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APPD searching for bank robber

Bank of America hit Friday morning

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AVON PARK — The Avon Park Police Department is seeking help with identifying a man who robbed the Bank of America branch at 851 U.S. 27.

The robbery occurred around 10 a.m. Friday and the suspect fled on foot out of the back of the building

east along Morill Avenue.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot-8 white male wearing a camo army-style hat, a white T-shirt, blue jeans and black sunglasses.

The suspected is also described as being slim to light in build.

It was reported after the robbery

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Courtesy photo
Security cameras captured this picture of the man who robbed the Bank of America in Avon Park on Friday.

Bogus \$10 bill used to pay LP utility bill

By ED BALDRIDGE
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LAKE PLACID — A counterfeit bill left the Lake Placid coffers \$10 short on Wednesday, according to Town Clerk Arlene Tuck.

"Well, it has not happened in about eight years, but I was told it is happening a lot more throughout Highlands County lately," Tuck said on Friday.

The bill was taken in as a utility payment, Tuck said, and head teller Mary Barajas noticed it out of the thousands that were deposited.

"She's good. There was a slight color difference on the number 10, it was more red than gold, and that's how she caught it," Tuck said.

"Well, I have been at this a long time, and that bill just stood out," Barajas said.

"When I checked it, there was no watermark and no security strip. We turned it

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Intentional acts of kindness



Volunteer Evelyn Marple (right) gives hygiene items and fresh baked cookies to John Wayne Bush on Thursday morning at Kenilworth Care & Rehab in Sebring. Bush said with a smile that he looks forward to the cookies the most.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Volunteers pour hearts into thousands of hours of service

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — On June 14, the Kenilworth Care and Rehabilitation Center held a special ceremony honoring 26 individuals, who combined have volunteered 24,464 hours at the center.

This special generosity was the reason Highlands County Board of County Commission chairperson Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Sheriff Susan Benton and Sebring Mayor George Hensley were on hand to present them with Presidential Volunteer Service Awards.

Most of the volunteers serve on teams — the Elks Club 1529 Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post 4300 Ladies Auxiliary and three lay worship teams. Four women work individually. All have contributed at least five years, some as many as 20.

Fred Jeans, chaplain at Kenilworth

Care, keeps track of volunteer hours and is on a constant search for more interested people. He explained that with groups, individual hours are combined into one total. Hours accumulate over years.

Friday, the News-Sun accompanied Cecilia Alwine on her visit to the center. She has more than 4,000 hours of volunteer service.

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Drug Free Highlands staying busy

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — The Drug Free Highlands organization has recently been working toward improving the community and creating even more awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

The group's monthly meeting on Wednesday

unveiled new ideas and a guest speaker who has DFH project coordinator, Amanda Shirley, excited about the upcoming ventures.

"We invited the winners of the new logo design to our meeting. We are creating a new logo that we hope will stand out and gain our organization more recogni-

tion," Shirley said.

DFH recruited art students from Sebring High School to come up with a new design that portrays what they thought DFH means. A total of 28 entries were made and DFH board members chose the three they thought were best.

Winner Nick Contrero was awarded with a \$100

gift card. Second place Jessica Sorocco received a \$50 gift card and third place Brandon Rodrigues received a \$25 gift card.

"We chose those three because they were the best entries that portray DFH. We are planning to take pieces of each of the three

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Thursday, July 14:

◆ Francisco Lozano Arrona, 24, of Bowling Green, was charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle, burglary of an unoccupied conveyance, petit theft and resisting an officer.

◆ James Matthew Church, 41, of Sebring, was charged with battery.

◆ Kathryn Elizabeth-Todd Church, 39, of Sebring, was charged with battery.

◆ Adrian Orlando Collymore, 45, of Fort Pierce, was arrested on an out-of-county warrant reference failure to pay child support.

◆ Justin Allen Cranfield, 28, of Lake Placid, was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license.

◆ Bridgette Micolle Gary, 21, of Orlando, was charged with battery.

◆ Ryan Michael Hiline, 26, of Lake Placid, was charged with possession of opium or a derivative with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver.

◆ Franquere Leslie Robinson, 25, of Avon Park, was charged with battery.

◆ Phillip Morris Wells, 48, of Avon Park, was charged with violation of probation reference possession of cocaine.

◆ Xzavier Carl White, 43, of Lake Placid, was charged with possession of a harmful new legend drug without a prescrip-

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Clarification

In the Friday July 15th edition, the system for distributing bed tax dollars for county lakes maintenance and improvements was unclear.

The Tourism Development Council allots 7 percent of its yearly budget, which comes from the tourist bed tax, for lake projects.

The council's administrative costs are paid for with a separate portion of bed tax dollars.

While the Highlands County Lakes Association advises the TDC, it is an independent, volunteer group and receives no funding.

The same is true of the Lakes Association's subgroup, the projects committee.

Individuals with a project idea for a lake or beach, present it to the committee. The committee passes its recommendation on to the Lakes Association, which in turn sends it to the TDC, which then presents it to the Highlands County commission for final approval and funding.

Whatever projects are approved, they may not cost more than 7 percent of the TDC budget. That percentage allotment was just lowered to 7 percent from 10 percent.

Bed tax funding for lakes is used exclusively to maintain or improve county lakes and beaches.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Karin Doty takes part in the Highlands Pedalers Summer Sizzler Time Trial Series Tuesday evening on the back roads near the Trailhead at Sun 'N Lake in Sebring.

Local bike club heats up summer evenings with Sizzler Time Trials

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — About 30 cyclists young and old faced their greatest adversary Tuesday night at the inaugural time trial race that pits cyclists against the clock and themselves.

More than 20 adults (ages 32-60) and nine children (ages 6-13) raced six- and three-mile courses, respectively, at Sun 'N Lake Preserves.

"The Highlands Pedalers Summer Time Trial Series is a great avenue for our club to demonstrate the many facets of cycling while giving members an opportunity to establish fitness benchmarks, giving a true reading of each members fitness and conditioning," said Dan Andrews, who organized the race series for Highlands Pedalers.

Highlands Pedalers is the premier cycling club of Central Florida, combining aggressive and casual bicycling pursuits with an eclectic group who have long socialized with each other off the bike and between rides.

"Several families participated in the first time trial, with moms, dads, and children tackling the six- and three-mile course respectively," Andrews said. "It was a rewarding experience to watch the families challenge each other."

Among them were the Dotys.

"We didn't get into doing cycling and that kind of thing until about three years ago," said patriarch Chris Doty, principal of Hill-Gustad Middle School and a former weight lifting coach.

He and his wife Karin, assistant principal at Avon Elementary, were influenced by family and friends to get into triathlon. They brought with them their two boys, 12-year-old Trevor and Chase, 9.

Doty said the first race



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Dan Andrews, left, talks to Todd Santoro on Tuesday evening during registration for the Highlands Pedalers Summer Sizzler Time Trial Series in Sebring.

was a great event that was safe and a blast for his family.

"They're my prized possession," Doty said of his boys. "I don't just let them ride somewhere without my being with them. I trusted the volunteers with them."

