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- Betty I. Gill**
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- Jean Lindemer**
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Emergency workers investigate the scene of a one-vehicle crash on U.S. 27 in Sebring that killed the driver on Thursday. News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE

Sebring man killed when SUV flips on U.S. 27

Worn tires, wet road blamed for Thursday crash

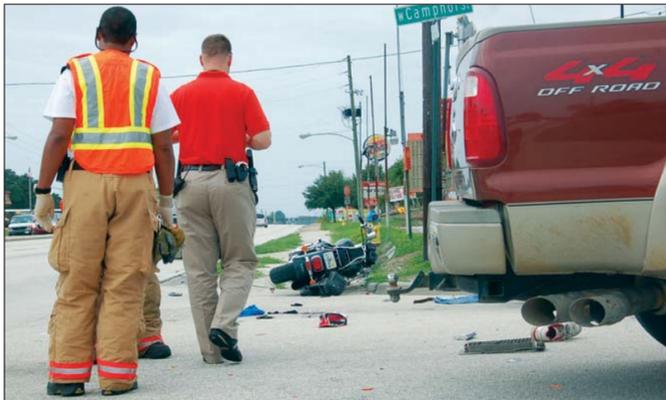
By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — A Sebring man was killed on Thursday when his vehicle overturned on U.S. 27 at Fortune Road.

Danny Ray Carter, 47, suffered fatal injuries when his Chevrolet Blazer struck the center median and flipped onto its top across from Woody's R.V. in south Sebring around 2:45 p.m.

According to Sebring Police Cmdr. Steve Carr, Carter's SUV began hydroplaning and Carter lost control of the vehicle, which was heading north on U.S. 27.

The Blazer struck the center median at Fortune Road, and was flipped over, partially ejecting

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Avon Park Detective Nathan Coogan investigates collision involving a pick-up truck and a motorcycle Friday on U.S. 27. News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Truck collides with motorcycle in AP

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — An unidentified man was transported to a local hospital Friday morning after a Ford F-250 collided with his motorcycle on the northbound side

of U.S. 27 in Avon Park. Several witnesses and law enforcement stated that the cyclist was traveling southbound on U.S. 27 as the pick-up, traveling north-

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State's attorney gets Rowan investigation from Polk SO

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — Chip Thulberry, public affairs officer for the 10th Judicial District State's Attorney Office, confirmed Friday that the Polk County Sheriff's Office has passed its investigation of Avon Park Police Chief Michael Rowan to the state's attorney.

He refused to comment further, or

predict when the investigation would be concluded, but did identify the state attorney's investigator as Mike Ivancevich.

Ivancevich was the investigator who looked into Rowan's complaints concerning Mayor Sharon Schuler, her husband Robert Schuler as well as Avon Park city council member



Rowan

Parke Sutherland and his wife Maria Sutherland, the city's assistant city manager.

In his report, Ivancevich said he spent 18 hours on his investigation and concluded that "the Office of the State Attorney has spent considerable time in investigating allegations as it pertains to suspected violations of the law or ethic viola-

tions involving the members of the Avon Park City Council ... I could find nothing to support the allegations listed.

"This investigator did not make contact with the Sutherlands as it pertained to their residency (in or out of Avon Park). This issue is the enforcement responsibility of the City

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Volunteers help beautify Lake Placid

By ED BALDRIDGE
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LAKE PLACID — "This is really a wonderful thing for someone to do for their community," said Lake Placid Parks and Recreation Director John Komasa as he installed 49 trees along Main Avenue in Lake Placid Friday. The trees were donated by Hoz Compton.

The oaks, according to Komasa, would provide a shady canopy effect for the street, enhancing the atmosphere of the downtown.

"We are lucky to have these

49 donated oak trees planted on Main Ave.

trees. The cost for the irrigation to help get them started was under \$1,000 and the water costs will be minimal over the next year or so, but this kind of thing helps Lake Placid look good. You can't help but want to pitch in when something like this happens," Komasa said.

Compton took all the praise for

his donation in style on Friday, and deferred to the hard work of others for making the downtown area look like a community of caring people.

"Just look around at the work that several people are doing. There was a group out last week pulling weeds and planting flowers. Bert Harris III has worked hard to beautify the town. You just want to be a part of something like this," Compton said.

Compton, who owns Compton

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News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE
Volunteer Robert Komasa laughs with his dad, as they work to install water lines for the new oak trees on Main Street in Lake Placid.

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States weigh 'Caylee's Law'

By BRENT KALLESTAD
Associated Press
TALLAHASSEE — Lawmakers outraged over Casey Anthony's acquittal have responded by proposing so-called Caylee's laws that would allow prosecutors to bring felony charges against parents who do not quickly report missing children.

The new measures were triggered, at least in part, by an online petition that had more than 700,000 signatures Friday. Some questioned whether a new law would do any good because the circumstances of the Anthony case were so rare, but lawmakers in at least 16 states have already floated proposals reacting to the verdict.

"Casey Anthony broke new ground in brazenness," said Florida state Rep. Scott Plakon, who is sponsoring the proposal. "It's very sad that we even need a law like this, but Casey Anthony just proved that we do as unfortunate as that is."

In June 2008, Anthony's 2-year-old daughter Caylee was last seen at the Orlando home she shared with her mom and her maternal grandparents. For the next month, Casey Anthony, then 22, left her parents' house and spent most of her time with friends, shopping and partying, telling her family and others that Caylee was with an imaginary nanny.

Anthony's mother called detectives when Anthony could not produce her child. Anthony told investigators she hadn't called them because the nanny had kidnapped the child and she had been conducting her own search, two of the numerous lies she told investigators.

Anthony was acquitted of murder in Caylee's death, but convicted of four misdemeanor counts of lying to investigators. She was sentenced to the maximum of four years, but after serving nearly three years in jail awaiting trial, coupled with good behavior credits, she is set to go free next Sunday.

Florida's proposal would make it a felony for a parent or other caregiver to not report a child under the age of 12 missing after 48 hours. It also makes it a felony to not report a child's death or "location of a child's corpse" to police within two hours of the death.

Had Florida's measure been in place and Anthony been convicted, she could have faced another 15 years behind bars.

Other states are considering similar measures and the online petition at Change.org, started by an Oklahoma woman, calls for a federal law.

"It's certainly something that we want to look into, because right now looking at the Maryland state law we're not seeing anything that would fit the circumstances to the degree that we want to," said Joseph Cassilly, a prosecutor in Harford County, Md., which is one of the state's considering a Caylee's law. But others think it's unnecessary.

"It only applies to people like her and fortunately those are not common everyday occurrences," said Willie Meggs, who was a state's attorney for more than 30 years.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Rabbi Lorraine Rudenberg speaks to the congregation recently at Christ Fellowship Church in Sebring.

'We all pray for the same things'

Rabbi preaches at Christian church

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — At first glance Lorraine Rudenberg seems like the typical 59-year-old woman. She is small, quiet and reserved in her speech and appearance, but there is something unique about her that most would never guess.

Rudenberg is a rabbi. Born and raised in Miami, Rabbi Rudenberg was brought up in Judaism but waited until late in life to answer her calling.

Becoming ordained in 2007, Rudenberg has been ministering full time for the last three years. Before that she worked alongside another rabbi as she prepared for her entrance into the synagogue.

Recently, Rudenberg shared Judaism with the community of Highlands County by accepting an invitation to minister at Christ Fellowship Church on New Life Way.

"Pastor Eugene Haas invited me and I was happy to accept and visit," Rudenberg said.

Rudenberg's visit to Christ Fellowship marks the first time that a Jewish rabbi has ever spoken at a Protestant church in Highlands County.

Rudenberg, who describes herself as "an older person with modern thoughts," spent the service last Sunday discussing judgment to a mixed congregation of mostly Christians but also a handful of Jews.

"About 25 or so members of my synagogue joined me at the church when I spoke. Everyone was very friendly and greeted each other; it was good," Rudenberg said.

The judgment Rudenberg spoke of was not judgment from God or eternal judgment, but earthly judgment she said. The judgment that people give to one another.

"People don't understand things so they judge it, they stereotype it and they don't

understand it. I respect all religions. Christians, Muslims, Jews those are the biggest religions in the world. The practices and the way we approach things are different but whether it's Christ, Allah, or God it's all the same," Rudenberg said.

Rudenberg feels that the main reason so many people judge and are unaware of different religions is the language.

"We are always limited by language," Rudenberg said. "All we have to express ourselves is language and sometimes people don't understand it that way."

Rudenberg spent a year of

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Avon Park CRA has new website

AVON PARK — Avon Park's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) recently announced the launch of its brand new website for Avon Park's three CRA districts: Main Street, Southside and the Airport. The website, www.AvonParkCRA.com is designed to improve over-all communications between the three districts with residents, businesses and visitors.

The website features useful information, including an events calendar, links to area businesses, CRA information and downloadable forms, a photo gallery, links to the area's social media sites, Newsletter Archives, as well as press releases and news.

"We are thrilled to have this new communication tool available for everyone interested in Avon Park's CRA districts," said Wes Hoaglund, CRA Redevelopment Director.

"I encourage businesses, residents and visitors to visit the site for helpful information about Avon Park."

For more information about the CRA and its programs, contact CRA Redevelopment Director Wes Hoaglund at wesmco@gmail.com or by calling (321) 287-6543 or 452-2039.

Submarine veterans sought

SEBRING — With more than 13,000 members and over 150 chapters throughout the United

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To learn more about forming a local chapter of the national organization, call Stan Walker at 382-4199.

Scribe's Night Out is set for today

SEBRING — The next Scribe's Night Out, a gathering of local writers reading portions of their work to the public, is set for 6:30 p.m. today at Brewster's Coffee Shop.

The event starts off with a featured writer reading a sampling of his or her writings, followed by an open mike, which allows other writers to share samples of their works, published or not. Aspiring writers, especially students, are encouraged to attend and participate in the open mike session.

Today, Larry and Elaine Levey of Avon Park will talk about their recently reprinted photo-history, called, "Yesterday: A Family Album of Highlands County," a 128-page book containing some

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POLICE BLOTTER

The News-Sun would like to remind the readers that the names listed below reflect those who have been charged with a crime, but they are all innocent until proven guilty by a court of law. If anyone listed here is acquitted or has charges dropped, they can bring in proof of such decision or mail a copy to the paper and the News-Sun will be happy to report that information. The News-Sun is at 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Thursday, July 7:

- ◆ Esidro Ascencion-Galin, 30, of Lake Placid, was detained on a municipal ordinance violation.
- ◆ Alex Erick Bertrand, 18, of Sebring, was charged for knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked, first offense.
- ◆ Douglas Lorenzo Bullard, 24, of Lake Placid, was charged for knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked, second offense.
- ◆ Juan Macias Gonzalez, 50, of Lake Placid, was charged on an immigration detainer for municipal ordinance violation.
- ◆ Tamika Ann Green, 29, of Lake Placid, was charged with cruelty toward child, abuse without great harm.
- ◆ Joseph Michael Hostetter, 67, of Sebring, was charged with possession of metham-

phetamine with intent to sell.
◆ Sheila Joan McConnel, 51, of Sebring, was charged with driving while license suspended, first offense; possession of controlled substance without prescription; possession of drug equipment and/or use; and driving with expired driver license for more than four months.

- ◆ Jeff Anthony Murphy, 50, of Lake Placid, was sentenced to 60 days in the Highlands County Jail for domestic violence or simple assault, intent threat do violence.
- ◆ Angel Ruben Osorio, 37, of Avon Park, was charged on a Pennsylvania warrant for manufacturing, possessing with intent to deliver cocaine, subsequent (two counts).
- ◆ Billy Edward Potter, 37, of Everglades City, was charged for possession of prescription drug without a prescription; and possession of cannabis.
- ◆ Lisa Michelle Retterer, 24, of Sebring, was charged for possession of cannabis; and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ◆ Christopher Alan Selph, 39, of Sebring, was charged with battery, touch or strike.
- ◆ Kevin Lee Setters, 44, of Wauchula, was charged for unlawful sexual activity with a minor.
- ◆ Latreva Danielle Strange, 21, of Avon Park, was charged for possession of cannabis.
- ◆ James Michael Woodham, 30, of Avon Park, was charged with grand theft.

Correction

In the article regarding the Avon Park volunteer search committee's Wednesday's meeting, the News-Sun misidentified Major Shirley

Johnson, the representative from the Avon Park Correctional Institute.

The News-Sun regrets the error and appreciates the opportunity to set the record straight.

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Zolfo Springs town manager meets with President Obama



Courtesy photo
Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack talks with Linda Roberson, town manager of Zolfo Springs, at the White House on Wednesday. Roberson was asked to participate along with President Barack Obama, Vilsack, the President's Domestic Policy Adviser Melody Barnes and rural communities leaders from across the country for the White House Rural Champions of Change event to strengthen rural communities and promote economic growth.

Special to the News-Sun
Linda Roberson, from Zolfo Springs, was at the White House Wednesday for a meeting she was asked to participate in with President Obama.

The town was nearly destroyed by Hurricane Charley in 2004. Since then they city has rebuilt its police and fire station and continues to make efforts to improve the town both structurally and financially.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, the President's Domestic Policy Adviser Melody Barnes and leaders from rural communities across the country for the White House Rural Champions of Change event.

The White House Champions of Change focus is on farmers, ranchers and rural residents who are making a positive impact in their communities. Champions of Change is a White House initiative that recognizes ordinary Americans who are accomplishing extraordinary things in their communities to out-innovate, out-educate, and out-build the rest of the world.

"This was a once in a lifetime opportunity," said the Zolfo Springs town manager and finance director. "I am still floating on air."

The administration acknowledges that the best ideas come directly from the American people, and on a weekly basis a Champions of Change roundtable is held to spotlight some of the top ideas that are making change a reality across the country.

Roberson is one of 11 people from 10 different states that were invited to share their ideas directly with the Obama Administration about how to strengthen rural communities and promote economic growth.

Wednesday's event was part of a series of meetings that are being held across the country this summer as part of the White House Rural Council (WHRC) and the White House Business Council to coordinate pro-

grams across government and encourage public-private partnerships to improve economic conditions, quality of life and create jobs in rural communities.

In June, President Obama signed an Executive Order establishing the first WHRC chaired by Agriculture

Secretary Tom Vilsack. The Council will provide recommendations for investment in rural areas and will coordinate Federal engagement with a variety of rural stakeholders, including agricultural organizations, small businesses, and state, local, and tribal governments.

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Rabbi shares message of faith with Christians

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her studies in Israel. There she was surrounded by war, anguish and danger, however Rudenberg was affected by none of it.

"We got there in 2002, right around when the war in Iraq began. It wasn't easy. Bombs and soldiers were everywhere. There all three religions were widespread. Your neighbor could be an Arab man or a Christian man; there are Arab and Christian men who are very angry. But to live in the city of God, to walk the streets that King David walked, to enter a room and have someone tell you 'This is where the Last Supper was held' it's incredible. God is everywhere there. He is everywhere all the time, I believe that, but you can feel Him there, His presence," Rudenberg said.

Rudenberg feels that living so close to where almost all of religious history began made her spirituality flourish and the war did not affect her as much as she had expected. Upon her return to the U.S., Rudenberg was even more determined to become a reform rabbi.

The main goal of Rudenberg is simple – to minister the teachings of Judaism and to inform those who are curious.

Rudenberg stated that she wasn't out to convert the masses or to proclaim Judaism as the best of the three religions.

"My religion is my religion and your religion is your religion. It's a beautiful thing (Christianity) and so is mine. It's OK to be different. We are all

'We all pray for the same things.

We pray for strength and forgiveness, we pray for our families and loved ones. That is what connects us all.'

LORRAINE RUDENBERG
Local rabbi

human. We all hurt, we all laugh, we all love, we all suffer, we all pray for the same things. We pray for strength and forgiveness, we pray for or families and loved ones. That is what connects us all," Rudenberg said.

As a reform Jewish rabbi, Rudenberg is more open than her conservative and orthodox counterparts, but still feels that Judaism is to be respected as well as every person's religious beliefs.

"I'm here to comfort God's children," Rudenberg said. "I just want the community to know there is a place where they can come; I am here."

Rudenberg ministers at the Temple Israel of Highlands County, 1305 Temple Israel Drive just of Lakeview Drive in Sebring. The services are every other Friday at 7:30 p.m. Rudenberg also teaches basic Hebrew and the basics of Judaism Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m. For more information contact the synagogue at 382-7744.

Rider hospitalized after being hit by truck

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bound, began turning west onto Camphor Street next to McDonald's.

The truck hit the motorcycle and the rider, who was not wearing a helmet, was thrown from the bike.

Bystanders immediately called 911, one passerby performed CPR on the accident victim before an ambulance

arrived on the scene. Avon Park police officers thanked the man for his help.

Several Highlands County EMTs along with Avon Park police officers, including Sgt. Sam Baerhold and Detective Nathan Coogan, responded quickly to the scene.

Traffic came to a slow creep along the highway as authorities investigated and cleared the site.

A third vehicle, a Chrysler SUV, received minor damages after the rider's head made contact with it during the ejection.

According to law enforcement, the cyclists suffered a compound fracture of his leg from the accident but was in stable condition on Saturday.

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Lake Placid sets a good example

We congratulate the Lake Placid town council for including citizens in the discussion of whether or not a position of town administrator should be created.

The town has long been organized with a strong mayor, city clerk and department heads to run its day-to-day business, with the council being designed to set policy and provide direction.

The elected officials may be considered volunteers — town council members are paid only a small stipend, and the mayor less than \$200 a month, even though he or she plays an active supervisory role.

For decades, however, this system worked well, Lake Placid being a small, rural community.

Times, however, have changed.

Supporters of a town administrator position say that new, more complicated rules and mandates from the state and federal governments, as well as new agencies like the South Florida Water Management District, mean greater expertise is needed and more time has to be spent keeping up with paper work and deadlines.

Additionally, with subdivisions growing all around the town proper they say there are new considerations and challenges to face.

The idea of installing a town administrator is not a new one for Lake Placid.

In November 2010 voters rejected the idea of changing the town charter to include the position of a town manager.

At the time many of those opposed said they were not so much against the idea itself, as the way the issue had been handled.

The town council is to be commended for learning from that rejection, this time involving the community in the discussion.

The committee, co-chaired by council member Cheryl Brantley-Davis and Marlene Barger, is to be complemented in its turn — the first half of its first meeting being a review and explanation of the Sunshine Laws.

Another positive move was to form a committee that

reflected a range of opinions going into the discussions. Members will be researching the pros and cons of creating an administrator and looking into the economic impact the position might have.

The most important factor in all of this, of course, is that the council and mayor take the committee's recommendations seriously, basing their ultimate decision on the committee's work.

We sincerely hope this democratic method of involving citizens doesn't end up as it has in Avon Park, where a citizen committee was recently faced with the fact they may play no role at all in screening city manager applicants.

Three council members have seemingly already made up their minds whom they wish to hire and lobbied hard up to the last moment to persuade that individual, interim city manager Julian Deleon, to apply for the job — even though he had not indicated an interest in taking the job permanently.

If the council goes ahead and does what it wants without regard for the search committee's objective input, 17 applicants will have wasted their time — as will the

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The case of Caylee Anthony

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

Unless you've been on another planet, you probably heard something about Casey Anthony, the 25-year-old woman accused of murdering her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee Anthony. And even if you were on another planet, the media coverage of this case was so vast it might have reached you anyway.

Just in case you did manage to miss hearing anything about this story (and please tell me how you pulled it off) here it is in a nutshell. Caylee Anthony disappeared back in 2008. Her mother, Casey, didn't report the child missing for a month, which she spent partying and generally acting like nothing was wrong.

Eventually it came out that the child was gone and the lies began. Between her odd behavior and the lying, Casey Anthony looked like the perfect suspect and was arrested. Caylee's decomposed body was finally found in a swamp not too far from the family home.

The case became such big news in Orlando the court had to go clear across the state to Pinellas County in order to find an impartial jury. And it kept growing and growing until when the trial actually took place the whole thing was splashed onto the national news.

After a month of evidence, witnesses, accusations and counter-accusations the jury was finally handed the case on the 4th of July. By the next day, they had a verdict. Casey Anthony was found not guilty of all three murder charges and guilty on four counts of lying to the police.

As I type this column, she has not yet been sentenced. That will happen Thursday morning. Given the fact that lying to the police carries the penalty of a year tops and that Casey has been in jail for around three years, it is quite possible she will walk out of an Orlando courtroom tomorrow a free woman.

People have been upset over this verdict. The jurors, probably tired of living out of suitcases,

opted to go home without talking to the press. So we are left to speculate about why they decided the way they did. One alternate juror has weighed in with his opinion, but even he can't tell us what took place in that jury room.

One of the things I don't understand is why we as a nation invested ourselves so much in this case. It is a sad truth that children get murdered by their parents far more frequently than we want to think about. What was it about this particular situation that got all of our attention? Even James knew about the case and that is telling, given that he's not that much of a news hound.

So what fired us up? Was it the fact that Caylee was so adorable? Was it her mother's bizarre behavior throughout the investigation? Did it just happen to hit a news cycle that wanted something sensational to titillate us with?

As to the verdict, I have to admit that I didn't follow the trial as closely as a lot of other people did. I just know the highlights. But given what I've learned, if you asked me flat out if Casey Anthony killed her daughter, I would have to say, "I don't know." If the jury felt the same way, then they had reasonable doubt. And they had no choice but to find her not guilty.

Finding her not guilty doesn't mean she's an angel — her behavior proves otherwise. It just means the case wasn't proven. We may never know what happened to Caylee.

That is the saddest thing of all. In all the analysis and hype, one fact tends to be lost: A little girl somehow died and she didn't have to.

However else you feel about the circus that was the case, that fact alone should make you sad.

