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Yes 43.5%

No 56.5%

Total votes: 69

Next question:

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County to cut \$6.4M, 5 jobs from budget

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — County Administrator Ricky Helms gave commissioners a preview of the 2011-12 budget at the meeting on Tuesday, and informed the public that he was cutting five employees and \$6.4 million from last

year's numbers.
"The FY2011-12 Budget is \$114,809,001 and is balanced with the millage rate of 7.1 mils, which is 7.6 percent below the roll-back rate," Helms told the public and commissioners.
Helms informed the public that he used close to \$7.7

million from contingency to balance the budget, but had used less than anticipated from the previous budget deficit, trimming the "rainy day" fund from \$21 million to \$13 million.
"Balancing the budget is a difficult task in an economic environment where property

valuations are steadily decreasing and consumer spending is down. The ever-increasing costs of doing business, increasing requests for services and increases in unfunded mandates eventually require an increase in service reductions, revenue, or efficiency," Helms read from

a letter to the board.
Helms made a presentation about how the money was spent at the county level, and explained the new focus that county staff has developed because of the economy.
"In recent years, the priority has been to offer more
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Filling the hole



A deep dredge hole just off the beach has caused City Pier Beach on Lake Jackson to be closed to swimming since 2008.

Plan proposes using bed tax dollars to fix dredge hole off of City Pier beach

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Tuesday, the city council will be discussing the possibility of filling-in the 12 foot deep dredged hole running parallel to City Pier Beach on Lake Jackson.
Dug in the 1960s, the hole posed no problem for years. As lake levels fell, however, it posed a threat as the beach expanded toward it.
In June of 2008, a young man drowned while swimming over it. Since then the beach has been closed to swimming.
Sebring council member John Griffin said in an interview Thursday morning that it's a terrible waste of a resource. City Pier

Beach is a wonderful place, he said, with pavilions, fine sand, a sea wall, a retention pond, ample parking and rest-rooms.
The difficulty in fixing the problem has been the high cost and Department of Environmental Protection mandates and rules.
For example, the city had asked to move sand from off shore of Veterans Beach.
The DEP, however, required the sand to be moved on land and allowed to drain and dry before being placed in the hole. This



Griffin

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TDC's main emphasis has been on sports

by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Highlands County's Tourism Development Council — comprised of two paid employees and a nine-member volunteer board — was founded in 1992. It operates under the jurisdiction of the county commission, which has final say over what the council does.
Funding comes from bed tax dollars (2 percent of every dollar a visitor pays for overnight accommodation).
The council's function is to oversee those tax dollars,

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Sebring man charged with break-in at 'Late Show' theater in NYC

Subdued by guard wielding a golf club

By COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A 42-year-old aspiring musician hurled a newspaper box through the recently repaired doors of the Ed Sullivan Theater where the "Late Show With David Letterman" is filmed, days after another man did the same thing, police said Thursday.

Alvin Moore, of Sebring, has been arrested on charges of burglary and criminal mischief and was accused of doing \$1,500 worth of damage, and tussling with a security guard, police said.

He suffered minor injuries when he was whacked on the head with a golf club the security guard had used to arm himself at around 1 a.m. Thursday.

He has been treated and released, police said.

Moore told authorities he was angry the CBS late-night host had not responded to several demo tapes he had sent.

He also told investigators that he was aware the theater had been trashed earlier this week and thought he could get attention, police said.

In the first incident, James Whittemore, 22, was arrested Sunday on charges he smashed through the theater doors in a drunken rage, police said. He was arraigned on the charges, accused of doing \$5,000 worth of damage.

His attorney says the thespian was drunk and doesn't recall the incident.

Highlands County records show Moore was booked into the county jail on May 17 for battery.



Moore

Former AP resident to compete in Miss Florida USA Contest

Special to the News-Sun
This Saturday night you can watch Megan Lunsford of Avon Park vie for the Miss Florida USA crown on CBS at 7:30 p.m. Megan is the 18-year-old daughter of John and Leah Lunsford, both of Avon Park, now living in Plantation. She is also granddaughter of Mary Lunsford and maternal grandmother

Caryl Ryan, both are life-long residents of Avon Park.
Megan and her older brother Johnny attended preschool and elementary school here and the family still owns a weekend home on Lake Lotela.
Megan was crowned Miss Hollywood USA 2011 in May, and has been participating in and winning South

Florida pageants for less than a year. In that time, she has won several crowns and trophies and been voted Miss Photogenic on numerous occasions, all qualifying her for this weekend's statewide pageant.

As part of the Miss Florida USA pageant experience, she

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Courtesy photo

Former Avon Park resident Megan Lunsford will compete in the Miss Florida USA Pageant on Saturday.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SHS Class of '91 awards scholarships

SEBRING — Sebring High School Class of 1991 has awarded two scholarships to commemorate their 20-year reunion. Graduated seniors Brian Millier and Rachel Lang received scholarships for their excellent academic performance and outstanding character.

As part of the 20-year celebration, committee members Audrey Young, Betsy Muniz, and Teresa Ware have planned a reunion weekend for July 22-24.

On Friday night, classmates will enjoy appetizers, beer, wine and music at Cowpoke's Wateringhole and Grill starting at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, July 23 at 10 a.m., classmates are invited to Sebring High School on a tour, led by classmate and SHS teacher Ruth Vanderkay. A semi-formal dinner and class photo is planned for Saturday, 7 p.m., at the Candelight Restaurant and Lounge. On Sunday, family day will be coordinated by Amy Whittington Reed and hosted by classmate Brandi Jacobs Hornick at her home in Lake Placid.

All classmate are encouraged to attend this fantastic event. For more information, registration and payment go to www.sebring91.com or text/call Audrey Young at (936) 662-4264.

Chamber Bowling Bonanza is today

SEBRING — Sebring Chamber Bowling Bonanza will be today at Kegel Bowling Center from 6-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person or sponsor a team for only \$150. Food, fun and awesome door prizes.

Chamber lunch is Tuesday

SEBRING — The Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce membership lunch is set for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Island View Restaurant in Sun 'N Lake.

The sponsor will be Hodges University and the cost is \$10.

The luncheon is open to chamber members only. RSVP by noon Monday.

AARP Driver Safety program class set

SEBRING — The AARP Driver Safety class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 26.

Complete the class in one day. No driving; no tests. There is a possible discount on car insurance, good for three years.

The class will be at St. John's United Methodist Church, 3214 Grand Prix Drive.

To register, call Mary Jane Lloyd at 452-0335.

Leisure Lakes Homeowners meet Saturday

LAKE PLACID — Leisure Lakes Homeowners meeting will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the new fire station on the corner of Lake June Road and Lake June Boulevard.

Come early for coffee

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The never-ending day



The Unknown Soldiers
By Tom Sileo

Just before U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman Second Class Chris Paulson left for Afghanistan at the end of February, he had an unthinkable conversation with his new bride.

"If something happened, he wanted me to take care of everything," the sailor's wife told The Unknown Soldiers. "He wanted me to take care of his body."

As HM2 Paulson provides medical care for U.S. Marines, Afghan soldiers and civilian bystanders during the volatile Helmand province fighting season, his wife waits nervously on the home front for the chance, someday, to live with her husband for the first time. Yet while every military spouse faces challenges, Hospitalman Samantha Paulson is a warrior, too.

"There's a chance I could be turning around and going on a deployment when he gets back," said HN Paulson, who is stationed at North Carolina's Camp Lejeune. "But I can't sit here and say 'woe is me,' either, because this is what we signed up for."

The Dec. 27, 2010, marriage of Chris and Samantha Paulson can be attributed, in part, to a sprained ankle she suffered during training.

After treating her injury, Samantha's future husband invited her to a barbeque. The rest is history.

"We were going to try to wait and have the big, fancy wedding," she said. "But shortly after we started dating, his deployment papers came up."

This is Chris Paulson's third deployment to a war zone, after previously serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. According to his wife, he's never seen anything like this year's fighting in Helmand province.

"I'm inspired by him every day, and I hope one day I can be as talented and skilled as he is," she said. "He's very dedicated to treating his Marines and tries to stay focused on the mission as much as possible."

Despite her military training, Samantha has to limit how much she thinks about day-to-day operations in Afghanistan.

"If I started letting it get to me, I don't think I would ever stop crying," the sailor admitted. "You can't prepare



Courtesy photo

Newlyweds Chris and Samantha Paulson are both serving in the Navy.

yourself for the idea that your spouse might die."

Samantha's husband and the Marines he treats spend almost every day out on foot patrols. The risks they face are very real.

"In addition to the improvised explosive devices buried underneath them, (terrorists) are now putting IEDs in trees so they can blow up over a vehicle," Samantha said. "The enemy had been sitting there angry all winter, and now they're ready to fight."

Samantha said Chris recently pulled a bullet out of a civilian's leg and has probably treated more Afghans than Americans during his current deployment. But the tragic June 27 combat death of a Marine in his care, Cpl. Michael Nolen, 22, will likely haunt her husband for the rest of his days.

"This isn't the first Marine they've lost, and it won't be the last, unfortunately," the sailor said, her voice trembling. "Out there, all you have is your job. It's just one never-ending day."

Taking advantage of the resources available to her as an active duty sailor and military spouse, Samantha frequently visits chaplains and family readiness groups.

"I've definitely used these things because there have been days when, of course, I'm worried about him," she said. "I'm just as worried about his fellow Marines. I jump every time my phone rings," Samantha added.

When her husband returns in the fall, the couple will

have a few days together before Chris heads to Naval Station Great Lakes in Lake County, Ill.

"We're going to try to spend as much time together as possible and meet up with some of the Marines he served with and their wives," Samantha said. "They're all hungry for real food, so I imagine a good steak is in order."

As HM2 Chris Paulson risks his life thousands of miles away, with even more time apart from his wife on the horizon, one would think HN Samantha Paulson would be full of despair. But like her husband, she took the Hospital Corpsman Pledge and won't let her country down.

"I'd do it all over again," she said. "This relationship and my job are that important to me."

To find out more about Tom Sileo, or to read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

LP to keep millage rate at same level

By ED BALDRIDGE
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LAKE PLACID — After some brief discussion, Lake Placid's town council voted 3-0 on Monday night to cap the millage rate at 3.81, the same as the previous fiscal year.

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck asked the council to set a higher rollback rate of 3.93, one that could take into account any over-looked budget problems, but council stood firm on not presenting the citizens with a possible raise in taxes.

"I would like to set the rate at 3.93 just in case an emergency comes up.

"Once you set the rate, you can always go down, but you cannot go up," Tuck said.

Councilwoman Cheryl Davis was on vacation, but

members Ray Royce, Debra Worley and Steve Bastardi all stated that they felt taxpayers deserved a break in the struggling economy.

"I don't want the citizens to get a TRIM notice and think we are raising taxes. That would create a lot more controversy. I would rather cut off any controversy now and just set it at the same as last year and try to lower it if we can," Royce said.

"I would like to suggest that we shoot to lower the millage. I would like to send a message to the public that we are doing what we can to help," Bastardi said.

"I would like to send the message to the public that we can get the job done with less. If we are going to give the citizens a break, now would be the time."

A mill is a term used to define that \$1 is used for every \$1,000 in taxable value for property.



Royce

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 Tuesday, July 12:

- ◆ Joy Lynne Cleary, 36, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- ◆ Kimberly Elaine Dorobiala, 31, of Sebring, was charged for possession of controlled substance

without prescription; possession of drug equipment and/or use; and battery on law enforcement officer.

◆ James Richard Green, 20, of Venus, was sentenced to 30 days for larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense.

◆ Wesley Allen Keene, 30, of Avon Park, was charged for possession of stolen property, illegal possession of shopping or laundry cart.

◆ Breyawntay Alexis King, 22, of Bradenton, was charged for possession of cannabis; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

◆ Elias G. Sanchez, 39, of Sebring, was charged for driving under the influence of alcohol and damaging property; and DUI.

◆ Paul Dewayne Smith, 50, of Tampa, was charged with sexual assault by custodian, victim 12 years of age up to 15, two counts.

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Applications sought for Leadership Highlands Class of 2012

Special to the News-Sun

Leadership Highlands is accepting applications for the class of 2012.

The mission of Leadership Highlands is to develop leaders with a thorough understanding of, and strong sense of commitment to, Highlands County and an appreciation for the strengths found in its abundant diversity.

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meet and exchange ideas with each other and existing community leaders, so as to learn from the backgrounds and perspectives of one another; and encourages civic participation and volunteer involvement in the community.

Call Kris Schmidt at 784-7189 or visit www.southflorida.edu/leadershiphighlands/.

For an application, visit www.southflorida.edu/_documents/LH_Application.pdf and return it to the Sebring Chamber of Commerce, or mail it to Leadership Highlands, Attn: Kris Schmidt, SFCC, 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825. The application deadline is July 21.

Correction

Ticket prices for comedian Bill Engvall's show on November 3, part of the Florida Hospital Foundation's annual fundraising Gala are: \$60, \$65, \$70 and \$110.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Another viewpoint

The verdicts in the Casey Anthony trial vividly demonstrated the importance of independent jurors — and cast additional doubts on Florida's frequent pursuit of the death penalty.

By finding Anthony not guilty of first-degree murder and aggravated child-abuse charges, the 12-member jury defied popular opinion, stunned TV commentators and denied the state of Florida the convictions it sought.

The jury only found Anthony guilty of lying to law enforcement authorities. One of the jurors, Jennifer

Ford, said she and others on the jury were "sick to our stomachs" after voting to acquit Anthony of charges that she killed her 2-year-old daughter Caylee.

But Ford framed the decision in words that should be considered by all Americans, especially those who took to the streets to protest the verdict: "I did not say she was innocent," said Ford.

"I just said there was not enough evidence. If you cannot prove what the crime was, you cannot determine what the punishment should be."

Ultimately, prosecutors were unable to establish a motive for the killing or a definitive cause of Caylee's death. It was the prosecution's duty to prove Anthony's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The failure to



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meet that high standard is the state's fault, and jurors showed fortitude by recognizing as much. ...

The death-penalty system — in Florida and other states — has been recognized by the American Bar Association as "deeply flawed." Florida's prosecu-

tion of Anthony and pursuit of the death penalty, with circumstantial evidence and a case that raised reasonable doubts, constituted another flaw in the capital-punishment system.

An editorial from the Gainesville Sun.

Murdoch's hacking scandal: The man behind the curtain



Independent's Eye

Joe Gandelman

The late ventriloquist Edgar Bergen once did a routine where he told his dummy Charlie McCarthy that someone noted what he "had done for ventriloquism." Charlie corrected him: someone had noted what he "had done TO ventriloquism." And so it is for Australian-born international media titan Rupert Murdoch: he has had an impact on journalism but he has done more to it than for it. And what he has done is not pretty.

Murdoch's name was synonymous with Fleet Street style sensationalism and political activism long before the present phone hacking scandal in Great Britain, which ironically has spawned a string of Murdoch-style sensationalist news stories every day. The pace of developments is mind blogging. To recap:

News of the World was abruptly closed by Murdoch amid stories the paper hacked phones of kidnap and murder victim Milly Dowling, war veterans, victims of the 7/7 British terrorist attack, the royal family, some 4,000 individuals and even may have sought to get into the phones of 9/11 victims. Other Murdoch papers were reportedly involved. Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown accused a Murdoch paper of hacking into private medical records detailing his son's cystic fibrosis. Police were paid to get phone numbers of Buckingham Palace staff members.

One arrested sacrificial lamb was former News of the World editor Andy Coulson who left Murdoch's company in 2007 to become aide to Prime Minister — a symbol of Murdoch's political importance.

Murdoch now seems to be trying to protect his protégé and News International's Chief Executive Rebekah Brooks and his son and heir apparent James. Many believe Murdoch's killing News of the World was a way to offer a batch of journalists and editors up as sacrificial lambs. It was: "Let's put another News of the World staffer on the barbie."

Now he has consequences. News Corp. shares fell five percent in New York. His cherished bid to take full control Sky TV news seems off for now. There are predictions his FCC licenses will be challenged in the U.S.

Shocking? Not really. When it was announced in 1976 that Murdoch bought the venerable New York Post, news stories at the time noted Murdoch's use of imported tabloid-orient-

ed editors, sensationalistic news values and political bias. Many US media types felt it was the demise of what is now the country's oldest continuously published newspaper. Today, the Post is a highly readable paper and a style once considered sleazy is now considered feisty mainstream.

What Carl Bernstein calls "Murdoch's Watergate" is most shocking because it's hard to believe these were rogue editors and managers. I wrote for the Christian Science Monitor and Chicago Daily News overseas and worked on Knight Ridder and Copley papers. Management at each paper would fire staffers who crossed ethical lines. At the very least Murdoch created a political, managerial and journalistic culture that nurtured an "anything for a story" behavior.

In the classic gangster film "Little Caesar" Edward G. Robinson as the doomed Rico says: "Mother of God: can this be the end of Rico?" This won't be the end of Murdoch, but his non-stop ascent may have been halted.

In The Wizard of Oz the dog Toto pulls the curtain back to reveal the fearsome Wizard is really an electronic-device manipulating old man. "Just ignore the man behind the curtain," the old man says.

In this case, we can't just ignore the manipulative old man behind the curtain because of what this man behind the curtain has done — or has enabled to be done — to the quality and ethics of journalism. He has given a double meaning to the word "journalistic hack."

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Washington MOTHBALLS Another WORKHORSE HEAVY-LIFT VEHICLE...



TODAY'S LETTERS

Are impact fees the real villain?

Editor:

The impact fee issue has been discussed and thrashed out for years now. The most recent public hearing on it drew this conclusion: Impact fees have successfully been made the scapegoat of the housing industry. Somehow, the housing industry — that is, developers, contractors, realtors, banking and insurance industries (a.k.a. Wall Street/Corporate America) — played no part in the catastrophic economic disaster facing America today.

I had stated that violation of the state Department of Community Affairs and county planning and zoning laws and regulations were a key element in the evolution of the housing melt down. It appears I was wrong; the term violation has several "synonyms:" exemption, waiver, deduction, special hardship, extension, expansion. The developers, et al, did not violate the laws and regulations; they simply applied for one of the above during the process of constructing their projects. The result was that the county taxpayers (mostly homeowners) were left with the bill, some \$500 million backlog in infrastructure and counting.

