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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Rhoda Ross reads to youngsters Linda Saraniti (from left), Chyanne Carroll and Camdon Carroll on Wednesday afternoon at the Lake Placid Public Library. Ross was reading from a children's book she wrote and illustrated called 'A Wildflower for all Seasons.'

'Live without shadows'

Local teacher's book teaches kids about courage, inspiration

By CAROL KLINE
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — With a sincere passion for art along with a degree in teaching, Rhoda Ross shares that passion with children as an art teacher in a classroom setting. Moreover, she has found time, to utilize her skills in both art and in teaching to become a successful author of a book for children titled, "A Wildflower for All Seasons."

Ross enjoys teaching both art as well as language arts at Sebring Middle School. She holds a teaching degree for kindergarten through sixth grade from Florida Atlantic

University, and has a master's in teaching from Southeastern University at Lakeland.



Four of Ross's master's classes focused on visual arts, drama, theater, and dance being used in classroom settings, thus the interactive nature of her book. Whether in a classroom setting or at home, the book facilitates times of dancing, movement, sharing feelings, singing "to the wind" and other types of child-like "performing" to act out their emotions and their needs.

Wild Flower, the main character in the book, "A Wildflower for All Seasons," decides she does not want to wither away

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Students envision future for Lake Placid

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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LAKE PLACID — Ever since 1989, Harvard professor Richard Forman has brought a group of his undergraduate students to the Archbold Biological Station for a week each year.

The young people are his tutorial class of Environmental Studies and Public Policy.

The approach is an interdisciplinary examination of the intersection between humans and the land.

Students spend the majority of their time visiting the Lake Placid area and learning about the lay of the land. They meet dozens of people to talk about the strengths and challenges in the community.

For example, students noticed in their dis-

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News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
One of the visiting students shows a suggested network of pedestrian and bicycle paths connecting Lake Placid. Barbara Stewart hopes to see Forman's class before the county commission in the future. 'If we had taken them to the county (before), think how much money and heartburn we'd have saved,' she said.

Fire destroys portable at Fred Wild Elementary

Fire alarms went off at 2:40 a.m. Wednesday

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Investigations into a fire early Wednesday morning on the Fred Wild Elementary School campus are under way.

The school's fire alarms began going off at approximately 2:40 a.m. and continued until about 3 a.m., according to FWE Principal Laura Waldron.

A portable trailer, which had previously been used as a classroom, was fully engulfed by flames. A second portable was damaged due to the initial fire, but no other buildings suffered any damages.

"Myself, Mr. (Wally) Cox and other administrators were all called about 3 a.m.," Waldron said Wednesday morning.

Upon Waldron's arrival, the Sebring Fire Department along with DeSoto City Fire Department, West Sebring Volunteer Fire Department and Sebring Police Department were all on the scene.

State Fire Marshal investigator Raymond Miles Davis was on the scene for a large part of the morning.

"The State Fire Marshal is investigating the fire of the two portables. One sustained major damage. The other sustained heat and water damage from

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News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
One portable classroom was destroyed and another damaged in a fire at Fred Wild Elementary School early Wednesday morning.

SFSC search down to 4

New president should be selected by April 20

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — South Florida State College's District Board of Trustees narrowed the field of presidential candidates to four Tuesday evening.

The incoming president will replace long-time SFSC President Dr. Norman L. Stephens Jr., who announced his retirement in the fall. Stephens will remain as the leader of the college until June 30.

Trustee Ken Lambert, head of the Presidential Screening Committee, revealed the names of the four finalists: Dr. Marie Gnage, Dr. John Holdnak, Dr. Thomas Leitzel and Dr. Paul Nagy.

Gnage is a graduate of Florida State University, where she earned her doctor of philosophy degree in American literature. Gnage also earned a master of arts from Southwestern Louisiana University and a bachelor of science from Alcorn University. Gnage currently serves as president at the University of West Virginia at Parkersburg.



Holdnak is the executive vice chancellor of the Florida College System. Holdnak holds a doctorate of education from the University of West Florida, a master of science from Florida State University (Panama City) and a bachelor of

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Local woman killed in Polk Co. crash

News-Sun staff

LAKE WALES — A 20-year-old Lake Placid woman was killed and a 21-year-old Lake Placid man was injured in a three-car crash in Polk County Wednesday afternoon.

According to the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Suleyka Najera of Lake Placid was killed and Jeffrey Harris of Lake Placid was injured when the car Harris was driving crossed the median on U.S. 27 near Cypress Gardens Boulevard at around 5:55 p.m.

"A 2001 Nissan four-door car was heading southbound ... about 1,000 feet north of the intersection with CR 540 (Cypress Gardens Blvd) when for unknown reasons the driver lost control and the car crossed the median and entered into the southbound lanes," a PCSO press release said.

Harris' car struck a 2013 Nissan SUV that was headed north, causing the SUV to flip. A 2006 Saturn Vue, which was also headed north, then hit Harris' car "causing great damage to both vehicles and instantly killing the front seat passenger of the Nissan car," the release said.

"It appears she was not wearing her seat belt," PCSO spokesperson Carrie Eleazer wrote in an email. "It is unclear at this time if the driver of the car she was in, Jeffrey Harris, was wearing his seatbelt. All four of the other people involved in the crash were wearing their seat belts."

Harris was taken to Lakeland Regional Medical Center.

The occupants of the Nissan SUV, driver 39-year-old Raquel Fox of Reunion and her 16-year-old son, Rashad Fox, were taken to Heart of Florida Hospital.

Royce Pierson, 81, of Lake Wales was driving the Saturn. He and his wife, 79-year-old Constance Pierson, were also taken to LRMC.

Charges are pending.



A memorial statue was unveiled to honor fallen Lance Cpl. Steve Sutton on Feb. 23 in Leesburg, Ga. The 24-year-old Marine was killed in Afghanistan on May 26, 2012.

Photo by Tom Sileo

For some, the war in Afghanistan will never be over

While looking into the eyes of two young Marines during a Feb. 23 ceremony honoring their fallen brother in arms, I could see the war in Afghanistan.

While some say the conflict is "winding down," it will never be over for these patriots, who saw their friend die less than a year ago.

The two Marines, Preston and Mike, made the nearly 600-mile trip from North Carolina's Camp Lejeune to the small town of Leesburg, Ga., to comfort the family of Lance Cpl. Steve Sutton. The 24-year-old Marine was killed while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan's Helmand Province on May 26, 2012.

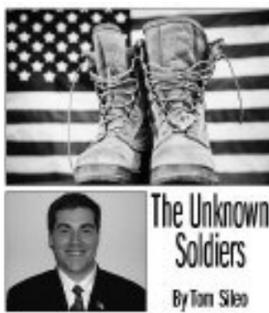
"Steve Sutton was my brother," Preston said.

Throughout the emotional ceremony, the Marines stood beside Gene Sutton, the fallen Marine's father, who had his arms around both young men when a statue was unveiled to honor Steve. When I spoke with the grieving father before the event, he was overcome with emotion.

"I raised him myself," Gene said through tears.

The elder Sutton spoke about his son's success as a high school and junior college offensive lineman who later volunteered to transfer his athletic prowess from the football field to the battlefield. While immensely proud of all Steve accomplished, Gene misses his son dearly and knew getting through the day's events would be a struggle.

"I don't know how I'm going to make it through



hearing them play 'Taps,'" he said.

Just as they were there for Steve during his final hours, Preston and Mike were there for their fellow Marine's dad.

"If there's anything anybody can do for Steve, it would be to continue this support and to support his family," Preston said. "That's what he would want."

"Big Steve," as the burly Marine was nicknamed, will always be in the hearts of his loved ones and those who served alongside him. But he also managed to inspire people who never got the chance to meet him.

"I feel as if I knew him well," Col. Donald Davis, commanding officer of the nearby Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, said. "He's present here with us not only in spirit, but in the eyes of those of you who raised him and influenced him through his life."

Colonel Davis spoke of what it takes for young men and women to leave home and spend many months in faraway places like Afghanistan, where thousands of U.S. troops still serve more than eleven years after the 9/11 attacks.

"Walking among you and speaking to each of you, as well as (Steve's) family and friends, I see character," Davis said. "I see the attributes needed for a good Marine: patriotism, hard work and a compassion that truly reflects a concept beyond oneself."

These noble qualities could also be seen in Steve's fellow Marines. As I met both warriors and thanked them for their service, I couldn't help but wonder what both had been through. I can't imagine what it's like to lose a close friend, especially during the chaos and confusion of combat.

Despite pain that had to be extraordinary, both Marines addressed the more than 300 people who stood outside on a damp, chilly afternoon outside the Lee County Courthouse. When both Marines spoke, the hand of Steve's father, who was again overcome with emotion, rested on their shoulders.

"He influenced my life," Preston said. "I'm glad to see that there are still people in America that will show up and honor people that fight and serve."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Benefit ride planned Saturday

SEBRING — The Sons of AmVets Post 21 in Sebring are planning a Ride Benefit to support the Landstuhl Hospital Care Project in Germany on Saturday.

Active duty veterans who are sick, injured or wounded at War in Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan (any veteran in war time), are cared for at Landstuhl Hospital in Germany, before returning to battle or sent home. Our efforts are to support this project with supplies (toiletries, clothing, etc.) that are badly needed. All proceeds from this benefit go directly to Landstuhl Hospital Care Project.

The event will be held on Saturday at the AmVets Post in Sebring. The founder of this organization is planning to attend this event and there will be a special guest appearance by former American Idol contestant Shelby Dressel, an Avon Park native.

You do not need a motorcycle to enter this Ride Benefit. Registration is \$10 per person to include a continental breakfast, lunch provided at all three American Legion Posts and dinner when the Riders return to the AmVets Post.

There will be a 42-inch TV to raffle, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Tax deductible donations can be made by check payable directly to Landstuhl Hospital Care Project (L.H.C.P.) and mailed to the AmVets Post 21 at 623 U.S. 27 S., Sebring, FL 33870; please mark attention: Sons of AmVets.

Take a test drive to help APHS

AVON PARK — Ford Motor Company and Bill Jarrett Ford are partnering to help raise up to \$6,000 in support of Avon Park High School art, chorus, drama and music as part of the Drive One 4 UR School program.

Members of the local Avon Park community will have the opportunity to raise money for the Fine Arts program by test driv-

ing a Ford, Lincoln or Mercury vehicle. The one-day event takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday at Bill Jarrett Ford, 1305 U.S. 27 North, Avon Park, north of Walmart.

The test drive lasts approximately five minutes. Ford Motor Company and Bill Jarrett Ford will donate \$20 to Avon Park High School for every person from a unique household who test drives a 2013 Ford vehicle, including the new Ford Escape. The organization will be using the proceeds for materials and experiences for the fine arts classes and students.

Participants must be 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. Limit one test drive per household.

Two shows at Under The Oaks Opry this weekend

SEBRING — Under The Oaks Opry will host March birthday celebrations at 7 p.m. tonight and an early Easter Sunday celebration at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Come out for some country, bluegrass, blues and gospel music, hosted by G.W. Saunders. This is an inside family venue (no alcohol allowed) at 3501 Beck Ave. in Sebring. Call Ken 863-253-0771 of find Under The Oaks Opry on Facebook.

McClure to tell stories at LP Library today

LAKE PLACID — Storyteller Ginger McClure will present stories from her grandmother at the next Brown Bag Speakers series presentation at noon today in the Lake Placid Memorial Library conference room.

The retired children's librarian from Lake Placid Memorial Library, McClure will share the colorful stories told by her grandmother, who was born in 1888 in the Florida Panhandle.

The audience is invited to bring a brown bag lunch for the hour-long presentation. The final presentation of this year's series is April 5 and will be a panel dis-

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Fire union leader charged with felony

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING - Local fire union president Ross Edmonds was arrested for domestic battery by strangulation, a felony, on Tuesday.

Edmonds has been at the center of the ongoing tensions between the City of Sebring and the union negotiations over the past year.

SFD Chief Brad Batz confirmed Thursday around noon that the union president was

indeed the center of a new controversy.

"I just learned of this today," Batz said. "It is an unfortunate situation, but we do have a Danniell Ross Edmonds employed here (at the fire department). I do not know all the details because, again, I've just learned of this recently, but I'm getting together with HR (human resources) to see what the protocol is."

Edmonds was booked at

12:30 a.m. into the Highlands County Sheriff's Office jail; he was released on a \$10,000 bond at 10:19 a.m. on March 19.

City Administrator Scott Noethlich was unable to be reached for comment regarding Edmonds' employment with the City of Sebring's Fire Department Thursday, however Batz stated that as of Thursday early afternoon, Edmonds was employed as a firefighter.

Lawmakers set to OK Everglades restoration plan

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida lawmakers are moving ahead with a new plan for restoration of the Everglades.

A Senate panel on Thursday unanimously approved a bill that would keep intact an existing tax on farmers until 2036. The money from the tax will be used to help pay for restoration projects.

The legislation (SB 768) also calls for spending \$32 million a year for the next 10 years. The bill has the backing of environmental groups and sugar farmers. The House is scheduled to debate a similar bill Thursday.

The measure is backed by Gov. Rick Scott since it carries out the agreement that he negotiated with the federal government.

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Council OKs next step for Golden Corral restaurant

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SEBRING — Golden Corral will be returning to Sebring soon, if concerns regarding the location of the restaurant can be worked out.

Representatives from Golden Corral Larry Weiland and Buzz Shiner presented the Sebring City Council with maps and layouts of the proposed restaurant during Tuesday's meeting.

Weiland is familiar with the City of Sebring and was a member of management for the Lake Placid location of the buffet-style restaurant when it opened its doors over 20 years ago.

"I'd like to see a 2013 opening that will employ 60 to 65 new employees in this area," said Weiland.

The site chosen for the proposed restaurant is somewhat of a problem, however. The parcel of land next to the Sebring water tower and Sebring Fire Department substation on U.S. 27 across from Lake Jackson comes with a couple of stipulations.

An ordinance is in place that regulates space surrounding the water tower, known as the area of exclusion. It calls for a 100- or 200-foot distance from the center of the tower. In one mock-up of the layout, the restaurant sits on the north end of the two-acre plot. A small sliver of the back of the restaurant would be in the area of exclusion and several of the parking spaces would also be in the

restricted area.

Council members debated moving the restaurant to the opposite side of the plot, the more southern side, however the restaurant representatives held a preference for the original layout.

"Does the city have any anticipated use for this property?" council member Scott Stanley asked.

Marty Roepstorff, utilities director for the City of Sebring, reminded the council of the possibility of building a storage unit on that property, though the project, and the need for it, have yet to be given an exact designation.

Mayor George Hensley suggested that an appraisal be done on the property before taking any further action. Hensley suggested that the cost of the appraisal be carried by the restaurant and refunded back to the Golden Corral corporation in the event they change their minds about the development.

"What the mayor suggested seems fair to me," Weiland said.

If the ordinance regarding the area of exclusion could be tweaked to allow the building and the parking lots to be built in the proposed space, the restaurant would be built before the end of the year.

Council passed the appraisal of the property and gave a go-ahead for the next step of the project proposal with a 3-1 vote. Councilman John Clark cast the dissenting vote.

CNG fueling station proposed in Sebring

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — Council members were full of questions following a presentation and proposal for the installation of a compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station.

The presentation was led by Bill Hancock of Chesapeake Utilities in Polk County. Hancock explained the vision of the people behind the project and its importance in the future of transportation.

"CNG is 80 percent cleaner, 200 percent safer, 30 percent less expensive than gas and diesel," Hancock explained.

According to Hancock, the proposed site for the CNG station would be near the intersection of U.S. 27 and State Road 66, about four-tenths of a mile down S.R. 66, near the Tradewinds facility.

The domestic fuel would serve future vehicle engines more efficiently according to Hancock. Many of the long-haul and heavy-duty vehicles have recently made the switch to CNG rather than continuing the long tradition of diesel.

"There are currently 40 natural gas waste trucks on the road in Tampa. WSI, which owns Choice Waste now, has made the change over to these new trucks...There are already a few CNG stations in the area, one in Clearwater and we have two coming up soon in Orlando and in Plant City," said Hancock.

After speaking with one of Highlands County's major money making markets, Hancock has gotten verbal interest into the proposed CNG station.

"I've spoken to representa-

tives in the citrus industry. These representatives stated that they have about 10 trucks that would become CNG trucks. I can't call it a done deal yet, but they said to me that they have an interest in this technology," Hancock said.

Hancock also has plans to reach out to the Highlands County School District transportation department. Other counties have already jumped on board with CNG-compatible school bus engines and with the soon-to-be released Cummins 8.7-liter engine it could be a real possibility of gaining a second local customer.

Traditional garbage and waste trucks use more than 10,000 gallons a year in fuel. With the CNG move, these same trucks will be able to use a lot less fuel and theoretically reduce the amount of pollution being released into the air.

The CNG station, if approved and developed, would be for customers whose vehicles are equipped with CNG engines and are granted temporary decals. These decals will serve as a pass at the unmanned station; credit and debit cards would be needed to fuel up vehicles. "I think that this is an exciting opportunity. I think it would benefit the community greatly as well as the customers. If the station is built in 2013, a \$30,000 tax credit could be awarded and we anticipate having the station pumping fuel in 2013," Hancock said.

No action was taken on the presentation.

Council members are likely to hear another presentation and proposal before taking any such action on the item.



News-Sun file photo by KATARA SIMMONS

The Springtime on the Mall Festival, which always offers a wide selection of arts and crafts to enjoy, kicks off today in Avon Park.

Springtime on the Mall to have 92 vendors

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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AVON PARK — Today the City of Charm sparkles and hums, the 34th annual Springtime on the Mall kicks off at 9 a.m. with the fun, food and specialty shopping go on until 4 p.m. Saturday it happens all over again.

