the GOP to abandon Limbaugh and his skewed worldview, observing that, "[i]f we don't modernize conservatism, we can go extinct ... we've got to get kind of a party view of America that's not right out of Rush Limbaugh's dream journal."

Might conservatism cease simply being a lucrative infotainment revenue stream and become a reality-based, intellectually vibrant, and responsible political movement once again?

Time will tell.

The window of opportunity for reform could shut quickly. The Conservative Spring might be followed, swiftly, by dour Brezhnevian repression, and another round of purity purges. Authoritarian elites, after all, have a nasty habit of regrouping and reasserting control. And it is unclear whether reform ideas can be effectively communicated to a base that believes in move-

ment conservative inerrancy, is cut off from other information sources, disdains intellectuals, is dangerously misinformed, and is accustomed to the confrontational, schoolyard bully-style of talk radio.

Through the years, dissidents have paid a heavy price for daring to question conservative dogma. Some, like Bruce Bartlett and David Frum, have lost jobs and suffered other career consequences for speaking out. Others, including me, have been driven into political exile of one form or another.

We've endured scorn, petty harassment, ostracization, and worse because, in the words of Andrei Sakharov, we told uncomfortable truths about the huge amount of "substitution, deceit, and lack of correspondence with reality" in modern conservatism and refused to subordinate our integrity to demands for ideological conformity.

The courage to speak the truth is needed now more than ever. For conservatism to have a political future in America, it is essential that the Conservative Spring continue, and succeed. Conservatism must reform, in order to survive.

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White House, Congress talk as 'fiscal cliff' nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker John Boehner met with Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner on Thursday and accused Democrats afterwards of failing to outline specific cuts to avert a fiscal cliff that threatens to send the economy into recession.

"No substantive progress has been made between the White House and the House" in the past two weeks, the Ohio Republicans told reporters after the private meeting in his Capitol office.

"I was hopeful we'd see a specific plan for cutting spending and we sought to find out today what the president really is willing to do," Boehner said.

Democrats quickly countered with a news conference of their own.

"Republicans know where we stand," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. "We're still waiting for a serious offer from Republicans."

Reid noted that polls show strong public support for newly re-elected

President Barack Obama's proposal to extend all expiring tax cuts except for those that apply to incomes over \$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for couples - legislation that Boehner and other Republicans say would harm the economy rather than help it.

The dueling news conferences marked an acceleration in the pace of bargaining, if not in movement toward an agreement on an issue that leaders of both parties say they want to solve.

The speaker has said that Republicans are willing to endorse higher tax revenues as part of any deal to prevent across-the-board tax increases and spending cuts scheduled to take effect at year's end, but only as part of a deal that includes savings from Medicare and other government benefit programs.

Boehner spoke by phone with Obama on Wednesday night, and said his remarks Thursday were the result of that conversation, as well as the session with Geithner.

Geithner had a later session on his schedule with Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky as well as Congress' top Democrats.

On Wednesday, the two sides maneuvered for political position.

"We have not seen any good-faith effort on the part of this administration to talk about the real problem that we're trying to fix," said House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va.

Obama is mounting a public campaign to build support and leverage in the negotiations, appearing at the White House with middle-class taxpayers and launching a campaign on Twitter to bolster his position.

"Right now, as we speak, Congress can pass a law that would prevent a tax hike on the first \$250,000 of everybody's income," Obama said. "And that means that 98 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small businesses wouldn't see their income taxes go up by a single dime."

LP Woman's Club collects for veterans



Courtesy photo

GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club Public Issues Department Chairman Ginny Howard (left) and Ella Fisher(right) delivered 260 pairs of socks, 21 T-shirts, and 518 Christmas cards to the VA clinic in Sebring also pictured is Margaret Price, a volunteer who coordinates transportation to the Bay Pines Hospital in St. Petersburg. This is an annual event that the members have donated to for more than 20 years.

Tips led to arrest of NH couple in burned boy case

ORLANDO (AP) — Authorities were able to arrest a New Hampshire couple for allegedly beating and burning the woman's 3-year-old son after acquaintances and others offered tips leading marshals to a Florida hotel, an official said Thursday.

Federal marshals took 23-year-old Jessica Linscott and her boyfriend, 27-year-old Roland Dow, into custody Wednesday evening at the Universal Studios theme park in Orlando. They were wanted on warrants from New Hampshire and were fugitives for two weeks until their apprehension.

Dow is charged with first- and second-degree assault. Police say he struck the boy hard enough in the head on Nov. 12 to cause traumatic brain injury. He also is accused of burning the child's fingers and wrist. Police also have charged him with five counts of child endangerment, saying he failed to protect or seek medical attention for the boy.

Linscott is charged with multiple counts of child endangerment for failing to get medical attention for her son when he was suffering seizures from the head injury and for failing to protect him from harm. The complaints against her, all misdemeanors, cover conduct on the dates of Nov. 12-14.

Police say the boy's condition is improving but that his recovery will be long and difficult. He is recovering from traumatic brain injury and burns.

Burglary suspects arrested

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Park, were arrested and charged with possession of burglary tools, burglary of an unoccupied structure and petit theft. They are currently being held in the Highlands County Jail.

Davidson commended the eyewitness for staying involved and keeping dis-

patch informed as this incident developed. The victim, who had been burglarized previously, was very thankful for the response of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, as this time he got his property back.

Highlands County Sheriff Susan Benton commended deputies for their teamwork

in being able to apprehend these suspects.

"This is an excellent example of our vision: A safer Highlands County, where citizens and law enforcement are joined together, the rights of all persons are respected and community values are reflected."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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held Saturday and Sunday at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

The hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday in the Burke Fellowship Hall behind the church at 324 E. Main at Memorial Drive in Avon Park.

All are invited to enjoy the historic and unique Nativity displays.

Refreshments will be available and a free will offering will be accepted but not required.

Sebring's holiday festivities begin Saturday

SEBRING — The area's largest Christmas lighting display can be seen at Downtown Sebring's Christmas Carousel of Lights

on the Circle from 6-9 p.m. Saturday and continuing through Dec. 28. Nightly visits and photos with Santa and children's carnival games.

A comical holiday puppet show and a computerized light show repeat during the nightly event. Admission is free.

On Dec. 7, the Heartland Young Professionals Inc. presents the annual Sebring

Christmas parade that will begin at 7 p.m.

The parade route will start on the Sebring Parkway at Shontee Avenue and will run south on North Ridgewood Drive, around the Circle, to South Commerce Avenue. It ends at McClain Lane by Firemen's Field.

For a complete list of year-round events in Downtown Sebring, visit the Sebring Community

Redevelopment Agency website at www.DowntownSebring.org in the Calendar of Events section.

AMVETS have Road Kill Grill set

SEBRING — AMVETS Post 21 will have Road Kill Grill from 1-4 p.m. Saturday. Karaoke with Mega Soundz from 6-9 p.m. Pizza will be available.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE COYLE

George J. Coyle, 79, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012 in Orlando, Fla. He was born on Oct. 5, 1933, to Raymond and Maria Luisa (Mendiburo) Coyle in Sebring and had been a life-long resident.

He was a broker associate in the real estate business and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Shriner's Club, Masonic Lodge 308 of South Miami, and the Highlands County Concert Band.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Coyle of Sebring; children, Michael (Lorelie) Coyle of Colorado Springs, Colo., Debra Coyle Johnson of Coral Springs, Fla. and Terri Coyle of Hallandale, Fla.; sister, Eloise (Johnny) Trucano of Gainesville, Fla.; brother, Richard (Patty) Hague of Orlando, Fla.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Raymond Coyle.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral

Home Chapel, Sebring, with W. Mike Adams officiating. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to The American Heart Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to:

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Sebring, Fla. 33870 (863) 385-0125 www.stephensonnelsonfh.com

PHYLLIS ANNABELLE PEACH

Phyllis Annabelle Peach, age 99, passed away on Monday, Nov. 26, 2012 in Sebring, Fla. She was born in Lancaster, Ohio, on July

14, 1913 to Walter E. and Etta Mae (Kline) Boling. She was a homemaker, member of St. John United Methodist Church, member of the United Womens

Methodist Association and was a resident of Sebring since 1974 coming from Miami, Fla.

She is survived by three daughters: Martha "Marty" P. Smith, Sebring, Carolyn S. Bassett, Fort Pierce; and Patricia A. Bratton (Boyd R.), Orlando;



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Animal Control proposal 'needs more work'

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"This needs a lot of work, there's still a lot of holes in it," said Highlands County Commission Chairman Jack Richie. "This needs to be taken care of in the proper way."

With that, Richie appointed Griffin and activist veterinarian Elton Gissendanner to join with Highlands County Administrator June Fisher and commissioner Ron Handley to form the hub of a committee, charged with bringing all local interested veterinarians together for a workshop session to look at the ordinance and make it operational for the area animal doctors.

After noting that the tag issue was the most troublesome part of the measure, Griffin expressed concern that the work of the animal control committee not be thrown out.

"The committee spent a lot of hours on this deal," he noted.

Richie said the tabled measure should be used as groundwork for the veterinarians to build upon and tweak to make it easy for them to use.

"This is not a failure, it is a beginning," he said, telling the four he wanted them to return with "a finished product."

When the motion was tabled, there was an audible groan of exasperation from a group of two dozen or so animal lovers who had come to weigh in on the ordinance as written and to tell commissioners of what they perceived to be shortcomings in the animal control operation.

Richie assured the group

that the veterinarians' committee, like the animal control committee, would operate under Florida's Government in the Sunshine statutes. That means all committee meetings would be announced and be open to the public. He also assured the group that they would be permitted to address their concerns to the commission when a number of animal control committee recommendations were discussed later in the meeting.

There were eight committee recommendations, some of which were agreed to by consensus of the board, some which will be addressed by the veterinarians' committee. One of the biggest items seemed to be the use of volunteers at the animal control department.

"So far we have had only one volunteer," Fisher said.

Members of the group said they were unaware that volunteer applications were available with several asking for applications at the meeting.

"They must be obtained through our human resources department," Fisher said.

Richie asked that applications also be distributed at animal control and be available on line. It was later suggested that the applications be made available at the Humane Society as well. Many in attendance showed interest in possibly serving as volunteers.

"We look forward to you working a lot of hours with no pay," said Elwell to laugh-

ter from the group.

Elwell pointed out that the level of volunteerism might also help negate a recommendation from the committee for an additional caretaker spot in the department.

As to the issue of adoption, Scott told commissioners, "We are a control department, not a rescue department."

A long discussion followed about hold times, periods for adoption and for other dispersal of animals, including euthanasia. Commissioners also discussed differing time frames for documented and undocumented animals that had been rounded up and taken into custody.

In an effort to get publicity out that certain animals were available for adoption, commissioners agreed to shorten times before they would be put on the county web page. Although the hold time was set at five days, Scott told commissioners it was not uncommon to have some animals as long as two weeks, although there were animals that were considered not adoptable due to health issues and personality problems.

The issue of feral cats was turned over to the veterinarians' committee, while no changes were recommended to the euthanasia policy.

Griffin and Gissendanner reportedly now are working to get the veterinarian workshop together to discuss ways to make the ordinance user-friendly while reviewing a number of other provisions. No date for the workshop has yet been established.



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The home of John and Jan Shoop on Lakeview Drive in Sebring.



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Dr. Gary Pearce's office on U.S. 27 in Lake Placid.



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The Somers house on Lakewood Road in Sebring in 2011.

Lights spread Christmas spirit to all who travel past

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puter program that coordinates the lights to dance to music.

The family begins getting ready in September. Somers Sr. typically has everything up and running by Dec. 1.

This year he is running a little behind, but expects to be ready by Dec. 7.

A few blocks away, on Sportsman Avenue just south of Harder Hall, another family works just as hard, setting out just as many lights, also choreographed to music.

Certainly motivated by children's reactions, the family added the spirit of Christmas giving. They put out a donation box in support of Habitat for Humanity, and 100 percent of the money collected goes to the organization.

The family asked their last name not be used. This is not about them, Ken, the

'Kids' eyes pop open. I enjoy seeing that and hearing the kids ooh and aah. The lights turn it into Christmas, even though there's no snow.'

HERB SOMERS SR.

dad, designer and installer explained. He added that Habitat was selected to receive the money collected because 100 percent of the organization's funds are spent in Highlands County and it provides housing for families who would otherwise never be able to own their own home.

These two light shows mesmerize everyone who drives by. That's because both displays are Disney World spectacular. Tree and bushes are wrapped, flashing arches added and the roofs entirely covered.

Ken broadcasts his music through a FM channel,

106.7, so people can hear the music without getting out of their cars (Somers also has a radio transmitter set up).

He begins stringing up his lights on Nov. 1, working every day off. In a family tradition, the lights are lit Thanksgiving night. "It's all about supporting a good cause and brightening children's lives," he said.

"The first year my neighbors thought I was crazy," he said. "They probably still do."

Ken shook his head in wonder at their good will and patience. Several times he said how lucky and grateful he was for them.

Dr. Gary Pearce's office at 211 U.S. 27 South in Lake Placid also brightens the night.

"It's been a tradition for years," Pearce said. "The patients love it, and being an eye doctor I like doing something to dazzle the eyes."

When asked how many lights he puts up, Pearce wasn't sure. "You'd have to count them yourself," he said. "It's in the thousands. The best thing about lights," he added, "is that they are universal. People of all religions enjoy them."

His office will be open from 5-9 p.m. the night of the Lake Placid Christmas Parade. "We're decorated inside, too," Pearce said. "Come on in and socialize."

One word of warning, be very careful driving — drivers are often distracted. And please be thoughtful of people's yards when parking.

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It's not just taxes: Benefit cuts divide Dems

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's not just about taxes. There's another big obstacle to overcome as Congress and President Barack Obama work to skirt the fiscal cliff: deep divisions among Senate Democrats over whether to consider cuts to popular benefit programs like Medicare and Medicaid.

Much of the focus during negotiations seeking an alternative to \$671 billion in automatic tax increases and spending cuts beginning in January has centered on whether Republicans would agree to raising taxes on the wealthy. Obama insists that tax increases on the wealthy must be part of any deal, even as White House officials concede that government benefit programs will have to be in the package too.

But even if GOP lawmakers agree to raise taxes, there is no guarantee Democrats can come up with enough votes in the Senate to cut benefit programs — as Republicans are demanding.

"We cannot come up with the solution for Medicare in the next two or three weeks," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate. "It's too important, it's too serious, when it comes to this fiscal cliff debate."

Durbin has long said Democrats must be willing to discuss cuts to benefit programs in exchange for tax increases on the wealthy. But, he said Wednesday, the issue is too complicated to address in a short postelection session of Congress.

Republicans complain that Democrats are taking issues off the table, even as more GOP lawmakers are reluctantly considering tax increases.

"Democrats like to pre-

tend as though they're the great protectors of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid," said Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "They make solemn pledges all the time about how they won't even entertain a discussion about reform. What they don't say is that ignoring these programs is the surest way to guarantee their collapse."

There's a growing consensus among Senate Democrats and the White House that Social Security should be exempt from any deficit-reduction package. But some centrist Democrats in the Senate argue that fellow Democrats must be willing to consider cuts to Medicare and Medicaid in order to get concessions from Republicans on taxes.

"It has to be both — a significant revenue increase as well as spending cuts," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., who is retiring as chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, said rising health care costs in Medicare and Medicaid are helping to drive future spending, making them an essential part of a long-term deficit-reduction package.

"I've been part of every bipartisan group here. We've always put everything on the table," Conrad said. "If you're going to solve this problem, you're going to have to deal with where the spending is and the revenue can be raised."