Laura Ware is a Sebring resident. She can be contacted by e-mail at bookwormlady@embarqmail.com

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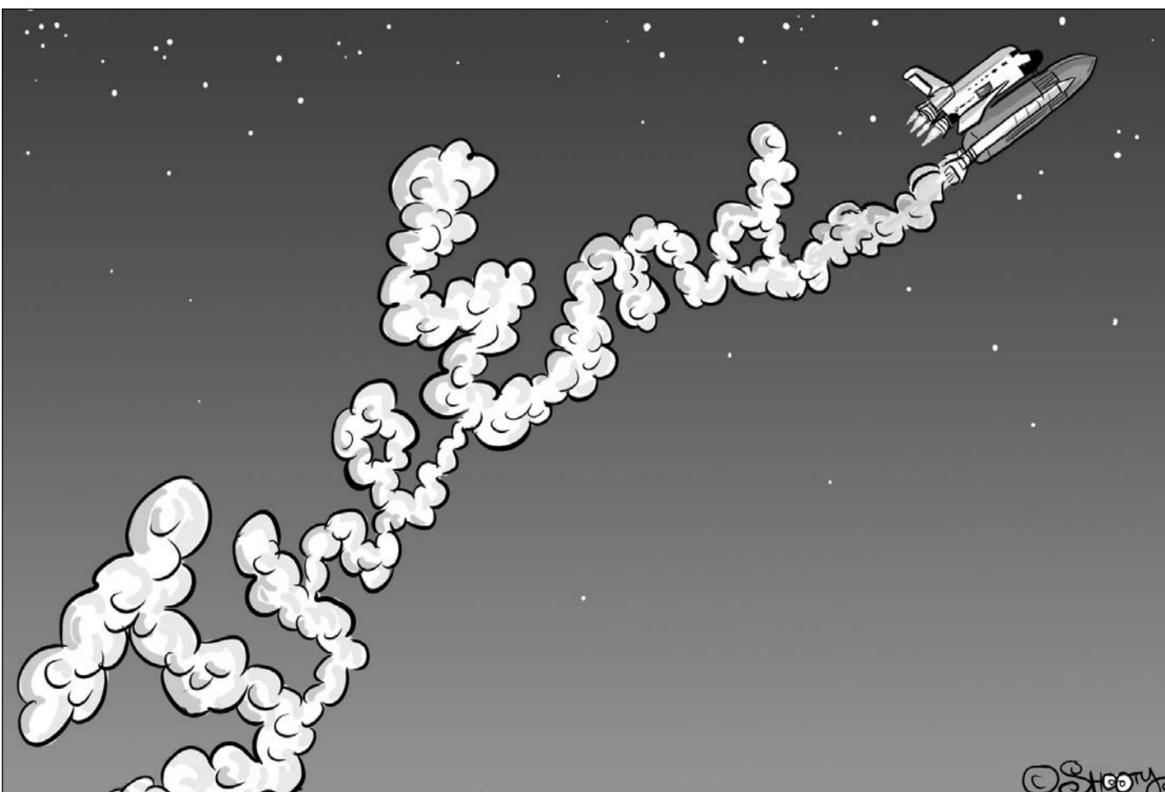
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TODAY'S LETTERS

Integrity, ethics and character have no degrees

Editor:
Now we have three new commissioners and maybe four. I keep track of all the things they promised and the central promise I heard or read was, "I am going to serve all the citizens of Highlands County." They have a chance to end the "good ole boys" club and actually put the citizens wishes ahead of the Tallahassee political club. Mr. Bryan did just that, so they have a blueprint on how it is done.
I have a short list of things they can consider to achieve success for Highlands County and/or themselves.
List 1
- If you can't describe what you are doing as a process, you don't know what you are doing.
- If you do not know how to ask the right question, you discover nothing.
- It is not enough to do your best: you must know what to do, and then do your best.
- It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory.
- Learning is not compulsory. Neither is survival.
- Rational behavior requires theory. Reactive behavior requires only reflex action.
- Where ever there is fear, you will get wrong figures.
List 2
- Success travels in the company of

very hard work. There is no trick, no easy way.
- Strive to build a team filled with camaraderie and respect.
- Be true to yourself. Be true to those you lead.
- Have utmost concern for what's right rather than who's right.
- Your energy and enjoyment, drive and dedication will stimulate and greatly inspire others.
- Control of your organization begins with control of yourself. Be disciplined.
- Constantly be aware and observing. Always seek to improve yourself and the team.
- Make a decision. Failure to act is often the biggest failure of all.
- Stay the course. When thwarted try again, harder, smarter, persevere relentlessly.
- Ability may get you to the top, but character keeps you there - mental, moral and physical.
- - What a leader learns after you've learned it all counts most of all.
- The star of the team is the team. 'We' supersedes 'Me'.
- Be yourself. Don't be thrown off by events whether good or bad.
- The strongest steel is well founded self belief. It is earned not given.
- Perform at your best when your best is required. Your best is required each day.
These lists come from two of the

most successful men in their fields. List 1 is from Dr. W. Edwards Deming. List 2 is the Pyramid of Success by John Wooden.
I was given the opportunity to manage a night shift at a 24/7 manufacturing facility. The shift was struggling at a 75 percent efficiency rate. In six months, using mostly Deming's philosophy and Wooden's pyramid, the team reached 93 percent efficiency rate. Because the plant manager believed in competition management he demanded the other shifts to increase or keep up. The overall plant efficiency went from 84.5 percent to 92.2 percent. When I was asked how I accomplished this, I had a one word answer. Deming.
The most significant obstacles to succeed using these rules are greed, highly inflated egos, a false sense of entitlement, nepotism, favoritism, putting 'me' first, enforcing rules discriminatorily, that is, having strict rules that are loosely enforced, when you should have reasonable rules, strictly enforced. Oh, did I mention greed.
Lawyers invented degrees of crimes. If you steal a million dollars, you are a thief. If you steal \$10, you are still a thief. Integrity, ethics and character have no degrees. You either have them or you don't.
Send your comments to claggwe@comcast.net
William E. Clagg
Lake Placid

OBITUARIES

ARLENE F. CARPER

Arlene F. Carper, 75, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at her home. She was born in Charleston, W.Va. on Feb. 16, 1936 and graduated from Stonewall Jackson in Charleston in 1954. The following month she married her husband of 55 years, Larry Carper. During 1956 through 1963 Arlene and Larry lived in various cities throughout the state of Florida. In 1964 they settled in Arcadia, where they became self-employed in the oil business. Eventually they moved their family to Avon Park, in the early '70s, becoming owner/operator of Carper Oil, Inc., until her retirement to the Florida Keys in 1988. She returned to Highlands County in 2000, where she has enjoyed her life of family and friends.

Arlene was preceded in death by her sisters, Dee Younginer and Bobbi Miller; brother, Bud Fisher; husband, Larry B. Carper and son, Larry L. Carper. She is survived by two sisters, Alma Bailey of Michigan and Okla Anderson of West Virginia and several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her daughter, Tisa Carper-Stone (Ben Stone) of Sebring, Fla.; grandsons, Adam Carper of Morristown, Tenn., Jarret Carper (Marta) of Orlando, Fla., Jarvis Carper, Austin Weed, Jeffrey Carper, and Bransford Stone and Carmen Stone, all of Sebring; one great-grandson, Aiden Carper and daughter-in-law, Nancy Carper of Alabama.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Sebring with W. Mike Adams officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to:

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SHIRLEY FURR

Shirley Shepherd Furr, 97, passed away on July 6, 2011 at her home on Lake Byrd. She was born in Ballston (now Arlington County), Virginia, on August 1, 1913. She moved to Avon Park in 1919 with her parents, Charles and Erna Shepherd, and grew up here. She was salutatorian of her Avon Park High School graduating class of 1930. She received her two-year teaching degree from Florida State Teachers' College for Women, then years later, a Bachelor of Arts degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Shirley moved to Arlington, Virginia in 1936, where she married Rex Furr, raised five children and

taught school for many years. She then returned to Avon Park in 1961.

Shirley was first and foremost a teacher. She taught for many years in the Arlington Public School System as a special reading teacher, taught reading to GI's at Fort Myer, Virginia who were studying for their GED, and later taught for many years in Highlands County. She also had a passion for life, children, justice and equality for all. She lived her convictions, as evidenced by her decision to volunteer to teach at Hopewell School in 1966, in order to facilitate integration of the Highlands County School System. She co-founded the Avon Park Community Child Development Center in Avon Park with Gwen Sanders-Hill in 1982 to ensure that the children of Avon Park had access to quality pre-school education. She served as president of the center's board of directors until 1995.

Shirley was always a voice for children. She firmly believed children should be raised and educated in a loving, rich learning environment. Time and time again, she reached out to help children achieve their potential. In recognition of her passionate and effective advocacy for children, Shirley was one of the first recipients of the Judge Clifton Kelly Champion for Children Award. She was also a respected advocate for the teaching profession and a leader in the educational community.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husbands, Rex Furr and later, James Roberts; son, Charles and grandson, Peter. She is survived by her children: sons, Warwick "Bud" (Diana), Mike (Anne), daughters, Joan Harrell (Jim) and Pat Landress; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, July 23 at 1 p.m. at Union Congregational Church in Avon Park, Fla. Visitation will follow in the church social hall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Avon Park Community Child Development Center, 800 S. Delaney Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825.

BETTY GILL

Betty I. Gill, 79, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Friday, July 8, 2011, in Sebring. She was born Dec. 27, 1931 to Junior and Ernestine (Miller) McKnight in Crofton, Ky., and had been a resident of Sebring since 1954, coming from Live Oak, Fla. She was a

homemaker and a member of the Sebring Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by her daughter, Ann Aldridge of Okeechobee, Fla.; sons, Wayne Gill, Timothy Gill and Spencer Gill, all of Sebring; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, with Rev. Mike Adams officiating. Interment at Pinecrest Cemetery in Sebring will be immediately following the service. Arrangements have been entrusted to:

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JEAN LINDEMER

Jean Backus Lindemer passed away peacefully on July 6, 2011, at her home surrounded by her loving and devoted family. Mrs. Lindemer was born in Detroit, Mich., on April 24, 1923, the daughter of Phebe Wells Ettinger and Glen L. Ettinger.

She was a 1944 graduate of Albion College, where she earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in Spanish and Portuguese languages. She was a member of Kappa Delta national sorority. She met her husband of 46 years, Ross Allen Backus, at Albion. They were married during World War II in 1944 when Mr. Backus was on leave from the United States Navy's officer training school before his deployment to the South Pacific theatre of war. She is predeceased by Mr. Backus, who owned Ross Backus Pontiac, Buick, Cadillac, G.M.C., Inc., in Sebring.

Mrs. Lindemer is survived by her husband of 19 years, the Honorable Lawrence B. Lindemer, former Michigan

Supreme Court Justice, of Avon Park and Stockbridge, Mich.; son, Ross Allen Backus II of Sebring; daughter, Pamela Backus Hansen (Charlie) of Avon Park; grandchildren, Brett Allen Backus, Benjamin Ross Backus, Mari Jean Hansen Ball (Kevin) and Jenna Leigh Hansen.

She and Mr. Backus resided in Owosso, Mich., from 1955-1969. She was active in the Owosso Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and a variety of local charities. She held leadership roles in Boy and Girl Scouts while her children were active in scouting, and in educational programs benefitting their schools.

Mrs. Lindemer was active in many civic, educational and political organizations and a life-long Christian Scientist. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Association of University Women, served as chairman of Education for the Michigan Federation of Republican Women, chairperson of the Republican Party of Michigan's statewide speakers bureau, and a delegate to the 1964 Republican National Convention. In the 1960s, she served two terms on the Board of Trustees of Central Michigan University, appointed by then-Governor George Romney. During her tenure, especially as vice chair, the university made extensive strides forward.

In Highlands County, she and Mr. Lindemer have contributed to the SFCC Cultural Series as sponsors of performances and supported the SFCC Foundation, among other charities. She was a member of the Avon Park Gourmet Club and Pinecrest Golf and Country Club. She was an avid reader and strong believer in life-long educa-

tion and her Christian faith. Her most important and active role has been the constant and generous love and devotion to her family.

A private, family, memorial service was held in her home with the Reverend Darrell Arnold, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Cremation arrangements provided by Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home of Avon Park, Fla. www.stephensonnelsonfh.com

LA VERNE V. PARISO

La Verne V. Pariso, 85, of Lake Placid, passed away July 6, 2011 at Florida Hospital Lake Placid. She was born in Miami, Fla. to parents Charles Hubert and Alice (Ingram) Holland and had been a resident of Lake Placid for 30 years coming from Miami. She was a homemaker and attended First Assembly of God, Lake Placid.

Mrs. Pariso was preceded in death in 2005 by her husband of 55 years, George Pariso, and is survived by her sister, Lillian Sweeney and numerous nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate Mrs. Pariso's life will be Monday, July 11, 2011 at 11 a.m. at First Assembly of God, 327 Plumosa Ave., Lake Placid, with Rev. Johnny Bryant officiating. The family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society, Florida Division, Inc, 3709 W. Jetton Ave, Tampa, FL 33629-5146. Envelopes will be available at the service. Words of comfort may be expressed to the family by visiting www.scottfuneralservices.com.

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Rowan probe given to SAO

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Manager as per the provisions of the City Charter.

"There were no multiple homestead exemptions filed by either the Sutherlands or the Schulers, therefore I did not make contact with them to discuss this suspension.

"I did not make any contact with Mr. or Mrs. Schuler as it pertained to the City of Avon Park conducting business with the surveying company owned by Mr. Schuler, a company also in which Mrs. Schuler was a corporate officer of the business prior to November, 2010. This particular issue was addressed in detail by the City Attorney Gerald T. Buhr in a memorandum that was addressed to Mayor Schuler and Maria Sutherland on November 18th, 2010.

"The documents I reviewed, such as e-mails and memorandums, did not rise to the level of violation of the Florida Sunshine Law."

Rowan could not be reached for comment.

Interim City Manager Julian DeLeon said he had not heard a state attorney's investigator was now at work. He said he has not been in touch with the Polk County Sheriff's Office or the state attorney.

"I'm staying apart from the investigation process," he said.

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Groups sue to block Ala. illegal immigration law

By **BOB JOHNSON**
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Civil rights groups sued Friday in federal court to block Alabama's new law cracking down on illegal immigration, which supporters and opponents have called the strictest measure of its kind in the nation.

The lawsuit claims the new law will make criminals out of church workers who provide shelter to immigrants and even citizens who give their neighbors a ride to the store or to the doctor's office.

"This law interferes with the free exercise of religion. It criminalizes acts of love and hospitality," said Scott Douglas, executive director of Greater Birmingham Ministries.

The lawsuit, filed in Huntsville, said the law is of "unprecedented reach" and goes beyond similar laws passed in Arizona, Utah, Indiana and Georgia. Federal judges already have blocked all or parts of the laws in those states. It asks a judge to declare Alabama's law unconstitutional and prevent it from being enforced.

Alabama's law, which takes effect Sept. 1, allows police to arrest anyone suspected of being an illegal immigrant if the person is stopped for some other reason. It also requires businesses to check the legal status of new workers and requires schools to report the immigration status of students.

Matthew Webster was among the individuals who joined the lawsuit as plaintiffs. He and his wife, who live in the community of Alabaster south of Birmingham, are in the process of adopting two boys who are already in the coun-

try illegally. Webster, who described himself as politically conservative, said he feared the boys could face deportation under the new law before the adoption process is done and the boys are in the U.S. legally.

He said the boys "have the

fear of being picked up" even walking to school.

"This criminalizes me and my wife for harboring and transporting these kids," he said.

The lawsuit said the new law will subject Alabama residents, including U.S. citi-

zens and non-citizens who are in the country legally, to racial profiling. The law also recalls memories of Alabama's troubled segregationist past by making life more difficult for a targeted class of people, according to the lawsuit.



Courtesy photo

From left, FCAC Chairperson/Commissioner Sheriff T.L. "Tommy" Seagraves, HCSO Accreditation Manager Kim Ketchner and FCAC Executive Director Kim Bogart.

HCSO's Ketchner honored by state commission

Special to the News-Sun

The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission recently selected Kim Ketchner of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office as Accreditation Manager of the Year. The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission is the organization authorized to grant accreditation status to Corrections Facilities throughout the State of Florida.

The Highlands County Sheriff's Office received its law enforcement accreditation status in 2008 and has since been renewed. On Feb. 1, the agency received Dual Accreditation with the addition of the Corrections Accreditation.

According to the FCAC's award announcement, "...the Accreditation Manager of the Year Award honors highly motivated individuals who have exhibited exceptional skills to accomplish their

agency's goals of achieving and maintaining accreditation. Ms. Ketchner's management accomplishments have contributed to the Highlands County Sheriff's Office being an invited participant in the Florida Sheriff's Association Model Policy Project."

The assessment teams were very impressed with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office and the professionalism of both its sworn and non-sworn members, Highlands County Sheriff Susan Benton said. "The agency's policies and practices promote responsiveness to the community's law enforcement needs. We are pleased that Kim has been chosen for this well-deserved honor."

For more information on Florida Accreditation, please visit the Florida Accreditation Association website at www.flaccreditation.org.

Do you have a story and photo you'd like to share about your military past or would you like to share a story or photo of a loved one who is currently serving in the military?

If so, send your story and photo into the News-Sun by email at editor@newssun.com, or by mailing to Celebrate Freedom, News-Sun, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870 We'll publish as many of the stories as we can in Celebrate Freedom, an upcoming special section to publish July 31

Deadline for entries is Monday, July 18. Photos will be returned. Please be sure to include your name, address and phone in case we need to contact you.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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265 historic photos, along with songs and poems about a variety of Highlands County people and places. Elaine, a former News-Sun correspondent, is director of the Avon Park Depot Museum; and Larry, a former president of the Historical Society of Avon Park, is still a correspondent for the paper.

Scribe's Night Out is a gathering of local writers who share readings of their work with the public at Brewster's Coffee House in Sebring.

Sponsored by Heartland Cultural Alliance along with Bruce Rogers, proprietor of Brewster's, the event is held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

To schedule a date to read as a featured author, contact Sherry Carlson by email or phone at sherryrc@vistanet.net or (954) 319-2140. Books by published authors will be available for purchase at each event.

Volunteers needed at Salvation Army

SEBRING — The Salvation Army is in need of year-round volunteers to help with various programs.

Currently the organization needs assistance with packing and distributing its monthly commodities — supplemental food for people in need, which occurs every month. Call 385-7548 for monthly dates.

The organization will also need assistance with verifying, packaging and distributing its Back to School program clothing the week of Aug. 8-19. Call for further information.

The Salvation Army is at 3135 Kenilworth Blvd.;

phone number is 385-7548, ext. 100.

Homeowners group meets Monday

SEBRING — Monthly meetings of the Highlands County Homeowners Association are held the second Monday of each month at the Sebring Country Estates Club House, 3240 Grand Prix Ave. The July 11 meeting is open to the public and will be held from 9-11 a.m. Free coffee, hot tea and doughnuts are provided.

Gerald (Jed) Secory, director, General Services/Purchasing will discuss connecting private industry to a public purchasing process and addressing concerns of the bid process specifications that may hinder local vendors in submitting bids as a contractor and/or subcontractor.

General Services and Purchasing oversees the purchase of millions of dollars of supplies in a cost effective manner for the board, special benefit districts, and other constitutional offices. In addition to negotiating contracts for fuel and countywide communication tools such as phones and pagers they are responsible for keeping track of the fixed and moving inventory throughout the county and managing the bidding process for new vendors.

Dr. John Alleyne, commercial horticultural agent, for the Highlands County Extension Office, will present a program about Africanized honey bees.

The hyper defensive behavior of this strain of bees has earned them the nickname "killer bee" as the venomous sting is more potent and combined with

more stings has caused deaths to animals and humans.

Alleyne will present a pertinent and learning experience called "What Everyone Needs To Know About Africanized Bees."

Call chairman Rick Ingler for any additional information at 273-5182.

Events planned at lodges, posts

LAKE PLACID
The American Legion Placid Post 25 will host an installation of Steve and Peggy at 10 a.m. today. Any questions, call 465-0975.

The Lake Placid Moose 2374 will host karaoke with Fireman from 3-6 p.m. today.

The Legion meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday, followed by the Loyal Order of the Moose officers and House Committee at 6:30 p.m. Women of the Moose meet at 7 p.m. and the LOOM general meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Any questions, call 465-0131.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 699-5444.

Butterfly Friends meet Tuesday

SEBRING — The Butterfly Friends will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center, Conference Room 2. Dee Dee Jacobson will present the program on "Community Butterfly Gardening, The Florida Friendly Way."

Contact Betty Podmore, 385-2605, or Lucy Wheeler, 382-7465.

Skimmers hitting locals hard

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"I went inside to swipe my card," said Mike Driggers, an employee of 64 West Auto Repair. "I read about the outside problems, and I wanted to be safe, so I went inside. But just 24 hours later, my bank account got hit for over \$900," Driggers said.

"They bought beer and American Express gift cards at two different Publix stores in Orlando," Driggers added. "(RaceTrac) was the only place I used my card," Driggers said.

Shannon Regan, store manager at the Avon Park RaceTrac, stated that their pumps have been cleared by the HCSO.

"Det. (Brian) Kramer (of the HCSO) came here and looked at out pumps and confirmed that they could not have been opened easy by someone on the outside. It takes our own technicians about 30 minutes to open the pumps to check them, and all of them have been checked," Regan said.

Regan did state that his store may have been used to process stolen cards, but that he was cooperating fully with the investigation and that he has turned over all receipts that were processed from

'Due to the amount of the loss and the span of the crimes we will be attempting to seek federal prosecution.'

DET. SGT. BRIAN KRAMER
Highlands County Sheriff's Office

involved in the investigation.

At that meeting it was determined that only one skimming device was actually recovered and it was not from Highlands County.

"Investigation of these crimes will be a joint operation between the several sheriff's offices, FDLE and the Secret Service," Hays said.

"Due to the amount of the loss and the span of the crimes we will be attempting to seek federal prosecution," Kramer in a HCSO press release.

"The investigation continues to attempt to identify subjects involved in the capture of card numbers, the manufacturing of fraudulent cards and the use of those cards at various locations across central Florida," Hays added.

Hays encouraged anyone with information about skimming operations or the manufacture and use of fraudulent cards to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477), or on the Internet at www.heartlandcrimestoppers.com/.

Anonymity is guaranteed and you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Crash on 27 kills Sebring man

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Carter through the sunroof.

Carter did not appear to be wearing his seat belt, Carr said.

The vehicle came to rest in the southbound lane of U.S. 27 and debris from the vehicle was left on the highway for about 50 yards.

Carr stated that the tires of the vehicle

were worn and appeared to "have very little tread."

Emergency workers declared Carter dead at the scene and waited over an hour for recovery personnel from Lakeland to remove the body.

U.S. 27 was restricted to one lane of travel for more than two hours while crews waited for the investigation of the accident to complete.

Trees planted in downtown LP

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Realty, helped to develop the town over the years, and felt that the community had come a long way.

"I remember when North Main Street was a trash dump. People would drop off their old appliances on the east side and now look, the whole place is nice. But Lake Placid has always been like that,

neighbors giving a helping hand," Compton said.

"I would like to thank Sheriff Susan Benton as well. She had the work crews come out, and those guys really work hard. They planted about 30 trees in just a day. That was good work," Compton said.

How much did the trees cost?

"Well, I love Lake Placid.

This is not even a drop in the bucket compared to what I have gotten out of the community by living here," Compton said.

Komasa, and his son, who was volunteering to dig the water lines, agreed.

"It is nice to have a town like this, and a donation like this to appreciate," Komasa said.

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BUSINESS

Annuities 101

Nervous investors have faced many challenges over the last few years searching for safe havens. That's one reason many turn to annuities to ensure a steady stream of retirement income. But with so many types of annuities offered – and complex rules, fees and restrictions – it's not uncommon for investors to buy products not ideally suited to their needs.



Personal Finance
Jason Alderman

Annuities can be very expensive compared to other types of investments. Before signing any agreement investigate:

- Sales commissions, which initially can run as high as 10 percent, plus ongoing commissions in subsequent years.

- Depending on what type you buy, you could be charged an additional 2 percent or more per year in various account management fees.

- Most deferred annuities charge an early withdrawal penalty called a surrender charge, which usually starts at 7 or 8 percent and gradually declines to zero. However, they can also be much higher, so read your contract carefully.

A few additional precautions:

- Consider consulting a fee-only financial advisor versus one who earns commissions recommended products.

- Because 401(k) plans and IRAs are already tax-deferred and have lower fees, it may not make sense to roll over those balances into an annuity.

- Before moving an existing annuity into a new account, analyze surrender charges, sales commissions and other fees you'll be charged.

- Many annuities end upon your death, so if you want your heirs to continue receiving your benefit, investigate joint and survivor or term-certain annuities.

- Check the insurer's credit rating with credit bureaus like A.M. Best, Standard Poor's and Moody's.

To learn more about annuities, visit investor websites for the Securities and Exchange Commission (www.investor.gov) and the Financial Industry Regulation Authority (www.finra.org/Investors/index.htm).