According to Julie Diaz, president of the city's chamber of commerce, 92 vendors will offer a wide variety of

arts and crafts and everything from sno-cones to kettle corn to hamburgers, and more, for sale.

Many non-profits will be fund raising. For example, the Rotary Club's now legendary pancake breakfast outside Auto Options starts at 7 a.m. Saturday.

The festival is a family event, Diaz said. Like last year, a kids activity center will be cordoned off, with

things like bounce houses and small art projects to keep young people busy.

The Depot Museum will be open with displays.

Music is a big part of the festival, Diaz added, with lots of live performances, including bluegrass bands, at the Veteran's Memorial on the Mall.

"We hope everybody comes out and has a good time," Diaz said.

Kids can get meals after school

Special to the News-Sun

The Boys and Girls Club of Highlands County announces the sponsorship of the After-School Nutrition Program, a subcomponent of the Child Care Food Program. This program is designed primarily to provide nutritious snacks and suppers to children in afterschool programs.

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Obama to Israelis: compromise for peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — President Barack Obama delivered an impassioned appeal Thursday for Israel to recognize that compromise will be necessary to achieve lasting security and to take steps to reverse an "undertow" of international isolation that is worsened by its failure to make peace with the Palestinians. Militants again underscored Israel's vulnerability by firing rockets into a southern border town.

Obama declared anew that Israeli expansion of housing settlements in disputed territory only hinders chances for fruitful negotiations with the Palestinians, but he did not say as he has in the past that they must be halted.

Reminding an audience of Israeli university students that the United States is their country's best friend and most important ally, Obama said the U.S. will never back down on its commitment to Israel's defense, particularly against threats such as the one posed by Iran and its nuclear program.

"As long as there is a United States of America, you are not alone," he told a packed audience of university students who erupted frequently with applause and standing ovations at Jerusalem's convention center.

The applause continued even as Obama stressed that Israel must make peace with the Palestinians if it is to ensure its survival and long-term viability as a Jewish homeland.

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Housing veterans should be a priority

There are over 20,000 veterans in Highlands County, of which at least 105 are homeless. Several hundred more are living in substandard and/or unaffordable housing conditions.

That's what John Hawthorn said in a recent letter to our publisher, Romania Washington. Hawthorne is the executive director of Habitat for Humanity, Highlands County.

This has to change, Hawthorne said. "(Our veterans' selfless service requires our attention and a willingness to provide them with a 'hand up' from a grateful community, state and nation."

Habitat, said Hawthorne, is launching an initiative to address this growing problem as part of Habitat's "overall mission of eliminating substandard housing throughout Highlands County.

"We can and must do something to reverse the alarming number of veterans who are

finding it increasingly difficult to find jobs and/or adequate shelter."

Hawthorne did not simply plead.

His letter outlined a first-step plan:

1. Convene a meeting of interested parties.
2. Meet with area leaders for opportunities to acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed properties.
3. Educate business on tax credit and other programs that are available for tax relief on donated funds and/or materials.
4. Meet with government entities and housing agencies at the local, state, and federal levels to determine availability of resources.
5. Develop a capital campaign to solicit donors.

6. Reach out to veterans' agencies.

7. Develop an outreach program, complete with an action plan and achievable goals.

The News-Sun strongly endorses this initiative. Not only does it address a great need and moral debt, but it does so in a thoughtful, practical way that has a real chance of success. We urge the community to unite in finding a sustainable solution.

"We know and understand the incredible economic challenges faced by government, non-profits and the business community," Hawthorne said in closing his letter, "but we at Habitat believe we, as a community, have an obligation to pool our resources to help those veterans who have served us well and asked nothing in return."

No one could say it any better.

The first round table meeting is 10 a.m. Tuesday at the county's Veteran's Services Office at 7209 S. George Blvd.

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Guest Column
Tina Dupuy

I've been assured my in-laws don't read my column. However, because of their mix of shame, guilt and blame, I'll be vague on some details. They've fallen on hard times. No one wants to talk about it, let alone have it written about and syndicated.

But I think their story is illustrative.

My in-laws live in a generic suburb of modest mid-century tract homes in the middle of strip mall sprawl. They have a well-attended lawn; two mid-range cars in the driveway, a loyal lab mix sleeping on the porch. They both worked in middle management in not-important-enough-to-name small businesses tangentially related to serving the housing industry for over 20 years each. They paid off their mortgage. Their son, my husband, was the first in their family to attend college. During the housing boom they looked at the massive amount their small three-bedroom home was worth and opted not to partake in the equity, but knew it meant they were secure. The future was bright.

In short: They were living every part of the real American Dream. Not the grandiose one where we're all millionaires or soon-to-be millionaires. The one where we all have a job, a home and our kids are better off than we were. My in-laws had that.

The middle-class mantra since the Great Depression has been if you do the right thing, you'll be ok. Work, save, pay bills and pay your taxes. You know—vbe responsible. Those in the middle-class believe everyone gets the opportunity for success, and failure is something you choose. So when bad times fall on those in the middle-class, it's assumed it's because of some moral shortcoming. Drugs, gambling, divorce—v something they did. Something they therefore could have avoided doing.

These tales become suburban parables, gossip with a moral to the story. "So and so had that shopping addiction and now the house is for sale. Tsk. Tsk."

You're familiar with the next part of this story. Giant, faceless, soulless corporations gambled, coluded, lied, stole and were otherwise reckless in their deregulated pursuit of profits. These conglomerates were so giant, in fact, they had to be immediately saved by the same government. Too big to fail: the premise of every monster

movie ever made. My in-laws had no part in any of that. They just faithfully and unwittingly paid their taxes to prop up companies like Bank of America. They also pay for government that doesn't represent them; it instead represents

Citigroup.

My mother-in-law was the first to be laid off. A few months later, her husband's company also downsized. They're 55 and 56 years old. Too young to retire, too old to be hired. Their health insurance is \$1,000 a month each. That's \$24,000 a year just for health insurance (for perspective: the annual salary for a minimum wage worker is \$15,000). They're still a decade away from Medicare.

Their unemployment insurance has, of course, run out. They've yet to find work. Their house is worth half of what it was during the boom. They don't travel. They don't buy anything. They don't have much of a choice. Their savings is going quickly.

What happened to them is government and corporations got together to make life fuller (richer) for corporations. Wealth was redistributed away from the middle and went to the very, very top. The term a "government by the people" was said with a wink as vampiric corporations were thought of as ... people. "People" that do business in the U.S. but magically exist in the Caymans. Yes, coming from a victim, this sounds like a conspiracy theory. "They" raided my in-laws' retirement.

But really: Their golden years did go to Goldman Sachs.

As Congress shortsightedly wants to outlaw abortion, bicker about debt-ceilings, vilify those on food stamps and take more recesses than the average kindergartener—vthe middle-class is an abstraction. The middle-class is just a thing they mention to try and mask being an elitist, beltway insider, corporate toady.

But the real middle-class—vthe actual human beings—vare not getting help from the politicians they voted for. Instead, the politicians they voted for are helping the companies that the middle-class, in turn, is forced to subsidize.

It's not a theory, it's a conspiracy fact.

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What we've learned so far in 2013 politics

Let's see: So far we've witnessed hyper-partisanship, President Barack Obama's poll numbers plunge eight points, less than three in 10 saying they view Republicans favorably, Republicans showing barely disguised contempt towards Obama, Democratic liberals worrying Obama will "cave," former Vice President Dick Cheney embracing the use of torture, Sarah Palin getting media mileage snark, Ann Coulter calling Bill Clinton a "forcible rapist," and Democrats dreaming of Hillary Clinton in the White House.

So you thought this would be different than 2009? But, yes, we've already learned some lessons about politics 2013. A few of them:

1. Barack Obama is no wiz at governing. After his 2008 Presidential election victory, some of Obama's political team members moved on and Obama was left to govern. Obama as President was far less sure-footed and nimble in responding, and not half as tough on his foes, as he was during his campaign. As time went on it seemed that Congressional Republicans were a step ahead of him and more cut-throat Machiavellian. You get some of the same sense now. He's no FDR.
2. Republican rebranding is failing. The CPAC meeting produced clips of a member seemingly defending slavery, plus other sound bites that will turn off independent and moderate voters. Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus's impressive GOP's post election "autopsy" called for a more inclusive compassionate conservatism party. The National Journal's Charlie Cook says the GOP now has two choices: "change or go over the cliff." Guess which way it seems to be heading?



Independent's Eye
Joe Gandelman

Senate Republicans may further hurt the party among Latinos by trying to politically dismember Obama's pick for Labor Secretary, Tom Perez. The Washington Post's Greg Sargent says the "campaign against him... will make the effort to block Chuck Hagel look like a knitting seminar. Given Thomas Perez's background as the son of Dominican immigrants, plus his role running the Justice Department's civil rights division, this isn't going to make the RNC's 'outreach' to Latinos any easier."

3. Sarah Palin remains an acquired partisan taste. Her tiresome jokes at CPAC about Obama and a teleprompter (one report says she used one for her speech), her joke about Obama needing a background check, and her drinking a Slurpee to mock attempts to control big sugary drinks, only impressed Republicans. Palin is to thoughtful politics what a Slurpee is to wine.

In naming her one of the "losers" at CPAC, Mediaite's AJ Delgado wrote: "Perhaps one should add 'all conservatives' under the CPAC losers list for,

the longer we provide a platform for Palin, the more we all, by association, go down with the sinking, embarrassing ship. S.O.S. Please, stop the Palin insanity."

4. Mitt Romney may have been forgiven by many Republicans, but they want to distance themselves from him almost as much as they want to distance themselves from George W. Bush.

5. Jeb Bush is off to an awful start if he's running: his book tour was rocky, his CPAC speech fizzled, more damning information came out about how his brother's Iraq war was misrepresented to the American people, and Bush family booster Karl Rove is on the political skids.

6. The party's craftiest national politician is New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. He's young enough to run in 2020 if someone else goes down in 2016 GOP defeat.

7. Hillary Clinton is well-positioned to run with her endorsement of gay marriage that went further than Obama's.

8. Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul is the now the undisputed darling of the party's growing libertarian wing. And he supports comprehensive immigration reform.

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Seventeen students sign Take Stock in Children Contracts



Courtesy photo

Students participate in the Take Stock in Children's Highlands Contract Signing event Tuesday afternoon at the Jacaranda Hotel. There were 17 seventh-graders from around the county who received a two-year tuition scholarship. Dr. Norm Stephens, South Florida State College president, and Wally Cox Highlands County Superintendent of Schools were the guest speaker. They helped Don Appelquist, executive director for Take Stock in Children, challenge the students, who were Joyce Morales-Duran, Alyssa Sutton, and Afrin Tarin, from Avon Park Middle School; Alexandria Morris, Shelly Seetaram, Kylee Huylebroeck, Rafael Hernandez, and Nathalie Palacios, from Hill-Gustat Middle School; Omar Gloria, Grace Duncan, Yiley Acosta, Diana Salazar, and Joseph Picior, from Lake Placid Middle School; and Jordyn Belanger, Sophia Emile, Nanichi Hidalgo, and Chandler Gowan, from Sebring Middle School.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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discussion by Lake Placid "natives" about this area back "in the good ol' days." This was the most requested topic by last year's audiences.

No reservations are necessary. If you have any questions or suggestions, you may call Janet Mitchell, 465-5234, or the library at 699-3705.

Dance Club hosts Buddy Canova

SEBRING — The Highlands Social Dance Club will host the music of the talented Buddy Canova from 7-9:30 p.m. tonight at the Highlands Senior Center, 3400 Sebring Parkway. Snacks and sandwiches available. BYOB (bring your own beverage). Admission \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Dress is smart casual. Everyone is welcome, including singles. For more information, call 386-0855.

Child ID event today in Avon Park

AVON PARK — Masonic District 25 will be doing child ID from 5-8 p.m. today for children up through 18 years of age at Memorial Elementary, 867 Memorial Drive. This is free of charge. You get a CD with your child's pictures, voice, fin-

gerprints, emergency information and DNA.

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

Dance at Reflections tonight

AVON PARK — Reflections on Silver Lake will host a dance featuring Lotela Gold from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. tonight. Cost is \$5 and the public is welcome. Bring your own drinks and snacks, and ice will be provided.

For more information call 452-5037.

Democratic Women's Club meets Saturday

SEBRING — The Democratic Women's Club of Florida will have their monthly general meeting on Saturday at democratic headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway, next to Ruby Tuesdays.

Continental breakfast will be available at 9:30 a.m. The meeting and speaker will begin at 10 a.m. This month's program speaker is Jennifer Gordon, dynamic speaker and legislative assistant for Florida House Representative Mark Danish (District 63).

Gordon will be discussing current proposed legislation being considered during the 2013 Florida

Legislative Session. At the age of 21, Gordon is working her fourth legislative session and is the youngest legislative assistant in the state of Florida. All like-minded women are welcome to attend. Please call for 385-7447 for further information.

Sebring VFW Ladies Auxiliary plan yard sale

SEBRING — The Ladies of the Auxiliary will be holding a sale of gently used items for the home, clothes, fine cruise clothes, and more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday inside the Hall at the Post home at 1041 Lakeview Drive.

Tables rent for \$10 each if you wish to rent one to sell items. Call Darlene at 314-9107 if you wish to reserve one. The Ladies will also be having a homemade bake sale that day so you can pick up your favorite treats for the freezer for later or enjoy immediately. For lunch you can enjoy one of their fantastic toasted egg salad Sandwiches for \$2. Stop by and support the ladies in their efforts to raise money for their Veterans Programs.

Anyone with questions can call Darlene Watkin at 314-9107.

Court hears Fla. appeal of Cuba contracts law

By CURT ANDERSON
AP Legal Affairs Writer

MIAMI — The state of Florida on Thursday urged a panel of skeptical federal appeals judges to allow enforcement of a law that prohibits companies from bidding on state and local government contracts if they also do business in Cuba or Syria.

The law, blocked by a federal district judge before it was to go into effect last year, was challenged by Coral Gables-based Odebrecht Construction Inc., a subsidiary of a Brazilian conglomerate that has a separate unit working on an expansion project at Cuba's port of Mariel. Odebrecht says the law will prevent it from bidding on billions of dollars' in state and local projects in Florida.

An attorney for the state Department of Transportation urged the three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to focus on whether Odebrecht would suffer any actual financial harm because of the law. The lawyer, Gregory Costas, said Odebrecht hadn't bid on a state transportation project in 15 years.

But Odebrecht attorney James Moye said the company planned to submit numerous state transportation bids in the future, noting that the company recently won a bid for a multimillion-dollar runway expansion at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Among its notable past projects are the American Airlines Arena that is home to the NBA's Miami Heat, the Nassau Sound Bridge in Jacksonville and Florida International University's new football stadium.

"If you can't bid work, you're out of business," Moye said. "That's their lifeblood."

Two of the judges noted that it wasn't just about state transportation projects, but a ban on work for any government entity in the state for companies with Cuban or Syrian ties.

"The legislation goes much farther than the (transportation) department, right?" asked Circuit Judge Stanley Marcus. "The statute sweeps very broadly."

When he declared the law unconstitutional last June, U.S. District Judge K. Michael Moore said it ran

afoul of the federal government's sole power to direct U.S. foreign policy. The appeals judges noted that the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 2000 case known as Crosby, struck down a Massachusetts law prohibiting that state from dealing with companies that did business in Myanmar, also known as Burma.

"The Supreme Court said you can't do that," Marcus said. "How do you distinguish Crosby, if you can, from this case?"

Costas replied that the Massachusetts law was different than Florida's because it was enacted before Congress established its own sanctions against Myanmar, but Marcus said it still seemed the Florida law amounted to a "collision" with U.S. policy toward Cuba.

The law's constitutionality has long been in doubt. Republican Gov. Rick Scott issued a statement after signing the measure in May 2012 that it would pass muster only if Congress passed a law and the president signed it allowing states to impose their own sanctions on foreign governments.

SFSC narrows president search down to final four

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science from Florida State University (Tallahassee). Holdnak earned his associate's degree from Pensacola Junior College.

Current president of the Technical College of the Lowcountry in South Carolina, Leitzel has also served as vice president and dean of graduate studies at Pfeiffer University in North Carolina. Leitzel has earned his doctorate of philosophy, master of science and bachelor of arts from Lycoming College in Pennsylvania. Leitzel earned his associates degree from the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Nagy currently works as the special assistant to the president of strategic planning and analysis department at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa. Nagy is also the former director of

the department as well as coordinator of the Provost Office at the University of Florida. Nagy has earned a doctorate of philosophy, a master of public administration and bachelor of science from East Carolina University.

Since the announcement of the candidates, the Board of Trustees has begun setting up interviews with each of the potential future SFSC presidents. The first interview has been scheduled for April 3. Each candidate will spend two days at SFSC interviewing with the committee.

SFSC Director of Community Relations and Marketing Deborah Latter has been pleased with the overall efforts of the presidential search.

"It's gone really smoothly. The committee has gotten through a lot of things very quickly," Latter said. "We've

had no problems, no glitches everything has gone just great with the narrowing of the field. The cream has just kind of come to the top."

Latter stated that the public will be given the opportunity to meet each of the candidates before the final selection is made. Latter believes that the committee will have chosen a new SFSC President by mid-April.

"I feel confident that they will have an answer by April 19 or 20," Latter said.

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US pediatricians back gay marriage, cite research

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — The nation's most influential pediatrician's group says gays should be allowed to marry to help ensure the health and well-being of their children.

The American Academy of Pediatrics' new policy, published online Thursday, cites research showing that the parents' sexual orientation has no effect on a child's development. Kids fare just as well in gay or straight families when they are nurturing and financially and emotionally stable, the academy says.

