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Rock 'n Heartland to add third youth tri

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SEBRING — There will be three Rock'n Heartland Youth Triathlons for young people in 2013 thanks to Julie's Funds for Kids and the support of the Thakkar Family Foundation, which is the title sponsor.

Lake Placid, Avon Park and Sebring will each host a race, which have no affiliation with the Heartland Triathlon. They are sanc-

tioned by USA Triathlon.

Julie's Funds for Kids was created by Jeff Carlson to honor his wife Julie Carlson, who died in a tragic boating accident in 2010.

"I think what we've done with this," Carlson said, "is provide opportunities for kids to help them develop a healthy lifestyle."

The focus, he added is about health and fitness.

Originally Julie's funds underwrote the expenses of

Rock'n Heartland



YMCA programs and camps for children who otherwise would not be able to attend. Now Carlson, and those

working with him, intend to broaden those opportunities, including extra funding for local youth sporting teams.

A continuation and expansion of the Rock'n Heartland Youth Triathlon Series that debuted in 2012, the 2013 races are the centerpiece of the foundation's effort to help children live healthier lives.

Two races were organized in the debut series, one in May, the other in August. The

response to both was overwhelming.

Ninety-seven children turned out for the first race in May, 107 for the second in August. Roughly half the participants were local, the other half arrived from other parts Florida, out of state, even one from overseas.

The first of the Rock'n Heartland Youth Triathlon 2013 Series will be in April

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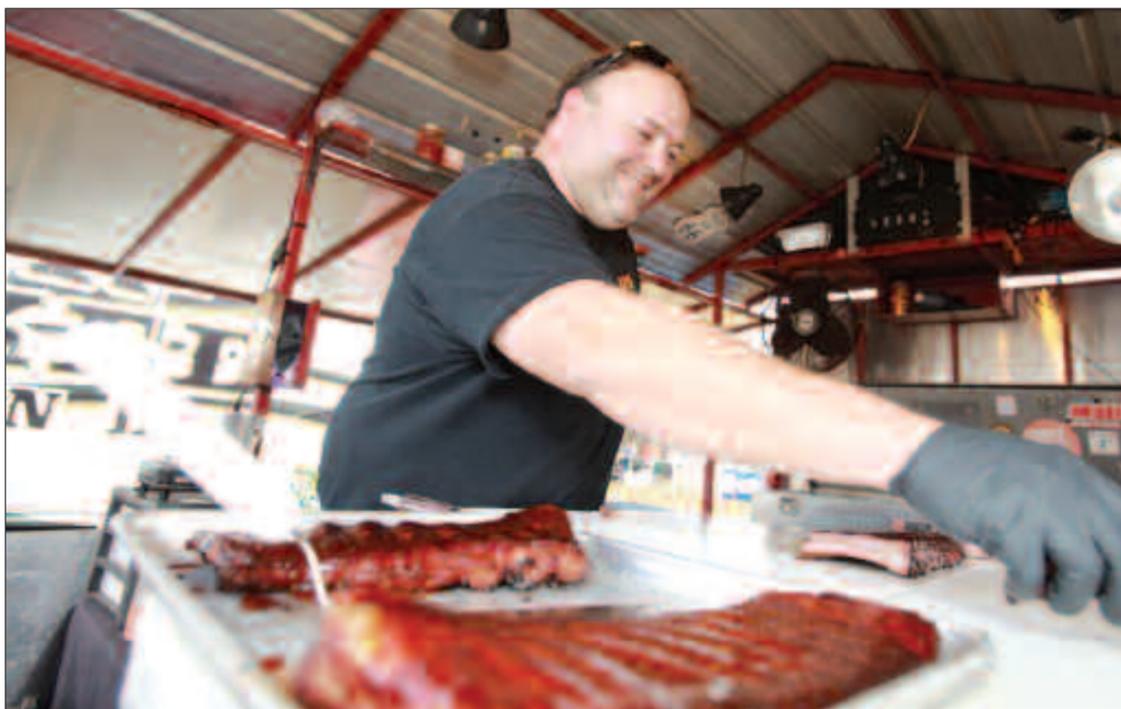
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Lang BBQ Smokers Team member Brad Kay of South Carolina prepares ribs to be judged Saturday morning in Sebring.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Barbecue from near, far takes over Firemen's Field

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — A whole lot of pigging out was happening Saturday during the annual Central Florida Barbecue Festival at Firemen's Field. Also known to locals as Pig Fest, the annual festival brought barbecue teams from all over the state, as well as the southeast, to spend 12 hours prepping and cooking for the Florida Barbecue Association judging.

Several barbecue teams and contestants were busy getting their meats ready for judging just around noon on Saturday.

Brad Kay, owner/cook at Lang BBQ Smokers traveled from McCormick, S.C., to have a shot at impressing the judges and taking home the first place prize.

"I've been doing this for seven years. This is my first time here in Sebring for this festival," said Kay. The cook was delicately slicing up rib pieces to prepare for the noon judging and was careful not to make any mistakes.

Across the way, several festival attendees filled the People's Choice

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS Vendors only accept BBQ Bucks during the Central Florida Babecue Festival in Sebring.

EPA adopts water pollution rules

By BILL KACZOR
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will adopt a combination of state and federal water pollution rules for Florida after a lengthy court fight with environmental groups that favored the federal version, agency officials said late Friday.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson initially filed a brief notice in federal court in Tallahassee saying she had taken all actions required by a consent decree that the agency had entered with the environmental groups. They had accused the agency of failing to follow its own regulations by not requiring Florida to adopt more stringent standards for such nutrients as nitrogen and phosphorus.

But on Friday evening, the agency issued a news release saying it had also approved the state rules for some waterways. Earthjustice lawyer David Guest, who represents the environmental groups, said he was pleased because the federal rule will apply to about 82,000 of 100,000 miles of waterways

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High-tech Medi-Man helps teach nursing students

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Azure College is taking a step into the future with a one-of-a-kind tool that will help students learn in the most hands-on manner possible.

Medi-Man, a full-body mannequin, was acquired by the college the day before Thanksgiving. Medi-Man is a life-sized tool that is able to mimic all the qualities of a living and breathing human being. The tool is the first of its

kind in the Heartland, according to Azure College President, Executive Assistant and Financial Director Debra Snyder.

"This is the only Medi-Man anywhere around here. It is a learning tool for the students and helps in the classrooms," Snyder said.

The \$60,000 tool was shipped from Miami and has been in full use since it arrived at the college

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Azure College Instructor Mary Ann Fry (right) and nursing student Beverley Freckleton (left) check out Medi-Man at the school's learning classroom. Medi-Man is the newest addition to the medical college and provides students with life-like scenarios for learning important skills they will need in the medical field.

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Centennial Notebook
By Jen Brown

Centennial celebration continues

This just in – another Centennial event is planned!

Yes, another 100-year celebration is scheduled for next weekend. We are talking about a special place in Sebring history, a place very dear to George E. Sebring himself, a place he gave the land to and place he worshipped at, the First United Methodist Church of Sebring (FUMC).

FUMC has been celebrating Christ for a century and they want to celebrate with all of Sebring, and share the 100-year history of George Sebring's home church.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, the First United Methodist has a fun afternoon planned with an old-fashioned ice cream social. The Back Porch Revival Band will bring you fine entertainment, there will be singing and toe-tapping, songs of old and new, sharing of memories and making new friends.

Rev. Chuck Weaver will give his remembrances entitled "Through the Eyes of a Kid." You can build your own ice cream sundae and there will be homemade cookies for all.

Then on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 10:30 a.m., there will be a Sebring Centennial worship service. The youth choir will sing as well as the adult choir, and Rev. Weaver will bring the message. Weaver grew up in FUMC serving as minister in numerous churches in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is now the assistant to the bishop of the Florida Conference. All of the community is cordially invited to attend this special Centennial church service.

Immediately following the worship service is a covered-dish luncheon. If you would like to attend the ice cream social or the special luncheon, please call the FUMC and let them know at 385-5184.

After lunch the skit "A Voice From the Past" will be presented and the singing of the "Ode to George E. Sebring" written by Mayor George Hensley will take place. It is not too late to get your copy of that soon-to-be-famous song, just visit the website www.Sebring100.com and print a copy for yourself.

FUMC participated in the Centennial Parade on Oct. 15. The theme for the float was "First Church Built in a Day." The church members re-enacted a slice of their church history by building a replica of the first Methodist Church in Sebring. They served lunch to all workers, then on Sunday morning after their regular worship service they gathered around the little church to give thanks and prayed just as our forefathers did 100 years ago.

Their float will also be in the Sebring parade this Friday at 7 p.m. in downtown Sebring in case you missed seeing the replica

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Courtesy photo
Dave Collier, standing, of Avon Park, shows off his 1923 Model T Ford, to Avon Park Depot Museum director Elaine Levey and museum volunteer Peggy Caraberis during this year's Springtime on the Mall.

Avon Park Depot Museum turns spotlight on 'Tin Can Tourists'

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — It could have been a classified ad from the 1920s: "Wanted: adventurous northerners; men, women and children to visit a wonderland of sunshine and sandy beaches, tropical plants and wild animals. All this is yours as you drive your first automobile to Florida. Leave the horse and buggy behind."

Prompting such an ad would have been Henry Ford's Model T, followed by the building of roads and the invention of trailers modified for sleeping. All this resulted in Florida opening its doors as a major tourist destination for the middle-class. They would carry on board their shelter and food, extra gas and all other necessities.

With Model T's costing only \$300, the average American could now see those sights and escape the

cold. Florida was no longer a destination for just the wealthy who came via the train and stayed in big hotels.

This explosion of newcomers to Florida had an official name: the Tin Can Tourists (TCT), the very first travel club.

This topic will be explored at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Avon Park Depot Museum, with Forrest and Jeri Bone of Bradenton presenting the program. After the TCT had been active for 50 years, the couple brought new life to the organization in 1998 by changing it to an "all-make and model vintage trailer and motor coach club."

The Bones will also talk about such topics as life on the road and at the annual "gatherings" in city parks and campgrounds and how the original Tin Can Tourists handled eating, sleeping,

running out of gas, flat tires.

The event, sponsored by the Historical Society of Avon Park, is also a reminder of 1938 and 1939, when the TCT gathered in Avon Park.

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. A photo-op, thanks to the presence of Model Ts, will also be available. For more information, call Elaine Levey, museum director, at 453-3525 or 385-8618.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Aktion Club wrapping gifts

SEBRING — The Aktion Club of Highlands County will be wrapping gifts during the holiday season at Lakeshore Mall.

The club will be wrapping presents from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 3-16, at the former Highlands County Sheriff's office in the Food Court near the bathrooms. Packages, whether purchased in the mall or somewhere else, can be wrapped for a donation. There will be a variety of holiday paper, bows, boxes, gift bags and tags available.

All proceeds will benefit the Aktion Club which will be using the funds to help buy Christmas gifts, food and clothing for local needy children who receive services from Gulf Central Early Steps program in Highlands County. These are children ages 1-3 who have disabilities and the club includes their siblings.

There will be a tree at the store featuring ornaments with items listed on them that these children need this season. Shoppers can pick an item, buy it and bring it back to the club for them to wrap for free.

Last year the Aktion Club adopted 22 children in Highlands County during the holiday season. This year, the number has increased.

Aktion Club is a civic group, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sebring, consisting of adults with disabilities.

For more details or to make a donation, call

Aktion Club Advisor Cindy Marshall at 452-1295, ext. 124.

Aviation Expo seeks volunteers

SEBRING — Preparations for the ninth annual U.S. Sport Aviation Expo are swinging into high gear for the Jan. 17-20 event, and the Expo management team is looking for volunteers to assist them before and during the event, held annually at the Sebring Regional Airport.

"We welcomed 16,000 people from throughout the world to our four-day event this past January," said Expo Director Jana Filip, "and there's a myriad of jobs that we need help with. We're hoping to recruit about 300 volunteers, and we're hoping many of our previous volunteers will return."

Filip, along with Expo Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator Lauren Moore, will meet with anyone interested in volunteering at 6 p.m. on Thursday at the Sebring Civic Center, 319 West Center St., Sebring.

"Local volunteers are a key component of the Expo's success," said Moore, "and we look forward to talking with anyone who thinks they might be interested. We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, from welcoming visitors at the main gate to assisting with the event setup/teardown to shuttling visitors around on golf carts. Volunteering at the Expo is a great way to

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DECEMBER 7

Pearl Harbor ceremony planned Friday

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — The Veterans Services Office, in coordination with the Veterans Advisory Board and the Medal of Honor Park Committee, will host a Pearl Harbor Remembrance near the Veteran Services Office in the Medal of Honor Park on Friday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. The Veteran Services Office is at 7209 South George Boulevard, Sebring, directly behind the County Health Department building.

The ceremony will honor the heroes of Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, the day the Japanese attacked the United States on our military bases in Hawaii. The date is set aside to honor the service members who were serving at Pearl Harbor 71 years ago.

Jackie Graham, acting Veteran Services Officer for Highlands County, plans to open the ceremony in the Tranquility Garden located in the Northeast corner of the Medal of Honor Park, in front of the Veteran Services

Office Building. Betsy Waddell, CPO, U.S. Navy, (Ret.), president of the local Waves National Unit 88, will conduct the Navy Bell Toll portion of the ceremony.

Among the participants in the Pearl Harbor Remembrance/Medal of Honor Monument Dedication are familiar faces from other veteran organizations around the county. With Waddell will be Fred Arbelo, commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart leading the pledge, and Gerry Harvey, president of the Veterans Advisory Board for the Board of County Commissioners, who will introduce the guest speaker, Rick Ingler, incoming president of the Veterans Council.

Bob Campbell, former Highlands County sheriff's deputy, will play the bagpipes. Members of the Lake Placid High School JROTC will present and retire the colors and play Taps.

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Sebring man airlifted after motorcycle crash

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SEBRING — A local man was airlifted to Tampa General Hospital after his motorcycle rear-ended a truck on U.S. 27 Friday night.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, 49-year-old Micael M. Winker of Sebring was southbound on U.S. 27 at 11:30 p.m. on a 1983 Harley Davidson when he hit the rear left side of a 2008 Ford F-150 being

driven by Ricky Borkowski, 28, of Okeechobee.

The motorcycle slid 200 feet before coming to a stop. Winker was wearing his helmet, and the report said it is unknown if alcohol was a factor.

Charges are pending an investigation Borkowski and his passenger, 18-year-old Destiney Mullin of Sebring, were not injured.

Restaurant aims to bring culture to the Heartland

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Flavor and culture are what chef and owner Darlin "Johnny" Jean hopes to bring to mouths of Sebring residents when they experience the food at Classic Buffet and Lounge inside the Highlands Inn Hotel.

The chef, whose roots begin in a small town near Port Au Prince, Haiti, has lived in Sebring for five years. Jean got his start as a retail salesperson in Sebring before he found what he feels is his real calling in the kitchen.

Jean started out as a busy boy at Homer's in Sebring before being promoted to store manager, a position he held until his exit from the establishment. Jean said that his time at his previous position gave him the platform he needed to start his own business and follow a dream he wasn't aware that he had.

Aside from following a dream, Jean knew that pursuing the new career avenue would provide more opportunity for his family.

"I really wanted to help my family," Jean said. The father of one not only supports his son, but visits Haiti frequently to assist in his siblings' educational funding.

Through his hard work and perseverance, Jean has managed to gain support from former customers as well as members of the business community.

Highlands Inn Hotel general manager Bill O'Neill is thrilled to have Classic Buffet and Lounge become a part of the establishment and has known Jean for quite a while.

"I first met him when he was working over at Homer's. I didn't know him that well at the time, but I always kind of keep my eye on him," O'Neill said with a smile. "I think he's doing great. It will be great to have this be a part of what we already have here."

Though business isn't booming right now, a number of Jean's former customers have developed a "cult-like" following for the modest chef.

Several couples entered Classic Buffet, making sure to stop and hug before taking their seats as the chef as he placed piping hot dishes onto



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Chef and owner Darlin "Johnny" Jean has recently opened Classic Buffet and Lounge at the Highlands Inn Hotel in Sebring.

the buffet line.

The goal behind Classic Buffet is simple: to bring a cultural blend to the area. Currently, the restaurant is only serving American dishes and cuisine, but that when soon change once Jean perfects the taste for each and everyone of his Caribbean and Spanish style dishes.