Bottom line: Annuities are sometimes a good investment option, but make sure you fully understand the terms, cost-structure and possible penalties before signing on the dotted line.

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Protecting your nest egg can be difficult in today's economy.

Planning for retirement in a tough economy

StatePoint Media

You don't necessarily need to scrap your retirement dreams because of a bad economy. While many older Americans have seen their nest eggs decimated by a troubled economy, some smart planning and open dialogue can keep your retirement on track.

A new survey conducted for the Indexed Annuity Leadership Council finds that seniors and their adult children are reluctant to talk to each other about the financial aspects of their respective golden years. The Survey on Generational Retirement Perspectives found that over a third of adults never talk about retirement plans with their parents who aren't yet retired. Similarly, a third of parents only talk to adult children about the subject once a year or less.

"Actively taking control of your financial future can provide peace of mind for your family. Families that engage in open dialogues about retirement planning are taking the first step towards taking control," says Wendy Waugaman, CEO and President of American Equity.

In today's economy, many Americans are adjusting retirement strategies. Some are planning to work longer, while others are revamping their investments.

And now more than ever, experts are urging Americans to better balance their retirement plans so all their nest eggs aren't in one basket.

Calculate your needs

Many retirement advisors recommend multiplying your annual retirement income needs by 20, with that total becoming your goal for your investments. Then, if your investments can average at least an eight percent return yearly, you

can withdraw up to five percent annually during retirement.

Protect yourself

Consider a retirement portfolio that includes lower-risk investments to help you weather market volatility and still reach your long-term goals. To achieve this balance, many are turning to indexed annuities and fixed income funds for such lower-risk needs.

Unlike stocks, indexed annuities offer safety by guaranteeing your principal investment, while providing the opportunity for higher returns. Indexed annuities are insurance contracts that provide periodic payouts, with earnings linked to stock or bond indexes. Websites such as www.indexedannu-

ityinsights.org can help educate you about these types of investments.

Be realistic

Are your retirement plans too grandiose? You may have to ratchet them down a bit. Equally important is to be realistic about when you can stop working. You might have to work beyond planned retirement dates or consider part-time work.

Don't overvalue your home or its significance in your retirement. To capitalize on its equity, you may have to move to a less expensive home or region of the country.

Everyone's situation is unique, so it's wise to consult a retirement planning specialist to keep your retirement plans on track.

Wachovia now Wells Fargo

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Wells Fargo will celebrate the launch of its new brand in Highlands County with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Wells Fargo is at 3200 U.S. 27 South in Desoto Square.

Along with the ribbon-cutting and reception, Wells Fargo will unveil a historic community mural at the store.

Wachovia banking locations across South Florida, including those in Highlands County, became Wells Fargo stores over the July 9 weekend as a result of the largest bank merger in U.S. history. Customers will now be able to access more than 6,200 Wells Fargo banking store locations and 12,000 ATMs across the United States, along with additional products and services. All banking stores were remodeled to reflect the Wells Fargo brand and open floor plan.

Wells Fargo & Company is a nationwide, diversified, community-based financial services company with \$1.2 trillion in assets. Founded in 1852 and headquartered in San Francisco, Wells Fargo provides banking, insurance, investments, mortgage, and consumer and commercial finance through more than 9,000 stores, 12,000 ATMs, the Internet (wellsfargo.com and wachovia.com), and other distribution channels across North America and internationally. With approximately 280,000 team members, Wells Fargo serves one in three households in America.

Buffett predicts job growth when housing rebounds

Associated Press
OMAHA, Neb. — Billionaire investor Warren Buffett says the nation's employment picture will improve significantly once residential housing construction rebounds.

Buffett spoke to Bloomberg Television Friday morning before the Labor Department released a weaker-than-expected monthly jobs report, but his comments were more about the long-term picture.

The head of the conglomerate Berkshire Hathaway Inc. says he thinks people will be surprised how quickly employment improves once the excess houses are bought and normal levels of construction resume. He says the nation is still working off the excess homes created during the housing bubble.

Buffett expects unemployment to fall to about 6

percent within a few years, and the 2.5 million jobs lost in the recession will be replaced. The June unemployment rate rose to 9.2 percent.

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BUSINESS

Charming coffee shop brings flavor to sweet bakery in LP

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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LAKE PLACID – Moe's Coffee House is the newest place to grab a cup of joe and relax in Lake Placid. The coffee shop is an expansion of an already established business, Molly's Pastry Shop.

Owner Michele Council has been in business for more than three years in the area and her expansion of the bakery is something she has been working on for a while now.

Molly's is a brightly colored, inviting atmosphere where customers can get sweets, pastries and custom cakes. Moe's is the opposite of Molly's.

"It's dark and eclectic. There is a fire place and couches and a stage," Council said.

Council described the newly opened coffee shop as a casual place where people can relax and read. Moe's is wi-fi equipped for all those students who have been looking for a cool place to study or work outside of their home.

"We will be serving food as well. It's kind of the opposite of the bakery. Over there you get cookies and cakes and sweets then over here you get soups, quiches, expresso, coffee. We serve bagels and croissants for breakfast as well," Council said.

Moe's is equipped with a stage, sound system and mic. Council has set aside two nights a month for open mic night for locals to come and entertain customers.

Open mic night takes place the second and fourth Friday of the

month from 7-10 p.m. Artists should arrive a few minutes early to get signed up for a spot.

"The next thing I am trying to get started is karaoke. It will probably be on Sunday nights," Council said.

Council invites the community to be a part of the new business and hopes that musicians will become a part of the atmosphere. "We aren't just looking for Christian musicians, secular music is welcome also. As long as you can sing it to your mother then you can sing it

here," Council said with a laugh.

Council also welcomes local churches to use Moe's as Bible study locations and prayer groups and ministries.

Moe's Coffee House is at 210 N. Main Ave. The business hours are 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Saturday

For more information regarding Moe's (or Molly's) call 465-2033.

How to save more, spend less

StatePoint Media

Hate tracking your finances? You're not alone.

Only 40 percent of Americans use monthly budgets and less than half have ever ordered a copy of their credit report, according to a study by Princeton Survey Research Associates International.

"Turning a blind eye when it comes to your finances is not only costly, but dangerous," says Aaron Patzer, vice president and general manager of Intuit Personal Finance Group. "Luckily, there are easy tools and techniques that can help you track your money."

Here are some money tips to help you save more and spend less.

To budget or not budget

Budgeting is to personal finance what dieting is to health — a dreaded word that's often misunderstood. But just like food gives you fuel to live well, so does your money support your life by helping you meet your needs and live your dreams.

If you are budget-a-phobic, consider creating a spending plan, which can be a little more flexible than a stuffy budget. Spending plans allow you to consider how this month's earnings can support your needs and wants.

Automate savings

Whether you're an online banking fanatic or someone who likes to balance electronic statements with paper checks, most experts advise automating your savings. It's



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Technology can now help you track your money on the go.

also helpful if you have a savings goal — whether it's for new car, vacation, or emergency fund.

Most experts recommend stashing away 15 to 20 percent of your income into a high-yield savings account. And online banks often offer better rates than bricks-and-mortar locations.

By having your savings account automatically withdraw the funds, even if it's only \$50 a month, you're more likely to stick to your savings goals.

Manage on the go

The key to budgets and spending plans is to know your numbers in real time.

By tracking your daily spending, you become more conscious of your spending habits.

You can make number tracking fun by using tools you enjoy that work with

your life. For example, Mint.com now offers iPhone and Android phone apps that let users get a snapshot of their finances and manage their money anytime, anywhere. Consumers can also receive alerts for suspicious activities or overdrafts right on their smartphones.

30-day wait

Smart shoppers know the wisdom of delayed gratification. By committing to a 30-day wait before getting something you want but don't need, you create a buffer where you can reconsider and be swayed by reason, not advertising.

For more tips on budgeting, saving and tracking your money on the go, visit www.mint.com.

Then get started on hand-picking the tools and techniques that let your money work for you.

Taylor receives Doctor of Chiropractic degree

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Jenna L. Taylor-Gibbs, D.C., received her Doctor of Chiropractic degree during commencement exercises at Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida Campus, in Port Orange on June 17.

Taylor-Gibbs is the daughter of Dr. Richard and Debbie Taylor of Sebring. She currently resides in Port Orange and will be establishing a clinic in Sebring with her father and husband, Dr. Keith Gibbs.

To earn the Doctor of Chiropractic degree, Taylor-Gibbs completed four and one-third academic years of professional study at Palmer

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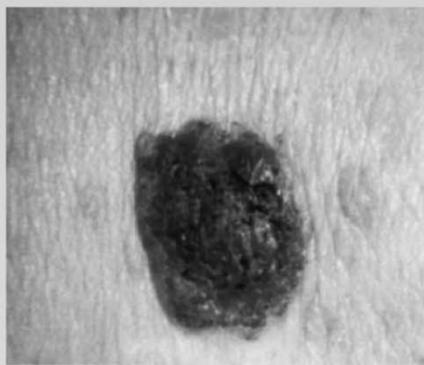
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Shuttle program's final 4 astronauts riding high

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL —

Four astronauts are taking space shuttle Atlantis for one last spin — the very last one of the 30-year space shuttle era.

It's the smallest crew since the early shuttle flights — usually there are six or seven. The size was necessitated by the need to use Russian Soyuz capsules in case commander Christopher Ferguson and his crew get stranded aboard the International Space Station.

With the other two shuttles already retired, there isn't another one left to rescue the Atlantis astronauts if their ship were severely damaged in flight.

Joining Ferguson on the 12-day flight are co-pilot Douglas Hurley, Rex Walheim and Sandra Magnus, experienced space fliers all.

"We all want to be able to remember this," Ferguson said. "We want to be able to pass to our children and our children's children that we were fortunate enough to be a part of the space shuttle."

A brief look at the crew:

With only four on board, commander Christopher Ferguson likes to point out that this is a retro astronaut crew. NASA hasn't had such a small space shuttle crew since the sixth flight in 1983.

Ferguson, 49, grew up in Philadelphia, delivering the daily Inquirer as a boy. He joined the Navy and became

a fighter pilot, attending the famed Topgun school. From there, it was on to test pilot training.

NASA chose him as an astronaut in 1998. This is his third space shuttle flight. The retired Navy captain wants to stick around NASA to help with the next step in human exploration, whatever it may be.

Wife Sandra — "a closet space geek," according to her husband — is a full-time mom to their three teenage children.

Pilot Douglas Hurley says there have been a series of "lasts" in the nine months of training leading up to this final flight of the space shuttle program.

"It's a little bit sobering to really think that, yeah, we're done flying shuttles after July," he said.

Hurley, 44, a colonel in the Marines and former fighter pilot, is making his second spaceflight since becoming an astronaut in 2000.

He's married to astronaut Karen Nyberg, who is training for a six-month mission at the International Space Station in another two years. Their son is 17 months old.

Hurley said he's considering a space station stint himself further down the road.

In the off chance that Atlantis was damaged seriously at launch, Hurley would be the one to camp out at the orbiting outpost for a year, awaiting a ride home in a Russian capsule. He was



Discovery blasts off Friday on the last flight of a space shuttle.

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chosen to be last because of his robotic arm-operating and spacewalking skills.

Once back on Earth, Hurley wants to help with the new rockets that will replace the shuttles.

"People talk about this period of transition, but there's a lot of potential with where we're going," he said.

Hurley calls Apalachin, N.Y., home. He enjoys hunting and cycling, and is wild about NASCAR. His cousin is married to NASCAR crew chief Greg Zipadelli.

Flight engineer Rex Walheim knows Atlantis inside and out. Every time he rockets into space — this is the third — it's on Atlantis.

He enjoys taking a whiff when he climbs aboard. "It smells like Atlantis... it feels good to be home."

An experienced space-walker, Walheim will direct the single spacewalk planned

for this mission, from inside the International Space Station. The two Americans living at the outpost will be the ones to venture out, in a departure from past shuttle visits.

Walheim, 48, a retired Air Force colonel, got his start inside Mission Control. He worked as a flight controller and operations engineer at Johnson Space Center in the late 1980s, following the Challenger launch disaster.

By the early 1990s, Walheim was studying flight engineering at the Air Force test pilot school and a few years later, teaching there. NASA picked him as an astronaut in 1996. It seemed a miracle to this San Carlos, Calif.-bred son of a B-17, World War II-era pilot. He'd been rejected as a military pilot because of a heart murmur, only to learn years later he was fine.

"I'm a window seat kind of

guy. I love riding in a window seat in an airline to this day," Walheim said. "Boy, the best window seat in the world is the space shuttle window."

His graphic artist wife Margie designed the mission patch, which features the Greek letter omega, symbolic of finality.

They have two sons, ages 13 and 14.

Astronaut Sandra Magnus hates whenever someone points out she's the last woman to fly on the space shuttle.

"It's kind of a soft, little milestone, right? The last woman on the space shuttle," she said. "But I'm not the last woman to fly in space, ever."

Magnus, 46, a scientist from Belleville, Ill. is one of eight women who have lived on the International Space Station, with more to come even as the shuttle program

ends. Her 4 1/2-month mission straddled 2008 and 2009.

This is her third space-flight.

She's the transfer czar, as her crewmates call her, responsible for making sure all the supplies carried up aboard Atlantis get onto the space station, and all the junk ends up on Atlantis for the trip home. She'll rely on a color-coded system for the hundreds of items that need to be moved: yellow for sun and staying aloft, green for Earth and coming home, blue for food.

She also will also be one of the prime robot arm operators.

Magnus said she has no idea whether she'll sign on for another long-term space station mission or whether she'll even stay with NASA after Atlantis returns in two weeks.

"I've always wanted to be an astronaut. I grew up and now I'm an astronaut. And so now that I'm an astronaut, the whole idea of what I want to do when I grow up comes back full circle. It's like, 'Oh my gosh, I can't think about that now,'" she said with a laugh.

She became an astronaut in 1996 after working for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Co. as an engineer specializing in radar and stealth aircraft systems.

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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001667
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANK OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6 Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMIE PETTY JOHN AND KAREN PETTY JOHN, LAKE PARK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on June 13, 2011, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:
CONDOMINIUM PARCEL KNOWN AS UNIT 4-A, BUILDING 4 OF LAKE PARK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM PHASE II, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1478, PAGE 1233. PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA,
and commonly known as: 2841 LAKE JUNE BLVD., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on July 18, 2011 at 11 a.m.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 13th day of June, 2011.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk
July 3, 10, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2008-CA-001081
DIVISION:

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4, Plaintiff,
vs.
FLAVIO MOY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 10, 2011, and entered in Case No. 2008-CA-001081 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4, is the Plaintiff and FLAVIO MOY, JANE DOE n/k/a MICHELLE SMITH, JOHN DOE n/k/a CHRIS SMITH, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FLAVIO MOY, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 25th day of July, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
LOT 1, BLOCK 16, AVOCADO PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 62, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY FLORIDA.
A/K/A 3303 LAKEWOOD ROAD, SEBRING, FL 33875
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 20th day of June, 2011.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
(813) 221-4743
11-68577
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 TDD. 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.
July 3, 10, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 11-194 GCS
CITY OF AVON PARK, a Florida Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
MANUEL AND MARIA PITA LECA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT-PROPERTY
TO: Maria Pita Leca, and all other parties or persons claiming by or through her,
Kaya Henry Eman #19 Curacao
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:
Lot 7 + N 1/2 Lot 8, Block C, MARSH SUBDIVISION, in Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, thereof, recorded in Transcript Book, Page 28 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, Parcel Identification Number: A-27-33-28-080-0000-0070
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to John K. McClure, Esquire, MCCLURE & LOBOZZO, 211 South Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, FL 33870, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled court on or before August 18, 2011; otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 6th day of July, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator 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.
July 10, 17, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-278
IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL BECKWITH RAHENKAMP, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of PAUL BECKWITH RAHENKAMP, deceased, whose date of death was February 25, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claim with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is July 3, 2011.
Personal Representative:
/s/ SAMUEL MARK RAHENKAMP
1028 OLD ELLIS SQUARE
AIKEN, SC 29801
/s/ Samuel M. Rahenkamp
Attorney for Personal Representative:
CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III, P.A.
551 SOUTH COMMERCE AVE.
SEBRING, FL 33870
Telephone: (863) 385-0112
/s/ Clifford M. Ables III
FLORIDA BAR NO. 178379
July 3, 10, 2011

PUBLIC AUCTION
FOR TOWING & STORAGE
1996 FORD
1FMDU32P8TZB79417
ON JULY 23rd, 2011, AT 9:00AM
AT PRECISION AUTO BODY
734 CR 621 EAST
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
July 10, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 09-524
REGIONS BANK, as successor by merger to AMESOUTH BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
MDG LAKE PLACID 2000, LLC, et. al., Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure as to Court I entered on June 15, 2011, by the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, in Civil Case Number 09-524, I will sell at public sale on July 25, 2011, beginning at 11:00 a.m. to the highest bidder for cash, at the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, the property described on Exhibit "A" hereto.
EXHIBIT A
PARCEL A: The Southerly 970.0 feet of the unnamed tract lying between the Westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 27 and the Easterly line of the alley abutting Block 2 of TEMPLE TERRACE SUBDIVISION as recorded in Plat Book 6, at page 36, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the South Quarter corner of Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 29 East; thence North 1 degree 44'33" West for a distance of 116.73 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway No. 27; thence North 52 degrees 05'15" West along the said Westerly right-of-way line for a distance of 819.25 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 52 degrees 05'15" West along said Westerly right-of-way line for a distance of 945.0 feet to a point; thence South 37 degrees 54'45" West for a distance of 240.0 feet to a point; thence South 52 degrees 05'15" East for a distance of 970.0 feet to a point on the Northerly right-of-way line of Lake Henry Drive; thence North 37 degrees 54'45" East along said Northerly right-of-way line for a distance of 215.0 feet to a point of curvature of a circular curve to the left having for its elements a radius of 25.0 feet and a central angle of 90 degrees; thence along said curve for an arc distance of 39.27 feet to the point of beginning.
PARCEL B: Commence at that certain Permanent Reference Monument located at the Southerly lot line of Lot 2 and the Southwesterly lot line of Lot 1, in Block 2, and the Easterly boundary, of Miami Drive, of TEMPLE TERRACE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, page 36, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida; thence run North 37 degrees 54'45" East to the Northerly lot line of Lot 2 and the Northwesterly lot line of Lot 1 and the edge of a 20 foot alley, all lying in and comprising a part of Block 2 of said TEMPLE TERRACE SUBDIVISION; thence continue North 37 degrees 54'45" East for a distance of 20 feet to a point on the Northerly boundary of said 20 foot alley; thence run North 52 degrees 05'15" West for a distance of 880 feet to a point on the Northerly boundary of said 20 foot alley and the Point of Beginning; thence run North 37 degrees 54'45" East to the point of intersection with the South and Westerly right-of-way line of State Road #25 to a point of intersection with the Southeast right-of-way line of Lake Henry Drive as shown on plat of Temple Terrace Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 6, at page 36, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida; thence continue in a Northwesterly, Westerly and Southwesterly direction along the Southeast right-of-way line of said Lake Henry Drive to the point of intersection with a 20 foot alley, said point lying in the Northerly terminus of said 20 foot alley at its point of intersection with the Southerly boundary of Lake Henry Drive; thence run South 52 degrees 05'15" East for a distance of 970 feet to the Point of Beginning; said tract representing the Northwest half (NW1/2) of that certain tract lying Southeastly of Lake Henry Drive in Block 3, and Northwesterly of Lake Henry Drive in Block 1, and between State Road No. 25 and Temple Terrace Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 6, page 36, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Said land lying in and comprising a part of Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 29 East.
LESS AND EXCEPT: A portion of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida, lying Northerly and contiguous with the Northerly line of a twenty (20.00) foot Alley as shown on the plat of TEMPLE TERRACE, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6 at page 36 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northerly corner of Lot 1, Block 2 of the aforesaid TEMPLE TERRACE, said point being on the Northwesterly right-of-way line of Lake Henry Drive; thence North 37 degrees 54'45" East along the Northwesterly right-of-way line of said Lake Henry Drive a distance of 20.00 foot Alley; thence North 52 degrees 05'15" West along the Northerly line of said 20.00 foot Alley a distance of 105.00 feet to a point of curvature, said point being the Point of Beginning of the Tract of land hereinafter to be described; thence Northwesterly along a circular curve to the right, having for its elements a radius of 100.00 feet, a central angle of 36 degrees 52'12" for an arc distance of 64.35 feet; thence North 52 degrees 05'15" West parallel to the Northerly line of

said 20.00 foot Alley for a distance of 1,610 feet to a point on a circular curve; thence Southwesterly along a circular curve to the left, having for its elements a radius of 100.00 feet, a central angle of 36 degrees 52'12" for an arc distance of 64.35 feet to a point of tangency; said point being on the Northerly line of said 20.00 foot Alley; thence South 52 degrees 05'15" East along the Northerly line of said 20.00 foot Alley for a distance of 1,735 feet to the Point of Beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT: way line of Lake Henry Drive; thence North 37 degrees 54'45" East along said Southwesterly right-of-way line, 181.03 feet to the point of beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT: A portion of land lying in Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the South Quarter corner of said Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 29 East; thence North 01 degrees 44'30" West, 216.81 feet to the Southwesterly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 27; thence North 52 degrees 05'15" West along said Southwesterly right of way line, 819.24 feet to a non tangent curve concave to the West, having for its elements a radius of 25.00 feet and a central angle of 90 degrees 00'00"; thence Southerly along said curve to the right, an arc length of 39.27 feet, said arc subtended by a chord which bears South 07 degrees 05'15" East, to the point of tangency and for the point of beginning; thence South 37 degrees 54'45" West along said right of way line, 215.00 feet; thence North 52 degrees 05'15" West departing said Northwesterly right of way line, 5.00 feet; thence North 37 degrees 54'45" East, parallel with said Northwesterly right of way line 215.00 feet; thence South 52 degrees 05'15" East, 5.00 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 15th day of June, 2011.
"If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711, no later than five (5) days prior to this proceeding."
BOB GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
As Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 09000637GCS
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC PLAINTIFF,
VS.
MIRIAM PANTOJA, PABLO PANTOJA, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, 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, grantees or other claimants, DEFENDANT(S).