But senators like Baucus and Conrad increasingly are being drowned out by other Democrats emboldened by the recent election results to fight against benefit cuts.

"I think the election spoke very strongly about the fact that the vast majority of



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Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois says his party must be willing to approve some cuts to benefit programs.

American people don't want to cut these programs," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

Further complicating the issue, some Democrats say they are willing to look for savings in programs like Medicare and Medicaid, as long as cuts don't lead to higher costs for beneficiaries. Obama's new health care law, for example, assumes more than \$700 billion in Medicare savings over the next decade.

"I'm willing to look at ways of making the programs work better," Harkin said.

Congress and the White House are devoting the next three weeks to finding at least a bridge over the fiscal cliff by reducing the sudden jolt of higher taxes and spending cuts in January while laying a framework for addressing the nation's long-term financial problems next year.

Obama wants to let tax rates rise for wealthy families while sparing middle-

and low-income taxpayers. Some Republican leaders, including House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, have said they were willing to consider making the wealthy pay more by reducing their tax breaks. But most Republicans in Congress adamantly oppose raising anyone's tax rates.

Negotiations are going slowly as each side waits for the other to make concessions.

Democrats already have tried to take Social Security off the table.

White House press secretary Jay Carney said this week that changes to the massive retirement and disability program should be done separately from any plan to reduce the deficit.

That's the same position taken by 28 Democratic senators and independent Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont in a letter to fellow senators

in September.

"We will oppose including Social Security cuts for future or current beneficiaries in any deficit-reduction package," said the letter, which was signed by many top Democrats, including Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

In the House, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi has taken the same position, not only on Social Security, but also on Medicare and Medicaid.

"There hasn't been the slightest suggestion about what they're going to do about the real problems, and that's entitlements," said Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee. "There's a certain cockiness that I've seen that is really astounding to me since we're basically in the same position we were before" the election.

Powerball winners in Arizona, Missouri

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Two lucky ticket holders — one in Arizona and another in Missouri — are waking up Thursday to new lives as multimillionaires after the largest Powerball jackpot drawing ever.

Powerball officials said two tickets matched all six numbers to win the record \$587.5 million jackpot. The numbers drawn for Wednesday night, for the second-highest jackpot in U.S. lottery history, are 5, 16, 22, 23, 29. The Powerball is 6.

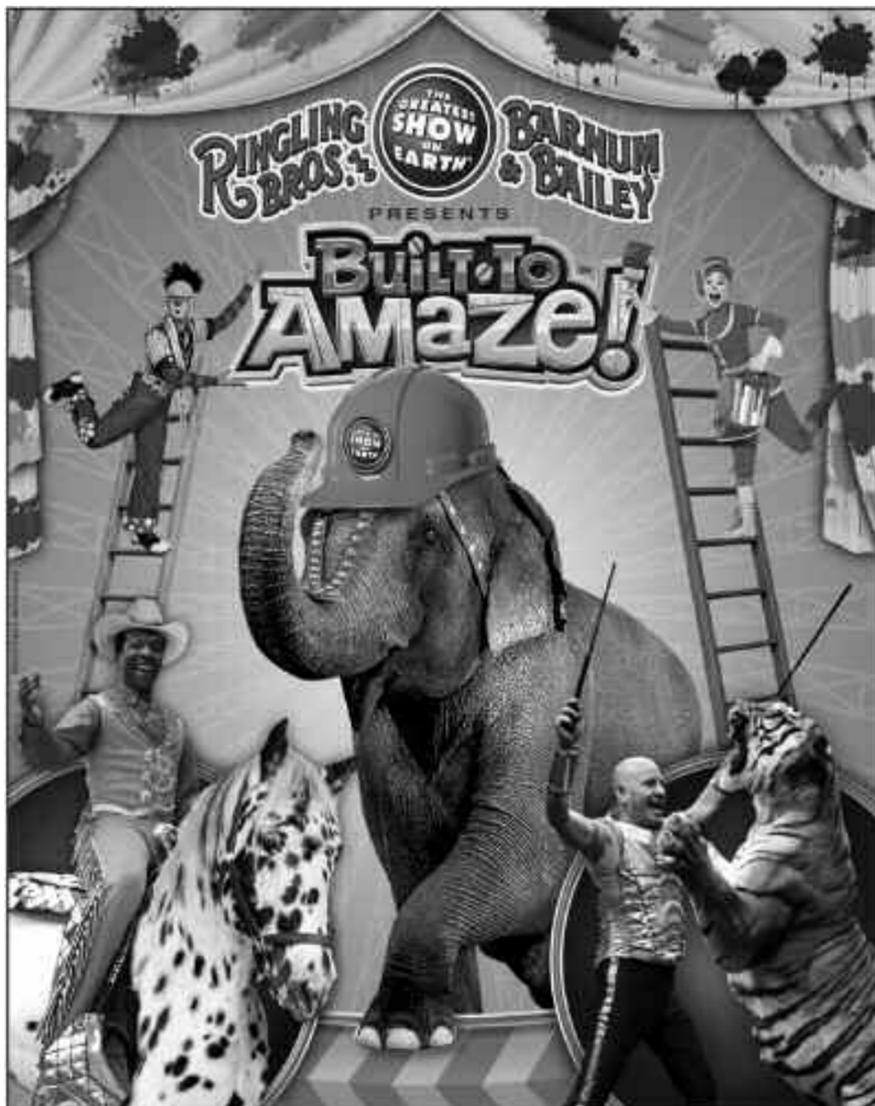
One of the winning tickets was sold at a Trex Mart convenience store in Dearborn, Mo., about 35 miles north of Kansas City, the state lottery commission said in a news release.

Earlier Thursday, Missouri Lottery spokesman Gary Gonder said he was on his way to that store to assist with the expected onslaught of media attention. That store will be awarded \$50,000 for selling the winning ticket.

"I guess we'll be able to give out Christmas bonuses," said Trex Mart General Manager Kenny Gilbert. "That's nice, especially at this time of year."

It did not appear Wednesday's big winner had yet come forward.

"If you buy Powerball tickets at this location, please find them and check them closely," said May Scheve Reardon, executive director of the Missouri Lottery. "If you find you're holding the winning ticket, be sure you sign the back and put it in a safe place until you can take it to a Missouri Lottery office."



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1050 Legals

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, DEVISEES, 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 December 13, 2012.

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 16th day of November, 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.

November 23, 30, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-000682
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff
 vs.
 CHARLOTTE AUSTIN, et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated November 5, 2012, entered in Civil Case Number 28-2012-000682, in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and CHARLOTTE AUSTIN, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

All that certain parcel of land situated in the County of Charlotte, State of Florida being known and designated as Lot 17 and the North 1/3 of Lot 20, Block 49, Section 22, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, City of Avon Park, Highlands County Florida as recorded in O.R. Book 559, Page 23 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida; AND MODIFIED on November 7, 1977, in O.R. Book 565, Page 880 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Jury Assembly Room, in Basement of Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33871 at 11:00 A.M. on 28th day of December, 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.

Dated: November 6, 2012.

Highlands County Clerk of Court
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

"In accordance with the American With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, telephone (863)402-6594, TDD 1 800 955 8771 or 1 800 955 8770 via Florida Relay Service".

November 23, 30, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 28-2008-CA-001020
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST 2004-4 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 BOADIL ZAMORA, ET AL, Defendants,
 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure dated May 5, 2009 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-001020 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST 2004-4, is Plaintiff and BOADIL ZAMORA; ILIANA ALVARES; _____; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BOADIL ZAMORA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ILIANA ALVARES, IF ANY; JOHN DOE OR ANY OTHER PARTY IN POSSESSION; BANK OF AMERICA N.A. are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 a.m., on the 18th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6, BLOCK 13, OF LAKE HAVEN ESTATES SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Street Address: 4600 LAKE HAVEN BLVD., SEBRING, FLORIDA 33875

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court this 26th day of November, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 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.

November 30; December 7, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000455
 DIVISION:
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-17, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 VENITA M. HANSEN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 20, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000455 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-17, is the Plaintiff and VENITA M. HANSEN; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court 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 18th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 7, TEMPLE TERRACE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 36, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 35 MIAMI DRIVE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on November 21, 2012.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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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.

November 30; December 7, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 282009CA000553A000XX
 SEC.: GOMF
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-15, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-15, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ADRIAN SIMON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SOUTHSTAR FUNDING, LLC; AND UNKNOWN PERSON OF IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY N/K/A TAMMY SIMON. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated November 20, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 282009CA000553A000XX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 18th day of December, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK P, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATE SECTION 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 31, 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.

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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:

Office of the Court Administrator
 FL
 Phone: (863) 534-4686
 TDD: (863) 534-7777
 DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 26th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 November 30; December 7, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000621
 DIVISION:
 PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MATTHEWS N. KARL, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 16, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000621 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which PHH Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Matthews N. Karl, Patti A. Allison, Lake June Hills Property Owners Association, Inc., Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Coldwell Banker Home Loans, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 13th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 4, BLOCK 2, LAKE JUNE HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 30, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 417 - 419 LAKE JUNE DR., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-5655

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 in Highlands County, Florida this 16th day of November, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 P.O. Box 23028
 Tampa, FL 33623
 (813)221-4743
 (813)221-9171 facsimile
 eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com
 LJ - 11 - 91484

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 of Florida Relay Service 711. To file response please contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Tel: (863) 402-6591; Fax: (863) 402-6664.

November 23, 30, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000511
 DIVISION:
 PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 REYNA CALVO, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 16, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000511 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which PHH Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Reyna Calvo, Angelique D. Marchant, Tenant #1 n/k/a Rebecca Marchant, Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under And Against The Herein named Individual Defendant(s) Who are not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest in Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Or Other Claimants are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 13th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 19, BLOCK 2, LAKE JOSEPHINE HEIGHTS 2ND ADDITION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 120 SHARON AVE, 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 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 16th day of November, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 P.O. Box 23028
 Tampa, FL 33623
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 (813)221-9171 facsimile
 eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com
 LJ - 11 - 86767

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 of Florida Relay Service 711. To file response please contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Tel: (863) 402-6591; Fax: (863) 402-6664.

November 23, 30, 2012

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November 30; December 7, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 282012CA0007516CAXMX
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC. ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AMC1, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 DUCLAIRE DESIUS; WILDADE DESIUS; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); SCHULMAN INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC; GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: WILDADE DESIUS;
 Whose residence(s) is/are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, is any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

LOT 16, LOT 17, AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY 11.00 FEET OF LOT 15, IN BLOCK 2, OF DESOTO CITY SECOND SUB-DIVISION, BLOCK 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED at HIGHLANDS County this 26th day of November, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMANE, CLERK
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 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.

November 30; December 7, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST HEARING NO. 1729

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the HIGHLANDS COUNTY Board of Adjustment on the 11th day of December, 2012, beginning at 3:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the County Commissioners' Board Room, Highlands County Government Center Building, 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, to consider a Special Exception to allow an adult day care, within the area described as follows: An approximate 2.75 acres located Northeast of the City of Avon Park, on the Eastern side of CR 17A, South of Old Bombing Range Road; the address being 1400 CR 17A North, Avon Park, Florida, and legally described as follows: The South 400 feet of the North 530 feet of West 392.7 feet, in Section 13, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Map of Avon Park as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 55 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, LESS The West 30 feet for Road.

Any person or persons interested or affected by this change are invited to attend this hearing. You may submit comments in writing to the attention of Linda Conrad, Zoning Supervisor, P.O. Box 1926, Sebring, Florida 33871-1926, or you may call (863) 402-6638, for further information. Please reference the above hearing number when calling or writing.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED ABOVE. ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COMMITTEE/GROUP, IN PUBLIC HEARING OR MEETING IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD WILL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001212
 DIVISION:
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-NC1, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ROBERT E. HILTON, 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. 28-2010-CA-001212 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-NC1, is the Plaintiff and ROBERT E. HILTON; LILLIE HILTON; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY LLC; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court 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 28th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE EAST 75 FEET OF LOT FIVE AND THE EAST HALF OF LOT TWELVE, AND ALL OF LOTS THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN, BLOCK ONE, A.B. GANTERS SUB, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 104, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, (WHICH HIGHLANDS WAS FORMERLY A PART) AND IN TRANSCRIPT BOOK, PAGE 29, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 425 JOE HILTON STREET, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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

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 By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
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November 23, 30, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST HEARING NO. 1729

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the HIGHLANDS COUNTY Board of Adjustment on the 11th day of December, 2012, beginning at 3:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the County Commissioners' Board Room, Highlands County Government Center Building, 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, to consider a Special Exception to allow an adult day care, within the area described as follows: An approximate 2.75 acres located Northeast of the City of Avon Park, on the Eastern side of CR 17A, South of Old Bombing Range Road; the address being 1400 CR 17A North, Avon Park, Florida, and legally described as follows: The South 400 feet of the North 530 feet of West 392.7 feet, in Section 13, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Map of Avon Park as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 55 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, LESS The West 30 feet for Road.

Any person or persons interested or affected by this change are invited to attend this hearing. You may submit comments in writing to the attention of Linda Conrad, Zoning Supervisor, P.O. Box 1926, Sebring, Florida 33871-1926, or you may call (863) 402-6638, for further information. Please reference the above hearing number when calling or writing.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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7320 Garage & Yard Sales

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SEBRING THUR. - SAT. 8 - 5pm. 255 Milwaukee Ave. 3 Family Sale & Bake Sale! Furn., TV's, Adult & Children's items.

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Pleasant with sun and some clouds.	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny and pleasant	Sunny much of the time and nice
79° / 56°	78° / 60°	79° / 60°	80° / 60°	79° / 59°
Winds: NNE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ENE at 8-16 mph	Winds: NE at 8-16 mph	Winds: ENE at 8-16 mph



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Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	75°
Low Friday	31°
High Saturday	78°
Low Saturday	29°
High Sunday	73°
Low Sunday	42°
High Monday	78°
Low Monday	45°

Heat Index
For 3 a.m. today

Relative humidity	45%
Expected air temperature	78°
Makes it feel like	79°

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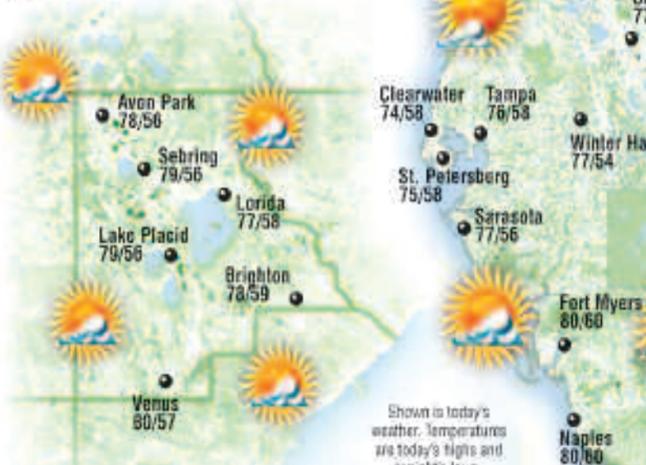
Saturday	30.10
Sunday	30.15
Monday	30.25

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	0.00"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	0.21"
Year to date	55.56"

Regional Summary

Pleasant today with sun and some clouds. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow and Friday. Saturday: partly sunny and pleasant. Sunday: sunny much of the time and nice.



Farm Report

Pleasant today with sun and some clouds. Winds north-northeast 7-14 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 65% and fair drying conditions.