"I want to bring the taste of the islands to Sebring because it's not here," Jean said. "(Cooking is) a gift and want to share that with everyone."

With a full work crew of 15, Jean is currently working with his cooks to ensure that every dish that is brought to customers' tables is perfected and to his liking.

"I taste everything they prepare; every dish before it comes out and before it gets to the customers," Jean said.

Classic Buffet and Lounge is at 6525 U.S. 27 North inside the Highlands Inn Hotel just past the Sun 'N Lake intersection. Business hours are daily 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. The buffet style restaurant offers a variety of foods, from fried chicken to soup and soon will be adding Caribbean dishes.

Buffet prices are \$7.99 for adults and \$3.99 for children Monday through Saturday and \$8.99 for adults and \$4.99 for children on Sunday.

The Classic Buffet and

Lounge will hold a grand opening event Friday, Dec. 7, and Saturday, Dec. 8, beginning at 11 a.m. each day. Musical guest True Blue will play in concert each night beginning at 9 p.m.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Starving cats to death is not the answer

The News-Sun honors the men and women working at Animal Control under department director Darryl Scott.

They have a thankless, difficult, dangerous and emotionally draining job. Yet they still persevere, doing their best to keep the community safe, while saving as many dog and cat lives as they can. They cannot be asked to deal with feral animals all by themselves.

We agree that the county commission should be concerned about feral pets in Highlands County, especially the ones whose owners never neutered or spayed them before abandoning them to their fates.

We absolutely agree that protecting animal control officers from citizens threatening them harm is necessary and overdue, as is providing consequences for those who lie to officers.

We strongly agree in codifying humane treatment of animals and requiring owners to pick up after their pets.

The News-Sun, however, just as strongly disagrees with some of the proposals that have been floating in front of the commission, starting with banning the feeding of feral cats.

Judy Spiegel, president of the Humane Society of Highlands County, spoke directly to that issue in a communication to the News-Sun website.

She wrote, "(Not feeding cats) will not make the cat colonies go away. Starving cats continue to breed. The ordinance will only make for sick, half-starved, hurt — from fighting over scraps — cats."

More to the point, using starvation as a way of controlling animal populations is, forgive us for being blunt, simply sadistic.

Beyond the moral issues, the idea is impractical.

The ordinance would require people feeding feral cats on public or another person's property to have written permission from a city council, the county commission or the neighbor.

How would these permission letters be issued? Would they be notarized? What about keeping track of who gives permission to whom?

Then there are the registration and rabies tag issues, including fees that amount to a tax.

What about people living on fixed incomes, or families hit hard by the economy? The ordinance could, ironically, lead to more abandoned pets and a larger feral animal problem.

There also are serious

objections to mandating yearly rabies shots, which are not necessary so often. In addition, veterinarians would be tasked with the oversight and paperwork concerning the inoculations and tags. Why should private business be burdened with such a time-consuming responsibility?

We are glad the county commission tabled the proposed ordinance at the its Nov. 27 meeting and appointed a new advisory committee to revisit the issues. We hope the proposed ordinance is changed significantly, even if some work has to be put aside.

Studies show sharing our lives with an animal companion adds greatly to our mental and physical well being.

We feel an enforceable, fair, effective and humane ordinance, focused on living creatures and people, not dollars and cents, must be the goal.

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Going off a fiscal cliff

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

If you've been watching the news lately, there's been a lot of talk about a fiscal cliff, and how we're poised to sail off it unless something is done before the end of the year.

For those of you who have absolutely no idea what's going on, let me try to break it down in simple terms: unless Congress and the President reach some kind of agreement, bad things are going to happen.

What bad things, you ask? Well, for one thing, the Bush tax cuts are set to expire. That means everyone gets to pay more in taxes next year. See why it's a bad thing?

There are also spending cuts that are mandated to occur beginning in 2013 unless there is a move to stop them. While I am for spending cuts in principle, these cuts are heavy-handed whacks at the budget which are not really targeted at things that should be sliced from the budget.

Of course, because averting this disaster involves Republicans and Democrats laying aside their differences and doing what's best for the country, nothing is getting done beyond a lot of finger-pointing. Each side says the other one is at fault for not compromising. And when they say compromise, what they really mean is, "do it my way."

Obviously the President and Congress needs someone to teach them about spending money — or more importantly, how NOT to spend money. I humbly volunteer for the job.

It is true that my qualifications can be called into question: I have been known to go over budget from time to time. But that just means I can empathize with our politicians who seem to think nothing of blasting past debt ceilings and budget deadlines. Besides, I've never gone over budget by trillions of dollars, which instantly makes me more fiscally responsible than anyone currently running the country.

So anyway, my suggestions.

First, plan what you are going to spend for the coming year. There's this nifty little concept called a budget. You put in it what money

you have coming in and what money is going out. I know it's been years since you guys have actually put together one of these, but trust me, it's a handy tool.

Now, once you draw up your budget, you will probably notice that there is more money going out than coming in. Even if you raise taxes on everything that moves, this is going to be the case. Contrary to what you may have thought, this is a bad thing.

The solution to this is not to max out the federal credit card. That is a spiral downwards that will only lead to bigger problems down the road. No, you are going to have to do what millions of normal people do when faced with this situation: they cut what they are spending until it matches or is less than what they're taking in. This is called being responsible.

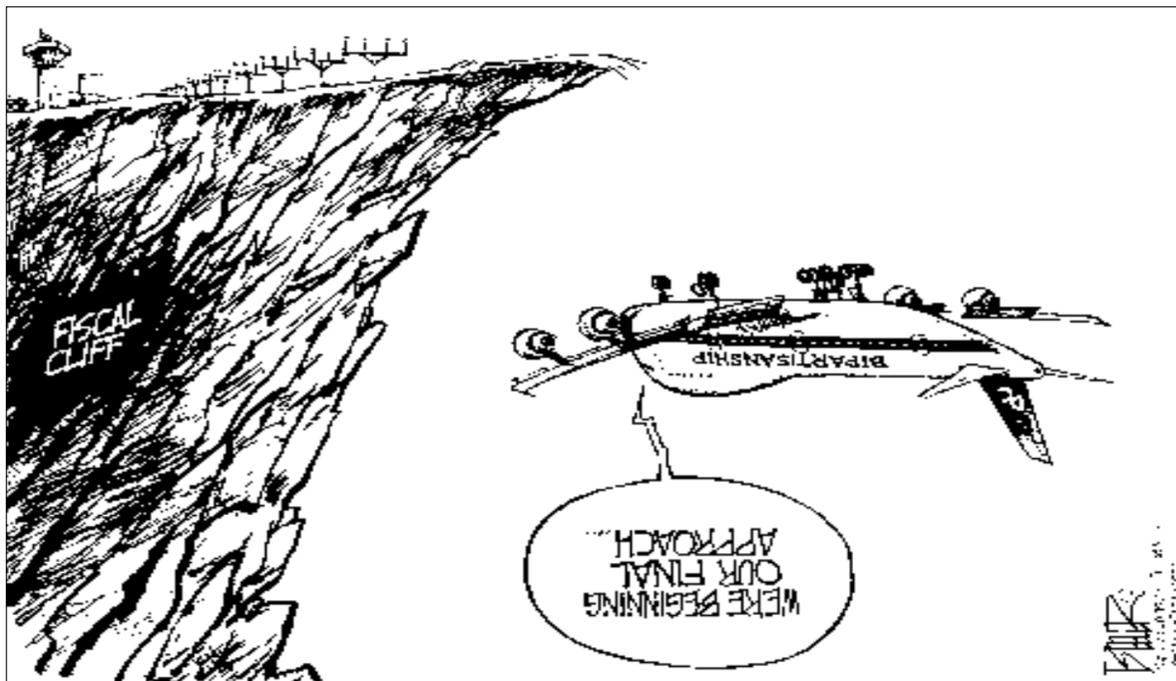
The cuts will not be easy. I know that the Department of Education is so bright and shiny. But you are going to have to ask yourself if you can afford it. No? Then it needs to be snipped out of the budget. Out, program, out!

Some of these cuts will be painful. Welcome to real life and what families do every day. Take a deep breath, politicians. It's time to grow up.

Speaking of growing up, it's also time to quit playing "chicken" with our financial situation. Start acting like statesmen (and women) who really care about what's best for the country instead of like politicians who just want to score points.

Do all that and just maybe Santa won't put coal in your stocking this year. And we won't go sailing off a fiscal cliff. Believe me, that's one trip we don't want to take.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

In search of diversion

Editor:

The media, at loose ends since the end of election season, has now devoted its attention to two new sources of diversion: Benghazi and Petraeus. Despite repeated attempts to assign blame for Benghazi, to almost anyone, a "pin the tail on the donkey," the salient fact is that an Ambassador in-country is the ultimate authority, the decider, who is privy to all of the latest evidence on security and all other relevant issues. Ambassador Stevens made his own decision concerning his visit. He did not obtain nor did he need anyone's clearance or permission; he was the man in charge. That the visit turned out badly, led to his unfortunate and regrettable demise should not now become a political football.

We have Ambassadors serving in 285 embassies and missions. Some of them hot spots, a dangerous posts. In 1975 Graham Martin, our Ambassador to South Vietnam, held up the evacuation of Saigon for several weeks in the mistaken belief that the North wanted to negotiate, when he finally relented, the evacuation by helicopter from the embassy roof was the result, with thousands of friends left behind.

We cannot however have a rescue force on standby to execute an immediate rescue should things go critical. It is the risk every Foreign Service Officer takes. Who knew what — when is irrelevant, more distraction.

The Petraeus legend is also a creation of our media. Promoting him as the creator of surgeology" a tactic rivaling the military skills of Patton, Eisenhower and MacArthur, to the point that Senator Lindsey Graham once announced "I regret that I cannot award you your fifth star." This either demonstrates Graham's total lack of understanding history or his addiction to hyperbole. A more appropriate comparison might have been to General McClelland, rather than U.S. Grant, who invented the surge at Vicksburg. A quiet inquiry among senior commanders discloses Petraeus was regarded as an academician, rather than a field commander, but what the hell, the press

wanted a hero. He was a divisional commander, a two-star, jumped over many, more senior officers. Alexander Haig set the model for this in Vietnam.

A lukewarm choice for CIA, his performance as spy boss did not make any waves. His current problems should he viewed for what they are. His prior record is for current purposes, irrelevant. His resignation regretful but the Republic will survive. Comparisons to Icarus, while it may attract more "ink" is manifestly absurd. Let's hope his girl friend is as unimportant as they claim rather than a 21st century Mata Hari.

*Randy Ludacer
Lake Placid*

'FEMA Corps Youth' is nothing new

Editor:

Something in our government has occurred recently that is very disturbing to me. Having been a teenager in the 1930s, I saw this happen in Germany.

On Sept. 13, of this year (2012), the Department of Homeland Security graduated its first class of "FEMA Corps Youth", also known as the Homeland Youth or FEMA Youth. There were 231 young men of the ages 18 to 24 in this initial group, with a projection of several thousand for the future. This sounds great as they will be used to work and help clean up in time of natural disasters.

This is not something new. If history was taught in schools these days, one would know that Hitler did the same thing. He organized youth groups to work on the farms. However, these young boys eventually ended up in the German Army. Of course, this history is not taught in our schools today.

As with everything connected with Obama there is a catch, or more politely, something not disclosed. In this case it is that several federal agencies, including FEMA, have ordered millions of rounds of ammunition along with the firearms for this ammunition. This is very disturbing. What do firearms have to do with cleaning up natural disasters as the recent Sandy storm on the East

Coast?

My thinking is, that as soon as FEMA has several thousand in this, shall we say Youth Army, Obama will proclaim himself dictator of the USA.

As they say, "Anything is possible", and this has happened before.

*Dick Ford
Sebring*

Help needed to display pictures, citations

Editor:

Does the Heartland know that Highlands County has the only Medal of Honor Park in the state of Florida and possibly the nation? The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest decoration for valor in combat that can be awarded to members of the Armed Forces.

Medal of Honors are awarded sparingly and bestowed only to the bravest of the brave and that courage must be well documented. The Medal of Honor Park in Sebring is dedicated to the 22 Florida recipients of the Medal of Honor.

A year ago at the Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance, a second ceremony dedicated the park at its larger location in Tranquility Garden adjacent to the Veterans Services Office on George Boulevard. The dedication included the citation for Robert Miller, Staff Sergeant U. S. Company A, 3d Battalion, Special Forces Operational Group (Airborne) Konar Province Afghanistan from Oveido, Fla., who was killed in January 2008.

Harry Oakley, chairman of the Medal of Honor Park Foundation, and many others are trying to enhance the park and build a structure to display pictures and citations of the award recipients. To offer assistance of any kind in the maintenance and growth of the park or to become a sponsor, please contact Harry Oakley, 2454 W. Seville Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825; telephone 452-5771.

*Ruth Carnovale
Patriots Chapter
Daughters of the American
Revolution*



Courtesy photo

Curt Petersen leans over a BNSF freight train 'highballin' into the curve' on Bob Stuart's mountain corner module at Lakeshore Mall's December showing of the Sebring Model Railroad Club.

Holiday trains exhibit at Mall has new trains, features

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Starting Dec. 7, you can spend some free, fun holiday time watching HO-gauge model railroads run through the All Sebring Model Railroad Club's modular layout at the Lakeshore Mall.

There are more than five scale miles of track and more than 30 trains to view, running over the six-day event, Friday to Sunday, Dec. 7-9 and 14-16 during regular Mall hours.

Starting at 9 a.m. on Dec. 7, you can watch the club through the windows as they set the layout up. Later that day, trains will begin to run. Club members will be available to answer questions and chat with visitors about their own trains.

Help will be available to "ball park" train values, especially those "old" Lionel and American Flyers. Limited analysis of "broken" toy trains will be offered on the club's new test track, all free of charge. The "Airtrain" will again be on display. This layout is unique, built by the Archer family and powered by forced-air, it may be seen

right here in Highlands County.

This year, the club upgraded and maintained the N-Scale train layout at the Children's Museum in Sebring and provided funding, equipment and training for the guest's layout at Nu-Hope retirement house in Avon Park.

The club meets most often on the third Tuesday of each month (except for July, August and December) at the Church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway at 7:30 p.m.

SMRRC enjoys a membership from all of Highlands County and the surrounding area. Applications for annual memberships will be available at the exhibit, starting at \$15. All train buffs are welcome. One need not build a module to be a member. All members are encouraged to run their trains on the club's layout. Stop by for an hour, or spend a day or two. The slower and longer you look, the more you see, including new and changed modules.

For more information, call Leo Sorel at 699-2796.

Tough water pollution rules adopted for state

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and the state rule will cover the remaining 18,000. EPA regional water protection director Jim Giattina said the area covered by the federal rule might be smaller.

"We're approving Florida's rules and we're proposing numbers that will fill the gap that may exist in Florida's rules," Giattina said. He said further changes may be made after additional discussions with the state.

The environmental groups opposed the state's approach as being too weak to stop pollution that's being blamed for algae blooms, which are clogging Florida waterways.

But Guest said he's still happy with the outcome.

"This is the reddest letter day of them all," Guest said.

Opponents argued the federal rules would be too expensive to implement and favored the state's approach.

"Our diverse coalition of agriculture, employers, local government, utilities and others supports clean water and believes Florida knows what's best for Florida," spokesman Ryan Banfill wrote in an email.

"That's why the coalition has always supported Florida-specific standards developed by Florida scientists and proposed by the state DEP as a more cost effective way to promote water quality in our state."

Both proposals set numerical limits on nutrients that come from such sources as fertilizer, animal waste and,

sewage effluent, which feed the toxic, slimy algae blooms. They can kill fish and make people sick.

EPA officials said they have determined that the state's new method of setting those limits in lakes, springs, streams and estuaries is technically and scientifically sound and more effective than the Florida's existing method.

Florida, like most states, currently has only vague standards.

Putting numerical limits on how much pollution is allowed is expected to strengthen enforcement.

The numerical limits in the state's rules, except for South Florida, are virtually identical to the federal proposal, EPA officials said.

The agency plans to seek public comment on the state rules and has scheduled a public information session for Jan. 17-18 in Tampa and web-based public hearings for Jan. 22-24.