The academy believes that a two-parent marriage is best equipped to provide that kind of environment. Their policy says that if a child has two gay parents who choose to marry, "it is in the best interests of their children that legal and social institutions allow and support them to do so."

The policy cites reports indicating that almost 2 mil-

lion U.S. children are being raised by gay parents, many of them in states that don't allow gays to marry.

The academy announced its position Thursday. Officials with the group said they wanted to make the academy's views known before two gay marriage cases are considered by the U.S. Supreme Court next week.

"We wanted that policy statement available for the justices to review," said Dr. Thomas McInerney, the academy's president and a pediatrician in Rochester, N.Y.

The pediatricians' gay marriage stance is not surprising. They previously joined other national groups including the American Medical Association in supporting one of the Supreme Court cases, which contends the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional. The academy also previously supported adoption by gay parents.

The academy's statement

notes that several other national health groups have supported gay marriage. Those are the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association and the American College of Nursing.

Dr. Ben Siegel, a Boston pediatrician and chairman of the committee that developed the new policy, said its focus is on "nurturing children. We want what's best for children."

The academy has a history of taking a stand on politically touchy issues. It has discouraged families with children from having guns in their homes and urged pediatricians to give teens advance prescriptions for emergency birth control.

Policy positions typically start in the academy's committees and are based on a review of scientific literature. These recommendations then go to the academy's board of directors.

OBITUARIES

HORTENSE NEWSOME

Hortense Lela Newsome, age 80, passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 in Sebring, Fla. She was born in Wauchula, Fla. on May 29, 1932. Her parents were her mother, Lillian Agnes (Weed) Luehr, and stepfather, Emil Luehr. She was a supervisor in banking, and a member of Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church. She loved to read and spend time with her grandchildren and was a resident of Sebring since 1945, coming from Wauchula.

She is survived by her daughters, Debbie (Wayne) Slade of Lake Placid, Fla., Leda Kay (Jim) Coleman of Cullman, Ala., and Kim Glarner of Sebring, Fla.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was

preceded in death by her husband, Roger Wayne Newsome Sr.; son, Roger Wayne Newsome Jr. and her parents, Emil W. and Lillian A. Luehr.

A service will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church with Rev. George Hall officiating. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. with services at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Pinecrest Cemetery, Sebring, Fla. Contributions may be made in her memory to the Highlands County Humane Society, 7321 Haywood Taylor Blvd., Sebring, FL 33876.

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Rhoda Ross talks to a group of kids about what they are thankful for Wednesday afternoon, while reading from her book 'A Wildflower for all Seasons at the Lake Placid Public Library.

Ross' book delivers positive message for kids

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and die along with all the other wildflowers at the end of summer. Instead, she determinedly draws courage from an inner strength to press on; to ward off cold and storms during the onslaught of fall and winter. The character wins the battle and survives through an inner peace, giving inspiration to children as they read or hear the book read, and then follow the instructions on each page to interact.

Reviews of the book have been extremely supportive, and Ross is now pushing forward with classroom projects and lessons based on the book itself. As an interactive learning tool, Ross explained her desire that the book could enable children to "live without shadows, and have no fears of past or future."

With children growing up almost too quickly these days, the goal of Ross's book is to have children be given more time to simply "stay in the moment" and "feel connected to God." Undoubtedly, the content and story line regarding the determination of Wild Flower is viewed as refreshing and hopeful.

"It actually took four years to go through the long process of writing and illustrating the book," Ross explained. "Doug Heatherly of Lighthouse24.com has been a tremendous source of information as the book layout and design authority, and all around support person as I wrote and re-wrote."

"In addition, dear friends from Atlanta, Jules and Josh, have also encouraged me and are helping to market the book," Ross said.

Of all the acknowledgements and reviews written, Ross was thrilled to share her book with the well-

known English author, speaker, teacher, retreat leader, and political advisor Edwina Gately. (You may visit the British-born author on her Website at www.edwindagately.com)

Gately wrote, "An inspiring and heart-felt children's book which will speak to the spirit of joy and hope in children everywhere. 'Wildflower' teaches deep lessons about life and how to overcome adversity whilst at

'I believe God has truly had a hand in this. He has been my strength and it is my joy to help children learn to stay focused in life and find joy in the moment.'

RHODA ROSS
teacher, author

the same time inviting the readers to dance and to celebrate the whole of life."

While teaching programs based on her book is an ultimate goal, Ross also intends to include programs where parents can become involved in teaching a child through the "parent page."

Ross said, "I will offer one- to two-minute videos about before, during, and after the reading strategies."

Ross is directing her book toward teachers everywhere. She hopes her Website will be a connection between the classroom, parents, and children.

"There are free lesson plans for kindergarten, first and second grades found on the website," Ross explains further.

In addition, there will be spiritual lessons on the website that contain activities and videos to help children stay focused on God and find joy in each moment. Videos are in production now, and Ross hopes the message found in her book and the teaching tools will help children develop courage and strength within themselves, as well as feelings of self-worth.

Ross is a former part-time youth minister. She is available to speak at churches, church groups, civic organizations, and any venue having a desire to hear more about the book and her message.

"I believe God has truly had a hand in this," Ross said, explaining how her connection to art and the desire to impact the lives of children through the many phases of the arts served as an inspiration to write.

"He has put many people in my life and opened doors that I believe helped to make it possible. He has been my strength," Ross continued, "and it is my joy to help children learn to stay focused in life and find joy in the moment."

"We are here to be used as tools to help foster relationships," Ross explains, "to help others remain focused and find the fruits of the Spirit. Through God, we can do anything."

Ross is married and lives with her husband, Mark, in Lake Placid, along with their dog, Mojo. They attend Sebring Unity Church.

Published by Create Space Independent Publishing, (July 31, 2009), "A Wildflower for All Seasons" is available through Amazon.com. Visit Ross's Website at www.noonday-heart.com for more information.

helped defend.

"During his funeral procession, a local young woman said 'we don't have to know one another to be

for one another,'" Davis said. "'We are all family.'"

To find out more about Tom Sileo, visit www.creators.com/.

Fire at elementary school being investigated

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The first portable. Neither of the portables were being used as classrooms, the one with the minor damage was being used for storage and there was significant damage to the contents inside of it," said Waldron. "Everyone that has been here has been trying to do what they need to do to take care of the situation. Everyone is working together. I'm most grateful that no one was hurt. No one was on the campus at the time the fire started and no other buildings were damaged on

campus."

The Division of State Fire Marshal Office could not confirm Wednesday morning if the incident was arson, however, the fire continues to be investigated.

"It's to be determined. I can't really confirm if it was arson because it is an open investigation," Deputy Superintendent Dr. Rodney Hollinger said. "At 8:30 a.m., specialty dogs were brought in from Plant City for a sniff inspection. They were looking for any accelerants that could've been used. Our (Management and

Information Systems) and facilities staff were on campus this morning. Adjustments to the wiring on that end of campus will be made by MIS. The second portable was being used as a migrant worker office, so they are taking inventory of those items to see where to relocate them. I know that this morning the fire marshal department packed up some materials in a bucket and that it will be sent to Tallahassee for testing."

No updates on the cause of the fire were available at press time on Thursday.

Highlands County's Got Talent show April 6



Courtesy photo

The Avon Park Breakfast Rotary is working to make the first Highlands County's Got Talent show a huge success. The event will be held at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, April 6 in Grogan Hall at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Avon Park. The talent will include multiple individuals and groups competing for prize money, including a dance group from Center Stage Dance Studios made up of (from left) Kylla Wall, Destanie Carpenter, Caylie Wall, Taylor Nelson, and Tanah Becker. Judges Doug Andrews of South Florida State College, Laura Wade of Webber College and David Onsted of Cohan Radio will choose the winners. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Heartland National Bank, Reflections on Silver Lake and The Daisy Girl on main street in Avon Park.



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War will always rage for some

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Sadly, too many Americans, starting with politicians on both sides of the aisle, are disengaged from the Afghanistan conflict. Still, there are thousands of combat veterans like Preston and Mike and thousands of families like the Suttons who have lost loved ones since 9/11. These folks don't just live in small towns like Leesburg, Ga.; they are in communities all across the nation.

The next time you meet a veteran or family of a fallen service member, look into their eyes. You won't just see the wars that changed their lives; you will see all that's good about the country they

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Professor Richard Forman (standing left) introduces his students to Highlands County planners and officials Wednesday at Archbold Biological station.

Harvard students come up with land use plans for Lake Placid

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cussions a local aversion to government, a strong sense of family and the desire to preserve the way of life as it is.

After visiting working ranches, a country club, lakes, ball fields, state parks, shopping areas and residential areas on both sides of U.S. 27, the students were given two and a half days to complete team projects. Each team had to propose a land use project that addressed a community need while honoring its philosophical foundations.

The groups came up with wide-ranging ideas and insights.

One team proposed ag-tourism as a way to attract tourists and educate the public. They proposed "The 3 C Circuit" — citrus, caladiums and cattle, and pointed to Napa Valley, Calif., Costa Rica and Apalachicola as good ag-tourism models.

Another team focused on how Lake Placid was made up of disconnected communities, some divided by the barrier of U.S. 27. They proposed walking paths, bike lanes and new intersection designs to make pedestrian crossings safer.

Yet another team, also looking at how to better unite the town and provide more access to all its residents, suggested golf cart paths and solar-powered golf carts.

Supreme Court affirms killer's death sentence

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The Florida Supreme Court has unanimously affirmed the death sentence of a drifter convicted of abducting and beheading a woman in north Florida's Apalachicola National Forest in 2007.

The court on Thursday upheld the sentence and kidnapping and murder convictions for 66-year-old Gary Michael Hilton.

He was convicted in the murder of Cheryl Dunlap of Crawfordville in north Florida. She was a 46-year-old nurse and Sunday school teacher.

The court found Hilton's various arguments insufficient to reverse and found the death sentence to be in proportion to the crime.

Hilton received a life sentence after pleading guilty to killing another woman in Georgia. He also pleaded guilty and was imprisoned for life for ambushing and killing an elderly couple while they were hiking in North Carolina.

with overpasses and links connecting the disparate parts of town. Other students saw a real need to find transportation to South Florida State College so everyone would have literal access to higher education.

Students suggested Lake Placid work to become a regional solar hub.

They were intrigued by the sense of community in the mobile home parks they visited, and felt the parks could be used as a model for bringing people together socially.

One suggestion was to turn empty, foreclosed lots into temporary parks — small places where people can

relax in natural settings, at a minimal cost.

Students noticed that Devane Park is under utilized, and suggested a landscape screen to cut down on traffic noise and provide a more intimate setting.

There was a common thread throughout. Conservation of important environmental pieces that protect ecosystems, wildlife migration corridors, surface water and the aquifer are essential to a healthy community, the students said.

Highlands County Commission Chairman Jack Richie, former county commissioner Barbara Stewart,

Mark Deyrup, senior research biologist at the station, and two land use planners, one from the county, the other from the Central Florida Regional Planning Agency, listened and responded to the students.

All were impressed with the amount of information the students had learned and organized in such a short time, and refreshed by their sense of optimism and hope for the future.

Keep that positive point of view, the students were told, but be warned — making things happen is much more difficult than creating a plan.

Parents of Newtown victim met with killer's father

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — The parents of one of the 20 first-graders killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre met with the gunman's father for more than an hour in an effort to bring some closure to the tragedy, asking him about his son's mental health and other issues.

Alissa Parker told "CBS This Morning" in an excerpt of an interview that aired Thursday the meeting with Adam Lanza's father, Peter Lanza, was her idea. Her 6-year-old daughter, Emilie, died in December's shooting rampage.

"I felt strongly that I needed to tell him something, and I needed to get that out of my system," Alissa Parker said.

"I felt very motivated to do it and then I felt really good about it and prayed about it. And it was something that I needed to do."

It was unclear what they discussed or when the

meeting took place. CBS plans to show the rest of the interview with Alissa and Robbie Parker on Friday morning, revealing more details about their meeting with Peter Lanza.

No one answered the phone at the Parkers' home Thursday morning.

A message seeking comment from Peter Lanza was left with a Lanza family spokesman.

The Parkers told CBS they wanted to ask Peter Lanza about his son's medical history, his and his ex-wife's relationships with Adam Lanza and other issues.

Robbie Parker was the first parent of a child killed at the school to speak publicly about the massacre.

A day after the Dec. 14 killings, he fought back tears and struggled to catch his breath as he spoke lovingly of Emilie at a wrenching, lengthy news conference.

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Hillary Clinton (left) has a big lead over Marco Rubio (center) and Jeb Bush when it comes to the 2016 presidential race, at least according to a recent poll of Florida voters.

Fla. poll: Clinton leads Bush, Rubio in matchups

By BRENT KALLESTAD
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Hillary Clinton is a heavy early favorite among Florida voters in a hypothetical 2016 presidential matchup against either of the state's two best-known Republicans — former Gov. Jeb Bush or U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, a poll released Thursday shows.

Clinton has a double-digit lead over both of the Florida Republicans in a random telephone survey of 1,000 of the state's registered voters by Quinnipiac (Conn.) University Polling Institute taken March 13-18.

The new Quinnipiac survey, which has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points, shows Clinton would best Bush 51 percent to 40 percent and top Rubio by 52 percent to 41 percent if an election were held now. Independent voters, however, were virtually divided in a Bush-Clinton matchup while the former secretary of state, New York senator and first lady

'Florida voters have a very positive view of Mrs. Clinton and it's not just Democrats who feel that way.'

PETER BROWN
University Polling Institute

ran ahead of Rubio in a comparable pairing with a 47-38 advantage.

"If she decides to make the race, she begins with a sizable lead in a state that Republicans cannot win the White House without," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the polling institute. "Florida voters have a very positive view of Mrs. Clinton and it's not just Democrats who feel that way."

Clinton was regarded favorably by 62 percent of the respondents, including 26 percent of Republicans and 57 percent

of independents.

Two thirds of women surveyed held a favorable view of Clinton.

Clinton was easily the best known of the trio with 95 percent having an opinion on her, compared to 85 percent for Bush and 75 percent for Rubio.

None of the three have announced their intentions for 2016 although Bush and Rubio have been taking the temperature of GOP voters with a variety of political appearances across the country in recent weeks.

Clinton, who stepped down as secretary of state this year, lost the 2008 Democratic nomination to Barack Obama in a lengthy and bruising Democratic primary contest.

President Obama's job performance, the poll showed, was regarded favorably by 50 percent compared to 45 percent who rated it unfavorably.

Obama carried Florida, the nation's largest swing state, in both the 2008 and 2012 general elections.

Judge orders temporary ban on part of state PIP law

By JAMES L. ROSICA
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A Tallahassee judge has signaled that changes to Florida's Personal Injury Protection law may be unconstitutional and ordered a temporary ban on enforcing some of its parts.

Circuit Judge Terry Lewis suspended parts of PIP that require a finding of emergency medical condition and prohibit payments to acupuncturists, massage therapists and chiropractors. He said the law violates the right of access to the courts found in the Florida Constitution.

Lewis signed the order last Friday but it was released Wednesday. The state's Office of Insurance Regulation said it is appealing, and any appeal acts as a hold on Lewis' order.

Lawmakers passed PIP — or no-fault — coverage in the early 1970s to ensure that anyone hurt in an automobile wreck could obtain medical treatment without delay, while waiting for a case to be resolved.

Lewis' order granting in part a motion for temporary injunction says "(t)he fundamental right to seek redress for injuries received at the hands of another is a cornerstone of our legal system," and free access to the courts and the administration of justice is enshrined in the state constitution.

Over the years, however, state and federal lawmakers have "tinkered with these fundamental principles," said Lewis, adding the PIP law is an "example of this experiment with socialism and the trend away from those libertarian principles of individual liberty and personal responsibility."

Lewis quickly noted he was using "the popular, if somewhat inaccurate meaning" of socialism: "Any law that intrudes significantly into the free market arena with government mandates, e.g. socialized medicine."

The PIP law was a trade-off that provided a "reasonable alternative" to the courts, Lewis wrote.

"The question raised in this case ... is whether the revised no-fault law passes beyond these 'outer limits of constitutional tolerance,'" he said, quoting another judge. "I conclude that it does ... (It) now severely limits what can be recovered."

The law provides that a driver's insurance company pay up to \$10,000 to cover medical bills and lost wages after an accident, no matter who's at fault. All Florida drivers are required to carry PIP insurance.

Over the years, however, authorities have voiced concern that Florida has become a leading state for staged accidents, especially in the Tampa and Miami-Dade areas.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 11-132-GCS

LAS PALMAS RESORT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a non-profit Florida corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. CAMAY M. BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAMAY M. BROWN, et. al.; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 7th day of February, 2013 and entered in Case No. 11-132-GCS, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in ad for Highlands County, Florida, wherein LAS PALMAS RESORT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a non-profit Florida corporation, is the Plaintiff, and CAMAY M. BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAMAY M. BROWN, are the Defendant(s). I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, in Sebring, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on the 4th day of April 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
A/K/A 600 EAST CANFIELD STREET #638 AVON PARK, FLORIDA 33825
LOT 638 EXHIBIT A

A PORTION OF LOT 12, BLOCK 4, TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, (OF WHICH HIGHLANDS COUNTY WAS FORMERLY A PART) FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59'48" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 12, 160.16 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00'12" WEST, 47.94 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREES 05'32" WEST, 26.70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 41 DEGREES 54'28" EAST, 58.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 48 DEGREES 05'32" EAST, 26.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 41 DEGREES 54'28" WEST, 58.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

DATED this 8th day of March, 2013, in Highlands County, Florida.