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

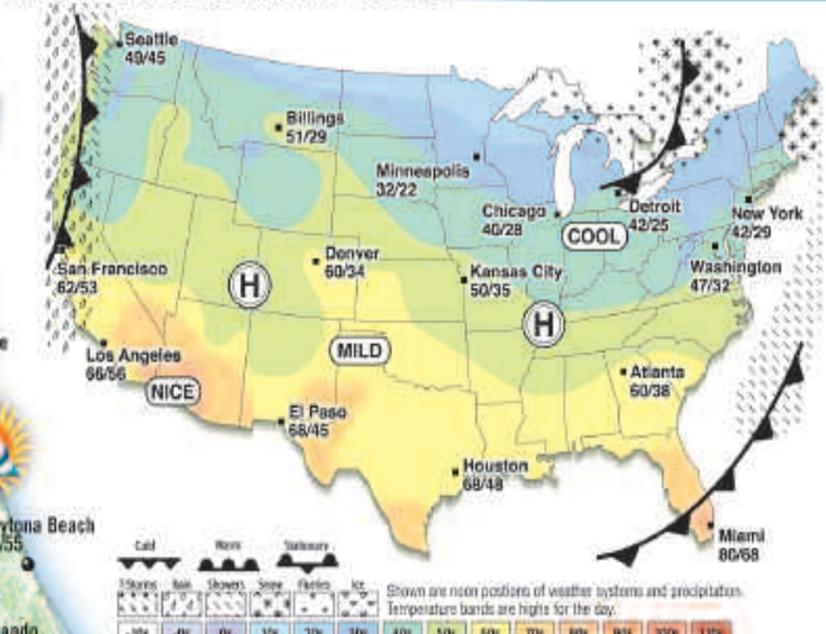
Arctic winds dropped temperatures to as low as 32 below zero in Minnesota on Nov. 28, 1969. One year later, 60 new records for warmth were set in the Midwest and Northeast.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	6:58 a.m.	6:55 a.m.
Sunset	5:34 p.m.	5:34 p.m.
Moonrise	5:48 p.m.	6:38 p.m.
Moonset	6:50 a.m.	7:40 a.m.



National Forecast for November 28



National Summary

More chilly weather is on tap for the Northeast today in addition to snow showers across New York as a disturbance slides through. A departing storm can bring some morning snow to Boston and the Cape. With high pressure stretched from the Desert Southwest to the Great Lakes, dry, tranquil weather is expected across much of the nation. A southerly, milder flow of air across the Plains will bring a reprieve from the chill. There can be a shower or two in Deep South Texas. Mild weather in the Desert Southwest.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	58/36	58/34	58/36
Atlanta	60/30	61/42	61/43
Baltimore	44/28	41/28	45/32
Birmingham	58/32	62/42	66/51
Boston	40/38	40/38	37/28
Charlotte	56/29	59/35	61/44
Cheney	57/33	55/30	56/38
Chicago	40/28	46/35	46/37
Cleveland	40/28	45/31	47/38
Columbus	42/25	46/31	50/44
Dallas	65/40	70/57	73/58
Denver	60/34	61/35	61/35
Detroit	42/25	45/30	48/35
Harzburg	42/22	43/25	44/29
Honolulu	82/84	81/82	82/85
Houston	68/48	71/58	76/61
Indianapolis	43/28	50/38	50/40
Jackson, MS	62/33	66/44	68/53
Kansas City	58/25	56/38	50/38
Lexington	45/25	52/37	58/48
Little Rock	57/32	63/45	61/53

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Auckland	91/71	89/74	90/73
Athens	65/42	71/61	68/71
Beirut	71/69	73/62	74/62
Berlin	45/40	41/33	34/24
Bethesda	74/64	66/52	67/65
Calgary	21/6	13/5	15/14
Dublin	43/32	41/34	43/36
Edmonton	71/58	71/58	71/58
Frederick	77/67	76/65	75/70
Geneva	45/35	46/35	47/38
Havana	80/65	81/62	81/62
Hong Kong	73/44	80/44	79/48
Jerusalem	65/51	65/52	67/54
Johannesburg	75/57	80/59	78/54
Kiev	45/30	47/44	52/38

Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Cape Coral	80/58	80/59	80/59
Clearwater	74/55	77/61	78/62
Daytona Beach	73/55	73/59	73/57
Fort Lauderdale	79/73	78/72	79/70
Fort Myers	80/60	80/60	82/61
Gainesville	71/60	73/52	78/53
Hollywood	79/67	78/69	79/67
Homestead	80/66	78/68	79/69
Jacksonville	66/45	68/52	73/53
Key West	77/69	78/70	78/70

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	12:10 a.m.
Low	8:07 a.m.
High	3:26 p.m.
Low	6:30 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	8:15 a.m.
Low	1:30 a.m.
High	8:18 p.m.
Low	2:05 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.38
Lake Okechobee	15.23
Normal	14.51

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ABL taking smart route

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – It's OK to dream big.

But, as with most things, progress is made with baby steps.

Too often, new enterprises, leagues, dreams aim big and go big from the get-go – only to see they've tried for too much, too soon.

Steven Haney, founder and CEO of the newly formed American Basketball League, knows full well those sorts of pitfalls and has his business model set up to avoid them.

"We're going to play a regional schedule, which keeps our overhead to a minimum," he said at Wednesday's press conference at South Florida State College. "Traveling all over the country is what caused other

leagues to fail, and we're starting to get a lot of attention nationally because of our business model."

That regional schedule will see the Heartland Eagles competing in the Tropics Conference, including teams in Fort Lauderdale, Davie, Palm Beach, Fort Walton Beach and Panama City.

The Lone Star Conference, spread throughout six cities in Texas, will also compete regionally.

At the end of the four-month, 24-game schedule, the top two teams in each conference will play a Final Four type playoff for the championship.

And while keeping things small in these initial stages is a key, the ideas, goals and format are big indeed.

The league is setting itself up

as a minor league, along the lines of the NBA Developmental League, but to the various European leagues and thus will be competing under international rules.

"We'll teach young players how to play the international game so that we can be the developmental league to FIFA," Haney said.

And while the NBADL has a limited ceiling in players who can realistically move up, the ABL offers players, potentially, a wider array of opportunities.

"We already have relationships with a Swedish league and a league in Israel," Haney said. "And our goal is for each team to have a partner team in different European leagues."

And the local franchise also

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Wayne "Tree" Rollins was introduced as the head coach of the newly-formed Heartland Eagles Wednesday by American Basketball League CEO Steven Haney.

Streaks kick stuffing out of McKeel

By TAYLOR TUBBS

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – The Thanksgiving turkey and the break from the regular practice schedule proved to not be a factor in the Blue Streak domination over McKeel Academy on Tuesday night at home.

The boys soccer team acquired a decisive victory of 4-1 during their first game back, while simultaneously giving some younger, less experienced members of the team some valuable game time.

Sebring

4

McKeel

1

"I gave the younger kids a chance to play tonight," said head coach Keith Bowyer. "It was obvious when we put in the veterans and amped it up."

Sebring was in control early on when Carl Dassinger had a powerful shot on goal that was received by the McKeel keeper.

The powerhouse forwards of Riley Watson and Brian Dixon also had multiple shots early on.

However, David Magana would deliver the first goal of the night 25 minutes into



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Sebring's Damian Foster, No. 19, and Wesley Koning watch as McKeel's Jacob Appel sends this header their way. But it was the Blue Streaks in command Tuesday night, coming away with a 4-1 win over the Wildcats.

the game with an assist by Watson.

Jared Lang scored his first goal of the season with a beautiful shot in the final ten minutes of the first half.

McKeel struck back right before the halftime break with a goal, leaving the score 2-1.

In the second half Sebring continued to con-

trol the field, but McKeel was still able to take some shots on goal that Brandon Bowyer saved.

"This was Brandon's first

See SEBRING, Page 4B

Lady Devils put a fork in Frostproof

By BRITTANY WHITTINGTON

News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK – Coming out of the Thanksgiving Break can be a hit or miss proposition for high school teams.

Some come out rusty and too well rested, others jump right out of the gate and hit the ground running.

The Lady Red Devils of Avon Park showed more of the latter Tuesday night, as they had no problems burning up the Lady Bulldogs of Frostproof to the tune of a 55-18 final against the overmatched visitors.

"In games like this you still have to play," said Lady Devil head coach Paulette Daley.

Although this was an easy win for the home team, coach Daley was still expecting the best out of her players.

"You can't get lazy."

Coach Daley clarified that her team still needed a little improvement on their anticipation.

Nonetheless, Avon Park was still able to come out with a district win as they completely crushed the

Bulldogs, utilizing a stifling defense keep the Frostproof scoring to a minimum and creating more shots for themselves.

The Red Devils were unstoppable with their ability to score double digits in three out of the four quarters.

In the first half, they were able to score 28 points in total splitting each quarter with 14 points.

In essence, Avon Park could have stopped scoring midway through the second period and still come away with the win.

The main lead advantage was taken after halftime when, in the third quarter, the Ladies in Red put it away with a 19-point frame.

Johntavia Perry was the lead scorer on the night for the Lady Devils with an impressive 17 points all to herself.

The ball was passed around quite a bit to even out the points scored among the rest of the players.

Avon Park headed on the road to face Tenoroc Thursday night and Palmetto tonight.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Kayla Wilson got the Lady Devils going early with this drive to the hoop in Tuesday's lopsided win over visiting Frostproof.

Area soccer roundup



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Hannah Waller and the Lady Green Dragons got a 2-1 win over DeSoto Tuesday, but that was it for area soccer teams on the night. The Lake Placid boys fell at DeSoto by a 3-1 score and the Lady Blue Streaks couldn't get on the board in a 1-0 loss at McKeel. Both Avon Park squads lost against Hardee, the boys by a 6-1 margin while the Lady Devils kept it a little closer in losing 3-1 to the Wildcats.

Upton, Braves reach deal

By CHARLES ODUM

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Free-agent outfielder B.J. Upton and the Atlanta Braves have agreed to a \$75.25 million, five-year contract, a person familiar with the deal said Wednesday night.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been completed.

It is expected to be announced Thursday once Upton passes his physical.

Upton's deal would be the biggest free-agent contract of the offseason so far and the largest in Braves history.

The 28-year-old Upton hit .246 with 28 homers, 78 RBIs and 31 stolen bases for Tampa Bay last season.

He will replace free agent Michael Bourn as the Braves' center fielder and provide a needed right-handed power bat for the lineup.

Upton made his debut with Tampa Bay in 2004.

His first full season was 2007, when he hit a career-best .300 with 24 homers and 22 stolen bases.

The speedy outfielder's home run totals have increased in each of the last three seasons, but he has hit below .250 with more than 150 strikeouts in four straight years.

Bourn was the Braves' leadoff hitter, but Upton

See UPTON, Page 4B

THE SCOREBOARD

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include New England, Miami, N.Y. Jets, Buffalo.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include Houston, Indianapolis, Tennessee, Jacksonville.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include Denver, San Diego, Oakland, Kansas City.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include N.Y. Giants, Washington, Dallas, Philadelphia.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include Atlanta, Tampa Bay, New Orleans, Carolina.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include Chicago, Green Bay, Minnesota, Detroit.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis, Arizona.

Thursday's Game

New Orleans at Atlanta, late

Sunday's Games

- Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Arizona at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

AFC LEADERS

Quarterbacks

Table with columns: Player, Att, Com, Yds, TD, Int. Rows include Brady, Manning, Rethlisbrger, Schaub, Dalton.

Rushers

Table with columns: Player, Att, Yds, Avg, LG, TD. Rows include Foster, Johnson, Ridley, Charles, Spiller.

Receivers

Table with columns: Player, No, Yds, Avg, LG, TD. Rows include Wayne, Welker, A. Johns, A. Green, D. Thomas.

NFC LEADERS

Quarterbacks

Table with columns: Player, Att, Com, Yds, TD, Int. Rows include Rodgers, Griffin, Smith, Brees, Ryan.

Rushers

Table with columns: Player, Att, Yds, Avg, LG, TD. Rows include Peterson, Lynch, Do. Martin, Morris, Gore.

Receivers

Table with columns: Player, No, Yds, Avg, LG, TD. Rows include Witten, B. Marshall, C. Johnson, Gonzalez, R. White.

MLS Playoffs

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Semifinals

D.C. United vs. New York
New York 0, D.C. United 1, D.C. United advances 2-1 on aggregate

Kansas City vs. Houston

Houston 2, Kansas City 0
Kansas City 1, Houston 0, Houston advances 2-1 on aggregate

CHAMPIONSHIP

Houston 3, D.C. United 1
D.C. United 1, Houston 1, Houston advances on 4-2 aggregate

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Semifinals

San Jose vs. Los Angeles
Los Angeles 0, San Jose 1
San Jose 1, Los Angeles 3, Los Angeles advances 3-2 on aggregate

Seattle vs. Real Salt Lake

Seattle 0, Real Salt Lake 0
Real Salt Lake 0, Seattle 1, Seattle advances 1-0 on aggregate

CHAMPIONSHIP

Los Angeles 3, Seattle 0
Seattle 2, Los Angeles 1, Los Angeles advances on 4-2 aggregate

MLS CUP

Saturday, Dec. 1: Houston at Los Angeles, 4:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Toronto.



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FRIDAY

6:30 p.m. Tennessee at Georgetown... ESPN
8:30 p.m. Syracuse at Arkansas... ESPN

SATURDAY

12:30 p.m. Baylor at Kentucky... CBS
3 p.m. Alabama at Cincinnati... ESPN2
4 p.m. Texas A&M at Houston... SUN
5 p.m. Villanova at Vanderbilt... ESPN2
7:30 p.m. Appalachian State at Missouri... SUN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Northern Illinois vs. Kent State... ESPN2
8 p.m. UCLA at Stanford... FOX

SATURDAY

Noon Oklahoma at TCU... ESPN
Noon Oklahoma State at Baylor... FX
Noon UCF at Tulsa... ESPN2
3:30 p.m. Cincinnati at Connecticut... ABC
4 p.m. Alabama vs. Georgia... CBS
7 p.m. Pittsburgh at South Florida... ESPN2
8 p.m. Texas at Kansas State... ABC
8 p.m. Florida State at Georgia Tech... ESPN
8:17 p.m. Nebraska at Wisconsin... FOX

GOLF

FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. Nedbank Golf Challenge... GOLF
3 p.m. PGA - World Challenge... GOLF

SATURDAY

1 p.m. PGA - World Challenge... GOLF
3 p.m. Chevron World Challenge... NBC

MLS CUP

SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. Houston at Los Angeles... ESPN

NBA

FRIDAY

10:30 p.m. Denver at L.A. Lakers... ESPN

SATURDAY

8 p.m. Philadelphia at Chicago... WGN

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Southeast Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Miami, Atlanta, Charlotte, Orlando, Washington.

Central Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Milwaukee, Chicago, Indiana, Detroit, Cleveland.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Memphis, San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, New Orleans.

Northwest Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Oklahoma City, Utah, Denver, Minnesota, Portland.

Pacific Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include L.A. Clippers, Golden State, L.A. Lakers, Phoenix, Sacramento.

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix 91, Cleveland 78
Philadelphia 100, Dallas 98
Houston 117, Toronto 101
Minnesota 97, Sacramento 89
Indiana 79, L.A. Lakers 77

Wednesday's Games

San Antonio 110, Orlando 89
Washington 84, Portland 82
Brooklyn 95, Boston 83
Atlanta 94, Charlotte 91
Detroit 117, Phoenix 77
Chicago 101, Dallas 78
Memphis 103, Toronto 82
Utah 96, New Orleans 84
Oklahoma City 120, Houston 98
New York 102, Milwaukee 88
L.A. Clippers 101, Minnesota 95

Thursday's Games

San Antonio at Miami, late
Denver at Golden State, late
Friday's Games
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Portland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Utah at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

LEADERS

Scoring

Table with columns: Player, FG, FT, PTS, AVG. Rows include Bryant, Durant, Anthony, James, Harden.