But, counters and objector, homeowners get a homestead exemption, now \$50,000 after the first year; however, the county did not grant the whole extra \$25,000 to everyone, only \$5,000. And Save Our Homes owners will see a 3 percent increase this year, which is only fair. Avon Park and Sebring instituted a fire assessment tax because a large number of homeowners paid no tax on their homes; the fire assessment tax again was fair, because everybody should pay something for the government services they receive; in fact, they receive a greater percent of government service.

Getting back to the impact fee, the public has been influenced that the impact fee is the cause of the housing fiasco today. Even if the county collected 100 percent of the projected \$6,000 impact fee, it would be only a fraction of the construction cost. But the actual fee was 25 percent of that \$6,000 fee, starting in June 2007, increasing 10 percent each year after that. It is still unknown how many developers slipped under the wire between January and

June 2007. So the county didn't collect even 1 percent. Never the less, the repercussions of that policy have been devastating to millions of homeowners in this state.

The county commission should be commended for its research of the past history of land purchases, a key element of that policy. The property owners usually made more money, above appraised value, in good times, but did not lose money in bad economic times. This time last week, they saved the county taxpayers \$100,000 between the original price and the one agreed to by the owner.

Yet, I fear for the working class of this country.

Gabriel Read
Avon Park

Officials commended; committee reprimanded

Editor:

I am a homeowner, full-time resident of Avon Park, the director of business for Avon Park Holiness Camp and the chairman of the board for Avon Park Church Services Center. As such, I have a vested interest in the governmental affairs of this town. While I have not always agreed with some of the council members and mayor, it is still my town and a great place to live.

Monday evening at the town council meeting, I witnessed the complete council conduct themselves in an exemplary manner. I commend them for that. The interim city manager, Julian DeLeon, gave perhaps one of the best visual presentations I've seen, of the needs of the city pertaining to budgetary issues, along with recommendations to mitigate each one. The council acted appropriately. We have some of the best talent in this city that could be found anywhere. While I would recommend Mr. DeLeon be given the job of city manager, it is probably necessary to review and interview the other qualified candidates, keeping in mind that Mr. DeLeon has the best grasp of the issues of the city and is not afraid to tackle them and does not have to be "brought up to speed."

The reason for this letter is not only to commend city council, interim city manager, clerks, etc., but to note that the committee appointed to review city

manager applications lambasted the council, who in the end is responsible for hiring a city manager, for favorable comments they supposedly made concerning their approval of the difficult job that Mr. DeLeon is doing in this trying time. I find that totally inappropriate. My guess is that the reporters will not report the excellent presentation and conduct on the meeting, but will focus on the comments of that one individual. How sad.

David J. Collier
Avon Park

Is our judicial system fair?

Editor:

My name is Wellington Clarke. I have a daughter that was born in the year of 2000. After five years I found out that she is my child. I then tried to do whatever I could to be a part of this child's life. But her mother and grandmother have and are still making it very impossible. All they care about is the money. They both are money hungry.

I was going in front of a certain judge for about four years letting him know about how my little girl was being treated and how they keep blocking and not doing what the court says. After about the fourth or fifth time coming before this same judge, he realized that my daughter needed to get out of the mess she was in. So he awarded her to her father.

So they, the mother and grandmother, hire this lawyer that didn't know anything about the situation. All he seems to care about is the law. So, of course I was talked into borrowing \$2,700 to obtain a lawyer, which did me no good. I gave him my money to do nothing because that is what he did.

So we go back to court on Jan. 14, 2011, the lawyer said that the judge stepped above the law so he had to undo what he did. I had to return my daughter back into that bad environment.

How can that be fair? You be the judge.

Since that day I have not seen or heard from my daughter. Who's to blame (the judge, the lawyer, the mother and grandmother. The system in this case stinks). You be the judge.

Wellington E. Clarke Jr.
Sebring

Man waives extradition in priest's murder

By **HOLBROOK MOHR**
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — A Catholic priest who police believe was killed with his own pistol traveled with the gun for protection and kept it in the bedroom of the Mississippi beach house where he was shot, a colleague said Wednesday.

A fellow cleric said the 70-year-old Rev. Edward E. Everitt usually went alone on weekend get-aways to Waveland, the quiet town on the Mississippi Gulf Coast where his body was found Monday.

A convicted felon who worked on the house is suspected of killing the Louisiana priest, then taking his car to Florida for a Disney vacation.

"He carried a gun for his own safety because he would be over there by himself," the Rev. Cayet Mangiaracina said of Everitt's .380 caliber pistol. "He kept it in his car, and then over there he kept it by his bed."

It's not clear how much Everitt knew about the past of the man who did odd jobs for him. Jeremy Wayne Manieri, 31, has a long criminal record, but served short sentences for crimes that include a conviction for molesting a child, authorities said Wednesday.

Manieri had a court appearance Wednesday in Florida and waived extradition to Mississippi.

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd told The Associated Press that Manieri gave a detailed confession. But Judd declined to elaborate because "it's a Mississippi case."



Kara Watkins reads to students at the Sebring Public Library.

Courtesy photo

Local dairy farmer teaches kids about life on the farm

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Highlands County dairy farmer Kara Watkins visited the Sebring Public Library on July 8 to read to a group of approximately 60 children. The featured book was "Allison Investigates: Does Chocolate Milk Come from Brown Cows?" by Colette Omans Nicoletta, a book about life on a dairy farm and the process of making chocolate milk.

Watkins answered questions about growing up on a dairy farm and brought along a calf named "Little Bit" from her family farm for the children to pet.

The event was part of a statewide reading program offered by Florida Dairy Farmers. Library assistant Deb Frisco said, "Kara was delightful and really connected with the kids

for a very special and memorable experience. We hope Florida Dairy Farmers will continue offering this wonderful program."

For more information about bringing this program to a library near you, contact Alayna Rivera at (407) 647-8899 or alaynar@floridamilk.com/.

Florida Dairy Farmers is a farmer-funded organization that works to educate people about the state's dairy farming industry and promote nutrient-rich dairy foods as an important part of a healthy lifestyle. FDF is one of 19 member organizations of the United Dairy Industry Association and carries out the programs of Dairy Management Inc., the umbrella organization based in Chicago.

For more information, call (407) 647-8899 or visit www.floridamilk.com.

Man arrested in crash that killed teen

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The Florida Highway Patrol has arrested a 30-year-old man on charges of leaving the scene of a fatal crash that killed a 15-year-old boy and injured his brother last year.

FHP spokeswoman Kim Montes says Eric Wydra was arrested Thursday. He faces 30 years in prison if convicted.

Officials say Anthony Rodriguez was walking to a school bus stop with his brother, 15-

year-old Miguel, when the Nov. 3 crash occurred. They were struck by a car that swerved off the road.

Troopers issued an alert for the suspect's car and a retired firefighter spotted it a few hours later outside a supermarket. FHP questioned Wydra and took a blood sample, but he was not arrested.

Records show Wydra has a history of traffic violations, including driving under the influence.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES D. PETRICK

Charles D. Petrick, 83, of Sebring, Fla., passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 surrounded by his loving family. He was born May 26, 1928 in Cleveland, Ohio, son of Charles G. and Rose Petrick. He proudly served his country as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Charles graduated from Ohio State University with an accounting degree and began his accounting

career. He earned his CPA certification and retired as vice president-finance for Litton Industries. In retirement he enjoyed traveling with his wife and friends. He also volunteered his accounting expertise for AARP during each tax season.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 56 years, Carolyn; and sons, Charles Jr. (Elaine), and Gary (Kristine) and daughters, Cindy Gnew (John), Gloria McClain (Doug) and

Cheryl Wagner (Dave); 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011 at Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Sebring at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Hope Hospice or a charity of your choice. Arrangements were entrusted to:

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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and doughnuts and meet your neighbors. New residents in the Leisure Lakes area are encouraged to attend and join the homeowners association. Dues are only \$7 per year.

Topic for discussion will be "Emergency Preparedness."

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK
VFW Post 9853 will host a Biloxi Getaway from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 at the Beau Rivage. Reservation needs to be made by Aug. 1. Call Rita Dawson, Auxiliary member, for information and reservations at 452-5647.

The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will host music by Uptown Country from 5-8 p.m. today. Karaoke by Peg and Perry from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. Any questions, call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID
The American Legion Placid Post 25 will host Jimmy Black on Friday. Any questions, call 465-0975.

The Lake Placid Moose 2374 will host Texas Hold'em at 2 p.m. today. Music with Freddie from 6-9 p.m. Bingo-bango is at 2 p.m. Saturday. Karaoke with Fireman from 6-9 p.m. Any questions, call 465-0131.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 will have bingo at 2 p.m. with early bird at

1:30 p.m. Saturday. Music with Now and Then. For more information, call 699-5444.

The American Legion Auxiliary, Placid Unit 25 will host a casino trip to Immokalee on Tuesday, July 26. Cost is \$35 (includes \$30 free play and \$5 food vouch-

er). Coffee and doughnuts will be served from 7:45-8:15 a.m. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the American Legion Post, 1490 U.S. 27 N.

SEBRING
AMVET Post 21 will have karaoke with the CowBelles from 7-10 p.m. Saturday.

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Lawmaker proposes Caylee's Law for Oregon

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A state representative in Oregon says he'll sponsor a Caylee's Law in his state.

Rep. Shawn Lindsay of Aloha says the law would require parents or caregivers to report a missing or deceased child within 24

hours.

KGW-TV reports the bill is a response to the death in Florida of 2-year-old Caylee Anthony, who was not reported missing for 31 days. Her mother, Casey Anthony, was acquitted last week of murder but found guilty of four counts of lying to police.

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NEWS-SUN

Scott keeps promises, loses popularity

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — In office just six months, Gov. Rick Scott has kept his campaign promises and then some: cutting corporate taxes, reducing the size of government, drug testing welfare recipients, making government workers pay into their pensions, and privatizing Medicaid.

Yet the conservative Republican is one of the country's least popular governors, with only 29 percent of voters saying in one recent nonpartisan poll that he's doing a good job.

It's a woefully low job performance rating for a governor in office less than a year, much less a Republican governor in charge of a swing-voting state that will be critical to President Barack Obama's re-election chances.

It could be that voters didn't consider the details of how Scott would follow through on his promises. There also are new anti-abortion rights and pro-gun laws that weren't part of the campaign message and that may be turning off Democrats and some independents. Or maybe his opponents are doing a better job of defining Scott than Scott is defining himself.

"What I ran on is what I personally believe, and that's what I'm going to do. People think that being governor is a popularity contest. No. Your job is to be the governor," Scott told The Associated Press in a recent interview, insisting that polls don't matter and arguing that he is thinking about the future rather than trying to please people now.

He insisted that he's working to improve the state's economy and create jobs by making Florida more business friendly and streamlining government, and said: "If you look at all things that we did ... it's going to be the things that pay off long term."

Others have a different view.

"He's governing very far to the right, and that's alienating everyone who's not very far to the right," says state Sen. Paula Dokerly, a Republican who argues that the poll numbers reflect as much. She argues that he's not kept his biggest promise:



Gov. Rick Scott holds up his red veto pen to make a point during remarks before signing the state budget, during an outdoor ceremony in The Villages May 26.

Joe Burbank/Orlando Sentinel/MCT

"The one and only reason that they voted for him and the one and only reason that he said he was running was to create jobs and I don't think people see those jobs yet."

Scott, a leading opponent of Obama's health care plan and a chief executive Columbia/HCA in the 1990s, narrowly beat Democrat Alex Sink last fall by presenting himself as a "conservative outsider," highlighting his credentials as a successful businessman, and tapping into voter anger at the Obama-led federal government. The victory kept an important state in Republican hands.

His campaign mantras were "Let's get to work!" and "jobs, jobs, jobs."

Yet, since Scott's been in office, he's been criticized more for the jobs that have been lost than for jobs that have been created on his watch.

About 1,700 layoff notices have gone out to state workers with more than 2,500 still expected. Education cuts mean teachers and other school employees will lose jobs across the state. That, along with his decision to reject \$2.4 billion in federal money

for a high-speed rail project that supporters say would have created 24,000 jobs, has allowed Democrats to label him as a job-killing governor.

Florida has had job growth each month Scott's been in office. But many plans to expand or move businesses to the state were already in motion before he became governor.

That hasn't stopped Scott from trying to promote his jobs record; he's told voters about his efforts on jobs — he's gone on two trade missions and says he cold-calls companies to encourage them to move to Florida — through automated phone calls paid for by the state Republican Party.

Scott's social agenda also may be partly to blame for his unpopularity.

He didn't campaign on hot-button issues like abortion and guns but the Republican-dominated Legislature has passed measures relating to both. Women in Florida will now be required to have an ultrasound before they can have an abortion, a bill considered in only a handful of other states and adopted in few of those. And in a measure unique to Florida,

doctors can't ask patients about gun ownership in efforts to make them aware of safety issues.

And then there's Scott's style.

He largely ignored traditional media during his campaign, refusing to meet with any newspaper editorial board and often not taking questions from reporters after events. Instead, he spent more than \$70 million of his own money to take his message directly to voters through television and radio ads and mail pieces. He has engaged with the media since taking office but he hasn't done so to the extent his predecessors did and has relied on social media to get his message out.

"You have a governor who's doing exactly what he said he was going to do," said Ron Sachs, who served as late Democratic Gov. Lawton Chiles' communications director. But, Sachs said, he's decided to communicate with "tools that may be new, cool, social and edgy but they are not the primary way that you can best connect with the people of Florida on a broader basis."

Docs ask judge to block gag law on guns

By **CURT ANDERSON**
AP Legal Affairs Writer
MIAMI

Organizations representing thousands of Florida doctors are asking a Miami federal judge to block enforcement of a first-in-the-nation law restricting what physicians can discuss about firearms with patients.

The doctors say the law violates free speech and is unconstitutional. The state contends the doctors are misreading the law and that it fully complies with the Constitution.

U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke heard arguments Wednesday but issued no ruling.

The law went into effect June 2. Doctors say it bans them from practicing preventative care regarding potential hazards in the homes, including guns.

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay to offer Grad Nite

ORLANDO — Two months after Disney World announced it would no longer host a Grad Nite celebration, Busch Gardens Tampa Bay says it will host its own.

Starting in 2012, Busch Garden will host a two day event, where the park will stay open after hours for roller coaster rides in the dark and live entertainment. The dates for the 12th Grade Grad Nite events are Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. Tickets will cost \$55.

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Astronauts getting time off in space

Associated Press
CAPE CANAVERAL — After a hectic week in orbit, the astronauts on NASA's last space shuttle flight got some time off Thursday to savor their historic experience.

"This is one of the first days we've been able to take a deep breath and appreciate what we're doing up here," said space shuttle Atlantis' commander, Christopher Ferguson.

Until Thursday, the workload in orbit was so intense that the four astronauts had only fleeting moments of realizing "wow, this is really it," astronaut Rex Walheim said in a series of TV interviews.

"But boy, it's going to hit when we land and wheels stop," he added.

The 10 astronauts aboard the linked Atlantis and International Space Station got time to linger over the "all-American meal" of grilled chicken and barbecued beef brisket that NASA packed for them, complete with baked beans and Hostess apple pie.

Before kicking back and relaxing, Ferguson said the space station delivery mission was going well and that the back-and-forth cargo hauling was three-quarters completed.

"Atlantis is purring like a kitten," he said. "I think she's about 25 years or so old, but she performs just like a newborn."

Atlantis first rocketed into orbit in 1985.

This is its 33rd flight and the 135th shuttle mission overall.

Atlantis will join Discovery and Endeavour

in retirement, following its landing next week.

The space shuttle delivered nearly 5 tons of food, clothes and other household goods in a giant canister to the space station — an entire year's worth of supplies.

NASA wants the orbiting lab well stocked in case private companies fall behind in their effort to take over shuttle supply runs. The first such commercial flight is expected by year's end.

While the unmanned cargo ships are smaller than NASA's shuttles, Ferguson pointed out there are many more of them, launching from all over the world. But the craft burn up in the atmosphere after they undock.

"From a return standpoint, bringing things back from the space station and getting them to Earth, we're going to miss the space shuttle," he said.

Atlantis, for instance, will return more than 7,000 pounds of discarded equipment and trash from the space station, freeing up much needed room. Engineers will take apart some of the broken machinery to see what went wrong and, hopefully, learn from the mistakes.

Astronaut Sandra Magnus — who spent more than four months on the space station a few years back — said she's amazed at how much bigger it is now that it's finished.

She said she sometimes thinks: "Wow, look what we did. We built this huge, huge, monster laboratory orbiting the Earth, with cooperation from countries all over the world."



Courtesy photo
Megan Lunsford is trying to win a spot in the Miss USA pageant in 2012.

Lunsford to compete for Miss Florida title

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will stay at the Weston Diplomat Hotel and Spa for five pampered days preceding the preliminary contests before the big event on Saturday. She is busy doing interviews and photo shoots this week and you can now see her smiling face on several area telecasts.

Megan has been a standout student, recently graduating from South Plantation Magnet High School with honors and is enrolled next semester as an Engineering major at University of

Central Florida in Orlando.

Megan has been a competitive cheerleader for five years and loves kayaking and saltwater boating and fishing in Florida.

If Megan does well in the Miss Florida Pageant, she will be representing Florida in the Miss USA Pageant in June 2012.

You can watch for her on channel 10 news live web stream from 7-9 p.m. at www.news4jax.com or the Miss Florida USA 2012 Pageant from 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday on CBS.

County to cut \$6.4 million, 5 jobs

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services and do more to enhance the quality of life and to provide stable growth for Highlands County. The current limitations have forced the board to prioritize spending in a different manner. Public safety is a priority, but the focus is minimizing impacts to current levels, not trying to offer improved protection. Services that are necessary to the public were reduced as little as possible.