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meet new friends and learn more about aviation."

Returning Expo volunteers are encouraged to attend the meeting. To learn more about the U.S. Sport Aviation Expo, visit www.sport-aviation-expo.com or call 8655-6444.

Vendors wanted for Trunk 'n Truck Parking Lot Sale

SEBRING — Reserve your space now for H.A.L.L.O.'s Annual Trunk 'n Truck Parking Lot Sale, scheduled for Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at the medical offices behind Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring. Set-up is to be by 7:30 a.m.

Load up your "Trunk or Truck" (limited to pick-up) and sell out of your vehicle. It's OK to set up a table by vehicle with old stuff, new stuff, crafts, antiques, etc. There will be food available and also a farm fresh produce stand.

There will also be a special section in the parking lot reserved just for crafts. If you have hand-crafted items and would like to participate, please reserve your space by calling for a reservation form. Canopies are welcome, must be able to set up on pavement.

Spaces for both functions will be \$25 each or two for \$45. For further information or to reserve your space, call 385-1196, 385-6415 or 655-2106. You may also email halloinc@embarq-mail.com. First come - first served basis.

Restricted use pesticide training, testing set

SEBRING — Highlands County and surrounding counties agriculture producers and horticulture and landscape professionals are invited to participate in the semi-annual training for Restricted Use Pesticides.

Four core credits and two specialty credits are available for participants in this training. The training will be held on Thursday Dec. 6, at the Bert J. Harris Agricultural Center from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The FDACS tests will be available for those wishing to take the test. The cost for the program is \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. This includes lunch and training materials.

For registration, please contact the Extension Office in Highlands County at 402-6540. Pre-registration is encouraged because a minimum number are required to hold the course.

Caregiver workshop is Monday

SEBRING — If you have a friend or family member with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias, Change of Pace has put together a series of workshops that

will be informative and beneficial to you. The last workshop in the series will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. on Monday. It will be on "Anticipatory Grief" and the speaker will be Charlie Stroup with Paradigm Group.

Starting Dec. 11, Stroup will lead a "Grief Group" each Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Sebring Christian Church, 4514 Hammock Road. For details please contact Change of Pace at 382-1188.

Biggest Loser returning to YMCA

SEBRING — The Biggest Loser is returning to the Highlands County Family YMCA. There will be an open house question-and-answer session regarding all information for the Biggest Loser on Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Highland's County Family YMCA.

The Biggest Loser is a 13-week challenge designed by a Biggest Loser Pro and includes weekly web meetings, accountability with help from a personal trainer, nutrition counseling, outdoor challenges and Biggest Loser workouts. Participants will also receive reduced rates for personal training sessions at the YMCA.

The first weigh-in will be from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Highlands YMCA Fitness Center on Dec. 29. The first challenge is the YMCA's Last Day 5K event being held on the same day as weigh-ins. For fees and other information, contact the YMCA at 863-382-9622

Biggest Loser Pro is an AFAA certified instructor through www.biggestloser-livetraining.com.

Avon Park plans Holiday Feast

AVON PARK — The City of Avon Park is pleased to announce the organizing of its Third Annual Holiday Feast to benefit the less fortunate citizens of the City of Avon Park.

The city will be serving a traditional, sit-down holiday meal on Friday, Dec. 14, from 3-7 p.m. at the Avon Park Community Center at 310 West Main St. The city staff along with their families will be serving the meal.

This event will provide assistance to residents in need this holiday season and for residents to interact with city staff.

Rumor has it that Santa Claus will be making an early stop at the event with something special for all children in attendance.

DeMolay serves spaghetti lunch

SEBRING — The Young Men of the DeMolay will host a spaghetti lunch on today at the Sebring Masonic Lodge, 1809 Home Ave. from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Donation is \$7 each. Menu: salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread,

dessert and beverage. Take-out is available.

Stamp Club meets Monday

SEBRING — Highlands Stamp Club meets the first Monday each month (next one is Dec. 3) except for July, at St. John United Methodist Church, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring (behind Walmart) at 1 p.m.

All are welcome. Call President Don Ludwig at 385-6214.

YMCA seeks cars, boats

SEBRING — Do you want to bless a child in the community this holiday season? Do you own a car or boat in working condition that you would be willing to donate to The Highlands County YMCA? The proceeds would help a child learn to swim, play soccer, basketball, learn gymnastics among others.

The YMCA is a non-profit organization so your donation would be tax deductible. Call Dave at 382-9622.

Santa in the Park is Dec. 8

LAKE PLACID — The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce Santa In the Park Program will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday in DeVane Park on Interlake Boulevard.

The event is open to children of all ages through age 12. Children will see Santa arrive from the North Pole on a fire engine and visit with Santa and receive a gift from him. Attendees are encouraged to bring a camera to capture a picture of the child with Santa.

Financial support is needed to cover gifts for all of the children that are expected to attend. Donations can be sent to the Lake Placid Chamber Office at 18 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, FL. 33852, or drop at the Chamber Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 465-4331.

MOPH hosting golf tourney

SEBRING — Military Order of the Purple Heart will host the Highlands County Golf Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 8. Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., at Golf Hammock Country Club to benefit veterans of Highlands County. Lunch to follow at the Golf Hammock Restaurant. Refreshments will be available during golf (Bloody Marys, etc.).

Cost is \$55 per person, which includes one mulligan, door prizes, closest to pin for men and women and longest drive contest for men and women. Cohan Radio Group sponsoring a \$2,000 hole-in-one prize. Hole sponsorships are \$50 per hole.

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Events at local lodges, posts

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

Sunday - Memorial service at 1 p.m., for absent members (call for details).

Monday - Monthly golf at Golf Hammock at 8 a.m. Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m., in the dining room.

Wednesday - Activity Committee meets at 9:30 a.m. in dining room. Wacky Wednesday 5-6:30 p.m.; meal costs \$6.50. To dance only, costs \$3. Music will be provided by Allen from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday - Lodge meeting 7 p.m.

Friday - Sebring Christmas parade; Elks will have a float, no band.

Saturday - Bikers' Toy Run (call for time and details).

For more information, call 471-3557.

SEBRING — The Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., will host the following events this week:

Monday - Shuffleboard Scrambles 1:15 p.m. Carry-in dinner 6 p.m.

Membership meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday - Nickel Scrambles 1:15 p.m.

Thursday - Shuffleboard Tournament, No. 2 Pros and Mixed Doubles in Avon Park.

Friday - Mini-shuffleboard Tournament 1:15 p.m.

Saturday - Ice cream shuffleboard at 1:15 p.m., all month long.

For more information, call 385-2966.

SEBRING — AMVETS Post 21 will have karaoke with Bil-Di from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. Pizza will be available.

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Folks line up for ET's BBQ on Saturday morning during the Central Florida Barbecue Festival at Firemen's Field in Sebring.

BBQ festival draws crowd

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tent to indulge on the foods prepared by the 16 contestants. Highlands Independent Bank employees were serving up plates of pork butt to each of the unofficial judges.

People's Choice is always a prestigious title for any contestant and attendees made sure to make their marks during the blind test before handing their score cards to the tent volunteers.

The Bar-b-que This team was also prepping for an upcoming judging just after noon Saturday. Spouses and cooks David and Patty Cockrell hauled their grill and trailer from Felda for the first time.

"We've been wanting to get up here for this contest for a few years, we've just never been able to. I decided this year we were going to come up and compete, so here we are," said David. "We are enjoying it. We like it a lot. We will definitely be back next year."

The husband-and-wife team won a People's Choice award in early November at the Naples Big Swamp BBQ Festival, their first one.

This year's festival featured some of Highlands County's most well-known musical acts, including the California Toe Jam Band and Jimmy and the Megabytes. A classic car show and other contest put the finishing touches on what is sure to be another successful festival for Sebring Firemen Inc.

Results were not available at press time.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
J.T. Chisholm, 3, of Lorida enjoys some lemonade Saturday during the Pig Fest in Sebring.

2 dead after bus crash at Miami airport; 3 critical

MIAMI (AP) — A bus carrying more than 30 people hit a concrete overpass at Miami International Airport, killing two people on board and leaving three others critically injured, officials said Saturday.

The large, white bus was too tall for the 8-foot-6-inch entrance to the arrivals area, said airport spokesman Greg Chin. Buses are supposed to go through the departures area, which has a higher ceiling, he said.

Two large signs warn drivers of large vehicles not to enter beneath the concrete overpass. One attached to the top of the concrete barrier reads: "High Vehicle STOP Turn Left." The other, placed to the left of the

driveway several feet in front of the barrier, says all vehicles higher than the 8-foot-6 threshold must turn left.

Three people were at hospitals in critical condition. The other 27 passengers had been hurt, but their injuries were less extensive, authorities said.

Osvaldo Lopez, an officer with Miami-Dade aviation, said he first heard a loud noise Saturday morning and was certain it was some sort of car wreck.

He said he went inside the bus to help and found several passengers thrown into the center aisle. He said the passengers, many of whom were elderly, remained calm after the wreck.

"It was just very bloody," he said of the scene.

After helping the passengers, Lopez suffered some injuries of his own — his left arm and a finger on his right hand were both bandaged.

The body of one dead passenger was pulled from the bus late Saturday morning; the second person died after being taken to a hospital, police said.

Fire trucks and police cars swarmed the area Saturday morning, and the bus was blocked off by yellow police tape. A white cooler that had been filled with water bottles was on its side behind the bus, the front of which remained wedged beneath the overpass Saturday.

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For this special day, schools were dismissed and businesses were closed. Later in the day, the women joined the workers on the site and prepared food and beverages for that gave them

fuel throughout the long day of building. Tables were set up under trees for meals and refreshment breaks.

By 7:30 p.m. that same day, Rev. E.P. Michener took to the pulpit and led a very tired congregation of more than 100 people. The 28-by-60 foot building sported a coat of white paint, electric lights, furniture and an organ.

In 1916, the church moved to its new location is where it stands today at 126 South Pine St. in Sebring and has changed much over the years, as you can well imagine.

As Sebring marks its 100th birthday, five generations of Sebring residents have worshipped in and have supported this church.

Thanks to Nancy Hensley

for most of the information in this weeks article. Nancy is the mayor's wife, a beautiful lady, and the chair of the Church Centennial Committee. Her parents, grandparents and her great grandmother were members of this church since 1920.

If you have any centennial news, or know of someone that deserves recognition for doing something in honor of our Centennial year, please let me know. I'm available at 655-5554, or via email at JenBrown@email.com, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SebringCentennial/. Thanks for reading this article, thanks to the News-Sun for the opportunity to keep everyone informed. Reference this article the remaining Sunday's of this year for all updates.

December calendar full of events in Sebring

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING —The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) Downtown Sebring Monthly Promotional Campaign celebrates December's theme "Shop, Wrap & Roll."

From incredible 'Buy Downtown Sebring' shopping deals, to free gift wrapping on Dec. 14 to a live concert by the California Toe Jam Band to the area's largest holiday light display Carousel of Lights, there are a lot of fun events happening in Downtown Sebring this month.

Dec. 8 and 15: Zumba Fitness in the Park

Join us in Downtown Sebring's Sadie Kahn Park (on North Ridgewood Drive, two blocks off Circle Park) for a free Zumba fitness class taught by a certified Zumba Instructor starting at 10 a.m. 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. Sponsored by South Florida State College.

Dec. 1-28: Carousel of Lights

Enjoy the area's largest display of Christmas lights every evening from 6-9 p.m. in Circle Park. 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.

Dec. 7: 'Journey Stories' exhibit

The Highlands Museum of the Arts (MOTA), located at 351 W. Center Ave. behind the library next to Highlands Little Theater, will host the Opening Reception of the Journey Stories exhibit, from 5-7 p.m.. Refreshments and a sneak peak at the exhibit will be available. Call 385-6682 or visit www.HighlandsArtLeague.org/. The exhibit will be on display through Jan. 19.

Dec. 7: Christmas Parade

Sebring's Christmas parade is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. and is sponsored by Heartland Young Professionals Inc. 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 Ave.; ends at McClain Lane/Firemen's Field.

Dec. 8: Crazy Pepper Chili Cookoff

Join the Rotary Club of Highlands County from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Circle Drive and N. Commerce St. for the Second Annual Crazy Pepper Chili Cookoff. Admission \$5/person; Entry Fee \$50/team. Visit www.RotaryChili.com/.

Dec. 8: Saturday Night Cruise

Held the 2nd Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., cruisers come from near and far to Sebring's Downtown Circle to see classic cars, listen to live entertainment and enjoy good food. Visit www.SebringCruise.com/.

Dec. 14: 'Shop, Wrap & Roll Stroll'

From 5-8 p.m. on the second Friday in December, enjoy strolling historic Downtown Sebring and shopping in its eclectic mix of boutiques, art galleries and vintage stores while enjoying live rock and roll and holiday oldies music by the California Toe Jam Band, the Carousel of Lights, and refreshments served in select stores. Free gift wrapping available for items purchased that evening. For a list of participating merchants, visit www.DestinationDowntownSebring.com/.

Dec. 29-30: HLT presents 'Blend'

Blend is the acappella quartet that brings back all of those fun loving memories of the '50s and '60s with a twist of fun. You'll be amazed at the unbelievable sound and sight while four young men take you back with songs such as "Come, Go With Me" and "In the Still of the Night." Call 382-2525 or visit www.HighlandsLittleTheatre.org/.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Young triathletes get ready to participate in the Rock'n Heartland Youth Triathlon at the YMCA in Sebring.

Youth triathlon series expanding

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and take place at Lake June Park in Lake Placid.

The second race will be in May on the South Florida State College campus in Avon Park.

The third race is planned for Sebring, the time and place are still to be determined.

Triathlons are ideal for developing athletes and getting children into shape. Comprised of three portions,

participants have to swim, cycle and run.

Distances change with age groups.

For example, beginners, who are 5- and 6-year olds, swim 25 yards, bike one mile and run a quarter of a mile; while seniors — teens between 12 and 16, swim 200 yards, bike six miles and run a mile and a half. There are grades in between.

Preparing for a triathlon provides excellent condition-

ing. It enhances children's discipline and focus, helps them set goals, gets them away from television and video games, while creating an opportunity to meet new people.

Now is the time for young people to begin getting ready. Carlson urges families to join in the fun.

Visit www.facebook.com and search for Rock-N-Heartland-Triathlon.

Azure College nursing students get hands-on training with Medi-Man

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on Nov. 21. Many first-year nursing students feel lucky to have the tool in their classroom and often put it to good use.

Instructor Mary Ann Fry said that the Medi-Man is used in the students' day-to-day lessons.

"It can be set up for normal classes or for a skills lab, but it is used every day. Students use it for a number of lessons. Instructors can program it to do almost everything a human can do. It can malfunction any way a body can malfunction," Snyder said.

Medi-Man is equipped with blinking eyes, a pulse, bullet wounds, stab wounds

'Instructors can program it to do almost everything a human can do. It can malfunction any way a body can malfunction.'

MARY ANN FRY
Azure instructor

and even a voice. When in full use, students may use Medi-Man to draw blood, fill an IV, and take blood pressure.

He can be programed to seize, go into convulsions, collapse a lung, urinate, go

into cardiac arrest and an endless number of other scenarios, all with a few keystrokes.

"It is the newest training tool out," said Snyder. "There's just so much you can do with it. They (students) enjoy it. Before they trained on us (staff and instructors), but those days are gone."

Azure is expecting a second learning tool, the Medi-Woman, in the coming weeks. Medi-Woman is also a fully equipped, life-like mannequin.