BOB GERMAINE, as Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 15, 22, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 13 000143 G CA

M & T BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. ROBERTO MITIL, JR. AND JARELIE AIMEE ALGARIN A/K/A JARELIE A. ALGARIN A/K/A JARELIE ALGARIN A/K/A JARELIE MITIL, et al.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: JARELIE AIMEE ALGARIN A/K/A JARELIE A. ALGARIN A/K/A JARELIE ALGARIN A/K/A JARELIE MITIL & THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JARELIE AIMEE ALGARIN A/K/A JARELIE A. ALGARIN A/K/A JARELIE ALGARIN A/K/A JARELIE MITIL whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

A Portion of Lot 33 and Lot 34, of EAST GROVE COMMUNITY, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 39, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the South East Corner of Lot 34; thence North 01 degree 07 minutes 15 seconds East a distance of 91.85 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 01 degree 07 minutes 15 seconds East along the East Line of said Lot 34 a distance of 43.15 feet to the North East Corner of Lot 34; thence West along the North Line of Lots 33 and 34 a distance of 136 feet to the North West Corner of Lot 33; thence South 01 degree 07 minutes 15 seconds West along the West Line of Lot 33 a distance of 40.49 feet; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 15 seconds East a distance of 135.97 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before April 30, 2013 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 12th day of March, 2013.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
DEPUTY CLERK
March 22, 29, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 13-166 GCS SECTION NO. 10

MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION F/K/A MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs. PHILLETTE TILLET; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PHILLETTE TILLET; LAKELAND LEDGER PUBLISHING CORPORATION, INC.; TENANT #1; TENANT #2; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose on the following real property in Highlands County, Florida:

Lot 12, Block 16, SEBRING HILLS SOUTH, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 8, Page 93, in the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
ADDRESS: 2501 South Heron Street, 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 April 24, 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: March 18, 2013.

ROBERT GERMAINE Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 22, 29, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000093 DIVISION:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, GERTRUDE KELLER, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 7, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000093 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Gertrude Keller, deceased, Michelle Keller, an Heir of the Estate of Gertrude Keller, Michelle Keller, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gertrude Keller, 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 11:00AM on the 4th day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 14, AND THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 15, AND THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 16, IN BLOCK 146, OF LAKEWOOD TERRACE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 94, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA A/K/A 3912 ELSON AVE, SEBRING, FL 33875-4801

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 7th day of March, 2013.

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

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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
March 15, 22, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-001049

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff(s),

vs. TIMOTHY L. FRENCH; WESLEY B. LEIGH; et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on March 7, 2013 in Civil Case No. 28-2010-CA-001049, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP is the Plaintiff and TIMOTHY L. FRENCH; WESLEY B. LEIGH; JANE DOE N/A/A STACEY JONES are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, at 11:00 A.M. on April 4, 2013, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 10, BLOCK 52, PALMHURST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 49, 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.

Dates this 7th day of March, 2013.

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

CLERK OF THE COURT
Robert W. Germaine
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 15, 22, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. GC 13-73

WILLIAM BARBOUR and SUNIL SARDARSINGH Plaintiffs
vs. JANE PERSAUD, et al Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: JANE PERSAUD Residence Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

Lot 16, Block F, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE III, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 54, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida,

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on E. MARK BREED III, of BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 325 North Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870-3206, on or before April 30, 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 or petition.

Dated on March 19, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Cyndi Dassingser
Deputy Clerk

(SEAL)
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, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

March 22, 29; April 5, 12, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: GC 12-1042

JONATHAN M. JONES, as Successor Trustee of the JACK W. JONES REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT U/A/D JUNE 11, 1993, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED U/A/D MARCH 22, 2000 ET AL Plaintiffs,
MAGNOLIA PROPERTIES OF SEBRING, II, INC., a Florida corporation ET AL Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS dated February 20, 2013, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, at the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at 11:00 A.M., on April 4, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND REESTABLISHING PROMISSORY NOTE, MORTGAGE AND MODIFICATIONS AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, to wit:

VACANT LAND: A portion of SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, AND vacated portion of OR Book 761, Page 643, of the Public Records of Highlands County, AND Parcel 4, being Westerly 449.29' of the Easterly 1695' of Block 274 and 275 and closed road per survey, AND SUN N LAKE OF SEBRING UNIT 13, Plat Book 9, page 71, Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, Block 275, and SUN N LAKE OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Block 267, AND a portion of Land lying in vacated Block 276, Unit 13 of SUN N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, PB 9, PG 71 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida described as follows:

Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 16, Block 275 of said Unit 13, run thence North 75 degrees 30'00" East 221.35; Thence run along the arc of a curve to the right, R=9,670.29, D=01 degrees 10'41" A=198.812' C=198.808' CB=North 76 degrees 05'20" East, thence run South 13 degrees 19'19" East 88.162' thence run South 67 degrees 36'05" West, 422.342'. Thence run North 14 degrees 30'00 West 148.226' to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel ID Numbers:
C-04-34-28-130-2740-0040;
C-04-34-28-130-2750-0160;
and C-04-34-28-130-2670-0160

Commonly known as: 6111 Sun 'n Lake Blvd., Sebring, FL 33872; 6401 Enid Avenue, Se-

bring, FL 33872; and 6425 Sun 'n Lake Blvd., Sebring, FL 33872;

Dated this 7th day of March, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Clerk of Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863)534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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

March 15, 22, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: GC 12-000684

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs. ERIBERTO GARCIA; DENISE A. GARICA A/K/A DENISE ANN SMITH; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, ACTING THROUGH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 11th day of April, 2013, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situated in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 222, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION "B", ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 46, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

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

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 12th day of March, 2013.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (941)534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
March 22, 29, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY Case #: GCS 13-13 Judge: Langford

PEAVY FAMILY INVESTMENTS, LLC Plaintiff(s),
vs. PATSIE DENTON, FREDRICK ALLEN, JACOBSON AUCTION COMPANY, INC. a Florida Corporation and CARLSON FAMILY, LLC Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION - PROPERTY TO: Patsie Denton Residence and Address Unknown Last Known Address 141 Falon Ave Elmont, NY 11003

Fredrick Allen Residence and Address Unknown Last Known Address 141 Falon Ave Elmont, NY 11003

or if any of the aforesaid persons is dead, then his or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or grantees; and any and all other persons or parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status, if known, claiming under any of the above named or interest in and to the lands hereafter described.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Action to Quiet Title for the following described property in Highlands County, Florida, to wit:

A portion of Section 17, Township 39 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 17; thence South 00 degrees 05'41" East along the West line of said Section 17 a distance of 1306.55 feet; thence North 89 degrees 12'20" East a distance of 585.52 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 89 degrees 12'20" East a distance of 335.50 feet; thence South 00 degrees 28'29" East a distance of 1308.63 feet to a point on the South line of the North half of said Section 17; thence South 89 degrees 31'01" West along the South line of the North half of said Section 17 a distance of 335.50 feet; thence North 00 degrees 28'59" West a distance of 1306.81 feet to the Point of Beginning Also known as Lot 10, Sunset Acres Unrecorded.

Together with a 50 foot wide easement for ingress and egress being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 17; thence South 00 degrees 05'41" East along the West line of said Section 17, a distance of 1256.55 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 12'20" East a distance of 4865.27 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 27; thence South 05 degrees 09'31" West along the Westerly right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 27 a distance of 502.7 feet; thence South 89 degrees 12'20" West a distance of 4860.66 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05'41" West a distance of 50.00 feet to Point of Beginning.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney, whose name and address is: David F. Lanier, Esq., P.O. Box 400, Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before April 3, 2013, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on February 21, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000468 SEC.:

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. KELLY CONNER; 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 AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KELLY CONNER NKA KYLA ELLERBEE; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 3, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2010-CA-000468 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 16th day of April, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 22 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 21, BLOCK 145, LAKEWOOD TERRACES, SHEET 3, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 94, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Commonly Known As: 4225 SEBRING AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33872

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

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
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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 and auxiliary aid of service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 18th DAY OF March, 2013.

/s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
March 22, 29, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISPOSAL
ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA SELF STORAGE ACT, THE FOLLOWING STORAGE UNITS LOCATED AT 1ST SECURITY SELF STORAGE, 1866 WILBURN DRIVE, AVON PARK, FL 33825 WILL BE DISPOSED OF ON APRIL 1, 2013 AT 10:00 AM. ALL UNITS ARE SAID TO CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

NAMES AND UNIT NUMBER ARE AS FOLLOWS:
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G008 Derrick Moses

March 15, 22, 2013

NOTICE OF SALE
The following vehicle will be sold at public sale or auction to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 713.78(2) of the Florida Statutes at 10:00 a.m. on at 1118 WEIGLE AVE., Sebring, Florida 33870.

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DEADLINE: April 10, 2013.
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Jimmy Peck provided the offensive fireworks with a third-inning home run in Sebring's win over Kathleen Tuesday.

Baker, Peck propel Streaks

By DAN HOEHNE
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and TAYLOR TUBBS
News-Sun correspondent

A perfect district record is always something to strive for, and the Streaks began traveling that road when they came away with a 5-2 win over visiting Kathleen Tuesday night.

"It was a great team effort, and a great way to start districts," said head coach Buck Rapp.

The Streaks got rolling early in the game when they scored two runs in the bottom of the first.

Brad Doty, who got on base from a walk, and designated runner Landon Willey were brought home for the first scores of the night.

The Streaks defense combined with six straight innings of strong pitching by Jordan Baker held off the Devils through the first three innings.

"Baker threw a great game," said Rapp of his hard-throwing right-hander.

In Baker's six innings of work, he allowed just three

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Sebring

5

Kathleen

2



Courtesy photo
Don sorts through his life-long accumulation of fishing gear.

Too Much Fishing Tackle

At 64, I think I've finally reached a point where I actually have too much fishing tackle.

I'd been waiting all week for the winds to die down, and finally, on Saturday, we had light winds for a change.

I loaded up my boat and headed down to Lake Istokpoga for what I figured would be an outstanding day on the water.

Hitting all my regular spots, I couldn't get a hit to save my life.

I flipped the reeds, worked the pads and hydrilla, only to come up with one small bass in the first couple of hours.

Moving along the East shoreline, down past the Big Island, Bumblebee and on down to the South end of the lake, the bass seemed to have lockjaw.

I finished the day with three bass, the biggest a whopping 2 1/2 pounder.

The water was cold, around 62 degrees on the North end of the lake and around 64 degrees on the South end.

It was also muddy and discolored, probably from all the wind we'd had the previous seven days.

But to have such a poor day of fishing, this time of the year, on such a perfect day left me shaking my head and remembering that it's called Fishing, not



Fishin' Around...
Don Norton

Catching.

Maybe it was time to try another lake on Sunday.

Coffee in hand, Sunday morning found me rummaging through my fishing tackle, moving old tackle boxes around and raising the question; "maybe I have too much fishing tackle?"

As I inched around in my garage to take inventory, I realized, after a good 55 years of fishing, I did indeed have too much stuff - 40 or 50 different rods, at least 60 different reels, a dozen tackle boxes and at least 100 plastic boxes full of tackle that I'd accumulated over the years.

There in the corner was my Grandpa's old tackle box and alongside it was my Dad's old Kennedy box, full of old Pikie Minnows, Jitterbug, Hula Poppers and Lazy Ikes.

I had an uncle I was

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Harris, Dragons down Devils

By ALEX COYNE

News-Sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID - Lake Placid baseball hosted Avon Park Tuesday night for a cross-county brawl.

The strong Dragon defense and a stellar pitching performance from Heath Harris left the Red Devils scoreless after seven innings of play, with the scoreboard reading 9-0 at the end of the night.

The top of the first ended quickly when the Dragon

Lake Placid 9
Avon Park 0

defense forced a "three up, three down." It was Lake Placid's turn to bat, and they found themselves with the bases loaded and two outs.

But on a foul ball Avon Park first-baseman Tyrone Perry made a sliding catch along the fence down the first base line to end the threat.

Two quick outs to start the top of the second was followed by Avon Park's first hit of the night, a single down the third base line by Luis Martinez.

Hopes were dashed, however, when starting pitcher Harris snared a grounder back to the mound to make the easy third out, and it was Lake Placid's turn to round the

bases.

A walk for Cody Lambert and a double for Justin LaRosa started off the inning strong for the Dragons.

Rick Miller grounded a ball to third base and Cody Lambert beat out the tag home with a head-first slide into the plate for Lake Placid's first run.

Rufino Gutierrez cracked a fly to right field and LaRosa tagged from third with the second run of the night.

Down 2-0 at the top of the third, Avon Park knew they had to make something happen, but the Lake Placid defense forced yet another "three up, three down."

A base hit for Josh Montero and a double for Nathan Stanley allowed Cody Lambert to convert his base hit into an RBI in the bottom of the third.

A walk for LaRosa loaded the bases and a walk for Miller turned into an easy third run and left the bases still loaded.

Gutierrez then laced one down the first-base line allowing all three runners to come home.

A hit over second base for Tyler Carr brought Gutierrez home, and the Dragons left the third inning with an 8-0 lead.

In the fourth, two fielded



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Heath Harris held Avon Park in check Tuesday, pitching a complete-game shutout Tuesday in Lake Placid's 9-0 win.

grounders and a strikeout called for Lake Placid's third perfect defensive inning of the night before the Dragons tallied their final run of the night.

Laine Daum earned a single and stole second base to get it started.

A grounded ball to first let Daum advance to third, and

was brought home by a wild pitch.

The top of the fifth was short-lived with two quick outs.

Mason Jahna's single wasn't enough to get one on the board for the Red Devils due to a third quick out soon after.

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Sebring scores tennis wins



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Kelly Broen and the Lady Blue Streaks swept past Lake Placid Tuesday while the Sebring boys edged their Dragon counterparts in a 4-3 match win.

STARS softball to crack some bats Saturday

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING - The 14th annual Special STARS Softball Classic will be Saturday, March 23, at the Highlands County Sports Complex.

Partners in the local community will play coed slow-pitch softball with individuals with disabilities.

There are six local teams.

There will also be a skill level competition for those with disabilities who are just learning the fundamentals of the game.

Athletes have been training for the past three weeks.

Team sponsors are Avon Park Youth Academy, coached by Pete Zeegers; Coffee News, coached by Andy Basso; Beef O'Brady's led by Amy Torres; Florida Hospital Heartland Division, coached by Hank Brady; Heacock Insurance Group, coached by Garrett Martinez; and Dee's Place, led by Tim Ritenour.

David and Doris Magowan and the Heartland Riders Association also made a donation to sponsor the skill



Courtesy photo
These Special STARS athletes represent each local team playing this Saturday in the 14th annual Special STARS Softball Classic at the Highlands County Sports Complex in Sebring. Local team sponsors include Beef O'Brady's, Coffee News, Avon Park Youth Academy, Florida Hospital Heartland Division, Dee's Place, Heacock Insurance Group, Dave & Doris Magowan and Heartland Riders Association.

level team.

These individuals have been practicing four different skills and will compete for medals on Saturday.

They will be tested on throwing, fielding, batting and running to a base.

South Florida State College

is the major All-Star sponsor for the tournament because of the funding they provide through a grant which provides an opportunity for people with disabilities to further develop their motor and socialization skills.

Other All-Star sponsors are

Sebring Elks Lodge 1529, Highlands Sertoma Club, Knights of Columbus Council 5441 and The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners, who allows Special STARS to use the

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THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	40	26	.606	—
Brooklyn	40	28	.588	1
Boston	36	31	.537	4.5
Philadelphia	26	41	.388	14.5
Toronto	26	42	.382	15

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	53	14	.791	—
Atlanta	38	30	.559	15.5
Washington	24	43	.358	29
Orlando	18	51	.261	36
Charlotte	16	52	.235	37.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	42	26	.618	—
Chicago	36	30	.545	5
Milwaukee	34	33	.507	7.5
Detroit	23	46	.333	19.5
Cleveland	22	46	.324	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	52	16	.765	—
Memphis	46	21	.687	5.5
Houston	37	31	.544	15
Dallas	32	36	.471	20
New Orleans	23	46	.333	29.5

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	50	19	.725	—
Denver	47	22	.681	3
Utah	34	34	.500	15.5
Portland	31	36	.463	18
Minnesota	23	42	.354	25

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	47	22	.681	—
Golden State	39	31	.557	8.5
L.A. Lakers	36	33	.522	11
Sacramento	24	44	.353	22.5
Phoenix	23	46	.333	24

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Wednesday's Games

Miami 98, Cleveland 95
Charlotte 107, Toronto 101
New York 106, Orlando 94
Atlanta 98, Milwaukee 90
Brooklyn 113, Dallas 96
Houston 100, Utah 93
Memphis 90, Oklahoma City 89, OT
New Orleans 87, Boston 86
San Antonio 104, Golden State 93
Washington 88, Phoenix 79
L.A. Clippers 101, Philadelphia 72

Thursday's Games

Portland at Chicago, late
Philadelphia at Denver, late
Minnesota at Sacramento, late

Friday's Games

New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	23	8	0	46	110	81
N.Y. Rangers	15	12	2	32	70	70
New Jersey	13	11	6	32	74	84
N.Y. Islanders	13	13	3	29	86	96
Philadelphia	13	16	1	27	81	92

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	19	5	4	43	92	73
Boston	19	6	3	41	82	60
Ottawa	16	8	6	38	77	65
Toronto	16	12	2	34	90	85
Buffalo	11	15	4	26	79	95

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	16	12	2	34	80	86
Carolina	15	12	2	32	84	82
Tampa Bay	13	16	1	27	98	90
Washington	12	16	1	25	79	87
Florida	8	16	6	22	74	110

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	24	3	3	51	102	66
St. Louis	16	11	2	34	87	83
Detroit	14	11	5	33	80	79
Columbus	12	12	6	30	68	79
Nashville	11	13	6	28	70	81

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	17	10	2	36	77	71
Vancouver	14	9	6	34	81	82
Edmonton	11	11	7	29	72	85
Calgary	11	12	4	26	78	91
Colorado	11	14	4	26	75	92