"No additional support personnel were approved for any department under the board's control and that has forced departments to find ways to handle the increase in requests for services with the same personnel. Funding to those projects like parks and libraries is usually a target for reductions but these services are a significant part of the quality of life. Staff worked diligently to find alternative cost savings measures to maintain current levels of service with fewer resources," Helms wrote in his transmittal letter released on July 12.

Chairwoman Barbara Stewart reminded Helms that the board was prepared to address specifics in the budget, and set a tentative work schedule for the following week to start drilling down to the specifics.

"You are going to be very surprised that every commissioner up here has gone through this book," Stewart told Helms when he offered

'Balancing the budget is a difficult task in an economic environment where property valuations are steadily decreasing and consumer spending is down.'

RICK HELMS
county administrator

more information on specifics in the budget.

The five positions were not revealed by Helms, but he did stipulate that community programs and housing, the extension office, maintenance road and bridge and natural resources would see personnel reductions through a "combination of not filling vacant positions and lay-offs."

Despite the fact that Helms' budget includes \$6.6 million for the Parkway Phase III, he told the commission that they would have to "find a sustainable source of revenue" to maintain the county's road system.

"The current source of revenue is not sufficient and is very prone to inflation and loss due to an unstable gas market," Helms said. "When economic times are tough, people travel less, and purchase less fuel."

Those wishing to see the budget can access it online at www.hccbc.net, or they can visit a local library.

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Avon Park interested in annexing SFCC into city

CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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AVON PARK — South Florida Community College and the city are currently investigating the benefits for both city and the college should the college annex into the city.

Dr. Norm Stephens, president of the college, explained to the News-Sun Thursday morning why the col-

lege's board of directors is considering the possibility.

"The motivation," he said, "is the reduction in water and sewer costs. (Not having to pay the 25 percent out-of-city charge means) the college would save \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year.

College and city staff have been working on the more intricate

details for some time. The college has prior memorandums of understanding — law enforcement with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, and road maintenance with the county, for example — which it wants to keep in place.

The meeting Thursday night with the Avon Park City Council was to look into those details, to make sure

the city was in agreement regarding some of the exceptions to a typical annexation.

The college board, Stephens emphasized, has not made any kind of decision. Stephens said he preferred to wait and see if the city was amenable to the differences before bringing the matter before his board. That meeting will be July

27th, and held in DeSoto County — which is part of the college's service area.

Stephens said, "I don't know why this didn't happen years ago. We thank the city for suggesting the idea."

Interim city manager Julian Deleon could not be reached for comment.



News-Sun file photo

Despite the dredge hole, the Heartland Triathlon has used City Pier Beach all six years it has been held without any incidents.

Hole off City Pier Beach may be filled using Lakes Assoc. money

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made the project too expensive.

Another question was where the money would come from to pay for whatever fix is chosen.

Griffin said he was attending a county commission meeting recently when something county attorney Ross Macbeth said caused a light bulb to go off in his head.

Lake Association money is intended for beach safety and maintenance.

Macbeth said that the situation at City Pier was both a safety issue and a question of maintenance, which made the use of association funds appropriate.

The Lake Association receives its funding from the Tourist Development Council.

John Ruggiero, president of the Lakes Association and a member of the TDC board, explained the actual process for fund-

ing approval.

First the project would have to be presented to the Lakes Project Committee — a group formed to make recommendations to the association. The association, in turn would pass it on the county commission, which also has to approve it.

Ruggiero said the proposal has not yet come before either the committee or the association.

The new fix would scrape sand from about 200 feet west of the hole into it.

Griffin said the DEP has indicated they might approve such a plan. Getting approval, however, involves more than the DEP.

Lake bottoms belong to the state, so the project has to be approved at several levels, including the Florida Cabinet.

"The process can take time," Griffin said, "because there are so many hoops."

TDC funded through bed tax

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using them for marketing plans, sponsoring events, creating brochures, maintaining a website and providing visitor friendly signage during major events.

John Scherlacher, who has directed the council for three years, spoke to the News-Sun in a telephone interview Monday. He said the council's emphasis has been on sports since its inception.

This is because the county has such a variety of golf courses and lakes, as well as the new sports complex near Sebring High School and the Sebring International Raceway.

"Sports provides a lot of opportunities," Scherlacher said, especially a first class venue for softball and baseball tournaments. "We need to continue marketing to bring in teams."

He added that the Dixie League tournaments currently under way in the county bring in not just the young athletes, but their families as well. "The key," he said, "is to capture the visitors for an overnight stay. That way there is the chance they will eat in local restaurants or go shopping. Even spending money at Publix helps the economy."

He agreed with Fred Leavitt, president of the Heartland Cultural Alliance, that visitors should be made aware of other opportunities in the county, like Highlands Hammock State Park and museums.

One of the council's goals is to have information available at the chamber of commerce's welcome center — from maps showing restaurants and stores to ideas of things to do.

He also agreed that non-sports related opportunities or events are an excellent resource.

Scherlacher said the murals of Lake Placid, for example, have proved a wonderful draw, bringing in people not just from out of state, but out of the country too.

He is excited about new possibilities, like agri-tourism. He used as an example the developing alternative energy industry in the county, which will eventually include refineries.

He is equally hopeful about eco-tourism. "We just received a nature visit grant to produce a pamphlet explaining local natural resources, like the opportunities for bird watching," he said.

A proposed county ordi-

nance to restructure the council's budget is meant to address how funding is distributed.

In the past, Scherlacher said, types of tourism were assigned a percentage of the funds. The council couldn't spend more than that amount. The council would now be more flexible, basing allocations on need.

Fifty-one percent of the council's funding will be dedicated to those allocations. Forty-two percent of its funds will be used to upkeep the TDC office and pay the two employees — Scherlacher and an assistant.

The remaining 7 percent will be used for public access lake and beach improvements.

These adjustments were recommended by a commissioned research report in 2006.

As to the dollar amounts, bed tax has flattened, Scherlacher said. But Highlands County has only lost about 10 percent a year since the economy tumbled — less than other counties.

He warned that the numbers change every year, but since the recession, Highlands County receives about \$300,000 annually.

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
Case #: GC 11-218
Judge Couden

CORRIE BRAKEFIELD Plaintiff(s),
-vs.-
IRIS M. SANCHEZ SANTIAGO Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Iris M. Sanchez Santiago
Last Known Address
HC 3 Box 21536
Arecibo, PR 00612-8353

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Action to Quiet Title for the following described property, to:

Lot 11, Block EE, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE V, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 23, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Parcel ID Number C 15 35 30 050 00E0 0110 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney, whose name and address is: David F. Lanier, Esq., P.O. Box 400, Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before August 5, 2011, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on June 23, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 10-805-GCS

HIGHEST CORP. a Florida corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
GRAHAM B. McLEARY, et al., Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 28, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the public sale at the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on the 28th day of July, 2011, the following described property as set forth in the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 258, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Real Property Address: 4220, 4230, and 4240 Sunrise Drive, Sebring, Florida 33872
Real Property Tax ID Numbers: C-04-34-28-130-2580-0010, C-04-34-28-130-2580-0020, and C-04-34-28-130-2580-0030

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

Dated: June 28, 2011

Clerk of Court
ROBERT W. "BOB" GERMAINE
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-279

IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS J. SARCHIOTO Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Thomas J. Sarchioto, deceased, whose date of death was May 16, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is July 8, 2011.

Personal Representative:
Thomas J. Sarchioto
83 Redfield Street
Constantia, NY 13044

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 10-00591
DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, F.S.B. F/K/A WORLD SAVINGS BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff,
vs.
LATEEFAH HAWTHORNE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 27, 2011, and entered in Case No. 10-00591 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as successor in interest to Wachovia Mortgage, F.S.B. f/k/a World Savings Bank, F.S.B., is the Plaintiff and Lateefah Hawthorne, Samuel Hawthorne, CitFinancial Equity Services, Inc. are the 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 28th day of July, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOTS 8 AND 9, HILTON HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 65, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 128 COMPASS AVENUE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 27th day of June, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
Case #: GCS 11-217
Judge Langford

CORRIE BRAKEFIELD Plaintiff(s),
-vs.-
ELIZABETH de GUTT Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Elizabeth de Gutt
Last Known Address
Import de Venezuela
Dr. Paul Marron No 7
Caracas, Venezuela

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

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

Lot 23, Block 30, Section 2 LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 23, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Parcel ID Number C 001-35-28-030-0300-0230 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney, whose name and address is: David F. Lanier, Esq., P.O. Box 400, Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before August 15, 2011, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on July 12, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk
July 15, 22, 29; August 5, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000270

JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOYCE YVONNE MCMAHON, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JOYCE YVONNE MCMAHON
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 729 LEMON AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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 SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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

LOT 12, BLOCK C, SEVENTH ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF SEBRING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P.L.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the News-Sun. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 30th day of June, 2011.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
As Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
Case #: GC 11-216
Judge _____

CORRIE BRAKEFIELD Plaintiff(s),
-vs.-
JAMES RICHARD RIMER and CITRUS BANK, N.A. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: James Richard Rimer
Last Known Address
9135 Strub Path
Sebring, FL 33872

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

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

Lot 19, Block E, SILVER FOX LAKE RANCH, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 41, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Parcel ID Number C 22-35-28-020-00E0-0190 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney, whose name and address is: David F. Lanier, Esq., P.O. Box 400, Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before August 19, 2011, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on July 5, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 10-228

IN RE: ESTATE OF FELIPE VAZQUEZ, NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of FELIPE VAZQUEZ, deceased, File Number PC 10-228, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867. 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, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is July 8, 2011.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Maria Vazquez
PO Box 1854
Lake Placid, FL 33860

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Shannon M. Miller
MILLER & BRASINGTON, P.L.L.
1204 NW 69th Terrace, Suite D
Gainesville, FL 32605
Phone: 352-379-1900
Facsimile: 352-379-3926
Florida Bar No. 0035556

July 8, 15, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 08000470GCS

S&P CAPITAL CORPORATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
VIVIAN ARRECHAVALTA, and JUSTO G. PUPO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 27, 2011, entered in Civil Case No. 08000470GCS of the Circuit court of the Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the jury assembly room at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, in accordance with section 45.031, Florida Statutes, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 28th day of July, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit

Lot(s) 23, Block 3, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT 3, according to the Plat thereof on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, Florida, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 43. Said lands situate, lying and being in 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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

DATED this 28th day of June, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case #: GCS 10-1378

CARLA RENEE BENNETT, Personal Representative ESTATE OF DAVID L. MARSH, Deceased Plaintiff(s),
vs.
REUBEN MALDONADO, a/k/a RUBEN MALDONADO, a single man, and ANGEL MALDONADO, a/k/a ANGLE MALDONADO, JR., a single man Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

DWELLING UNIT NO. 3101, WOODRUFF HEIGHTS VILLAS, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the Southwest corner of Lot 6, Block 11, TOWN OF AVON PARK, in Section 22, Township 33 South, Range 28 East; thence run South 89 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds East along the Northernly right of way of Pleasant Street a distance of 290.88 feet to a point; thence North a distance of 68 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North a distance of 101.91 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 30.61 feet to a point; thence Southerly through the center line of a partition wall and continue a distance of 101.91 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds East a distance of 30.16 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, as per plat thereof recorded in O.R. Book 397, Page 106 and as per description recorded in O.R. Book 397, Page 107, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, 430 South Commerce Ave., Highlands County Courthouse, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 28th day of July, A.D. 2011.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Honorable Court, this 28th day of June, A.D. 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 282010CA000002XXXXXX

GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
JESSICA K. FERGUSON, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated July 1, 2011 and entered in Case No. 282010CA000002XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, is Plaintiff and JESSICA K. FERGUSON, UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at Highlands County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 1st day of August, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, OF F.C. RAES SUBDIVISION, OF LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 4, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, AS PER PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND RUN SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET; AND CONTINUING ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 2, OF SAID SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 40 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE DUE WEST AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET; THENCE DUE NORTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOTS 1 AND 2 A DISTANCE OF 130 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 AND 100 FEET DISTANT FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE DUE EAST 100 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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse, Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on July 5, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
As Deputy Clerk
July 15, 22, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-001172

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
HAYDEE ANTIOQUILA AKA HAYDEE F. ANTIOQUILA AKA HAYDEE FAJARDO MESIA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HAYDEE ANTIOQUILA AKA HAYDEE F. ANTIOQUILA AKA HAYDEE FAJARDO MESIA; IF LIVING INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); ALAN F. ANTIOQUILA; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: HAYDEE ANTIOQUILA AKA HAYDEE F. ANTIOQUILA AKA HAYDEE FAJARDO MESIA; ALAN F. ANTIOQUILA;

Whose residence are/is unknown.

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

LOT 18, BLOCK 23, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you fail to file your answer or written defenses in the above proceeding, on plaintiff's attorney, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED at HIGHLANDS County this 30th day of June, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk

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July 8, 15, 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE DIRECTORY

TALK TO THE EXPERTS

1050 Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 Notice of Public Sale or Auction of the contents of the following storage units located at CENTURY STORAGE - BAYVIEW, 2609 BAYVIEW STREET, SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870 on 7/28/11 at 9:00 AM. Contents are said to contain Household Goods/Business Items unless otherwise specified.
 F419 Gonzales, Phillip Alan - HOUSEHOLD GOODS
 F399 Harrell, Robert Joseph - HOUSEHOLD GOODS
 E326 Stephens, Vontrecia Londell - FURNITURE
 Sale being made to satisfy landlord's lien. Cash or Credit/Debit Card accepted. Contents to be removed by 5:00 p.m. on the day following the sale.
 CENTURY STORAGE - BAYVIEW
 2609 BAYVIEW STREET
 SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870
 (863) 386-0880

July 8, 15, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION FILE NO. 03-467-GC

IN RE: HARDEE FARMS INTERNATIONAL, LTD., a dissolved corporation,
 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Order Authorizing Sale or Transfer of Real Property and Discharge of Trustee", ntered in the above-styled action on March 17, 2010, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash (provided bid exceeds minimum of \$20,872.00), at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Highlands County Courthouse, Sebring, Florida 33870, on August 4th, 2011, at 11:00 AM.
 S 75 feet of Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 31 East, LESS S.R. 70 right of way, and LESS deeded tracts, Highlands County, Florida, And
 N 75 feet of Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 31 east, LESS S.R. 70 right of way and LESS deeded tracts, Highlands County, Florida.
 In the even the maximum sales price is less than \$20,872.00, property will be retained.
 BOB GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 July 11, 2011.

July 15, 22, 2011

1055 Highlands County Legals

HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES
 The following legal notices are from the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners and are being published in the front, size, and leading as per their specifications.

CITY OF SEBRING INVITATION TO BID

The City of Sebring will receive sealed bids in the City Purchasing Department for: 12-001A 962-015 Bush Hogging & Lot Clearing for Code Enforcement
 12-001B 988-089 Bush Hogging & Perc Pond Discing for WWTP
 12-002A 910-012 Electrician Services
 12-002B 910-012 Control Electrician
 12-003 910-039 Janitorial Services
 12-004 485-000 Janitorial Supplies
 12-005 910-059 Pest Control Services
 12-006 910-060 Plumbing Services
 12-007 936-062 Pump Repair Services
 12-008 910-026 Small Engine Repair
 12-009 928-076 Welding & Fabrication
 12-010 928-047 Lube, Oil, & Filter Changing
 12-011 983-086 Uniform Rental & Laundering
 12-012 340-028 Fire Extinguisher Inspection/Specifications & General Terms and Conditions may be obtained from our website at: mysebring.com or by contacting Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB by phone 863-471-5110, Fax 863-471-5168, or email: kirkzimmerman@mysebring.com at the City purchasing office located at 368 South Commerce Ave - Sebring, FL 33870. If obtaining documents via the website, it shall be the bidders responsibility to check for amendments/changes made to the document. Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than 2:00 PM, Monday, August 8, 2011, of the official time clock in the purchasing office. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, of 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, 1969 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. §287.133, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. §287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination. The Sebring City Council 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 City of Sebring. The council reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid.

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB
 Purchasing Agent
 Sebring, Florida
 July 13, 15, 2011

1100 Announcements

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Highlands County Board of County Commissioners

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Landfill Spotter - 957
 PG - 8 \$9.57/hour - \$15.39/hour.

The following positions **close on 07/21/2011**

Project Manager - 966
 PG - 28 \$24.70/hour - \$40.42/hour.

Utility Technician I - 896
 PG - 8 \$9.57/hour - \$15.39/hour.

The following positions **close on 07/25/2011**

Planner I - 793
 PG - 22 \$18.51/hour - \$30.30/hour.

Planner III/Supervisor - 795
 PG - 27 \$23.50/hour - \$38.65/hour.

For minimum qualifications and a full job description visit us on our website at www.hcbbc.net. In order to be considered for employment with Highlands County BCC you **must** complete our employment application.

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The City of Sebring is accepting applications for vacancies on the following voluntary boards:

PLANNING & ZONING To be a member of the Planning & Zoning Board you must be a resident of the City of Sebring or a non-resident of the City, but have an ownership interest in real property and a resident of Highlands County.	CODE ENFORCEMENT To be a member of the Code Enforcement you must be a resident of the City of Sebring	TREE BOARD To be a member of the City Tree Board there is not a residency requirement to serve on this board but expertise and involvement in the following would be preferred: Sebring Chamber of Commerce, Florida Nursery and Growers Association, Division of Forestry, Highlands County Extension Office and Sebring High School Ag Department or member fore any other department or agency that will give expertise to the committee.
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The application for submission is located on the City's website at: www.mysebring.com. Click on City Board member applications. Please submit your complete application to City Hall, attn: Kathy Haley, City Clerk, at 368 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring or send by e-mail to: kathyhaley@mysebring.com

City Hall is open Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Vacancy notice will remain open until filled.

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Avon Park Housing Authority at 863-452-4432, Ext. 2220

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SEBRING - 2390 Lakeview Dr., Sat. July 16, 8am -2pm. Something For Everyone! Too Much To List.