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 10000425GCS
 DIVISION:
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 GINEL SANCHEZ, et al, Defendant(s).
 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 30, 2012, and entered in Case No. 10000425GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Bank of America, N.A., is the Plaintiff and Ginel Sanchez, Lucia Vaquez, 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 4th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
 LOT 1, IN BLOCK C, OF SPRING LAKE - VILLAGE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/V/A 609 LIMETREE DR, SEBRING, FL 33876
 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 31st day of October, 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
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 MA - 11-99787
 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.
 December 2, 9, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE No.: 2009-CA-001622
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-13, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 OTHONIEL GONZALEZ, et al, Defendant(s)
 NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated November 15, 2012, entered in Civil Case Number 2009 CA 001622, in the Circuit Court 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 2005-13 is the Plaintiff, and OTHONIEL GONZALEZ, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
 GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 2 AND 3, BLOCK 264, LAKE SEBRING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 264; THENCE NORTH 17 DEGREES 14'30" WEST A DISTANCE OF 4.25 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF AVALON ROAD TO A POINT OF CURVE; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF AVALON ROAD ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 440.28 FEET AN ARC DISTANCE OF 15.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE ABOVE SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT A DISTANCE OF 80 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 5 FEET SOUTH AND PARALLEL TO THE LOT LINE COMMON TO LOTS 3 AND 4 A DISTANCE OF 173.04 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE ALONG THE REAR LOT LINES OF LOTS 2 AND 3, SOUTH 38 DEGREES 15'40" EAST A DISTANCE OF 121.99 FEET TO MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 2; THENCE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION THROUGH LOT 2 A DISTANCE OF 202.46 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at Jury Assembly Room, in Basement of Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33871 at 11:00 AM, on the 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
 November 25; December 2, 2012

Robert Germaine
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
 December 2, 9, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000482
 HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 1, 2006, ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-FM1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ANNIEBETH NACINO AND ELIZER NACINO, et al, Defendant.
 AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 6, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2009-CA-000482 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 1, 2006, ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-FM1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, is the Plaintiff and ANNIEBETH NACINO AND ELIZER NACINO; HORNICK HOMES, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on February 6, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 44, IN BLOCK 740, OF A 1989 REPLAT OF UNIT 15, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 40, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 15 R1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 8th day of November, 2012.

Robert Germaine
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
 December 2, 9, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282009CA000959A000XX
 BAC HOE LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MARIA PAGANI; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA PAGANI; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 1st day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282009CA000959A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOE LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., is the Plaintiff and MARIA PAGANI and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA PAGANI IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 9th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 13, BLOCK 13, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION G, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs 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)955-8770 (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.
 Dated this 16th day of November, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO. 11-000560GCA
 FLAGSTAR BANK FSB, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CHRISTOPHER R. SOX AND ROBIN S. SOX, et al, Defendant.
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 6, 2012, and entered in Case No. 11-000560GCA of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein FLAGSTAR BANK FSB, is the Plaintiff and CHRISTOPHER R. SOX; ROBIN S. SOX; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on February 7, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 26, BLOCK 58, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 7th day of November, 2012.

Robert Germaine
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
 November, 25; December 2, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 282012CA000742XXXXXX
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE BANK OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-FT1 TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-FT1, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY LEE TOLBERT, DECEASED; et al, Defendants.
 NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY LEE TOLBERT, DECEASED; et al;
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Highlands County, Florida:
 ALL OF THAT TRACT OF LAND IN THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 4TH STREET WHICH IS 100 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF THE LOT 4, BLOCK 3 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, THENCE DUE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 130 FEET TO THE NORTH SIDE OF PROPOSED 10TH STREET, THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF SAID PROPOSED 10TH STREET 65 FEET TO THE POINT, THENCE NORTH 130 FEET TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF 4TH STREET, THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTHSIDE OF 4TH STREET 65 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, BEING KNOWN AS LOTS 5 AND 6 AND LOTS 14 AND 15, OF BLOCK 1, OF A PROPOSED PLAT BY YOUNG AND CROSSDELL FOR FRANK E WOOD, OF A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION BY FRANK E WOOD, OF A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION BY FRANK E WOOD OF LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 3, SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, LYING EAST OF THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD IN THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA.
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on SHD LEGAL GROUP P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 2691 East Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 303, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33306, within 30 days from first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
 DATED on November 26, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 As Deputy Clerk
 December 2, 9, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 12-469
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF FRED NOTCHIE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of FRED NOTCHIE, deceased, whose date of death was September 12, 2012, and whose social security number is 234-44-9216, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is November 25, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
 As Clerk, Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 AS DEPUTY CLERK

STATE GRAZING LEASE
 BID #BPLA2012-001
 Section 28, Township 35 South, Range 31 East
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 For a complete bid package call Ann Henson (850)245-2555 or visit
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 Bid Deadline is December 14, 2012 10:30 a.m.
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NOTICE OF DISPOSITION
 ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT THE FOLLOWING STORAGE UNITS LOCATED AT THE STORAGE PLACE OF AVON PARK, 395 CR 17A WEST, AVON PARK, FL 33825 WILL BE DISPOSED OF ON DECEMBER 17, 2012 AT 10:00 AM. ALL UNITS ARE SAID TO CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
 Names and unit numbers are as follows:
 NAME UNIT NUMBER
 Debra McQueen 201
 Keren Van Zant 319
 Linda Switzer 356
 DISPOSITION BEING MADE TO SATISFY LANDLORD'S LIEN MANAGEMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS, UNDER FLORIDA LAW, ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH.
 November, 25; December 2, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 282010CA000372XXXXXX
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MILTON HINDS; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendants.
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated September 24, 2012, entered in Case No. 282010CA000372XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and MILTON HINDS; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, at Highlands County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 4th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:
 LOT 25, BLOCK 168, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES, SECTION 16, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE(S) 85, AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
 DATED at Sebring, Florida, on September 24, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk, Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 AS DEPUTY CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 12-469
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF FRED NOTCHIE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of FRED NOTCHIE, deceased, whose date of death was September 12, 2012, and whose social security number is 234-44-9216, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is November 25, 2012.

Personal Representative:
 John P. Notchlie
 1143 Old Hwy 64 E
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Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Robert E. Livingston
 Florida Bar No. 0031259
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 Sebring, Florida 33870
 Telephone: (863) 385-5156
 November 25; December 2, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE No.: 2009-CA-1600
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP;
Plaintiff,
vs.
CECELIA HIGH, et al.,
Defendants.
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 2009-CA-1600 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein, BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff and CECELIA HIGH, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida at the hour of 11:00 A.M., on the 14th day of December, 2012, the following described property:
LOT 1, BLOCK 24, SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES SECTION C, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED this 19th day of November, 2012,
BOB GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
November 25, December 2, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO. JP12-000401-XX
IN THE INTEREST OF:
C., J. J. dob 03/21/2012
Minor child
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ADVISORY HEARING FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND GUARDIANSHIP
THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO:
TOMEKA COZART
DOB: 7/17/79
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights under oath has been filed in the above styled Court by the Department of Children & Families, seeking the termination of your parental rights to:
J. J. C.
a black male child
born March 21, 2012
mother - Tomeka Cozart
and you are hereby commanded to personally appear before the Honorable Peter F. Estrada, Circuit Judge, in the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, State of Florida, on the 19th day of December, 2012 at 11:00 A.M., at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, Courtroom 1A.
YOU MUST PERSONALLY APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SPECIFIED OR YOU WILL LOSE ALL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION. YOUR FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR WILL BE DEEMED TO BE YOUR CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, YOU MUST BE PRESENT AND REQUEST THAT THE COURT APPOINT AN ATTORNEY FOR YOU IF YOU WANT ONE. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at 1968 Sebring Parkway, Sebring FL 33870, Telephone (863)402-7722, 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.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.
By: /s/ Anita E. Reiley
Deputy Clerk
(Clerk's Seal)
November 18, 25; December 2, 9, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 282012CA00933GAXMX
SECTION NO. 10
MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION F/K/A
MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,
v.
R.T. BOWERS ELECTRIC, INC, a Florida corporation; RICHARD T. BOWERS; LOTTIE K. BOWERS; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC.; TENANT #1; TENANT #2; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose on the following real property in Highlands County, Florida:
LEGAL: PARCEL B, LESS THE NORTHEAST-ERLY 500 FEET THEREOF, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE VI, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 21, in the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
ADDRESS: 6310 US Hwy 98, Sebring, FL 33870
has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Highlands County, Florida, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses to the Complaint, if any, to Gregory A. Sanoba, Esq., 422 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33801, on or before January 8, 2013, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATE: November 28, 2012.

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
"If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the office of the Court Administrator, 863-534-4690 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 711."
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Partly sunny and comfortable	Partly sunny and beautiful	Partly sunny and nice	Sunny and nice	Mostly sunny
80° / 59°	79° / 57°	78° / 55°	78° / 57°	78° / 58°
Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph	Winds: E at 7-14 mph	Winds: NE at 4-8 mph	Winds: ENE at 6-12 mph



Almanac

Temperature

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday 82°

Low Tuesday 50°

High Wednesday 76°

Low Wednesday 52°

High Thursday 81°

Low Thursday 56°

Heat Index

For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity 48%

Expected air temperature 80°

Makes it feel like 81°

Barometer

Tuesday 30.13

Wednesday 30.10

Thursday 30.10

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.00"

Wednesday 0.00"

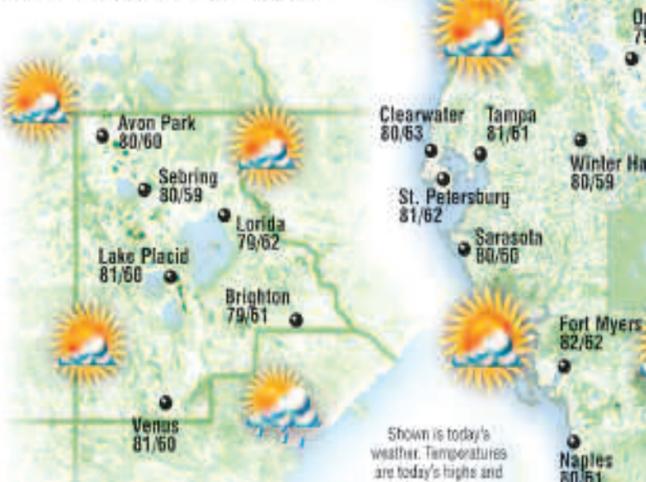
Thursday 0.00"

Month to date 0.21"

Year to date 55.58"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny and comfortable today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny and beautiful tomorrow and Tuesday. Wednesday, sunny and nice. Thursday, mostly sunny.



Farm Report

Partly sunny and comfortable today. Winds east 7-14 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60% and fair drying conditions. Partly cloudy tonight.

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

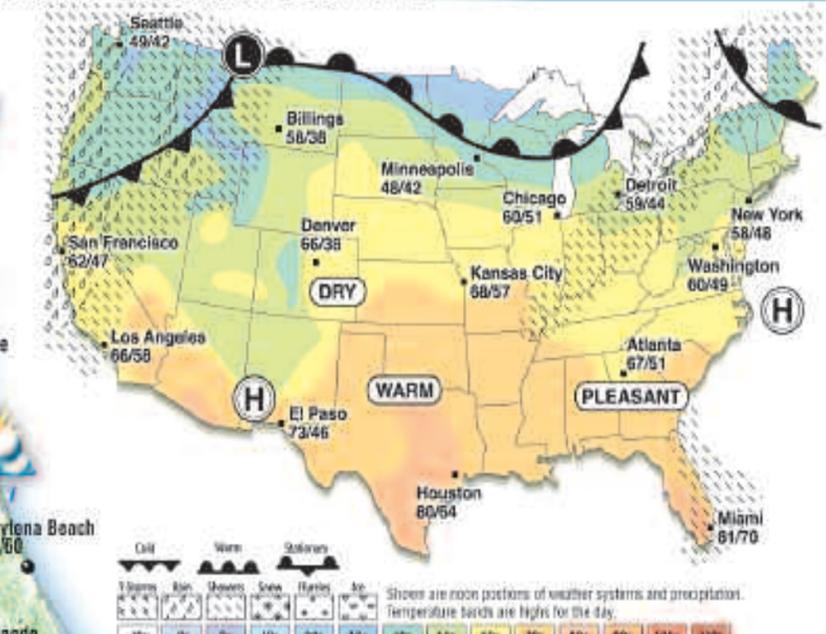
The West was windy, and the East was balmy on Dec. 2, 1982. Buffalo, N.Y., reached 66 degrees. Heavy snow fell in the West, from the central Rockies to the Upper Midwest.

Sun and Moon

Today		Monday	
Sunrise	6:57 a.m.	Sunrise	6:58 a.m.
Sunset	5:34 p.m.	Sunset	5:34 p.m.
Moonrise	9:11 p.m.	Moonrise	10:04 p.m.
Moonset	8:54 a.m.	Moonset	10:34 a.m.



National Forecast for December 2



National Summary

A storm system marching towards the East Coast today will deliver rain to the interior Northeast. A few showers from this system will also wet some locations in the Ohio Valley. Tomorrow night, the rain will move into the I-95 corridor from Washington, D.C., northward to Maine. Elsewhere in the East, high pressure centered off the Carolina coastline will promote dry weather with sunshine and mild temperatures across the Southeast. However, a few spotty showers will dot the east coast of Florida as well as eastern Texas.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon	Tue
Albuquerque	61/37/6	60/37/6	59/34/6
Albany	67/51/6	70/55/6	71/55/6
Baltimore	60/44/6	62/46/6	64/40/6
Birmingham	70/51/6	73/54/6	71/53/6
Boston	62/46/6	56/39/6	57/30/6
Charlotte	67/48/6	71/49/6	71/52/6
Cheyenne	61/37/6	62/39/6	61/39/6
Chicago	60/51/6	63/49/6	64/31/6
Cleveland	58/44/6	60/51/6	60/53/6
Columbus	62/53/6	67/56/6	65/51/6
Dallas	60/64/6	70/59/6	73/50/6
Denver	65/38/6	67/32/6	69/41/6
Detroit	59/44/6	61/53/6	67/32/6
Harrodsburg	58/45/6	62/46/6	65/44/6
Honolulu	82/72/6	82/70/6	82/68/6
Houston	80/64/6	81/63/6	83/56/6
Indianapolis	62/53/6	68/54/6	67/34/6
Jackson, MS	75/52/6	75/56/6	74/54/6
Kansas City	68/57/6	67/42/6	60/37/6
Lexington	64/53/6	68/53/6	66/39/6
Little Rock	74/58/6	74/57/6	72/43/6

World Cities

City	Today	Mon	Tue
Aspen	63/74/6	63/74/6	62/73/6
Atlanta	66/54/6	65/51/6	61/51/6
Bahia	77/81/6	78/84/6	67/58/6
Berlin	32/23/6	32/30/6	31/30/6
Bermuda	71/67/6	73/62/6	72/59/6
Calgary	24/16/6	34/16/6	45/26/6
Calcutta	49/41/6	44/50/6	49/34/6
Edmonton	6/5/6	6/1/6	29/10/6
Freeport	77/65/6	75/64/6	76/69/6
Gamla	35/17/6	41/24/6	42/33/6
Havana	81/60/6	81/61/6	81/61/6
Hong Kong	70/64/6	69/63/6	68/64/6
Johannesburg	68/54/6	70/57/6	65/50/6
Jordanburg	61/53/6	72/54/6	76/57/6
Kiev	36/28/6	34/29/6	32/21/6

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High 2:30 a.m.

Low 10:28 a.m.

High 5:30 p.m.

Low 9:11 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High 10:48 a.m.

Low 4:04 a.m.

High 10:57 p.m.

Low 4:34 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson 78.30

Lake Okechobee 15.14

Normal 14.51

UV Index Today

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.



10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m.

0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme

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Kristina Williams clears the ball out of the Sebring zone Thursday in a narrow loss to visiting Lake Wales. But the Lady Streaks bounced back with a big Friday win over Hardee.

Quick hits stop Sebring

Lady Blue Streaks bounce back to beat Hardee Friday

By TAYLOR TUBBS

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – Fireman’s Field was lit up on Thursday night as the Lady Blue Streaks took on the Lake Wales Highlanders with a full moon shining down on the field.

The full moon proved not to be a good luck sign for the Streaks, however, as they had a narrow loss to the Highlanders with a 2-1 final score.

When the whistle blew and

the game began, Sebring had a strong start when an immediate charge was led and a shot on goal was taken.

This may have established some early aggression, but the shot couldn’t find its mark and the Lady Highlanders answered right back.

Lake Wales would retaliate directly when a shot would lead to the first goal of the night, still less than one minute into the game.

For the rest of the first half

the Sebring defense was able to show their strengths by holding off the oncoming Highlanders.

“I feel like we have a really strong defense,” said head coach Richie Birdsall. “And we’re only getting better.”

Keeper Shannon Bloemsma had a number of great saves throughout the night.