"The course is designed to be short enough to accommodate the beginner cyclist while still affording the seasoned cyclist the opportunity to test their skills against the clock," Andrews explained. "The events are designed to have a 'hometown feel' while being laid back and friendly. The TT series is a great way for cyclists to socialize, talk shop and share stories about cycling and their fitness lifestyles."

Three more races remain in this year's series and participation is expected to grow. Cost of entry is free for current members of the bike club and non-members can join the club to enter the series. For more information on Pedalers membership, see HighlandsPedalers.com.

The next three races are at 6 p.m. sharp at the SNL Preserves Trailhead on July 26, Aug. 9 and Aug. 23. Show up as early as 5 p.m. to register, warm up and familiarize yourself with the course. Helmets are required.

For more information, call The Bike Shop at 402-BIKE (2453).

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Precautionary Boil Water Notice issued in AP

AVON PARK — A six-inch water main break in the Orangewood Acres of Avon Park has caused an Precautionary Boil Water Notice to be issued for the area.

It is advised that all water used for drinking, cooking, making ice, brushing teeth, or washing dishes be boiled. You should disinfect your water as follows:

1. A rolling boil for one minute is sufficient.

2. As an alternative, bottled water may be used.

Where there is a loss of power and the boiling of water may not be possible, residents and businesses should disinfect their drinking water as follows:

1. Tap water can be disinfected by adding eight drops of unscented household bleach (4-6 percent active ingredients) to each gallon of water, then mixing the water and allowing it to stand for a minimum period of 30 minutes.

Note: Cloudy water requires 16 drops of bleach and a 30 minute contact time. Also, other approved chemical disinfectants are available at stores that sell camping and hiking supplies.

The "Precautionary Boil Water Notice" will remain in effect until the problem has been corrected and bacteriological survey shows that water is safe to drink.

If you have any questions, call Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Public Works at 452-4427. After hours or on week-

ends, call the on-call phone at 382-5901.

Tri-City Chamber Luncheon set for July 29

AVON PARK — The Champion for Children Foundation's Children's Academy of Arts and Theatre (CAAT) has partnered with the South Florida Community College Panther Youth Partners to provide a role model training and work readiness program for high school students in Highlands County. This CAAT program is called Impressions.

Students participating in the Impressions program will host a chamber of commerce luncheon at the Hotel Jacaranda in Avon Park at noon Friday, July 29. All tri-city chamber members are invited to attend.

The students will meet and greet members and speak to the audience about local issues of interest. The chamber members are invited to provide feedback to the students that could be useful to their future employment and educational goals. This is also an opportunity to encourage the students to become more involved in their communities.

The luncheon is \$10 per member. RSVP by contacting the Avon Park chamber at 453-3350.

SALT Council meets Tuesday

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Counterfeit \$10 bill turns up in Lake Placid

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over to the Secret Service in West Palm,” Barajas said.

“We are seeing \$5s, \$10s and even \$100s, but then we are seeing the \$10s a lot more than normal,” Barajas said. “This year we are seeing a lot.”

“Yeah, unfortunately the town is out of the money. It is always the last person holding the bill that is the one who pays. We have to get those out of circulation fast,” Barajas said.

An e-mail from executive director of the chamber, Eileen May stated that “The town of Lake Placid recently received a counterfeit \$10 bill.

“We understand from the bank that \$5, \$10, \$20, are running rampant in Highlands County. The pens we used to use, do not always work. You have to use your eyes.”

Barajas and Tuck confirmed that the pens that



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1996 style consists of series years 1996, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2003A and 2006.

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Paper Currency paper consists of 25% linen and 75% cotton and contains small randomly dispersed red and blue fibers embedded throughout the paper.

Portrait The 1996 style Federal Reserve Notes (FRNs) have an enlarged and off-center portrait enclosed in an oval frame of concentric lines. The 2004 style FRNs have an enlarged and off-center portrait without a frame.

1 Watermark The 1996 and 2004 style FRNs have a watermark that is visible from either side when held up to a light source.

2 Color-Shifting Ink The 1996 style FRNs have color-shifting ink in the lower right-hand corner, that shifts from green to black as the note is tilted 45 degrees. The 2004 style \$10, \$20 and \$50 FRNs have color-shifting ink that shifts from copper to green as the note is tilted 45 degrees. The \$5 FRN does not have color-shifting ink.

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4 Serial Numbers The first letter of the serial number on FRNs corresponds to the series year.

1996 Style	2004 Style
A= 1996	E= 2004
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C= 2001	G= 2004A
	H= 2006
	I= 2006

Bank Indicators

5 Federal Reserve Indicators The 1996 style and 2004 style FRNs have a letter-number combination, which identifies one of the 12 issuing Federal Reserve Banks. This letter-number combination appears beneath the serial number on the left. The number corresponds to the position of the letter in the alphabet, e.g.: A1, B2, C3, etc. The second letter of the serial number is the same as the letter in the letter-number combination.

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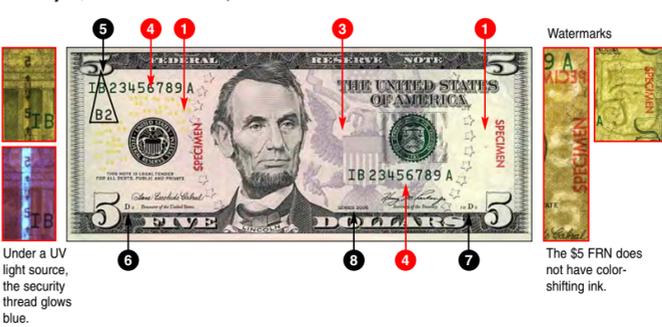
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2004 style \$10 note issued March, 2006



2004 style \$5 note issued March, 2008



change color when a counterfeit bill is marked do not always work.

“We are looking into the

new laser pens,” Tuck said.

“The counterfeit bills are getting so good that it is hard to detect them sometimes,”

Barajas said.

“Well, yes, we are out the \$10, but it is better than \$100,” Tuck.

The Palm Beach office of the Secret Service had not returned a call as of press time.

Astronauts fix, haul gear on last flight

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL

— Astronauts kept busy fixing and hauling gear aboard the linked Atlantis and International Space Station on Saturday, as the last shuttle flight drew closer to an end.

Atlantis’ pilots got a jammed storage locker open and retrieved air purifiers for the space station.

In more good news, they brought back online a computer that abruptly stopped working two days earlier, the second computer failure in five days aboard Atlantis. NASA wants to run more diagnostic testing, but so far the computer seems to be working fine, officials said.

Engineers have yet to figure out why the computer shut down Thursday; cosmic radiation is suspected. The first computer failure was traced to a bad switch throw and quickly fixed.

Atlantis has five of these main computers, each one critical for the trip back to Earth.

Over on the space station, astronauts fixed a treadmill and carried more supplies back and forth.

Atlantis delivered several tons of food, clothes and other household items — enough to keep the space station operating for a full year. The giant cargo canister is being filled back up with station trash that Atlantis will return to Earth on Thursday.