SEBRING - ESTATE SALE! 3117 Villa Road Fri & Sat 7/ 15 & 16, 8am - 2pm. Total household sale w/ LR, DR, BR and Office Furn. Kitchenware, dishes/glassware/ sm. appls. Fridge, Washer/ Dryer. Lots of collectibles, linens. Tools, Knives, Jewelry. New Lowry Majesty LX 1510 Organ

SEBRING - STORAGE SHED SALE! 4208 Commercial Dr., Behind Love Bug's. 7 / 15 & 16, 8am - ?

SEBRING FRI. - Sat. 7 - 1pm. 1225 Killarney Dr. Baby items, and home goods. Something for everyone.

7520 Pets & Supplies
 CAT SUPER friendly, extremely sweet, young orange. Needs forever home. Neutered & rabies. \$10 Call 863-446-0395

NOTICE

Florida statute 585.195 states that all dogs and cats sold in Florida must be at least eight weeks old, have an official health certificate and proper shots and be free of intestinal and external parasites.

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8050 Boats & Motors
 FISHER 16' Bass Boat. 40hp. Mercury motor, new 24v trolling motor, new depth finder. \$2900. Call 863-699-5517

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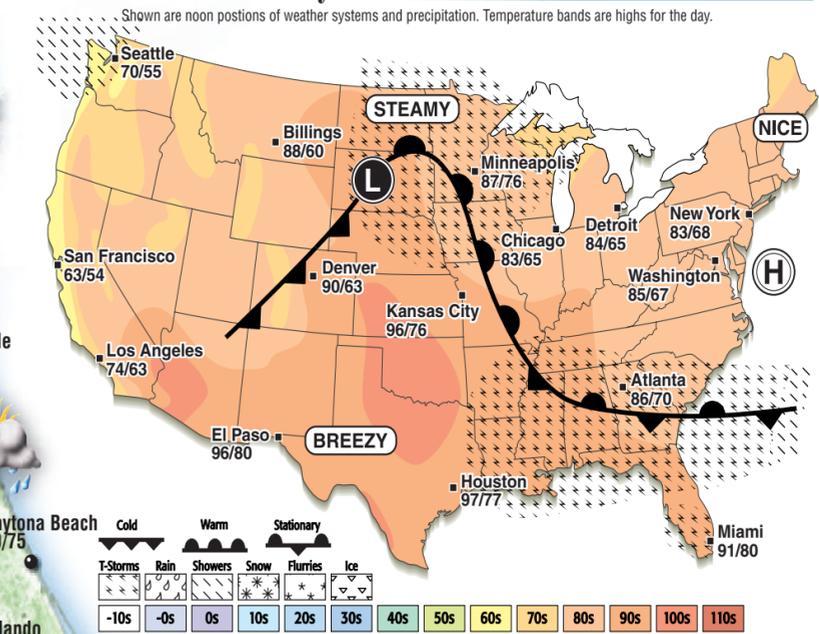


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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Some sun, a t-storm in the p.m.	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	A couple of afternoon thunderstorms	Chance of a p.m. thunderstorm	Chance of a p.m. thunderstorm
95° / 77°	95° / 76°	92° / 74°	93° / 76°	93° / 76°
Winds: WSW at 4-8 mph	Winds: NNW at 4-8 mph	Winds: ESE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph	Winds: SSE at 7-14 mph

National Forecast for July 15



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	92°
Low Sunday	73°
High Monday	94°
Low Monday	71°
High Tuesday	92°
Low Tuesday	71°
High Wednesday	92°
Low Wednesday	72°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	51%
Expected air temperature	93°
Makes it feel like	102°

Barometer

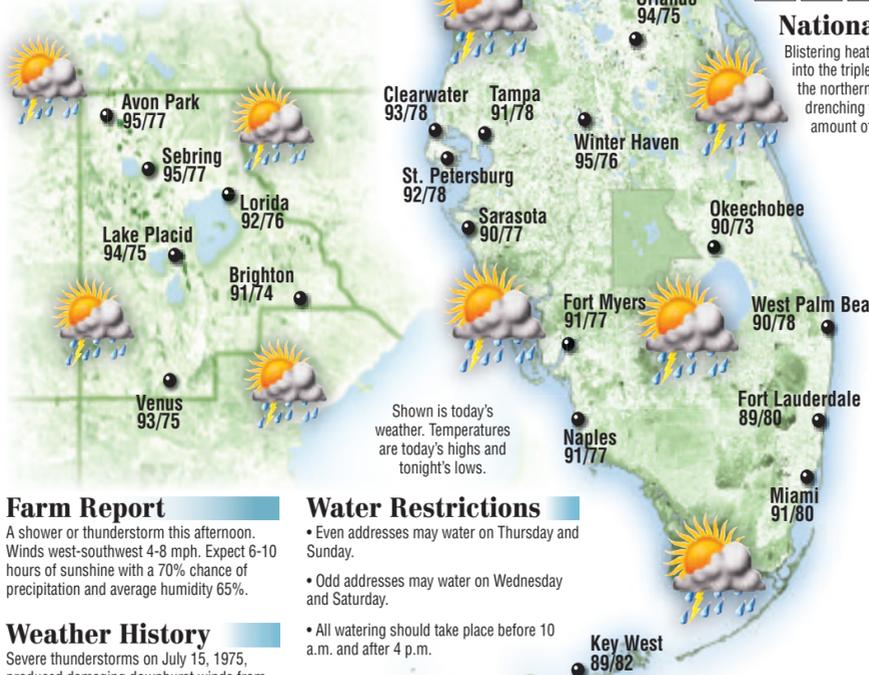
Monday	29.93
Tuesday	29.90
Wednesday	29.85

Precipitation

Monday	0.40"
Tuesday	0.59"
Wednesday	0.01"
Month to date	3.41"
Year to date	25.76"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny today with a shower or thunderstorm around during the afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight. Sunshine and some clouds tomorrow and Sunday with a shower or thunderstorm in the afternoon.



National Summary

Blistering heat will continue to expand north across the Plains today, with high temperatures once again reaching into the triple digits for millions. Locally gusty thunderstorms will erupt along the leading edge of the heat over the northern Plains and Upper Midwest. Meanwhile, another warm and humid afternoon will lead to widespread drenching thunderstorms across the Southeast. The Northeast will enjoy another comfortable day, with a good amount of sunshine and low humidity levels.

U.S. Cities

City	Today			Sat.			Sun.		
	Hi/Lo	W	P	Hi/Lo	W	P	Hi/Lo	W	P
Albuquerque	94/71	t		95/70	s		93/70	t	
Atlanta	86/70	t		84/71	t		88/71	pc	
Baltimore	85/63	s		86/65	s		87/67	pc	
Birmingham	92/73	t		89/73	t		89/74	pc	
Boston	82/65	s		85/69	s		90/71	s	
Charlotte	86/67	t		86/67	t		87/67	pc	
Cheyanne	90/59	pc		92/62	t		93/64	s	
Chicago	83/65	pc		90/71	pc		93/75	s	
Cleveland	84/65	pc		88/69	pc		91/72	pc	
Columbus	88/68	pc		92/71	pc		92/72	pc	
Dallas	104/80	pc		102/80	s		102/80	pc	
Denver	90/63	t		95/65	t		99/66	s	
Detroit	84/65	pc		88/70	pc		92/73	pc	
Harrisburg	86/62	s		88/65	s		88/68	s	
Honolulu	89/75	s		88/75	s		88/75	s	
Houston	97/77	t		97/76	t		97/77	pc	
Indianapolis	86/68	pc		90/72	s		95/74	pc	
Jackson, MS	96/74	t		92/75	t		91/73	t	
Kansas City	96/76	s		99/76	s		100/76	s	
Lexington	88/68	pc		93/70	t		92/71	pc	
Little Rock	96/77	t		98/77	t		96/76	pc	

World Cities

City	Today			Sat.			Sun.		
	Hi/Lo	W	P	Hi/Lo	W	P	Hi/Lo	W	P
Acapulco	86/75	t		88/75	t		88/77	t	
Athens	90/78	s		98/79	s		91/77	s	
Beirut	88/73	s		86/74	s		86/73	s	
Berlin	71/54	pc		75/64	pc		75/66	sh	
Bermuda	82/72	s		80/74	pc		81/73	pc	
Calgary	71/48	pc		74/55	s		78/53	s	
Dublin	63/52	r		59/50	r		57/46	sh	
Edmonton	67/48	pc		74/63	s		78/55	pc	
Freeport	91/78	pc		90/79	pc		90/79	t	
Geneva	75/56	pc		74/60	pc		66/54	r	
Havana	89/73	t		88/74	t		88/73	r	
Hong Kong	84/79	r		84/79	r		89/79	r	
Jerusalem	84/62	s		83/61	s		84/62	s	
Johannesburg	58/38	s		60/40	s		62/39	s	
Kiev	84/64	s		88/67	pc		78/67	t	

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	4:37 a.m.
Low	7:25 a.m.
High	2:09 p.m.
Low	9:58 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	9:21 a.m.
Low	2:58 a.m.
High	9:56 p.m.
Low	3:16 p.m.

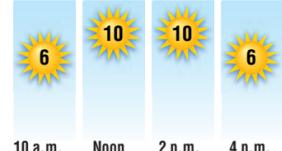
Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	9.99'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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



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Farm Report

A shower or thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with a 70% chance of precipitation and average humidity 65%.

Weather History

Severe thunderstorms on July 15, 1975, produced damaging downburst winds from the Carolinas to Maryland and flooding rain in areas just to the north.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:43 a.m.	6:44 a.m.
Sunset	8:21 p.m.	8:20 p.m.
Moonrise	8:40 p.m.	9:19 p.m.
Moonset	7:00 a.m.	7:59 a.m.



Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today			Sat.			Sun.		
	Hi/Lo	W	P	Hi/Lo	W	P	Hi/Lo	W	P
Cape Coral	92/76	t		93/76	t		93/76	t	
Clearwater	93/78	t		93/78	t		93/78	t	
Coral Springs	91/78	t		89/78	t		91/79	t	
Daytona Beach	90/75	t		90/76	t		88/73	t	
Fl. Laud. Bch	89/80	t		89/80	t		90/80	t	
Fort Myers	91/77	t		93/77	t		93/76	t	
Gainesville	92/73	t		90/74	t		91/72	t	
Hollywood	92/79	t		92/79	t		92/78	t	
Homestead AFB	89/77	t		89/78	t		89/78	t	
Jacksonville	89/75	t		87/74	t		87/72	t	
Key West	89/82	t		91/82	t		91/82	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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Summer rains, Sumter wash away Lake Placid

By LAUREN WELBORN
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – Many Dixie baseball veterans will admit, “It wouldn’t be an All-Star tournament if it didn’t rain.”

This was the case for Lake Placid as they took on Sumter County Tuesday evening at the Max Long Recreational Complex in the Dixie Boys State Tournament.

Tyler Farmer started things off for the Lake Placid offense, ripping a single that would escape the diving reach of Sumter’s second

baseman.

Sumter’s defense, however, held tight for the next few batters and would later take their first at-bat without having to make up for any Lake Placid runs.

Starting Lake Placid pitcher Justin LaRosa saw the first five batters before Justin Mason came in to relieve him.

In the bottom of the first, the thunder came not only from the skies, but the Sumter bats as well.

With few mistakes on the

field, it was this key that gave Sumter the early lead.

Sumter produced a combination of solid singles, deep doubles and one home run that would find its way into the bed of a spectator’s pick-up in center field in the bottom of the first.

As Lake Placid left fielder caught a crucial fly ball with runners on, the inning ended 6-0.

This drastic change in the score seemed to have Lake Placid shaken up a bit.

In their next at-bat, Isiah



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

When the dust settled, Scott Colley and the Lake Placid All-Stars saw their state tournament run come to an end Tuesday as the game and gritty squad fell to Sumter.

Velazquez would provide the only hit of the inning, but would be stopped short of crossing home plate.

Lake Placid, however, would not be shut down just

yet.

In the top of the third inning the bats finally got rolling, as did the lightning.

Lake Placid would be able to squeeze in two runs before

the first lightning delay was called.

After reaching on a single and advancing, Farmer was

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Sebring splits to stay alive

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – The Sebring All-Stars needed to bounce back Wednesday evening in order to stay alive in the Dixie Boys State Tournament at the Max Long Recreational Complex.

That’s because in Tuesday’s highly anticipated showdown with West Seminole, the Sebring squad forgot to bring a key piece of equipment, hitting shoes.

That, combined with a porous defense led to a misleading 10-0 loss to last year’s state runner-up.

“We had three hits,” outfielder J.C. Cobb said prior to Wednesday’s contest against Sumter. “They only had three hits too, but we had a lot of errors.”

A combination of walks and errors had West Seminole up 4-0 in the first, without benefit of a hit, and when their own bats never came



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Jonathan Struck slides in safely at second, but would make a bigger impact on the mound in relief Wednesday night, pitching three scoreless innings and striking out six in Sebring’s win over Sumter.

alive, the tone was set.

“I think maybe we were due,” assistant coach Charlie White said. “This is mostly our Publix team, with a few additions, and they’ve played

more than 20 straight games without a loss. Maybe it was just one of those games that could be a good thing and wakes us up.”

But things seemed to be

heading that way again the next night against Sumter, as other than Cobb getting plunked by a pitch from

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Highlands special athletes take most medals in district bowling

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID – Special athletes from three counties competed in a districtwide bowling match for medals on Saturday, July 9, at Royal Palms Bowling Center.

During the Special STARS District Bowling competition, Highlands County took home 42 medals while Okeechobee won 18 medals and Hardee took 11 medals.

There were 104 athletes competing.

Highlands won 16 gold, 14 silver and 12 bronze medals.

Okeechobee had six gold, eight silver and four bronze medals.

Hardee had six gold, one silver and four bronze medals.

The event opened with the Lake Placid Elks Lodge presenting the flag while Carl Gillilan, of Sebring, sang the national anthem.

Bowlers competed in singles, doubles, teams and ramps.

Medals and ribbons were presented and a lunch was served after the competition.

Cracker Trail 4-H Club assisted with the awards and lunch.

Shawn Squires, of Highlands, had the highest score. He bowled a 224 and 199.

He joined efforts with Joe Singha to bowl doubles and took the gold medals.

Joe Borg and Rebecca Patrick, of Okeechobee, won silver while Frankie Smelser and Betty Burnett, of Highlands, won the bronze medals.

In another bracket of doubles, Bruce Brummett and Thomas Dirkson, of Hardee, took gold medals.

John Patrick and Mary Jo Solloway, of Okeechobee, won silver medals while Donna Headdy and Lewis Simpson, of Hardee, won bronze medals.

Sara Canali and Patty Wilfong paired up in unassisted ramp bowling to win gold medals against Herb Adkins and Emily Harrison.

They are all from Highlands County.

Highlands had four teams competing in the event.

Two teams tied for the first place with a score of 875 each.

Team members winning gold were Owen Barnhill, Sharon Carpenter, Jeannene Eby, John Smith, Travis Moss, Alex Lopez, Nicole Lewis and Ricky Marino.

The second place team, consisting of Carol Snyder, Leon Gordon, Markevin Smith and Greg Robinson, had a total score of 747.

The third place team getting bronze medals were Rob Ward, Amelia Titus, Kathy Mitchell and Brian Harrison. Avon Park Youth Academy



Courtesy photo

Cracker Trail 4-H Club member Garrett Martinez, of Sebring, and Special STARS volunteer Angie Luft, of Sebring, help line up a ramp for Kaye Palmer, a Special STARS athlete from Okeechobee County, who competed in the District Bowling competition on Saturday, July 9, at Royal Palms Bowling Center in Lake Placid. Athletes with disabilities from Highlands, Hardee and Okeechobee counties competed in this event.

also participated at the event with the teams.

Other Highlands County athletes who won gold were Dennis Taylor and Hormel Biggs.

Silver medalists were Frances Goff, Christine Frank, Alan Kufnowski, Josh Croston, Penny Holder, William Dickson and Mike Eldred.

Bronze medalists were Richard Rossner, Terry Richardson, Nancy Cassels, Maricel Moreno and Ryland Biggs.

Other Hardee County athletes won gold medals were Thomas Whitfield, Julie

Kilbourne, Sue Egnoski and Bill Flemer.

Melinda Hatchcock won silver medals. Carol Vitale and Christa Haegel won bronze medals.

Other Okeechobee County athletes who won gold were Nathan Perdue, R.J. Sandefur, Gaye Palmer, Jackie Wentworth, Jodi Mains and Andrew Patrick.

Silver medals were won by Joanna Austin, Connie Doyle, Bill Bailey and Kaye Palmer. Bronze medalists were David Westgate, Kandi McFarland, Leonard Bain and Steve Kotch.

Wade staying busy in whirlwind summer

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

DAVIE — Standing before hundreds of children at his basketball camp Wednesday, Dwyane Wade got plenty of tough questions.

About playing with LeBron James this past season with the Miami Heat and their trip to the NBA finals.

About his actress girlfriend, Gabrielle Union.

About what it takes to be a great basketball player.

One noticeably absent topic? The NBA lockout.

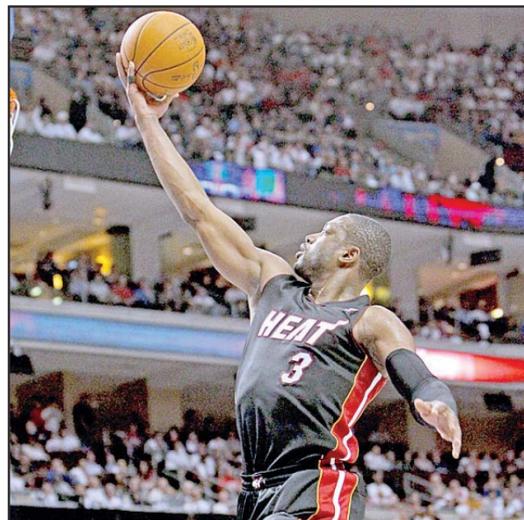
“No lockout questions at all,” Wade said after-

ward. “I think it’s sensitive to them. They’re staying away from it.”

Those kids may be the only ones staying away from the NBA’s latest chapter.

Taking a break from working with the kids at his camp, Wade spoke on a number of topics Wednesday, including the camp, his travel plans for the remainder of the summer, whether or not he’ll try to be part of the U.S. team at the 2012 London Olympics — and, of course, the work stoppage that threatens the next

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MCT file photo

Dwyane Wade is keeping mum on the topic of the NBA lockout.