The Sebring defense would suffer a chink in their defensive line when Heather Bloemsma was taken out due

to an injury 23 minutes into the match.

“She has a pretty good knot on her ankle. We’re hoping it’s just a sprain,” said Birdsall.

Ashley Longabaugh would make a strong offensive attempt when the Lake Wales keeper received her shot on goal in the final 10 minutes of the first half.

The second half would start off in a similar manor to the first, with the

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Lady lifters muscling up

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – Impressive performances abounded Thursday as the three county contenders converged at the Firemen’s Fieldhouse Thursday for an early meeting in the Girls Weightlifting season.

Much like the first dual meeting with Lake Placid the week prior, Sebring’s depth proved the difference in getting the overall win, though the Dragons and Lady Red Devils had their share of top finishes as well.

Blue Streak Angela Dennard had the highest combined lifts of the day, powering up 140 pounds on the bench press and 120 in the clean-and-jerk to win the Unlimited class with the 260-pound total.

Lake Placid’s Marvishay Sholtz was second, going 125 and 115 for 240, and Avon Park’s Phara Cherisme was third, totaling 235.

Nykema Thomas got another Sebring win in the 199 class, getting 120 on both lifts for a 240 total, and Lady Dragon Katie Hunter was second.

Lake Placid got a win in the 183 class from Bethany Phillips, with a 230-pound combined effort, with Sebring’s Monique Michelin taking second.

It went to the weigh-in to decide the winner of the 169 class, as Lady Devil Niesha Brown and Blue Streak Michelle Volny both combined their lifts to the tune of 235 pounds.

Brown would get the tie-breaker, leaving Volny second and fellow Lady Streak Jessica Belcher third at 210.

Avon Park got another win in the 154 class, with Jasmine Wilson wowing her competitors with a 130 on the bench, and then adding an even 100 in the clean for a 230 total.

Lake Placid’s Dani Dagle was second, with dueling 105s, and Sebring’s Teresa Ware went 95 and 105 for third.

The Lady Streaks would then get the top two spots in each of the next descending weight classes.

In the 139 class, Denise Constant totaled 215 for first, Monica Tookes finished with 185 for second and Avon Park’s RiCoby Jefferson went for 180 for third.

Imani Powell won the 129 class with a 240 total, Febe Murillo overcame a misstep in one of her clean-and-jerk attempts, that saw the bar go a little too far back and drop behind her, to get a 200 total for second, while

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Lady Devil Jasmine Wilson powered her way to a win for the Lady Devils in Thursday’s county meet at the Firemen’s Fieldhouse.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Bria Wilson drives the lane for two of her nine points in Lake Placid’s first of two wins over Mulberry Friday night.

Double dip for Dragons

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID – It was Alex Coyne’s night Friday, in more ways than one.

Aside from readying to lead her team against visiting Mulberry in girl-boy district doubleheader in the Green Dragon Gym, Coyne spent the preceding weeks building up the event for a cause.

And so it was “Pink Out” night as the team and community, after a pre-game barbecue, gave the gymnasium a pinkish hue, wearing the T-shirts that Coyne had procured and offered for sale – and seemingly sold out – with all proceeds going to the families of Sydnee Crowe and Unique Bryant.

And if that weren’t enough of a worthwhile effort, Coyne then went out and lead the Lady Dragons to a 56-19 win over the Panthers.

Mulberry got on the board first, draining a three in the opening minute and Lake Placid proceeded to miss its’ first four free-throw attempts.

But Coyne got it going with consecutive steals and scores.

The Panthers would fight back some in the opening stanza, but Coyne added a free throw and then two three pointers in the waning minutes for a 15-10 lead after one.

Coyne added another three to start the second and would hit two more before the half, along with four free throws, to push the lead to 38-14 at the break.

Lake Placid

55

Mulberry

18

The Southern Mississippi signee would score just one more bucket in the second half, giving her a game-high 26, but dished out three more assists.

Bria Wilson picked up the second-half scoring load, hitting 3-of-4 free throws, scoring an inside hoop and then hit nothing but the bottom of the net on a three-pointer.

Katelyn Reed also added three scores in the paint and tallied eight on the night.

“It’s still a work in progress,” head coach Jackie Coyne said afterward. “Bria’s really starting to step up as a scoring threat and we’re seeing progress every day.”

The progress, and positive momentum, carried over into

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Streaks just miss striking Ridge

By ERIKA CORD

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – The little extra bit of rest to start the season extended about one quarter too long Thursday night, as the Blue Streaks dug themselves an early hole they wouldn’t be able to dig out of in a 65-55 loss to visiting Ridge.

In recent seasons, head coach Princeton Harris had jumped right from the annual Tip-Off Tournament into the regular season to get his team going.

Often, though, the influx of returning football players caused a bit of a disconnect given the lack of practice time as a full squad.

This year, Harris sought to hold off on the games in order to give his team more time to gel on the practice floor.

But the time between games, nearly two weeks since their last competition, caused an early lull that had the Bolts taking control with a 25-8 tilt after the opening period.

“We were really pressured in this game, and we turned the ball over too much which gave our offense no chance,” said assistant coach LaVaar Scott. “But they fought really hard and kept their intensity up the entire game.”

From there, the Sebring defense kicked into gear and held Ridge to 15 points or fewer in each of the final three quarters while the offense tried to climb back into it.

Foul trouble began to plague the Bolts and the Streaks made the most of their chances at the line and began chipping away.

Also in the second quarter, freshman Connor Cook grabbed a steal off a rebound battle and took it the length of the floor for a score.

But Ridge was able to virtually maintain the lead, though not extend it, as the teams went into the half with a 38-22 margin.

It was a back-and-forth third period, with the Bolts adding a deuce to their lead, to make it a 53-35 difference heading into the final eight minutes.

And that’s where the continued intensity took hold and began to bring the boys in blue back.

The Streaks got scoring contributions across the board as they poured in 20 points over the final span.

And though it would cut the lead to a respectable spread by the end, that 17-point difference in the opening frame was just too much to overcome.

Decaris Jones lead the Sebring scoring effort with 10, while Josh Austin, Luke Ancrum and Cook each tallied six.

“Our best competition of the season will probably be our district games and we want to do our best to extend our season (by doing well in district),” Scott said. “The biggest problem we have right now is dealing with the (defensive) pressure they’ll be throwing at us. We really need to work on dealing with that better.”

The Streaks are on the road this week, traveling to Lake Region Monday and facing Ridge in a rematch Thursday.

News-Sun Sports Editor Dan Hoehne contributed to this story.



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Decaris Jones lead the Streaks with 10 points Thursday night.

THE SCOREBOARD

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
New England	8	3	0	.727	407 244
Miami	5	6	0	.455	211 226
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	221 290
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	243 319

South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Houston	10	1	0	.909	327 211
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	230 273
Tennessee	4	7	0	.364	238 335
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	188 308

North					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Baltimore	9	2	0	.818	283 219
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	231 210
Cincinnati	6	5	0	.545	282 247
Cleveland	3	8	0	.273	209 248

West					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Denver	8	3	0	.727	318 221
San Diego	4	7	0	.364	245 237
Oakland	3	8	0	.273	218 356
Kansas City	1	10	0	.091	161 301

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	305 226
Washington	5	6	0	.455	295 285
Dallas	5	6	0	.455	242 262
Philadelphia	3	8	0	.273	184 282

South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Atlanta	11	1	0	.917	317 229
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	310 254
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	321 327
Carolina	3	8	0	.273	214 265

North					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	277 175
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	273 245
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	248 249
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	267 280

West					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
San Francisco	8	2	1	.773	276 155
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	219 185
St. Louis	4	6	1	.409	205 254
Arizona	4	7	0	.364	180 227

Thursday's Game

Atlanta 23, New Orleans 13

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					
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Brady, NE	421	274	3299	24	3
P. Manning, DN409	277	326	3260	26	8
Rhlsbrgr, PIT	316	209	2287	17	4
Schaub, HOU	378	245	2855	19	9
Dalton, CIN	374	237	2769	23	11

Rushers					
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
A. Foster, HOU	269	1064	3.96	46	12
C. Johnson, TN191	942	4.93	83t	4	8
Ridley, NE	206	939	4.56	41	8
J. Charles, KC	195	928	4.76	91t	3
Spiller, BUF	123	830	6.75	56t	4

Receivers					
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Wayne, IND	84	1105	13.2	30t	3
Welker, NE	80	961	12.0	59	3
A. Jhnsn, HOU	69	1058	15.3	60t	3
A. Green, CIN	67	1022	15.3	73t	10
D. Thomas, DN	61	1015	16.6	71t	6

NFC LEADERS

Quarterbacks					
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
A. Rodgers, GB379	252	2838	28	7	7
Griffin III, WAS	304	205	2497	16	4
A. Smith, SF	217	152	1731	13	5
M. Ryan, ATL	462	312	3590	22	13
J. Freeman, TB	349	199	2761	21	7

Rushers					
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Peterson, MIN	213	1236	5.80	74	7
M. Lynch, SEA	231	1051	4.55	77t	5
Do. Martin, TB	218	1050	4.82	70t	9
Morris, WS	208	982	4.72	39t	6
Gore, SF	176	914	5.19	37	5

Receivers					
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Witten, DAL	82	710	8.7	35	1
B. Marshall, CH	81	1017	12.6	45	8
C. Jhnsn, DET	73	1257	17.2	53	4
Gonzalez, ATL	69	712	10.3	25	6
R. White, ATL	67	1003	15.0	59	4

MLS Playoffs

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Semifinals
D.C. United vs. New York
 D.C. United 1, New York 1
 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, late

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	11	4	.733	—
New York	11	4	.733	—
Philadelphia	10	6	.625	1.5
Boston	9	7	.563	2.5
Toronto	4	13	.235	8



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

TUESDAY

7 p.m.	Georgetown vs. Texas	ESPN
7 p.m.	Oklahoma at Arkansas	ESPN2
9 p.m.	Connecticut vs. North Carolina State . . .	ESPN
9 p.m.	Northwestern at Baylor	ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SUNDAY

7 p.m.	BCS Selection Show	ESPN
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GOLF

SUNDAY

3 p.m.	PGA – World Challenge	NBC
3 p.m.	Nedbank Golf Challenge	GOLF

NFL

SUNDAY

1 p.m.	Jacksonville at Buffalo	CBS-6
1 p.m.	New England at Miami	CBS-10
1 p.m.	Regional – Arizona at N.Y. Jets or Minnesota at Green Bay or Carolina at Kansas City. FOX-36	
4 p.m.	Pittsburgh at Baltimore	CBS
4 p.m.	Tampa Bay at Denver	FOX
8:20 p.m.	Philadelphia at Dallas	NBC

MONDAY

8:30 p.m.	N.Y. Giants at Washington	ESPN
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SKIING

SUNDAY

1 p.m.	USSA Birds of Prey	NBC
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SUNDAY

7 p.m.	Maryland at Connecticut	ESPN2
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Times, games, channels all subject to change

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	11	3	.786	—
Atlanta	9	5	.643	2
Charlotte	7	8	.467	4.5
Orlando	5	10	.333	6.5
Washington	1	13	.071	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	7	7	.500	—
Chicago	7	7	.500	—
Indiana	8	8	.500	—
Detroit	5	12	.294	3.5
Cleveland	4	12	.250	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	12	2	.857	—
San Antonio	13	4	.765	.5
Houston	7	8	.467	5.5
Dallas	7	9	.438	6
New Orleans	4	10	.286	8

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	13	4	.765	—
Utah	9	8	.529	4
Denver	8	9	.471	5
Minnesota	7	8	.467	5
Portland	6	10	.375	6.5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	9	6	.600	—
L.A. Clippers	9	6	.600	—
L.A. Lakers	8	8	.500	1.5
Phoenix	7	10	.412	3
Sacramento	4	11	.267	5

Thursday's Games

Miami 105, San Antonio 100

Golden State 106, Denver 105

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 104, Charlotte 98

Toronto 101, Phoenix 97

Brooklyn 98, Orlando 86

Boston 96, Portland 78

Cleveland 113, Atlanta 111

New York 108, Washington 87

Minnesota 95, Milwaukee 85

Memphis 90, Detroit 78

Oklahoma City 106, Utah 94

Indiana 97, Sacramento 92

L.A. Lakers 122, Denver 103

Saturday's Games

Portland at Cleveland, late

Brooklyn at Miami, late

Philadelphia at Chicago, late

Utah at Houston, late

Oklahoma City at New Orleans, late

Memphis at San Antonio, late

Boston at Milwaukee, late

Detroit at Dallas, late

Indiana at Golden State, late

Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, late

Sunday's Games

Phoenix at New York, 12 p.m.

Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

LEADERS

Scoring

	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	138	108	416	27.7
Durant, OKC	138	124	426	26.6
Anthony, NYK	130	79	371	26.5
James, MIA	129	51	327	25.2
Harden, HOU	110	118	368	24.5

Rebounds

	OFF	DEFT	TOT	AVG
Varejao, CLE	81	128	209	14.9
Randolph, MEM	64	107	171	13.2
Asik, HOU	58	127	185	12.3
Faried, DEN	75	95	170	11.3
Hickson, POR	63	93	156	11.1
Lee, GS	37	115	152	10.9

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	14	181	12.9
Paul, LAC	15	144	9.6
Holiday, PHL	15	136	9.1
Vasquez, NO	14	123	8.8
Williams, BRO	14	123	8.8

Steals

	G	ST	AVG
Jennings, MIL	13	38	2.92
Paul, LAC	15	42	2.80
Conley, MEM	12	26	2.17
Matthews, POR	15	32	2.13
Kidd, NYK	12	25	2.08

GWL moves to LaBelle this week

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Lady Devil Jakeeva Johnson tallied a 175 total for third.

Liz Whitehead and Shana'jh Heath then went first and second, respectively, in the 119 class, totaling 160 and 150, while Lake Placid's Cheyenne Slade took third at 135.

Chanell Harris got one more class win for Sebring at 110, combining a 75-pound bench and 85-pound clean for a 160 total.

The Lady Dragons took the next two spots with Emily Waldron taking second at 150 and Brandy McMahon third at 145.

And each county team got on the board in the 101 class, with Lady Devil Sara Becerra taking first at 170, Sebring's Kayla Bowen totaling 130 for second and Lake Placid's Angel Nieto 115 for third.

"It's interesting this time



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Emily Waldron pushes through her bench press and took second in her weight class Thursday.

of year," Dragon head coach Donald Ridgeway said. "The experienced girls are working their way up and the new

girl are still figuring it out. Too often, they're not sure they can lift a certain weight, they're scared to try

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DONALD RIDGEWAY
Lake Placid head coach

it, so it's about getting them past that.

"Sometimes they'll get ready to try a certain weight and I'll look at it and say, 'No, you can do more than that,'" he continued. "I try to challenge them to overcome it and then they really start to make progress."

All the teams will be looking for that progress to continue Friday as they travel to the LaBelle Invitational.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Anfernee Munnings goes up and under on this drive and filled his stat line out quite fully Friday in the Dragon's first win of the season.

Pitch perfect for Lady Streaks Friday

Continued from 1B

Highlanders coming out strong.

They scored, again within the first minute, but this time a handball in the goalie box gave Lake Wales a chance for a penalty kick that they capitalized on.

Sebring was stronger in the second half and had more shot attempts on goal.

One of these attempts would deliver seven minutes into the second half when Haylee Peters made the first goal for Sebring.

This would be the final goal of the night for either

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RICHIE BIRDSALL
Sebring head coach

side, as both the Sebring and Highlander defenses held strong.

Taryn O'Bannon had a number of strong clears throughout the night, and Mariana Becker was a key defensive player as well.

As strong as Sebring played, the end result would still favor Lake Wales 2-1.

"I feel like we're getting closer to the top tier in our district," Birdsall said. "We've won one, and lost the last two by just one goal."

The girls more than made up for that margin Friday with a 3-0, non-district win against visiting Hardee.

Julia Von Fleet scored twice for the Streaks and Peters added the other, while the defense was its' generally stingy self.

And while sidelined from her injury the night before,

Heather Bloemsma looked on earnestly from the sideline.

"Once we got a taste of the back of the net I wasn't worried because I knew everyone wanted that win," she said before elaborating on her injury. "It's sore and swollen, but I'm walking on it better. They said it's a high ankle sprain, but I should be fine soon."