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	22	3	4	48	99	71
Los Angeles	17	10	2	36	88	73
San Jose	13	10	6	32	71	77
Phoenix	13	13	4	30	79	85
Dallas	13	13	3	29	76	88

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

Wednesday's Games

San Jose 4, Edmonton 3, SO
Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 4, Detroit 2
Colorado 4, Dallas 3
Anaheim 4, Chicago 2

Thursday's Games

Toronto at Buffalo, late
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, late
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, late
New Jersey at Carolina, late
Boston at Ottawa, late
Washington at Winnipeg, late
Calgary at Nashville, late
Vancouver at Phoenix, late
Dallas at Los Angeles, late

Friday's Games

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Washington at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

MLB Preseason

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	18	6	.750
Baltimore	15	6	.714
Seattle	17	7	.708
Cleveland	14	9	.609
Tampa Bay	14	9	.609
Detroit	14	10	.583
Boston	13	12	.520
Chicago	10	10	.500
Texas	12	12	.500

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	15	11	.577
Colorado	11	10	.524
Arizona	12	12	.500
St. Louis	11	11	.500
Washington	11	11	.500
San Diego	13	14	.481
Philadelphia	11	12	.478
San Francisco	10	11	.476
New York	9	10	.474
Chicago	12	14	.462
Miami	10	12	.455
Milwaukee	9	12	.429
Pittsburgh	10	14	.417
Los Angeles	9	14	.391
Cincinnati	8	14	.364

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Wednesday's Games

Washington 7, Miami 5
Baltimore 7, Toronto 9
Atlanta 18, Pittsburgh 5
N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 0
L.A. Angels 6, Cleveland 5
San Francisco (ss) 0, Milwaukee 0, tie, 10 innings
San Francisco (ss) 6, San Diego 4
Kansas City 7, L.A. Dodgers 2
Arizona 4, Chicago White Sox 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Houston 5
Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers,

AUTO RACING

SATURDAY

5 p.m. NASCAR – Royal Purple 300 ESPN

BOXING

FRIDAY

10 p.m. Donovan George vs. David Lopez. ESPN2

COLLEGE BASEBALL

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. Florida at Vanderbilt SUN

SATURDAY

5 p.m. Arkansas at South Carolina SUN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FRIDAY

Noon NCAA Tournament CBS
1:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament TBS
2 p.m. NCAA Tournament TNT
2:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament CBS
4 p.m. NCAA Tournament TBS
4:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament TNT
6:45 p.m. NCAA Tournament TBS
7 p.m. NCAA Tournament CBS
7:15 p.m. NCAA Tournament TNT
9:15 p.m. NCAA Tournament TBS
9:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament CBS
9:45 p.m. NCAA Tournament TNT

SATURDAY

11 a.m. NIT Tournament ESPN
Noon NCAA Tournament CBS
2:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament CBS
5 p.m. NCAA Tournament CBS
6 p.m. NCAA Tournament TNT
7 p.m. NCAA Tournament TBS
7:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament CBS
8:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament TNT
9:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament TBS

GOLF

FRIDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Maybank Malaysia Open GOLF
12:30 p.m. PGA – Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – Arnold Palmer Invitational GOLF
6:30 p.m. LPGA – Kia Classic GOLF

SATURDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Maybank Malaysia Open GOLF
12:30 p.m. PGA – Arnold Palmer Invitational GOLF
2:30 p.m. PGA – Arnold Palmer Invitational NBC
5 p.m. PGA – Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic GOLF
7 p.m. LPGA – Kia Classic GOLF

MLB PRESEASON

FRIDAY

4 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee WGN

SATURDAY

4 p.m. L.A. Angels at Chicago Cubs WGN
7 p.m. Minnesota at Tampa Bay SUN

NBA

SATURDAY

8 p.m. Indiana at Chicago WGN

NHL

SATURDAY

2 p.m. Tampa Bay at Ottawa SUN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SATURDAY

11 a.m. NCAA Tournament ESPN2
1:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament ESPN2
4 p.m. NCAA Tournament ESPN2
6:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament ESPN2
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Minnesota	11	12	.478
Oakland	9	12	.429
Houston	9	13	.409
New York	10	15	.400
Toronto	9	14	.391
Los Angeles	6	13	.316

Fla., ccd., Rain

Thursday's Games

Toronto vs. Tampa Bay, late
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets, late
Oakland vs. Cincinnati, late
Milwaukee vs. Chicago White Sox, late
Cleveland vs. Arizona, late
Washington vs. Atlanta, late
Houston vs. Detroit, late
Minnesota vs. N.Y. Yankees, late
Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore, late
Philadelphia vs. Boston, late
L.A. Angels vs. Texas, late
Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle, late
Colorado vs. San Francisco, late

Friday's Games

Tampa Bay (ss) vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, 1 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Houston at Kissimmee, 1 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, 1 p.m.
Detroit vs. Washington at Viera, 1 p.m.
Boston vs. Toronto at Dunedin, 1 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Tampa Bay (ss) at Port Charlotte, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Colorado (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, 7 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 10:05 p.m.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

TODAY: Baseball at Frostproof, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Frostproof, 6 p.m.; Softball vs. DeSoto, 7 p.m.

MONDAY: Baseball at Sebring, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Sebring, 6 p.m.; Girls Tennis at Hardee, 4 p.m.



Lake Placid

TODAY: Baseball vs. DeSoto, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at DeSoto, 6 p.m.; Softball vs. Tenoroc, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY: Baseball at Hardee, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Hardee, 6 p.m.; Track at Clewiston, 4:30 p.m.; Weightlifting vs. DeSoto, 5:30 p.m.; Tennis at DeSoto, 4 p.m.



Sebring

TODAY: Softball at Lake Gibson, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Weightlifting vs. LaBelle, 5 p.m.

MONDAY: Baseball vs. Avon Park, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at Avon Park, 6 p.m.; Softball at Hardee, 5:30/7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY: Baseball vs. Oviedo, 7:30 p.m.; JV. Baseball vs. Oviedo, 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. LaBelle, 5/7 p.m.; Boys Tennis at Avon Park, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis vs. Avon Park, 4 p.m.



SFSC

TODAY: Baseball vs. St. Petersburg College, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY: Baseball at St. Petersburg College, 1 p.m.

MONDAY: Baseball at State College of Florida, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY: Softball at St. Petersburg College, 5 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Lake Placid Youth

Soccer League

LAKE PLACID – Lake Placid AYSO is now Central Florida FC and will be having a Spring Youth Soccer League for children ages 4-11.

Games will be played at Lake June Park on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 6-7 p.m., beginning April 2 and running through June 6.

Final registration will be held Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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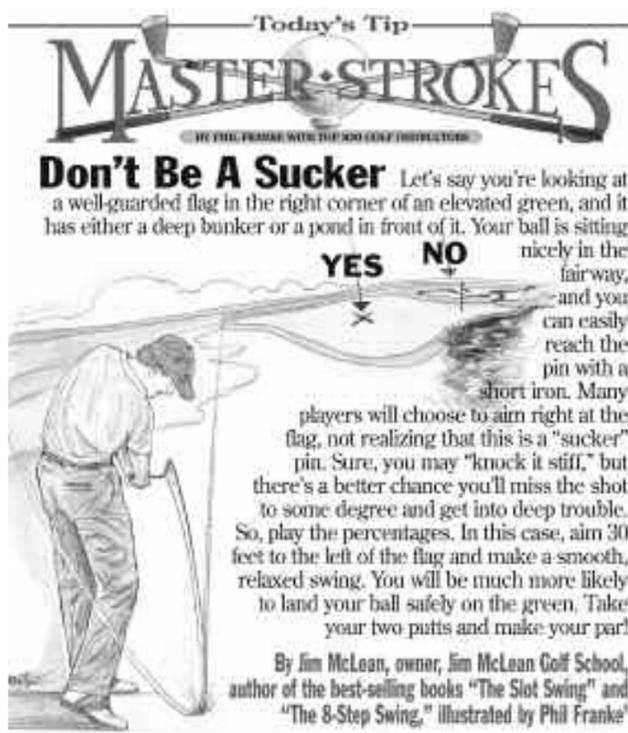
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By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling books "The Slot Swing" and "The 8-Step Swing," illustrated by Phil Franke

Golf Hammock

Last Monday, March 18, the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am Points at Golf Hammock Country Club.

Fred Latshaw came in first place in A group with plus 2 and Les Campbell came in second place with minus 2.

Rod Bently scored plus 4 in B group for the win and Dave Baker came in second with minus 1.

Jack Schell came in first place in C group with plus 3 and Bob Watson came in second place with plus 1.

D group saw Jerry Edwards score plus 5 to take first place and there was a tie for second place between Jack Bardelli and David Mulligan at even.

Phil Raymond came in first place in E group with plus 5 and Dick Botelho came in second place with plus 4.

In F group Paul Brown II had a plus 5 that was good for first place while Janet Regan came in second place with plus 4.

In G group Ken Spencer made plus 5 that was good for first place, in second place Bob Fidlin had plus 3 and in third place Terrie Trumble was at even.

Jerry Linsley shot a plus 4 for first place in H group and Pete Mezza came in second place with plus 2.

In I group Kathy Baker scored plus 5 to take first place and a tie for second place between Jim Reed and Ozzie Bergroth with plus 2.

Bob Andrews scored plus plus 5 in J group with Jerry Hodges coming in second with plus 2.

In K group Bob Morrison came in first place with plus 4 and there was a tie for second place between Jerry Patterson and Les Layton at minus 1.

Harold Traxler played very well making plus 10 to take first place in L group and Janet Howland came in sec-

ond with plus 3.

In M group Don Meitz was in first place with plus 3 and Bill Katcher in second place with plus 2.

Jean Terrell scored well to take first place in N group making plus 7 and Bill Young had minus 2 for second place.

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

Please arrive early to register.

For more information, call Pete at 382-1280

Lake June West

A Scramble was played Thursday, March 14.

Winning first place was the team of Ken Rowen, Bob and Doris Weeks, Rod and Lynn Martin with 51. Tying for second/third places were the teams of John and Shelly Byron, John and Donna Stewart and Helen Mellon; Doyan Eades, Wayne Eades, John and Shelly Ruffo and Jane Roush with 52 each.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 2, Sue Ruffo, 2-feet-2; and No. 8, Beth Schwenke, 7-feet-9. (Men), No. 4, Walt Nagel, 15-feet-2.

Placid Lakes

The Men's Association played a 1

Tuesday, March 12.

Winning first place was the team of Alice Bitzer, Linda Archambault, Narola Rosenberg and Barb McArdle with minus-26; second place, Judy Thompson, Carol Olsen, Barb Moriarity and Janice Geiger with minus-23; and third place, Von Lacy, Andrea Burdick, Karen Wallin and Helen Hunter with minus-16.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Marnie Rosettis, 8-feet-2.

SpringLake

The SpringLake Ladies League played an Individual Low Gross Low Net Event on the Cougar Trail Course Wednesday, March 20.

Lou Cannon and Linda Pfleger won first and second place in Flight 1 with a Net 62.

Rebecca Shatney and Terrie Austin took first and second with Gross scores of 79 and 81.

In Flight 2, Marilyn Redenbarger with a net 61 and Judy Dunn with a net 63 took first and second Low Net while Judy DeVries with an 80 and Barbara Stevens with an 85 took Low Gross.

Flight 3 Low Net winners were Joan Gann and Jean Donahue with Net Scores of 64.

Low Gross winners are Patty Miller with an 85 and Carole Frederick with

an 87.

Flight 4 Low Net winner was Joanne Deweese with a Net 65 followed by Ann McWilliams with a Net 67.

Gross winners were Diana Ackling with a 98 and Kay Baxter with a 99.

On Tuesday, March 19, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association held a Pick Your Partner event in which the Front 9 was a Two Man Team Scramble and the Back 9 was a One Best Ball format.

This flighted contest was held on Cougar Trail golf course.

In Flight A, first place went to the team of Jan Hard and Leon Van, who scrambled for 32 on the Front and had a Best Ball (net) score of 29 on the Back 9 less team handicap of 6 (front only) giving them a net score of 55 strokes.

Second place went to Ken Kirby and Bob Hinde who scored 31 and 31 less team handicap of 4 for a net 58.

Third place in the A Flight went to Joe Austin and Ed Vowels with a 35, 31 less 6 equal to 60 net strokes.

In Flight B, first place was taken by Bo Bohanon and Joe Troia with a Scramble 9 of 33 and a Best Ball 9 score of 30 less a team handicap of 9 giving a net score of 54 strokes.

Second place in Flight B went to Dave Kamish and Bob Berg with a net 55 strokes, while third place was won by the team of Will David and Ed Clay, who scored 59 net strokes.

In Flight C, there was a tie for first place at 51 net strokes between Rick Nelson and Mike Smith and the team of Don Cunning and Vern Hoffman.

Third place went to Dan Porter and Ray McKenzie's net score of 52 net strokes.

Schooni's, Yates to face off in Lake Placid Seniors finale

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – Lake Placid Senior Softball finished its regular season on Monday, March 18, with a pair of games that served as tune-ups for the upcoming tournament.

Seminole Tire (10-11) defeated Yates Insurance (13-8) 19-17.

Norm Grubbs paced The 'Noles with five hits, including a home run, while Darrel

Richards also homered in the victory.

For Yates Insurance, Dick Cook smashed three round trippers and Paul Brand also went deep in the loss.

Central Security (8-13) defeated Schooni's Restaurant (11-10) 25-16.

Joe Hedges and Chet Johnson homered for the victorious Securitymen.

Wednesday saw semifinal action in the league tourna-

ment.

Regular season champion Yates Insurance scored early and often to pummel 2012 Tournament Champion Central Security 39-19.

Manager Dick Cook doubled, tripled and started four double plays from his short-stop position.

Dave Steigerwalt had six hits, while Paul Brand notched five, including four doubles.

Woody Hoffman also tallied five base knocks, while five other Yates hitters recorded four hits each.

For Central Security, five hitters had four hits apiece.

Chet Johnson homered, while Paul Stephenson hit two doubles.

Yates will meet Schooni's for the tournament title on Monday, March 25.

The Restaurateurs eliminated Seminole Tire 25-20.

Winning pitcher Victor Rodriguez smashed two triples, while Bill Gallagher also had two triples among his five hits.

Ron Wickman homered in the win.

For Seminole Tire, Norm Grubbs again led the offensive assault with six hits, including two doubles.

Ross Anderson added five hits (double), and Bill Card and Darrel Richards (triple)

chipped in with four hits each.

Yates and Schooni's will square off at 10 a.m. on Monday for the tournament championship.

The matchup is only appropriate, since The Big Red Machine and The Orange Crush had the two best records in the league.

For further league information, please visit lpsftball.com.

Tackle almost too much to tackle

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very close to who passed away years ago who left me a couple rods and some tackle.

And of course, I've never been shy about buying the hottest lures that come out every year.

Spinning rods, casting rods, flippin stik's, trolling rods, saltwater rods, steel-head rods and of course fly-rods in both graphite and bamboo.

I even had a couple of ice-fishing rods (just in case).

So instead of fishing on Sunday, I decided to clean out some of the fishing tackle that's filling my garage.

One of the best ways to get rid of stuff is on Ebay.

I've sold hundreds of custom-built fishing rods on Ebay over the years, and although it takes a good deal of time to sort, bag, photograph and list everything, it

does provide a huge audience for selling your gear.

I listed about 50 items on Sunday, and by Sunday evening, I already had numerous bids and just as many questions.

I'd forgotten what a pain answering the questions can be.

Most are obvious, like shipping costs, or the color or name of something.

Others, like how much per foot does an 8-foot cast net weigh, border on the ridiculous.

But I try my best to answer all the questions as best I can.

I figure I'm only about 1/10 of the way through all the tackle and I may give up before listing everything, or at the very least, start packing items together.

I noticed a number of old; antique lures are listed for sale on Ebay.

Some fetching big dollars, but it would take me months

to list individual lures, so I'll probably package 10 or 12 together along with a plastic box for shipping.

There's probably some old lures in the bunch.

Years ago, I used to collect antique fishing lures but it got to the point that I had so many, I ran out of places to store them.

Most of them were sold back in the 80s.

But I still have a few that I'll probably keep and just get rid of the rest.

It's truly amazing when I look at all this tackle.

Most hasn't been used in years.

If you're interested in taking a look, my Ebay name is afbassin.

Maybe you'll find something you can't live without.

At least you can save me the hassle of shipping the item, and save yourself the shipping cost.

So I never made it out fishing last Sunday, and with

a much warmer week coming up, I'm guessing the fishing will warm up along with the water by next weekend.

By then I'll probably find a few old lures to try on those wily Istokpoga bass.

Wonder if they've ever seen a Lazy Ike?

Don Norton is a professional tournament bass fisherman, bass fishing guide, and custom rod builder. He has also taught a few fishing classes at the South Florida Community College. He lives in the Golf Hammock area of Sebring with his wife Lexie, mother-in-law Ruth Charvat, Ranger, a huge black lab and Riley, a large golden retriever and is the owner of a custom rod building company appropriately named "The American Fisherman". He can be reached at 863-273-4998 or 216-339-6571 or by email at donorton13@gmail.com. His website address is theamericanfisherman.com.

Streaks down Kathleen

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hits and struck out 10.

Keat Waldron closed out the game by pitching a scoreless seventh.

Sebring batters were on key for the night as Wyatt Johnson, Cullen Lovett, Jordan Austin and Jimmy Peck each had two hits.

Peck doubled up the 2-0 lead in the third when he laced an Alex Mathers pitch over the wall in left for a two-run homer.

"That really lifted us up,"

said Rapp.