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST			
W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	55	35	.611 —
New York	53	35	.602 1
Tampa Bay	49	41	.544 6
Toronto	45	47	.489 11
Baltimore	36	52	.409 18

Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	49	43	.533 —
Cleveland	47	42	.528 ½
Chicago	44	48	.478 5
Minnesota	41	48	.461 6½
Kansas City	37	54	.407 11½

West Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	51	41	.554 —
Los Angeles	50	42	.543 1
Seattle	43	48	.473 7½
Oakland	39	53	.424 12

Tuesday's Games

NL All-Stars 5, AL All-Stars 1

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Cleveland at Baltimore, late
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, late
Kansas City at Minnesota, late
Texas at Seattle, late

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Floyd 6-9) at Detroit (Verlander 12-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 10-4) at Baltimore (Arrieta 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 7-6) at Toronto (Morrow 5-4), 7:07 p.m.
Boston (A.Miller 3-0) at Tampa Bay (Price 8-7), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 5-8) at Minnesota (Blackburn 7-6), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Haren 10-5) at Oakland (McCarthy 1-5), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (C.Lewis 8-7) at Seattle (Fister 3-10), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST			
W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	57	34	.626 —
Atlanta	54	38	.587 3½
New York	46	45	.505 11
Washington	46	46	.500 11½
Florida	43	48	.473 14

Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	49	43	.533 —
St. Louis	49	43	.533 —
Pittsburgh	47	43	.522 1
Cincinnati	45	47	.489 4
Chicago	37	55	.402 12
Houston	30	62	.326 19

West Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	52	40	.565 —
Arizona	49	43	.533 3
Colorado	43	48	.473 8½
Los Angeles	41	51	.446 11
San Diego	40	52	.435 12

Tuesday's Games

NL All-Stars 5, AL All-Stars 1

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Florida at Chicago Cubs, late
Milwaukee at Colorado, late
San Francisco at San Diego, late

Friday's Games

Florida (Nolasco 6-5) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 6-6), 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Worley 4-1) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 4-7), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Westbrook 7-4) at Cincinnati (Cueto 5-3), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (L.Hernandez 5-8) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 8-6), 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Karstens 7-4) at Houston (Myers 3-9), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Narveson 6-5) at Colorado (Nicasio 3-2), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 9-4) at Arizona (J.Saunders 6-7), 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 7-7) at San Diego (Moseley 2-8), 10:05 p.m.

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	7	4	7	28	21
New York	6	4	10	28	34
Columbus	7	5	6	27	21
Houston	5	6	8	23	23
Sporting K.C.	5	6	7	22	24
D.C.	5	5	7	22	24
Chicago	2	5	12	18	24
Toronto FC	3	9	9	18	36
New England	3	8	7	16	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	10	2	9	39	27
Seattle	9	4	8	35	28
FC Dallas	10	5	4	34	26
Real Salt Lake	8	3	6	30	23
Colorado	6	5	9	27	23
Chivas USA	5	7	7	22	24
San Jose	5	6	7	22	21
Portland	5	9	3	18	31
Vancouver	2	10	8	14	19

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at New England, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, July 20
New England at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Toronto FC, 8 p.m.
New York at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 23
FC Dallas at New York, 6 p.m.
Portland at Columbus, 8 p.m.
Toronto FC at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
New England at Colorado, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Houston at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	10	3	.769 —
New York	8	5	.615 2
Connecticut	6	5	.545 3
Chicago	7	7	.500 3½
Atlanta	3	9	.250 6½
Washington	2	9	.182 7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	9	4	.692 —



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

SATURDAY

3:30 p.m. NASCAR – New England 200 ESPN

BOXING

FRIDAY

9 p.m. Delvin Rodriguez vs. Pawel Wolak ESPN2
11:05 p.m. Diego Magdaleno vs. Alejandro Perez. SHOW

GOLF

FRIDAY

2 p.m. PGA – Chiquita Classic GOLF
3 p.m. 2011 British Open ESPN
4 p.m. PGA – Viking Classic GOLF

SATURDAY

9 a.m. 2011 British Open ESPN
11 a.m. American Century Championship GOLF
2 p.m. PGA – Chiquita Classic GOLF
3 p.m. American Century Championship NBC
3 p.m. 2011 British Open ABC
4 p.m. PGA – Viking Classic GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

FRIDAY

2 p.m. Florida at Chicago Cubs WGN
7 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay SUN

SATURDAY

4 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay FOX

SOCCER

SATURDAY

10 p.m. L.A. Galaxy vs. Real Madrid ESPN2

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER

SATURDAY

11 a.m. Third-Place Game – Sweden vs. France ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Minnesota	7	4	.636	1
San Antonio	7	4	.636	1
Seattle	7	4	.636	1
Los Angeles	5	6	.455	3
Tulsa	1	12	.077	8

Tuesday's Games

Seattle 79, Washington 71
Los Angeles 84, San Antonio 74

Wednesday's Games

New York 91, Atlanta 69
Chicago 72, Tulsa 54
Phoenix 112, Minnesota 105
Indiana 90, Connecticut 78

Thursday's Games

Seattle at San Antonio, late

Friday's Games

Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at New York, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Tulsa, 8 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed RHP Mitch Talbot on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Ezequiel Carrera from Columbus (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Reinier Casanova and assigned him to the GCL Yankees.

National League

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Colten Brewer and RHP Jason Creasy.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jaime Garcia on a four-year contract extension.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX—Released RHP Colin Allen.

FARGO-MOORHEAD
REDHAWKS—Signed RHP Dan Blewett.
LINCOLN SALTDogs—Released RHP Sean Potter.

Can-Am League

NEWARK BEARS—Signed RHP Doug Jennings.
QUEBEC CAPITALS—Signed OF Mitch Delaney.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

INDIANA PACERS—Named Brian Shaw assistant head coach. Retained assistant coach Dan Burke.

Football

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
CFL—Fined Saskatchewan DB Craig Butler an undisclosed amount for an illegal hit on Montreal WR S.J. Green during Saturday's game.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Named Ossama AbouZeid interim chief executive officer.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Agreed to terms with C Brandon Sutter on a three-year contract.
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Signed D Shane O'Brien to a one-year contract.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Signed C Cody Bass to a one-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed F Mika Zibanejad to a three-year contract.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed F Jonathan Cheechoo to a one-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Re-signed C Mathieu Perrault to a one-year contract.

ECHL

ALASKA ACES—Named Rob Murray coach.
CHICAGO EXPRESS—Announced an affiliation agreement with the Columbus Blue Jackets.
ELMIRA JACKALS—Signed D Mario Larocque.
READING ROYALS—Agreed to terms

with F Phil Aucoin.

LACROSSE

National Lacrosse League

MINNESOTA SWARM—Traded D Ryan Cousins, A Aaron Wilson, G Kevin Croswell and a 2011 second-round draft pick to Edmonton for 2011 first- and fourth-round draft picks and a 2012 second-round draft pick.
TORONTO ROCK—Traded F Mat MacLeod, D Creighton Reid and the ninth and 14th picks in the 2011 draft to Colorado for F Dan Carey, the 28th pick in the 2011 draft and the rights to Rochester's 2013 first-round draft pick.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS—Suspended Los Angeles F Chris Birchall for two games and fined him \$500 and suspended Chicago F Diego Chaves one game and fined him \$250 for reckless challenges in a game on July 9. Fined San Jose coach Frank Yallop \$500, on top of his automatic one-game ban and \$500 fine, for getting sent off during a game against Philadelphia on July 9.
CHICAGO FIRE—Signed MF Sebastian Grazzini.
NEW YORK RED BULLS—Signed G Frank Rost.

COLLEGE

NCAA—Named Xavier athletic director Mike Bobinski chairman of the Division I men's basketball committee for the 2012-13 season.
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HOCKEY CONFERENCE—Announced the name for the conference that Colorado College, Denver, Minnesota Duluth, Nebraska-Omaha and North Dakota have formed to be played in the 2013-14 season.
SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE—Named Calhoun Hipp assistant director of communications.
CARROLL—Announced G Dee Crandall has transferred from Northwest Wyoming State.
GEORGETOWN—Named Stephanie Wetmore women's assistant tennis coach.
INDIANA STATE—Named Dave Telford quarterbacks coach.
LA SALLE—Named Shannon Witzel women's assistant lacrosse coach.
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE—Named Greg Gensing men's assistant basketball coach.
MINNESOTA—Named Mike Guentzel men's associate head hockey coach.
VANDERBILT—Announced men's and women's cross country coach Steven Keith, will add women's track and field to his coaching duties.

Today in Baseball History

July 15

1901 - Christy Mathewson of the New York Giants pitched his first of two career no-hitters, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 5-0.
1969 - Cincinnati's Lee May hit four home runs in a doubleheader split with the Atlanta Braves. May had two home runs and drove in five runs in both games as the Reds lost the opener 9-8 but came back to win the second game, 10-4.
1973 - Nolan Ryan of the California Angels struck out seventeen batters and threw his second no-hitter of the year, beating Detroit 6-0.
1980 - Johnny Bench broke Yogi Berra's record for home runs by a catcher as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Montreal Expos 12-7. Bench hit his 314th homer as a catcher off David Palmer. Bench had thirty-three home runs while playing other positions.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

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

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.

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.

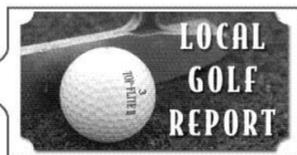
Warrior Golf Classic

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 prizes; Closest to the pin/Longest Drive.

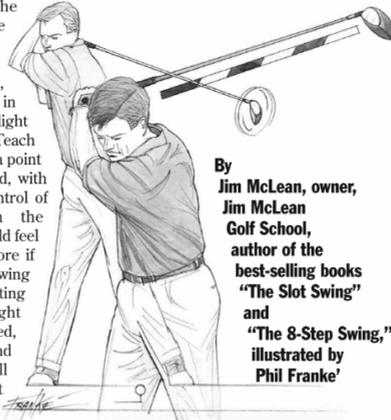
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winning the team side of the event with a +13 total.

A Division went to Scottt with +5, Strickland took B Division with +8 and Paul Ford won C Division with +7.

Placid Lakes The Men's Golf Association played a 3, 2, 1 event on Wednesday, July 13.

The foursome of Howard Tricknor, Chuck Fortunato, Bud Snyder and Bruce Miseno got the win with a -22, while Bob McMillian, Al Verhage, Darrell Horney and David Raciti were second at -12.

Cliff Moore, Jim Hays, Ed Bartusch and Russ Isaacs were third at -8.

River Greens

The Morrison Group played a game on Monday, July 11.

Winning first place was the team of Gil Heier, Jim Cercy and Peter March with minus-22.

The Men's Association played a Men's Day event on Saturday, July 9.

Winning first place was the team of Bob Streeter, Jim Cercy and Lefty St. Pierre with minus-25. Tying for second/third places were the teams of Len Westdale, Gil Heier and Al Farrell; Russ Rudd, Dick Long and Neil Purcell with minus-22 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Tim Thomas, 1-foot; No. 8, Al Farrell, 8-

feet-3.5 inches; No. 12, Neil Purcell, 13-feet-6-inches; and No. 17, Jim Cercy, 19-feet-7-inches.

An Evening Scramble was played Friday, July 8.

Winning first place was the team of Don Ethan, Tim Thomas, Joe and Pat Graf and Charlie Seralde.

The Ladies Association played a pro am tournament on Thursday, July 7.

Winning first place was the team of Kay Conkle, Betty Wallace and Cheryl Lancaster with plus-13.5.

Individual winners were: First place, Cheryl Lancaster with plus-7.5; and second place, Barb Stuber with plus-4.5.

The Men's Association played a men's pro am tournament on Wednesday, July 6.

Winning first place was the team of Neil Purcell, Eli Ventura, Len Westdale and Cliff Steele with plus-3.

Individual winners were: First place, Tim Thomas with plus-8; second place, Eli Ventura with even; and third place, Russ Rudd with plus-7.5.

SpringLake

Wednesday, July 13, the SpringLake Women's Golf Association played an Individual Pro-Am Points tournament on the Cougar Trail course.

Flight A winner was Judy Dunn who had a total of 21 points for a plus 4 and first place.

Taking second with 19 points and minus 1 was Linda Pflieger.

Ruth Ann Payne and Julia Starr both had plus 1 in the B Flight.

The tiebreaker went to Ruth Ann Payne.

On Tuesday, July 12, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association held a 4 Man, Team 2 Best Ball competition in which only the two best balls counted for the score on each hole.

This was played on the Cougar Trail course.

In First Place was the team of Ken Kirby, Gene Hearn, Wiley Ferguson and Bill Robbins with a 2 Best Ball score of

115. Second Place went to Pat Jaskowski, Dan Porter, Leon Van, and a blind with a score of 118.

On Thursday, July 8, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association completed Day 2 of a Pick Your Partner event.

This was played on the Panther Trail course with both balls of each team counting toward total score (net of handicap).

This score was added to Day 1's score (1 Best Ball) to determine the winners.

In A Flight, first place went to Jon Brower and Tom Bates, who scored 59 (Day 1) and 146 (Day 2) totalling 205.

Second place was won by Gene Hearn and Edd Vowels, who scored 61 / 150 for total of 211.

Third place in Flight A went to Gary Behrendt and a blind partner with scores of 64 and 148 for a total of 212.

Fourth place went to Jan Hard and Gary Graves with scores of 66 / 149 equalling 215.

In the B Flight, first place went to John Delaney and Wiley Ferguson -- scoring 57 / 141 = 198.

There was a tie for second between the teams of Leon Van and Bob Frederick and that of Richie Eastep and Chips Ryan, who scored identical 59 / 149 = 208s.

Fourth place went to Ed Clay and Dan Porter with 61 / 151 = 212.

Notably absent from this report is the name of Mr. Kirby, who was overheard swearing that he was going to teach a certain Mr. Hinde how to putt.

Also absent are the names Hoerner and Foote, whose big plans to Ham and Egg turned into an "out of the money omelet."

Sebring swings, Struck stop Sumter

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starter Trent Upshaw, the side was retired without a scratch.

In the bottom of the first, too, a walk and an error had two runners on before a Quentin Morrison single gave Sumter a 1-0 lead.

Sebring starter Jacob Cram looked to help his own cause when he singled to start the second, but his courtesy runner was soon picked off before Jonathan Struck beat out an infield single.

One out later, Eli White was hit by a pitch, but Upshaw retired the next batter to hold the lead.

That lead then doubled when Caleb Simmons knocked one out of the yard, but with Sebring's order turned over heading into the third, things started to turn.

"We do start out slow sometimes," head coach Israel Gomex said. "But once our guys have gone through the order, seen the pitcher and what he has, the next time through we start hitting."

That started to show when, with one out, Lou Martinez ripped a triple down the left-field line and Cobb lofted one to deep left center that fell for an RBI double.

One out later, Cram split the right-center field gap for a double to score Cobb and the game was tied 2-2.

Cram set the side down in order in the bottom of the third, with third baseman Martinez ranging to his left on a hard grounder headed for the hole and throwing across for one of the outs.

And that quick one, two, three inning was key to keep the momentum going as Alex Gomez then walked to start the fourth.

White got a hold of one, showing the bats were now locked in, though his hard liner to center stayed up a tad too long and was snared.

But Hunter Livingston picked him up with a triple down the third-base line to score Gomez and give Sebring its' first lead.

Laramie Strickland was brought on in relief, but nothing was going to stop the hot hitting at this point.

Jordan Austin greeted Strickland with a rocket-shot that ricocheted off first baseman Simmons and into right field for an RBI single.

Martinez then brought Austin home with his second consecutive triple, this one deep to center, before soon coming in when Alex Forde reached on an error, for a 6-2 lead.

From here, Struck was brought it and cruised through the Sumter line-up in the bottom of the fourth.

But, despite a long double to left by Gomez and a perfect sacrifice bunt by White off reliever Upshaw, Sebring wouldn't score in the top of the fifth and Sumter put two runners on, via a walk and single, in the bottom of the frame.

But Struck fielded a comebacker for a fielder's choice and then froze the next batter with a third-strike Uncle Charlie to retire the side.

It was here that Sebring put it away.

With one out, Martinez reached on an error and Cobb singled to center.

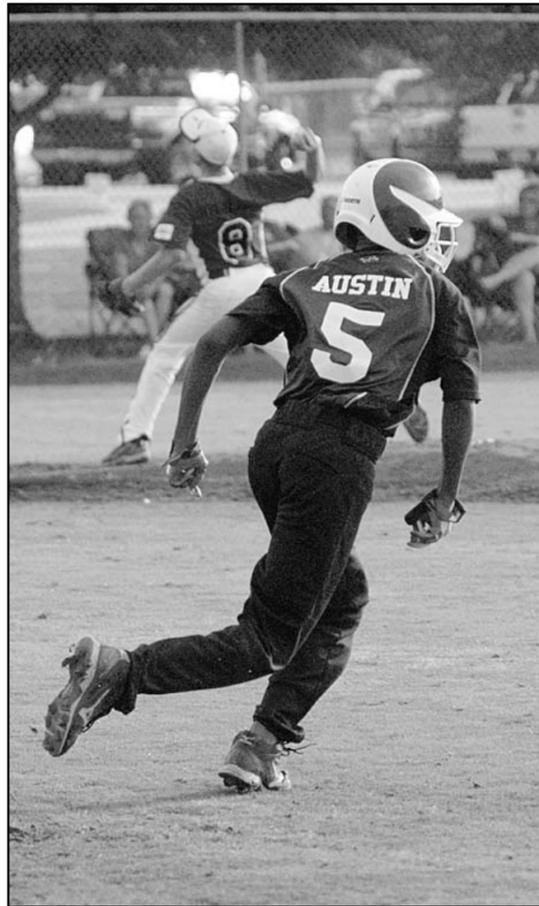
Martinez never let up and reached third, and when the throw went there, Cobb alertly moved up to second.