Perhaps in time for Tuesday's tilt at Tenoroc, though more likely for Thursday's road game at Auburndale.

News-Sun Sports Editor Dan Hoehne contributed to this story.

Dragons make it two over Mulberry

Continued from 1B
the nightcap as well, with the boys squad topping the Panthers by a 42-35 count to get their first win of the young season.

The Dragons lead in each of the four quarters, though by no more than two, and held off Mulberry to get into the win column.

Nick Tuason lead the way

with 12 points, while Anfernee Munnings filled out his score sheet with 11 points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Scott Colley added seven points for Lake Placid.

Both squads have a quick turnaround and are back at it Monday, both on the road, as the girls travel to Hardee and the boys are at Fort Meade.

Lake Placid
42
Mulberry
35

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

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.

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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.

Come check us out and enjoy the water.

Pool Hours - Monday-Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday - 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Sunday - 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

For questions contact the "Y" at 382-9622

Florida Prep Football Scores

Friday, November 30

<p>Class 8A Region Finals Apopka 52, Fletcher 19 Christopher Columbus Catholic 36, Miami Killian 19 Cypress Bay 31, Seminole Ridge 14 Dr. Phillips 31, East Lake 21</p> <p>Class 7A Region Finals Kissimmee Osceola 21, Newsome 18 Lincoln 35, Oviedo 29 Manatee 51, Fort Pierce Central 0 St. Thomas Aquinas 38, Boyd Anderson 24</p> <p>Class 6A Region Finals Gainesville 42, Armwood 10 Miami Central 38, Palm Bay 2 Naples 41, Mainland 14 Navarre 28, Columbia 21</p> <p>Class 5A Region Finals Godby 64, Bishop Kenny 29</p>	<p>Immokalee 38, Lake Wales 21 Miami Jackson 33, Glades Central 24 Robinson 49, Pasco 21</p> <p>Class 4A State Semifinals Bolles School 45, Yulee 35 Miami Washington 41, Cocoa 13</p> <p>Class 3A State Semifinals Fort Lauderdale University 42, Clearwater Central Catholic 0 Madison County 27, Orlando The First Academy 3</p> <p>Class 2A State Semifinals Dade Christian 27, First Baptist 13 University Christian 26, Warner Christian 21</p> <p>Class 1A State Semifinals Northview 48, Liberty County 14 Trenton 36, Newberry 35, OT</p>
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Florida Trail Association - Heartland Chapter December Activities

Special to the News-Sun
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 decl1966@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 newgt7@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.

Nets topple Magic 98-86

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

ORLANDO — Joe Johnson had 22 points and the Brooklyn Nets earned their fifth straight victory, holding off the Orlando Magic 98-86 on Friday night.

Gerald Wallace added 20

points, including five 3-pointers, as all five Nets starters reached double figures.

They beat the Magic for the third time this season and wrapped up their three-game road trip in Miami on Saturday.

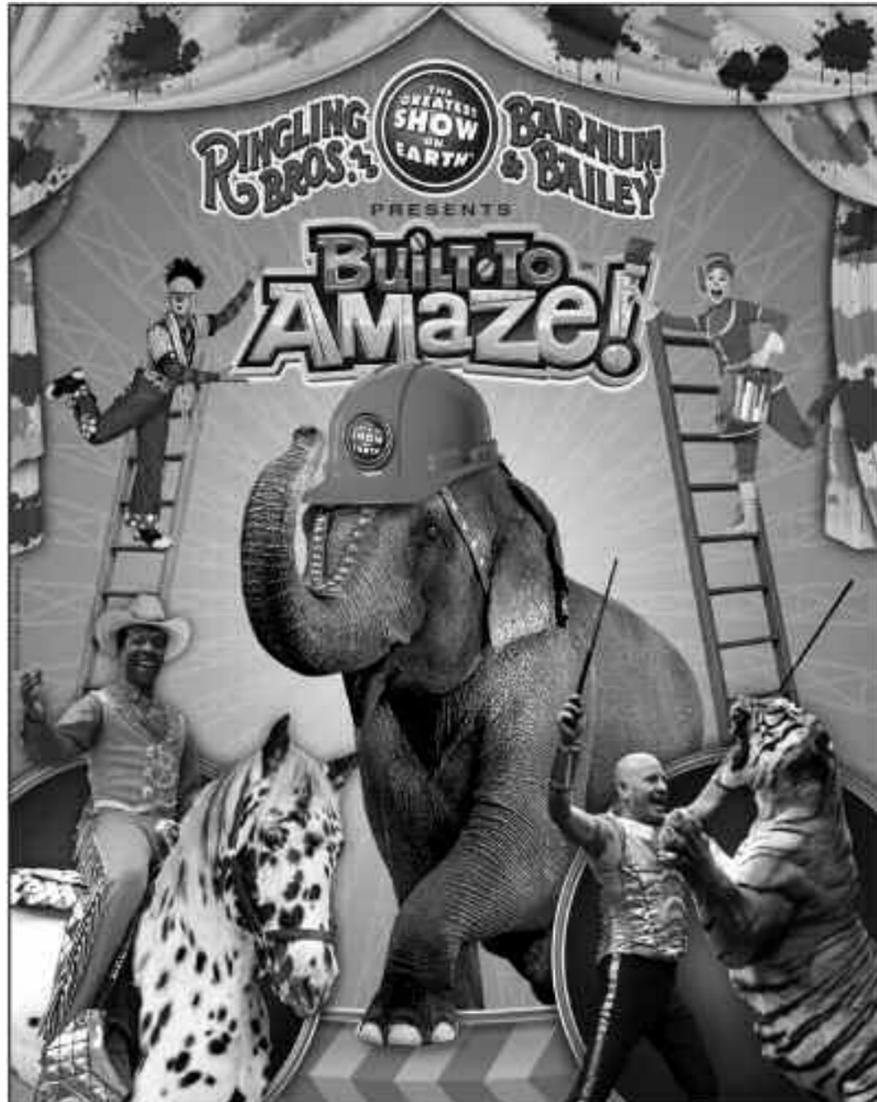
Glen Davis had 16 points

to lead the Magic, who lost their third straight game.

Brooklyn center Brook Lopez missed his first game of the season with a mild right foot sprain.

He is day to day.

Orlando begins a five-game road trip Sunday in Los Angeles.



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BUSINESS/MONEY

Last-minute ways to trim your taxes

From now until New Year's is probably when you have the least amount of time to spare on mundane financial bookkeeping tasks.

But if you can dedicate a few minutes to review your benefits and tax paperwork, you might be able to shave hundreds – or even thousands – of dollars off your 2012 taxes.

Here are a few suggestions:

If you haven't already maxed out on contributions, ask your employer if you can make a catch-up contribution to your 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plan before year's end.

Most people can contribute up to \$17,000 in 2012 (a \$500 increase over 2011), plus an additional \$5,500 if they're over 50.

If you contribute on a pretax basis, your taxable income is reduced, which in turn lowers your taxes. At a minimum, if your employer offers matching contributions (essentially, free money), be sure to contribute at least enough to take full advantage of the match.

If you participate in employer-sponsored flexible spending accounts (FSAs), which let you use pretax dollars to pay for eligible healthcare and dependent care expenses, an important change is coming next year:

Beginning Jan. 1, 2013, the maximum annual contribution for healthcare FSAs will shrink to \$2,500 from the \$5,000 limit many employers currently offer; however, if your spouse has FSAs at work, you still may contribute up to \$2,500 to each account. Dependent care account limits remain unchanged.

It's vital to calculate and use any untapped 2012 account balances before your plan-year deadline (sometimes up to 75 days into the following year); otherwise, you'll forfeit the remaining balance.

If you have a surplus, consider which 2013 expenses you could pay before Dec. 31, 2012. And, keep the new limit in mind when planning your 2013 healthcare FSA.

You can use your healthcare FSA for copayments, deductibles and medical devices such as glasses,



Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

contact lenses and braces, among other expenses; over-the-counter medicines are only eligible with a doctor's prescription (an exception is made for insulin).

— Charitable contributions. If you plan to itemize deductions on your 2012 taxes, charitable contributions made to IRS-approved organizations by December 31, 2012, are generally tax-deductible.

If you've got extra cash now and want to lower your 2012 taxes even further, consider moving up donations you would have made in 2013.

— Gifts. Unless Congress intervenes, the federal income tax exemption for estate distributions and lifetime gifts will drop from the 2012 limit (\$5.12 million) to the pre-2011 level of \$1 million (for married couples, it drops from \$10.24 million to \$2 million); in addition, the tax rate on gifts or estate distributions above those limits will increase from 35 percent in 2012 to 55 percent in 2013.

One way to exceed the lifetime gift limit – and avoid having to file a Gift Tax Return – is by giving separate, annual gifts of up to \$13,000 per year, per person. (Married couples filing jointly can give \$26,000 per recipient.)

Rules for gift and estate taxes are complex, so read IRS Publication 950 (at www.irs.gov) and consult your financial advisor.

This isn't an ideal time to take on any additional tasks, but if some or all of these situations apply, you could considerably lower your tax bill – wouldn't that be a great way to start the New Year?

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. On Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMon

Congress considers getting rid of \$1 bill in favor of coins

By KEVIN FREKING

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

American consumers have shown about as much appetite for the \$1 coin as kids do their spinach. They may not know what's best for them either. Congressional auditors say doing away with dollar bills entirely and replacing them with dollar coins could save taxpayers some \$4.4 billion over the next 30 years.

Vending machine operators have long championed the use of \$1 coins because they don't jam the machines, cutting down on repair costs and lost sales. But most people don't seem to like carrying them. In the past five years, the U.S. Mint has produced 2.4 billion Presidential \$1 coins. Most are stored by the Federal Reserve, and production was suspended about a year ago.

The latest projection from the Government Accountability Office on the potential savings from switching to dollar coins entirely comes as lawmakers begin exploring new ways for the government to save money by changing the money itself.

The Mint is preparing a report for Congress showing how changes in the metal content of coins could save money.

The last time the government made major metallurgical changes in U.S. coins was nearly 50 years ago when Congress directed the Mint to remove silver from dimes and quarters and to reduce its content in half dollar coins. Now, Congress is looking at new changes in response to rising prices for copper and nickel.

At a House subcommittee hearing Thursday, the focus was on two approaches:

—Moving to less expensive combinations of metals like steel, aluminum and zinc.

—Gradually taking dollar bills out of the economy and replacing them with coins.

The GAO's Lorelei St. James told the House Financial Services panel it would take several years for the benefits of switching from paper bills to dollar coins to catch up with the cost of making the change. Equipment would have to be bought or overhauled and more coins would have to be produced upfront to replace bills as they are taken out of circulation.

But over the years, the savings would begin to accrue, she said, largely because a \$1 coin could stay



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A \$1 bill has an average life of four or five years. A coin, however, lasts around 30.

in circulation for 30 years while paper bills have to be replaced every four or five years on average.

"We continue to believe that replacing the note with a coin is likely to provide a financial benefit to the government," said St. James, who added that such a change would work only if the note was completely eliminated and the public educated about the benefits of the switch.

Even the \$1 coin's most ardent supporters recognize that they haven't been popular. Philip Diehl, former director of the Mint, said there was a huge demand for the Sacagawea dollar coin when production began in 2001, but as time wore on, people stayed with what they knew best.

"We've never bitten the bullet to remove the \$1 bill as every other Western economy has done," Diehl said. "If you did, it would have the same success the Canadians have had."

Beverly Lepine, chief

operating officer of the Royal Canadian Mint, said her country loves its "Loonie," the nickname for the \$1 coin that includes an image of a loon on the back. The switch went over so well that the country also went to a \$2 coin called the "Toonie."

Rep. Bill Huizenga, R-Mich., affirmed that Canadians have embraced their dollar coins.

"I don't know anyone who

would go back to the \$1 and \$2 bills," he said.

That sentiment was not shared by some of his fellow subcommittee members when it comes to the U.S. version.

Rep. Lacy Clay, D-Mo., said men don't like carrying a bunch of coins around in their pocket or in their suits. And Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., said the \$1 coins have proved too hard to distinguish from quarters.

"If the people don't want it and they don't want to use it," she said, "why in the world are we even talking about changing it?"

"It's really a matter of just getting used to it," said Diehl, the former Mint director.

Several lawmakers were more intrigued with the idea of using different metal combinations in producing coins.

Rep. Steve Stivers, R-Ohio, said a penny costs more than 2 cents to make and a nickel costs more than 11 cents to make. Moving to multiplied steel for coins would save the government nearly \$200 million a year, he said.

The Mint's report, which is due in mid-December, will detail the results of nearly 18 months of work exploring a variety of new metal compositions and evaluating test coins for attributes as hardness, resistance to wear, availability of raw materials and costs.

Richard Peterson, the Mint's acting director, declined to give lawmakers a summary of what will be in the report, but he said "several promising alternatives" were found.

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Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures



Inspirational Thoughts

by Patricia Valentine

Matthew 7:16a-18,20, and Matthew 12:33, "ye shall know them by their fruit... Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot

bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them. Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit." As Christians, we should reproduce Christlike character. The life of a Christian should look different from those not professing to be a Christian. If we confess to be Christians when our conduct says otherwise, people will believe what they see. When our behavior does not align with what we profess, then our words are meaningless.

When we are walking with Jesus, we will have a different lifestyle than the rest of the world. Imagine someone asked one of your unbelieving friends, "What is a Christian supposed to look like?" Would your friend be able to point to you and say "A Christian looks just like that?"

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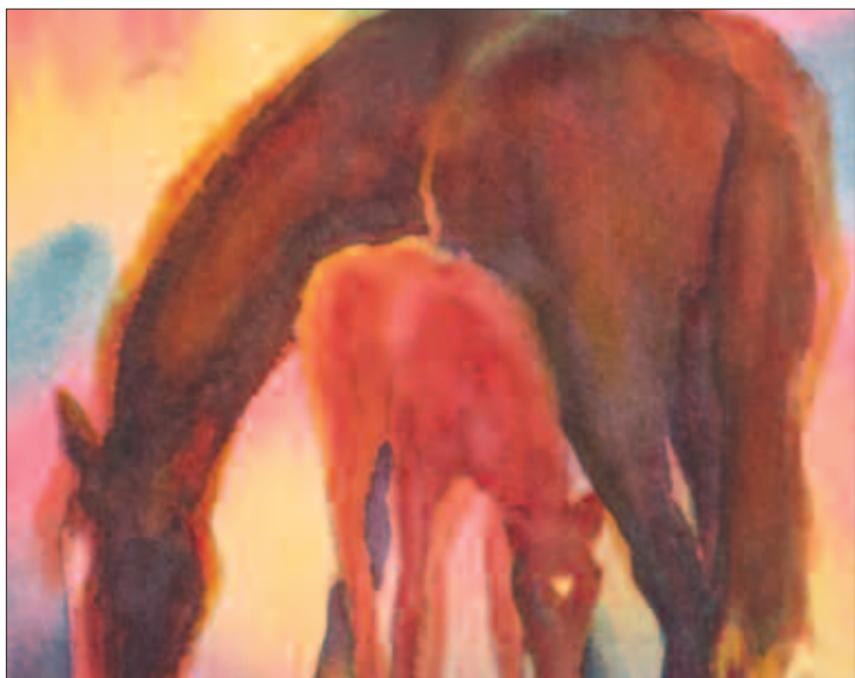


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Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — For many people, the words “art league” evoke an image of a group of venerable elderly ladies who sit around, have tea, and sell expensive paintings, more concerned with high society than the joy of art touching the soul. Not so with Highlands Art League Yellow House Gallery and Gift Shop has a diverse group of very creative local artists who enjoy their work, and provide their visitors with small town charm and friendliness.

You will find affordably priced original artwork, prints, notecards, jewelry, textiles, photography and jewelry in the main gallery and the adjoining artist studios. Besides the wonderful artwork, you may find just the right gift with a whimsical necklace or earrings, or funky painted furniture. The prices are considerably lower than the big city galleries, but with all of the same quality.

The Gallery is staffed by the studio artists and volunteer members who are happy to give tours, and provide

information about the Art League. During the month of December, the Gallery will provide hot apple cider and cookies to help make your holiday shopping experience that much more pleasant.