Rebounds

Table with columns: Player, OFF, DEF, TOT, AVG. Rows include Varejao, Randolph, Asik, Faried, Hickson, Lee.

Assists

Table with columns: Player, G, AST, AVG. Rows include Rondo, Paul, Holiday, Vasquez, Williams.

Steals

Table with columns: Player, G, ST, AVG. Rows include Jennings, Paul, Conley, Matthews, Kidd.

Blocks

Table with columns: Player, G, BLK, AVG. Rows include Ibaka, Hibbert, Howard, Lopez, Duncan.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES-Designated 1B Joe Mahoney for assignment.
BOSTON RED SOX-Traded RHP Zach Stewart to Pittsburgh for a player to be named; RHP Sandy Rosario to Oakland for a player to be named or cash considerations; and 3B Danny Valencia to Baltimore for cash considerations.
Named Greg Colbrunn hitting coach.
CLEVELAND INDIANS-Reinstated LHP Nick Hagadone. Designated LHP Rafael Perez for assignment.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS-Announced RHP Chris Volstad and C Brayan Pena refused outright assignment and elected free agency.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS-Agreed to terms with RHP Ryan Madson on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES-Agreed to terms with LHP Andy Pettitte on a one-year contract. Designated C Eli Whiteside for assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS-Released OF Chone Figgins.
TEXAS RANGERS-Agreed to terms with INF Yangervis Solarte and RHP Collin Balester on minor league contracts.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS-Designated RHP Casey Coleman for assignment.
CINCINNATI REDS-Agreed to terms with RHP Jonathan Broxton on a three-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES-Traded RHP Luis Rico and LHP Luis Santos to Kansas City for RHP Vin Mazzaro and 1B Clint Robinson. Designated INF Jamaica Navarro and INF Matt Hague for assignment. Named Ricky Bennett, Carlos Berroa, Ron Hopkins and John Kosciak professional scouts.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS-Claimed DE Jason Babin off waivers from Philadelphia.
Placed RB Jalen Parmele and CB William Middleton on injured reserve.
Released WR Micheal Spurlock and CB Chris Harris.
Signed WR Quan Cosby and DB Antwaun Molden. Signed WR Toney Clemons and RB Jordan Todman from the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS-Released G Ryan Durand.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS-Signed OL Derek Hardman. Released WR Diondre Borel from the practice squad. Signed LB Joe Holland to the practice squad.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

TODAY: Boys Basketball at Tampa Catholic, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Palmetto, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY: Boys Basketball at Kathleen, Noon; Wrestling hosts Dual Meet, 10 a.m.
TUESDAY: Boys Basketball vs. DeSoto, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at DeSoto, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at Lake Placid, 7:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer at Lake Placid, 5:30 p.m.



Lake Placid

TODAY: Boys Basketball at Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Mulberry, 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY: Boys Basketball at Ft. Meade, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Hardee, 6/7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Boys Basketball vs. Hardee, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer vs. Avon Park, 7:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Avon Park, 5:30 p.m.



Sebring

FRIDAY: Boys Basketball at Clewiston, 5:30/7 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Frostproof, 5:30/7 p.m.; Boys Soccer at Hardee, 7 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Hardee, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY: Wrestling at Avon Park Duals, 10 a.m.
MONDAY: Boys Basketball at Lake Region, 7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Lake Region, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY: Boys Soccer vs. Tenoroc, 7 p.m.; Girls Soccer at Tenoroc, 6:30 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Sebring Elks Golf Tourney

SEBRING - The Sebring Elks Lodge No. 1529 monthly golf outing will be held at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club on Monday, Dec. 3, beginning at 8 a.m. Cost is \$32.00 which includes golf, cart, lunch and prize fund.

To sign up contact Jack McLaughlin at jackknjudy33872@gmail.com or leave a message on 471-3295.

Check in by 7:40 a.m. by the Pro Shop.

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 and 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.

Horseshoe Club

SEBRING - The Highlands County Horseshoe Club league play began on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Lee Palmer Complex, 439 Pine St., in Sebring.

The league is open to all men and women who like to pitch horseshoes, with play getting underway at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call Irve Swihart at 452-6899.

Meals on Wheels Golf

SEBRING - The 13th Annual Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament will tee off at Harder Hall Country Club on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Benefitting the Sebring Meals on Wheels program, the tournament will be a Foursome Scramble format with an 8:30 shotgun start.

The entry fee of \$75 per person, \$300 per team, includes golf, continental breakfast, lunch and awards.

There will be a million dollar hole-in-one contest, \$20,000 putting contest, hole-in-one prizes on all par-3s, including car, trip and cash prizes.

For more information, call 402-1818, or email MOW@stratonet.

LP Senior Softball

LAKE PLACID - Lake Placid Senior Softball is currently holding practice on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Lake June Ballfield.

If you are 50+ and enjoy playing the game for fun, come out, hit and field a few, and get ready for the 2013 season which opens the first week in January.

For information, visit lpsoftball.com.

Highlands Senior Softball

SEBRING - The Highlands County

Senior softball over 60 league will be playing starting play on Monday, Jan. 7, with games taking place each Monday and Wednesday.

To sign up, or for more information, call John Kloet at 655-5241 or Steve Blazing at 382-6442.

Jingle Bell 5K

AVON PARK - The Jarrett Family Foundation will be presenting the Jingle Bell Fun Run 5K on Friday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Union Congregational Church in Avon Park.

Registration fee is \$15, and registration forms can be picked up at Avon Elementary, Park Elementary, Avon Park Middle and High School, or access online through any of the schools.

All proceeds from the race will go to benefit the four Avon Park schools.

Sebring 70s Softball

SEBRING - Seniors 70 and older will be organizing a league starting in early January.

It will be a drafted league. Games will be played at the Highlands County Sports Complex on Tuesday's and Thursday's starting at 10 a.m.

Interested seniors should contact Harry Bell at 382-0542 or Bill Todd at 385-5632, or see them at the Sports Complex on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Lunch for Coz's

LAKE PLACID - Hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and sausage sandwiches will be featured at a food sale Saturday, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in front of Lake Placid "Do It Best" Quality Hardware in the Winn Dixie Plaza, Lake Placid.

One hundred-percent of the proceeds benefit the youth bowler's scholarship program in which more than 30 youth bowlers are currently involved.

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

LP Elks Hoop Shoot

LAKE PLACID - Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 and Lake Placid Middle School Athletic Department announces the 2012-2013 annual hoop shoot.

Area youth ages 8-13 can show their free-throw talents at the Elks Hoop Shoot Free-Throw Contest scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15, at 9 a.m. at the Lake Placid High School.

The competition is free. A copy of the child's birth certificate will be required at registration.

Registration can be obtained in advance at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge by calling 465-2661 for registration forms.

Registration will also be held at 8 a.m., prior the contest.

Boys and girls participate in separate contest/divisions and three age categories in each division: ages 8-9; ages 10-11, and ages 12-13.

Contestants must be 8 years old and no more than 13 years old as of April 1, 2013, to participate.

For state contests and beyond, the Elks National Foundation covers all program costs, including participant transportation, food and housing expenses

Local winners of each division and age category can advance through district, state, regional and national competitions.

Names of the national winners will be inscribed on the Elks National Hoop Shoot plaque, on permanent display in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

Any questions, contact John Holbrook at 465-5941.



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

Golf Hammock

The Ladies Association played a Queen Bee tournament on Wednesday Nov. 28, with Florence Towell earning her spot as the Queen Bee with a 65.

In the First Flight, handicap 20-28, Laura Kebberly took first with a 68, Ruth Harris was second with a 69 and Lorraine Friend finished third with a 70.

Carol Troup and Roxie McMillon found themselves in a first and second place tie in the Second Flight, handicap 28-33, with dueling 71s.

Shirley Enochs wound up third in the flight with a 74.

The Third Flight, handicap 33-36, saw Mary Cripps come out on top with a 70, while Cindy Dall and Nancy Senior finished in another tie, each coming in with a 73.

Last Monday, Nov. 26, the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am Points at Golf Hammock.

Jim Gulick finished in first place in A group with plus 3 in A group and Les Campbell came in with minus 1 for second place.

Paul 'Welsh Wizard' Brown took first place in B group at even and Stan Griffis had minus 1 for second place.

Capt. Billy Parr took first place in C group with a plus 5 and David Mulligan was in second place with plus 2.

In D group first place saw Paul Brown II score plus 2 and in second place Bill Alesi won with plus 1.

Terry Yandle won first place in E group with plus 9 and in second place there was a tie between Bob Hughes and Les Layton at even.

In F group Howard Brown had a plus 5 for first place and Jim Fidlin in second with plus 2.

Paul Skidmore was the leader in G group with plus 1 and Jerry Edwards in second place at even.

There was a tie for first place in H group between Earl Bittaker and Jim Reed at even.

In I group Pete Mezza scored plus 2 to take first place and Bob Morrison in second place at even.

In J group there was a tie for first place between Ian Bell and Janet Howland with minus 1 and in second place Tom Nelligan came in with minus 2.

Next Monday, Dec. 3, the Mezza Group will play at Golf Hammock beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Please arrive early to register. Please call Pete at 382-1280 for any changes in the line up no later than 1 p.m. on Sunday.

The Golf Hammock Ladies Played Low Gross/Low Net Wednesday Nov. 21.

First Flight, with Handicaps 20-29, saw a Low Gross, first place tie between Jeanne Fivsecoat and Laura Kebberly with 91, while Lorraine Friend came in next with a 97.

Low Net in the flight went to Ruth Harris with a 66, in second place was Jean Haig with a 69 and third place went to Florence Towel with 72.

Second Flight, with Handicaps 31-39, had Trudy Stowe get Low Gross with 102 and a tie for second and third between Carol Troup and Jo Thornburg with 106.

There was a three-way tie for Low Net in the flight with Alma Barefoot, Marge Pederson and Mary Cripps all coming in with 75s.

Lake June West

A Scramble was played on

Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Winning first place was Dick Denhart, Harry Gregor and Larry and Chris Heath with 52.

Tying for second/third/fourth places were Orville Huffman, Pete and Mary McNamee, Eva Huffman and Norm Grubbs; Doyan and Donna Eades, Joe and Joyce Swartz; Art Schmeltz, Betty Billau, John and Gloria Huggett with 54 each.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 8, Sylvia West, 13-feet-9-inches. (Men), No. 2, Harry Gregor, 14-feet-2-inches and No. 4, Doyan Eades, 27-feet.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Winning first place was the team of Dick Denhart, Art Schmeltz, Bill Fowler and Jack Maginnis with 40; second place, Ron West, Doyan Eades, Don Boulton, Ott Wegner and Norm Grubbs with 41; and third place, Pete Otway, Paul Martin, Orville Huffman and Fred Neer with 42.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Orville Huffman, 14-feet-2-inches; No. 4, Pete Otway, 24-feet-9-inches; and No. 17, Norm Grubbs, Hole-in-One!

Congratulations Norm! He used a sand wedge, had his first Hole-in-One on No. 17 at 113 yards.

The Ladies Association played a Ladies League event Monday, Nov. 19.

Winning first place was the team of Joyce Swartz, Joanne McGill, Lorrie Lorig and Mary Malone with 36; second place, Eve Huffman, Sylvia West, Margaret Schultz, Barbara Cash and Charlotte Mathew with 37; and third place, Virginia Simmons, Betty Billau and Betty Brevard with 39.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Margaret Schultz, 4-feet-1.5 inches; No. 4, Sylvia West, 32-feet; and No. 8, Doris Weeks, 6-feet-7-inches.

Placid Lakes

The Men's Association played a One Best Ball Front, Two Best Balls Back tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Tom Lacy, Ed Bartusch, Tom Bramos and David Raciti teamed up to get the win at -20, with Roger Thompson, Lane Capp and Wayne Wood taking second at -18.

The team of Bob McMillian, Howard Tricknor, Darrell Horney and John Goble were third at -16 and Jack Marceau, Gene Ransom and Frank Fisher were fourth at -15.

Capp had closest to the pin, hitting to 4-feet, 4-inches on No. 13.

The Women's Golf Association played a Throw Out (9) Worst Holes event on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Sue Mackey took first with a net 23, with Pat Haas just a bit behind in second at 23.5.

Joan Sniffen was third with a 25, Bobbie Miller fourth with 26 and Von Lacy fifth at 28.5.

Mackey had closest to the pin on the day as well, getting to within 3-feet, 6-inches on No. 2.

The Men's Association played an individual points tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Winning first place was Gene Ransom with 51; second place, John Goble with 50; and third place, Darrell Horney with 47.

Closest to the pin: No. 6, John Goble, 15-feet-4-inches.

The Ladies Association played a President's Cup Finals of three-day event on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

The winners were Judy Thompson with 206; second place, Bobbie Miller with 210; and third place, Sue Mackey with 212.

A Thanksgiving Scramble was played with 56 players on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Winning first place was the team of Frank Fisher, Dick Wellman, Jim Rozy and Geri Ramos with 38; second place, Rich Egizi, Tim Ruggerio Sr., Tim Ruggerio Jr. and Dee Dee Harstine with 40; and third place, Butch Ward, Larry Garduno, Rich Tufts and Jeanne Ransom with 40.8.

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The winners were: First place, Barb Plunkett with 31. Tying for second/third places were Linda Therrien and Jeannine Persails with 32 each.

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A Limited Member game was played Monday, Nov. 12.

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Winning first place was the team of Clay Davis, Don McDonald, Gerry Page and Dick McClay with minus-29. Tying for second/third places were Harold Plagens, Ken Koon, Tim Thomas and Lefty St. Pierre; Larry Roy, Cecil Lemons, Gil Heier and (draw) Keith Kincer with minus-17 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 5, Jim Anderson, 7-feet-3-inches; No. 5, Page, 23-feet; No. 12, Al Farrell, 5-feet-6-inches; and No. 17, Cliff Steele, 22-feet-6-inches.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Ken Koon,

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Winning first place was the team of Don and Patsy Miller, Roy Bassett and Tom Shaver with plus-8.

Individual winners were: First place, Don Miller with plus-4; and second place, Tom Shaver with plus-3.

The Ladies Association played a Pro Am Points game on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Winning first place was the team of Pat Gower, Carol Roy and Lucy Roberts with plus-3; and second place, Mary Beth Carby, Babe McDonald, Fran Neil and Betty Wallace with plus-2.

Individual winners were: First place, Mary Beth Carby with plus-4.

Tying for

second/third/fourth/fifth places were Betty Wallace, Elaine Keppler, Jeannine Persails and Carol Roy with plus-2.5 each.

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An evening Scramble was played Friday, Nov. 9.

Winning first place was the team of Don and Pat Miller, Bob and Barb Plunkett and Charlie Seralde.

SpringLake

The SpringLake Women's Golf Association held a 2 Person Team Best Ball Net tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 28, on the Cougar Trail Course.

The team of Ann McWilliams and Debbie Delaney won first place with net 55.

Coming in with a close 56 was the team of Marilyn Redenbarger and Rita Jaskowski.

Terrie Austin and Linda Pflieger rounded out the winners by taking third place with 59.