Forde drove Martinez home with a single to right and Cram brought Cobb in with a single up the middle.

Struck then hit a grounder to short, but the throw to first was lost in the sun, got away and allowed both Forde and Cram to come in and Struck to get to third.

That allowed Gomez' fly ball to go as an RBI sac fly to make it 11-2 and on the brink of the 10-run rule.

That was taken care of



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Jordan Austin breaks for second as Sumter's Laramie Strickland pitches to a Sebring batter Wednesday night.

when White doubled to left center and was brought in by pinch-hitter Garrison Dick's double to the center-field fence.

Ten runs up, three outs to go in order to keep the mercy-rule in effect and end it an inning early.

Struck got another strike-out on the hook, but pinch-hitter Brady McCoy launched a shot off the left-field fence that was hit so hard he was held to a single.

But McCoy would not move from first as Struck fanned the next two batters and secured the 12-2 win.

"With (staff ace Matt) Portis hurt, guys like Jonathan and Jacob Cram have some big shoes to fill," coach Gomez said. "They really stepped it up and then we did what we do best, hit."

The team was then set to face the winner of the West Seminole, San Antonio contest later Wednesday night for a Thursday meeting at Noon.

If San Antonio were to win, they would be next on the docket with Seminole awaiting for a match-up to see who goes to the title game.

If West Seminole won, Sebring would have to beat them twice to reach the title game.

Vying to reach the ultimate contest on the other side of the bracket, Spring Hill atoned for an earlier loss to West Volusia Wednesday and the two teams were to meet up in the rubber match at Noon Thursday.

See newssun.com for Thursday's results.

Wade keeping busy

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NBA season, with players and owners billions of dollars away from agreeing on a new labor deal.

"I don't miss it yet," Wade said of his inability to work out at 601 Biscayne Boulevard in Miami, the address of the arena that the Heat call home. "I'm only a month away from the game. I'm cool. I've got two more weeks to relax before I get back into it. But when the time gets to where we're still going, I will miss it and most importantly I think everybody will miss it because you're used to getting into a rhythm, used to getting into a schedule. And when that schedule is starting off, everything is off."

Still, a month removed from losing in six games to the Dallas Mavericks in the NBA finals, Wade is a long way from forgetting the pain of coming up short with a title at stake.

He's been busy since: A European trip has already been completed, as has a camp he co-hosted with NFL star Devin Hester in Chicago and a commercial shoot in Los Angeles, all preceding his annual camp at Nova Southeastern University — which added a twist this year, a cheerleader camp led by Katina Taylor, the wife of NFL defensive end Jason Taylor.

And soon, Wade will head back to China for the first time since the U.S. won gold at the 2008 Beijing Games.

Much of that trip will be built around Wade's work with Nike's Jordan Brand, although he has several other business

meetings lined up there as well.

"I'm excited to come back over there and just enjoy China," Wade said. "I want to go different places over there. I told Brand Jordan I wanted to go to see where the magic happens, where are the sneakers made, the people that make the sneakers. I want to go meet those people. I've got a lot of things I want to accomplish this summer and I've got a lot of time to do that."

Other topics Wade touched on Wednesday:

— Regarding losing the NBA finals.

"The sting is there, no question about it. I joke with the kids, I say, 'All right, I'm going to make jokes about it, and you guys aren't going to ask me questions.' Because when they ask questions, they want to know some stuff. So I make sure I shed some light on it in a sense of humor type of way. But the sting's there. But you've got to move on."

— Regarding the perception of Miami's season as a disappointment.

"We understand that it was a failure, that it was a failure not just for the Miami Heat, it was a failure for every team that didn't win except for the Dallas Mavericks. They were the champions, so they had the best year. Everyone else failed — they didn't win a championship. But the things that we did, they don't just erase."

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driven in by Mason's sacrifice fly to center field.

Scott Colley then hit a soft-liner to center that scored LaRosa, who had laced a double down the third-base line.

The top of the third ended just as the lightning began, sending the players into the dugout.

Play resumed after the standard 30-minute delay with Sumter approaching their third at-bat.

The Lake Placid defense lost a bit of its spark, as seen by a few more errors on the field.

"The team seemed to be on summer vacation already," explained head coach D.J. Smiling.

"These other teams come here from other parts of the state, and they're here to play."

This is not to say that they were giving up just yet.

A line drive ricocheted off the pitcher was then misplayed despite the recovering efforts of the middle infield.

As the pitching and defense struggled to get out of the inning, Sumter capitalized on the extra base runners, adding insurance runs before the next delay.

Mother Nature would strike yet again, only this time bringing the rain



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN
Ryan Browning sets to field this grounder as this Sumter runner heads for third, though Lake Placid would be knocked out of the Dixie Boys State Tournament in Tuesday's rain- and lightning-delayed loss.

along with the lighting.

After over an hour of delay the game was moved to a field under better condition and the game finally resumed again with Lake Placid now trailing 12-2.

If Sumter saw this as a time to end the game early, they were sadly mistaken.

Lake Placid beared down and put two more runs on

the board after Paul Cantwell's single and Ryan Browning's successful bunt became RBIs from LaRosa's single that found the right-center field gap.

Despite valiant efforts though, Lake Placid's tournament run would soon come to an end with the score 12-4 in favor of Sumter.

How to improve baseball's All-Star game? End it.

Absent from the endless discussions about how to improve baseball's All-Star game was the one that would solve all the problems immediately.

End it.

Seriously. Would anyone other than Bud Selig notice? Or care?

And just imagine if the idea gets traction across the sports spectrum.

If the pro leagues really want to do something for fans, other than pick their pockets, keep the breaks in midseason and have the players perform community service — e.g., stage sports clinics in their hometowns.

For one thing, they might be better attended than the All-Star game.

Almost a fifth of the players named to baseball's two squads had already voted no with their feet, electing to park them somewhere besides Phoenix on Tuesday night, rendering the National League's 5-1 win an even more meaningless exercise than usual.

And the problem wasn't just a lack of quantity, but quality.

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter might be the face of baseball, but his body was already in R&R mode.

He sneaked off to Florida with girlfriend Minka Kelly, enraging all those commentators who exhausted their store of superlatives praising him over the weekend, the TV executives at FOX who spent hours dreaming up all those promotional tie-ins, and who knows how many of the 4 million who penciled Jeter into the AL starting lineup.

Surprisingly, the voice of reason in the debate turned out to be the commissioner.

"There isn't a player that I'm more proud of in the last 15 years than Derek Jeter. He's played the game the



JIM LITKE

Associated Press

way it should be played. He's an even greater human being off the field," Selig said. "I think I would have made the same decision that Derek Jeter had."

Of course, this was the same commissioner who called off the 2002 game — and in his home park in Milwaukee, no less — when both teams ran out of relief pitchers after 11 innings in a tie game.

Convinced that raising the stakes would prevent future defections and convince the All-Star managers to hold back enough players to prevent a repeat, Selig then hammered out an agreement with the players' union the following year to award home-field advantage for the World Series to whichever league won the game.

Even so, the list of AL starting pitchers who, like Jeter, passed up a chance to appear — either because they were injured, resting or worked a regular-season game Sunday — read like the first round of everybody's fantasy draft: Detroit's Justin Verlander, the Yankees' CC Sabathia and closer Mariano Rivera, Seattle's Felix Hernandez, Tampa Bay's James Shields and Boston's Jon Lester.

Lester's Red Sox teammate, Josh Beckett, scheduled as the second AL pitcher, then bowed out during warmups because of a sore knee.

Beckett said afterward he

would have pitched through the discomfort had it been a regular-season game.

Some incentive home field for the World Series turned out to be.

Predictably, the Nationals rode superior pitching and some timely hits to win. They were also better at pretending that it meant something.

The All-Star game wasn't always like that.

Guys used to treat the game as an honor instead of worrying about getting hurt.

The highlights from past games running wall to wall on ESPN proved that.

How many times did you see the Pete Rose collision at the plate with Ray Fosse in the 1970 contest?

And what are the chances you'll ever see anything like it in an All-Star game again?

The guess here is never.

There's no need to romanticize the good old days.

We like to think the players competed for pride, but even back then, it was about money.

The problem, though, is that there's so much more money on the line these days that the likelihood of any player in any All-Star game would step outside his comfort zone is practically nil.

And it's not just baseball.

The NFL's Pro Bowl is a glorified flag-football contest and even the NBA and NHL versions, which are entertaining enough as displays of offensive firepower, offer so little defense and intensity that calling them honest games stretches the truth.

So go ahead, Bud, make a statement.

Either make attendance at the game mandatory, or just make the midsummer break a vacation.

If it ever deserved the label "classic," it's anything but that these days.

Marlins close upper deck

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Florida Marlins are closing the upper deck at Sun Life Stadium.

The Marlins rank last among the 30 major league clubs in home attendance, and the team no longer sees a need to sell seats in the second level of the football stadium they call home.

Florida plans to move

into a baseball-only ballpark in downtown Miami next year.

Upper-deck seats may be made available for certain games, including the Sept. 28 home finale.

Team officials say the move will cut operational costs, plus create a better atmosphere by having more fans in the lower level near

the field.

Tickets for the upper deck were only available for Marlins home games on Fridays and Saturdays, which means the move will affect no more than eight remaining contests this season.

Big contingents of players, owners for NFL talks

HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With time running short to keep the NFL's preseason completely intact, owners and player representatives are back in force at a Manhattan law firm, trying again to work out a new labor deal.

At least eight of the 10 members of the owners' labor committee are on hand for the talks, including Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboys and John Mara of the New York Giants.

Packers CEO Mark Murphy and Chargers owner

Dean Spanos were not seen at the talks Wednesday but joined them Thursday.

On the other side, NFLPA chief DeMaurice Smith and at least six current or former players had arrived.

The NFL has been locked out for more than four months and the preseason is fast approaching.

The Hall of Fame game that starts the exhibition season is scheduled for Aug. 7 between the St. Louis Rams and Chicago Bears, who are both hoping to open training camp at the end of next week.

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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.

FRIDAY

■ **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. For details, call 314-0891.

■ **American Legion Post 25** hosts a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Cost is \$6. Shrimp also is available for same price. Open to the public. Tickets in the lounge on Friday night. Lounge hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** has karaoke from 7 p.m. until final call at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Post open at noon. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. For details, call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club** meets 7 a.m., Rotary Club building.

■ **Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. For details, call 385-8118.

■ **Buttonwood Bay Squares** meets first and third Friday in recreation hall, Sebring. Early rounds are from 7-7:30 p.m., alternate mainstream/plus/rounds are from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For details, call Larry Gow at 382-6995.

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** offers a class in Lake Placid at the Sunshine RV Resort from 9-11 a.m. Friday. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at sam-dunn@samdunn.net.

■ **Highlands Social Dance Club** hosts ballroom dancing every Friday, October through March from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway. Dance the night away to the music of the area's Big Bands. All club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required. Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Call 385-6671.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** has lounge hours beginning at 1 p.m. There is a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$8.50 per person. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** serves wings, fish and burgers at 6 p.m. Music provided from 7-11 p.m. Pool tournament is at 8 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Karaoke from 7-10 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Fridays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves chicken or fish baskets from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring, for a \$4 donation. Blind darts is played at 7 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** serving buffet dinner at 5-7 p.m. Elks and guests invited. Dance music in ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and dance is \$10 donation. For reservations, call 385-8647 or 471-3557. Smoke-free environment. Lounge is open from 1-10 p.m.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves beef franks and

Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Recreation Club** plays bridge at 12:30 p.m. and table tennis at 4 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave. For details, call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880**, 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. Texas Hold 'em lessons, 2 p.m. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves pizza from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

■ **Volunteers of America of Florida** is a nonprofit organization in Sebring that specializes in assisting person's with mental illness. We are pleased to announce our Drop in Center is open to individuals with a mental illness 6 days a week from 11am to 3 pm. The center offers a welcoming environment where individuals are accepted and feel comfortable. For more information please contact Wendy at 863-382-2022.

SATURDAY

■ **American Association of University Women** meets at 10 a.m. third Saturday at various locations. For details, call 465-2581 or 452-2493.

■ **American Legion Post 25** serves sirloin burgers from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Jam session is from 2-4 p.m. The lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Members and guests invited. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 69** in Avon Park serves dinner at 5 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Lakes Association** has a pancake breakfast on the third Saturday of every month. \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. The clubhouse is at 2714 Nautilus Drive in Avon Park.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Antidepressant use during pregnancy linked to higher risk of autism



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

Dear Pharmacist: My husband and I would like to have a child soon. My sister's little boy has autism, so I'm naturally concerned for my prenatal care and pregnancy. Is there any way to reduce my risk of having a child with autism?

— C.J., Orlando

Answer: There is so much controversy regarding vaccinations that I'm not even going to entertain that here. Instead, I'll tell you about a less debatable finding based on a brand new study, conducted at Kaiser Permanente's Northern California Research Division in Oakland that found mothers of autistic children were twice as likely to have taken an antidepressant in the year prior to their delivery. The risk appears even stronger if the antidepressant is taken during their first trimester.



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Use of antidepressants during pregnancy may be a bad idea, but the data is debatable.

The study published in July 2011, in the Archives of General Psychiatry, analyzed prenatal data for women who took antidepressants in the class of "selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors" known more commonly as SSRIs. These are the most prescribed mood enhancers in the entire world known generically as paroxetine, sertraline, citalopram, escitalopram and flu-

oxetine. Researchers analyzed prenatal and maternal data from 1,805 children. Researchers stopped short of saying that antidepressants cause autism because that connection was not made. They simply reported that mothers of autistic children were more likely to have taken SSRI antidepressants, which begs the question: Should you

wean off your antidepressants if you are planning to become pregnant? It's certainly worth a discussion with your doctor, outlining other treatment options for depression, both pharmaceutical and alternative. Knowing your options becomes incredibly important, especially since there is not a cure for autism so anything you can do to prevent it

is helpful. SSRIs have uncomfortable side effects including brain fog, sexual dysfunction, insomnia, diarrhea, tremors, and suicidal thoughts in extreme cases.

My concerns aren't about the medication, it's that some physicians prescribe these drugs at the drop of a hat to women who have underlying hormonal or micronutrient deficiencies.

If you're planning to become pregnant, and you wish to discontinue your antidepressants talk to your doctor about how to wean off.

Don't suddenly stop taking an SSRI on your own, do it with medical supervision and approval, and most of all, do it slowly.

As often occurs with other journalists, the study is being reportedly inaccurately.

They are saying that autism rates were increased in children whose mothers took SSRIs during the year before they got pregnant. The study suggests the problems

were in women who took the medication in the year before delivery of their baby, that is, just before and during their pregnancy. Big difference.

If you would like advice regarding natural alternatives, I'll post those on my facebook FAN page, the link to that is on my website homepage. For information on autism, visit two great resources on the web: www.autismspeaks.org and www.defeatautismnow.net.

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

Florida Hospital offers new online tool

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Now patients of Florida Hospital in Sebring, Lake Placid and Wauchula are able to access their hospital health information online.

"MyAccess," a secure, personalized portal, is now available on the Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center website, allowing patients to manage their health information anywhere they have access to the Internet.

Through "MyAccess," patients can:

review their medical record summary, including discharge instructions, immunizations, medications and procedures; access their clinical results, such as lab results; and view personal information, such as insurance and personal data.

"We are pleased to deploy this new tool that empowers our patients to more effectively manage their health information in one convenient, secure location," said Florida Hospital Heartland CEO & President Tim Cook.

Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center and Florida Hospital Wauchula patients can establish their secure "MyAccess" account during the admission process, in-person at the Health Information Management Department, or via mail by printing, completing and notarizing a registration form from our website. Once registered, patients can access the "MyAccess" tool on www.FHHeartland.org in the "Patients" or "Patients and Visitors" section.



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HEALTHY LIVING

Athlete's foot is hard to prevent



Footprints

Dr. Olga Garcia-Luepschen

Athlete's foot is a skin disease caused by a fungus, usually occurring between the toes.

The fungus most commonly attacks the feet because shoes create a warm, dark and humid environment, which encourages fungus growth.

The warmth and dampness of areas around swimming pools, showers, and locker rooms are also breeding grounds for fungi.

Because the infection was common among athletes who used these facilities frequently, the term "athlete's foot" became popular.

Not all fungus conditions are athlete's foot. Other conditions, such as disturbances of the sweat mechanism, reaction to dyes or adhesives in shoes, eczema and psoriasis may mimic athlete's foot.

Symptoms

The signs of athlete's foot, singly or combined, are dry skin, itching, scaling, inflammation and blisters. Blisters often lead to cracking of the skin.

When blisters break, small raw areas of tissue are exposed, causing pain and swelling. Itching and burning may increase as the infection spreads.

Athlete's foot may spread to the soles of the feet and to the toenails.

It can be spread to other parts of the body, notably the groin and underarms, by those who scratch the infection and then touch themselves elsewhere.

The organisms causing athlete's foot may persist for long periods. Consequently, the infection may be spread by contaminated bed sheets

or clothing to other parts of the body.

Prevention

It is not easy to prevent athlete's foot because it is usually contracted in dressing rooms, showers, and swimming pool locker rooms where bare feet come in contact with the fungus. However, you can do much to prevent infection by practicing good foot hygiene.

Daily washing of the feet with soap and water; drying carefully, especially between the toes; and changing shoes and hose regularly to decrease moisture, help prevent the fungus from infecting the feet. Also helpful is daily use of a quality foot powder.

Tips

Avoid walking barefoot; use shower shoes.

Reduce perspiration by using talcum powder.

Wear light and airy shoes.

Wear socks that keep your feet dry, and change them frequently if you perspire heavily.

Treatment

Fungicidal and fungistatic chemicals, used for athlete's foot treatment, frequently fail to contact the fungi in the horny layers of the skin. Topical or oral antifungal drugs are prescribed with growing frequency.

In mild cases of the infection it is important to keep the feet dry by dusting foot powder in shoes and hose. The feet should be bathed frequently and all areas around the toes dried thoroughly.