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 10-238-GCS
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
ALBRITTON CONSTRUCTION, LLC; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED 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; TENANT #1, TENANT #2, TENANT #3, AND TENANT #4, THE NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS TO ACCOUNT FOR PARTIES IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
Notice is given that pursuant to a Final Judgment in Foreclosure Against Defendant, ALBRITTON CONSTRUCTION, LLC, dated the 21st day of June, 2011, in Case No. 10-238-GCS, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, in which HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK is the Plaintiff and ALBRITTON CONSTRUCTION, LLC, is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on the 25th day of July, 2011 the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure Against Defendant, ALBRITTON CONSTRUCTION, LLC, and described as follows:
The West 4 acres of Lot 4, Block 8, LESS road right-of-way, Section 14, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 33, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida (of which Highlands County was formerly a part). Said lot lying in and comprising a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said section, township and range, in Highlands County, Florida.
AND
A portion of Lot 4, Block 8, in Section 14, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 14; thence North 89 degrees 57'30" West along the South lines of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 14, a distance of 398.84 feet; thence North 0 degrees 02'20" East a distance of 664.15 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58'30" East a distance of 398.39 feet to a point on the East line of said Section 14 a distance of 664.27 feet to the Point of Beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT the East 25.00 feet thereof and the South 20.00 feet thereof for road right-of-way.
AND
Lot 4, LESS the North one-half thereof, Block 1 and all of Lot 1, Block 8; all of said land being located in Section 14, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, LESS road right-of-way.
AND
Lot 2, Block 8, Section 14, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, as recorded in Transcript Book, at Page 13, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, also described as the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida.
Real Property Address: 909 East Albritton Road, Avon Park, FL 33825
Real Property Tax ID#: C-14-33-28-400-0040-0000
DATED on June 23, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of Said Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
As Deputy Clerk
IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIENHOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM OF LIEN WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS.
July 3, 10, 2011

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale filed June 20, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 09000637GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Avon Park, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Jury Assembly Room, Sebring, FL 33870 at 11:00 AM on the 25th day of July, 2011 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 7, OF HEIRING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, AT PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 20th day of June, 2011.
BOB GERMAINE
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk
July 3, 10, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 10-238-GCS
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
ALBRITTON CONSTRUCTION, LLC; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED 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; TENANT #1, TENANT #2, TENANT #3, AND TENANT #4, THE NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS TO ACCOUNT FOR PARTIES IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARCUS T. HARRISON A/K/A MARCUS HARRISON CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 15 OAK ST. LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:
THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 22, ALL OF LOT 23 AND THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 24, IN BLOCK D, OF MAP OF BREEZY POINT PARK, LAKE STEARNS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 52, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA,
commonly known as 15 OAK ST., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ashley L. Simon of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813)229-0900, on or before August 5, 2011, (for 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: June 27, 2011.
CLERK OF THE COURT
Honorable ROBERT W. GERMAINE
590 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870-3701
/s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)
July 10, 17, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000370
SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
MARCUS T. HARRISON A/K/A MARCUS HARRISON, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARCUS T. HARRISON A/K/A MARCUS HARRISON CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 15 OAK ST. LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:
THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 22, ALL OF LOT 23 AND THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 24, IN BLOCK D, OF MAP OF BREEZY POINT PARK, LAKE STEARNS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 52, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA,
commonly known as 15 OAK ST., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ashley L. Simon of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813)229-0900, on or before August 5, 2011, (for 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: June 27, 2011.

CLERK OF THE COURT
Honorable ROBERT W. GERMAINE
590 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870-3701
/s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)
July 10, 17, 2011

SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT INVITATION TO BID #11-016
The Board of Supervisors of the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District will receive sealed bids at the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District Office for:
BID #11-016: CLUB HOUSE PARKING EXPANSION
A Scope of Work, Plans, Specifications and other Bid Documents are available at Polston Engineering, Inc., 2925 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring, Florida 33870, 863-385-5564, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and between the hours of 11:30 A.M. and between the hours of 1:30 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Bid Bond, Payment and/or Performance Bonds will not be required for this project.
Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bids. Bids must be delivered to the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District: Attention Board Secretary, 5306 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, Florida 33872, so as to reach the said office no later than 2:00 PM, Tuesday, August 2, 2011. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, or any other type of delivery service.
The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Sta. S287.133 et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. S287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination.
The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof and the award, if an award is made, will be made to the most responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right of waive irregularities in the bid.
Michael Wright, General Manager
Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District
5306 Sun 'N Lake Blvd.
Sebring, Florida 33872
July 3, 10, 2011

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 11-248 GCS
IBERIA BANK, Plaintiff,
v.
JOY THOMPSON; DEROY THOMPSON; SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: DEROY THOMPSON, and to all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against Defendants, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been designated as defendant in a legal proceeding filed against you for Foreclosure. The action involves real property in Highlands County, Florida, more fully described as follows:

Lot 25, Block A, Spring Lake - Village VI, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 21 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

The action was instituted in the Circuit Court, Highlands County, Florida, and is styled *Iberia Bank, v. Joy Thompson, DeRoy Thompson and Spring Lake Improvement District and Spring Lake Property Association, Inc.*

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Jason R. Mosley, Esquire of Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith, PLLC, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 118 East Garden Street, Pensacola, FL 32502, on or before 30 days after the first date of publication which is August 11, 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Jason R. Mosley, Esquire of Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith, PLLC, or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you.

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SERVICES & PURCHASING INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

The Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, (COUNTY) will receive sealed bids in the County Purchasing Department for:
ITB - 11-049 US-27 AT SEBRING LAKES BOULEVARD, STREET LIGHTING PROJECT No. 08019, FM No. 414512258-01

Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website: www.hcbbc.net or by contacting: Danielle Gilbert, Assistant Director, Highlands County General Services / Purchasing Department, 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875-5803 Telephone: 863-402-6524, E-Mail: dgilbert@hcbbc.org A NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid meeting will be held at Wednesday, JULY 13TH, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. in the Engineering Conference Room, 505 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. All potential bidders are encouraged attend this meeting. Submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of your bid form, bid security and other required data in a sealed envelope and marked with the bid number and name so as to identify the enclosed bid submittal. Bids must be delivered to Highlands County Purchasing Department, 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875-5803 so as to reach said office no later than 2:00 P.M., Thursday, AUGUST 4TH, 2011 at which time they will be opened. Bids received later than the date and time as specified will be rejected. The COUNTY will not be responsible for the late deliveries of bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail or any other type of delivery service. One or more County Commissioners may be in attendance at either or both of the above meetings. Vendors submitting responses must submit bids on all work to receive consideration. A Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in an amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must be included on bids over \$100,000.00. If the successful bid is greater than \$200,000.00, a Public Construction Bond will be required. An Irrevocable Letter of Credit may be considered in lieu of the Public Construction Bond depending on its verbiage. Bid must be accompanied by evidence of bidder's qualifications to do business in the State of Florida, in accordance with F.S. 489. The principal features of the Project are: To provide all labor, materials and equipment to install highway lighting system at the intersection of US 27 AT SEBRING LAKES BOULEVARD in accordance with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (2010 Edition), FDOT Design Standards for Design, Construction, Maintenance and Utility Operations on the State Highway System (2010 Edition), and highway lighting construction plans. The COUNTY reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof, and the award, if an award is made, will be made to the most responsive and responsible BIDDER whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of Highlands County. The COUNTY reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid. The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid. The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26 Florida Statutes should contact Mrs. Melissa Bruns, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: mbruns@hcbbc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service. Board of County Commissioners, Purchasing Department, Highlands County, Florida Website: HYPERLINK "http://www.hcbbc.net" www.hcbbc.net July 3, 10, 2011

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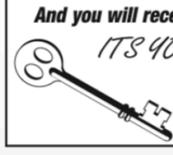
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HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SERVICES / PURCHASING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES
The Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, will receive proposals in the County Purchasing Department for the following requirement: RFP 11-048 DESIGN - BUILD SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROFESSIONAL OFFICE BUILDING FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY'S OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.

Specific proposals are not solicited at this time. Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website: HYPERLINK "http://www.hcbbc.net" www.hcbbc.net or by contacting: Danielle Gilbert, Acting Director, Highlands County General Services/Purchasing Department, 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875-5803 Telephone: 863-402-6524; Fax: 863-402-6735, or by E-Mail: HYPERLINK "mailto:dgilbert@hcbbc.org" dgilbert@hcbbc.org Vendor qualification and selection shall be based on the evaluation process and criteria stated in the RFP. A MANDATORY Pre-Proposal conference will be held on Wednesday, JULY 13TH, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. in the County Engineer's Conference / Training Room, (Annex Building) 505 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. Proposal submissions must be sealed and marked with the name of the proposer, and the RFP number and title "RFP 11-048 DESIGN - BUILD SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROFESSIONAL OFFICE BUILDING FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY'S OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS" so as to identify the enclosed proposal. Each submittal shall include (1) one original and (10) ten copies of the proposal. Proposals must be delivered to Highlands County Purchasing Department, 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875-5803, so as to reach said office no later than 2:00 P.M., Thursday, AUGUST 4TH, 2011, at which time they will be opened. Proposals received later than the date and time as specified will be rejected. The Board will not be responsible for the late deliveries of proposals that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail or any other type of delivery service. One or more County Commissioners may be in attendance at the above bid opening. Highlands County Local Preference Policy will apply to the award of this bid. The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or any parts thereof, and the award, if an award is made, will be made in the best interest of Highlands County. The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid. The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26 Florida Statutes should contact Mrs. Melissa Bruns, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: mbruns@hcbbc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service. Board of County Commissioners, Purchasing Department, Highlands County, Florida Website: HYPERLINK "http://www.hcbbc.net" www.hcbbc.net July 3, 10, 2011

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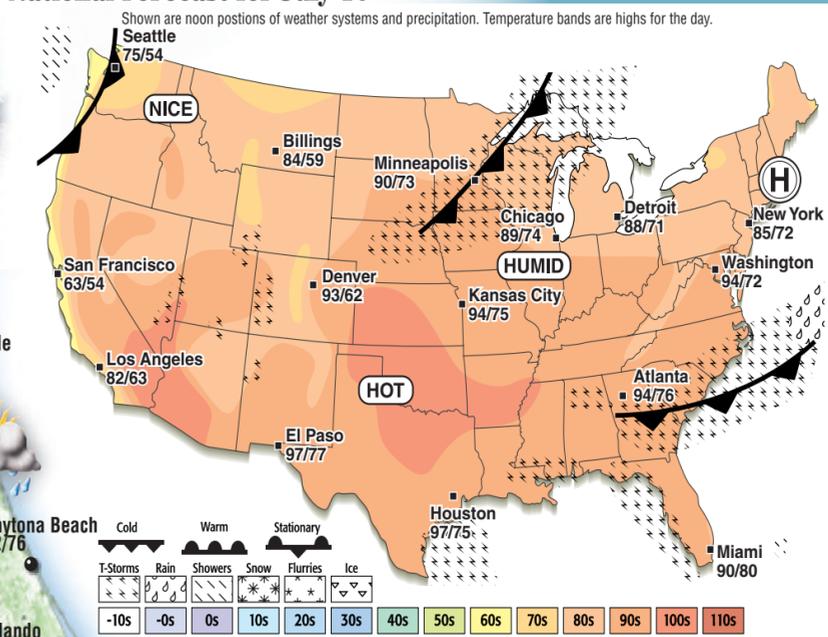
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93° / 77°	93° / 77°	93° / 77°	93° / 76°	93° / 76°
Winds: SW at 4-8 mph	Winds: SW at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: SW at 6-12 mph	Winds: S at 6-12 mph

National Forecast for July 10



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Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid
High Tuesday 94°
Low Tuesday 72°
High Wednesday 93°
Low Wednesday 72°
High Thursday N.A.
Low Thursday N.A.

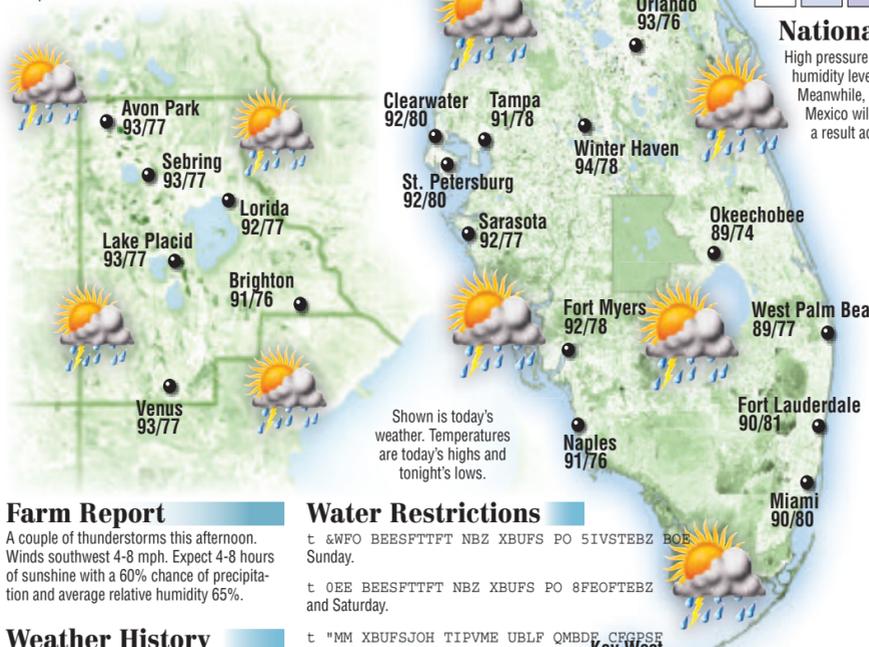
Heat Index
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Relative humidity 54%
Expected air temperature 92°
Makes it feel like 102°

Barometer
Tuesday 29.88
Wednesday 29.84
Thursday N.A.

Precipitation
Tuesday 0.00"
Wednesday 0.07"
Thursday 0.00"
Month to date 1.31"
Year to date 23.66"

Regional Summary

Sun and some clouds today with a couple of thunderstorms around in the afternoon. A thunderstorm around this evening. A couple of thunderstorms around tomorrow. Tuesday: a couple of afternoon showers and a thunderstorm.



National Summary

High pressure will continue to promote dry and mostly sunny weather across the Northeast today. While the humidity level will remain fairly comfortable, temperatures will still be very warm across the southern mid-Atlantic. Meanwhile, highs will be in the upper 70s and lower 80s across much of New England. Steamy air from the Gulf of Mexico will surge toward a cold front stretched across the Deep South. Scattered thunderstorms will continue as a result across the Gulf states to North Carolina.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low		Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Albuquerque	93/71/t	92/69/t	89/70/t	Los Angeles	82/63/pc	80/63/pc	79/62/pc
Atlanta	94/76/t	95/78/t	99/78/pc	Louisville	94/75/pc	97/80/pc	96/74/t
Baltimore	91/68/s	94/72/pc	92/70/t	Memphis	100/81/s	101/81/s	100/81/pc
Birmingham	96/77/t	99/77/t	100/78/s	Milwaukee	84/70/t	84/68/t	76/59/s
Boston	82/65/s	87/70/pc	88/67/t	Minneapolis	90/73/t	87/66/pc	81/63/s
Charlotte	92/70/t	94/72/s	96/74/t	Nashville	98/75/s	99/79/pc	99/78/t
Cheyenne	88/59/pc	87/59/t	83/60/t	New Orleans	94/78/t	93/78/t	97/79/t
Chicago	89/74/pc	89/70/t	86/61/t	New York City	85/72/s	90/74/pc	87/70/t
Cleveland	87/67/pc	91/72/t	83/60/pc	Norfolk	86/70/pc	90/73/s	95/77/t
Columbus	90/68/pc	95/79/pc	91/65/t	Oklahoma City	104/74/s	102/74/s	100/74/s
Dallas	104/78/s	104/79/s	104/79/s	Philadelphia	90/71/s	93/73/pc	91/72/t
Denver	93/62/t	93/63/t	91/63/t	Phoenix	106/88/pc	102/86/t	105/85/s
Detroit	88/71/pc	91/72/t	86/62/s	Pittsburgh	88/67/s	90/68/pc	86/60/t
Harrisburg	90/67/s	94/71/pc	93/66/t	Portland, ME	80/58/s	82/64/pc	82/61/t
Honolulu	88/74/s	88/75/s	89/74/s	Portland, OR	80/58/s	76/59/pc	74/55/c
Houston	97/75/pc	97/77/pc	97/77/s	Raleigh	94/72/pc	94/74/s	97/77/t
Indianapolis	90/72/pc	92/75/pc	90/70/t	Rochester	82/64/pc	91/69/t	86/58/pc
Jackson, MS	97/75/t	99/76/pc	99/75/s	St. Louis	96/79/pc	98/80/pc	94/77/t
Kansas City	94/75/s	95/75/pc	95/72/pc	San Francisco	63/54/pc	63/53/pc	63/53/pc
Lexington	94/70/pc	98/75/pc	95/70/t	Seattle	75/54/pc	74/55/pc	71/54/c
Little Rock	100/77/s	101/78/s	102/78/s	Wash., DC	94/72/s	96/75/pc	93/74/t

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low		Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Acapulco	88/79/t	88/78/t	88/79/t	London	73/55/sh	73/57/pc	72/54/pc
Athens	92/76/s	94/76/s	95/78/s	Montreal	83/69/s	83/68/t	81/59/s
Beirut	90/75/s	88/73/s	87/74/s	Moscow	73/60/sh	82/62/pc	83/62/pc
Berlin	77/63/sh	74/58/r	79/62/sh	Nice	83/66/s	84/69/s	84/69/pc
Bermuda	80/73/pc	77/72/r	80/74/s	Ottawa	79/66/pc	78/62/t	81/60/s
Calgary	74/51/pc	76/55/t	76/51/sh	Quebec	78/64/s	79/64/t	79/55/pc
Dublin	65/48/sh	63/52/pc	66/51/sh	Rio de Janeiro	81/73/r	86/72/pc	83/72/s
Edmonton	67/48/t	72/53/t	72/55/pc	Seoul	81/73/r	84/73/r	84/75/t
Freeport	91/78/pc	91/78/s	91/77/pc	Singapore	88/81/t	90/79/t	90/79/sh
Geneva	73/59/t	81/61/s	81/64/t	Sydney	63/45/s	61/43/s	63/45/s
Havana	91/74/t	91/73/t	88/73/t	Toronto	87/71/pc	88/66/t	81/59/s
Hong Kong	91/81/t	90/81/t	88/81/t	Vancouver	67/57/pc	69/57/pc	67/57/c
Jerusalem	85/64/s	86/64/s	86/63/s	Vienna	89/73/t	84/63/t	84/68/s
Johannesburg	55/37/s	57/38/s	57/39/s	Warsaw	80/60/t	79/61/t	75/55/s
Kiev	82/61/pc	81/62/pc	82/64/pc	Winnipeg	84/59/pc	76/55/s	85/62/s

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg
High 9:45 a.m.
Low 2:46 a.m.
High none
Low 6:03 p.m.

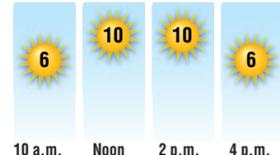
Readings at Palm Beach
High 4:36 a.m.
Low 10:49 a.m.
High 5:34 p.m.
Low 11:22 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday
Lake Jackson 78.36'
Lake Okeechobee 9.89'
Normal 14.51'

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Farm Report

A couple of thunderstorms this afternoon. Winds southwest 4-8 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 65%.

Weather History

Lightning struck the Picatinny Army Arsenal in New Jersey on July 10, 1926, triggering a massive explosion and fire in an ammunition dump. More than 12 people were killed.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:41 a.m.	6:41 a.m.
Sunset	8:22 p.m.	8:21 p.m.
Moonrise	4:11 p.m.	5:14 p.m.
Moonset	2:16 a.m.	3:07 a.m.



Water Restrictions

⚠️ WFO BEESFTTPT NBZ XBUPS PO SIVSTEBZ BOB Sunday.

⚠️ OEE BEESFTTPT NBZ XBUPS PO SFPOFTEBZ and Saturday.

⚠️ MM XBUPSJOH TIPVME UBLF QMBDE CEGPSE a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low		Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Cape Coral	92/78/t	92/77/t	92/77/t	Miami	90/80/t	91/79/t	92/79/pc
Clearwater	92/80/t	91/80/t	93/80/t	Okeechobee	89/74/t	89/74/t	90/74/t
Coral Springs	90/77/t	89/78/t	91/77/pc	Orlando	93/76/t	94/76/t	95/75/t
Daytona Beach	92/76/t	91/76/t	91/76/t	Pembroke Pines	90/79/t	91/77/t	90/78/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	90/81/t	88/79/t	89/80/pc	St. Augustine	90/76/t	91/76/t	90/76/t
Fort Myers	92/78/t	93/77/t	91/78/t	St. Petersburg	92/80/t	91/80/t	93/80/t
Gainesville	93/74/t	93/75/t	93/74/t	Sarasota	92/77/t	91/77/t	91/78/t
Hollywood	90/79/t	91/77/t	90/78/pc	Tallahassee	97/76/t	96/77/t	97/77/pc
Homestead AFB	89/79/t	87/78/t	89/78/pc	Tampa	91/78/t	91/78/t	91/78/t
Jacksonville	93/76/t	93/76/t	93/76/pc	W. Palm Bch	89/77/t	90/77/t	90/77/pc
Key West	91/81/t	90/83/t	90/82/pc	Winter Haven	94/78/t	93/77/t	94/76/t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Lake Placid All-Stars continue to roll

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — The long drive from the Panhandle, perhaps, set the tone as Paxton would surely like to make the trip last.

The first four innings of Saturday's Dixie Boys State Tournament opener against Lake Placid alone took nearly two hours.

But having made a 15-minute trip from just down US 27, the Junior Dragon All-Stars were using that time to build up a 6-0 lead before closing it out in a comparatively quick final few innings for a 6-2 win.

"The kids were real excited to win the district, so we had to keep them going once we got here," head coach Don Cram said.

Some control issues and a tight strike zone plagued LP starter Justin LaRosa early, though he worked around two walks in the top of the first to escape without any damage.

And while they had slugged their way to the District 8 Tournament title,

Lake Placid then got on the board somewhat unconventionally.

With one out, LaRosa beat out an infield single and then stole second and third before Justin Mason got plunked by a pitch.

Mason then stole second to put runners on second and third when Scott Colley laid down a bunt.

LaRosa didn't break for the plate on the bunt itself, but as soon as Paxton catcher Logan Ansley fielded it and began his throw to first, it was a mad sprint home that tallied the opening run.

LaRosa seemed to be back in control as he struck out the first Paxton batter of the second, on three pitches, but he walked the next three hitters in a row.

Fortunately, LP catcher Velazquez nabbed a runner trying to steal third and LaRosa induced a grounder to Colley at second to get out of the inning.

Paul Cantwell then got the ball rolling for Lake Placid in the bottom of the frame, lead-

Lake Placid
6
Paxton
2



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN
Justin LaRosa went the first two innings on the mound and scored Lake Placid's opening run in Saturday's win.

ing off with a double to the right-center field gap.

Cantwell moved to third on a passed ball as Brett DiDomenico drew a base on balls and when the duo pulled off a double steal, Cantwell

came in to make it 2-0.

With one out, Tyler Farmer took one for the team to reach and LaRosa's swinging bunt got him on board to load the bases.

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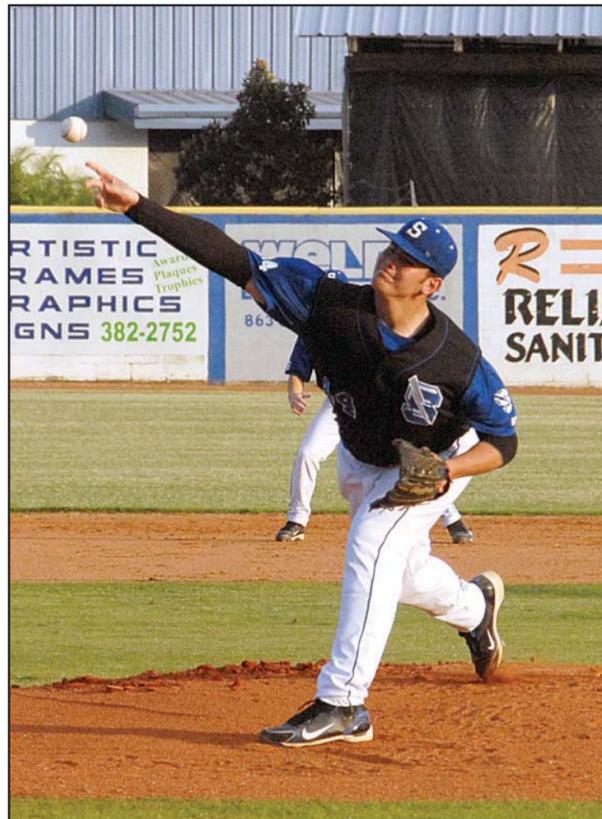
News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Isiah Velazquez slides home just ahead of the tag of Paxton's catcher Logan Ansley during Lake Placid's 6-2 win in the opening round of the Dixie Boys State Tournament at the Max Long Recreational Complex Saturday morning.