The Art League also hosts many special events, such as “Art Uncorked,” and the upcoming “ArtWorx” series, besides offering classes in painting and drawing as well as children's pottery classes and Summer Camp. Every second Friday, in conjunction with Destination Downtown, the Yellow House hosts a new Artist of the Month from 5-8 p.m. with music and light refreshments.

On Dec. 14, Molly Doctrow, Curator at the South Florida State College Museum of Florida Art and Culture, will display her Florida woodcuts.

Tickets for the upcoming fifth annual International Wine Tasting (Jan. 12 at the Kenilworth Lodge) are available for purchase at the Yellow House Gallery and Gift Shop, as well as online at www.highland-sartleague.org/.

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

The address for the Yellow House Gallery and Gift Shop is 1989 Lakeview Drive, just across the parking lot from the Sebring Public Library. Their hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information about the Highlands Art League, call 385-5312, or visit www.highland-sartleague.org/.

HAL presents ArtWorx

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Highlands Art League is presenting ArtWorx, a group of very talented fiber artists who exhibit at the Yellow House Gallery. The ArtWorx artists include Mary Seigfreid, Linn Shimek, Bonnie Srnick and Sandy Spice.

Mary Seigfreid is a multi-media artist whose work ranges from the ridiculous to the sublime: fun bike license plates, three dimensional cats, and one of a kind cypress knees.

Linn Shimek is a true free motion sewing machine artist creating multi-dimensional and art quilts. Sandy Spice excels in design, machine applique, and multi-fiber art with an exceptional sense of color. Bonnie Srnick completes the group with her beautiful wall quilts, and paper and fabric collages.

The members of ArtWorx have been creating together for several years, and now have the venue to share with the community.

ArtWorx will feature changing monthly exhibits on the first Friday of each month beginning in December. The December show is entitled the “The Vessel is The Art.”

You are welcome to meet these local artists and view their work on Friday, Dec. 7, from 1-3 p.m. at the Yellow House Gallery.

For additional information, contact linnshimek@aol.com. The Yellow House Gallery and Gift Shop is at 1989 Lakeview Drive. The Yellow House hours are Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Additional information may also be obtained by calling 385-5312 or visit www.highlandsartleague.org/.



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Add docent to your resume

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — For those who love Florida history, or want to learn more, the Highlands County Art League is looking for volunteers to be docents during the Smithsonian Institute's “Journey Stories” exhibition Dec. 8 through Jan. 19.

Docents are volunteers who act as guides or educa-

tors. In this case duties include making sure visitors feel welcome, orienting them to the exhibit, explaining what to expect and pointing out special points of interest, and providing information about the Museum of the Arts.

Perhaps the most interesting responsibility is encouraging questions and answering them.

Docents attend a training session to make all of this easy. There are two sessions scheduled, both on Thursday, Dec. 6. One is at 1 p.m., the other at 6 p.m.

The exhibit will be open from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday for six weeks. Docents work in two-hour shifts.

Please call the Art League in advance at 385-5312.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

SFSC MOFAC presents Journey Stories

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AVON PARK – South Florida State College's Museum of Florida Art and Culture (SFSC MOFAC) presents its second exhibition of the season, Journey Stories, Dec. 5-Jan. 19, SFSC Highlands Campus.

SFSC MOFAC's Journey Stories exhibition highlights Highlands County residents and SFSC students who moved to the United States from other countries, whether to escape political and religious persecution or simply for a dream of a better life. These residents tell their stories through their own words and pictures in a series of 25 text panels.

"I arrived at the airport an hour before my flight with nothing more than what I was wearing – a knee-length black dress and a pair of black sandals," said Rose Josue, SFSC student. "I headed toward the double doors, where my new life awaited on the other side."

Other Highlands County residents who share their journey stories are Dr. Tony Y.T. Chen, Herbert Donglasan, Pilar Erikson, Dr. Robert Flores, Owen Jolly, Elsa Kahn, Dr. Michael McLeod, Dr. C.B. and Mrs. Ranjan Patel, SFSC Honors students, and SFSC ESOL students.

The exhibition also features work by award-winning, contemporary painter Owen Jolly. A former high school and college art teacher, Jolly also has a background in the field of graphic art and worked as an illustrator in New York City. His artwork can be found on the walls of corporate and private collectors in Jamaica, Canada, England, and the United States.



Pictured are Pilar Eriksen (far left), Dr. Tony Y.T. Chen (front), and Elsa Kahn (second from right).

Other artwork that will also be exhibited include an outdoor installation of hand-painted flags by SFSC's art students that represent the people and cultures seen in the exhibition as well as country flags created by SFSC graphic design students, and a display featuring the Highlands County journey stories of some of SFSC's Honor stu-

dents in Building B, SFSC Highlands Campus. A meet and greet with exhibition participants will also be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 17 in SFSC MOFAC.

MOFAC's Journey Stories exhibition coincides and is based on the traveling Smithsonian exhibition of the same name, which is being presented at the Highlands Museum of

the Arts (MOTA) in Sebring. The exhibition is sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council, the SFSC Foundation, Inc., and Champion for Children of Highlands County.

SFSC MOFAC is open to the public from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, one hour prior to each Artist and

Matinee Series performance and by appointment for group tours. For more information about the museum and its exhibitions and workshops or to request a museum tour, contact Mollie Doctrow, curator, SFSC MOFAC, at ext. 7240 at 453-6661, 465-5300, 773-2252, or 494-7500 or visit the SFSC MOFAC website <http://mofac.org/>

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The bald eagle, national bird of the USA, was almost extinct



News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

The bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) has been deemed the national bird of the United States of America for hundreds of years. The huge bird is indeed an impressive site with its lustrous white head and tail.

In the late 20th century, the bird was on the edge of extinction in the United States. Fortunately, measures were taken to protect the creature and it has recovered to a point where it has been removed from the endangered and threatened list since 2007.

The bald eagle needs old-growth forests composed of coniferous or hardwood trees that have good visibility, open structure and proximity to prey. The trunks and branches are used for perching, roosting and nesting.

These birds prefer habitats near open water with plenty

of fish to prey on.

The bald eagle's diet consists mostly of fish. Those fortunate enough to have seen a bird of prey hunt, know that they swoop down and snatch the fish with their razor sharp talons.

But eagles are opportunistic feeders and will also dine on whatever is available, including carrion. They are often spotted near landfills and dumps because they have no problem making a meal out of garbage. Small mammals including rabbits, raccoons, beavers and deer fawns are also preyed upon by these large birds.

Birds such as ducks, gulls, coots, egrets, grebes and geese are also on the menu. Many times the ill-fated feathered creature is grabbed out of mid-air while in flight by the huge eagle.

Bald eagles are powerful fliers. They soar in the air and can reach speeds of 35-43 miles per hour when gliding and flapping. When diving, they have been clocked at an amazing 75-99 miles per hour. These birds may migrate if the nearby water freezes over during the winter. However, if their territory



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is close to open water, they may remain in the same area all year. If they do migrate, they choose routes that have the optimal thermals, updrafts and food sources. Bald eagles are found in most of North America and northern Mexico.

Both sexes, when adults, have a blackish-brown back and breast, a white head, neck and tail, and yellow feet and beak. When the birds are juveniles, they are a mixture of brown and white with black beaks. They do not

acquire the adult plumage until they are sexually mature, which is at about five years. The female is larger than the male with a body length of 35-37 inches and a wingspan of 79-90 inches. The average weight for an adult eagle is from ten to fourteen pounds.

When the juveniles reach sexual maturity, they usually return to the place they were born to mate. These birds mate for life unless one of the pair dies; then the remaining eagle will choose a

new mate. The mating ritual is a fascinating site and includes chases, swoops and cartwheels. The two fly up very high then lock together and go into a free fall which lasts until they are very close to the ground at which time they separate.

The bald eagle constructs the largest nest of any bird on the continent; usually about 13 feet deep and over eight feet across with a weight of one metric ton. They will use the same nest over many years by adding new material, making it larger each time. The nest is usually built at a location that over looks the water. It is constructed of branches. The female of the species will lay between one and three eggs a year. Both parents take turns incubating the eggs; one will hunt for food while the other minds the nest.

The sound the bird makes is a shrill, high pitched twittering. Even though they don't have vocal cords, they produce sound which comes from the syrinx, a bony chamber located where the trachea divides to go into the lungs. They use these sounds to warn other eagles of pred-

ators and to bond with each other.

Since these large birds are at the top of the food chain, they are quite vulnerable to chemicals in the environment. During the mid-20th century, the bald eagle's population diminished rapidly. It is estimated that in the early 18th century, their populations numbered between 300,000 and 500,000.

By the 1950s there were only 412 nesting pairs in the U.S. Many of the birds were affected by chemicals in the environment while others were shot. In 1967, the bald eagle was declared an endangered species in the U.S. and in 1972 DDT was banned.

The bird was officially removed from the U.S. federal government's list of endangered species in 1995.

Today the image of the bald eagle stands proud on the Great Seal of the United States, where it is shown grasping thirteen arrows and olive branches with its talons.

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

PLACES TO WORSHIP

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ANGLICAN

■ **New Life Anglican Fellowship**, 10 N. Main Ave. (Woman's Club), Lake Placid, FL 33852. Rev. Susan Rhodes, Deacon in Charge, (863) 243-3191; strhodes1020@yahoo.com. Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Teaching, Holy Communion, Music, Fellowship, Healing Prayer. "Pastoral and Spiritual".

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BAPTIST

■ **Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church**, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. George Hall, Pastor. Christ centered and biblically based. Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available. Bible studies at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. are centered for all ages. Choir practice at 5 p.m. Sunday. Church phone: 452-6556.

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catlyst 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. Johannatt Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday - Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth 445, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday -

Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children's Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Sunday broadcast on Cable TV Channel 6. Call 453-6681 for details. "In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park."

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■ **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 Bautista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. 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.

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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.

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■ **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.

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CATHOLIC

■ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 East Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 8th. Confirmation class is from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 6th and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday.

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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CHRISTIAN

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■ **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!"

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■ **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

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■ **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/lakeplacidcofc/>.

■ **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.

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■ **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.

MOVIES

5 films about the financial crisis you can bank on

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**

AP Movie Critic

LOS ANGELES — “Killing Them Softly” is a stylish and violent dark comedy about low-level gangsters and thugs, set squarely within the U.S. economic collapse of autumn 2008. In rather heavy-handed fashion, it suggests that the mob functions as a microcosm of American capitalism. Thankfully, Brad Pitt is there to keep it from going under.

A lot of movies have tried to get their arms around this complicated topic that affected every single one of us in some way. Here’s a look at five that did it successfully:

‘Inside Job’(2010)

Winner of the Academy Award for best documentary feature, director Charles Ferguson’s film accomplishes the difficult task of taking an unwieldy subject and making it accessible to a wide audience. You don’t have to know the difference between a credit default swap and a collateralized debt obligation to feel

enraged all over again. Still, it’s a daunting topic, but with the help of user-friendly graphics and Matt Damon’s narration, Ferguson breaks down the meltdown into digestible terms without ever condescending.

At the same time, he’s managed to make a potentially dry, headache-inducing subject cinematic: “Inside Job” is gorgeous to look at, shiny and crisp with gleaming cinematography.

‘The Queen of Versailles’ (2012)

David and Jackie Siegel are just like us. When the economy collapses, they’re forced to lay off employees, face foreclosure on their house and start shopping for their eight kids at Wal-Mart to save money.

Except the Siegels are an elderly time-share mogul and his much-younger trophy wife who were in the midst of building their dream home: a 90,000-square-foot palace that would have been the biggest house in America. Documentarian

and photographer Lauren Greenfield just happened to be there to capture it all, and she never mocks them.

The Siegels’ lifestyle is still outrageous, but the sensation of panic they experience and the strain it puts on their marriage are relatable, turning “The Queen of Versailles” from a frothy escape into a sobering reality.

‘Up in the Air’ (2009)

Walter Kirn’s novel, which inspired Jason Reitman’s film, came out in 2001 — long before the country’s economic collapse. But the story of a guy who jets across the country laying off employees took on a whole new relevance afterward.

It felt especially poignant with the inclusion of real-life people who agreed to go on camera to discuss having recently lost their jobs in the recession. But the star of this six-time Oscar nominee, of course, is George Clooney as the charismatic, efficient and perpetually on-the-go Ryan Bingham. Anna Kendrick and

Vera Farmiga are both excellent in supporting roles as the very different women who share his journeys.

‘Margin Call’ (2011)

First-time writer-director J.C. Chandor recreates the earliest moments of the crisis with the tight time frame and claustrophobic setting of a play.

He depicts this devastating moment of volatility with a patter reminiscent of David Mamet, specifically: profane and masculine, with rhythmic repetition of certain key phrases.

Chandor knows this subject well but he also knows well enough to stand back and let the excellent cast of actors he’s amassed — including Kevin Spacey, Jeremy Irons, Zachary Quinto and Paul Bettany — do what they do best. He depicts these dramatic developments without any melodrama, but rather offers a steady drumbeat as one person after another comes to the chilling realization that we’re all screwed.

‘Too Big to Fail’ (2011)

Curtis Hanson’s made-for-HBO film, based on Andrew Ross Sorkin’s book, plays sort of like a dramatized version of “Inside Job.” Big-name stars portray the central figures in the financial crisis: William Hurt as Henry Paulson, Paul Giamatti as Ben Bernanke, James Woods and Richard Dreyfuss, Bill Pullman as Jamie Dimon and Billy Crudup as Timothy Geithner.

The stunt casting gets a little distracting but the scenery-chewing puts a dramatic (and sometimes humorous) spin on the potentially dry, alienating discussions that take place in board rooms and on cell-phones between middle-aged white men in suits.

And of course, there is an inescapable source of tension: This was real, and it happened, and to some extent it is still happening.

Think of any others? Share them with AP Movie Critic Christy Lemire through Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/christylemire>

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 Faith 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, 6:30 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

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■ **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 menu at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.wearunion.org.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre**, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children’s Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun ‘N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children’s/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

■ **First Presbyterian Church ARP**, 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women’s Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@htn.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school

and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.tpclp.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday - Traditional Worship, 8 and 9:30 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group - (middle and high school) 7 p.m., RockSolid (kindergarten through fifth grade) 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to 12:00; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army - Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women’s Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmy-sebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

■ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, Pastor. Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Visit us at our church website: www.fumcap.org.