Consult your podiatrist

If an apparent fungus condition does not respond to proper foot hygiene and self care, and there is no improvement within two weeks, consult your podiatrist. The podiatrist will determine if a fungus is the cause of the problem. If it is,



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Athlete's foot can be easy to develop, but tough to get rid of.

a specific treatment plan, including the prescription of antifungal medication, applied topically or taken by mouth, will usually be suggested.

Such a treatment appears to provide better resolution of the problem, when the patient observes the course of treatment prescribed by the podiatrist; if it's shortened, failure of the treatment is common. If the infection is caused by bacteria, antibiotics, such as penicillin, that are effective against a broad spectrum of bacteria may be prescribed.

Podiatrist Dr. Olga Garcia Luepschen and the Gentle Foot Care Center are at 2 Ryant Blvd. (on U.S. 27) and can be reached by calling 314-9255 or visit www.gentlefootcarecenter.com on the web.

Outreach events scheduled

Ace Homecare community outreach events scheduled for July include:

- Today - 7 a.m., health fair, Arc Residence, Pleasant Street, Avon Park; 9 a.m., health fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street; 10:30 a.m., health fair, the Palm Apartments, Hal McCray Boulevard, Avon Park.

- Monday - 7:30 a.m., health fair, Hammock Estates, Hammock Road, Sebring; 10 a.m., health fair, Highland Village, Villa Road, Sebring; 1 p.m., caregivers support group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'N Lake

Snapshots

Boulevard, Sebring.

- Tuesday - 8 a.m., health fair, Sebring Bluffs, U.S. 27, Sebring; 10 a.m., health fair, Fair Havens, Apartments, Spinks Road, Sebring; 1 p.m., health fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27, Sebring.

- Wednesday - 9 a.m., health fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street, Avon Park.

- Thursday - 9 a.m., health fair, Maranatha Village, Arbuckle Creek Road, Sebring; 10:30 a.m., caregivers support group, Balmoral Assisted Living Facility, 93 Balmoral Road, County Road 621, Lake Placid.

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Scientists: Stinky sock smell helps fight deadly malaria

By KATHARINE HOURELD
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — What do mosquitoes like more than clean, human skin? Stinky socks. Scientists think the musky odor of human feet can be used to attract and kill mosquitoes that carry deadly malaria. The Gates Foundation announced on Wednesday that it will help fund one such pungent project in Tanzania.

If they can be cheaply mass-produced, the traps could provide the first practical way of controlling malaria infections outside. The increased use of bed nets and indoor spraying has already helped bring down transmissions inside homes.

Dutch scientist Dr. Bart Knols first discovered mosquitoes were attracted to foot odor by standing in a dark room naked and examining where he was bitten, said Dr. Fredros Okumu, the head of the research project at Tanzania's Ifakara Health Institute. But over the following 15 years, researchers struggled to put the knowledge to use.

Then Okumu discovered that the stinky smell — which he replicates using a careful blend of eight chemicals — attracts mosquitoes to a trap where they can be poisoned. The odor of human feet attracted four times as

many mosquitoes as a human volunteer and the poison can kill up to 95 percent of mosquitoes, he said.

Although the global infection rate of malaria is going down, there are still more than 220 million new cases of malaria each year. The U.N. estimates almost 800,000 of those people die. Most of them are children in Africa.

"This is the first time that we are focusing on controlling mosquitoes outside of homes," said Okumu, a Kenyan who has been ill with the disease himself several times. "The global goal of eradication of malaria will not be possible without new technologies."

Some experts worry eradication is unrealistic because of the lack of an effective

malaria vaccine and because some patients have developed resistance to the most effective malaria medicines.

"This is an interesting project," said Richard Tren, the director of health advocacy group Africa Fighting Malaria. "But there is no magic bullet. We are going to need a lot of different tools to fight malaria. Certainly we need to solve the problems of insecticide resistance and preserve the effectiveness of malaria drugs that we have at the moment."

Other scientists — including some funded by the Gates Foundation — are also researching equally novel ideas, including breeding genetically modified mosquitoes to wipe out malaria-spreading insects.

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Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — The fifth Sunday after Pentecost service will be led by the Rev. Jefferson Cox. Eucharist assistant/lector is Ron Fitzpatrick.

Work day is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday. Come enjoy working outside, sprucing up the grounds.

The Labyrinth Prayer Garden is open to the community as well as congregation seven days per week. All are welcome to do this "walking meditation."

Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — "Living In The Flow of God" (John 7:38-39), will be the message presented by Larry Roberts, minister.

The Sunday evening service will be a devotional with a fingerfood fellowship to follow.

Vacation Bible School will be at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. The theme is "Around the Map Jack" based on the Scripture, Mark 16: 15. There will be a Bible program, games and refreshments.

Avon Park Church of Christ is at 200 S. Forest Ave. For information, call 453-4692.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday morning Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "Build-A-God-Workshop."

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east the Avon Park High School. For more information, call 471-2663 or visit christlutheranavonpark.org. This is an LCMS congregation.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — The Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "Covenant Seal: Part 4" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is canceled for the month of July.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon Sunday morning, "Wild Flowers in the Garden

Church News

of God!" Scripture will be taken from Matthew 13:24-30.

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

First Baptist Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — The Rev. Jon Beck will speak at the Sunday morning and evening services.

Spanish Church is led by Rev. Johnathan Soltero.

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more information, call 453-6681 or e-mail info@fbcap.net.

First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes

LAKE PLACID — On Sunday Pastor Darryl George will preach the sermon titled "The Call of Sinners to Repentance!" Luke 5:27-32.

The church is at the corner of Washington and Kemper avenues in Placid Lakes. For more information, call 465-5126 from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday or

e-mail the church at placid-lakes@hotmail.com.

First Christian Church

AVON PARK — The pastor is continuing with his sermon series that asks the question: Can you agree that it is time that we need to change our world? This week's sermon is "Renew Someone's Heart Today." The pastor will remind us to refresh the hearts of the saints. The Scripture will come from Philemon 1-7.

An "Old Fashioned Picnic" will follow worship.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor St. (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail firstchristianap@embarqmail.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Juanita Roberts and Teresa Williams. Communion will be served

by Carol and Mike Graves, Carol Chandler and Gretchen Ames.

Greeter will be Linda Johnson, and Lynne Warman will be responsible for the call to worship.

There will be no children's church during the month of July; instead, the children are invited to worship at the 10:30 a.m. service.

The pastor's sermon is titled "Where Is Your Faith?," Matthew 17:20. Lighting the candles during the month of July will be Daniel Thibodeau. Joyce Winstel will serve in the nursery.

The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave. Call 385-0352 for more information.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, the pastor's sermon is titled "Judging God's Servants" based on James 4:11-12. Special music will be provided by Eowyn Branham singing "Revelation Song."

The adult Sunday school class is watching the video series called "The Path to the Cross" published by

Focus on the Family and narrated by renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan. The title for Sunday is "The Fifth Cup - Our Way of Hope - Gethsemane." Carol Scranton is teaching the youth class this summer.

The Family Gathering meet at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Session meets at 6 p.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "How to Live the Life, Part II" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

Summer Day Camp, for ages 11-14, is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday in fellowship hall (excluding holidays). Program includes lunch, snacks and activities (Bible lessons, sports, crafts and games). The program is free other than fied trips. Space is limited. Sign up in the church office.

Monday is the Session

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

APOSTOLIC

■ **Greater Faith Apostolic Church**, 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m.; and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. For information contact 840-0152. Pastor Larry Carmody.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 5 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; 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.fbclp.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.

RELIGION

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meeting at 2 p.m. in the conference room. Deacons meeting is at 4 p.m. in the conference room.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message “Christ Preached to the Jew” with the Scripture from Acts 4:1-12. Family Movie Night is at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 30 in the Family Life Center. The movie will be “To Save a Life.”

Call 385-5184. The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St. Visit www.sebringfirstumc.com.

Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Church is at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

Home Bible study on Tuesday is Revelations 101.

On Sunday the pastor continues the river renewal sermons on the Psalms.

Skype Live is at 7 p.m. Eastern

and 10 p.m. Pacific on Tuesday and 10:30 p.m. Eastern and 7:30 p.m. Pacific on Friday. Ustream is available for all services. Log on to ustream.tv, and then enter grace-pointetv in the search box. Choose your session.

Heartland Christian

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore’s sermon this Sunday will be “Running the Race” with Scripture from Hebrews 12:1-3. The service will also include Flossi Moore singing “I’m Gonna Keep on a Singin’ and Tellin’ Folks About Jesus.”

Vacation Bible School time is set from 5-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 1-5. Good food, good classes, good games and crafts, good teachers. All children are welcome.

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — The Rev. Dale Schanely will preach at the Heritage Summer Worship Service on “The Lamb Of God.” Pastor Claude Burnett will lead the serv-

ice and provide special music.

Pastor Claude Burnett will preach at the New Song Contemporary Service in Rob Reynolds Hall.

The Rev. Jerry R. McCauley will preach at the Celebration Worship Service on “The Awesome Power of Love.” Ruth Schanely will provide a flute solo for the offertory. The church is at 500 Kent Ave. For information, call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, “Use God’s Strengths,” is from Judges 3 (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the Sunday morning and evening messages. The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and Bible study.

The end-of-the-month-sing will be on the fourth Sunday, July 24, instead of the last Sunday, July 31.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Sunday services, the sermon topic will be “The Parable of the Wheat” taken from

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. Nursery is provided at all three services.

Boy Scouts meet at 7 p.m.

Monday.

St. John Youth meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Over Eaters Anonymous at meet 7 p.m. Thursday.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, Pastor Keith Simmons will have a sermon titled “Where Do We Go From Here?” He will have the Scripture reading from II Samuel 22:26-37.

Sunday school will meet in the Fidelis Room. They will be studying “God Calls People to Special Service,” with Scripture taken from Leviticus 8:1-13.

At 9 a.m., Children’s Sunday school, “The Kids’ Zone,” will be in session. There is also a nursery available.

Southside Baptist Church

SEBRING — “Abraham’s Faith Tested,” from Hebrews 11:17-19, is the title of the message the Rev. David Altman will give in the Sunday morning worship service.

Children’s church and a nursery are available. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by a brief time of worship at 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday services; student ministry starts at 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible study and prayer meeting begins at 7 p.m.

The church is at 379 S. Commerce Ave. For information call 385-0752.

Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — “Solomon, the Sloppy” is the title of Sunday morning’s sermon, taken from I Kings 11:1-13, given by the Rev. Don Davis.

The Way Church

SEBRING — “The Lord’s Supper” is the title of Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum’s message.

Vacation Bible School is July 25-29, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Way Church is at 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive. The church

phone is 471-6140. The pastor’s cell is 214-6190. For church information and the pastor’s messages go to www.thewaychurch.org.

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 redeemer1895@aol.com Web site: redeemeravon.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.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church,** 3750

Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:30 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.

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■ **Grace Bible Church,** 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesdays, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children’s & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry.

■ **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 Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children’s Church. Weekly Classes, Christian

Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

■ **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 business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women’s Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

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■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** www.1pcpl.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. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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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.

RELIGION

Coincidences

It was more than 100 years ago that a farmer named Fleming, who lived in Scotland, was walking near a river with Goldie, his golden retriever dog. Suddenly Goldie stopped and listened. A child's voice could be heard screaming. Farmer Fleming ran toward the river where he saw a boy about 10 years old being swept downstream. The boy grabbed the limb of an overhanging tree.

Fleming told Goldie to "Go get him!" but the boy wouldn't let go of the limb. Fleming now uncoiled a rope he had been carrying and put the end of it in Goldie's mouth, telling the dog to take it to the boy.

This time, the boy wrapped the rope around his waist and let go of the limb. With Fleming pulling on the rope from the shore and Goldie pushing from behind, they brought the boy to the shore. Then the boy thanked the farmer and hugged the dog before he took off running for home.

The next day, a coach

Guest Column

Floyd Rider

pulled by four horses stopped in front of Fleming's house. The gentleman in the coach wanted to give Fleming a reward for saving his son's life, but Fleming declined. Then the rich man proposed that he would pay the tuition of Fleming's son for the same private school his son went to, so he could get a good education. Fleming gladly accepted this offer.

Eventually, the farmer's son went to St. Mary's Medical School and became the Dr. Fleming who developed penicillin.

Many years later, the rich man's son became very ill with a deadly infection. It was penicillin that saved his life.

You may have heard of that rich man's son. His name is Winston Churchill.

Floyd Rider is a Lake Placid resident and long-time Sunday school teacher.

Upstate NY town clerk resigns, citing religious opposition to gay marriage

Associated Press

BARKER, N.Y. — A town clerk in a rural upstate New York community has submitted her resignation, citing her religious opposition to gay marriage.

Laura Fotusky wrote to the town board in Barker that her religious beliefs prevent her from signing a marriage certificate for a gay couple, as she'd be required to do as a municipal clerk.

The letter was published Tuesday on the website of the Christian lobbying group New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms.

The 56-year-old Republican has served in the job since 2007. The town has fewer than 3,000 residents and is located 10 miles north of Binghamton. She plans to step down July 21, three days before New York's law allowing same-sex marriage takes effect.

"I believe that there is a higher law than the law of the land. It is the law of God in the Bible," Fotusky wrote.

"In Acts 5:29, it states, 'We ought to obey God rather than men.'"

Volney Town Clerk Barbara MacEwen said last month that she opposed gay marriage on religious grounds but would follow the law.

Jim Koury, secretary of the New York State Association of City and Village Clerks, said he hadn't heard from any clerks who would refuse to issue same-sex marriage licenses and said he was surprised and dismayed to hear of Fotusky's decision.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said elected officials must abide by the rules of the state.

"The law is the law," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Tuesday.

"When you enforce the laws of the state, you don't get to pick and choose."

Ohio bishop bars support for Susan B. Komen breast cancer group

TOLEDO, Ohio — A Roman Catholic bishop told parishes and schools in his diocese to stop raising money for a national breast cancer charity out of concern it might one day decide to fund embryonic stem cell research.

Toledo Bishop Leonard Blair's sent the directive to priests and parishes last week regarding the group Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Cincinnati's archbishop earlier this year decided that schools and parishes in his archdiocese could not raise funds for Komen for the same reason. Schools in both dioceses have raised money previously for Komen.

Scientists believe that research on embryonic stem cells, which are usually taken from discarded embryos at fertility clinics, may lead to cures for diseases. The Catholic Church maintains that destruction of embryos amounts to the killing of human life.

A spokeswoman for the national Komen group says it has never funded stem cell research, though its policies don't prohibit that.

If the group received a request to fund such research, it "would weigh it very carefully, as we do all research proposals," said Andrea Rader, spokeswoman for the Dallas-based organization.

Research proposals are considered for their likelihood to have a positive impact on breast cancer research and treatment, she said.

A statement from the Toledo diocese Tuesday stressed that Blair did not ban individual Catholics from contributing locally to Komen.

Christ Parables concert planned



Courtesy photo

The Christ of Parables will be live in concert all the way from Conover, N.C., at Dee's Place on Saturday, July 23. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. For reservations, call 471-2228.

Salvation of Israel

Guest Column

Frank Parker

Luke 19:10 serves as an excellent summary of salvation/redemption: "for the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost." The coming of Jesus, the Messiah/Christ is the fulfillment of that plan "before time began." (II Timothy 1:8-10) This plan left nothing to chance but was "according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Ephesians 3:11).

Salvation was never determined by where a person was physically or geographically but rather spiritually. Consider one of the many exhortations: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her. How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing." (Matthew 23:37) The same could be said of Salt Lake City, Mecca, Boston, or Rome.

The salvation of Israel/Jews or any other persons is found only in and through Jesus. This is not a shocking statement or narrow minded view if you believe the gospel of Christ. Certainly you are aware of that declaration by Jesus: "I am the way, the truth, the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6). This same mindset was set forth in the commission to preach the one gospel to the whole world/very creature. (Mark 16:15,16).

The fact that geographical location is not relative to salvation is evident from the account recorded in the second chapter of Acts. There were devout Jews from

every nation under heaven present on Pentecost in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit through the apostles

proclaimed the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and the truth therein cut to the heart of those who heard. The believers were told "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38). Their physical state, nor fleshly lineage, had anything to do with neither their salvation nor any other person's salvation. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:12,13) These precious souls were in Jerusalem but in need of remission of sins through the blood of Christ in obedience to the commands of the Holy Spirit. Some 3,000 realized that need of remission of sins. (Acts 2:41)

Why then "for the Jew first and also for the Greek"? (Romans 1:16; 2:9,10) "Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor." (Galatians 3:24,25) "For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths

straight.'" (Matthew 3:3,4) The Jews/Israel had ample preparation by the law of God given through Moses and the prophets to be ready to receive the Messiah and in their time, John, the baptizer, the forerunner, the preparer.

Yet, note Paul's sad observation in Acts 13:27: "For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their ruler, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him."

Salvation/redemption for all of mankind equally was preached through Abraham and the promise in Genesis 12:3: "...And in you all families of the earth shall be blessed."

The best commentary of the Bible is the Bible itself: "And the Scripture foreseeing that God would justify the nations by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, 'In you all the nations shall be blessed'." (Galatians 3:8) Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift. "Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as of many, but as of one, 'And to your Seed', who is Christ'." (Galatians 3:16)

The Spirit through the mouth of Peter brings forth a fitting conclusion: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

But in every nation who ever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him." (Acts 10:34,35)

Frank Parker is a Sebring resident and can be reached at frankparker27@yahoo.com

Groups file lawsuit to stop Perry prayer day

By CHRIS TOMLINSON

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The Freedom from Religion Foundation has filed a federal lawsuit to stop the Texas governor's day of prayer and fasting.

The organization which is made up of atheists and agnostics argues that Gov. Rick Perry is violating the constitutional ban on the government establishing a

religion. Perry has invited the Obama administration, the nation's governors and Texas lawmakers to attend the prayer meeting in Houston on Aug. 6.

The event is being sponsored by evangelical Christian groups and is explicitly a Christian event.

The foundation said Perry should not have organized the event as governor.

The suit was filed

Wednesday at the federal courthouse in Houston.

A spokesman for the event, called The Response, said he needed to consult an attorney before commenting.

The governor's office had no immediate comment.