Bank robbery suspect sought after Friday morning crime

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that he did not display a weapon and was last seen in the vicinity of the Dennis L. John’s Flooring warehouse heading towards South Anoka Street, but an alert released after the robbery from Cmdr. Jason Lister of the APPD stated that “the suspect inferred that he had a weapon in his possession and demanded US currency.”

Additionally, Lister stated that “the suspect entered the branch and approached a single teller. The teller complied with his demands and the suspect fled the bank on foot. There were no injuries to bank

employees or customers during the event.”

K-9 units from the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office were unable to track the suspect more than a couple of hundred feet in the grassy area behind the bank.

“We are requesting assistance from the printed media and public in identifying the pictured suspect,” Lister said.

If you have any information please contact Det. Nathan Coogan at 863-453-6622 or Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-8477.

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Security camera image of the suspect.

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Budget mindsets have to change

County Commissioner Jack Richie stated in a meeting that all three chambers of commerce need to change the way they are thinking about economic development and doing business in today's economy.

The *News-Sun* agrees with his assessment, but would argue that everyone in Highlands County needs to change their way of thinking, including the commissioners.

A look at the current budget proposed by county staff shows that the Sebring Parkway Phase III is still on the list at a cost of \$6.6 million; that recreation is still over funded despite recent cuts to municipalities; that at least one pet project, a habitat conservation plan, has increased by 1,000 percent; and that we still have an inequity of salaries from the bottom to the top of every department of county employment.

Additionally, the "balanced" budget uses up almost \$8 million from the rainy day fund leaving taxpayers with less than two months of contingency.

County Administrator

Ricky Helms added during his budget presentation that the commission would have to discover "a new way of funding roads," and county staff is still planning on explosive growth in the near future. Which, for some reason, justifies the need for infrastructure that exceeds our ability for maintenance, and the county still being in the road construction business, despite the losses each year.

Those who prepared the budget are still in the same mindset that they were a few years ago when housing was booming and are grudgingly giving up ground on a budget that is dragging our reserves to zero.

Commissioners are still complementing staff on their "hard work" in creating a budget where expenses exceed revenues, and taxpayers, especially those opposed

to the impact fees, are still looking for government to bail them out.

Commissioner Don Elwell has scheduled an informal "town hall" meeting at 7 p.m. today at the Alan Jay Ford dealership to get more input about the budget, and we agree that is a great idea. Despite that gesture of transparency, the reality is that the county has less income this year, and by all indications will have less next year. But commissioners, including Elwell, still agreed to a \$16,000 raise a few months ago for a single employee.

Everyone has to change their mindset starting now or a tipping point could occur, and the consequences could be dire. But apparently common sense gets lost when folks talk about budgets in uncommon times.

The core services to a government – like road maintenance, police protection and fire response – are lost in a deluge of support services to the tune of \$114 million this year.

In an economy where folks cannot give away "affordable" housing and unemploy-

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A week in Guyana

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

This past week I have been in Guyana, South America. Don and I spent the time teaching a family and leadership workshop to a group of fellow Christians in the West Coast Berbice area of the country.

Through the wonders of technology and the fact that the hotel I am staying at has Internet access, I will be sending out this column while still in a third world country. I find that to be amazing.

I have been blogging about the trip so far on my website,

www.laurahware.com.

There you can read about how the trip overall went as well as tips like how to get the hot water in the shower to work after taking cold showers for two or three days.

The hotel we were staying at is fairly modern. Along with the aforementioned Internet, we have air conditioning in our room (a blessing because Guyana is a tropical country with temperatures and humidity to prove it), plenty of bottled water (a must here for us, because the tap water here would not be kind to our systems), and most of what we expect from a nice hotel in the States. It does not have an elevator, and that means we had to climb two flights of stairs to get from the lobby to our room. It's good exercise, I told myself.

We were chauffeured around the area by the preacher of the congregation we worked with while in Guyana, a man named Anil. He was very gracious about picking us up every morning and driving us back to the hotel every afternoon or evening. In fact, everyone we came in contact with was gracious and kind to us, something I appreciated.

While the hotel is modern, there was a lot to remind us that we weren't in Sebring anymore. Compared to the United States, the roads aren't in

great condition. It is not unusual to pass (or almost hit) cows and goats on the road. The church building where we were conducting the workshop is without electricity. To get any cooling, all the doors were opened and we hoped for a good breeze.

The culture in Guyana is different as well. Unlike us, the Guyanese operate on what Don liked to refer to as "Caribbean time."

While in the United States saying that something would start at 9 a.m. means it starts exactly at 9: a.m., things are a tad more relaxed in Guyana. There, 9 a.m. could well mean 10 a.m., and no one acts put out if they have to wait.

Don and I tried to roll with it. We were ready to go when Anil asked us to be ready, but we found ways to occupy ourselves when he was, by our standards, late. We tried to be patient when things didn't start on time.

But even so our Western sense of time was obvious to those around us. One night after we'd eaten our waitress encouraged us to stay and listen to the music coming over the speakers and not rush back to our rooms as we'd done each night.

We said no (we wanted to be back in our air conditioned room) but I thought about it afterwards. We do tend to live a rush-rush kind of life as Americans, bound to the clock. It's how things get done, we tell ourselves.

But maybe, just maybe, we need to take some time to stop and listen to the music. That's one of the lessons I've learned from Guyana. And it's a good one.

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



TODAY'S LETTERS

Alerts don't need to be in middle of the night

Editor:

It's 10:26 p.m. last night, the phone rings waking me up, and voice says "This is the Highlands County Sheriff's Office..." Anyone's worst nightmare – I go crazy like any normal person. But then, the phone voice goes on, and informs me that there is an older man lost in the Lake Placid area, driving a blue car, wearing a yellow shirt and blue shorts, and the voice tells me to keep an eye out for.

This is what happened to me last night.

When I called the non-emergency number I was told that "they had no control" over when the phone calls were made. Telemarketers cannot call after 9 p.m. Do the rules change for the police?

I asked them if they thought that I, a 70-year-old woman, should get a flashlight and at 11 o'clock at night go looking for him? They didn't respond to that. It is an older man – not a child. Why couldn't this call be made during the day? No response.

Well, I want a response. I was still wide awake at midnight. This is not right. The sheriff's office needs to act more responsibly, not waking up people after 10 p.m. with a "this is the police" call.

Who is responsible when the police behave badly?

Violet J. Elliott
Lake Placid

Got to stop kicking the can down the road

Editor:

I want to thank your editor for the "Keeping an open mind" editorial. As a capitalist and a self-proclaimed economist I also grab for my wallet as a first reaction, because I have no interest in paying higher taxes.

I know Mr. (Andy) Tuck is focused and sincere, being firmly against any increase in the tax rate. He said at Tuesday's school board meeting, "I just think it's a bad message to send to the taxpayers that we are going raise taxes at a time like this."

Tuck moved to hold the tax rate the same as last year at 7.616 mills. So what does that number mean?