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

■ **St. John United Methodist Church**, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

■ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church**, 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

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BOOKS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Notorious Nineteen: A Stephanie Plum Novel" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
2. "Agenda 21" by Glenn Beck and Harriet Parke (Threshold Editions)
3. "The Forgotten" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
4. "Merry Christmas, Alex Cross" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
5. "The Racketeer" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
6. "The Last Man: A Novel" by Vince Flynn (Atria/Emily Bestler Books)
7. "The Casual Vacancy" by J.K. Rowling (Little, Brown)
8. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Crown)
9. "Cross Roads" by Wm. Paul Young (Faith/Words)
10. "Poseidon's Arrow" by Clive Cussler (Putnam)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Killing Kennedy" by Bill O'Reilly (Henry Holt and Co.)
2. "Barefoot Contessa Foolproof: Recipes You Can Trust" by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter)
3. "The 4-Hour Chef: The Simple Path to Cooking Like a Pro, Learning Anything, and Living the Good Life" by Timothy Ferriss (New Harvest)
4. "Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power" by Jon Meachum (Random House)
5. "Guinness World Records 2013" by Guinness World Records (Guinness World Records)
6. "No Easy Day" by Mark Owen (Dutton)
7. "The Signal and the

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- Noise" by Nate Silver (Penguin)
8. "Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers (Faith/Words)
 9. "I Declare: 31 Promises to Speak" by Joel Osteen (Faith/Words)
 10. "America Again" by Stephen Colbert (Grand Central Publishing)
- Debbie Macomber (Harlequin Mira)
9. "Down the Darkest Road" by Tami Hoag (Signet)
 10. "My Kind of Christmas" by Robyn Carr (Harlequin Mira)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. Kill Alex Cross" by James Patterson (Vision)
 2. "Wicked Business: A Lizzy and Diesel Novel" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
 3. "Jack Reacher: One Shot: A Novel" by Lee Child (Dell)
 4. "V Is for Vengeance" by Sue Grafton (Berkley)
 5. "Hotel Vendome" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
 6. "Devil's Gate" by Clive Cussler (Berkley)
 7. "1225 Christmas Tree Lane" by Debbie Macomber (Harlequin Mira)
 8. "Glad Tidings" by
3. "Proof of Heaven" by Eben Alexander (Simon & Schuster)
 4. "Reflected in You" by Sylvia Day (Berkley)
 5. "Fifty Shades Freed" by E.L. James (Vintage)
 6. "Fifty Shades Darker" by E.L. James (Vintage)
 7. "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel (Mariner Books)
 8. "Bared to You" by Sylvia Day (Berkley)
 9. "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin (Simon & Schuster)
 10. The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky (MTV Books)

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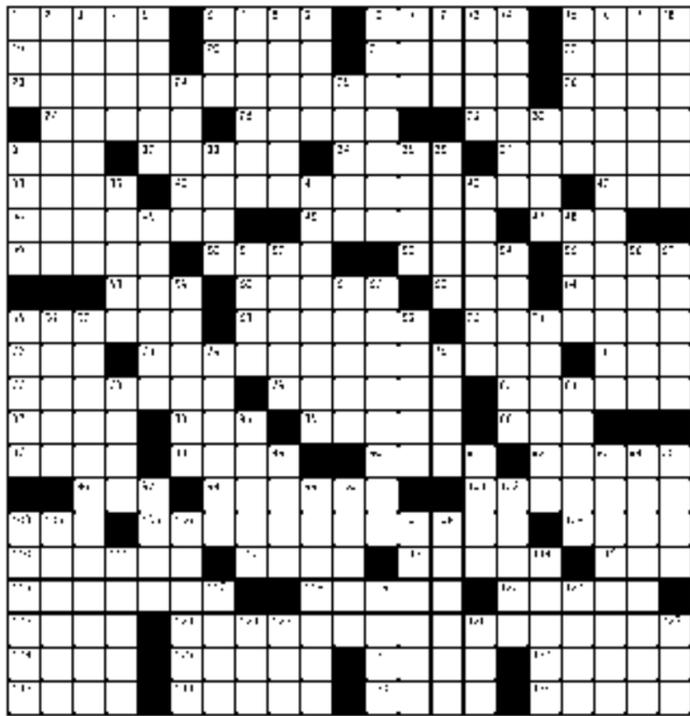
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By KATHLEEN FAY O'BRIEN



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PEACE on earth

Whether small or majestic, every Evergreen on our Rocky Mountain National Park hike reminded me of Christmas. Pine cones dangled elegantly and beautiful birds caressed the branches, landing gently, briefly...then swooping down to another waiting tree.



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

Peace and wonder enveloped my soul as I glimpsed the visual majesty of God's creation; inhaled the fragrance of the trees; and, listened to the stillness that is a sound unto itself.

It was September; but with such life and peace surrounding me, Christmas was celebrated in my heart. Snow even graced the peaks of the mountains.

How different it felt to see artificial Christmas trees on display in the stores when we came home in early October. Rather than peace and wonder, I felt commercialism heavily descending on the season already.

I thought about how easy it is to be deceived about what true peace is. It made me want to reflect on that word, that concept...that promise.

As we look at the word, "peace," let's take only one letter at a time. Let's look today at "P."

For me, "P" in peace starts with the person of Jesus Christ.

Lowly shepherds (and they were considered lowly...marginalized from society) caring for their

flocks in the field are suddenly astounded with fear as every hair on their bodies stood on end. Energy pulsed through the sky as the angel spoke and God's glory surrounded them.

We read in Luke 2:10 - 11, NKJV, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

After giving instructions and signs for finding this baby, the sky filled with "a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying; 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'" (vs. 13 & 14).

Rome's rule had brought darkness. Rulers were ascribed as divine; and, a false sense of peace was delivered from the grasping hands of a false god.

Jesus broke into this darkness with the hope of true peace (shalom) that was supremely costly to him; but, would be a gift meant to dwell in every believing heart.

True shalom came with the One who is our peace. It is seen in every teaching and action of our Lord. It is completion and wholeness. It is living the abundant life he promised and being at rest...without striving. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

Victim of molestation breaks her silence after 50 years

Dear Abby: When I was in grammar school 50 years ago, I was molested by two boys. I recently learned that they are now both dead.

I wrote to the sister of one of them and told her what her brother had done to me and how I felt about it. I'm glad that he is dead, and I told her so.

She responded, calling my letter sad and bitter for bringing up the matter after so much time has transpired. In the '60s the norm was not to tell anyone for fear of being spanked or beaten or called a liar and living in kid hell. I am a female, and the standard was so different in those days. Please print my letter.

- Confused in California

Dear Confused: If this was something the sister was unaware of, you shouldn't be surprised that she responded as she did to your bombshell.

I agree that we have become more open about discussing sex and sexual assaults than we were in the '60s. And I hope that somewhere along the way you received counseling to help you deal with the molestation, because talking with a qualified mental health professional about it can be therapeutic.

However, if you haven't, please contact RAINN, the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. Its toll-free number is 800-656-4673. You can find assis-



Dear Abby

tance there, and nothing will shock them.

Dear Abby: I have been dating the most wonderful man, "Art," for almost four years. He's strong, caring and he treats me like a princess. We have discussed marriage several times, and I suspect he will propose soon. I'm sure that Art is "the one," and I would

marry him in a heartbeat. My only worry is that we'll end up like my parents someday.

I know this sounds silly, but while I was growing up, I never saw any signs that my parents really loved each other. Dad always seemed like he was trying too hard to make Mom happy, while she either was indifferent to his affections or dismissed his efforts.

They would argue about the smallest things, to the point where I wished they would get divorced so I wouldn't have to hear them disagreeing.

I have mentioned my fears to Art and he has told me not to worry, but I can't help but worry. I love him too much

to put him through the same emotional abuse, even accidentally, and I'd never want my kids to grow up thinking their parents didn't love each other. How can I keep the past from repeating?

- Unlike My Parents

Dear Unlike: Your mother may have been attempting to control your father by withholding affection and approval as he tried harder and harder to please her, and that's very sad.

But you don't have to follow in her footsteps.

Children don't always grow up to emulate their parents. You are an individual, and you are well aware of the unhealthy pattern you observed while growing up. If you and Art are able to

discuss your differences and reach a consensus when problems arise, you should be fine.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Be conservative with your spending, Virgo

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 20)

-Aries, avoid taking on more than you can handle at work and home this week. When tackling tasks, don't be afraid to ask for and accept help.

Taurus (April 21-May 21)

-Family and romantic endeavors may have been put aside while work issues have been at the forefront, Taurus. It is time to shift priorities.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)

-Gemini, there's not much you can do to change the course of this week's events. You might want to consider swimming with the current instead of against it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

-Cancer, overanalyzing your workload is not going to make it disappear any faster. Therefore, simply take your assignments at face value and just get started.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)

-New experiences can be scary at first, but many times you will find that they are opportunities to learn and grow, Leo. Take full advantage of all opportunities this week.

Horoscope

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)

-Virgo, although it seems like you have most of your financial woes worked out, now is not the time to get too cocky with spending. Being conservative is the way to go.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Libra, career developments have you riding high and you're anxious to share your news with the world. This enthusiasm can be a good catalyst for change with others.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

-Scorpio, success may not come easy with a project you're working on. But rest easy and take solace knowing you have tried things outside of your comfort zone.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

-Sagittarius, avoid confrontations at all costs, as this week you will not come out victorious. Keep a low profile and don't ruffle any feathers.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

-Capricorn, if you think about things too long, there's a good chance you won't act at all. Instead, consider your options quickly and

then get going on your plans.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

-Quality time spent at home or with the family has buoyed your spirits, Aquarius. The next step on your relaxation journey is to book a vacation to a warm area of the world.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

-Don't underestimate your ability to garner quite a following, Pisces. There are many people just waiting

to hear what you have to say next.

Famous birthdays

- Dec. 2, Lucy Liu, Actress (44);
- Dec. 3, Daryl Hannah, Actress (52);
- Dec. 4, Jay Z, Hip-hop artist (43);
- Dec. 5, John Rzeznik, Singer (47);
- Dec. 6, Judd Apatow, Director (45);
- Dec. 7, Jeffrey Wright, Actor (47);
- Dec. 8, Teri Hatcher, Actress (48).

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TECH GIFTS TO GO

A HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE FOR YOUR FAVORITE GADGET FAN

By Gregg Ellman, McClatchy-Tribune

Tech gifts are always a good way to go, especially with teens, young adults, men, women... oh, and kids. Which is to say, pretty much everyone.

So with lots of people to shop for, here's a guide to help you select the best tech gifts for everyone on your list.

Wireless is the trend this holiday season, with audio, tablet and smartphone accessories (all hail Bluetooth!) leading the way. Here are our picks for holiday shopping 2012:

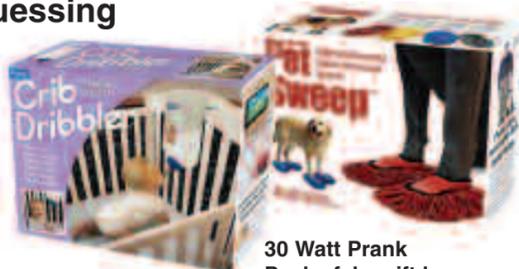
Gift boxes to keep them guessing

The 30 Watt Prank Packs fake gift boxes keeps your gift recipient guessing what's in the box.

What the company calls ridiculous products from non-existent companies are printed on the boxes, giving no clue of what's really inside.

Some of the choices include motorized rolling pins and PetPetter, which gives your pet up to 85ppm (pats per minute).

• \$8 each or 3 for \$20, www.prankpack.com



30 Watt Prank Packs fake gift boxes

Protect (your iPhone) and secure (your cash)

Kensington's slim profile and pocket-sized Portafolio Duo wallet for iPhone 5 works like any other case to protect all sides of the iPhone and even covers up the screen when it's tucked away, not in use.

What gives it an edge versus the other millions of iPhone cases available is it doubles as a wallet with slots on the inside for a driver's license, credit cards or — crazy idea — even cash.

But it doesn't end there: It has a built-in stand to keep your device hands-free for calls, video



Kensington Portafolio Duo wallet

conferencing or just to look cool in both vertical and landscape positions.

• \$39.99, in choices of brown marble, red snake and black, www.kensington.com

Kitschy cup adds power options to your car

The 200 watt PowerLine PowerCup looks like a coffee cup, but don't fill it with liquid.

It sits in your vehicle's cup holder and has an 18-inch cord to plug into a vehicle's 12V power port.

On top of the cup is a pair of AC outlets and a USB port for powering and charging just about any electronic gadget for a road trip or camping.

• \$26, www.powerline.com



PowerLine PowerCup

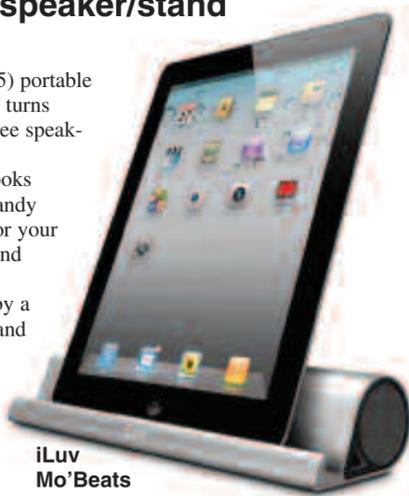
Bluetooth tablet speaker/stand has style, too

The iLuv Mo'Beats (iSP245) portable stereo Bluetooth speaker stand turns tablets into a portable hands-free speaker system.

At first glance, this stand looks really cool. It's a simple but handy desktop device, with a stand for your tablet (vertical or horizontal) and has speakers on both ends.

The speakers are powered by a USB-charged internal battery and non-Bluetooth devices can connect with a 3.5-millimeter cable. It also comes with a carrying bag for travel.

• \$82, www.iluv.com



iLuv Mo'Beats

Stocking-sized portable chargers perfect for travel, power outages

Energizer's pocket-sized USB Universal Multi-Port Charger (\$75.99) has a pair of 10-watt USB ports. This allows simultaneous charging of a 10-watt tablet and a 5-watt smartphone.

The 5000 mAh Lithium Ion battery charges up in about 6 hours and can triple the amount of run time for many device. How long it lasts depends on your

device and how much of a charge it needs.

They also have the Instant Charger made for iPod/iPhone (\$19.99 online) with a 30-pin connection for Apple devices. It runs on three AA (included) lithium batteries to give your device up to double the run time.

Both are really handy, pocket sized and stocking stuffer-friendly chargers.

• www.energizer.com



Energizer USB Universal Multi-Port Charger



CUBEDGE EDGE.sound portable wireless speaker

Speaker/mic offers sound on demand

If you must stuff your audio gift in a stocking, try the CUBEDGE EDGE.sound portable wireless speaker.

It's shaped like a brick and connects via Bluetooth 3.0 for a wireless connection or with a 3.5-millimeter headphone connection.

In addition to the great portable sound, you get 10 hours of battery life after a USB charge; it also works to answer calls, Skype or other voice options with a built-in microphone.

• Available in black or white for \$149, <http://cubedge.com>



Dexim ClickStik remote and stand

Get in the shot with shutter remote for iPhone

Dexim's ClickStik Bluetooth remote for iOS will come in handy right out of the box for the holidays.

Just pair the devices via Bluetooth and now you can not only take the photo but also be in the photo using the shutter release button from up to 30 feet away.

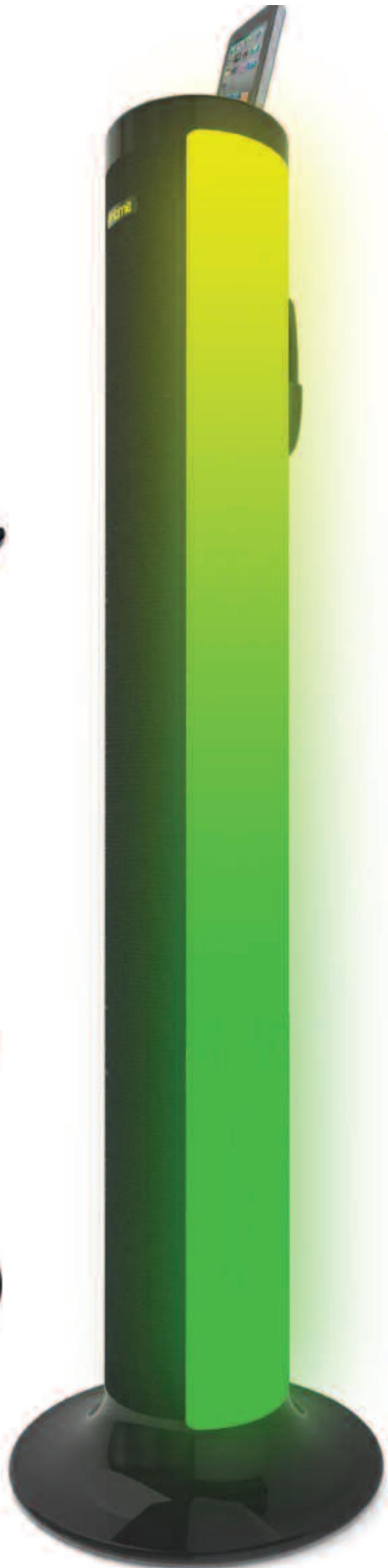
A free ClickStik app controls the digital photos and also gives you the option for a direct

upload to social media.

The app also lets you add text, frames or photo filters to the images before uploading.

The ClickStik remote is available with a stand, which works with the smaller iOS devices including the iPhone 5 (\$42.98, amazon.com), or without (\$29.99, bestbuy.com).

• www.dexim.net



iHome iP76 tower stereo

Surround the room with sound

The 3-foot tall iHome iP76 tower stereo speaker system isn't stocking-stuffer friendly and will cost you a bundle in wrapping paper, but bigger is better when you hear the room-filling sound.

Your device can connect via Bluetooth, use a top-loading Apple-friendly dock with the included wireless remote or just plug it into the aux-in jack for using any portable media player.

iHome's website says they will "deliver astounding clarity, depth and power" and after hearing them — well, hearing is believing.

Additionally, the sides of the tower have LEDs, which change colors in a choice of modes — indigo, blue, green, white, orange, red, violet and yellow.

• \$199, www.ihomeaudio.com