News-Sun file photos by DAN HOEHNE

Above: Jesse Baker's potent bat earned him a nod to the FACA Class 5A All-State team, leading a trio of Sebring players being named to the squad. Above center: Evan Lewis's all-around play at the plate and patrolling center field added his name to the list as did, above far right, Corbin Hoffner, who will also take his game to St. Petersburg College next season. Below: Lake Placid's Colby Delaney combined a powerful bat and overpowering right arm on the mound to be named to the FACA Class 3A All-State team.



Four named to FACA All-State

By DAN HOEHNE

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Taking external voices and politics out of the process, the recently released Florida Athletic Coaches Association's All-State team could well be as prestigious an honor as a high school baseball player can get.

Being recognized for your play on the field, and your play alone, is the sort of respect one can hope for, and four Highlands County players received as three Sebring players, Jesse Baker, Corbin Hoffner and Evan Lewis, made the Class 5A team and Colby Delaney, from Lake Placid, earned a spot on the Class 3A team.

A strong, middle-of-the-lineup hitter with tremendous power potential, Delaney, perhaps, was even more of a force on the mound, going 5-1 with a 2.20 ERA.

And it is on the mound where he will be doing most of his work next season at Warner University in Lake Wales.

"It's a great feeling to know that all my and my teams hard work helped me

achieve this," Delaney said. "Without my teammates behind me I'd be nothing. And I have to thank my family and coach (Dan) Coomes for being behind me with everything I do. I couldn't have asked for a better senior year surrounded by great people."

"He's the first to make it since I've been here," coach Coomes said. "I've had him play for me for four years. He's a good kid and a hard worker. It's a great accomplishment and I'm real proud of him."

Similarly, FACA All-State team member Sebring's Hoffner was a dual threat, both at the plate and on the mound, batting .351 and driving in a team-high 29 runs and going 6-1 with a 2.01 ERA and 53 strikeouts to just 15 walks.

Hoffner also had the honor of playing in the FACA All-Star Baseball Classic and signed on to play at St. Petersburg College next year.

"It's just been an awesome senior year," the 6-foot-5 right-hander said. "It's an honor to have been named to the All-State team."

Lewis was a multiple threat of a different type.

A high-average, .325, get-on-base type, .462 on base percentage, with a good eye, more walks than strikeouts, Lewis is a threat on the bases and scored a team-high 35 runs.

He also combines a little pop to go with his speed as he hit two triples and three home runs, while also covering the vast expanse of center field where there was rarely a fly ball, line drive or gapper he couldn't get to.

Another dual threat, Baker combined a strong bat while handling the most demanding position on the field, catcher.

He hammered 32 hits in 90 at bats for a .355 average, with 5 home runs, 12 doubles and 26 RBI.



Baker was no slow-footed squatter either, swiping four bases.

Meanwhile, behind the plate, only four bases were stolen against him all season as he nabbed 12 other would-be base stealers.

"Being in this little area, it feels real good to know that coaches noticed not only me but my teammates too," Baker said.

He is headed to Daytona State next year, on an academic scholarship rather than an athletic one.

"I'm going for academics, but I'm not leaving baseball behind," he said. "I'm going in as a preferred walk-on."

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	53	35	.602	—
New York	51	35	.593	1
Tampa Bay	49	39	.557	4
Toronto	43	47	.478	11
Baltimore	36	50	.419	16
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	47	40	.540	—
Detroit	48	42	.533	½
Chicago	43	47	.478	5½
Minnesota	40	47	.460	7
Kansas City	36	53	.404	12
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	49	41	.544	—
Los Angeles	48	42	.533	1
Seattle	43	46	.483	5½
Oakland	39	51	.433	10

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
 Cleveland 5, Toronto 4
 Boston 10, Baltimore 4
 Texas 6, Oakland 0
 Detroit 3, Kansas City 1
 Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 2
 L.A. Angels 5, Seattle 1

Friday's Games

Toronto 11, Cleveland 7
 Tampa Bay at New York, ppd., rain
 Boston 10, Baltimore 3
 Texas 8, Oakland 5
 Detroit 6, Kansas City 4
 Minnesota 8, Chicago White Sox 5
 L.A. Angels 4, Seattle 3

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, late
 Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, late
 Toronto at Cleveland, late
 Baltimore at Boston, late
 Detroit at Kansas City, late
 Oakland at Texas, late
 Seattle at L.A. Angels, late

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay (Shields 8-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 12-4), 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Cecil 1-4) at Cleveland (C. Carrasco 8-5), 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore (Atkins 0-0) at Boston (Weiland 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
 Detroit (Verlander 11-4) at Kansas City (Francis 3-9), 2:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Swarzak 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 4-2), 2:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Cahill 8-6) at Texas (M. Harrison 6-7), 3:05 p.m.
 Seattle (F. Hernandez 8-7) at L.A. Angels (Haren 9-5), 3:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
EAST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	56	33	.629	—
Atlanta	53	37	.589	3½
New York	46	43	.517	10
Washington	45	45	.500	11½
Florida	41	48	.461	15
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	48	42	.533	—
Pittsburgh	46	42	.523	1
St. Louis	47	43	.522	1
Cincinnati	44	46	.489	4
Chicago	36	54	.400	12
Houston	30	60	.333	18
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	50	40	.556	—
Arizona	49	41	.544	1
Colorado	42	47	.472	7½
San Diego	40	50	.444	10
Los Angeles	39	51	.433	11

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 6, Colorado 3
 Chicago Cubs 10, Washington 9
 Florida 5, Houston 0
 Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 4
 Arizona 4, St. Louis 1
 L.A. Dodgers 6, N.Y. Mets 0
 San Francisco 2, San Diego 1

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2, 10 innings
 Pittsburgh 7, Chicago Cubs 4
 Colorado 3, Washington 2
 Florida 6, Houston 3
 Milwaukee 8, Cincinnati 7
 Arizona 7, St. Louis 6
 L.A. Dodgers 1, San Diego 0
 N.Y. Mets 5, San Francisco 2

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Philadelphia, late
 San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, late
 Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, late
 Colorado at Washington, late
 Cincinnati at Milwaukee, late
 Houston at Florida, late
 Arizona at St. Louis, late
 N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, late

Sunday's Games

Houston (W. Rodriguez 6-5) at Florida (Volstad 4-8), 1:10 p.m.
 Atlanta (D. Lowe 5-6) at Philadelphia (Hamels 10-4), 1:35 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (R. Ortiz 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 5-9), 1:35 p.m.
 Colorado (Chacin 8-6) at Washington (Zimmermann 5-7), 1:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Willis 0-0) at Milwaukee (Wolf 6-6), 2:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Duke 2-3) at St. Louis (J. Garcia 8-3), 2:15 p.m.
 San Diego (Stauffer 5-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 5-9), 4:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 5-7) at San Francisco (Cain 7-5), 8:05 p.m.

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	6	3	10	28	34	23
Philadelphia	7	4	6	27	21	16
Columbus	7	5	6	27	21	19
Sporting K.C.	5	6	6	21	22	23
Houston	4	6	8	20	21	22
D.C.	4	5	7	19	23	29
Chicago	2	4	12	18	19	22
Toronto FC	3	8	9	18	17	34
New England	3	8	7	16	16	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	9	2	9	36	25	15
FC Dallas	10	4	4	34	26	17
Seattle	8	4	8	32	25	18
Real Salt Lake	7	3	6	27	21	12
Colorado	5	5	9	24	20	22
Chivas USA	5	7	6	21	23	22
San Jose	5	6	6	21	22	21
Portland	5	8	3	18	19	28
Vancouver	2	9	8	14	18	26

Wednesday's Games

New York 5, Toronto FC 0
 Sporting Kansas City 1, Colorado 1, tie
 Columbus 1, Vancouver 0
 Chivas USA 2, San Jose 0



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING SUNDAY

Noon Formual One Racing – British Grand Prix **FOX**
1 p.m. ALMS – Northeast Grand Prix **ESPN2**
9 p.m. NHRA – Route 66 Nationals **ESPN2**

GOLF SUNDAY

2 p.m. EuroPGA – Barclays Scottish Open. **GOLF**
3 p.m. PGA – John Deere Classic **CBS**
3 p.m. U.S. Women's Open **NBC**
7 p.m. PGA – Nature Valley First Tee Open . . . **GOLF**

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SUNDAY

1 p.m. Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees **SUN**
1:30 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh **WGN**
1:30 p.m. Atlanta at Philadelphia **TBS**
8 p.m. N.Y. Mets at San Francisco **ESPN**

8 p.m. 2011 Home Run Derby **ESPN**

8 p.m. 2011 All-Star Game **FOX**

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER SUNDAY

4 p.m. Seattle at Portland **ESPN**

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SUNDAY

6 p.m. 2011 XM All-Star Futures Game **ESPN2**

SOFTBALL MONDAY

10 p.m. All-Star Legends and Celebrity Game. . . **ESPN**

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER SUNDAY

11 a.m. Quarterfinal **ESPN**
2 p.m. Quarterfinal **ESPN**

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Saturday's Games

Chivas USA at Sporting Kansas City, late
 D.C. United at New York, late
 Toronto FC at Houston, late
 FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, late
 Vancouver at Colorado, late
 Chicago at Los Angeles, late
 Philadelphia at San Jose, late

Sunday's Games

Seattle FC at Portland, 4 p.m.
Saturday, July 16
 Colorado at Seattle FC, 4 p.m.
 Real Salt Lake at Vancouver, 4 p.m.
 San Jose at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
 Portland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Sporting Kansas City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 D.C. United at FC Dallas, 9 p.m.
 New York at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 17
 Philadelphia at New England, 7 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	8	3	.727	—
Connecticut	6	3	.667	1
New York	6	5	.545	2
Chicago	5	6	.455	3
Atlanta	3	7	.300	4½
Washington	2	7	.222	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	7	3	.700	—
Minnesota	6	3	.667	½
Phoenix	7	4	.636	½
Seattle	5	4	.556	1½
Los Angeles	4	5	.444	2½
Tulsa	1	10	.091	6½

Friday's Games

New York 76, San Antonio 73
 Phoenix 86, Tulsa 78

Saturday's Games

Washington at Indiana, late
 Connecticut at Minnesota, late
 Atlanta at Chicago, late
 Los Angeles at Seattle, late

Sunday's Games

Chicago at New York, 4 p.m.
 Tulsa at Phoenix, 6 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled RHP Kyle Weiland from Pawtucket (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Called up INF Luis Valbuena from Columbus (IL).
 Optioned RHP Zach McAllister to Columbus.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Called up OF Mike Trout from Arkansas (TL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Signed RHP Abraham Rodriguez.
TEXAS RANGERS—Placed INF Andres Blanco on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of INF Omar Quintanilla from Round Rock (PCL). Transferred RHP Scott Feldman to the 60-day DL.
 Announced RHP Dave Bush cleared unconditional release waivers and is a free agent.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Released OF Fernando Perez.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Placed OF Charlie Blackmon on the 15-day DL.
 Recalled OF Cole Garner from Colorado Springs (PCL).
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Matthew Budgell.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed OF

Shane Victorino on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 4. Recalled INF Pete Orr from Lehigh Valley (IL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Placed 2B Bill Hall on the 15-day DL. Recalled SS Mike Fontenot from Fresno (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Placed C Ivan Rodriguez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 7. Recalled X Jesus Flores from Syracuse (IL).

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Named Chris Clark director of public relations for Kings and Maloof Sports & Entertainment.

FOOTBALL Arena Football League
ARIZONA RATTTLERS—Signed WR Chris Jackson.

HOCKEY National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Signed RW Brian McGrattan to a one-year contract.
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Agreed to terms with D Brett Bellemore on a two-year contract.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Named Bill Peters and Jeff Blashill assistant coaches and signed them to three-year contracts.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Agreed to terms with D Alec Martinez on a two-year contract.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Agreed to terms with F Sergei Kostitsyn on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with D Michael Sauer and F Artem Anisimov.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed F Mark Parrish and G Mike McKenna to a one-year contract.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Re-signed F Benn Ferriero to a one-year contract.

WINNIPEG JETS—Traded F Danick Paquette and a 2012 fourth-round draft pick to Washington for C Eric Fehr.

COLLEGE
NCAA—Placed West Virginia's football program on two years probation.
CLEMSON—Named Bert Henderson director of planned giving, Travis Furbee director of IPTAY's Annual Fund and Tee Butters men's graduate assistant basketball coach.
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON—Named Will Bryan associate director of athletics communications.
GEORGE WASHINGTON—Named Christopher Boyer deputy director of athletics for external relations.
GEORGIA—Announced RB Caleb King is academically ineligible for the 2011 season.
JACKSONVILLE STATE—Named Joseph Goodson volleyball coach.
LOYOLA-MARYLAND—Named Jake Lawrence women's volleyball coach and Bryan Harkin and Kyle Swarts men's assistant soccer coaches.
LSU—Announced SS Austin Nola will return next season.
OHIO STATE—Announced it will vacate all wins from the 2010 football season and placed its football program on two years probation.
QUEENS (NY)—Named China Jude assistant vice president of athletics, effective Aug. 1.
SAVANNAH STATE—Named Damon Evans consultant.
UC DAVIS—Named Chris Davis men's assistant basketball coach.

YMCA Volleyball Tournament

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is hosting a 4-on-4 hard-court volleyball tournament on Tuesday, July 12, from 6 p.m. until the last team is standing, for ages 15 and up.
 Teams are made up of four individuals. Gift certificates from local restaurants will be awarded as prizes.
 Any questions, call 382-9622.

YMCA Sampler Camp

The Highlands County Family YMCA is hosting a Sports Sampler Camp July 11-15 from 8:30am-Noon.
 This is a great opportunity for your child to "sample" Basketball, Tennis, Soccer and Volleyball.
 The camp will include swim time, team building activities, lunch and a camp T-shirt. Questions call 382-9622.

Lake Placid Youth Bowling

LAKE PLACID – The Royal Palms Youth Bowling League, for ages 7 and up, begins its' new season Saturday, Sept. 3.
 The sign-up fee is \$25, which includes a shirt, and new bowlers are welcome.
 Bowling is every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. through December 10.
 Weekly cost is \$11 and includes three games of bowling, shoes and prize fund.
 All Youth Bowlers are also eligible for reduced rate open bowling, though some restrictions may apply, and free bowling with instruction on Friday's from 4-6 p.m. – must be accompanied by an adult.
 For more information, call Frank Peterson at 382-9541, or Donna Stanley at 441-4897.

Panther Volleyball Camps

AVON PARK – This summer the South Florida Community College volleyball program has more camps to offer than ever before.

If there is a camp date that you could attend but the age group is different than yours please call and special arrangements could be made.

Individual private sessions for indoor and sand are available year-round.

July 2011
 Sand: 11-14 (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 8:30 -10:30 a.m. (Grades 9-12) \$60
 Indoor: 11-14 (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 11:30-1:30 p.m. (Grades 5-12) \$60
 –Attend Both Sand and Indoor camps July 11-14: \$100
 Indoor: 25-28 (4 days) Monday-Thursday
 Morning Session (Grades 5-8) 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$60
 Afternoon Session (Grades 9-12) 2-4:30 p.m. \$75
 Contact Coach Crawford with any questions at kim.crawford@southflorida.edu, cell: 863-835-2377, or Office: 863-784-7037.

Sebring Summer Swim

SEBRING – The summer season for swimming is upon us as the Sebring High School pool is open to the public.

Pool hours for open swim will be 6-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday's and Sunday's – additional hours will be added once school is out.
 Cost is \$2 per swimmer with big savings for frequent swimmers.

A family pass can be bought for \$50 for the first swimmer and \$15 for each additional family member.

Swimming lessons will also be available with four separate sessions throughout the summer for eight different levels of instruction, ranging from Adult Beginner, Parent and Tot, Fundamentals, Introduction to Water Skills, Pre-School Aquatics, Fundamental Aquatic Skills, Stroke Development, Improvement and Refinement, Personal Water Safety and Diving Fundamentals and Fitness.

Session II runs from June 27-July 8, session III from July 11-22 and session IV from July 25-August 5.

Water aerobics return as well, with certified instructor Ricki Albritton, Tuesday's and Thursday's from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost is just \$2 per workout, or just \$1 if you have the Summer Swim Pass – the first class was Thursday, May 5.

Summer swim lesson sign up will be Monday May 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday, May 28 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the front office at Sebring High School.

For questions call 471-5500 ext. 228 and leave a message for Pat Caton.

Lady Dragon B-Ball Camp

LAKE PLACID – The Lady Dragons will be holding their first Basketball Camp July 18-22 for boys and girls aged 3rd-8th grade.

There will be T-shirts, awards and lots of FUN-damentals, with all proceeds going to benefit the LPHS Girls Basketball team.

For more camp information and camp brochure, email Jackie Coyne at jackie_coyne@yahoo.com.

Heartland Soccer

SEBRING – Heartland Soccer Club boys and girls, 13 and under, will have tryouts on July 23 at the Highlands County Sports Complex, times TBA.

For questions, contact Coach Bowyer at 273-3891 or Coach Brown at 381-0600.

Lake Placid Volleyball Camp

LAKE PLACID – The Lady Dragon Volleyball Camp will take place Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15, for aspiring players from grades 4-8.

Cost is \$45 per child, which includes a camp T-shirt, and campers will learn basic volleyball skills from setting and passing to serving and hitting.

Juniors, grades 4 through 6, will meet from 10 a.m.-Noon, while Intermediates, grades 7 and 8, meet from 1-3 p.m.

At the conclusion of the week, there will be a tournament with parents and friends invited to watch.

For any questions, call head coach Linette Wells at 441-2320.

Firemen Memorial Golf

SEBRING – The 12th annual Sebring Firemen Inc. Memorial Golf Tournament presented by AXA Advisors LLC and Home Depot is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20 at Sun 'n Lake.

The tourney will once again feature a four-man scramble with \$75 entry fees.

That includes range balls, golf, food and drink on the course and the pre-tourney mixer on Friday night with great appetizers.

There will also once again be a silent auction featuring autographed sports memorabilia from people like Tim Tebow, Jimbo Fisher, Will Muschamp, Nick Saban and many others.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 and team sponsorships, which include a team entry and hole signs, are \$500.

All proceeds will help benefit Sebring athletics.

The tourney will begin with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start on both Deer Run and Turtle Run.

For more information, call Tommy Lovett at 385-5100 or 382-2255.

Warrior Golf Classic

LAKE WALES – Webber Football Warrior Golf Classic, a fundraising event in support of the Warrior Football program will be held Saturday, August 27, at the Lake Wales Country Club. Shotgun start 9 a.m.

Fees: \$60 per player/\$240 team of four; \$5 Mulligans; 50/50 \$1 ticket or 15 tickets for \$10 (includes green fees and lunch buffet).

Prizes: First, second and third place winner; team

Rangers fan dies after fall

Nolan Ryan says fan's widow worried about son

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Go to the ballpark and catch a foul ball: It's what every fan wants to do.

And so it was for 6-year-old Cooper Stone.

He and his dad even stopped to buy a new glove on the way to the Texas Rangers' game Thursday night.

Even better, their seats were in the left-field stands, shouting distance from Cooper's favorite player, reigning AL MVP Josh Hamilton.

Maybe, just maybe, he would throw one their way.

In the second inning, he did.

Hamilton grabbed a foul ball that ricocheted into left field, and tossed it into the stands.

The boy's father, 6-foot-3 Shannon Stone, caught it, tumbled over a 33-inch-tall railing and plunged 20 feet onto concrete below, right in front of his son.

The 39-year-old firefighter died a short time later at a hospital.

"That's what they were there for, was to catch a ball," Shannon Stone's mother, Suzann, said. "Cooper loves baseball and he's a big Josh Hamilton fan. Had his jersey."

Pitching great Nolan Ryan, now the team's president, said the tragedy "hits us at our roots of who we are."

"We're about making memories, family entertainment," he said. "I certainly understand — and I'm no different than our fan base — when I was younger and I went to the ballpark my hope was to get a foul ball.

"You can see how many people come into our ballpark with gloves, just hoping to have that opportunity. That's just part of the experience of being there."

On Friday, players had the option of getting grief counseling, and they wore black ribbons on their uniforms.

At Rangers Ballpark, flags flew at half-staff and a black tarpaulin covered the gap where Stone fell.

A moment of silence was observed before the Rangers and Oakland Athletics played the second game of their series.

Hamilton, still grappling with the aftermath of the wrenching night, said Friday he could hear the boy screaming for his dad after Stone fell.

The player said he remembers the fall "like it happened in slow motion."

Jenny Stone, the victim's 36-year-old widow, worried how her only son would recover from the horror of not just watching his father fall but riding in the front of the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

At the request of the Stone



MCT photo
Texas Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton, wearing like all the players a black ribbon in honor of Shannon Stone, who died trying to catch a ball tossed to him by Hamilton, comes in from the outfield as the Oakland Athletics visit the Texas Rangers on Friday July 8.

family, MLB.com hasn't posted video of the accident.

"She's very concerned about her son and the impact that this is having on him," said Ryan, who spoke with her by phone in Brownwood, about 150 miles from Arlington. "She asked if I could do anything about the video footage that is being shown."

Replays showed the boy watching as his father stretched and reached out to grab the ball and then fell through a gap of several feet between the left-field seats and the 14-foot-high outfield wall that has a video scoreboard on it.

All-Star closer Chris Perez of the Indians said the tragedy will make him think twice about tossing a ball to a fan.

"I'm definitely going to make sure it is nowhere near a railing," he said. "When you are a kid, it's cool because it is a lasting memory. But when I see adults knocking one another over to get one, not an historic home run ball or something like that, but just a baseball ... well, I just shake my head."

City officials say the building code requires the guardrails to be at least 26 inches high.

Ed Dryden, Arlington's building official, said railings throughout the park are 33 inches high.

There have been other falls at the 17-year-old stadium.

Last July, a man survived after tumbling from an upper deck as he tried to catch a foul ball.

In 1994, a woman fell about 35 feet as she posed for a picture after the Rangers' first game at the stadium.

After last year's accident, Ryan said the team studied

the railings and felt safety was adequate; he said he wasn't prepared to say if any changes might be made now.

"As an organization we are going to be looking into this because our No. 1 concern is the safety of our fans," Ryan said. "We'll do whatever we have to do to make this stadium as safe as we possibly can for our fans."

Major League Baseball promised a review of the accident "to ensure a safe environment for our fans."

It was the second fatal fall at a major league stadium this season.

In May, a fan died after falling about 20 feet and striking his head on concrete during a game in Colorado; witnesses told police he had been trying to slide down a staircase railing and lost his balance.

John McHale Jr., Major League Baseball's executive vice president of administration, said there is no centralized process for overseeing safety at ballparks and the Texas accident might change that.

He said most safety issues are left to the clubs.

"There are building codes, there are local ordinances, and the clubs are responsible with complying," he said.

Shannon Stone's mother told The Associated Press that her son and grandson were "almost attached at the hip" and went to Rangers games often, including one of the team's World Series games last season.

She was watching Thursday night and hoping she would catch a glimpse of them.