I made a table so I could understand the reduced millage rate proposal. These numbers are based on last year's July 1, 2010 tax appraiser's values with 25,549 homesteads. By this coming August there will be two years of dropping property values, making these values even less. The amount per day and amount per month is based on the highest valued house in that category. For example, 50.2 percent would pay less than two cents a day and 96.44 percent would pay less than four cents a day. In the month category, 77.4 percent of the highest-rate-payer pays less than \$1 a month. The last two categories are houses between \$500,000 and \$970,000. The last six houses are

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all more than \$1,000,000 topping out at less than \$1.5 million and he is paying \$13.12 a month.

Our budgets have gone from \$137 million to \$129 million to \$118 million for the upcoming year. This means a larger percent of our revenue is for paying principal and interest.

Should we consider using these

funds to pay off the mounting debt? Or as they say in Tallahassee, "We have to stop kicking the can down the road and letting someone else deal with the problem later."

Pep Hutchinson
Sebring

American soldier to be honored with museum

Editor:

For over 236 years, we Americans have owed our freedoms to the men and women of the United States Army. Now, at long last, the American soldier will be honored with the National Museum of the U.S. Army near our nation's capital.

Many members of our community have proudly worn the uniform of the U.S. Army. As a founding sponsor of the museum, I ask that you help make everyone in our community aware of this long overdue national project by running a story on plans to build and open this important new Museum on June 14, 2015, the Army's 240th birthday.

Norman Warner
Avon Park

Bouquet

Thanks for supporting the teachers

Editor:

On behalf of the Avon Elementary School PTO, we would like to thank our business partners and friends for their gracious sup-

port and donations of door prizes for our annual year-end Teacher and Staff Appreciation Bunch.

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Tips to combat skimmers

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Here are some suggestions from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office to keep from being a victim of credit card skimming:

— The easiest way not to become a victim of credit card skimming is to pay cash for purchases made at locations subject to this type of activity such as convenience stores and gas stations.

— When purchasing gas at retailers with numerous pumps such as large convenience stores, opt for pumps that are in direct view of the clerks inside the store. Activity around these pumps is more likely to be noticed by store personnel thus people planting skimming devices usually chose more remote pumps to tamper with.

— Go inside the convenience store to make your credit card payment. Most skimming devices are recovered from the pumps themselves. By using the terminals inside the store you minimize your chance for theft.

In addition to these precautions,



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The best way to combat skimmers is to pay in cash.

the HCSO suggests that consumers check their credit account statements carefully so that any fraudulent charges can be spotted right away.

If you see charges on your

account that you did not make, report them to your financial institution immediately as well as to law enforcement.

Early detection of this activity is the best way to limit any losses.

DFH vows to fight medical marijuana

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entries and incorporate them into one logo, one new face for DFH," Shirley said.

Save our Society Manager of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Amy Ronshausen, joined the DFH's meeting to share ideas and information regarding the legalization of marijuana.

"Currently there are 16 states that have legalized marijuana for medical purposes. Florida isn't one of them, but it could be very, very soon if people don't take a stand against it," said Shirley.

Ronshausen shared insight into laws and policies that allow physicians in the 16 states (Delaware being the most recent on the list) to distribute prescriptions and recommendations to patients for the use of the narcotic.

According to Ronshausen, the physicians don't always have to write prescriptions for the drug for patients to get a hold of it.

"Doctors can get a patient who



Courtesy photo

Sebring High School art students participated in the Drug Free Highlands logo contest. Three winners were chosen and each of the entries will be incorporated together to create the new logo. (from left to right) 1st place winner Nick Contrero, 2nd place winner Jessica Sorocco and 3rd place Brandon Rodrigues each received a gift card as their prize.

complains they have headaches and the doctor will write up a recommendation, not a prescription, and they can go and get the marijuana," said Shirley.

Shirley hopes that Save Our Society and DFH can partner to create an awareness around the county and all across Florida to prevent the state from the legalization in the future.

DFH will be holding a tri-coun-

ty (Hardee, Polk, Highlands) summit featuring Hardee ASAPP and Stand Up Polk organizations to discuss ideas and begin more partnerships with their neighbors.

As Shirley approaches the end of her first year as DFH project coordinator, she and the DFH board plan to continue their hard work and provide the community with awareness and information on how to be healthier citizens.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) Council will hold its monthly educational forum on Tuesday at the board room of the Hotel Jacaranda, 19 E. Main St. The forum, hosted by the Avon Park Police Department, will begin at 10 a.m.

Avon Park Police Commander Jason Lister will provide a presentation on the "Move Over" Law. The public is invited to attend and there is no charge, however reservations are requested. To reserve a seat at this presentation please contact S.A.L.T. president Janet Tindell at 443-0747 or Nell Hays of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office at 402-7369.

The S.A.L.T. Council is a part of Triad, which is an organization of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriff's Association and the AARP. The purpose of this organization is to address the needs of seniors in the community especially as they relate to crime victimization and the fear of crime. S.A.L.T. meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday at 10 a.m. Locations for the meetings rotate throughout Highlands County.

National program seeks local director

The National League of Junior Cotillions (NLJC), a program of etiquette, character education, and social dance training for middle and junior high school students, has announced plans to establish its national program in Highlands County.

Elizabeth Anne Winters, NLJC national director, said, "We will be selecting a director for a local chapter who will receive complete training and an exclusive territory for expansion."

The organization currently has directors operating hundreds of chapters in 34 states. Winters said, "This program is making a positive impact on students across the nation and we are delighted to know that more young people in this area will have the opportunity for this vital training." The program currently has active chapters statewide.

The purpose of the NLJC program is to give students instruction and practice in the courtesies that make life more pleasant for them and those around them. Students actively learn courtesies through a creative method employing role playing, skits, and games. Standard ballroom and line dancing is taught using nationally approved top 40 music.

In addition to the usual courtesies

connected with dancing and etiquette, character instruction is also provided regarding the following: honor, respect, ethics, sportsmanship, acknowledgments of gifts, behavior at cultural and civic events, correspondence, inter-action in groups, introductions, paying and receiving compliments, receiving lines, table manners, instructional dinners, electronic etiquette, cell phone courtesy, and many other areas of social conduct.

The program, with headquarters in Charlotte, N.C., was established in 1979 and has licensed local cotillions nationwide. The cotillion includes monthly classes plus a Holly Ball and Spring Ball, and instructional three, five, and seven course dinners. Winters said, "The program has met with equal success in metropolitan areas including Atlanta, Orlando, Minneapolis, Houston, and in small communities across the country. We believe it will be an important addition to the training of young people in this area."

Applications or nominations for cotillion director are currently being received. For additional information call 1-800-633-7947, visit the website at www.nljc.com, or email to cotillions@nljc.com.

NARFE meets Tuesday

SEBRING — NARFE Chapter 288 of Highlands County will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Homer's Buffet in Sebring Square for lunch. This will be an informal meeting and all current, retired federal employees (and spouses) are invited to attend.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK — The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have NASCAR on the screen at 1 p.m. today. Any questions, call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID

The Lake Placid Moose 2374 will host karaoke with Double D from 3-6 p.m. today. Any questions, call 465-0131.

The American Legion Placid Post 25 will have Gary and Shirley performing today. Call for time. Any questions, call 465-0975.