On Tuesday, Nov. 27, the SpringLake Mens Golf Association conducted an Individual Net Score tournament with four flights.

This was held on the Cougar Trail golf course.

In Flight A, Gary Graves won first place, shooting a net 60 strokes.

There was a tie for second at 66 strokes between Bob Hinde and Joe Austin.

Jan Hard, with a net 67, took third place in A.

In the B Flight - 15 to 19 handicaps - Will David won first place with an excellent net 58.

Bo Bohanon got second place with a net 67 strokes, while Bart Bartholomy took third place with a net 69 strokes.

The C Flight (20 to 24 Handicap) winner of first place was Irascible Ed Clay with a net 63 strokes.

Gene Hearn and Bob Berg tied for second place in C with 66 strokes, while Jay Payne took third place with a net 67 strokes.

Down in the D Flight, Larry Colclasure shot the lights out with a net 57 to take first place over a hot Ken Willey, who got second with a net 58.

Gale Monda took third place with 61 strokes and Dan Porter won fourth with a net 66.

On Wednesday, Nov. 21, the ladies played a Modified Net Score - Flighted tournament in which we discarded one each of the worst Par 3, Par 4 and Par 5 holes.

The cool, blustery weather was not conducive to good golf.

Flight 1 winner was Rebecca Shatney with 55 and Dotti Blackwell claimed second with 59.

Linda Pflieger had a 61 to win Flight 2 over Pearl Bradford's 62.

Debbie Delaney stormed through the third Flight with a 49, followed by Marilyn Redenbarger with 59.

Flight 4 was won by Donna Ryan who had 57 and Patty Miller took second place with 59.

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, the SpringLake Women's Association played a Low Gross/Low Net Flighted tournament on the Panther Creek course.

Low Gross winners were Flight 1 - Rebecca Shatney (87), Flight 2 - Pearl Bradford (90), Flight 3 - Debbie Delaney (97) and Flight 4 - Patty Miller (96).

Low Net winner in Flight 1 was Teri Swisher with 75, Flight 2; Marilyn Redenbarger with 71, Flight 3; Sharon Warner with 75 and Jean Donahue won Flight 4 with 73.

The Eagles will be playing their home games at the Panther Gym at South Florida State College, beginning in January.

For more information about the league and its' upcoming season, visit www.abl-hoops.com.

League starting small, but with big ideals

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went big, both in name and stature, in introducing its' head coach, 7-foot-1, long-time NBA center Wayne "Tree" Rollins.

Born in Winter Haven, raised in Georgia, Rollins played collegially at Clemson before spending 18 years as a player with a number of NBA teams, most

notably the Atlanta Hawks, Detroit Pistons and Orlando Magic.

It was with the Magic that Rollins started to move into coaching and he is on board with the league's mission.

"It's smart to be starting with a small number of teams," he said. "Traveling is tough and playing on a regional basis is the right

way to go."

Asked about his coaching philosophy, Rollins smirked and responded with "winning is my coaching philosophy," but he continued with the main purpose of the league.

"This league will help develop players with the international rules and allow them the chance to play professionally anywhere in the

world," he said. "Those international teams, when they look over here for players, will be looking at the ABL."

Part of keeping things small in these early stages is also about making a mark in each teams' respective communities - primarily keeping costs low as they develop a fan-base.

"We're going to have tick-

et prices affordable, so that entire families can enjoy the games at a cost similar to going to a high school game," Haney said. "And we'll have some incentive type programs, like free tickets for good grades to kids in the community."

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Upton headed up to Atlanta

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is not expected to fill that role.

The Braves might shop for a left fielder to hit leadoff, with Martin Prado expected to move from the outfield to third base following Chipper Jones' retirement.

Young shortstop Andrelton Simmons, who hit .289 with a .335 on-base percentage as a rookie, could be an option to bat leadoff.

Prado was the normal No. 2 hitter.

The deal with Upton comes only five days before the start of baseball's winter meetings in Nashville, Tenn.

Upton is an expensive addition, but the big move is not a surprise.

General manager Frank Wren said after the season he would have funds available to make a notable offseason



MCT photo
B.J. Upton will be roaming center field in Atlanta now.

acquisition.

Jones had a \$14 million base salary last season and Bourn's was \$6,845,000.

Wren said he entered the offseason with "a pretty narrow focus" because he only had to replace Bourn and Jones.

"Beyond that, our club is pretty solid," Wren said after

the Braves' wild-card playoff loss to St. Louis.

Upton adds to what Wren said is a "dynamic young core" of players.

He will join first baseman Freddie Freeman, right fielder Jason Heyward, catcher Brian McCann and second baseman Dan Uggla as power hitters.

McCann's status for the start of the season is uncertain.

He had surgery on his right shoulder in October.

The rehabilitation could carry into the first month of the season.

Gerald Laird signed a two-year, \$3 million deal with Atlanta earlier this month to serve as McCann's backup.

Laird, who hit .282 with AL champion Detroit, could open the season as the starter if McCann is not ready.

Sebring now 4-1 in district

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time starting in a varsity game," mentioned coach Bowyer. "It's good experience for him and he handled it well."

With Bowyer in goal, Sebring's usual keeper, Ethan Smith, got to spend some time on the field in more forward positions.

Damian Foster drove the ball up the field multiple times to set up plays.

Sebring would have no shortage of shots on goal, as

Austin Westergom, Jordan Hay, Filemon Chavez, Magana and Watson all made attempts that came up just short.

Finally, with three minutes remaining in the game, Dixon settled the ball and drove it into the goal.

Striking again less than a minute later, Chavez had a solid left-footed kick straight into the net to end the scoring at 4-1.

The Sebring win was even more impressive when considering the statistics.

The Streaks had a total of 37 shots on goal; while McKeel had a mere 7.

"I'm excited about the way the season is going. We're now 4-1 for districts. We just need to focus on beating Auburnable this year," said Bowyer.

The Thanksgiving Break perhaps got the Streaks rested up for the rest of a busy week, as they traveled to Lake Wales on Thursday and face Hardee on the road tonight.



News-Sun photo by TAYLOR TUBBS
With the ball in both their sights, the race is on between McKeel's Russell Terry and Sebring's Riley Watson Tuesday night.

Bucs DBs prepare for Manning

By FRED GOODALL

Associated Press

TAMPA — Greg Schiano didn't have to follow the NFL closely over the past decade-plus to keep up with the exploits of Peyton Manning.

Tampa Bay's first-year head coach was an assistant with the Chicago Bears when Manning began his pro career in 1998, then spent two years as an assistant at the University of Miami and the next 11 transforming one of college football's worst programs into a Big East contender at Rutgers.

Still, Manning's accomplishments with the Indianapolis Colts and now the Denver Broncos are virtually impossible to overlook.

The four-time league MVP faces the Buccaneers' porous pass defense this week, and Schiano is doing everything he can to make sure his young, inexperienced secondary is prepared for the challenge.

The Bucs are first in the NFL in run defense, but are 32nd against the pass. "You have to be careful because you can't try to in four days create a whole new defense so you can confuse him. That won't work. And probably the fact of the mat-

ter is, what you think could be this great idea to confuse him, he saw it about six years ago and then again three years ago," Schiano said Wednesday.

"We've just got to go out and play our defense and play the best we can, and know they're going to make some plays," the coach added. "There's not anybody in this league who's kept them from making plays in the passing game. We have to make sure we don't let them go off in the run game. ... If they can run the ball, it's going to be a struggle."

Manning has completed nearly 68 percent of his passes for 3,260 yards, 26 touchdowns and eight interceptions while getting acclimated to a new system and teammates.

The Broncos (8-3) have won six straight following a 2-3 start, and last week's 17-9 victory at Kansas City moved him ahead of Hall of Famer John Elway for the second-most wins by a starting quarterback in league history.

The Bucs, meanwhile, are trying to remain in playoff contention, despite having a secondary that's without the starting cornerback Schiano began the season with.

Aqib Talib was suspended four games last month for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances and subsequently trade to the New England Patriots while serving the ban.

The NFL took the same action this week against Eric Wright, also for using Adderall without a prescription.

With Talib no longer with the team and Wright, who signed a five-year, \$37.5 million as a free agent last March, sitting out with an Achilles tendon injury, Tampa Bay started former seventh-round draft E.J. Biggers and undrafted rookie free agent Leonard Johnson at cornerback in a 24-23 loss to Atlanta.

Johnson has missed tackles this season and on a pair of 80-yard touchdown plays, including Julio Jones' long catch-and-run for the Falcons.

"We have some young guys who don't have much experience, so we're kind of just playing our hand as we feel best," Schiano said. "It's going to be a challenge. But they're 8-3, so three teams figured out a way to do it. That's our goal. We're trying to be the fourth."

Florida Trail Association – Heartland Chapter December Activities

Special to the News-Sun

Saturday, Dec. 1

Backpacking 101 Course at the Circle B Bar Preserve, SR 540 (Winter Lake Road), Lakeland

Learn the essentials necessary to go on any type of backpacking trip from day hike, overnight or multi-day trips.

Bring a notebook, pen and any backpacking equipment you want to review with our instructor, Dave Waldrop.

Contact Waldrop at 863-605-3587, or email david_lwfl@yahoo.com for meet-up time and other details.

Saturday, Dec. 8

A downtown Lakeland walking tour.

We will meet for a light dinner or sandwich at The Chop Shop and then a walking tour of downtown Lakeland's Christmas decorations and historic sites.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring warm hat, gloves, etc., for the walk and money to purchase dinner.

Contact Ken Williams at (863) 602-5185, or email dec1966@aol.com for meet-up time and other details.

Saturday, Dec. 15

Day Hike (and/or camp overnight in the park's campground Fri-Sun by reserving your own site), at Lake Kissimmee State Park.

A beautiful park with a cow camp where old-time relics are on display, an old timer to tell stories of years gone by and an observation tower on the lake.

Bring water, snacks and lunch, sun and insect protection for hiking.

Note: RSVP for hiking to Betty Piper at 863-293-3053 or email bpiper2005@aol.com for meet-up time and other details.

If camping (tent or RV), make a reservation at ReserveAmerica.com, and RSVP to Teresa Newgent at (813) 882-9558, or email newgt17@yahoo.com.

Bring a dish for the pot luck dinner on Saturday evening, and a gag gift for the gift exchange if you wish to participate.

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30

Overnight Backpacking Trip at the Arbuckle portion of the Lake Wales Ridge State Forest.

This is a follow-up to the Backpacking 101 Course held on Dec. 1 and is only those who have completed the Backpacking 101 Course or those who have had previous backpacking experience.

The trail leads through moderately rolling hills with pine forests, prairies, wetlands, scrub and marshy lakeshore along the west side of Lake Arbuckle.

Bring backpacking equipment, hiking shoes, brimmed hat, water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection.

Contact David Waldrop at 863-605-3587 for meet-up time and other details.

Plenty going on at the YMCA

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Bruce Moellendick, former PGA trainer, is the instructor for the YMCA's youth golf program starting in December.

The classes will be held twice a week for four weeks for ages 5 to 15, cost is \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members.

For more information on this program please contact us at 382-9622 ask for Kevin Stoker.

Master Val Henry and Master Hank Henry have joined the YMCA team in providing authentic traditional martial arts.

Master Henry has trained many state, national, and international champions over the past 24 years.

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Cost is \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members.

We offer a wonderful Gymnastics program starting from preschool to advance.

If you would like to get your child in Gymnastics call the "Y" and ask out about our classes.

We do registration at the beginning of each month.

Prices have been pro-rated due to the holiday season.

Upcoming Events

Christmas at the "Y" - It's the Holiday Season and

the YMCA is getting in the mood with our 2nd annual "Christmas at the Y."

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. the YMCA will be hosting a night full of fun,

including: A big slide, bounce house, games, free candy and prizes, a cake walk, concessions, crafts, Christmas storytelling, and free pictures with Santa Claus.

Tickets are \$2 per person.

There will be live entertainment with a line-up of Michelle Cathey, Justus Martin, The Wacaster Family, and Nala Price.

YMCA's Last Day 5K -

The YMCA is looking forward to bringing in the New Year with our 3rd annual Last Day 5K.

The race will take place at the Y on Saturday, Dec. 29.

The cost is \$20 by December 26 or \$25 anytime after that.

Children 10 years old and under are \$10.

Pre-registration starts at 8 a.m. and goes to 8:45 a.m. on race day, race time is 9 a.m.

Camp Holiday Hoopla -

The YMCA is offering 8 days of fantastic fun.

The Camp Holiday Hoopla will be taking place December 20, 21, 26-28, and January 2-4.

The camp hours will be

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and it will include a wide range of activities like arts and crafts, gymnastics, a field trip, fitness and nutrition, and all kinds of sports.

Ages include 5-12 and camp fees are \$15 for one time registration, a \$20 daily fee, or if you would like to do all eight days it is \$125.

T-shirts and lunch will be provided.

Open House at the "Y" - Looking to join a gym that fits your needs? Why not join the YMCA?

We have been meeting the needs of Highlands County for over 25 years and we offer something for everyone.

On Saturday, Jan. 5, stop in to the Highlands County Family YMCA for our Open House.

From 9 a.m.-2 p.m. the YMCA will be giving free tours and offering membership specials that include waiving joiner fees, health assessments, and BOGO rates on our daily punch cards.

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

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Strange causes for seizure disorders

Dear Pharmacist: My brother suddenly developed seizures, at age 28, with no history. I've searched your website archives but can't find columns on this. I'd like to learn why he suddenly got this, since he was so healthy until then. Today, he's on 6 medications!

— J.P., Sacramento, Calif.

Answer: I haven't covered this topic extensively because it's complex, and I fear that people will not consult their physicians like I tell them to. One wrong move on your part, and you could experience a grand mal.

So with my strict warning to ask your doctor about what you learn today, I'll highlight some strange causes of epilepsy, since I specialize in "strange." I'll also archive a more comprehensive version of this article at my website. Now, the short story since I'm allowed 500 words here:

— Low thyroid: The autoimmune form of hypothyroidism is called Hashimoto's disease, and one rare complication is encephalopathy. Stay with me here because your health (and life) depends on it. If you don't know about Hashimoto's Encephalopathy, you are likely to get diagnosed with a seizure disorder, or a stroke. Medications

that treat seizures do nothing for you here, and you could die if you're misdiagnosed. High doses of prescription steroids work for this strange condition.

— Vitamin D deficiency: Seizures may be your first sign. Check serum levels of vitamin D annually and shoot for 70 and 90 ng/ml. The strange part is that the very medications used to treat epilepsy are drug muggers of the active form of vitamin D, called "calcitriol."

So yes, your medications might be reducing the threshold for, and increasing the risk of seizures, over time, in susceptible individuals; blood tests are imperative. Am I saying discontinue your meds? Heavens no, but if you take an anticonvulsant (phenytoin, carbamazepine, phenobarbital), I suggest some vitamin D3 every morning.

— Too much MSG: This food additive — used to enhance flavor — is also known as "monosodium glutamate" and it goes by many aliases, making it hard to spot on food labels, and even harder to avoid because it's in practically everything! MSG is termed an "excitotoxin" and may be associated with neuronal degeneration and epilepsy, especially when exposure occurs as a fetus or young child.



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

— Lyme disease: Yes, tick-borne diseases ferociously attack the brain. Been camping lately? Have a pet?

The Borrelia bacteria, or a co-infection "Bartonella" are capable of triggering seizures and inflammation in the brain sparking many emotional/mood changes. Antibacterials or antiparasitics fight off the seizure-producing organisms.

— Lithium deficiency: People assume this just causes bipolar disorder, but it may cause seizures without any mood swings!