"Cooper told me where they were sitting so I could look for him on television," she said, adding that she was

out of the room when her son fell. "I missed it. I didn't see it."

Her youngest son, Chad, called afterward and broke the news to his parents.

Fire officials said Stone, who witnesses said was conscious after the fall, "went into full arrest" in the ambulance and was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Authorities said Friday that he died from blunt force trauma to the head caused by a fall from a height.

"The Stone family is devastated by this tragedy," according to a family statement. "The family appreciates your thoughts, kind words and prayers and asks that you respect their privacy during their difficult time."

Stone was a firefighter for 18 years. In 2007, he and another firefighter ran into a smoke-filled home in nearby Bangs to rescue a woman in her 70s, according to story in the Brownwood Bulletin.

He told the paper he was only doing what any other firefighter would have.

His mother said he was fun-loving and enjoyed being a father and husband.

He would do all he could to make as many of Cooper's T-ball games — even when he was on duty at the fire station.

"I always told him if he wasn't my son I would want him as my best friend," she said, choking back sobs. "He was so good, so caring of everybody."

AP Sports Writer Ron Blum in New York, Associated Press writers Linda Stewart Ball and Diana Heidgerd in Dallas, and Betsy Blaney in Lubbock, Texas, contributed to this report.



MCT photo
It is, in fact, news heard around the world as Chinese fans are shocked by Yao Ming's retirement.

Chinese fans shocked by news of Yao's retirement

Associated Press

BEIJING — Yahoo! Sports' report that Yao Ming is retiring left saddened Chinese basketball fans in disbelief.

Thousands of fans flooded online forums on Saturday reacting to the news. One wrote: "He's China's top athlete...it's a pity to lose such a sports icon."

Other fans like Liu Kan, a 28-year-old security guard in central Beijing, said Chinese fans should thank the 7-foot-6 Yao for bringing a sense of pride to Chinese sports.

"His retirement will be a huge loss for China since he's one of our biggest stars," Liu said. "The news still hasn't sunk in, so I'm in denial until he officially announces his retirement."

China's most popular online portals, sina.com and sohu.com, headlined the news of Yao's possible retirement prominently on their homepages.

"Declaring the end of a Yao era," said the headline of a sohu.com story.

Over the past nine seasons with the Houston

Rockets, Yao has taken on the status of a national icon in China.

He almost single-handedly expanded the NBA's reach throughout Asia, spiking merchandise sales and TV ratings for games after the Rockets made him the top overall pick in the 2002 draft.

Yao, who turns 31 in September, has been plagued by leg and foot injuries, missing 250 regular-season games over the past six seasons.

Despite the shock, some Chinese fans felt it was time for the country next generation of sports stars to emerge.

"It's not healthy to put so much hope on one player and China is capable of producing more talent in the coming years," said Wang, who works at an insurance company in Beijing. "As a fan, I'm sad to hear he is leaving, but this is probably for the best."

China's official Xinhua News Agency reported Yao is expected to hold a news conference on July 20 to announce his plans.

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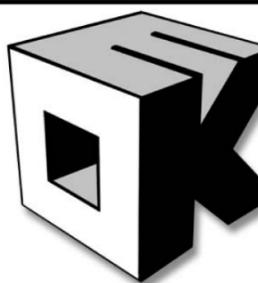
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Ohio State vacates 2010 football wins, Sugar Bowl

By ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS and RUSTY MILLER
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State's 2010 Big Ten championship, its 12-1 season, its victories over rival Michigan and in the Sugar Bowl — all gone.

Coach Jim Tressel is out and so is star quarterback Terrelle Pryor.

Left behind: two years of self-imposed probation.

The question now is whether it will be enough to save Ohio State football from more severe penalties in an upcoming trip to see the NCAA committee on infractions.

In response to NCAA violations committed by football players who traded autographs and memorabilia for cash and tattoos — and by a coach who covered it up — Ohio State issued its official response on Friday.

Athletic director Gene Smith hoped it would appease the NCAA ethics police.

The measures taken by the school included vacating all the Buckeyes' wins from last season, a year in which Ohio State captured a record-tying sixth straight Big Ten title and won an unprecedented seventh straight game over Michigan.

"All I know is that this is significant," Smith said. "A lot of people may not view it that way externally, but this is significant. When you think about all the other athletes who participated in those games, those records will be gone. ...

"Might the NCAA do more? I just can't speculate on that."

Tressel found out in April 2010 that his players were taking improper benefits from a local tattoo-parlor owner.

Despite contractual and NCAA obligations to report it, he didn't tell anyone at the university or the NCAA for more than nine months.

And what was just a five-game suspension for five players suddenly blossomed into a major violation that included a coach knowingly playing ineligible players throughout the 2010 season.

"Coach Tressel acknowledged that when he received the information, he knew the players could not sell the memorabilia or receive preferential treatment," Tressel said through his attorney in response to the allegations.

"He also understood that the university policy called for him to notify the compliance office regarding possible violations. He has explained his thinking at the time, but offers no excuses here for his

decisions."

In a reversal, Ohio State — which earlier said it had asked for Tressel's resignation on May 30 — said Friday it had now agreed to allow him to call it a retirement.

The school also said he did not have to pay a \$250,000 fine levied against him for his actions.

On top of that, Tressel will receive the last month of his base pay (\$54,000), has agreed to cooperate when Ohio State goes before the NCAA infractions committee on Aug. 12, and both he and the university agreed that they wouldn't sue each other.

Just last month Ohio State President E. Gordon Gee vowed that Tressel "will pay the fine."

Tressel's attorney, Gene Marsh, confirmed to The Associated Press earlier Friday that the former coach, who led the Buckeyes to the 2002 national title, would be on hand in Indianapolis when

similar types of violations and sanctions that were imposed, either by the (NCAA) or self-imposed," he said. "These seem to be quite consistent."

The scandal unfolded in two stages. First, OSU officials were told of the memorabilia trading and sales in December and suspended five players for the first five games of 2011 and one player for the opener.

They had frequented a tattoo parlor and had sold autographs, signed equipment, championship rings and even a bowl sportsmanship award — all contrary to NCAA bylaws which prevent athletes from profiting off their name or fame.

Then in January, the university learned that Tressel had known about the violations since April 2010.

After backing him for weeks, the university pressured him to resign on Memorial Day.

Smith said a continual drumbeat of revelations and allegations all but forced Ohio State to "separate" from Tressel.

He said he was stunned when he learned of Tressel's deception.

"In the moment, yes, I felt betrayed. Why not bring that to me?" Smith said. "But I've gone on."

Officials said Friday they believed they'd uncovered all possible violations by football players.

"You never know, but we've done a lot of due diligence," said John Bruno, faculty athletics representative. "We looked weeks to months to find something else and nothing has come up."

Pryor was among the original group of players who was suspended for the first five games of this year.

But he left OSU to try his luck in the NFL soon after Tressel quit.

The NCAA added a five-game suspension for yet another player earlier this week.

The current Buckeyes almost seem to be expecting more severe penalties.

"We're only promised 12 games," safety Orhian Johnson said this week.

Interim coach Luke Fickell said his players, in the midst of summer conditioning, have accepted many of the changes he has implemented in the program but no one knows how they'll respond when the sanctions are finalized.

"I think they're buying in but you don't know," he said. "Until other adversity and other situations happen, you'll see what happens."

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'Might the NCAA do more? I just can't speculate on that.'

GENE SMITH
Ohio State AD

Ohio State gets its day with the NCAA.

Smith said there was no evidence whatsoever that anyone at Ohio State other than Tressel had any knowledge of the players' violations before January of this year.

The response to the NCAA doesn't mean Ohio State's woes are over.

The governing body for college sports could still impose tougher sanctions, such as a ban on postseason play and a reduction in scholarships.

The NCAA is expected to hand down its sanctions six to eight weeks after the August hearing.

Even though many Buckeyes fans blame the school's compliance department for the violations, Smith said it had done its job.

He promised adjustments to how athletes are monitored and educated, but said he was not displeased with compliance director Doug Archie or anyone else on his staff.

He said compliance would use "a lot of different strategies" to do a better job.

In arriving at the self-imposed penalties, faculty athletic representative John Bruno said Ohio State surveyed other cases.

"We've looked at precedents around the nation for

As Jeter nears 3,000 hits, Damon eyes milestone, too

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Johnny Damon has his eye on 3,000 hits, too.

With former teammate Derek Jeter closing in on the milestone, Damon says he's already started to think about his own chances of reaching the plateau.

Tampa Bay's designated hitter went into Saturday's game against Jeter and the New York Yankees with 2,662 career hits.

Damon realizes he probably needs to last at least two seasons beyond this one to

get to 3,000, but the 37-year-old says people close to him

are encouraging him to play long enough to do it.



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN
Scott Colley charges this grounder for a putout in Saturday's Dixie Boys State Tournament win for Lake Placid.

LP holds off Paxton

Continued from 1B

Mason then drew a run-scoring walk and Farmer soon came home on a wild pitch for a 4-0 lead after two.

Farmer then took to the mound in relief and sandwiched a fly-out and walk with strikeouts to get out of the third unscathed.

Six runners then reached base and two came in during the bottom of the third, without a hit, for the Lake Placid.

Velazquez walked and moved to second and then third on passed balls.

Cantwell drew a walk and DiDomenico got hit by a pitch to load the bases.

A ground-ball double play brought one run home before Farmer and LaRosa drew walks to load the bases yet again.

Mason was then drilled in the back by a pitch to force home what would be the Dragons final run.

Things would then settle in for a couple innings as both line-ups went quiet, but things got a bit dicey for Lake Placid in the sixth.

With one out, Jordan Hartline reached on a dropped third strike, moved to second when a pitch got away and to third on a single to left by Jesse Whitmire.

A ground out put Paxton on the board and an error allowed Whitmire to score to cut it to 6-2 before Lake Placid could get out of it.

The green-clad All-Stars then looked to get those runs back as they loaded the bases with nobody out, but Paxton brought in Stephen Ratliff on to pitch and he struck out the next two before retiring the side on a grounder to second.

That missed opportunity added to the drama as four straight reached base with one out in the seventh.

But one of those was erased in a rundown and after Hartline's single to center, the throw in and the relay throw home were right on and cut the runner down at the plate for the final out.

"We're still not where we should be," head coach Don Cram said. "We were missing some signs, but we played well and the important thing is that we didn't burn up any of our pitching."

"Our main goal is we want to meet Sebring, so we have to make sure we win our next game."

The benefit of the win is that Lake Placid won't play again until Monday.

West Seminole and San Antonio squared off Saturday with the winner facing Hardee Sunday, with the winner of that contest then meeting Lake Placid.

In other games opening the Dixie Boys State action, Bartow blasted Wewa 11-1 and West Volusia walloped East Lakeland 14-0.



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In retrospect! Thoughts from an old jumper

While attending a Young Eagles program hosted by the local chapter of the Experimental Aviation Association here at Sebring Airport, I met up with a couple of skydivers and got into a conversation with them that got me to thinking of the jumps that I had made while barnstorming with a bunch of local pilots in Cincinnati during the pre-World War II years, 1939-40.

These kids, about 22 or 23, were amazed when they found that I had made 147 jumps and was still living and walking. At an air show over in Panama City, I talked with the Army parachuting team and one of the guys on the team claimed to have made 1,700 jumps in his career. They sometimes jump two to three times a day so I can believe his story.

When I got home and was sitting in my usual perch by the front window I started thinking back to the jumps that I had made and remembered only four that were anything but lots of fun.

There was the day in Coshocton, Ohio that I was coming in too close to a set of high tension electric lines that seem to surround every airport and was lucky enough to clear them by doubling up my body and with my knees up to my chin clearing the lines and landed safely. No extra coins in the hat for all my trouble.

Then there was the day at Madison, Ind., when I was test jumping two Pongee (artificial silk stuff used during World War II) Switlik chest packs. In addition to barnstorming, I also had a sales franchise from Switlik, Irwin and Pioneer Parachute Companies sell two chest packs to Charley Meadows and he asked to have them test jumped. Since I got \$25 for a jump, I was glad to do the job.

However, I sort of goofed in the process.

This was in the month of March and as you should know winds are capricious then. However, I went up to 2,000 feet, left the plane and



Woody's Wisdom

Woody Jackson

made a perfect landing right near the hangar, belted on the second chute and got back in the plane for the second test. We climbed to my altitude and at exactly the same place as the first jump I left the plane and then found that the wind had veered almost 90 degrees from the first jump and I was being carried way off my intended path. My descent with the fouled up wind was taking me almost a half mile from the field, over a grove of trees with one monstrous dead one sticking up that I kicked the top out of to keep from being impaled. Then the wind was taking me onto the top of a cattle barn where I landed on one side of the roof, the chute on the other and me rolling down the tin roof. As I rolled over the edge, I grabbed the rain trough, tore it from its fastening and took it to the ground with me. I fell onto a split rail fence and blacked out.

Next thing I knew someone was slapping me in the face to wake me up and I was draped along the fence that I had torn up in my fall. No broken bones, just a couple of bruises and a big rip in the seat of my pants.

Then there was the day at Fairview, Ind., at a county fair where I was to land on the infield of a race track. This time I just plain misjudged the wind and ended up in the woods several hundred yards from the track. No problem, just a lot of razzing from my buddies and I still got paid for the jump.

This last one is a doozy. I had made a series of jumps at Hogan's Air Field in Hamilton, Ohio. They would advertise the jump in the local paper and folks would come to the field for the show. The jump would occur about 4 p.m. I would sell ride tickets until then, then the suit-up and make the jump. Today however was something special. I was going to make a batwing jump to thrill the crowd.

I had sewn webbing onto my coveralls and had wings from my wrists to my shoul-



Courtesy photo
In Hamilton, Ohio a young Woodie Jackson wanted to thrill the locals with a batwing jump. He sewed webbing onto his coveralls and had wings that extended from hand to hand and down to his ankles.

der and from my ankles to my shoulders and another section between my legs from ankles to crotch. I looked like a bird and I flew like one for a few seconds after I left the plane. However I started to try to make a slow roll with the wings when the left wing tore from ankle to shoulder and wrapped around my main chute. (We always carried two chutes when jumps).

Naturally I didn't know what had happened and when I pulled the ripcord to open the chute, nothing happened. I started to reach for my emergency when I felt something slapping me in the face. Fearing that something else was wrong, I grabbed the thing that was hitting me only to discover that it was the tip of the pilot chute that had been trapped by the torn wing. I threw it out into the air and finished my jump in the regular fashion.

Since the jump had been something out of the ordinary (to me at least) I figured the hat would be full. When it was handed back to me there was the sum total of 88 cents in the hat. The guy taking up the collection was either richer with the bills or the crowd was disappointed that I was-

Tips for maintaining a youthful look naturally

Age means different things to different people. What some might think of as "old", others may view as "young." To present a youthful image to the world, making adjustments to your appearance is key.

To project the right kind of youthful image, it's important to know how to avoid going too far. A common mistake is dressing too young in an effort to avoid looking too old. Striking a balance between embracing current, youthful trends and adding your own style will create a more balanced look.

To give your look an age-appropriate revision, get started with these steps.

■ **Hair.** One of the first signs of age is gray hair. Hair dye is a solution that seems to help minimize the aging process, but for many people, dyeing is a costly solution. Consider trying an all natural supplement like Rise-n-Shine's all natural Go Away Gray pills, which uses the enzyme catalase to bring back hair's natural color. Catalase, produced naturally by the body during youth, slowly begins to

deplete as the years wear on. Catalase breaks down hydrogen peroxide, which is naturally produced in the body and which bleaches hair gray. Go Away Gray also comes in shampoo and conditioner form, so fighting grays is easy for everyone.

■ **Clothes.** Both men and women can benefit from bringing a bit of modernity into their wardrobes. It isn't necessary to pore over fashion magazines and cultivate an eye for haute couture. Seek fresh takes on items that never go out of style, such as a button down in the latest color trend. Don't go for too much embellishment, as it can look overdone. Fits and cuts change as years pass, and items as simple as white T-shirts can look outdated just by having an older style collar. When shopping, don't be afraid to ask questions; many stores offer complimentary personal shopping services that can help in the quest to look younger.

■ **Accessories.** Clothes provide a palette, but accessories add interest. It's **See LOOK, page 6B**



n't killed in the jump.

During World War II and Korea, I piled up more than 2,000 hours flying time with a chute either clipped to my butt or laying handy where I could reach it if need be. I never had occasion to use one again.

I keep telling folks I would like to make another jump on my 100th birthday (six years from now), but I'm afraid if I did I would end up a bundle of broken bones when I landed.

It was all fun. I got to meet a lot of nice people, got a lot of free flying time and now with all the memories I figure that I have it made.

Woody Jackson is a Sebring resident.

Social Security questions and answers

By ESTHER HARRIS

Special to the News-Sun

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Esther Harris is district manager of the Social Security branch in Sebring.

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Looking back 10 years later

I have never felt the same.

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On a personal level it changed my life. Yes, I fly but not without trepidation. I go to some events but not really crowded ones and I stay on the outskirts.

In some peculiar way the death of my late husband at age 42 nor the death of my son Stephen at age 50 had the same lasting impact on my life. G-d forgive me, but I bounced back.

I am not the only one who is still haunted by the event. I was waiting for John, my son Mathew's friend, who came to the house at 8 a.m. that morning to take me to the airport to return to Florida. He looked sick. I was ready with my grips to walk out the door when he said, "Haven't you watched the TV?" "No," I joked "I wanted to be ready for you." "Turn it on."

Somehow he always manages to call me around this time. The pretense may be he is with Matt when I call. Once he said he dialed my number by mistake (in Florida?). He still thanks me for sending him to find his son at school as he wanted to



Pearl's Pearls
Pearl Carter

do instead of staying with me until things were safe as Matt would have wanted him to do. I could site you many more people we know who live with this memory of dead friends and family especially in the suburban area

near Manhattan where many of the people involved in the financial sector lived.

John and I started out for MacArthur Airport on Long Island thinking that despite the reports that Kennedy and Idlewild had closed, this one was still open. I just felt that I had to get home, but on the way we heard that it had closed.

It was eerie; no one was on the Long Island Parkway. Usually it was so crowded with commuters that it got the name of the "longest parking lot in the world." Today, no one was on the road.

We kept listening to the radio. There was a report of a young woman reporter who was watching people jump from the buildings and then the collapse.

To this day I wonder what happened to her.

When we got back to Matt's house, John worried about his son so I sent him

on his way to pick him up at school. Then my own worries kicked in. Where is Naomi, Matt, David and the rest of my Long Island family?

It was two weeks before I could find passage on bus train or plane to Florida. During that time, I still agonize over making red, white and blue ribbons from the bread wrappers because there were no more red, white and blue ribbons in the Five and Dime. Still worse was allowing my 16-year-old grandson to go into that horror that was Ground Zero with his church group to bring sandwiches and drinks and inadequate face masks to the rescuers. But it was time of work and emotional support for friends and family who I am proud to say participated in every way to assist the rescue.

To this day I want to know where every member of my family is at all times. I want their home phone and cell phone. I need to know they are safe. It is wearing on them sometimes but they are cooperative.

How does one live with the thought that this could happen again?

Pearl Carter is writer, poet and a Lake Placid resident. E-mail her at timely87@comcast.net.

The native, not the oddity

"My dad had a Wild Florida 120 days in the saying describing The Villages in an *Dr. Nancy Dale* used in hamburger agricultural area: 'It's not the most productive land in Florida although we have less natural hazards and less flood conditions. We have sandy soil, rolling hills throughout the county, less parasite problems to negatively affect agriculture, no artificial draining, which is good; it is ideal land for agriculture and now development.'"

Mann Bailey was born Aug. 30, 1931 in Sumter County to the parents of James Clyde and Nadine Bailey. Mann's great-grandfather, George Perry Bailey, moved from Alabama to Florida after the Civil War and settled around Eustis. He grew oranges.

"My grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Bailey, grew up in the Oxford area; he farmed and raised cattle. He was dressing beef for neighbors in the slaughter business and my father worked with him. They ran one of the last slaughter houses in Florida. Most of the slaughter houses closed down in the 1940s due to sanitary regulations.

"Today, most of the choice cuts of meat we eat are from cattle that have been on grain feed approximately

is from culled cows and bulls that are slaughtered in the southeast. There are not any large feedlots in the southeast," Bailey says.

"For many years, to distribute beef we only had the small meat markets, then the large chain stores came into the state and many of the small grocery stores closed. In the 1920s, when my grandfather started the slaughter house business, there was no refrigeration so he built the slaughter house under shade trees. In the early part of the day, they slaughtered beef in a cool area and hung it up. On Fridays, they distributed the beef. The biggest problem wasn't keeping the beef fresh but keeping the blow flies off," Bailey adds humorously.

"When they operated the slaughter house, they used to supply most of the beef from here to Orlando. They sold a quarter to a half of a carcass to the small meat markets. After World War II, the beef industry changed as the public became more concerned over health issues," he explains.

After attending the University of Florida majoring in Animal Husbandry, Bailey returned to Oxford to work on the ranch and raise cattle. Today, two of his oldest sons have offices in Oxford and Trenton: "Bailey Brothers Incorporated.

"The boys, Jim and Winston, have a great relationship. They not only raise cattle but grow timber as well. I am not officially involved in the business," Bailey adds with a smile, "but I am the unofficial consultant. My youngest son, Tom, is involved in farming in the Oxford area. My wife, Joyce, created her own business manufacturing cheer-leading uniforms for little girls. The business is now controlled by a major clothing manufacturer," says Bailey.

Excerpts from an upcoming book by Nancy Dale, 'The Legacy of the Florida Pioneer Cow Hunters' - In Their Own Words.' To order other books personally inscribed by Dr. Dale about "cow hunters," visit www.nancydalephd.com or call 214-8351.



Mann

Look young naturally ... regardless of your age

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extremely easy to fall into the trap of buying items that are too juvenile, but it's just as easy to pick up items that age your look. Accessories that are all about function, with no thought given to style, are a quick way to

look older, but frivolous details like bows, ruffles, whimsical prints and tons of pockets take things in the other direction. Look for middle ground in sleek, understated items made with quality materials. For a fun yet classy look, rely on accessories to add a pop of color, rather than using them to make a big

statement.

■ Skin. Your face is the first thing people notice about you, but it is also the body part most prone to the aging process. A good skin care regimen is important, of course, but having an extra helper to maintain the look of skin is ideal. By taking a skin-supporting sup-

plement like Wrinkle Remedy, the facial area can begin to look youthful again. Wrinkle Remedy contains important nutrients and antioxidants which all help in maintaining a natural, youthful look. Another way to refresh skin's appearance is to adopt a new beauty routine.

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News From The Watershed
Corine Burgess

Did you ever stop to wonder about the creatures that live deep within the waters of our earth? Living in Highlands County, one has many opportunities to learn about some of the various fish that dwell within our 113 different lakes. It is amazing that within a small or large body of water the many varieties of creatures that can be discovered. The aquatic world is quite fascinating and foreign to us since fish live in a completely different environment than we do.

The Bluegill, also known as bream, brim or copper nose, is actually a member of the sunfish family. Some Bluegill have been found in the Chesapeake Bay showing that they can live in waters that have about 18 percent salinity.

These fish can be identified by the dark spot near the back of the dorsal fin. The sides of the head and chin are a dark shade of blue and they sport vertical bars on the sides of the body, which may be difficult to see.

They can range in size from four to sixteen inches and prefer shallow water with plenty of vegetation. They stay near the surface of the water in the morning to stay warm and will travel to the deeper parts of the water in daylight hours.