SEBRING

Sebring Lodge 249 F & AM will serve an "All-you-can-eat (dine in only)" Chicken Dinner. The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the Masonic Lodge, 1809 Home Ave. The meal includes potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, chicken, dessert, and drink, for an \$8 donation. Take out is available.

OBITUARIES

BILLY M. ROGERS

Billy M. Rogers Sr., age 68, went to be with Jesus on July 13, 2011. He was born in Mt. Sterling, Ky., to Charlie W. and Pearl Mae (Meadows) Rogers. Billy worked for C. Elton Crews for many years when he lived in Florida. He was a carpenter, a Kentucky Colonel, and served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion and a member of Grace Fellowship Tabernacle Church in Mt. Sterling, Ky.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Elsie Rogers of Mt. Sterling, Ky.; daughters, Sydney Wiley (Greg) of Sebring, Fla., Millie Barker (Danny) and Melinda Wiley (Jimmy), both of West Liberty, Ky.; sons, Billy Rogers Jr. and Thomas Rogers (Sallie), both of Mt. Sterling, Ky.; sisters, Elsie Carpenter (Bob) of Jeffersonville, Ky., Ola Francis Browning and Peggy Harvard (Yale), both of Mt. Sterling, Ky.; brothers, William "Tune" Miles (Polly) of Louisville, Ky.; five grandsons, Justin, Chris, Gregory, Matthew and Joshua;

and nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Monday, July 18, 2011 from 6-9 p.m. at Herald & Stewart Home For Funerals. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Kevin Miles officiating at Herald & Stewart Home for Funerals, 1002 Woodford Drive, Mt. Sterling, Ky. 40353. Burial will follow in Machpelah Cemetery.

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Experts: Casey Anthony should go to a safe house after release

By MIKE SCHNEIDER and KYLE HIGHTOWER

Associated Press

ORLANDO — If Casey Anthony's lawyers are smart, security experts say, they will whisk her away to a safe house, where she will be protected by bodyguards for days, if not weeks after her release from jail.

"I'd tell her to go to a big house in the middle of nowhere," said Dallas-based security expert Stuart Diamond, who has worked for celebrities and federal agencies. "That would be the safest thing for her. It's more of an effort for someone to really follow through on a threat."

Online and elsewhere, Anthony has been vilified, many believing she got away with murder. Some have wished the same fate on her that prosecutors say befell her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee.

Anthony's legal team said Friday it received an emailed death threat with a doctored photo of the 25-year-old woman with a bullet hole through her forehead.

One her attorneys, Cheney Mason, said Anthony is nervous about getting out of jail, and he isn't taking any chances: "We are all vigilant and I am armed."

A jury acquitted Anthony last week of murder but found her guilty of lying to law officers investigating the disappearance of Caylee in 2008. She was sentenced to four years in prison, but with good behavior and nearly three years already served, she will be out this weekend.

Details of her release are being closely held, and the sheriff's department was not making the time public beforehand.



Casey Anthony

"This will not be a usual release," jail spokesman Allen Moore said in an email. "Due to the high-profile nature of this case and intense, emotional interest by the public, appropriate measures will be taken to release the individual into the community in such a manner so as to preserve the safety of the individual and public."

The Orange County Jail has had very few high-profile inmates. Former astronaut Lisa Nowak, who was convicted in a bizarre attack on a romantic rival, walked out the jail's front door, where a horde of media pushed and elbowed their way toward her, shouting questions and trying to snap photos. In another case, Noelle Bush, the daughter of then-Gov. Jeb Bush and niece of then-President George W. Bush, received special handling after her arrest on drug charges. Secret Service agents were worried she could be targeted.

Once she is out of jail, Anthony will not get special treatment beyond the protection any person would get if there were a credible threat, law enforcement authorities said. (Earlier this week, authorities said they had not received any credible threats, but they did not immediately

return a call Friday about the new email.)

"She's like every other resident or citizen here," Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings said. "We're not going to be her personal security. Her attorneys will make appropriate decisions or prepare for her own security after that."

Ideally, security experts said, she should go to a safe house. She may have to arrange backup locations, in case the address is discovered.

She probably won't be going to the home she had shared with her parents before her arrest, in part because the trial fractured their relationship. Defense attorney Jose Baez told jurors that Anthony's father, George Anthony, molested his daughter and covered up his granddaughter's death after Caylee accidentally drowned in the family pool. George Anthony has denied the abuse and cover-up allegations.

"Most of the time you can always go home, but she doesn't have that option," Meachum said. "Baez has to have somewhere for her to go for her to get herself together."

Anthony's security may be hampered by her limited financial means, though many have predicted lucrative book and TV interview deals. Two security guards around the clock could cost \$10,000 a week, experts said.

The best thing she can do for her safety is keep a low profile, said Mark Geragos, a Los Angeles lawyer.

"She needs to lay as low as possible until the next big scandal or trial," Geragos said. "It's not time to do a photo spread."



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Volunteers earn Presidential Volunteer Service Awards

The Presidential Service Award began in 2003

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**

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SEBRING — In 2003 President George W. Bush created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The goal is to recognize the contributions volunteers make in their neighborhoods, and encourage others to volunteer.

The Presidential Volunteer Service Awards are issued by the Points of Light Institution and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Service organizations and agencies, public and private, act as certifying agents following an application process. They review and keep track of volunteer hours, which accumulate in 12-month intervals.

According to the council's website, there are 28,000 certifying organizations. More than 1.5 million volunteers have been honored by them.

Children, as young as five, young adults and adults are included in the program. Hours required for an award differ age group to age group.

The dedicated hours must be unpaid. Court ordered community service hours are not counted.

There are four levels of recognition: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Lifetime.

Lifetime recognition, available only to individu-

als, honors 4,000 or more hours of service.

Recipients receive a lapel pin, a certificate and a letter from the president.

Fred Jeans, chaplain at the Kenilworth Care and Rehabilitation Center, filed the application making the center a certifying organization. He said it was relatively simple and took about a month.

Immensely grateful and proud of his volunteers, he still looks for more hands.

He described, for example, the pen pal program at the center.

"There are no rules, no guidelines," he said. "Pen pals send holiday and birthday cards, and once or twice a month drop a line to a (selected) resident." He added that the program is very popular, about 75 individuals at the center have pen pals.

He got the idea when he saw a resident reading a card that turned out to be six months old.

A simple thing like receiving mail breaks the loneliness for those without families, he said, and helps them feel connected.

To volunteer at the Kenilworth Care and Rehabilitation Center call Fred Jeans at 382-2153.

For a national registry of volunteer opportunities go to serve.gov, or contact local churches, schools, hospitals and service organizations.



Courtesy photo

Volunteers were honored for their efforts June 14th, at the Kenilworth Care and Rehabilitation Center. (From left) Cecilia Alwine, Bob Ushka, Helen Dassinger, Maureen Helms and Mike Flood.

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Alwine is 93 years old. She is a diabetic and has arthritis in her knees so uses a walker. As she headed down a corridor, however, her companion had a hard time keeping up as she zipped along.