Sometimes a gentle, over-the-counter lithium supplement helps (lithium orotate) and if not, there are strong medications available.

— L-Serine deficiency: Serine is an amino acid that makes up your cell wall, especially in the brain. Deficiencies are tied to cerebral palsy, seizures and muscle stiffness or weakness.

Visit www.DearPharmacist.com for the more comprehensive version of my column.

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.

UnitedHealthcare, Preferred Care Partners expand

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Through an expanded relationship between UnitedHealthcare and Florida Hospital, people enrolled in UnitedHealthcare's AARP MedicareComplete Medicare Advantage plans (Regional PPO, HMO and HMO-POS) and Preferred Care Partners' Medicare Advantage plans (HMO and Chronic Special Needs Plan) in central Florida have expanded access to Florida Hospital locations and affiliated physicians.

Preferred Care Partners is a recent addition to UnitedHealthcare's portfolio of Medicare health plans.

"Florida Hospital is an important, well-respected provider of health care services. Our expanded network relationship gives UnitedHealthcare and Preferred Care Partners Medicare Advantage plan members in central Florida greater choice and access to medical facilities and physicians close to where they live," said Kathy Winans, regional vice president of UnitedHealthcare Medicare & Retirement in Florida.

"We're pleased that more people enrolled in UnitedHealthcare's MedicareComplete and Preferred Care Partners' Medicare plans will be able to get the high-quality health care they need at our world-class facilities," said Kevin Lay,

vice president of managed care for Florida Hospital. "This expanded relationship with UnitedHealthcare complements our commitment to providing quality and accessible health care in central Florida."

As of Oct. 1, UnitedHealthcare AARP MedicareComplete Medicare Advantage (Regional PPO) plan members throughout Florida have in-network access to nine additional Florida Hospital locations and their affiliated physicians. Additionally, people enrolled in the UnitedHealthcare AARP MedicareComplete Medicare Advantage (HMO and HMO-POS) plans in Hardee and Highlands counties have in-network access to these locations and physicians.

Additionally as of Oct. 1, members of the Preferred Care Partners Medicare Advantage plans (HMO and Chronic Special Needs Plan) in Highlands and Hardee counties have expanded in-network access to several Florida Hospital locations. Beginning Jan. 1, 2013, five additional Florida Hospital locations will be in-network for these plan members.

Plan members should call the number on the back of their member ID card (8 am - 8 pm EST, seven days a week) for specific information about in-network providers. Care providers who have questions should call (877) 842-3210 (8 am - 8 pm, Monday-Friday).

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Subsidizing a gym membership is a great gift for someone who is trying to get in better shape.

Great gifts for men and women hoping to get healthier

Metro Services

The holidays are synonymous with many things, including get-togethers with family and friends, shopping and, at the tail end of the season, resolutions. One of the more common New Year's resolutions is a commitment to getting healthier. This year, holiday shoppers can combine the tradition of gift-giving with the tradition of making New Year's resolutions by giving a loved one who wants to improve personal health a gift that can make keeping that resolution that much easier.

When holiday shopping this season, consider the following gift ideas for that health-conscious friend or family member who's looking to turn over a new leaf in the new year by adopting a healthier lifestyle.

Gym membership

Fitness centers tend to see a spike in enrollment at the dawn of a new year, as men and women who want to get healthier take the first step by signing up for a gym membership. The holiday season can be a great time to sign up for a membership, as many fitness centers waive their initiation fees in an effort to attract more customers. When trying to help a friend or family member get back on a healthy track, offer to pay a portion of their membership fees

or, if their preferred club is charging an initiation fee, offer to pay that instead. Recipients might feel more obligated to go to the gym if they know a loved one helped pay for it.

Cardiovascular machine

Many people cite a lack of time as the primary reason they don't exercise enough. Getting to and from the gym takes time, but having a cardiovascular machine, whether it's an elliptical machine, an exercise bike or a treadmill, at home removes this hurdle, increasing the chances that people will exercise more often. And the potential benefits of routine cardiovascular exercise are considerable. According to the American Heart Association, as little as 30 minutes of daily cardiovascular exercise each day can significantly reduce an individual's risk for heart disease.

Bicycle

Few activities are more enjoyable and simultaneously beneficial as riding a bicycle. Many people still enjoy riding a bike just like they did when they were children, when they might not have known just how healthy riding a bicycle was. Cycling improves cardiovascular fitness, lowering a person's

risk for heart disease while helping to build and tone muscles. In addition, men and women with preexisting joint conditions often find riding a bicycle is a great low-impact exercise that encourages them to get off the couch in a way that doesn't aggravate their conditions. Many adults received a bicycle as a holiday gift when they were children, and those looking to adopt a healthier lifestyle might be just as excited to receive a bicycle once again.

Cookbook

Adopting a healthier lifestyle does not have to be all about exercise. In fact, eating healthier is just as important as exercising more. A common misconception about eating healthy is that healthy foods don't boast the flavor of those irresistible, yet ultimately unhealthy, foods we can't get enough of. However, a healthy diet can be flavorful, so help health-conscious men and women get started with a cookbook filled with healthy and delicious recipes. Before buying a cookbook, find out if the book's eventual recipient has any specific dietary restrictions, including if he or she needs to eat gluten-free or has been told to avoid red meat. Then find a cookbook that suits them but does so in a way that allows them to embrace healthy eating.

Chronic cough or cold could be COPD

StatePoint

You may have heard the term COPD before — either in a radio or television commercial. COPD, short for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, is a serious lung disease that over time makes it hard to breathe. Also known as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, it is the third leading cause of death in the United States, but as many as 12 million Americans don't even know they have it.

Unfortunately, symptoms are often shrugged off as a normal part of getting older or a consequence of being out of shape.

And during cold and flu season, COPD symptoms can also be mistaken for that cold or cough that just won't go away.

But COPD can be a dangerous health hazard. If left untreated, it can have debilitating effects on everyday activities.

Affecting one in five adults in the U.S. over the age of 45 and an estimated 24 million Americans, as many as half remain undiagnosed.

The disease develops slowly and usually worsens over time. So don't ignore the first signs of COPD, which

include a chronic cough, hacking, wheezing and shortness of breath.

COPD occurs most often in people age 40 and over with a history of smoking, affecting both current and former smokers. However, as many as one out of six people with COPD have never smoked.

Other risk factors include long-term exposure to second hand smoke, certain chemi-

cals, and dust or fumes in the workplace.

COPD can usually be diagnosed by a doctor or health care provider during a regular office visit with a simple, non-invasive breathing test called spirometry.

If you or a loved one experiences any of the symptoms of COPD, take some time to learn more about it. Visit <http://COPD.nhlbi.nih.gov> for more information.

Pinellas County adds fluoride back to water supply

By TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press

CLEARWATER — One of the largest counties in Florida voted on Tuesday to add fluoride back into the water supply, capping a lengthy debate over whether adding the chemical is beneficial for fighting tooth decay or toxic and an affront to personal liberty.

The Pinellas County Commission voted 6-1 to return fluoride to the water. It was removed in October, 2011.

"Shame, shame, shame," one anti-fluoride resident yelled out after the vote.

The board reversed its decision because two new commissioners who ran on a pro-fluoride platform were elected in November.

The October, 2011 move affected some 700,000 people and touched off a political controversy that pitted dentists and orthodontists against people who feel fluoride is harmful, even toxic, and that the county shouldn't pay for residents' personal health decisions.

Fluoride proponents say the chemical, which has been added to many U.S. water supplies for decades, prevents cavities and is safe. Opponents say it is toxic and that citizens should decide for themselves whether to use it for dental health.

Fluoride is a mineral that exists naturally in water and soil, and fluctuates depending on the day. Officials in Pinellas will add fluoride to bring the level up to the federal recommendations.

Norm Roche, the board's lone dissenter, who had also voted against fluoride in the water in 2011, said he's seen studies and science on both sides of the issue, and isn't convinced that it's safe.

"If there are questions, it should not go in our drinking water," he said.

The fluoride will be added back into the water in

March 2013. Officials said it will take that long to notify residents that the substance will be put back in the water supply.

About 100 people attended Tuesday's meeting, some toting signs and oversized toothbrushes. Public comment on the issue lasted more than three hours.

Most of those in attendance were against putting fluoride in the water, claiming that it reduces IQ, exacerbates diabetes and causes people to be docile. Still others say elected officials shouldn't make medical decisions for citizens.

"You seem to think you're fit to make medical treatment decisions for me," said Pamela Hummel of Clearwater. "That's a matter for me and my doctor, me and my dentist, and you are intruding on that decision."

Adrian Wyllie, chairman of the Libertarian Party of Florida, said he agrees that fluoride is good for teeth — but he doesn't believe that the commission has the authority to add it to the water.

"You lack the authority to make medical decisions for the people of Pinellas County," Wyllie said.

Many of the people who spoke in favor of the fluoride were dentists or dental professionals.

Karen Hodge, a dental hygienist, said that putting fluoride in the water is a good way to prevent cavities in people, especially children.

"When we're talking about something that is so simple, safe, effective, cost-efficient, it's a no-brainer," she said.

Harvey Kerstein, a Clearwater dentist, said that he's seen a huge difference in his patients who grew up with fluoridated water and those that haven't.

"These patients who have not had fluoride have much higher decay rates," he said.



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HEALTHY LIVING

FDA halts operations at peanut butter plant

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration halted operations of the country's largest organic peanut butter processor Monday, cracking down on salmonella poisoning for the first time with the new enforcement authority the agency gained in a 2011 food safety law.

FDA officials found salmonella all over Sunland Inc.'s New Mexico processing plant after 41 people in 20 states, most of them children, were sickened by peanut butter manufactured at the Sunland plant and sold at Trader Joe's grocery chain. The FDA suspended Sunland's registration Monday, preventing the company from producing or distributing any food.

The food safety law gave the FDA authority to suspend a company's registration when food manufactured or held there has a "reasonable probability" of causing serious health problems or death. Before the food safety law was enacted early last year, the FDA would have had to go to court to suspend a company's registration.

Sunland had planned to reopen its peanut processing facility on Tuesday and a spokeswoman said before the FDA's announcement Monday that the company hoped to be selling peanut butter again by the end of the year. The spokeswoman didn't have immediate comment on the suspension.

The company now has the right to a hearing and must prove to the agency that its facilities are clean enough to reopen.

Michael Taylor, the FDA's deputy commissioner for foods, said the FDA's ability to suspend a registration like this one is a major step forward for the agency.

"Consumers can be assured that products will not leave this facility until we determine they have implemented preventive measures that are effective to produce safe products," Taylor said.

Sunland Inc. is the nation's largest organic peanut butter processor, though it also produces many non-organic products.

The company recalled hundreds of organic and non-organic nuts and nut butters manufactured since 2010 after Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Peanut Butter was linked to the salmonella illnesses in September.

In addition to Trader Joe's, Sunland sold hundreds of different peanut products to many of the nation's other large grocery chains, including Whole Foods, Safeway, Target and others.

In a monthlong investigation in September and October, after the outbreak linked to processor Sunland and to Trader Joe's, FDA inspectors found samples of salmonella in 28 different locations in the plant, in 13 nut butter samples and in one sample of raw peanuts.

The agency also found improper handling of the products, unclean equipment and uncovered trailers of peanuts outside the facility that were exposed to rain and birds.



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Adults can help protect themselves from serious illness by being vaccinated.

From flu to whooping cough, adults need vaccines, too

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While most people are aware of the need to vaccinate children, immunizations for adults are just as important. But unfortunately, adult immunization rates are well below government goals.

According to the American College of Physicians, 40,000 to 50,000 adults die from vaccine preventable diseases each year in the U.S.

Knowing what vaccines to get and when to get them can be tricky, especially if you have a complicated medical history.

"By talking to your internist, you can assess your vaccination status and find out what steps you need to take to stay healthy," says David L. Bronson, MD, FACP, president, American College of Physicians, a national organization of internal medicine physicians.

Don't wait until it's too late. Be proactive and ask your physician at your next appointment what shots you are due to receive.

Here are some recommended immunizations to discuss:

Flu

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that all adults receive the influenza vaccine each year.

Despite the wide accessibility of the shot, which is often administered in workplaces and retailers, only 39 percent of adults received the vaccine in the 2011-2012 flu season.

This season, be sure to protect yourself against the flu.

The vaccine is especially important for seniors and those with chronic conditions for whom the flu can be life-threatening.

Just be aware that not all forms of the vaccine are recommended for everyone. If you have an immune system disorder or are pregnant, talk with your physician.

Tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough

According to the CDC, 5 percent of adults with whooping cough are hospitalized or have complications, including pneumonia and death. Protect yourself against this dangerous disease, as well as diphtheria and tetanus by getting the Tdap vaccination. Follow up with booster tetanus (Td) shots every 10 years.

Tdap vaccination is recommended for nearly all adults, including persons 65 years and older; but is especially important for pregnant women, adults who are in contact with infants, and health care professionals. If you are not sure if you're due, check with your doctor about getting vaccinated.

Measles, mumps, rubella

If you never had these diseases as a child, nor were immunized against them, talk with your internist. These diseases, which can have serious complications for adults, are highly conta-

gious and can be caught just by talking with an infected person.

One series of two shots protects you.

Pneumococcal

Infections of the lungs, blood, or brain caused by this bacteria lead to 22,000 deaths each year in the U.S. A single shot protects against them.

If you have chronic health conditions or you're over 65 and your pneumococcal vaccination was more than five years ago, ask your internist if you need a booster. More information on adult immunizations can be found at www.acponline.org.

So much of your health is based on chance. Keeping up with adult vaccinations is one way you can take control of your health and safety. If you can't remember the last time you were immunized, talk to your doctor about getting back on track.

CDC: HIV spread high in young gay males

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Health officials say 1 in 5 new HIV infections occur in a tiny segment of the population — young men who are gay or bisexual.

The government on Tuesday released new numbers that spotlight how the spread of the AIDS virus is heavily concentrated in young males who have sex with other males.

Only about a quarter of new infections in the 13-to-24 age group are from

injecting drugs or heterosexual sex, the study revealed.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said blacks represented more than half of new infections in youths.

The estimates are based on 2010 figures.

Overall, new U.S. HIV infections have held steady at around 50,000 annually.

About 12,000 are in teens and young adults, and most youth with HIV haven't been tested.

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Community outreach events planned

Special to the News-Sun

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— Monday: 8 a.m., Health Fair, Brookside Bluffs, S.R. 17, Zolfo Springs; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Chatham Pointe, Stenstom Road, Wauchula; 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'n Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

— Tuesday: 10 a.m., Health Fair, Fair Havens, Apartments, Spinks Road,

Sebring; 1 p.m., Health Fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27 Sebring.

— Wednesday: 8 a.m., Health Fair, Villa Del Sol, behind Winn Dixie, U.S. 27, Avon Park; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street, Avon Park; 10:30 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Facility, Sun 'n Lake Boulevard, Sebring; 10:30 a.m., Caregivers support group, Balmoral Assisted Living Facility 93 Balmoral Road, Lake Placid.

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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church - ELCA

SEBRING — This is the first Sunday in Advent and the Celebration of December birthdays. Worship service with (Open) Holy Communion will be led by Rev. Jefferson Cox. Sermon will be based on the gospel reading of Luke 21:25-36.

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

A congregational meeting following morning worship service for the purpose of electing four new council members and approval of 2013 budget will be held Dec. 9 following the morning worship.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — Pastor Scott McLean will be preaching a sermon entitled "Security That Is Secure."

Wednesday evening soup supper is followed by Evening Prayer service.