Kathleen got on the board in the fourth on an Alex Seifert single for two RBI.

But Baker worked through the fifth and sixth with no further damage before Waldron came on to clinch it.

Sebring's next district test came on Thursday night against the Winter Haven Blue Devils on the road.

"Winter Haven is really strong," said Rapp. "On any given day any of the four district teams could win, so we have to come ready to play."

LP gets shutout win

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From there, both defenses held and Harris finished off his complete-game masterpiece having allowed just three hits and one walk, while striking out six.

"Avon Park is always in the running for the district championship," Harris said. "If we

can play against every team the way we play against them, we have a shot at it, which is our goal."

The Devils look to get back on track tonight with a game at Frostproof, while the Dragons played LaBelle Thursday and host DeSoto tonight.

STARS take to the baseball diamond

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fields at no cost.

There will be an opening ceremony at 7:45 a.m., and play begins at 8 a.m.

The Avon Park High School Junior ROTC will present the American flag followed by the national anthem.

A representative from the ROTC will sing the national anthem.

The public is invited to come and cheer on the local teams – food and drinks will be available.

There will be a Home Run Derby open to anyone at \$5 for 10 balls and the winner will get half of the money raised in their division while the other half goes to Special STARS.

Each batter selects their own pitcher.

There will be four different levels – men, women, children (ages 12 and under) and special athletes.

Other tournament sponsors include Reflections on Silver Lake, Highlands Independent Bank, Lampe & Kiefer Hearing Aid Center, Morris Funeral Chapel, Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, King Equipment and Jim and Carol Phipps.



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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church - ELCA

SEBRING — This Palm Sunday, worship service with (open) Holy Communion will be led by Rev. Jefferson Cox. The Sermon will be based on the gospel reading of Luke 22:14, 23:56.

Thursday Bible study will be led by Sharon Palmer. Rev. Jefferson Cox will be the leader on April 11 and 18.

All are welcome to come and help on the quilting project every Saturday morning.

Lent schedule is as follows: March 24 - Palm Sunday worship service with Communion led by Rev. J. Cox; March 28 - Maundy Thursday worship service led by Rev. Cox at 7 p.m. March 29 - Good Friday service 7 p.m. March 31 - Easter Sunday service to be led by Deacon David Thoresen and Rev. Jefferson Cox. Easter brunch following worship service in fellowship hall.

The Labyrinth Prayer Garden is patterned after a very famous one in France!

Church News

The church is honored and privileged to have a Labyrinth in Sebring, in memory of former member Kaitlyn Gossett. The bushes and flowers decorating the garden were planted in memory of Scott Duncan Koch.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This is Palm Sunday and Pastor Scott McLean will be preaching a sermon entitled "In the Wilderness."

Maundy Thursday is March 28 and Pastor McLean will be preaching a sermon entitled "Bloodbath." Divine Worship is celebrated at 7 p.m. Good Friday follows on March 29, with Pastor Scott McLean preaching a sermon entitled "A Rich Burial." Lutheran Tenebrae Service is at 7 p.m.

The church at 1320 C.R. 64, east of the Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. For more information, call 471-2663 or visit www.christluther-anavonpark.org/.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Matter." The keynote is from Psalms 119:57, 128, "Thou art my portion, O Lord:... I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way."

The church is at 154 N. Franklin Street.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "Many Enter; Few Stay" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the Gospel of John.

Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — The Spring Family Fun Festival will be Saturday from 4-7 p.m. There will be games, inflatables, food and drinks, and live music from the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green Youth Praise Band, all free!

Eastside is on County Road 621 East, two miles east of U.S. 27. Turn east at either of the traffic lights on U.S. 27, then just past Holmes Road, the church will be on the left.

Wednesday is Mid Week Bible Study (E.P.I.C.), youth group with an hour of sports and activities preceding the Bible Study, the adult study group.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "Possibilities Untied" with Scripture from Luke 19:29-40.

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

Faith Baptist Church of Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — Sunday morning, the church will worship through music with the adult choir presenting "The King Is Coming!"

Sunday evening, Pastor Bill will be preaching "Stopping the Clock" from Joshua 10:1-15 which continues in his evening series "The Keys to Triumphant Living." Midweek service is held each Wednesday evening.

The Red, White and Bluegrass Jamboree is today at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. It will be an informal and enjoyable time of old-time gospel, country and bluegrass. It is a free event with a love offering received for missions.

The church is at 660 Holmes Ave. Call the church office at 465-0060 or visit www.faithbaptistchurchlp.com for more information.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — This Sunday, the church celebrates Palm Sunday. Rev. Robert Reinhardt will deliver his sermon, "Hosanna, Blessed is He." The church will install new members Daniel Grasso, Amanda Erickson and Sally Lempke on Sunday.

Adult Sunday school class is studying "Blessed Are the

Peacemakers... Practicing Ministry of Reconciliation."

Services for Holy Week are as follows: Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m., March 28. Good Friday worship "Tennebrae" service at 6:30 p.m., March 29. Easter Sunrise service at 7 a.m. Easter breakfast at 8:15 a.m. Feast of the Resurrection Worship Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

Faith Child Development is taking enrollments for children who will be four years old prior Sept. 1, for fall VPK as of March 1. Classes begin Monday, Aug. 19, but registration is under way.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church

SEBRING — Faith Missionary Baptist Church will hold a powerful morning service on Sunday. The Word of God will be opened and shared without hesitation. Hymns will be raised with voice and hands. People will love and encourage each other and spend a major por-

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

Places to Worship is a paid advertisement in the News-Sun that is published Friday and Sunday. To find out more information on how to place a listing in this directory, call the News-Sun at 385-6155, ext. 502.

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; srhodes1020@yahoo.com. Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Teaching, Holy Communion, Music, Fellowship, Healing Prayer. "Pastoral and Spiritual".

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

■ **First Assembly of God**, 4301 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring. The Rev. Wilmont McCrary, pastor. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship and KIDS Church, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday Family Night, (Adult Bible Study), LIFE Youth Group, Royal Rangers, Missionettes, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-6431.

BAPTIST

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

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catylist class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptist.org or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

■ **Faith Missionary Baptist Church**, off State Road 17 North of Sebring at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m. Deaf interpretation available. Ken Lambert, Pastor. Phone 386-5055.

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday — Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth 445, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday -

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine**, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Associate Pastor Allen Alvater leads the youth in their quest to become more like Christ. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Website: www.fbclp.com. Email: information@fbclp.com. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to www.fbclp.com.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lorida** located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida is the "Place to discover God's love." For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. Allen Higginbotham, Interim Pastor; 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.; Mission Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704. Website www.fbsebring.com

■ **Florida Avenue Baptist Church**, 401 S. Florida Ave., Avon Park. Mailing address is 710 W. Bell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Telephone, 453-5339. Rev. John D. Girdley, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs for children, youth and adults at 7 p.m.

■ **Independent Baptist Church**, 5704 County Road 17 South, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening, 6 p.m. Wednesday service, 7 p.m. Fundamental, soul-winning, mission-minded, King James Bible Church. Larry Ruse, pastor. Phone 655-1899. Bus transportation.

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday

Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Aruckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

■ **Parkway Free Will Baptist Church**, 3413 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Welcome to the church where the "Son" always shines. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday Evening Worship, 7 p.m. End-of-the-Month-Sing at 6 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. The Rev. J.S. Scaggs, pastor. Church phone: 382-3552. Home phone: 214-3025. Affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn.

■ **Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC)** 4400 Sparta Road. Rev. Mark McDowell, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer/Bible Study, 6 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-0869.

■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

■ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

■ **Sunridge Baptist Church, (SBC)** 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-3695.

CATHOLIC

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

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish office/mailling address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcatho.com; website, www.stcatho.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcatho.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcatho.com or 385-0049;

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. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: - 3:30 and 5 p.m. (vigil); Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m. (Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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

CHRISTIAN

■ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, (Saxon Hall) 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Bill Raymond, Preaching Minister. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-8929 or 449-0203.

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

■ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; Josh Knabel (812-618-7118), Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men's grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 154 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning

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

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

■ **Lake Placid Church of Christ**, 1069 Hwy 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship is 6 p.m. Bible class 9 a.m. Sundays and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us. For more information, call the church at 863-465-4636 or visit the website <http://www.thelordsway.com/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.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 453-6052.

RELIGION

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tion of time praying for the needs of each other. This service is joyfully interpreted for the deaf.

There are three Sunday School classes available: adult, children (all ages together like a family) and deaf.

The church will not have an evening service on Palm Sunday, but everyone is invited to attend a sacred concert that Pastor Ken and Bonnie will host. "The Wine Family" will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Whisper Lake Clubhouse.

First Baptist Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — Rev. Jon Beck is the Senior Pastor. The Sunday morning message will be from I John 3:11-24.

Wednesday is Bible study and prayer meeting, children's choirs, youth activities, adult choir rehearsal, mission classes and Spanish church are held on Wednesdays.

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave.

For more information, call 453-

6681 or e-mail info@fbcap.net/.

First Christian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — Contemporary worship service has begun on Saturday evenings. The church will share in song, sermon and communion.

Tuesday evenings, the AA Big Book Study Group meets. If you are looking for a local AA meeting, this is the place for you!

On Wednesday evening, the church will continue the Bible study on the Passion of the Christ. Come and join us. First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor St. (behind the Wells Fargo Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail firstchristianap@embarq-mail.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com/.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — Rev. Hill's study on the book of Romans continues in the board room Sunday morning.

Pastor Ron's class on the Christian Church is still meeting in the library.

The music department will present a "Lenten Medley" during the main service on Sunday.

Assisting Pastor Ron will be elders Howard Lewis and Diane Beidler; deacons Carol Chandler, Catherine Baker, Diane Thibodeau and Sharron Campbell; acolyte David Thibodeau and greeter Linda Johnson.

Maundy Thursday service is 7 p.m. Good Friday service is 10 a.m. Easter Day (Sunday) service is 10:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Bob Johnson's sermon is entitled "Hosanna" based on Mark 11:1-11.

The adult class has been viewing a video series entitled "The Life and Ministry of the Messiah" sponsored by Focus on the Family. The lessons are filmed on location and narrated by Ray Vander Lann. Sunday's film is entitled "Israel in Bondage: God Heard Their Cry"

filmed in Deir al Medina. Matt Sbotto teaches the youth class and they are studying the book of Ephesians.

The choir's introit will be "Thou Art Worthy" and the anthem "In the Name of the Lord."

On Wednesday morning, Pastor Johnson will lead the Bible study on the book "What is the Christian Worldview?"

On Thursday, the Men's Fellowship meets at The Depot for breakfast at 7 a.m. and then returns to the church for a short Bible study and a work project. A Maundy Thursday service will be held at 6:30 p.m. The Lord's Supper will be observed.

The church is located at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). Call 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "Hoshiya Na" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

MSession meeting is Monday. Youth Group (for middle school and high school students), meets Tuesdays in fellowship hall for

Bible study, activities and dinner.

Choir rehearsal is Wednesday.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is

Thursday at Sandy's Restaurant.

The Good Friday community worship service will be from 1:30-3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Pine Street.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Rev. A.C. Bryant's sermon will be "The Passion of Christ" with Scripture reference Luke 23:1-49.

The Youth Lounge will host an Easter message titled "Marvelous Light: an Easter Message of Hope and Grace" at 6 p.m.

Fine Food and Fellowship is Sunday after church services.

Lenten Study "When God's Spirit Moves" on Wednesday in the Sanctuary and led by Pastor Bryant. Soup supper precedes in the FLC.

An Easter egg hunt will be held for the community from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, March 30.

The church is downtown at 126

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church**, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church**, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

■ **The Church of the Way EFCA**, 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone: 471-6140, Church Cell Phone: 273-3674. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

GRACE BRETHREN

■ **Grace Brethren Church**, 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebring-grace.org.

INDEPENDENT

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

■ **World Harvest and Restoration Ministries**, (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 452-9777 or 453-3771. Sunday service: Sunday School, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday services: 7 p.m. prayer meeting/Bible study. Pastor: W.H. Rogers.

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Tuesday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

■ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS**, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at (863) 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Reverend Robert Reinhardt, Pastor. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Sunday Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches**, 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

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

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., at Memorial Drive, Avon Park. Pastor Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Fragrance Free Service Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Open Communion celebrated at all services. "God's Work, Our Hands."

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for

January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 yrs through 5th grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

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

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

■ **Crossroads of Life**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long - empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don't speak English - no problem. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

■ **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Dustin Woods, lead pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third

Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

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

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

■ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weare-union.org.

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

■ **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 ages), 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.fpcp.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 at all services.

■ **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 Frank Gonzalez. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Associate Pastor is Ryan Amos. 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

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■ **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. Rev. John A. Bryant, pastor. Rev. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Rev. Jerry McCauley, visitation pastor. Sunday worship services: Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that wants to know Christ and make Him known. Check out our church website at www.memorialumc.com or call the church office at 465-2422.

■ **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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South Pine St. Visit
www.sebringfirstumc.com or call the church office for information at 385-5184.

Grace Pointe Ministries

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Ministries is at 200 Lark Ave. in the Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse. Tuesday Home Bible Study is "Meal of Messiah." This meal will be like a Seder, but from perspective of victory and joy. Call (863) 658-2534 for directions and information.

Sunday morning, the church will be celebrating with Palms. Be part of the crowd that welcomed Jesus as King of Kings when he entered Jerusalem.

Good Friday, the church will have a communion service commemoration the ultimate sacrifice made for all mankind. You can join the service on GoToMeeting. Just be sure to let the church know at www.gracepointecog@comcast.net so that an invitation can be sent to your e-mail address. Ustream is available (live or 24/7) of all services in Sebring. Log on to www.ustream.tv and then enter gracepointetv in the search box.

Visit www.gracepointeministries.net for upcoming events. Pastor Zimmer has started a blog at Ron-gracepointes.blogspot.com/. WOW Radio Jesus daily Moments can be heard every day at www.wowradionetwork.com and then click the Praise Him tab.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this week will be "A Question in the crowd - Who Is This?" Scripture will be taken from: Matthew 21:1-11. Communion is offered during the service weekly.

The service will include "Special" by Allen Warchak and the Heartland Singers singing "Go Light your World."

Communion will be served on Good Friday on March 29 any time between 4-6 p.m.

Heartland Singers practice on Tuesdays. Tuesday night adult Bible study is taught by Pastor Ted Moore. Come early for snacks.

Wednesday night young adult and children's programs are taught by George Kelly, Amanda and Jon Armentrout and Toby Cribbs. It features a free meal.

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Palm Sunday will be celebrated at both services with Pastor John Bryant preaching on the subject "A Different Kind of Champion," with the Scripture lesson from Luke 19:28-40.

The Worship Band will present a prelude. Fellowship and Refreshments will be offered in Rob Reynolds Hall..

Youth Group will meet in the Lighthouse Sunday evening. Men's Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays in the Men's Bible Classroom.

The Church is at 500 Kent Ave. Call 465-2422 for information.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.'s message from the Lenten Series will be "Palm Sunday: A Day of Triumph!" Biblical reference is from Luke 19:28-40. Women's Bible study and Cub/Boy Scouts meet Monday. Girl Scouts meet Tuesday. Men's prayer breakfast and children/youth programs and choir practice are on Wednesday.

Maundy Thursday Service is at 7 p.m. Thursday. Nursery is provided at all services.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday, which is Palm Sunday, Pastor Dave will be preaching on "From Vulnerability Comes Community."

Sunday school will meet in the Fidelis Room. Pastor Wendell Bohrer will be preaching on "Prophesying New Life."

Sunday school No. 2 will be meeting in the conference room and studying articles from "The Messenger." That class will be led by Larry Weise.

Call 385-1597.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane.

The Rev. Clyde Weaver's sermon on Sunday will be "As He Rode He Wept." Fellowship follows the service.

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Lutheran Churches of the Heartland Circuit

Christ Lutheran Church
1320 Country Road 64 E. Avon Park, FL

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday.....10:00AM
Maundy Thursday.....7:00PM
Good Friday.....7:00PM
Easter Sunday.....10:00AM

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Faith Lutheran Church
2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday.....8:00 & 10:30AM
Holy Thursday.....6:30PM
Good Friday.....6:30PM
Easter Sunrise Service.....7:00AM
Easter Breakfast.....8:15AM
Feast of the Resurrection..10:00AM

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday.....10:30AM
Maundy Thursday.....7:00PM
Good Friday.....7:00PM
Easter Sunday.....10:30AM

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Trinity Lutheran Church
25 Lakeview Street, Lake Placid, FL

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday.....8:30 & 11AM
Maundy Thursday.....7:00PM
Good Friday.....7:00PM
Easter Sunday.....7:00 & 10AM

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Easter Evening Prayer:

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread, open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

RELIGION

Snapshots

Lewis sings Palm Sunday at Leisure Lakes

LAKE PLACID — Bill Lewis from Richmond, Va., will be ministering in music and song this Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service at the Leisure Lakes Baptist Church of Lake Placid.

He will also be the featured singer during the Holy week celebration weekdays (March 25-29) at noon at First Baptist Church of Lake Placid. The annual event is sponsored by the Lake Placid Christian Ministerial Association.

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

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

Heartland Pops at Faith Lutheran

SEBRING — Faith Lutheran Church, 2740 Lakeview Drive, will present The Best of Heartland Pops at 7 p.m., Saturday. Enjoy some favorite selections from the 2012-2013 concert season. Anthony Jones is the conductor. A free-will offering will be received.

For information, call 314-8877 or visit www.heartland-pops.org/.

Holy Week Community Services in Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — Holy Week 2013 Community Services, sponsored by the



Courtesy photo

Faith Missionary Baptist Church will not have an evening service on Palm Sunday (March 24), but everyone is invited to attend a sacred concert that Pastor Ken and Bonnie will host. "The Wine Family" will be in concert at the Whisper Lake Clubhouse, March 24, at 6 p.m. The evening church service will be moved to the clubhouse for Palm Sunday. Everyone is welcome for this Celebration of Jesus concert.