Alwine's husband, who suffered with Alzheimer's disease before passing away in 2000, spent three months at the center. Alwine was so impressed with his care she felt obligated and grateful to volunteer after his death.

In addition to helping with birthday parties, Alwine spends time with Barbara Stapleford, 65, who is coping with multiple sclerosis. Stapleford is paralyzed except for partial use of her right hand and right arm to the elbow.

Alwine reads the newspaper to her — the obit page is a favorite — and writes her correspondence.

Meeting in 2004, the two women have become close friends.

"I needed a letter written," Stapleford said. "Do you know (Cecilia) stopped by with paper, pen, an envelope and stamps. The only thing she didn't have were the words. I supplied the words."

"We share all kinds of things," Stapleford added, "serious and silly. We have interesting conversations and lots of laughs along the way."

Jeans, the chaplain, told the News-Sun that Stapleford is a volunteer herself despite her paralysis.

She spends four to six hours a day in her motorized wheelchair visiting other residents and had been president of the resident council for several years.

Helen Dassinger, who is currently staying in a Lake Placid assisted living center following hip surgery, has also given more than 4,000 hours of volunteer service. At Kenilworth she offered Catholic communion for the bed bound as a Eucharistic minister, saying the rosary and providing an ear for those who wanted to talk.

The Elks Auxiliary, said member Evelyn Marple, is made up of four people, including her husband Charles. They have another type of mission. "We buy toiletries, things like shaving cream, razors, shampoo, soap, and body wash. We distribute these to the veterans. Nursing homes provide a lot, but the vets are paying for it. This just helps make things easier for them."

"We have little carts and load them up with the items and homemade cookies a friend of mine bakes fresh. The first question I get is, 'Do you have cookies?'"

Sue Miller and Betsy Waddell are the other members of the team.

Betty Leppek leads the group from the VFW Post 4300 Ladies Auxiliary. The 10 members make sure every resident, veteran or not, gets birthday recognition.

"We get the list of that month's birthdays, buy gift bags and get a cake from

Publix with the names (of the birthday celebrants) on it. We go to the center every other Tuesday and have a party with the cake and punch."

Leppek said the Presidential Volunteer Service Award was completely unexpected, and one of the great honors of her life. But, she added, she volunteered because she benefits from helping others. "We handed out teddy bears one time," she said. "One woman was so appreciative, hugging the little bear, that she brought tears to my eyes."

Joining Leppek are: Joyce Able, Laura Allen, Elaine Dozier, Kathleen Nye, Michelle Rudy, Bonnie Smart, Sandra Stevens, Virginia Taggart, and Dianne Thompson.

There are three worship teams — one coming in every Sunday, the two others alternating on Mondays.

Vern and Jeanette Freisen are a Monday team. They offer a worship service and spend time afterwards visiting residents. Maureen Helms and Mike Flood come in on the other Mondays providing the same kind of comfort and support.

Ruth Percy, Wendall Williams, Pat Wacaster and Ken Wacaster lead a service every Sunday.

The News-Sun was unable to contact two of the individual volunteers, Carol Skold and Pat Epley. Skold volunteered more than 100 hours in 2011. Epley, who is a part-time resident, put in 500 hours.

President George W. Bush set up the awards program in 2003.

Jeans said, "I didn't realize it's such a big deal, how prestigious the award is. They got (lapel) pins, a certificate and a letter from President (Barack) Obama."

POLICE BLOTTER

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tion, possession and or use of drug equipment, and possession of marijuana.

◆ Jamarus Donte Wooden, 19, of Avon Park, was charged with five counts of failure to appear reference armed burglary of a structure/conveyance, grand theft of a firearm, and dealing in stolen property, as well as burglary of a structure or conveyance, grand theft of a firearm, and grand theft.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Wednesday, July 13:

◆ Jason Richard Boone, 33, of Haines City, was charged for larceny, petit theft, first offense; burglary of dwelling, unarmed, no assault or battery; burglary of structure or conveyance, unarmed, without person inside; vehicle theft, grand, third degree, two counts; and burglary of structure, unarmed, without person inside.

◆ Richard Castillo, 19, of Arcadia, was charged with criminal mischief; and resisting or obstructing officer without violence.

◆ Samuel Scott Christmas,

46, of 4714 Trout Ave., Sebring, was registered as a sexual predator.

◆ Devon Rachelle Deadwyler, 29, of Sebring, was charged for theft of a credit card; fraudulent use of credit card, two or fewer times in six months to obtain goods or money; larceny or petit theft, first degree; and criminal use of personal identification information.

◆ Edward Lamar Hamilton, 29, of Lake Placid, was charged for loitering or prowling.

◆ Ochordo Howardo Hansel, 32, of Sebring, was charged with attempted murder, first degree, premeditated.

◆ Yandy Marrero, 24, of Sebring, was charged for battery.

◆ Derry Lakeith Starkey, 26, of Lake Placid, was charged with loitering or prowling.

◆ Adam Norman Wallace, 20, of Avon Park, was charged with dealing in stolen property, two counts; burglary of dwelling or structure with damage; grand theft, two counts; criminal mischief; and grand theft of motor vehicle.

◆ Leon Wesley, 29, of Port Charlotte, was charged for battery.

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BUSINESS

With budgeting, slow and steady wins the race

Budgets are like diets: No single approach works for everyone; overly complicated plans rarely work for long; and sometimes it takes a few tries before you get it right.

One common stumbling block is thinking of budgets as punishment rather than a means to achieve your life's goals. Say you dream of buying a house: A budget shouldn't serve as a constant reminder that you can't afford a down payment; but rather, as a tool to help identify where the money goes each month so you can adjust spending — and saving — accordingly.

If you're new to budgeting or you haven't been successful in the past, start slowly. First, for a few months write down every cent you spend: mortgage/rent, utilities, food, gas, medical copayments, birthday presents, credit card interest, allowances — the works. Don't forget annual expenses like insurance and income tax. It sounds tedious, but I guarantee you'll be amazed by the bottom line.

At the same time, track your income. Comparing money coming in versus money going out can be quite enlightening. Breaking even or losing money each month may mean you need to find additional income sources and/or aggressively alter your spending habits.

Budgeting tools. You can go the pencil-and-paper route by downloading a budget template (Google "Budget Worksheet"). Interactive, online budgeting calculators to help plan for expenses also are widely available. Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc., includes budgeting calculators for everything from back-to-school costs to holiday expenses to retirement (www.practical-moneyskills.com/calculators).

Once you're ready for the next level, many software packages and online account management services are available — some are free, while others charge a one-time or monthly fee. Popular products include Quicken, Mint.com, Yodlee and Mvelopes. Commonly available features include:

Account aggregation — import transaction information and balances from bank, credit card and investment and other accounts into one common database.



Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

Transfer money between accounts; some also allow online bill payment.

Track, categorize and annotate transactions — also helpful when calculating income taxes.

Interactive charts and graphs to help visualize changes in spending and savings habits.