Advent 1 is observed Saturday, Dec. 2 and Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The church is at 1320 C.R. 64, east of the Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. call 471-2663 or visit www.christ-lutheranavonpark.org/.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING — The Church of Buttonwood Bay meets each Sunday in the recreation hall. In observance of the first of Advent, Pastor Cecil Hess is preaching on "Questions About the Birth of Christ." The service is non-denominational and open to all.

For information, call 382-1737. Buttonwood Bay is on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Associate Minister Casey L. Downing will bring the message titled "Advent Expectation" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the Gospel of John.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, the Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon "Hope" taken from the Scripture Luke 1:1-25.

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

Church News

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — This Sunday, the church celebrates First Sunday in Advent. Pastor Robert Reinhardt will deliver his sermon, "Season of Hope - King Comes."

The early Sunday service can be heard live on WITS 1340 AM. At 9:15 a.m.

Adult Sunday school class is studying "Old Testament Prophetic Promises of the Coming Messiah." Children's and youth classes are studying Moses.

Tuesday night Bible study is on "Acts of the Apostles."

A Woman's Heart - Beth Moore Bible Study Week 10 will be held Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m.

Advent Services will be held on Wednesdays starting on Dec. 5, with dinner at 5:30 p.m., by different groups of the church and service starting at 6:30 p.m. The Midweek Advent theme for Dec. 5 is "One Night in Bethlehem - At the Inn."

Faith's Closet/Thrift Shop offers donated items that are in good condition for resale. Faith's Closet now has a Food Pantry help is now available to those who need help in emergencies with food. Food is given out Fridays, from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. Call 385-2782. Hours are

Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

First Christian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — Ladies Tea will be Saturday with a theme of "Season of Joy" with Joy Baade as guest speaker.

Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m., the church will be showing the movie Christmas Angel. Refreshments to be provided.

Wednesday night Bible study will continue its study on Heaven.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wells Fargo Bank). Call 453-5334, e-mail firstchristianap@embarqmail.com or visit www.firstchristianap.com/.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Dick and Sharron Campbell.

Communion will be served by Sandra Laufer, Marla Null, Carol Chandler and Effie Simmonds.

Greeting the congregation will be Diane Beidler and working with the young people in Children's Church will be Carol and Mike Graves.

Pastor Ron's sermon is titled "An Angel Promise" and is based on Luke 1:26-30.

For more 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, Pastor Johnson's sermon is entitled "Heads Up" based on I Thessalonians 5:1-11.

Sunday school is available for all ages. In the adult class, Pastor Johnson leads the class in a video series entitled "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 "Caesarea - Total Commitment." Matt Sbot teaches the youth class and they are studying the book of Ephesians.

The choir's introit will be "Emmanuel." The anthem will be "Carol for Advent" with flute solo by Kathleen Richards.

This is the first Sunday of Advent. In the ceremony, "We Wait in Hope," Aleta Oldfield will be the reader and Carryn Lozier will light

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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ANGLICAN

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

BAPTIST

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

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catylist 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. Johnnattan 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, 6-7:30 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. Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults, and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. 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 Gardena St., Avon Park (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 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 Arbuckle 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@stcatho.com; website, www.stcatho.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcatho.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Decons, 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. CONFESSION: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3-3:45 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-cofc/>.

■ **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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the first candle.

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship to vote on the 2013 budget and elect officers. Members are asked to bring non-perishable items for the Church Service Center. The Family Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday morning, Bible study will be led by Pastor Johnson teaching "How Do We Glorify God?"

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the Men's Fellowship will meet at The Depot for breakfast and return to the church for a short Bible study and work project.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). Call 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "Great Expectations" is the title of the Sunday morning worship

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.

service, given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

Youth Group (for middle school and high school students) meets in the fellowship hall on Tuesdays.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, the choir will present an Advent Worship Experience called "Hope Arriving."

United Methodist Women will host a Christmas Tea at 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center on Tuesday.

Pastor's Wednesday morning Bible sStudy "Receive God's Blessings" will be

held in the library.

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

The church is downtown at 126 South Pine St. Visit www.sebringfirstumc.com or call 385-5184.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this Sunday will be "Great Expectations," with Scripture from Isaiah 9:2-6. Communion is offered during the service weekly.

The service will include Robert Hull singing "O Holy Night" and the Heartland Singers singing "A King is Born."

Next Sunday, Dec. 9, at 10 a.m., the church will be having its Christmas program, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Everyone is invited.

Adult Sunday School is led by Fran VanHooreweghe. Tuesday afternoon is choir practice and Tuesday night is adult Bible study taught by Pastor Moore. Come early for snacks.

Wednesday night young adult and children's Bible study is taught by Amanda, Jon, Toby and George. It features a free meal by Barbara and Dorothy.

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Memorial is celebrating Laity Sunday. Rev. John Bryant will serve Holy Communion at the Heritage Worship service only. Charles Reynolds, Memorial's Lay Leader, will coordinate services.

The Celebration and New Song services are combined. Special music, testimonies, a skit and much more will make this an uplifting and encouraging service.

Youth Fellowship will be in the Lighthouse. Prayer Group meets in the Chapel.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave., behind the tower. Call the office at 465-2422.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — This Sunday, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.'s message will be "Promises Made, Promises Kept." Biblical reference is

from Jeremiah 33:14-16.

Communion will be served.

Cub and Boy Scouts meet Monday. Men's prayer and fellowship breakfast meets Wednesday. Children and Youth programs meet Wednesday. Choir meets Wednesday.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Saturday, the church will hold its Annual Bazaar and Cookie Walk from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. The church will celebrate Holy Communion. Rev. Clyde Weaver's sermon will be "The World That Awaited Jesus." Fellowship follows the service.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane.

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. 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 Family 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 problema. 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. Saturday worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third

Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

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

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

■ **Union 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.

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■ **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

Television: Good or bad?

A father, concerned about the influence that TV had on his children, sat down one night to watch a western with his children. It happened that the movie featured a lot of drinking in the town saloon, and the father felt compelled to call a "family meeting" afterward. He explained the many negative aspects of drinking and how he never wanted his children to ever start something so bad.

Later that week, the father's 6-year-old son drew a picture of a cowboy entering a saloon. Noticing the concern on his daddy's face about what he had drawn, the little boy quickly piped up, "Don't worry, Daddy. He's not going in to drink. He's going in to shoot someone!"

It is certainly true that there is a lot of programming on TV about which we all need to be concerned. My wife and I are constantly trying to pick out good, clean shows for our family to watch. Most of the time we are successful. Sometimes we are not. However, there is not a show on TV that our children watch of which we are not aware and approve first.

Why so much concern? Simple: Children learn from the things by which they are surrounded. Surround them



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Kevin Patterson

with love, and they will learn love. Surround them with hate, and they will learn hate. Surround them with the TV, and they will learn the values displayed on TV.

For those who are unaware of the current values depicted on TV, they include explicit sex, graphic violence, cursing, drinking, and a general lack of respect for anything that is good and decent. Do you really want your children exposed to this?

Let me offer three tips toward healthier television viewing. First, take the time to know what your kids are watching. It is really not that difficult or time-consuming, and it creates great quality time with your children.

Second, limit the amount of TV that your children watch. TV can be an excellent source of education and entertainment, but it should not be the only one. Introduce your children to

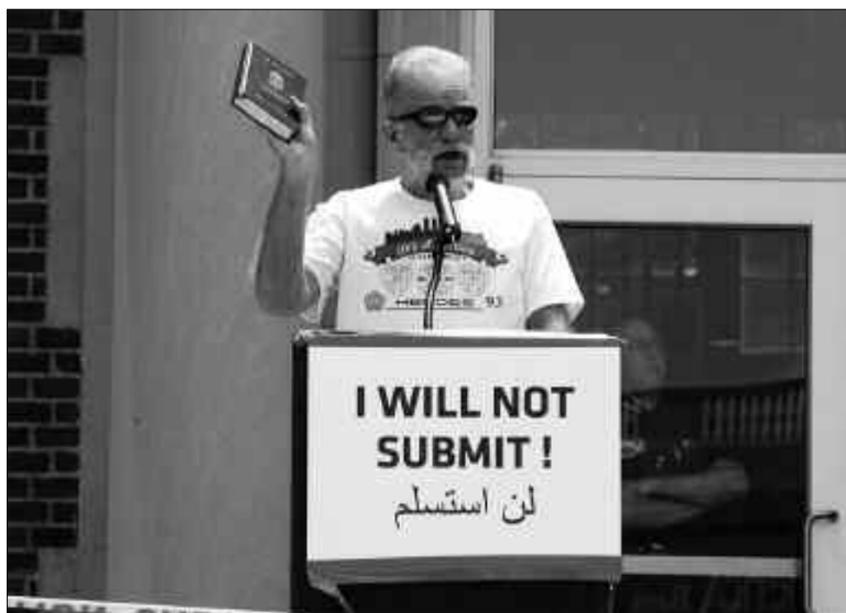
the real world around them instead of the make-believe world on the television.

Third, and most important, teach your children to decide what they should watch based upon an understanding of the good, moral values that come from God. Look to the Bible to help you know what is good so that you can pass this same goodness on to your children. One day, your children will be grown. And when they are, the decision about what they will watch will no longer be yours, but theirs.

Proverb 22:6 reads, "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it."

In other words, help your kids to know and do what is right while they are young, and when they become adults, they will hold on to the training they received as a child. Surround your children with God's love, and they will learn how to love...and live.

Kevin's Komments is presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ assembling at 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Visit them online at www.sebringcoc.com, or e-mail sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.



Gainesville-based pastor Terry Jones was one of those sentenced to death in Egypt for his connection to the 'Innocence of Muslims' film that ignited protests around the world.

Egypt court sentences 8 to death over prophet film

By SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press
CAIRO — An Egyptian court convicted in absentia Wednesday seven Egyptian Coptic Christians and a Florida-based American pastor, sentencing them to death on charges linked to an anti-Islam film that had sparked riots in parts of the Muslim world.

The case was seen as largely symbolic because the defendants, most of whom live in the United States, are all outside Egypt and are thus unlikely to ever face the verdict. The charges were issued in September amid a wave of public outrage in Egypt over the amateur film, which was produced by an Egyptian-American Copt.

The low-budget "Innocence of Muslims," parts of which were made available online, portrays the Prophet Muhammad as a fraud, womanizer and buffoon.

Egypt's official news agency said the court found the defendants guilty of harming national unity, insulting and publicly attacking Islam, and spreading false information — charges that carry the death sentence.

Maximum sentences are common in cases tried in absentia in Egypt. Capital punishment decisions are reviewed by the country's chief religious authority, who must approve or reject the sentence. A final verdict is scheduled on Jan. 29.

The man behind the film, Mark Basseley Youssef, is among those convicted. He was sentenced in a California court earlier this month to a year in federal prison for probation violations in an unrelated matter. Youssef, 55, admitted that

'We can speak out here in America. That freedom means that we criticize government leadership, religion even at times. Islam is not a religion that tolerates any type of criticism.'

TERRY JONES
controversial pastor

he had used several false names in violation of his probation order and obtained a driver's license under a false name. He was on probation for a bank fraud case.

Florida-based Terry Jones, another of those sentenced, is the pastor of Dove World Outreach, a church of less than 50 members in Gainesville, not far from the University of Florida. He has said he was contacted by the filmmaker to promote the film, as well as Morris Sadek, a conservative Coptic Christian in the U.S. who posted the video clips on his website, were also among those charged.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Jones said the ruling "shows the true face of Islam" — one that he views as intolerant of dissent and opposed to basic freedoms of speech and religion.

"We can speak out here in America," Jones said. "That freedom means that we criticize government leadership, religion even at times. Islam is not a reli-

gion that tolerates any type of criticism."

The connection of the other five sentenced by the court was not immediately clear. They include two who work with Sadek at a radical Coptic group in the U.S. that has called for an independent Coptic state, a priest who hosts TV programs from the U.S., and a lawyer living in Canada who has previously sued the Egyptian state over riots in 2000 that left 21 Christians dead.

The other person is a woman who converted to Christianity and is a staunch critic of Islam.

The official news report said that during the trial, the court reviewed a video of some defendants calling for an independent Coptic state in Egypt, and another of Jones burning the Quran, Islam's holy book. The prosecutor asked for the maximum sentence, accusing those charged of seeking to divide Egypt and incite sedition. All of the defendants, except Jones, hold Egyptian nationality, the agency added.

Some Christians and human rights groups worry that prosecutions for insulting religion, which existed to a degree under the secular-leaning regime of Hosni Mubarak, will now increase with the ascent of Islamists to power.

Which fiscal cliff?

Every single day we hear and read about the coming "fiscal cliff." Some use the word "taxmageddon." They are referring to the begin of 2013, when the Bush tax cuts expire along with other tax cuts and tax increases. The two parties and the president are arguing back and forth what needs to increase and what needs to be cut. But is that really the big deal?

Hi, my name is Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum from The Church of The Way, and I'd like a word with you.

While I am sure that by the end of the year the parties and the president will have found some compromise, the real fiscal cliff is ignored. It is pushed aside, as if it does not even exist. I am talking about the \$1.3 trillion yearly shortfall. I am talking about the \$16.3 trillion national debt. I am talking about the \$121.6 trillion unfunded liabilities and the endless printing of worthless money. To me, that is the real coming crisis, the real fiscal cliff.

Someone compared the



Guest Column
Reinhold Buxbaum

coming fiscal cliff to a runaway train which is one mile away from hitting a concrete wall. The engineers are arguing whether they could reduce the speed from 120 mph to 115 mph or 114 mph. But what about the concrete wall?

How long can we kick the can down the road by printing more money or borrowing from other nations? Don't we see that the longer we wait the more catastrophic it will be?

And then it hit me! Franklin Graham recently said: "We have turned our backs to God," referring to the American people. God

wants America back! How will he do it? By taking away all of our false materialistic gods. By allowing our economy to collapse.

Does that match up with the Bible? Do you know what the riders of the first four seals of the book of Revelation represent? Read it for yourselves in Revelation 6:1-8. It is not a pretty picture and it includes world economic disaster. "Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages." (Verse 6).

That spells famine to me, economic disaster.

And how will mankind react? Will they fall on their knees and repent or will they shake their fist in God's face? One thing is for sure:

The stage is set for the second coming of Jesus!

Reinhold Buxbaum is Pastor of The Church of The Way. He teaches "An Evening in Bible Prophecy" at Homer's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. on Dec 3. No purchase necessary. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.

Snapshots

Bazaar and cookie walk Saturday

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church, located at 8170 Cozumel Lane, in Sebring, will host their annual bazaar and cookie walk from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Celtic concert at St. John UMC

SEBRING — Marcille Wallis and friends will perform a variety of Christmas music in the Celtic style on the dulcimer, guitar, fiddle and bagpipes at St. John United Methodist Church.

This is a return performance for this very talented group. Donations are requested.

The event will be held in the church sanctuary at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15. The church is at 3214 Grand Prix Drive (just behind the Sebring Walmart).

For information, please call the church at 382-1736.

Spanish Aglow International to meet

SEBRING — Spanish Aglow International meets the second Saturday of every month at the Spring Lake Community Center at 209 Spring Lake Blvd.

Directions: Take U.S. 27 to U.S. 98 (east). Go five miles, then turn left onto Spring Lake Boulevard. Community Center is on right side.

The next date is Dec. 8, at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be served (donations welcomed) with meeting to follow with singing, sharing and surprises.