They generally travel in schools with 10-20 other fish.

Bluegill feed on aquatic insect larvae, crayfish, leeches, snails and small fish. If food is not abundant, they will eat aquatic vegetation and in some cases their own eggs. Spawning starts in May and extends into August.

The male arrives to begin the mating process which starts with building spawning beds, which they will viciously protect. Once the female arrives, the male will circle and make grunting noises. Females generally choose males with large bodies and once she enters the nest, the pair rests in the middle. The duo will then touch bellies, quiver and spawn.

Once this ritual is over, the male sends the female on her way and fertilizes the eggs, which he protects and guards. The male continues to watch over the eggs until they hatch and swim away.

Bluegills are sometimes used as bait to catch Largemouth Bass, which is also a member of the sunfish family.

This fish is an olive green color marked by a series of dark blotches forming a jagged horizontal stripe along each flank. It is the largest of the black basses, reaching a maximum recorded length of 29.5 inches and a weight of 25 pounds, 1 oz.

Adult largemouths enjoy deeper water than the juveniles and as they mature, they begin to feed on shad, trout, shiners and sunfish. Their prey can be up to 25-35 percent of their length. They are fierce hunters and use their senses of hearing, sight, vibration and smell to attack and kill their prey.

They eat more often in warmer weather. Their metabolism increases in the warmer months and they seldom eat when water temperatures are below 50 degrees F.

Largemouths are ready to spawn in the spring when the inshore water temperature reaches about 60 degrees F.

Generally they spawn in shallow bays, backwaters, channels and other areas protected from the prevailing winds.

They usually look for areas with firm bottoms of sand, gravel, mud or rock and usually in water from one to four feet deep. If the water



Gar is just one species of fish that inhabit Highlands County's lakes. They can tolerate conditions that would kill most other species of fish.

Courtesy photo

is extremely clear, they may travel to deeper waters. The female lays from 2,000 to 7,000 eggs per pound of her body weight.

As with the Bluegill, the male guards the nest. He will not eat until the eggs hatch and will attack anything that approaches the area.

Catfish is another species that inhabit our lakes. They are named for their barbels, which resemble cat whiskers.

Catfish are bottom feeders and are usually not buoyant. They generally sink rather than float because of a reduced gas bladder and a heavy, bony head. The flattened head also allows them to dig through the substrate and feed through suction or gulping rather than biting or cutting.

They have no scales and possess a strong, hollow spine-like ray on their dorsal and pectoral fins.

These are used for defense and have been known to inflict wounds on those who grab them.

Catfish spawn during spring or summer when the water is warm. They are cavity nesters and will generally find hollow logs, caves, root masses, downed trees or some man made structure such as old tires or metal drums that provide dark, secluded spots and crevices. Males will select and clean a nest site and lure a female in.

Once the female lays her eggs, which are yellow and sticky, the male will fertilize and guard them. He, like the other species, will protect the eggs from predators. In addition, he fans the eggs with his fins to keep them aerated and free from sediments.

Once the eggs hatch, the juveniles will stay near the nest for a few days and then leave.

Perhaps one of the most unusual fish that inhabit our lakes is the Gar.

These fish are thought to be a remnant of a group of primitive fish that lived in the Mesozoic era. These strange looking creatures are elongated and scaly.

They have elongated jaws filled with long, sharp teeth. The upper lobe of the tail is larger than the lower lobe and the dorsal fin is close to the tail.

Gars will generally surface occasionally to take a gulp of air. Their swim bladders often function as lungs which make them very hardy. They can tolerate conditions that would kill most fish. They don't move very fast unless they are going after prey. They like heavily vegetated areas where the water is shallow.

Gars spawn during the months of April and May and may continue into October.

Unlike the other fish, neither the male nor female construct a nest. The female spawns by depositing her sticky eggs in shallow pools or backwater areas. Once deposited, two or more males will come by and fertilize them.

Once the eggs hatch, the larva attaches itself to a nearby plant or rock with an adhesive disc that is located on the front of its snout, where it will remain until it reaches about 3/4 of an inch long.

Many different sizes, shapes and types of creatures live in this watery world.

It is a fascinating place and these are only a few of the many diverse species that dwell there.

Corine Burgess is the Natural Resources Specialist for the Highlands County Natural Resources Department assisting the Highlands Soil & Water Conservation District (www.highlandss-wcd.org).

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MOVIES

Opposable thumbs down for dumb, predictable 'Zookeeper'

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

Movies where humans and animals converse are a bad idea in principle, and Kevin James' "Zookeeper" is not here to prove that interspecies ensembles have simply been a long misunderstood, underappreciated sub-genre.

"Zookeeper" is as dumb as they come, the movie that finally allows Adam Sandler to lend annoying voice to a Capuchin monkey as it talks incessantly about flinging poop around.

This is a comedy whose filmmakers know what they want — stupid gags and obnoxious slapstick — and goes for it without restraint.

James, who joins Sandler as one of the producers and also shares screenplay credit with four other writers, is dopily likable as the title guy able to commune with his critters.

Yet his character and the other humans are so thinly drawn that a melancholy gorilla voiced by Nick Nolte shows more personality and comes off as the movie's



Movie Review 'Zookeeper'

Rating: PG (some rude and suggestive humor, and language)

Running time: 104 minutes
Review: ★ (of 4)

highest primate.

A conscientious animal tender at the Boston zoo, James' Griffin Keyes is a loser in human relations, still stinging over the way love-of-his-life Stephanie (Leslie Bibb) scorned his elaborate marriage proposal five years earlier.

After Stephanie reappears in his life, Griffin's old feelings return, and the lions and monkeys and bears that adore him take pity and break the



Photo by Tracy Bennett

Kevin James stars as Griffin Keyes in Columbia Pictures' 'Zookeeper.'

code of the wild — never talk to humans.

They reveal that they're able to speak in a variety of famous Hollywood players' voices — Cher, Nolte, Sylvester Stallone, Jon Favreau, Judd Apatow.

And for good measure, Sandler as the monkey seems to be aiming for a screechy impersonation of Gilbert Gottfried, in case that's something you've been dying to hear.

Fearful that their faithful zookeeper might fly the coop for a cooler job to impress Stephanie, the animals coach Griffin in their own mating rituals to help him win her back.

So we get to see James strutting and rolling around like a bear, urinating to mark his territory and otherwise behaving in ways that would make his romantic prey declare him a psychotic and seek a restraining order.

Yet some of Griffin's animal antics work their charms not only on Stephanie, but also, on gorgeous zoo veterinarian Kate (Rosario Dawson).

The filmmakers at least should have given Dawson a pair of dorky glasses to explain why Griffin somehow failed to rut after her all these years.

Using live animals blended with computer effects, the filmmakers at least create a

batch of furry creatures that should appeal to young children, who also may be the only ones able to tolerate the irritating voices of some of the beasts.

Nolte wisely just talks like himself, and his gruff rumble sounds right for Bernie the gorilla, a noble, lonely ape in solitary confinement because of a ruckus with a cruel zoo tender (Donnie Wahlberg, who must really like being around animals, because there's not much other reason for him to take on such a pathetic little role).

A few laughs arise out of the weird friendship Griffin forges with Bernie, though their night out at T.G.I. Friday's drags on like a bad meal.

As he did in "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" and "Chuck and Larry," James hurls himself into this sad scenario with energy and teddy-bear charm that makes him impossible to hate.

But it's easy to hate "Zookeeper."

If we could talk to the animals, they'd probably hate it, too.

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BAPTIST

■ **Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church**, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. George Hall, Pastor. Christ centered and biblically based. Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available. Bible studies at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Time 6 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 Catelyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

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

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45

a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@aptellowship.org; Web site, www.aptellowship.org.

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Scott King youth minister; and Joy Loomis, music director. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. Orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 4 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday schedule: 8-10 a.m., basic computer class/Sonshine House; 7-9 p.m. conversational English and citizenship classes/Sonshine House. Regular Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6 p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6:30 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. children's mission groups. Call 453-6681 for details. Primera Mision Bautista, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, Johnattan Soltero, Pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 10 a.m., Bible Study; 11 a.m., Worship Service. Wednesday schedule: 7 p.m., Bible study.

■ **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 Altwater 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 Street. (2 blocks south of Interlake Blvd) Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Email: www.fbclcp.com. Pastor Brett Morey, senior pastor. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Senior Sunday Night and Sunday Evening Bible study at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Adult-LifeSource classes, prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and Kids K-5-MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. Men meet at 8 a.m. every Tuesday for prayer breakfast and women's prayer breakfast is at 8 a.m. every Wednesday, both at the Family Restaurant.

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

or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, minister of youth and activities. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Bautista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

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

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

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

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

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

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

■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor;

Aaron Snider, Youth Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 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.

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

CATHOLIC

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

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049. www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F. Masses — Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, noon; Daily Masses 8 a.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday. Confession: every Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. or first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment. Enroll your students today for Catholic School grades Pre-K3 through 5th grade.

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

CHRISTIAN

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

■ **Sebring Christian Church**,

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

■ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.;

Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. We would like to extend an invitation for you and your family to visit with us here at Sebring Parkway. Our hours of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park**, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. Randall Rupert, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7 p.m. with special services for children and adults. Special services once a month for seniors (Prime Time) and Ladies ministries. If you need any more information, call 453-4851.

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Lake Placid**, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. Classes for adult children and youth. Call 465-6916. Pastor Tim Taylor.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Don Seymour, Senior Pastor. Phone 452-0088.

MOVIES

From the office to the course: the five funniest workplace comedies

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**

AP Movie Critic

LOS ANGELES — One's an arrogant sadist. Another is a shameless sexual harasser. A third is just a narcissistic fool.

They're the horrible bosses of "Horrible Bosses," the latest in a long line of comedies about how badly work can suck.

Here's a look at five of the funniest workplace comedies. Choosing them was a dirty job but someone's gotta do it:

'The Apartment' (1960)

My favorite Billy Wilder movie, it won five Oscars including best picture and best director. Sure, it's tinged with melancholy and longing, but the prevailing satire and absurdity provide consistent laughs, and the chemistry between Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine is just irresistible. Lemmon plays a lowly office worker at a New York insurance company who hopes to climb the

ladder by letting his superiors use his apartment for extramarital trysts. But he ends up falling for his boss' mistress, played by an adorable MacLaine. This is one of those Wilder classics in which he hits the sweet spot — finds that difficult, poignant balance of humor and heart. And like his "Some Like It Hot," it has one of the best last lines in movie history: "Shut up and deal."

'Office Space' (1999)

It wasn't exactly a huge hit when it came out. But like the Coen brothers' "The Big Lebowski," Mike Judge's "Office Space" has gained a cult following over time through the magic of cable television. Now, you can mumble about your stapler or gush about the importance of wearing 37 pieces of flair and everyone will probably get the reference. Ron Livingston stars as a miserable drone at a generic tech company who gets stuck in a hypnotic state and ends

up turning the place — and his whole life — upside down. It's silly wish fulfillment, but Judge does hit his targets in depicting the dead-end monotony of cubicle life. And Gary Cole is wonderfully slimy as Livingston's passive-aggressive dictator of a boss. Yeaahh ...

'9 to 5' (1980)

A lively, snappy revenge comedy that was rather groundbreaking in its day. Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda and a charismatic Dolly Parton (in her film debut) bond and bounce off each other beautifully as three very different but equally frustrated employees of a soulless corporation. Dabney Coleman is perfectly sleazy as their boss, Franklin Hart, "a sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot." As in "Horrible Bosses," the three women fantasize about killing Hart; instead, they kidnap him and turn the tables in clever and elaborate ways, and turn their office into a place anyone

would be happy to walk into each day. Sure, it's preposterous. But it was such a hit, it inspired a Broadway musical of the same name.

'Clerks' (1994)

Kevin Smith's first film — the one that put him on the map as in indie favorite — remains one of his best. With its miniscule budget, stripped-down black-and-white aesthetic and brash dialogue, it established Smith's distinctive, young voice. Nothing happens and everything happens all day as convenience-store employee Dante (Brian O'Halloran) and video-store clerk Randal (Jeff Anderson) mess with customers, complain about their jobs, trade pop-culture references and play hockey on the roof and talk. And talk, and talk, and talk.

It's funny and rude and profane, but for anyone who's ever worked a minimum-wage job they hated, it can also feel all too real.

'Caddyshack' (1980)

This qualifies, right? They work, and it's a comedy. Hey, we'll find any opportunity we can to talk about "Caddyshack" around here; it set the standard for unabashedly juvenile '80s comedies. Harold Ramis' directing debut is messy, but it's got indelible characters and endlessly quotable dialogue. The caddies of "Caddyshack" are poor, bored and restless, sweating for tips from wealthy, eccentric snobs and squabbling amongst themselves. Rodney Dangerfield is at his crass, manic best, Chevy Chase is in his comfortable, charming zone and Bill Murray is a complete loon. Besides, no one makes movies anymore that have characters with names like Lacey Underall.

Think of any other examples? Share them with AP Movie Critic Christy Lemire through Twitter: <http://twitter.com/christylemire>.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.** Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail rededeemer1895@aol.com Web site: rededeemeravon.com. The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

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

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6:15 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

■ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Closet, 385-2782. Gary Kindle, Pastor. Faith Child Development Center, 382-3232. Kathy Pontious, director. Preschool/VPK/Extended Day Care. Summer Worship services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday; Bible class is 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Communion is served the first and third and fifth Sunday of the month. Worship service is broadcast live on WITS 1340 AM.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 4348 Schumacher Road, Sebring, one mile west of Wal-Mart. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 9 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 11 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-1163.

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

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

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Preschool 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.Trinitylutheranip.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church,** 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: 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. 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: Phone, 314-0482, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister: Phone, 385-8171, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Web site is www.ctmforme.com

■ **Grace Bible Church,** 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

■ **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 Congregational Church,** 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday worship services are at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Millennium Church. Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m. We also offer a Saturday service at 6 p.m. with Pastor Tiger Gullett in the Millennium Church. Nursery/child care is available for all services. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org. All teachings are taken from the Manufacturer's Handbook - The Holy Bible. Come join us.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Center,** 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.

■ **The Way Church,** 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way – A place for you. Office Phone:471-6140, Church Cell Phone:381-6190. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA),** 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Worship services: Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Youth Group and Kids Quest, 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. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

■ **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 second meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women's Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Monday-Friday, Summer Day Camp (youth ages 11-14) 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. excluding holidays; Tuesday: Grief Support Group, 3 p.m., adult classroom; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., adult classroom. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** www.fpcpc.com, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 9-10 a.m. in the sanctuary; contemporary worship is from 11 a.m. to noon. Sunday school classes for adults and children will be 10:10-10:50 a.m. in the educational building. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second

grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

■ **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 Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

sebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 200 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: www.fumcap.org.

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. Bible Fellowship Class, 6 p.m. (October-May only). We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that want to know Christ and make Him known. Call the church office at 465-2422 or check out our church Web site at www.memorialumc.com.

■ **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.; 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.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ,** where God is still speaking. 3115 Hope Street, Sebring, FL 33875 (1.8 miles west of U.S. 27 and Hammock Road). Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m.; Communion with worship first Sunday of month; Chapel Communion, 8:45 a.m. all other Sundays. All are welcome to receive the sacrament. For more information, call the church office at 471-1999 or e-mail eucc@earthlink.net or check the Web site sebringemmanuelucc.com. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Murder in Black and White' coming to HLT

By MELISSA MAIN
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Eager to play the role of Sherlock Holmes or Booth and Brennan, as in the hit television show, *Bones*? Would you like to do more than sit on the sidelines as the clues unfold? Be a part of the show and become a detective in the murder mystery, "Murder in Black and White," performed by Highlands Little Theatre.

Filled with audience participation, the show features a tense courtroom drama that is sprinkled with plenty of laughs. Who is the murderous villain? That will be for you to decide. Watch carefully, for you will cast your ballot at the end, and if you have chosen the culprit correctly, you will be entered to win a prize for your stealthy detective work.

Please wear black or white or a combination of those colors to report for your duty as a crime fighting sleuth. Although the colors are not required, those choosing to join in the fun will be entered to win a prize for the best outfit.

Every detective needs to munch on food while solving an important crime. To that end, Chef Mac from the Palms of Sebring, will provide heavy hors d'oeuvres for the show at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 16 for \$30. To keep up the energy for the Sunday matinee detectives, a delicious dessert buffet will be devoured by those in attendance for only \$20.

Allan Grosman, respected director and actor at Highlands Little Theatre, directs this outstanding show that's in the same vein as



the previous sell-out crowd pleaser, "Honeymoon from Hell," written by Eileen Moushey. Join the actors and actresses from the WhoDunIts, HLT's murder mystery cast, in this suspense-filled, yet hilarious, show written by the same playwright.

Buy your tickets quickly, before they're sold out, for "Murder in Black and White" and become an instant detective and proud supporter of Highlands Little Theatre's biggest fundraiser of the year. Doors open an hour prior to the show at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 16 and 1 p.m. Sunday, July 17.

Buy tickets online at www.highlandslittletheatre.org or purchase them at the box office from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and 90 minutes before each performance, or call 382-2525. Highlands Little Theatre is in the Altwater Cultural Center at 356 W. Center Ave.

Proud sponsors include Publix Super Markets Charities, Alan Jay Automotive Network, Florida Hospital Heartland Division, Barbara and Glenn Fowler, the Glad Hatters, and Vickers Chiropractic.

Top 10 selling mistakes

Nationwide, at my appraisal events, I hear one question over and over again. When my office staff picks up the phone to answer a client call, it is not uncommon for the person on the other end of the line to ask the same question. When someone sees me in the grocery store and stops me to inquire about an antique, I get the same question. That question is "How do I sell my antique?"

The answer is simple. The answer is also complex. Before I explain, first of all remember that you should not expect magic and you should expect to work at selling it.

Top 10 selling mistakes

We all want to get the most for our unwanted stuff, but how do you sell your valuable antiques for the most money? Avoid getting victimized by following this advice:

1. Don't reveal your true situation to the buyer.

For instance, if you need the money for your piece or if you are desperate, don't tell the buyer that. Don't reveal that you are moving and you have to make a quick sale or that you don't have room to store the object. This only gives them ammunition to try to get you to sell your piece for a low price.

2. Don't set your asking price too low.



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Price your object high enough so you have room to negotiate down to a price that sparks interest in your potential buyer and still makes you a nice profit.

3. Don't ask the potential buyer for advice about identifying the piece.

I am always shocked that people do that, but they do. They ask the buyer if they know what the item is because some sellers think that mystery pieces will sell better. Know what you are selling, know what it's really worth with an appraisal before you sell, and present your piece for sale with confidence.

4. Don't fall for the "I'm a collector" trick.

This is a trick some people use to make a novice seller feel like his/her piece will go to a good home by selling the piece to a self-proclaimed collector.

5. Don't wait to sell the piece to somebody who will appreciate it.

This is a red flag. If you are serious about selling an item, do you really care who gets it as long as you get top dollar. The sellers

who make this statement aren't always serious about selling.

6. Don't let the buyer set the price when you don't know how much it is worth.

7. Be ready to say "no" to the first three buyers who make you a lower than asking price offer. I know this tip sounds strict, but don't devalue your item too quickly.

8. Don't restore, refinish, or repair the item that you want to sell.

Sell your antique or collectible in its current condition. Let the buyer, at his discretion, spend money on restoration. Don't risk ruining the object further.

9. Market to everyone.

Don't let the nay sayers convince you that your piece: "Isn't worth that much!"

10. Most importantly, don't give up!

You can sell your stuff for top dollar. I've had many, many clients of mine do just that after getting an accurate appraisal from me and employ my sound advice.

Celebrity Ph.D. antiques appraiser, author, and award-winning TV personality, Dr. Lori presents antique appraisal events nationwide and antiques themed vacation cruises. As seen on NBC's The Tonight Show and Comedy Central's The Daily Show, watch Dr. Lori on Lifetime Television. Visit www.DrLoriV.com, www.facebook.com/DoctorLori, or call (888) 431-1010.

'The Little Mermaid' ready to open Monday in Avon Park

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – "The Little Mermaid" production is progressing swimmingly. With 45 cast and crew members ages 5-17, six instructors, and a handful of volunteers, opening day is just around the corner.

The students in The Champion for Children Foundation's, Children's Academy of Arts and Theatre, (CAAT), Summer Theatre Camp 2011 have worked hard for the past 10 weeks to bring this delightful, musical adaption of Hans Christian Andersen's "Little Mermaid" to the communities of Highlands County and surrounding areas.

The production opens on Monday and runs through Thursday with six shows

open to the general public. Several other summer camps and daycare providers have already booked seats for their summer participants to come see "The Little Mermaid" as a field trip experience. There are also a few senior assisted living facilities that have booked seats for their clients.

Over the past three months, the CAAT staff has planned, developed and implemented curriculum for this year's summer theatre camp.

The cast and crew of eager young people have learned how to create characters, and obtained first-hand experience in every aspect of production including acting, costuming, props, scenery, and theatre etiquette. They have rehearsed long and hard, and

are now polishing their acts for opening day.

Many friendships have been established among the students, teamwork and individual excellence have been a focus, and confidence building as well as increased self-perception have been just a few of the benefits to the kids we have trained and nurtured along the way this summer.

"The Little Mermaid" will be presented at the Avon Park Community Center, 310 W. Main St. in Avon Park. Tickets are on sale now for \$5, and can be held by calling 212-0800.

Children placed in foster care or under protective services may attend free of charge. These arrangements can be made by calling the same number.

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An innocent audience member is poisoned and three others have close calls. All have one thing in common: a name. But, outside of that they have very little in common. One is a waitress, one is a kindergarten teacher, and one is a “personal escort.” The detective who takes command must decide which is the real intended victim...and which one is the murderer. Some naughty bits include the “personal escort” character.

July 16 - 17, 2011

Saturday evening includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, Sunday includes dessert, all catered by Chef Mac. Web sales close on July 13. Call 863-382-2525 to check availability after that date.

Tickets on sale now at the box office 10 AM – 2 PM, 382-2525
or online at www.highlandslittletheatre.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY

American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. Call 465-7940.

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

Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 lounge is open from 1-7 p.m. Card games start at 1:30 p.m. Open to members and their guests. Call 465-2661.

Lake Placid Moose has karaoke in the pavilion. Horseshoes played at 9:30 a.m. Food available at 4 p.m. Open to members and guests only.

Overeaters Anonymous, meets from 4-5 p.m. in second floor conference room No. 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. Call 382-7731. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. www.oa.org.

Sebring Eagles Club 4240 serves lunch at 2 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 655-4007.

Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 offers NASCAR racing in the pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Bar open and kitchen open from 2-5 p.m. Lodge is at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 655-3920.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 serves hamburgers from 4-5:30 p.m. and plays poker at 5:30 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. Call 699-5444.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 Karaoke is from 5-8 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 385-8902.

MONDAY

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8-9 p.m. at Episcopal Church, Lakeshore Drive, Sebring. Call 385-8807.

Alcoholics Anonymous One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. Call 314-0891.

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

Alanon meets at 8 p.m. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 202-0647..

American Legion Post 74 Sons of Legion meet at 6 p.m. Executive board meets at 7 p.m. on second Monday at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Happy hour from 4-6 p.m. Post open noon-8 p.m. Call 471-1448.

AmVets Post 21 meets 6 p.m. second Monday, at the post, 2029 U.S. 27 South, Sebring. All members welcome.

AmVets Post 21 plays darts at 7:30 p.m. for members and guests. Call 385-0234.