Lake Placid Christian Ministerial Association, will be held Monday through Friday, March 25-29 at First Baptist Church of Lake Placid, 119 E. Royal Palm St.;

Daily lunch (\$5 per person) will be served immediately following the services at 12:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

Music will be provided daily by Bill Lewis Ministries.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday - Jimmy Goins of Heartland Family Church of Christ will bring the message. Lunch menu will be stuffed shells, meatballs, tossed salad, garlic stick and dessert.

Tuesday - Tim Taylor, Pastor of Church of the Nazarene, will bring the message. Lunch menu will

pers, rice with tomato gravy, buttered carrots, rolls and dessert.

Thursday - John Bryant of Memorial United Methodist Church, will bring the message. Lunch menu will be ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable medley, yeast rolls and dessert.

Friday, March 29 - Brett Morey of First Baptist Church of Lake Placid, will bring the message. Lunch menu will be pork loin with gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, broccoli, corn cakes and dessert.

Call 465-3721 or visit www.fbclp.com/ for more information.

Maranatha Baptist presents Easter musical drama

SEBRING — Maranatha Baptist Church will present "Statement of Faith," an Easter musical drama, at 7 p.m., Friday, March 29 and at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday evening, March 31.

The story involves a couple, played by Pat Seddon and Buz Cliffe, who seem to have two different belief systems. Several Old Testament men make an appearance to help show the couple the truths of the Bible. These are portrayed by Reid Kitchen, Wayne Mattson and Leon Moody. This is interwoven with songs by the choir that convey a "Statement of Faith."

Solos are sung by Cathy Witham, Terry Doane and Hope Austin, with some narration by David Waite. Pianist for the musical is Judy Tinkham and organist is Ann Truax with Jan Burgess as director.

The church is off Arbuckle Creek Road two miles east of S.R. 17 N. Call 382-4301 or 382-8594.

RELIGION GUIDELINES:

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be creamed chicken with mixed vegetables over biscuit, Italian green beans, coleslaw and dessert.

Wednesday - Michael Cannon of St. James Catholic Church will bring the message. Lunch menu will be stuffed green pep-

Zimbabwe's president calls for African papal visit

By ANGUS SHAW

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe says he wants Pope Francis to visit Africa because he is "a man of God who will be praying for all of us, praying for the sinful world to repent."

Mugabe attended the Pope's inaugural mass on Tuesday despite a ban on him travelling to most European countries to protest his human rights record and alleged vote rigging in violent elections. Vatican City is not affected by the ban. Vatican officials said no formal invitations were sent out and representatives of all world governments were welcome to come to the Pope's installation.

Speaking to journalists in Italy, Mugabe urged them to go to church, lead a morally-guided life, avoid heavy drinking and write well without putting in "a twist like all journalists do for propaganda," the Zimbabwe Herald newspaper, a Mugabe mouthpiece, reported Wednesday.

The newspaper said Mugabe, 89, met with Pope Francis and congratulated him on his election by the conclave of Roman Catholic cardinals.

"We hope he will take us, all his children, on the same basis of equality . that we are all, in the eyes of God, equal," Mugabe said.

Pope John Paul II visited Zimbabwe on an African

pilgrimage in 1988. At his request Mugabe suspended criminal executions but hangings resumed nearly a decade later.

Mugabe, who led the nation to independence from colonial-era rule in 1980, was forced into a shaky, acrimonious and violence-troubled coalition with Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, the former opposition leader, after disputed elections in 2008.

Zimbabweans overwhelmingly voted last week for a new constitution to strengthen human rights and curb authoritarian presidential powers. The new constitution sets a path toward fresh elections to end the coalition.

Mugabe said he expected the date for those elections to be announced by the end of March, The Herald reported.

The presidential and legislative elections are expected around July.

Mugabe told reporters to work harder to present truthful reports.

"Sometimes one gets offended when what one says has not been understood. We don't usually rush to correct people," said Mugabe, whose ZANU-PF party has enforced sweeping media laws since 2003.

Scores of independent journalists have been assaulted and arrested since then.

Mugabe said Christian commandments to love one another did not mean promiscuity.

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RELIGION

Wheaton returns from mission

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Alex P. Wheaton of Sebring has recently returned home from serving two years as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was assigned to the Tucson, Ariz., Mission Center and a Spanish-speaking mission. This meant he had to learn to speak Spanish.

Wheaton said, "What I loved about serving a mission is the selflessness of serving others. Every day is spent serving someone else instead of yourself." When asked what he liked least, he said, "The hardest part was being moved to other areas often and having to say good bye to people you have learned to love. When serving others, you learn to love perfect strangers."

In the last General Conference of the church, it was announced that the age for men and women wishing to serve missions was being lowered. This means that those who wish can now apply directly after graduating from high school.

However, they must be at least 18 years old. All young men members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are encouraged to serve a two year mission though it is not mandatory. Many look forward all their lives to serving and many save money to make it possible.

Women may also serve as well as senior couples. At present there are more than 55,000 LDS missionaries serving in many parts of the world.

Timothy Wheaton, older brother of Alex, also served a mission and returned home a short while before Alex entered the Missionary Training Center.

Following in the footsteps of his older brothers, Kevin Wheaton, their youngest brother plans to apply immediately following his high school graduation this year.

Alex has an Associate's Degree from junior college and is already in the process of applying to schools to complete his education as an aerospace engineer.

Cyprus: Church assets at disposal of state

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — The head of Cyprus' influential Orthodox church, Archbishop Chrysostomos II, says he will put the church's assets at the country's disposal to help pull it out of a financial crisis, after lawmakers rejected a plan to seize up to 10 percent of people's bank deposits to secure an international bailout.

Speaking after meeting President Nicos Anastasiades Wednesday, Chrysostomos said the church was willing to mortgage its assets to invest in government bonds.

Will you consider the evidence?

An elementary school hired a new science teacher. The teacher was an atheist (someone who does not believe in God) and proud of it. In fact, he often talked about it, and since the kids were fairly young, he easily intimidated them. One day, the teacher boldly announced, "My mother was an atheist, my father was an atheist, and I am an atheist. How many in this room are atheists?"

The kids, being a little scared of the teacher, all raised their hands — all, that is, except for one little girl. Greatly annoyed, the teacher asked the student, "So, what are you then?"

The girl replied, "I am a Christian. My mother was a Christian, my father was a Christian, and I am a Christian, too."

The teacher snarled, "If your mother was an idiot, and your father was an idiot, then what would that make you?"

The little girl thought for a moment and then gently responded, "I guess that would make me like you."

There are many different kinds of people in the world today with many different kinds of beliefs about God. Some hold beliefs about God that are true; others hold beliefs about God that are false. However, whether right or wrong, these particular people all have something in common: They each believe in God. Yet, it amazes me that there are some people in our world who refuse to share even this belief.

If a person walked up to a two-story house, would he believe that it just naturally happened that way? The evidence shows that someone built it. If a person noticed a car parked in a driveway, would he believe that it was just always there? The evidence shows that someone con-



Kevin's Comments

Kevin Patterson

structed it. When a person looks out into the magnificent beauty of our world and the vast expanse of our universe, each with its own intricate design, would he believe that they both just blew into existence from nothing? The evidence shows that Someone created them.

Paul wrote in Romans 1:18-20, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse."

People may use many reasons to support the different things they believe, but one point should never be in dispute: There is a God! If you do not believe me, simply look around, and see for yourself the awesome splendor of His creation. The evidence is not only clear, it is overwhelming. Go ahead. Take a look.

Kevin's Comments is presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway. On the Internet visit www.sebringcoc.com, or e-mail sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com.

Pope Francis to get simple coat of arms, ring

By DANIELA PETROFF

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis is mixing his Argentine past with his Roman present to create his new papal coat of arms, while harking back to a pope associated with the Second Vatican Council for the simple ring that he will receive during Tuesday's installation Mass.

The Vatican on Monday released details of the symbols of Francis' pontificate, which in its inaugural days has been marked by his preference for simplicity and aversion to Holy See splendor.

The new pope chose to keep the same coat of arms he had as archbishop of Buenos Aires, and picked the simplest ring out of several models offered him. It is fashioned in gold-plated silver and was once a gift to Pope Paul VI, who presided over the second half of Vatican II, the meetings that modernized the church.

The coat of arms has a necessary addition — the papal symbols surrounding it: a gilded miter, and crossed gold and silver keys.

The shield itself, in very simple almost modern heraldry, depicts a star, a grape-like plan, and a monogram of Christ at the center of a fiery sun. The

symbols represent the three members of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In religious writing, Mary is often referred to as a "star," while St. Joseph is often depicted holding a nard, a Middle Eastern plant. The monogram is the symbol of Francis' Jesuit order.

His motto suggests even more about the root of Francis' message:

"Miserando atque eligendo," Latin for "Having had mercy, he called him," comes from an episode in the Gospel where Christ picks a seemingly unworthy person to follow him.

Francis has stressed the importance of mercy, saying that often people are unforgiving with one another, but that God is all-merciful.

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Animal shelter officials warn that giving a duckling as an Easter gift is a bad idea.

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Rescue officials: Ducklings make foul Easter gifts

By SUE MANNING

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A fluffy duckling might seem appealing next to a basket of Easter eggs, but shelter officials and animal welfare experts want gift-happy parents to picture something else: Poop.

The average domestic duck relieves itself once every 15 minutes, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. That's why very few people have ducks for pets — except at Easter.

Yet millions of people have or will celebrate spring and Easter by getting their children a duckling, figuring they can release it in a pond when it gets too big to keep. "We usually get tons of calls right after Easter," said Susie Coston, national shelter director for the Farm Sanctuary.

Duck diapers are readily available online, but it takes more than that to raise a duck, said Carol Chrysong, the 56-year-old founder of The Lucky Duck Rescue & Sanctuary in Los Angeles. The sanctuary is home to 120 of them, including a drake and two hens that Chrysong keeps as her pets, and the cleanup is exhausting, she said.

"I do a massive amount of work every day before and after work. I am pretty exhausted," Chrysong said.

The upsides to keeping a duck as a pet include their surprisingly doglike behavior, which has them greeting owners upon arrival (Muscovy ducks even wag their tails), learning tricks and being extreme loyal, she said.

The downside, though, is cleaning up after a diaperless duck that also likes to get into water or puddles and splash — then walk around, Chrysong said. An indoor duck would have to sit on a poop mat and sleep in a playpen full of shavings if it stays inside.

Chrysong added that

Parents often assume they can set a duck free at a local pond, but domestic ducks are not equipped to survive in the wild. They can't fly, their colors don't match the environment and they don't know how to act in the wild.

ducks are in heat up to 10 months out of the year, so "if you don't want to have the sex talk with your child, don't get a duck." Experts say that most ducklings sold at Easter are drakes, so parents hoping for fresh eggs are out of luck.

Coston also discouraged ducks as pets, especially since they can live up to 20 years and more. She noted that it's unlikely a child can take the duck to college.

Parents often assume they can set a duck free at a local pond once it outgrows its duckling stage, but "domestic ducks are not equipped to survive in the wild like their wild cousins," she said.

They can't fly, their colors don't match the environment and they don't know how to act in the wild, "so they fall prey to many wild animals, dogs and, sadly, even people," she said. In many cases, territorial ducks at a pond will kill newcomers.

Lydia Yasuda, a photographer from Diamond Bar, Calif., volunteers weekly at Chrysong's rescue after Chrysong took in her daughter's duckling. He had followed the girl around at a lake, and "we thought he could grow up and we could take him to the pond," said Yasuda.

Then the Yasudas started to read about caring for ducks. Her husband said no and they live in an apartment, so Benji went to the

duck rescue.

Chrysong, who also keeps two horses and a dog on her half-acre of property in a rural area near Los Angeles, said she herself fell in love with ducks at age 8, when she and her sister received ducks as Easter gifts. "Those two ducks followed us all over Inglewood. They would wait outside when we took them to the store," she recalled.

When the ducks were 5, her parents released them at a pond, she said.

"It was devastating for me. They kept following us to the car. Eventually, my father said, 'Let's go,' and we left them there in the parking lot. I never got over it. Now I know what happens to them. That's why I am so aggressive about the work we do," Chrysong said.

When she got a home in San Fernando Valley 27 years ago, she got a few ducks and people gave her the occasional bird before she decided to open a shelter. She gained charity status in 2008.

Then "the tsunami of ducks started coming my way. And I mean wave after wave of them," she said. "I would have 10 million ducks here if I took all the ducks."

She places ducks only if adopters will take a group. She doesn't want one duck dying of grief because it lost its flock, she said.

Cities such as Los Angeles could help prevent parents from giving ducks as temporary pets by barring the sale of lone ducklings, she said.

Most major national pet store chains have stopped selling chicks, bunnies or ducklings — all popular Easter gifts — so almost all sales are made online, at feed stores or independent pet stores.

Parents who have children who want a duck for Easter should visit a pet store or zoo instead, she said. That'll be less messy and a lot less work, Chrysong said as she recalled her experiences.

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HEALTHY LIVING

A laxative that works at both ends

Dear Pharmacist: I heard you recommend a drug called Lactulose as a laxative but you said it helped with brain fog too. How can it work at both ends?

— J.C., Decatur, Illinois

Answer: It's true, the prescription medication called Lactulose, is a classified as an "osmotic laxative" which means that it pulls water into the bowel, and it also affects brain function by removing ammonia, a potent neurotoxin which is more common than you think. MiraLax is another good laxative in this drug category.

Lactulose is not naturally occurring like psyllium is, it is synthetic. Lactulose is a non-digestible sugar, which treats both constipation and hepatic encephalopathy. That last one is a complication of liver disease that causes neurological problems by increasing ammonia in the body.

Lactulose is tasty, inexpensive and carried by pharmacies. The dosage varies based upon your response, and what you're treating (ie constipation or encephalopathy). Start with a low dosage and gradually increase if needed. A typical dose might be one or two tablespoons by mouth every day, but again, you can go up or down from there, depending on what your doctor says is right for you.

Lactulose can cause severe dehydration and depletion of electrolytes which can affect the heart so a trace mineral supplement (taken 60 minutes or more away from the Lactulose) may be needed, especially magnesium which runs the heart. Drink water during the day.

Once you take a dose of lactulose, the sugar molecules (which never get digested, so don't worry if you have diabetes), get broken down by the bacteria that live in the lower part of your gut. Probiotics are needed to metabolize Lactulose. In fact, if you had a healthy probiotic stash, you probably wouldn't have constipation.



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

But anyway, the probiotics in your colon digest the lactulose and produce compounds that cause a little more acidity in your lower bowel (you want that, it has nothing to do with acid reflux so don't worry).

As a result, more water is retained in your bowel, and thus more water in your stools. It softens them, making them easier to pass. Lactulose is particularly helpful for people in nursing homes. It takes a few days to begin working.

Lactulose helps draw ammonia out of the body, which can become elevated in people with liver cirrhosis as well as Lyme disease patients. True story, you didn't know? The Lyme germ (from tick bites) can raise ammonia in the brain, which then causes astrocyte swelling, and that triggers nasty neurological symptoms such as mild encephalopathy, brain fog, lightheadedness, fatigue, body pain, confusion, visual disturbances and altered sense perception. There are more specific ways to treat this, the topic of a future column.

The drug valproic acid may increase ammonia and lactulose helps. Inborn errors of metabolism increase ammonia.

Usually, the condition requires intravenous drug treatment but in mild cases, a prescription for lactulose solution is pretty common along with a protein-restricted diet.

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

Community outreach events

Ace Homecare community outreach events schedule for March is as follows:

Monday - 9 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Resthaven Assisted Living facility, off S.R. 64, Resthaven Road, Zolfo Springs; and 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'n Lake Blvd., Sebring.

Tuesday - 9 a.m., Health Fair, Groves behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27; and 10:30 a.m., Health Fair, Lake Placid Meal Site, Interlake Blvd.

Wednesday - 9 a.m., Health Fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Palm Apartments, Hal McRae Blvd., Avon Park; and 1 p.m., Health Fair, Tanglewood, U.S. 27, Sebring.

Diabetes management classes set

SEBRING — The Highlands County Health Department is offering Diabetes Self-Management Education classes as part of its Wellness and Diabetes Education Program. This program serves Highlands County residents of all

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ages, especially those with diabetes or at risk for developing diabetes.

These classes are free of charge and provided by Margaret Pierce, RN and Aleyda Oliveros, Nutritionist.

Classes in English are scheduled in Sebring on April 8-10 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and April 15-17 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Conference Room A at the Highlands County Health Department located at 7205 South George Blvd. in Sebring. Enrollment is limited and registration is required.

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Urban school districts are teaming up to help coordinate lunch planning and offer students healthier choices than a baked potato loaded with everything. MCT

6 US school districts form food alliance

By KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Urban school districts in California, Florida, Illinois, New York and Texas announced Wednesday they are joining forces to coordinate school lunch planning in an attempt to keep costs down while providing healthful food choices.

"Our goal is to offer our students nutritious and delicious meals while keeping costs down," said Kathleen Grimm, New York City's deputy schools chancellor for operations. With food costs

rising, the alliance "will help us to band together and control costs by buying in large quantities," she said.

The districts also will work together to purchase items like biodegradable trays in bulk, New York City Department of Education spokeswoman Margie Feinberg said.

To kick off the initiative, students in all six districts were being served the same lunch on Wednesday featuring chicken, brown rice with seasoned black beans, steamed broccoli, fresh fruit and milk.