Start jotting down your short- and long-term financial goals — buying a new car or house, saving for retirement and vacations, paying off debt, financing college, building an emergency fund, etc. You won't solve all these financial challenges at once, but start whittling away at them; over time you'll notice gradual improvements and be encouraged to up the ante.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Look for items that stand out as extravagances you can trim or eliminate, at least temporarily.

- Reduce insurance premiums by raising deductibles.

- Always pay at least minimum loan and credit card balances to avoid late charges.

- List accounts by interest rate and pay off those with the highest rates first.

- Create separate savings accounts for different long-term goals and have contributions automatically deducted from your paycheck or checking account — even if it's only a small amount each month. Don't borrow from one to pay expenses in another, especially your retirement accounts — the tax implications alone are daunting.

For more budgeting tips, visit www.mymoney.gov, the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (www.nfcc.org) and Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practical-moneyskills.com).

When budgeting — like dieting — remember the tortoise and the hare: Slow and steady wins the race.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Jackie's Nik Naks recently reopened in Lake Placid. Owner Jackie Denney offers a variety of antiques, collectibles, jewelry, and other items at her store.

Collectibles can be found at Jackie's Nik Naks

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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LAKE PLACID — Jackie Denney is re-opening her store, Jackie's Nik Naks, after the shop was forced to close last March due to the tough economy. Denney is however happy to say that she's back.

Jackie's Nik Naks is at 280 E. Interlake Blvd. and offers a variety of antiques and bargain basement items.

"Jackie's Nik Naks sells antiques, glassware, furniture, cook books, kitchenware, jewelry and anything collectible," Denney said.

Denney works hard to keep her prices

low and reasonable.

The business began back in 1997. Denney has been the owner for the past 21 years.

"I got started collecting back in 1986 when my husband and I got married. My husband's mother had jadeite dishes and they were given to me. They set me off collecting. I had so much stuff, my husband and I were renting storage units. He said to me 'Why don't you open a shop?' That was all it took and here I am," Denney said.

Denney has turned her love of collecting into a business where she is happy to share it with the community.

Jackie's Nik Naks is a store where every patron can find something that they would love to add to their home. The store is decorated by Sally Carl, a close friend of Denney.

"She helps with the shop. She does most of the decorating and I do the buying and the pricing," Denney said.

Denney is happy to have the store reopened and is ready for business.

"I love what I do," she said.

Jackie's Nik Naks is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Denney may be contacted at the store at 699-0215.

Couture's Gallery launches new website

SEBRING — Couture's Art Gallery and Frame Shop in Sebring introduces a newly designed website, www.CouturesArt.com. The site was designed by Linda Kegley of LK Web Design in Sebring.

The Gallery features Florida wildlife, nature and rural landscape art as well as traditional art. The new site features all of the original as well as new artists on display in the Gallery, including new 2011 works by Florida Highwaymen Robert Butler. New artists in the

Snapshots

gallery are Jacque Lynn Palomaki of Winter Haven, Tripp Harrison of Saint Augustine, Peter Gerbert of Hernando County, Thomas Brooks of Lakeland, Stephen Willcox of the Florida Keys and Photography of Kathy Crofts of Naples as well as several other Florida artists.

Unique Raku sculpture by Jinson Kim and stone sculpture by Peter Rujjwa are also featured in the Gallery.

The new site highlights the award winning custom framing available at Couture's (Couture's is the top award winning framer in Florida). The LIFE affilia-

tion (Local Independent Framing Expert) is also highlighted on the site.

Couture's Art Gallery & Frame Shop is at 2045 U.S. 27 North. Contact the Gallery at 386-0029, or email couture@vistanet.net. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday or by appointment.

Business class set for July 27

AVON PARK — "Starting Your Business" is a free seminar presented by the Small Business Development Center at University of South Florida. It will be held

from 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 at South Florida Community College Corporate and Continuing Education Room T05.

The class is designed for persons thinking of starting a small business or who have started a business and want to make sure they did it correctly. Licenses, marketing, entity selection, and business planning are among the items discussed.

The seminar will be presented by David Noel, certified business analyst with the SBDC. Seating is limited, so call Noel at 784-7378 to reserve a seat in the seminar or for further information.

Oil climbing on expectations of tighter supply

Associated Press

NEW YORK — There are a few certainties when it comes to predicting oil prices. One of them is that the world will use more oil in coming years.

The question, analysts say, is whether major oil producers like Saudi Arabia, Canada, Venezuela and others, will be able to meet the demand.

Shortages of Libyan crude helped push up oil prices earlier this year to the highest levels since 2008. Those concerns resurfaced Friday, as Barclays Capital said Libya's oil industry will be disrupted for longer than expected. Its daily exports of 1.5 million barrels were shut down when an anti-government uprising swept the country. The conflict has turned into a stalemate, and Barclays says it

will take years — not months — for Libya to restore exports to previous levels.

That means spare production capacity for Saudi Arabia and other major oil producers "will get eroded very quickly," Barclays analyst Helima Croft said. "In that event, the pressure on prices will be substantial" as supplies tighten.

On Friday benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for August delivery rose \$1.55 to settle at \$97.24 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude gained \$1.00 to settle at \$117.26 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Barclays' assessment adds to previous warnings by the International Energy Agency and the Energy Information Administration that world demand will outstrip supplies

this year. Despite sluggish economic growth in the U.S. and Europe, experts say that oil demand from China and other emerging nations will drive global oil consumption for years to come.

Oil had its ups and downs this week, ranging from

about \$94 a barrel to nearly \$100. Some of the volatility was caused by Fed Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's comments about the possibility of another round of stimulus spending, which could weaken the dollar and raise oil prices.

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BUSINESS

Calif. pest trapper helps thwart citrus greening epidemic

By GOSIA WOZNIACKA
Associated Press

CENTERVILLE, Calif. — On a bright July morning, Adam Marler punched locations into a GPS device and set off in his pickup truck from Fresno into the back roads and citrus orchards of California's Central Valley.



Tom Benitez/Orlando Sentinel/MCT
Healthy orange fruit, left, pictured next to fruit damaged by greening.

His mission: to thwart the invasion of the Asian citrus psyllid, a pest the size of a rice grain capable of carrying a disease deadly to citrus trees.

The disease, known by its Chinese name Huanglongbing but also called "citrus greening," has devastated citrus orchards in Florida and other parts of the world, but it hasn't touched California's \$1.8 billion industry. The Golden State ranks first in the nation in crop value and second after Florida in citrus production.

Marler, who works for the California Citrus Research Board, is one of 18 pest trappers who fan out daily across far-flung commercial groves to trap the psyllid and electronically map the tiny beast's every move.

"It's kind of like a war," Marler said, "and California is the last frontier." California's approach is novel, because it's preemptive: it aims to eliminate the bacteria carrier before it can spread the disease. That's because, unlike in Florida and elsewhere, relatively few invasive psyllids have made it to California thus far.

"We have a unique opportunity to be proactive in managing this insect to either prevent the introduction of the disease or to slow its movement," said Citrus Research

Board data director Richard Dunn.

Florida's woes led California growers to consider the new approach. The invasive psyllid first arrived to Florida in 1998, but officials didn't recognize its threat. When they first detected the disease six years later, the Asian citrus psyllid population had exploded and the disease spread like wildfire — a fate California hopes to avoid, said the board's president Ted Batkin.