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

BALANCE Dual Diagnosed (Addiction and Mental Health) Support Group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Florida Hospital Sebring, Conference Room 1. Qi-Gong to follow at 7 p.m. Call 386-5687.

Boy Scout Troop 482 meets 7 p.m., 34 Central Ave., Lake Placid.

Bridge Club of Sebring (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. Call 385-8118.

Diabetes Insulin Pump Support Group meets the second Monday from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Florida Hospital Heartland Division Diabetes Center, 4023 Sun 'N Lake. Call 402-0177.

Diabetes Support Group meets the second and fourth Monday from 1-2:30 p.m. in

Florida Hospital Conference Room 3 in Sebring. Call 402-0177 for guest speaker list.

Fairmount Mobile Estates Lunch Bunch meets at noon second Monday at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring. Call 382-0481.

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

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

Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club meets the second and fourth Monday at the Sebring Country Estates Civic Association clubhouse, 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart). Dancing will be held every month until April 2008. Classes are being started now in the Sebring and Lake Placid area. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or visit the Web site at www.samdun.net.

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

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

Heartland Riders Association meets at 6 p.m. second Monday at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center in Village Plaza (across from Sebring Gate Station). Call 402-1165.

Highlands County Concert Band rehearses 7-9 p.m. every Monday at Sebring High School band room. All musicians are welcome. Vic Anderson, musical director. Call Bill Varner at 386-0855.

Highlands County Homeowners Association meets the second Monday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Sebring Country Estates Clubhouse at 3240 Grand Prix Drive in Sebring.

Highlands County Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. second Monday at First Baptist Church in Downtown Sebring. Call 453-6589.

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

Highlands Sertoma Club meets at noon, Takis Family Restaurant, Sebring.

Highlands County Senior Squadron, Civil Air Patrol the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary meets the second and fourth Monday nights at the Sebring Airport Terminal Building. All are welcome. For further information, call 471-1433 between 4 and 7 p.m.

Highlands Woodcarvers Club meets at 6 p.m. second Monday at Highlands Art League, 351 W. Center Ave., Sebring. For more details, call Sandy Kohan at 414-1363 or Norm Pelland at 465-5510.

Insulin Pump Support Group meets from 3-4:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month in conference Room 3 of Florida Hospital. This group is open to all insulin pump wearers, their families and anyone who is interested in knowing more about insulin pumps. Pre-registration is not required. For information, call 402-0177.

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

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

Lake Placid Library has sto-

rytime at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

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

Let It Begin With Me Alanon Group meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Monday at Heartland Christian Church, 2705 Alt. 27 South, Sebring. Call 385-5714.

Loyal Order of Moose, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Cards start at 4 p.m. Music outside Tiki Hut at 3 p.m. Call 452-0579.

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

Placid Lakes Bridge Club meets 12-4:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday in Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. No meetings from end of May to October. Call 465-4888.

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

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

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

Sebring Historical Society open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Located in back side of Sebring Public Library building on Lake Jackson. For information, call 471-2522.

Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 plays Texas Hold 'em at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing. Call 655-3920.

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

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

Woman's Club of Sebring meets at noon on the second Monday for lunch, from October through May, at the clubhouse, 4260 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 385-7268.

TUESDAY

Aging Advocacy Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Nu-Hope Conference Room at 11:30 a.m. for a brown bag lunch with the meeting starting at noon. Contact Debbie Slade at 382-2134

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

American Ex-POW Highlands County Chapter, meets 6 p.m. Call Ted Biever, 382-3285, for meeting place.

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

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

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

Avon Park Lakes Association has Women's Salad Bar at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. The clubhouse is at 2714 Nautilus Drive in Avon Park.

Avon Park Library has story-time at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

Avon Park Lions Club meets 6:45 p.m., dinner, Lions Club, 1218 W. Bell St., Avon Park.

Beta Sigma Phi, Xi Nu Sigma Chapter of Avon Park, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month in the members home. Call Mary Joiner at 382-4488 or Linda Webster at 385-1124.

Busy Bee Craft Club meets 9-11 a.m., Fairway Pines, Sun 'N Lakes Boulevard, Sebring. Everyone is welcome. For more details, call 382-8431.

Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday night at "The Rock," Union Congregational Church, 28 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park. A barbecue meal is served at 6 p.m. for a donation. At 6:45 p.m., members meet. At 7:30 p.m., the group breaks up into small groups for men and women. The program is designed for drug and alcohol addiction, divorce, death or illness grief, low or lost self-esteem or identity due to dysfunctional relationships, depression/anxiety, or any other need for healing. Call Pam Sim by calling 453-3345, ext. 106.

The Computer Club at Buttonwood Bay meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month November through March. We invite anyone interested in expanding their computer knowledge to attend the Buttonwood Bay Bytes Computer Club meeting.

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

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

Happy Paws Dog Obedience Club Inc. meets at 7 p.m. second Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring. Obedience classes are available. All welcome. Call 471-9778.

Heartland Dog Club Inc. of Florida meets at 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Homer's Buffet, Sebring. Obedience classes (all breeds) are held on Wednesday evenings at Sun 'N Lake Elementary School. Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog testing available. AKC-pointed shows held annually in April. Call 385-7474 or 385-7803 or HeartlandDogClubofFlorida.net.

Heartland Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus meets from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Sebring High School Music Room, Sebring. All men who enjoy singing are invited. Reading music is not required. Call 471-2294 or 386-5098.

Highlands Gem and Mineral Club meets 7 p.m., second Tuesday, Church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring. Club does not meet in July, August or September. Call 453-7054.

Highlands Tea Party has an educational and informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Quality Inn, 6525 U.S. 27 in Sebring. Call 699-0743.

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

Insulin Pump Support Group meets from 2-4:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Nu-Hope of

Highlands County, 6414 U.S. 27 South, Sebring. Optional education/refresher session from 2-3 p.m. Support group meets from 3-4:30 p.m. This is a free support group for all patients with insulin pumps, or for those who want to know more about them. Call 414-6444 for information.

Knights of Columbus Council 5441 meets 8 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at Knights of Columbus Hall, 900 U.S. 27 N., Sebring. Call 385-0987.

Knights of Columbus Council 5441 Auxiliary meets 8 p.m. every second Tuesday at Knights of Columbus Hall, 900 U.S. 27 N., Sebring. Call 385-0987.

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

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

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

Lake Placid Lions Club meets at 7 p.m. (6 p.m. for dinner) the second Tuesday each month at Herons Garden, 501 US 27 North, Lake Placid. Call Jeanne at 699-0743.

Lake Placid Moose has a general meeting and a Moose Legion meeting at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday at the lodge.

Lake Placid Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary 3880 meets 10 a.m. second Tuesday at 1224 County Road 621 East. Call 699-5444

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

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Highlands Regional Medical Center second floor class room. Call Janet Turvey at 465-3138.

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

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Highlands County Branch executive meeting meets 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday at RCMA/Hopewell Center in room 16. Call All Hinson at 399-2243, Rev. Robert Walker at 414-6474 or Davette Thompson at (312) 543-5983..

Overeaters Anonymous meets from 9-10 a.m. every Tuesday at Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1410 W. Avon Blvd. No dues, fees or weigh-ins.

FloridaRidgeIntergroup.com. Call 382-7731. Visit www.oa.org

Placid Lakes Bridge Club meets 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Call 465-4888.

Placid Lakes Home and Property Owners Association Inc. has its board meetings at 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Annual meetings are in February. Quarterly meetings are in May, September and December. There is no board meeting in July.

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

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

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

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

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

Sertoma Club meets at 7 a.m. at Dee's Restaurant, Sebring. Call Scott Albritton at 402-1819.

The Sons of AMVETS meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Post, 2029 U.S. 27 South, Sebring.

Toby's Clown Alley has its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday at the Clown Foundation, 109 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid.

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

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880, plays darts 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. The ladies auxiliary meets at 10 a.m. every second Tuesday. For more details, call 699-5444.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 has sandwiches at 5 p.m. and Franke from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 385-8902.

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Inspirational Thoughts

by Patricia Valentine

Ezekiel 37 is a good reminder we can survive and live through our trials and tests. Look at verse 1-5, "The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then he caused me to pass by them all around, and behold there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" so I answered, "O Lord God, You know. Again he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, O dry bones hear the word of the Lord! Thus says the Lord God to these bones; Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live." It would be great to read the entire chapter of Ezekiel 37. Whatever trial or test you may be facing today, I encourage you to speak life over it and watch God move. If life is able to return to dead dry bones, can you imagine what can happen to your trial or test? The word of God reminds us there is life and death in the power of the tongue. Begin speaking life to every dead situation in your life and expect God to move. Be encouraged!

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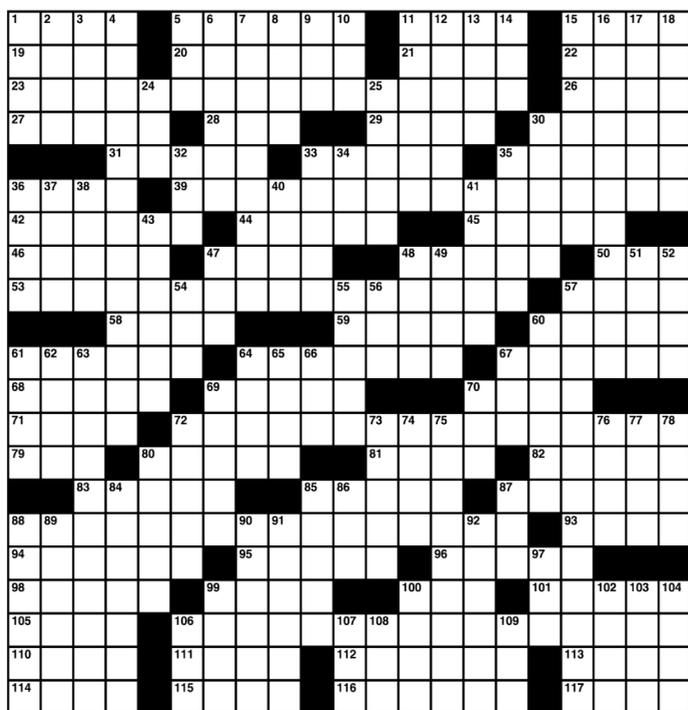
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By JULIAN LIM

A big party is in the works, Capricorn

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 20) – Aries, time is of the essence with a pressing concern. Act quickly or you just may get passed by on this opportunity. Sagittarius plays a pivotal role this week.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) – Taurus, things could get interesting this week when someone intervenes on your behalf and it has promising results. Use this opportunity to your benefit.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) – Gemini, you can't move mountains all by yourself. You can accomplish a lot when you put your mind to it, but ask for help sometimes.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) – Petty arguments can escalate if you're not careful, Cancer. It's better if you keep a level head and push through the rough spots. Better times arrive for the weekend.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) – Leo, take some time to make an important decision and then seek the advice of someone you trust. The decision you have to make this week is not one to take lightly.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) – Virgo, if romance is what you're after, it's something you just may find midweek. Someone you overlooked in the past takes on a new light in your eyes.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – You're checking things off of your to-do list very easily, Libra. Doesn't it bring you satisfaction to be on top of everything? Keep

up the good work. **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** – Scorpio, sometimes it may seem like you're being persecuted, but you tend to be a little more sensitive and emotional than others. Learn to roll with the punches.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Acting in an irrational fashion is not the way to win friends, Sagittarius. Think twice before you do something that can be perceived as foolish in the days to come.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) – A big party is in the works, Capricorn. Although you may feel a bit nervous about hosting, things will work out just fine if you do a lot of planning.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) – Aquarius, think carefully about the repercussions of a pending decision. This decision will impact several people and demands your full attention.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) – Pisces, go with the flow and you'll find you will have a much better time of it this week. Scorpio needs a friend.

Famous birthdays

July 10 - Arlo Guthrie, musician, 64; July 11 - Lisa Rinna, actress, 48; July 12 - Bill Cosby, comic, 74; July 13 - Harrison Ford, actor, 69; July 14 - Jane Lynch, actress, 51; July 15 - Brian Austin Green, actor, 38; July 16 - Corey Feldman, actor, 40.

Mom teaches kids to make their dreams become reality

Dear Abby: When my children were young, I was a single parent. I always put my children first. We didn't have a lot of money, but we got by. If they asked for something we couldn't afford, we would discuss it. I'd show them the budget and the bills, and we'd find a way to get what they wanted.

They gave up snacks for six months so I could set that money aside to buy them bikes. We also decided we could go to Disney World – if we didn't have cable for two years. If they wanted something, the answer was always yes, but I let them know we needed to figure

out how to manage it. They learned to budget and save for things they wanted. I believe if you work toward a goal, you can achieve it.

My new husband disagrees with me. We attended a parenting class together and they agreed with him. This doesn't sit well with me. I feel that just saying "no" is showing them we have the control, but teaches them nothing. Am I wrong?

– *Already at Odds in New Jersey*

Dear At Odds: No. I disagree with your husband and the person teaching the parenting class. If your children are respectful, happy, willing and ready to work hard and



Dear Abby

household was harmonious until your husband entered it, you don't need a parenting class – you need family therapy.

Dear Abby: Eight months ago, I became involved with "Ted," who was separated from his wife, "Erica." I fell head-over-heels for him, but in the end, he decided to

sacrifice to achieve their goals, then you are a successful parent. If your

work things out with his wife.

When Ted told Erica about me, she said she wanted to meet me. I decided I owed it to her, so we met. Believe it or not, we hit it off. Within a couple of weeks we were friends.

The problem, of course, is that hanging out with Erica means I also see Ted. I thought I was over him, but recently old feelings have come back and I feel awful thinking about him while being good friends with his wife. I don't want to give up the friendship with her, but being around him is making me sad. What should I do? – Disconcerted Friend

Dear Disconcerted: You and I both know what you should do. Put the brakes on the relationship with Erica and Ted, and when she asks why, explain that it has nothing to do with her but you have some unresolved issues to work out. Then back off until you get your head straight, and possibly become involved with another man. To do otherwise is masochistic.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

A magnifying glass for all

Throughout the year, I pick up items for the shoe box gift that will be sent to a needy child through the ministry of Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child.

It's fun collecting small toys, stuffed animals, an outfit, toothbrush, toothpaste, and gender and age appropriate trinkets, etc. to include.

Suggestions are given to guide our choices; yet, leave room for a person's personal creativity to make the box extra special for the child who will receive it.

But, sometimes, I believe the Lord just places in the heart of the giver a certain item to enclose because there is a child with a specific need. Even more than the gift itself, that child may be hungering to know how intimately God cares for him or her.

Such was the case in Fiji. I recently read about the 1,500 children to whom Operation Christmas Child gift boxes were distributed. Just think, 1,500 in that one location alone.

As the children excitedly

received their gifts and made their way to their parents, one child remained seated, head hanging down, box unopened. A volunteer came alongside him, opened the box and placed a stuffed toy in his hands.

The boy was unresponsive. The volunteer cupped his hands around a ball.

Still, there was no response. By this time, the boy's father had quietly spoken to the volunteer telling her that his son couldn't see. Blind in one eye, he had very little sight in the other.

In each gift box, Samaritan's Purse places a gospel booklet, "The Greatest Gift of All." The volunteer picked up the book, and held a magnifying glass she had found in the box over the col-

orful pages.

"Can you see it?" his dad asked.

A smile began to curve at the corner of the boy's mouth affirming he could see it.

This spoke to me of God's amazing love for his children and how specifically he knows our needs – needs that we may not even ask him to fill.

Psalm 34: 15 reminds us, "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry."

Of all the children receiving boxes, this one was placed in the hands of a child who would benefit from the magnifying glass the giver had been prompted to include; and, perhaps, who needed God's love magnified to him personally.

I think I'll pick up a magnifying glass, just in case. But, more importantly, I want to heed God's promptings. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

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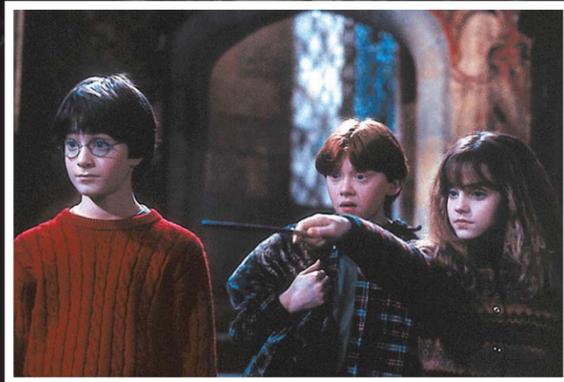
FINAL BOW



The end of an era is upon us, as the final film about the beloved boy wizard, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," opens in theaters on July 15.

Fans have dedicated 14 years to following the transformation of an orphan, who once lived in a cupboard under the stairs, to a wizard who saves the world from evil. With the movie franchise, the actors who portray the beloved — and reviled — characters have grown up before our eyes. Read on to learn more about the actors and author J.K. Rowling, then and now.

— Kim Ossi, McClatchy-Tribune



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Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe), left, and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) watch Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) perform a spell in 2001's "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."



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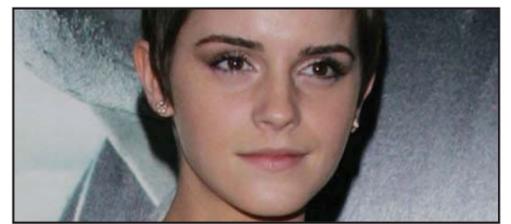
Daniel Radcliffe

When cast in the 2001 "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," Radcliffe, 21, had the future of the entire "Harry Potter" empire resting on his young shoulders — much like "The Boy Who Lived" — he had to quickly come to terms with his future in the wizarding world. But Radcliffe, to the relief of fans, was the perfect Potter. Although Radcliffe grew up before our eyes in the role that has defined his young career, he also has appeared on both stage and screen in other ventures. In 2007, Radcliffe made head-

lines when starring in a critically acclaimed London West End production of "Equus," which required him to appear nude in one scene. Also in 2007 he starred in the Australian "December Boys" and a TV movie, "My Boy Jack." After shooting the final "Harry Potter" movie, he starred in a thriller to be released next year, "The Woman in Black."

Currently, he's performing on Broadway in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," a revival of the 1961 musical.

— Kim Ossi, MCT



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Emma Watson

The 21-year-old actress, who played know-it-all Hermione Granger, is the first of the actors who grew up on the sets of "Harry Potter" to shake off the persona that made her famous. Despite being one of the highest paid actresses in the world, Watson attended Brown University as a literature major until dropping out recently, due to work commitments. According to published reports, she plans to transfer to another university in the fall to pursue a different major.

In the meantime, she is filming "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," with Paul Rudd and Logan Lerman. She recently wrapped work on "My Week with Marilyn," co-starring Michelle Williams as Marilyn Monroe and Kenneth Branagh as Laurence Olivier. Watson also has become a much sought after fashion model, admired for her style. And she's collaborating with Alberta Ferretti on an eco-friendly fashion line called Pure Threads, according to Vogue magazine.

— Merrie Leininger, MCT



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Rupert Grint

Grint, 22, who played Ron Weasley, is filming or committed to several films, according to IMDB.com. He has wrapped shooting in Norway on "Comrade," in which he stars as an English pilot. The story is based on the German officer and pilot Horst Schopis and English captain Richard Partridge's accounts of what happened when a British and a German plane shot each other down on April 27, 1940. For several days, the

enemies sought shelter together in a mountain cabin. He's also attached to "Eddie the Eagle," a comedy about England's first ski jumper to enter the winter Olympics, a horror film called "Cross Country," and another war film, "Wartime Wanderers," in which an entire football team enlist together in 1939 after being inspired by their coach's speech.

— Merrie Leininger, MCT

J.K. Rowling

It's fitting that the Hogwarts Express is an important part of the "Harry Potter" movies since Rowling brainstormed the series during a train journey from Manchester to London. Scholastic says she then spent five years outlining the plots for each book before writing the first novel. When "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" was complete, she shopped her book around and it eventually was published in 1997. The American version — changing "Philosopher" to "Sorcerer" — printed a year later. When the fourth book, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," published in July of 2000, the 766-page book hit stores in Britain, Canada, the U.S. and Australia simultaneously and subsequently broke records for the greatest number of books sold on the first

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The success of the "Harry Potter" franchise has made J.K. Rowling a billionaire.

weekend of publication. In 2007 — 10 years after the release of the first book — the seventh and final book, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," was published. Scholastic says it had a "record-breaking first print-run of 12 million copies in the U.S." and the book sold 8.3 million copies in 24 hours, making it the fastest selling book in history. In June, Forbes reported Rowling, 45, is one of just 14 women around the world who are self-

made billionaires. Despite her success — and insistence that she's not writing more books in the series — the story didn't end with book seven. The Potterverse thrives, namely through the successful movies and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, which opened at Universal Studios Orlando (Fla.) in 2010. And perhaps as a way to appease fans sad to see the final movie hit the silver screen this summer, on June 23 Rowling announced Pottermore (www.pottermore.com), an "exciting online experience around the reading of the Harry Potter books," according to the website. The free site opens in October, with a personal promise from Rowling that she'll be involved on the site as well, as she has more information about the "Harry Potter" universe to share with committed readership. — Kim Ossi, MCT

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Tom Felton

Felton has played Harry Potter's arch-nemesis Draco Malfoy in all eight "Harry Potter" films. In between "Potter" films, he acted in several independent horror flicks, including "Disappeared" in 2008 and "13Hrs" in 2010. In August, he will appear in "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," starring James Franco and Freida Pinto. Felton, 23, also is one of the founders of Six String Productions, a recording company that represents young talented musicians turned down by major recording industry executives.

— Lauren Redding, MCT

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Bonnie Wright

The young Weasley sister is all grown up and engaged to another "Harry Potter" actor, Jamie Campbell Brower. He played the younger version of Gellert Grindelwald in "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1." Brower also is a cast member of that other pop culture phenomena — he plays Caius in the "Twilight" films. Wright, 20, is signed on to other movies. She's currently filming a story called "Geography of the Hapless Heart," about five different love stories shot in five different locations around the world.

— Merrie Leininger, MCT

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Matthew Lewis

Millions of "Harry Potter" fans will see Neville Longbottom come into his own in the latest film, just as the 22-year-old actor best known for the role has come into his. Lewis started his magical journey at 11, just like his character. As he and his character grew, he gradually shed the fat suit, false teeth and protruding ears. As Lewis told Parade magazine, Neville got "a bit cooler." Like fellow "Potter" actor Daniel Radcliffe, Lewis has recently took to the stage to hone his craft, performing in a U.K. production of Agatha Christie's "Verdict."

— Michaëlle Bond, MCT

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James and Oliver Phelps

Best known for their roles as mischievous twins Fred and George Weasley, the 25-year-old Phelps brothers are more like their characters than many realize, being known as pranksters among friends and family. Aside from the Potter films, the twins also briefly appeared in the English television series "Kingdom" in 2009. In September, Oliver is set to begin filming a new movie called "Latin Quarter," an account of Pablo Picasso's adventurous first years in Paris during the early 1900s.

— Lauren Redding, MCT

2007 2010



Evanna Lynch

The 19-year-old Irish actress began her acting career playing the quirky Luna Lovegood in the fifth movie, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix." Lynch contributed to the upcoming book "Dear Mr. Potter: Letters of Love, Loss, and Magic," which features letters and pictures from fans describing how J.K. Rowling's magical story touched their lives. Proceeds from the book will benefit the youth literacy efforts of the Harry Potter Alliance, a nonprofit organization that engages young people in solving social justice issues.

— Michaëlle Bond, MCT