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DIVERSIONS

'Rise' doesn't soar

By BOB GARVER

Special to the News-Sun

"Rise of the Guardians" is a humdrum animated film that I'm sure is supposed to be the start of a hot new franchise. The premise is that legendary children's characters, often believed to be imaginary, are in fact real and moonlight as superheroes. I can see where that's a good idea on paper and I won't deny that it's easily marketable.

But the film lacks good ideas beyond this most basic stage and quickly becomes dull and joyless, at least for adults who reluctantly see it with their kids.

The main character is Jack Frost (Chris Pine), an invisible teenager who creates snowstorms. We see him fine, but he's invisible to the children of the film because none of them believe in him. All the parents in the world tell their children that "Jack Frost nipping at your nose" is just an expression. Weird place to draw the line.

Jack is chosen by the unseen Man in the Moon to join The Guardians, who are the world's foremost brings of joy and protectors from harm. The other members are Santa (Alec Baldwin), The Easter Bunny (Hugh Jackman), The Tooth Fairy (Isla Fisher) and the mute Sandman. I'm not sure why The Sandman is supposed to be widely accepted as believable and Jack Frost isn't. I rarely hear anything about him outside of that Metallica song. But the film makes him light-hearted and loveable so I'll let it slide.

The Guardians don't want to let the mischievous Jack join the team, but they need him to combat Pitch aka The Boogeyman (Jude Law). Pitch is trying to get all the children of the world to believe in him and only him.

The movie doesn't really know what to do with its heroes as action stars. It seems like the film can't see fit to give them many powers beyond their mode of transportation

The team's key weapon in the fight against Pitch is Jack's dubious magic stick, which is infused with the power of, let's say, fun. Also, everybody has the ability to be super-sneaky and avoid being seen. The film never bothers to explain why any of the Guardians would need to avoid being seen, and in fact they gain consequence-free believability points whenever they are.

Here's what you do with a bad-but-harmless holiday film like "Rise of the Guardians." You find a relative that says that they don't get to spend enough time with your kids. You let them spend some quality time together at this movie while you enjoy an afternoon off. This way the kids get to see their movie, the relatives get to bond with them, and you get to skip this lame, generic kiddie junk.

One-and-a-half stars out of five. "Rise of the Guardians" is rated PG for thematic elements and some mildly scary action. Its running time is 97 minutes.

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Brad Pitt as Jackie Cogan in 'Killing Them Softly.' Melinda Sue Gordon/Courtesy Cogan's Productions/MCT

'Killing Them Softly' hammers message hard

By CHRISTY LEMIRE

AP Movie Critic

Writer-director Andrew Dominik's "Killing Them Softly" is an incredibly stylish genre exercise set in the world of mobsters, junkies and lowlifes, but it's also trying incredibly hard to be About Something.

Not content merely to be profane, abrasive and occasionally, darkly amusing, it also wants to be relevant. And so Dominik has taken the 1974 crime novel "Cogan's Trade" by George V. Higgins and set it in the days before the 2008 presidential election, just as the U.S. economy is in the midst of catastrophic collapse. Every television and radio is tuned to then-candidate Barack Obama or President George W. Bush addressing the nation — even in bars and thugs' cars — with the volume cranked way up, commenting all-too-obviously on the film's action.

As if we couldn't decipher for ourselves that organized crime functions as its own form of capitalism, "Killing Them Softly" turns on the mini-implosion that occurs when a couple of idiots rob a mob-protected card game. Scoot McNairy plays the jittery ex-con Frankie; his inept partner in crime is an Australian heroin addict played by Ben Mendelsohn. Both are aggressively grungy. As they get away with briefcases full of cash, we hear Bush in the background, asking rhetorically, "What does this mean for your financial future?" Could it really be that obvious?

The corporate types at the



Movie Review

'Killing Them Softly'

Rating: R (violence, sexual references, pervasive language and some drug use)

Running time: 97 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

top of the syndicate, represented by an uptight, humorless (and nameless) Richard Jenkins, want to restore order, so they ask Jackie Cogan, an enforcer played by Brad Pitt (star of Dominik's haunting, poetic "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford"), to investigate the heist and punish the perpetrators.

This is one of those effortless Pitt performances that exemplify how beautifully he manages to be both a serious actor and a superstar; the slicked-back hair, aviator sunglasses and gold chains are a showy shorthand to signify he's a dangerous guy, but the consistently surprising choices he makes with the rat-a-tat dialogue reveal his character's intelligence.

Jackie brings in an old colleague, veteran hit man Mickey (James Gandolfini), to take out the robbers and

send a message to the rest of the criminal world.

The scenes these two actors share are by far the film's best, including one in which they sit at a bar and quietly catch up on everything from work to marriage to alcoholism; they're so different in tone from everything else, they feel like they're part of an entirely separate movie. Gandolfini's character is the only one who feels like a complete and complicated person: brazen and abusive but also sentimental and deeply insecure.

At the other end of the aesthetic spectrum is the artfully graphic pummeling some of these characters take, particularly Ray Liotta as the guy who runs the card game in question (and once got caught trying to rob it himself). The hard thwack of a fist against a jaw matches the pummel of rain and the splatter of blood. Bullets fire from a handgun in super-slow motion, piercing the raindrops, then a car window, then someone's skull. It's all very painstaking and cool-looking (the work of the gifted cinematographer Greig Fraser) but it also feels like part of a prevalent cynicism, given the film's heavy-handed message.

"America's not a country, it's just a business," Jackie declares in the film's final monologue, a message "Killing Them Softly" already had hammered pretty hard during the previous hour and a half.

Too much togetherness may result in couple's breakup

Dear Abby:

I'm engaged to someone I love very much. I am 36 and he is 44. We get along great, but he's in a rush to get married. It will be my first and his second. We got engaged three months ago, and he wants the wedding to be in February. The date he picked is his father's birthday.

My other problem is, he is always pawing at me. He always needs to be touching me or calling me his "beautiful angel." It's good to hear that once in a while, but not five times a day.

I love being with him, but sometimes I need my own space. If I say no, he gets defensive and worried that I'm going to leave him. We spend practically every waking (and non-waking) moment together. I am almost at a breaking point. Help!

— Overwhelmed in Pennsylvania

Dear Overwhelmed:

I hope you realize that the behavior you are describing is not an indication of love, but of extreme insecurity. His need to constantly touch you, his defensiveness if you say you need some space, and his fear that you will leave him won't change if you marry him. I am also concerned about the way your wedding date was chosen, because the decision wasn't arrived at mutually.

Ask yourself this: If he makes what should be joint decisions, and you have no space for yourself because of his insecurity, is this the way you want to spend a lifetime? These could be symptoms of an abuser.

Dear Abby: I'm 25, have an associate's degree in health management, completed a CRMA (Certified Residential Medication Aide) course, and I'm now on my way to obtaining my bachelor of science in health management. It sounds like I'm heading toward a great future, right?

My problem is I have

zero confidence in myself. I'm scared to death of making mistakes as a CRMA, and equally scared of being successful. Everybody says how "proud" they are of me and that I'm headed toward

great things, but I'm not sure I can do this. I am struggling to find self-confidence because if I don't believe in myself, I won't achieve anything. What can I do to put myself out there and take the steps I need to accomplish my goals?

— Needs a Boost in Maine

Dear Needs a Boost:

Self-doubt can be an asset if it causes you to strive harder to master the skills you will need in your profession. However, because you are afraid of both failure and success, the surest way to conquer your fears would be to talk about them with a counselor at your school or to a psychologist. What you are dealing with is not as unusual as you may think.

Dear Abby: My husband insists that wearing a white T-shirt when out and about is the same as wearing a colored one with a design on it. I think he's wearing underwear as outerwear and is being too casual.

We do not live in a rural community. We are in a suburb of San Diego. Life is relaxed here, but not that relaxed. Do you have an opinion?

— Dressing Up, Not Down

Dear Dressing Up: I do have a thought or two on the subject.

If your husband is comfortable this way, leave him alone. Because you are the one concerned with appearances, continue dressing up to create the impression you want and let him dress down and suffer the consequences — if there are any, which I doubt.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Rapper PSY wants Tom Cruise to go 'Gangnam Style'

BANGKOK (AP) — The South Korean rapper behind YouTube's most-viewed video ever has set what might be a "Mission: Impossible" for himself.

Asked which celebrity he would like to see go "Gangnam Style," the singer PSY told The Associated Press: "Tom Cruise!"

Surrounded by screaming fans, he then chuckled at the idea of the American movie star doing his now famous horse-riding dance.

PSY's comments Wednesday in Bangkok were his first public remarks since his viral smash video — with 838 million views — surpassed Justin Bieber's "Baby," which until Saturday held the record with 803 million views.

"It's amazing," PSY told a

news conference, saying he never set out to become an international star. "I made this video just for Korea, actually. And when I released this song — wow."

The video has spawned hundreds of parodies and tribute videos and earned him a spotlight alongside a variety of superstars. Earlier this month, Madonna invited PSY onstage and they danced to his song at one of her New York City concerts. MC Hammer introduced the Korean star at the American Music Awards as, "My Homeboy PSY!"

Even President Barack Obama is talking about him. Asked on Election Day if he could do the dance, Obama replied: "I think I can do that move," but then concluded he might "do it privately for Michelle," the first lady.

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Are puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This nine-by-nine puzzle is I have you worked out the missing numbers in the squares of the board and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill 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 clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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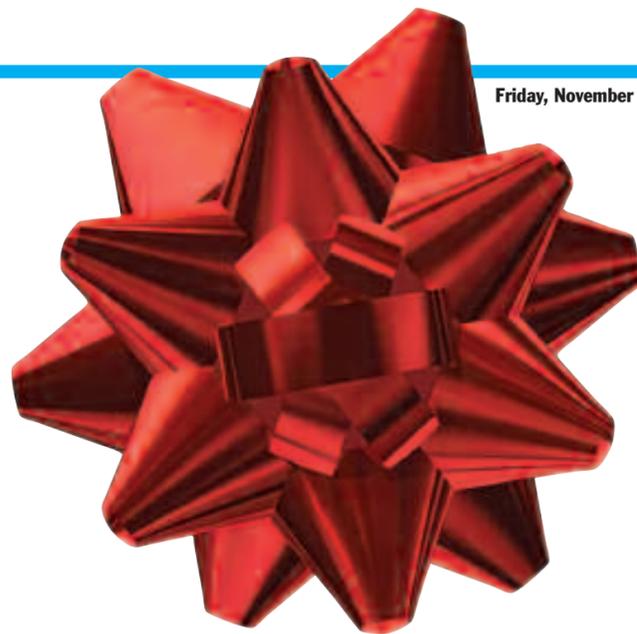
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CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Squeeze in all the merrymaking you can handle with our guide to holiday to-dos



When you think about it, 31 days aren't nearly enough to pack in all the shopping, baking, wrapping, hosting and mailing required to celebrate the winter holidays.

But every year, we try to cram it all in between Dec. 1 and New Year's. Here, we offer a monthlong guide to help you plan your schedule and wring every last

moment of joy (and stress) from the holiday season. Hang it on the fridge so you can check it every time you go for another gulp of eggnog. — Becky Sher, MCT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>Make a giant to-do list. Include everything you can possibly think of: gifts to buy, parties to attend (or host), cookies to bake. Don't leave anything off; just assume if it's not on the list, it won't get done.</p>	<p>Edit your holiday card list. Get rid of the college roommate you haven't talked to in a decade, and add the couple you met at the block party. Email people for address updates. Buy stamps at usps.com.</p>	<p>Two options to get in a holiday mood: Watch the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree lighting at 8 p.m. ET on NBC, or watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at 8 p.m. ET on ABC.</p>	<p>Support the troops. Deadlines vary, depending on the destination, so check the USPS website to ensure it reaches a service member by Christmas. For a complete list, see www.usps.com/shippingdates/</p>	<p>Search "Christmas cookies" on marthastewart.com to find dozens of recipes. Plan to make several varieties and freeze some to enjoy throughout the season.</p>	<p>Decorate the tree. Make or buy a new ornament for each child in your family. Then, tune into "It's A Wonderful Life," at 8 p.m. ET on NBC.</p>
<p>2 Make a menorah to celebrate the Jewish Festival of Lights, which begins Saturday. Search "menorah" on familyfun.com for options, including an easy paper-cup menorah and an elegant nature menorah made from a tree branch.</p>	<p>3 "Santaaaaa!" Watch "Elf" on DVD or via streaming video services.</p>	<p>4 Make plans to volunteer in a soup kitchen, wrap gifts at the mall or find another charitable cause to help as a family.</p>	<p>5 Take the day off to do some shopping when the stores aren't quite as packed. Gather the family's holiday outfits.</p>	<p>6 Dig out your family's favorite holiday books, or head to the library or bookstore for a new supply. A few to try: "Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree," by Robert Barry, or the Mary Engelbreit illustrated "The Night Before Christmas."</p>	<p>7 As busy as you are, take a break from shopping and remember those lost on this date in 1941 at Pearl Harbor.</p>	<p>8 HAPPY HANUKKAH</p> <p>Hanukkah begins at sundown and lasts through Dec. 16. Read about the holiday's history and traditions at www.history.com/topics/hanukkah/.</p>
<p>9 Finish your online shopping in the next day or two to ensure gifts arrive on time without paying outrageous shipping fees.</p> <p>Finish any sewing or craft projects.</p>	<p>10 Start baking your holiday cookies. (Of course you'll have to taste-test.)</p>	<p>11 Watch "Christmas Vacation" on DVD or via streaming video services.</p>	<p>12 Buy batteries. Make sure you have proper batteries for the toys and gadgets you're giving.</p>	<p>13 Visit containerstore.com for tips on wrapping boxes and making bows.</p>	<p>14 Start wrapping.</p>	<p>15 Host a holiday open house for the neighbors. Serve cookies, fudge and hot apple cider.</p>
<p>16 Double-check your gift list — this is the final week for shopping before Christmas.</p>	<p>17 Breathe. Take a yoga class and relax in the calm before the holiday storm. Namaste!</p>	<p>18 Mail out those international packages and letters! Deadlines are between Dec. 18 and 20, and while Global Express Guaranteed dates are calculated for Dec. 25 delivery, the cutoff dates do NOT take into account time to clear customs. Mail early!</p>	<p>19 Create amenity baskets for your overnight guests. Include a small bar of soap, travel-size shampoo, a bottle of water, late-night snacks like granola bars and nuts, a nail file and Tylenol or Advil.</p>	<p>Santa's gone high-tech. Check out his website at www.northpole.com.</p>	<p>21 Gather some friends and go caroling. Find lyrics to holiday songs online and make song lists for your group.</p>	<p>22 Celebrate being alive! If you've made it to today, the Mayan end-of-the-world prediction has not come to fruition. Congratulations!</p>
<p>23 Make sure your camera batteries are fully charged.</p>	<p>24 Be sure to leave out milk and cookies for Santa, and perhaps a carrot or two for the reindeer.</p> <p>Watch "It's A Wonderful Life," at 8 p.m. ET on NBC if you missed it on Dec. 1, after the kids go to bed.</p>	<p>25 MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>26 HAPPY KWANZAA</p> <p>Kwanzaa begins and lasts through Jan. 1. Shop the after-Christmas sales for wrapping paper and cards for next year.</p>	<p>27 Put your feet up and do absolutely nothing!</p>	<p>28 Research tree pickup or recycling in your town so you'll be prepared when it's time to take down your decorations.</p>	<p>29 Bone up on the basics of chilling, serving and storing Champagne at www.champagne.us.</p>
<p>30 Work ahead: Make any New Year's Eve party foods and finalize your party plans.</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR</p>				