"We created this menu based on the most popular items we commonly serve in each of our districts," said Leslie Fowler, director of Nutrition Support Services at Chicago Public Schools. "Our goal moving forward is to identify these commonalities and work with our vendors to capitalize on our purchasing power so that we're providing the best and freshest foods possible to our students at the lowest costs possible."

In addition to New York City and Chicago, the alliance includes public

schools in Los Angeles; Dallas; and Miami and Orlando in Florida. The six districts serve a total of nearly 3 million lunches every school day purchase more than \$530 million in food and food supplies annually.

"This show of solidarity is unprecedented," said Los Angeles Unified School District Food Services Director David Binkle. "It demonstrates that all the school districts in the alliance can work together to implement the same programs while serving nutritious meals to our students."

Where do our doctors come from?

In Highlands County, the doctors come from many of the same places and for the same reasons the other residents do. I surveyed the doctors I saw in the operating room and hospital last week. The reasons they gave were family in the area, a good job offer, relatives nearby, the weather, etc. One had a wife who thought it was a good safe place to raise children.

Highlands County has three well-equipped hospitals and is a medical referral center for the surrounding counties. Doctors like to have the stimulation of colleagues to discuss difficult cases with as well as the availability of other specialists and diagnostic equipment to treat the whole patient. It is also nice to share call. As one of the doctors pointed out, the drive to the beaches, Tampa, Sarasota, etc. is farther in mileage but not in time than some of the bigger cities we trained in.

The orthopedists are a

good example of the quality specialists we have. Of the nine orthopedists currently practicing full or part time in Highlands County, all are Board Certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Dr. Reddy has a fellowship in foot and ankle surgery, Dr. Callahan has a special interest and many years experience in spine surgery and I have a hand subspecialty certificate. (Orthopaedics only offers two subspecialty certificates — hand and, more recently, sports medicine).

Like all of Florida, our docs are getting older. Dr. Chaudry got his M.D. in 1977, Dr. Callahan in 1971. Dr. Alvarez, who was Board certified in 2003, and Dr. Reddy, board certified in 2006, are the youngest. The rest of us are closer to retirement than starting out.

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Guest Column
Dr. Diana Carr

Department of Health Physician Workforce report found that only 14 percent of Florida docs were under 40 and 27 percent were over 60. Fourteen percent of the doctors in Highlands county plan to retire and about 7 percent plan to relocate in the next five years. This is only slightly higher than the state average of 12.7 percent retiring in the next five years.

Overall, we are doing well enough that Highlands is not expected to be on the critical need list in the next five years. Hopefully the nice weather, uncongested roads, fishing, golf, the new four-

year college and the many interesting activities will keep attracting high-quality new doctors for many years.

Dr. Diana D. Carr treats patients at The Hand & Shoulder Specialists offering specialty care close to home with a concentration on healing shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand problems. She is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Carr's long list of achievements include being the area's only Orthopaedic Surgeon certified as a hand specialist. For more information, please visit <http://hand-shoulder-specialist.com> or call (863) 382-7777.

Melanoma drug shows promise

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Shares of drugmaker Amgen Inc. are rising on news its innovative melanoma drug, which uses a

virus as a Trojan horse to infiltrate and destroy tumors, shrank far more tumors than a standard treatment in a late-stage test.

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DIVERSIONS

'Olympus' is tense yet generic

By TODD MCCARTHY

The Hollywood Reporter

LOS ANGELES — In a

week when North Korea posted a homemade video showing the U.S. Capitol building being destroyed by a missile, what more logical response could Hollywood offer than a macho thriller about a Secret Service agent who takes on North Korean terrorists who attack the White House? The first of two similarly themed action dramas set for this year ("White House Down" arrives in June), "Olympus Has Fallen" will put to the test the question of whether American audiences are ready, 12 years after 9-11, to watch, strictly as disposable popcorn entertainment, a film in which the United States and some of its most prominent landmarks are devastated by foreign terrorists.

The answer almost undoubtedly will be yes, as the tough-guy former agent played by Gerard Butler gets to kick a whole lot of badass butt while trying to rescue the president. Although this is the sort of film in which the fate of the world hinges, when all is said and done, on the outcome of a one-on-one martial arts contest, director Antoine Fuqua's notably bloody child of Die Hard still generates a fair amount of tension and produces the kind of nationalistic outrage that rock-ribbed Americans will feel in their guts.

Foreign revenue should be hefty as well, especially in countries where many viewers will get a thrill watching Washington get the sort of treatment usually reserved for places like Baghdad and Kabul.

Either due to incredible clairvoyance on the parts of first-time screenwriters Creighton Rothenberger and Katrin Benedikt or just through one of those twists of fate, the film arrives just as North Korea has made anti-U.S. saber-rattling an almost daily exercise. So it seems uncannily timely that the brilliant bad guy here is a (supposedly) rogue North Korean who leads a bunch of skilled commandos on a raid of the White House that nets them the president and several key members of his staff as hostages. No doubt bootleg copies of the film will make their way to Kim Jong Un, who might be simultaneously offended and delighted at the opportunity to further rouse his subjects by showing them how much the enemy hates them.

At its core, however, "Olympus" is like an '80s or '90s genre item in which Clint Eastwood, Bruce Willis or Mel Gibson outwitted and outmuscled shrewd, more formidably armed opponents. Like Eastwood in "In the Line of Fire," Butler (who also produced) plays a disgraced presidential agent sidelined and haunted by a fluky failure (detailed in a 10-minute prologue) who



Movie Review

'Olympus Has Fallen'

Rating: R (strong violence and language)

Running time: 120 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

suddenly and inadvertently finds himself back in the thick of a crisis.

If seemingly far-fetched, the attack by the North Korean paramilitary team is nonetheless ingenious and pulled off with somewhat disturbing ease, given that the White House is described as the best-fortified location on Earth. It's also quite violently staged. While President Asher (Aaron Eckhart) receives the South Korean premier and his entourage, a C-130 comes roaring in very low over Virginia and D.C. Knocking out two Air Force fighter jets, the terrorist-piloted plane heads down the mall and over toward the White House, strafing civilians while a second wave of gunmen launch a ground attack on the presidential mansion.

Inside, the premier's alleged head of security shows his true colors as the plot's mastermind. Kang (Rick Yune) quickly displays the diabolical genius worthy of any Bond villain (which Yune once played, as another North Korean in "Die Another Day"). He rounds up the president, Secretary of Defense (Melissa Leo, in an enjoyably fierce performance) and a bunch of other top officials and takes them down to the White House's massively secured emergency underground bunker, where he tortures and kills some of his hostages and dictates terms, the keys being the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from near the Korean demilitarized zone and the removal of the Navy's 7th Fleet from the area.

Enter Mike Banning (Butler), who knows the White House inside and out due to his years serving not only the president but entertaining his young son Connor (Finley Jacobsen), who's somewhere in the building and whom Kang wants as the ultimate bargaining chip. The bulk of the film thus becomes an elaborate cat-and-mouse game between Banning, who, against great odds, taunts Kang and gradually reduces his minions' numbers in several ambushes and one-on-one struggles, and the North Korean megalomaniac, who



Gerard Butler stars in "Olympus Has Fallen."

begins extracting the secret codes that will allow him to control the American nuclear arsenal.

Meanwhile, stuck with sedentary roles as officials sweating it out at the Pentagon heavily linked by video, phones and computers are, among many others, Speaker of the House (and acting President) Trumbull (Morgan Freeman); Secret Service director Jacobs (Angela Bassett); and Gen. Clegg (Robert Forster), the gung-ho head of the Joint Chiefs.

The ordeal is an all-night affair, and unfortunately much of the White House action plays out in a murky, muddy darkness that has a very washed-out look; cinematographer Conrad W. Hall could have taken a tip or two from the incredible nocturnal, low-light-level work his father Conrad L. Hall did two decades ago in "Jennifer Eight." Quite a bit of the action is obscured as a result.

To his credit, though, Fuqua sustains the suspense until near the end of two hours; only in the final confrontation between Banning and Kang does the face-off seem over-extended and borderline risible. Willing to go for an R rating when a more inclusive one might have increased box office, the filmmakers deliver some pretty tough and brutal

scenes, not the least of which has Kang mercilessly kicking and beating Leo's defiant Secretary of Defense.

After a string of increasingly lame and embarrassing projects, Butler took charge on this one as a producer here in a role carefully crafted in a time-honored action-hero mold. He comes off pretty well, as a sort of junior-league Mel Gibson with a bit less of the fiery-eyed craziness and wacky humor but plenty of grit and no shortage of appeal. In one-dimensional generic roles, most of the other performers deliver as expected, though Yune's exceptional looks and air of piercing intelligence pretty much maxes out what anyone could do with this sort of laser-focused villain figure.

The extensive CGI work is variable — pretty good where it counts most but sketchy around the edges.

Elderly mom dishes out abuse to daughters

Dear Abby: My 87-year-old mother is narcissistic, self-absorbed and extremely cruel. Her physician has consulted with my sister and me and verified these challenging traits.



Dear Abby

When she says something or acts out, she'll say, "I am who I am, so don't expect me to change."

How can my sister and I deal with the needs of an elderly parent who continues to verbally and emotionally mistreat us and others? My sister is beginning to react in a defensive, angry manner (rightfully so), and all I do is cry and feel guilty for wanting to get away from her.

— Reached Wit's End in Loma Linda, Calif.

Dear Reached: Because your mother is behaving the way she always has, her unpleasantness can't be blamed on old age. The next time she acts out and tells you, "I am who I am, so don't expect me to change," respond by saying: "That's right. You are who you are, but I don't have to subject myself to this. If it happens again, I'm out of here." Then follow through.

If that doesn't discourage her unpleasant behavior, consider hiring a social worker or licensed caregiver to see her needs are attended to. That's not abandonment; it's self-defense.

Dear Abby: I recently came out to my family as transgender (male to female). However, they still call me "gay." I have told them repeatedly that "transgender" and "gay" are not the same, but they won't listen. They accept and love me "as I am," and I'm grateful for that. But I need them to accept me — the REAL me — as I am in my heart.

I am biologically male and there are people in my life who don't care about that; they care about me as a human being and want to spend their lives with me. It hurts when my parents keep calling me "gay" and their "son." Please help me, Abby. My heart is hurting.

— Girl Needing Advice

Dear Girl: Believe it or not, your parents may need as much or more help than

you do. Although you have told them you are transgender, they do not appear to fully grasp that gender identity and sexual orientation are two different things.

A terrific educational resource for them would be PFLAG. It's an organization made up of parents, families, friends and straight allies united with gay, bisexual and transgender people. Part of their mission is education, and there are chapters in all 50 states. Contact them at www.pflag.org. Their literature will help your parents understand.

Dear Abby: I am a man in my 40s. My girlfriend and I have known each other for four years, but have grown much closer over the past few months. She's divorced with no kids.

I have asked her to stop going to a gym that she regularly visits. In the past, she had sex with a guy from there. He no longer goes there, but she craves that environment. She says she goes to keep in shape. I say she made a name for herself there, and requested she go to another gym. What do you think?

— Jeff in New Jersey

Dear Jeff: "Made a name for herself"? That's an antiquated phrase I haven't heard in a while. Because you asked, I will offer a few thoughts:

The individual this lady had the fling with is long gone. I doubt at this point whether anyone at that gym cares or remembers. If the "atmosphere" has you worried, go with her, and I'm sure you will quickly realize that the members go there to tone up rather than hook up.

A word of advice: The harder you try to control your girlfriend the further you'll drive her away, so stop acting like a dumbbell.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and

Garth Brooks, George Strait to team up on stage at ACMs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Garth Brooks and George Strait will perform together for the first time at next month's Academy of Country Music Awards to honor Dick Clark.

The performance by the two most recent winners of the ACM's artist of the decade award is symbolic. That award will be renamed for Clark, the entertainment icon and longtime producer of the ACM Awards who passed away last year.

The pairing of two of country music's most beloved — and best-selling — stars will draw plenty of attention to the 48th annual awards, which air live on CBS on April 7 from Las

Vegas. Blake Shelton and Luke Bryan host the show.

Bobby Brown turns himself in for DUI conviction

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bobby Brown has surrendered to authorities and will begin a 55-day jail sentence for a driving under the influence conviction.

Brown's attorney and a spokesman for the city attorney's office say the R&B singer turned himself in at a Los Angeles courthouse Wednesday.

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Pancake Breakfast Sandwich

FAMILY FEATURES

The ingredients for an easy weekend breakfast or a special Easter brunch may be in your pantry right now. Holidays are the perfect time to sprinkle additional creativity or fresh new thinking into meals for family and friends and — by using staples like pancake mix, syrup and instant mashed potatoes in unexpected ways — you can craft new and delicious dishes sure to make everyone smile.

Try these recipes from *Hungry Jack*® using simple pantry staples, and turn them into what will become new brunch favorites:

- Put a unique spin on brunch food with a savory *Ham, Egg and Cheese Pizza*.
- DIY *Pancake Breakfast Sandwiches*: You can assemble them for your guests, or get everyone involved by letting them build their own and add some custom touches like eggs, cheese or bacon.
- Combine sweet, spicy and smoky flavors for *Spicy Candied Bacon*, a definite crowd pleaser.
- Set out some flavored or Greek yogurt and a bowl of *Good Morning Granola* so guests can create their own breakfast parfaits.

For more creative recipes and ideas, visit www.hungryjack.com.



Ham, Egg and Cheese Pizza

Spicy Candied Bacon

Yield: 6 slices
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes

- 1/2 pound extra-thick cut bacon, about 6 slices
- 1/4 cup *Hungry Jack* Original Syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon cracked black pepper

1. HEAT oven to 375°F. Line 15 x 10-inch baking pan with foil. Lay bacon slices on foil.
2. BAKE 18 to 20 minutes or until bacon edges begin to curl. Remove from oven. Tilt pan to drain. Pat bacon with paper towel. Combine syrup, cayenne pepper, cinnamon and pepper in small bowl. Drizzle evenly over bacon slices.
3. BAKE 5 minutes or until evenly browned. Remove to wire rack. Cool 5 minutes.

Serving suggestion: Candied Bacon Breakfast Sandwich: Layer fried egg on English muffin. Top with shredded cheese, Spicy Candied Bacon and a dash of hot sauce or ketchup. Top with other half of English muffin.

Good Morning Granola

Yield: 5 cups
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes

- 3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1 cup sliced almonds
- 1/2 cup shredded sweetened coconut (optional)
- 2 tablespoons wheat germ
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons *Crisco* Pure Vegetable Oil
- 1/2 cup *Hungry Jack* Sugar Free Breakfast Syrup
- 2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup dried fruit, such as raisins, golden raisins, cherries or cranberries

1. HEAT oven to 350°F.
2. COMBINE oats, almonds, coconut, wheat germ, salt and cinnamon in large bowl. Combine oil, syrup and brown sugar in another bowl. Pour over oat mixture. Toss until well coated. Spread evenly in 13 x 9-inch pan.
3. BAKE 30 minutes or until golden brown, stirring frequently. Cool completely. Stir in dried fruit. Store in airtight container at room temperature.

with a Pantry Punch

Ham, Egg and Cheese Pizza

Yield: 8 servings
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes

Crust:

- Crisco*® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
- 1 3/4 cups *Hungry Jack* Complete Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/3 cup water
- 2 tablespoons *Crisco* Pure Olive Oil

Filling:

- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh dill weed or 1/2 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shredded Swiss or cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup thinly sliced green onion
- 4 ounces thinly sliced deli-styled baked ham, coarsely chopped
- Fresh dill sprigs (optional)

For crust:

1. HEAT oven to 425°F. Coat 12-inch pizza pan with no-stick cooking spray. Combine pancake mix, Parmesan cheese, dry mustard and onion powder in medium bowl, stirring until blended. Stir in water and olive oil until dough forms.
2. PRESS dough onto bottom of prepared pan to form a crust, building up outside edge to form a rim. Bake 7 minutes.

For filling:

1. WHISK eggs, sour cream, Dijon mustard, dill and salt in medium bowl. Stir in cheese and green onions. Pour over hot crust, spreading evenly. Toss ham to separate pieces. Sprinkle evenly over egg mixture. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until egg mixture is set in center. Cool 5 minutes before cutting. Garnish with fresh dill, if desired.



Good Morning Granola

Pancake Breakfast Sandwich

Yield: 4 servings
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes

Pancakes:

- Crisco* Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
- 3/4 cup *Hungry Jack* Complete Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup *Hungry Jack* Original Syrup
- 1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed, chopped into bite-sized pieces
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 3-inch round sausage patties*

Eggs:

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/3 cup diced red pepper
- 4 large eggs
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

For pancakes:

1. COAT griddle or skillet with no-stick cooking spray. Heat griddle or skillet on medium heat (350°F).

2. WHISK pancake mix, water and syrup in medium bowl. Stir in cheese, potatoes and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cook sausage patties as directed on package.
3. POUR 2 tablespoons batter on griddle, spreading batter to make a 3-inch circle or by using 3-inch pancake molds, coated with no-stick cooking spray. Repeat to make 7 more pancakes. Cook 2 minutes or until golden brown. Turn. Cook second side 2 minutes.

Pancakes:

- Crisco* Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
- 3/4 cup *Hungry Jack* Complete Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup *Hungry Jack* Original Syrup
- 1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed, chopped into bite-sized pieces
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 3-inch round sausage patties*

1. MELT butter in large skillet. Add red pepper. Cook and stir about 1 minute. Whisk eggs and salt in small bowl. Pour into skillet with peppers. Cook slightly, then shape into four 3-inch circles about the same size as the pancakes and sausage.
2. PLACE one pancake on plate. Top with cooked sausage patty, egg and another pancake to make breakfast sandwich. Repeat with remaining ingredients to make 3 more sandwiches.

***TIP:** If using pre-made sausage patties, flatten slightly into 3-inch rounds, if necessary.