Snapshots

Hankins joins Bethel Baptist Church

LAKE PLACID — Bethel Baptist Church of Lake Placid has elected Dr. John Hankins as the new pastor.

Hankins invites everyone to come and visit this old-fashioned, Bible-believing church with good gospel hymns and with the King James Bible being preached.

Bethel Baptist Church is at 124 E. Park St. For more information, call the church at (863) 633-9294.

Happening soon at Sebring Christian Church

SEBRING — A Youth Car Wash is set from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Vacation Bible School - Panda Mania will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 7-12. Call for details or to register over the phone.

Sebring Christian Church is at 4514 Hammock Road (the last church on the right on Hammock Road before entering the park).

Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. The phone number is 382-6676.

Pandamania visits First United Methodist

FROSTPROOF — Aug. 1-5 will find First United Methodist Church in "Pandamania...." "God is wild about you!"

This is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School. The evening sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m., with an opening, followed by a meal, Bible study, crafts, music and games. All sessions will be completed by 8 p.m., (before dark).

The program is geared to ages 5 through sixth-graders. Middle and high school students will be assisting adult leaders in the various sessions.

To register a child, call (863) 635-7778 (child care) and tell them the names and ages of the children and phone number.

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DIVERSIONS

Final 'Harry Potter' film is sad and satisfying

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

If last year's "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" marked the beginning of the end with a gripping feeling of doom and gloom, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" wraps things up once and for all on a note of melancholy.

Oh, it's dramatic, to be sure: gorgeous, somber and startling as the young wizard faces his destiny and fights the evil Lord Voldemort. But the end of this staggeringly successful movie franchise, an epic fantasy saga spanning eight films over the past decade, provides a necessary emotional catharsis for Harry and for us. Even those who aren't ardent Potterphiles — who aren't waiting in a line around the theater with their homemade wands and hand-drawn lightning scars — might find themselves getting unexpectedly choked up a couple of times.

That's always been the real magic of the series, based on J.K. Rowling's novels: that mixture of the exotic and the everyday, the otherworldly and the utterly relatable. No longer the innocent children they were when they entered Hogwarts, Harry, Ron and Hermione are growing up and moving on, and so must we. That the future of the wizard world hangs in the balance in this final installment is only part of the tale.

Still, director David Yates has accomplished the difficult task of bringing it all to a close in satisfying fashion. Having directed the last four of the eight films, Yates has provided a momentum and cohesion to the "Harry Potter" canon, which has gotten progressively darker and more mature. And Steve Kloves, who's written all but one of the screenplays in the series, has once again risen to the challenge of trying to please purists and casual viewers alike in adapting Rowling's revered writing.

It's hard to imagine how complicated this must have been, given the density of the mythology, even though the final book was divided into two films. (Although the epilogue, which features some of the main characters decked out in grown-up makeup, does seem a bit cheesy and hasty and it might inspire a few giggles.)

At the same time, because it took two films to depict the action in the last installment, this second half doesn't feel overstuffed or overlong. It moves with great urgency toward the final showdown



Daniel Radcliffe, from left, as Harry Potter, Rupert Grint as Ron Weasley and Emma Watson as Hermione Granger in Warner Bros. Pictures' fantasy adventure "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

between Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes, deeply disturbing as usual); danger infuses every moment, and it never overstays its welcome.

Much of that has to do with the look of the film, both in its attention to inventive detail and to the sweeping, elaborate set pieces. The cinematography from Eduardo Serra, who also shot "Deathly Hallows: Part 1," is once again richly ominous and beautifully bleak. Here, Hogwarts isn't a warm, bustling place full of possibilities but rather a fearsome fortress swarming with Death Eaters, where Professor Severus Snape (the deliciously icy Alan Rickman) rules as if leading his own fascist regime.

Yes, "Deathly Hallows: Part 2" is in 3-D — it's the only installment in the series to be presented that way — and as usual, that was unnecessary. The technical elements all looked flawless and immersive in the previous film. (Warner Bros. wisely chose not to rush the conversion from 2-D on "Deathly Hallows: Part 1," and instead took more time for the process here.) But the addition of a third dimension does allow some details to pop, and it's never a distraction.

Although the "Potter" films have always been about



Movie Review

'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2'

Rating: PG-13 (some sequence of intense action violence and frightening images)

Running time: 130 minutes
Review: ★★★★★ (of 4)

the escape of the spectacle, the kids and their struggle to navigate both good and evil provides some much-needed rooting in reality. Radcliffe has never been better, and brief flashbacks to the earliest images of him in the role only serve as a reminder of how far he's come. The character has long since been cemented into his identity, but more is required of him physically and emotionally than ever before, and he's more than up for it all.

"Deathly Hallows: Part 2" drops us into a menacing version of this world we've

come to know, immediately and without explanation; it's a bit disorienting at first, even if you've seen all that's come before it. Then again, if you're bothering to check out the finale, in theory you should know what's going on.

Harry, Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) are still hunting Horcruxes — scattered containers that hold pieces of Voldemort's soul, which are crucial to Harry's survival — in order to destroy them. One of them is being stored in Bellatrix Lestrange's bank vault, which allows Helena Bonham Carter to have a bit of fun with her wicked character. Hogwarts is no longer a place of refuge as Voldemort draws ever closer; his attack on the stately school is thrilling, but it also provides moments of heroism for some characters you might not expect.

Still, this is the place where all the narrative and emotional threads must converge and tie up at last. While "Deathly Hallows: Part 2" offers long-promised answers, it also dares to pose some eternal questions, and it'll stay with you after the final chapter has closed.

Aunt's trepidation shouldn't ruin teen's trip of a lifetime

Dear Abby: My 13-year-old daughter, "Alisa," has earned a scholarship to participate in a month-long summer language program in Turkey. As soon as my sister "June" found out I was allowing

Alisa to attend, she called me a moron. She has been giving me the silent treatment for almost a month. June is terrified my daughter will be a victim of terrorists, a plane crash, kidnapping or worse.

Alisa has consistently proven she is trustworthy and responsible. After some research I determined the country and the program are safe. Alisa will be traveling with a small group of students and three adult chaperones who are native to the host country.

Our mother was afraid of everything, and I don't want to pass that kind of irrational fear on to Alisa after she worked so hard to earn a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that could shape the course of her life. Am I really a poor parent for allowing my child to travel halfway around the world? I feel I made the right decision.

— *Stunned Sister in Little Rock*

Dear Stunned Sister: A poor parent? Not at all. You would be one if you caved in to your sister's emotional blackmail. Taking this trip is a privilege your daughter worked hard for, and seeing firsthand that there is a world filled with interesting, good people will open her mind to opportunities and possibilities that few people her age are able to experience.

Dear Abby: My wife uses her hands to push her food around her dinner plate and onto her fork or spoon. I see her do this at almost every meal, and usually say nothing. But every once in a while I feel compelled to ask her to stop using her hands to eat. When I do she says I'm "rude" to even take notice of how she eats and mention it.

Am I rude? I was brought up in a blue-collar home, and whenever I touched my food with my hands, or put my elbows on the table, I got a slap from one of my

older brothers or sister.

— *Minded My Manners in New Jersey*



Dear Abby

Dear Minded Your Manners: It appears your wife was raised in a household where good table manners

weren't as important to her family as they were to yours. According to Emily Post: "If a piece of food keeps eluding your fork, don't push it onto the tines with your finger. Instead, use a piece of bread or your knife as a pusher." Share this with your wife and the situation may improve.

Dear Abby: How do your readers feel about the words "soul mate"? I never imagined those words would cross my mind until recently — and I'm not talking about my spouse. Is it possible to feel someone is your soul mate without knowing the feelings are reciprocated?

There are many roadblocks in the way of a relationship with my soul mate — but I know I'd have to wait another lifetime for the kind of relationship I feel could exist with this other person. Comments, Abby?

— *Pondering in the Pacific Northwest*

Dear Pondering: Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, 11th Edition, defines "soul mate" n. (1822) as "a person who strongly resembles another in attitudes or beliefs." The American Heritage Dictionary, Fourth Edition, defines soul mate as "one of two persons compatible with each other in disposition, point of view or sensitivity."

While you are pondering, please ponder this: When you married your spouse, I'm hoping you felt you had much in common and thought you could build a successful future together. If you have lost that connection, try to rebuild it before sacrificing your marriage because the grass looks greener somewhere else. And if the object of your preoccupation is not aware of your feelings, please don't destroy your marriage over what may be a one-way crush.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com.

Actor Gene Hackman's first solo Western novel is a good yarn

Associated Press

While some of his fellow actors were busy writing memoirs, Gene Hackman was working on his first solo novel. We know from movies like "Unforgiven" and "Bite the Bullet" that the Oscar winner can ride a horse, but how well can he wrangle Western fiction?

Just fine, it turns out.

"Payback at Morning Peak" is a satisfying revenge tale that takes place in New Mexico, a place Hackman called home long before he retired from the screen in 2004. He sets his story at a time when the American Southwest was still a lively and, at times, lawless frontier.

Just shy of 18, Jubal Young is a good boy schooled in lit-

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erature by an educated mother and brought up on the land by an honest, hardworking father. When a dispute over their farm in the shadow of Morning Peak turns violent and Jubal loses all he loves, he tries to put aside a yearning for immediate retribution and to seek justice instead.

Justice isn't easy to come by. Bad men set their own rules, and most lawmen don't pay much attention to a teenager. That puts Jubal in the middle, leaving him the difficult task of pursuing a pack of killers without landing himself in jail or taking a bullet. His internal challenge isn't to give in to vengeance and cruelty, lest his parents' true legacy die with them.

Hackman has co-authored three historical novels since 1999. Writing on his own with "Payback at Morning Peak," he takes aim at a clear target: telling a good story. He hits it, too, engaging the reader with interesting characters and a galloping plot with few stumbles. There is more than a bit of familiarity in the goings-on — the love interest is too predictable — and Jubal's politeness can take the vigor out of a scene.

In a sense, Hackman's "Morning Peak" lies in Louis L'Amour country, a place where the conventions of the Western novel are as welcome as a man of honor and a pretty young lady. Riding a trail of his own making, Hackman takes hold of the reins with confidence.

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4	1	6	2	3	9	7	8	5
8	7	2	8	4	1	5	7	2
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We have a storied past, and famous wizards — both astoundingly good and frighteningly sinister — have learned all they know about the magical way of life from our highly regarded professors.

Now it is your turn to matriculate at Hogwarts — to create the Draught of Living Death, turn a match into a needle and struggle with Defense Against the Dark Arts.

At Hogwarts, our mission is to shape you into the world's most skilled witches and wizards, and to provide you with the finest education your Galleons can buy.

That said, your wizarding education will be only as good as you make it. Spending all your time learning revenge curses? Sneaking off to Hogsmeade for a pint of butterbeer? Polishing your broomstick when you should be studying? Those are the kinds of distractions that could result in a disgraceful expulsion from our acclaimed academy. Only the finest students will become successful witches or wizards.

To measure your commitment to the world of magic, we ask that you review a few documents to prepare for your education. First, please take our brief entrance exam to measure your knowledge of the magical realm.

Then learn the basics of your new school with our A to Z dictionary.

Finally, I suggest that you pick up a copy of "Hogwarts: A History" before you arrive at school. Please review the enclosed list for other suggested readings and resources.

Please don't hesitate to send an owl if you have questions — a member of the faculty will respond soonest. We look forward to educating you in the fall!

Yours in wizardry,
Albus Dumbledore

(Order of Merlin, First Class, Grand Sorc., Chf. Warlock, Supreme Mugwump, International Confed. Of Wizards)

P.S. Just a reminder that first-years are not allowed to bring their own broomsticks. We've had problems with this rule in the past. Let's all work together to make sure it's not an issue this year.

READING LIST

- ◆ "The Magical Worlds of Harry Potter," by David Colbert (Lumina Press, \$14.95)
- ◆ "The Sorcerer's Companion: A Guide to the Magical World of Harry Potter," by Allan Zola Kronzek and Elizabeth Kronzek (Broadway Books, \$15)
- ◆ "Quidditch Through the Ages," by J.K. Rowling and Kennilworthy Whisp (Scholastic, \$3.99)
- ◆ "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" by J.K. Rowling and Newt Scamander (Scholastic, \$3.99)
- ◆ "The Unofficial Harry Potter Cookbook," by Dinah Bucholz (Adams Media, \$19.95)
- ◆ "Harry, A History," by Melissa Anelli (Pocket Books, \$16)

SITES TO SEE

- ◆ harrypotter.warnerbros.com The official site for the films.
- ◆ www.scholastic.com/harrypotter Test your skills with wizarding challenges from each book and use the pronunciation guide to speak like a true wizard.
- ◆ dearmrpotter.org This blog-based charity allows Potter fans from all over the world to share their stories of how the magical series changed their lives forever.
- ◆ pottermore.com J.K. Rowling is bringing her devoted fans into the digital age with this new Potter website, which will launch in October and feature new reading material, illustrations and interactive "moments" where users can experience scenes in the books.

HOGWARTS ENTRANCE EXAM

For this exam, you must use a No. 2 quill. One piece of scratch parchment is permitted for calculations.

1. Which of these is NOT used to make Ollivanders wands?

- A. Unicorn hairs
- B. Phoenix tail feathers
- C. Heartstrings of dragons
- D. Eyelash of a pegasus

2. What's the record for the longest Quidditch game, according to Oliver Wood?

- A. Eight hours, 25 minutes
- B. Five days
- C. Three months
- D. Two years, seven months, 23 days, three hours and 14 minutes

3. Harry and his friends buy their schoolbooks at a bookstore in Diagon Alley. What's the name of the shop?

- A. Grimm and Ruffles
- B. Flourish and Blotts
- C. Ashworth and Norberts
- D. Nutmeg and Brandish

4. If you have eight Galleons, how many Knuts do you have?

- A. 1,895,352
- B. 2
- C. 3,944
- D. 64

5. What is the name of Hogwarts caretaker Argus Filch's cat?

- A. Mrs. Brown
- B. Miss Albert
- C. Mrs. Crocker
- D. Mrs. Norris

6. How many staircases are there at Hogwarts?

- A. 13
- B. 248
- C. 7
- D. 142

7. What kind of cauldron are first-year students required to bring to Hogwarts?

- A. Silver, standard size 5
- B. Pewter, standard size 2
- C. Iron, standard size 1
- D. Gold, standard size 23

8. In 1945, Hogwarts headmaster Albus Dumbledore defeated which dark wizard?

- A. Grindelwald
- B. Smythendor
- C. Waldengrin
- D. Wumblemore

9. Gladrags Wizardwear has stores in which three cities?

- A. New York, Paris, London
- B. Rome, London, Hogsmeade
- C. London, Hogsmeade, Milan
- D. London, Paris, Hogsmeade

10. Professor Flitwick teaches his first-year Charms students a spell to make objects fly. What is it?

- A. Wingardium Leviosa!
- B. Imperio!
- C. Levitatus Wingandrium!
- D. Avada Kedavra!

Extra credit: Name all seven Weasley children.

A HOGWARTS ALPHABET

A is for Albus Dumbledore: The headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is a legend in the wizarding world. Among his accomplishments, he discovered the 12 uses of dragon's blood.

B is for Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans: Jelly beans that come in every flavor — toast, sprouts, coconut, baked bean, strawberry, peppermint, curry, grass, coffee, pepper, sardine, even earwax.

C is for Crookshanks: Hermione Granger's very large — and very cranky — cat.

D is for Deathly Hallows: The Elder Wand, the Resurrection Stone and the Cloak of Invisibility make up the Deathly Hallows. Whoever possesses all three objects becomes the Master of Death.

E is for Engorgio: A simple curse that makes an object grow larger.

F is for Fluffy: The three-headed dog that guards a special treasure buried under the floor of Hogwarts.

G is for Gringotts: The bank for wizards that is run by goblins in underground tunnels beneath London.

H is for Hagrid: Harry Potter's first magical friend. Rubeus Hagrid is Keeper of Keys and Grounds at Hogwarts.

I is for Invisibility Cloak: A garment that allows the user to go anywhere without being seen. Harry inherits an invisibility cloak that was once his father's.

J K are for J.K. Rowling: Creator of the Harry Potter series.

L is for Lightning Bolt: The shape of the scar on Harry's forehead. The mark was made after an encounter with Voldemort, a wizard of the Dark Arts. (See "V")

M is for Muggles: The wizard term for nonmagical humans. Some Hogwarts students — like Hermione — come from Muggle families. Others — like Ron — are totally unfamiliar with the Muggle way of life.

N is for Nearly Headless Nick: An unfortunate ghost who roams the tower of Harry's student house, Gryffindor. Nick was nearly beheaded — but not quite.

O is for Owls: The primary messengers in the wizarding world. Give your owl a letter or drop something in the pouch tied to its leg, and it will find its destination.

P is for Peeves the Poltergeist: A particularly mischievous ghost who haunts the halls of Hogwarts.

Q is for Quidditch: The most popular sport in the wizarding world. Players ride broomsticks, while the team tries to capture the Golden Snitch.

R is for Remembrall: A glass ball the size of a marble that tells you if there's something you've forgotten to do. Hold it tight — if it turns red, you've forgotten something.

S is for Scabbers: Ron Weasley's pet rat. In Ron's third year at Hogwarts, he discovers that Scabbers has a frightening secret.

T is for the Triwizard Tournament: A friendly competition between the three largest European schools of wizardry. The students test their skills with three magical tasks.

U is for Unicorn: A magical creature whose silvery blood will keep a human alive, even if he or she is close to death.

V is for Voldemort: Harry's archenemy. Voldemort killed Harry's parents, but was unable to harm Harry.

W is for Whomping Willow: An ancient tree on Hogwarts' grounds that flails its branches to attack anyone who comes near it.

X is for eXpecto Patronum: A curse that wards off Dementors, the evil guards at the Azkaban prison.

Y is for You-Know-Who: Voldemort is so feared by other wizards that they can't bring themselves to say his name, calling him only You-Know-Who.

Z is for Zonko's, the joke shop in Hogsmeade: With a guardian's permission, third-year students are permitted to spend weekends in the nearby wizarding village of Hogsmeade, where Zonko's is a favorite stop.



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