Florida is now losing trees to the infection at a rate of 15 percent a year, Batkin said, which means removing and replacing thousands of trees, an expensive process.

The trapping program was Batkin's brainchild; he and other industry leaders came up with the idea after visiting diseased orchards in Brazil.

"The trees looked like skeletons," Batkin recalled. "It was like a blowtorch had come along and just fried them. It was scary. It got our attention real fast."

Three years ago, the Citrus Board set out to hire trappers.

On this day, about seven miles north of tiny

Centerville, Marler's truck roared down the paths of a hilly lemon grove. Bob Dylan humming from an iPod, Marler skirted ditches and gates, bounced through an empty pasture and up a stony road in search of a lemon tree.

He found it, hung a bright yellow rectangular trap on its branch and scanned the old and new traps, as well as the tree tag, into his GPS device. He also surveyed the tree for signs of disease.

Huanglongbing is hard to detect, Marler said, because the bacteria can be present in a tree for a year or longer before symptoms are visible. Once infected, the tree dies within five years. Typically, a healthy lemon tree is productive for up to 25 years, a grapefruit tree for up to 50 years and an orange tree for up to 75 years.

No known pesticide can combat the disease. It can only be eliminated by finding and eliminating the insect carrier.

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

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

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

DATED: June 30, 2011

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
July 10, 17, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-299

IN RE: ESTATE OF ARNOLD L. BUCK, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ARNOLD L. BUCK, deceased, whose date of death was July 8, 2011, and whose social security number 007-05-7408, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is July 17, 2011.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Charles P. Nesci
4456 Joy Chapel Road
Hollywood, MD 20636

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)385-5156

July 17, 24, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 11-000210

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA MARGARET GAIEFSKY Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of PATRICIA MARGARET GAIEFSKY, deceased, whose date of death was April 1, 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 other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is July 17, 2011.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Raymond W. Gaiefsky
3515 Little Lake Drive
Sebring, Florida 33876

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ W. Roy Wilkes
Attorney for Raymond W. Gaiefsky
Florida Bar Number: 0608475
Elder & Disability Law Firm, P.A.
202 Dal Hall Boulevard
Lake Placid, Florida 33852
Telephone: (863)699-2222
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July 17, 24, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 28-2011-CA-000370

SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
MARCUS T. HARRISON A/K/A MARCUS HARRISON, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARCUS T. HARRISON A/K/A MARCUS HARRISON CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 15 OAK ST. LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

You are notified that an action to foreclosure a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 22, ALL OF LOT 23 AND THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 24, IN BLOCK D, OF MAP OF BREEZY POINT PARK, LAKE STEARNS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 52, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

commonly known as 15 OAK ST., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ashley L. Simon of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813)229-0900, on or before August 5, 2011, (or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: June 27, 2011.

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

(COURT SEAL)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-162

IN RE: ESTATE OF MAURICE G. MURRAY Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of MAURICE G. MURRAY, deceased, whose date of death was December 10, 2010, 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 other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is July 17, 2011.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Annabel M. Humble
2468 Lake Denton Road
Avon Park, Florida 33825

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ W. Roy Wilkes
Attorney for Annabel M. Humble
Florida Bar Number: 0608475
Elder & Disability Law Firm, P.A.
202 Dal Hall Boulevard
Lake Placid, Florida 33852
Telephone: (863)699-2222
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July 17, 24, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 11-194 GCS

CITY OF AVON PARK, a Florida Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
MANUEL AND MARIA PITA LECA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT-PROPERTY
TO: Maria Pita Leca, and all other parties or persons claiming by or through her, Kaya Henny Eman #19 Curacao Korsou in Papiamentu

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

Lot 7 + N 1/2 Lot 8, Block C, MARSH SUBDIVISION, in Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, thereof, recorded in Transcript Book, Page 28 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, Parcel Identification Number: A-27-33-28-080-0000-0070

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to John K. McClure, Esquire, MCCLURE & LOBOZZO, 211 South Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, FL 33870, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled court on or before August 18, 2011; otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 6th day of July, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

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

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NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of ONTOP CONCRETE COATINGS & TILE, located at 608 Corvette Ave., in the County of Highlands, in the City of Sebring, Florida 33872, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 14th day of July, 2011.

Michael Boudreau
July 17, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 11-191 GCS

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, a Florida corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

HOLLI J. JOHNSON and JORGE L. PEREZ, Wife and Husband, if alive and if not, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against HOLLI J. JOHNSON and JORGE L. PEREZ, and all claimants under any of such party; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT-PROPERTY

TO: HOLLI J. JOHNSON and JORGE L. PEREZ, Wife and Husband, if alive and if not, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against HOLLI J. JOHNSON and JORGE L. PEREZ, and all claimants under any of such party;

4979 SW 86 Terrace, Cooper City, FL 33328

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

The Property: a/k/a 1194 Henscratch Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852

Lot 28 Block 95, ORANGE BLOSSOM COUNTRY CLUB COMMUNITY UNIT 19, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 6, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Parcel I.D. No. C-24-35-28-190-0950-0280 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to John K. McClure, Esquire, JOHN K. MCCLURE, P.A., 211 South Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, FL 33870, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled court on or before August 25, 2011; otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Cport Administration at Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; telephone (863)402-6591, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

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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.

HIGHLANDS COUNTYBOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SERVICES & PURCHASING

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC), Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, will receive sealed bids in the County Purchasing Department for the following Annual Bids:

- ITB 12-001 AT PLANT ASPHALT NIGP CODE 745-21
- ITB 12-002 CLEAN FILL DIRT NIGP CODE 790-70
- ITB 12-003 CULVERTS - ALUMINUM COATED CORRUGATED METAL NIGP CODE 210-29
- ITB 12-004 CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE FOR STORM SEWER REHAB NIGP CODE 659-51
- ITB 12-005 EROSION CONTROL MATRESS MATERIAL NIGP CODE 085-85
- ITB 12-006 HERBICIDES & FERTILIZERS NIGP CODE 675-00/335-00
- ITB 12-007 READY MIX CONCRETE NIGP CODE 750-70
- ITB 12-008 SALE OF USED SURPLUS TIRES NIGP CODE 863-00
- ITB 12-009 SHELL HAULING - ONE WAY NIGP CODE 962-39
- ITB 12-010 SOD NIGP CODE 790-50
- ITB 12-011 ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS NIGP CODE 913-94
- ITB 12-012 AUTOMOTIVE & HEAVY EQUIP-STORAGE BATTERIES NIGP CODE 060

Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website:

HYPERLINK "http://www.hcbcc.net/www.hcbcc.net" or by contacting: Danielle Gilbert, CPPB, Highlands County General Services/Purchasing Department Assistant Purchasing Director 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, Florida 33875-5803 Phone: 863-402-6524 Fax: 863-402-6735; or E-Mail: HYPERLINK "mailto:dgilbert@hcbcc.org/dgilbert@hcbcc.org"

Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name so as to identify the enclosed bids. Bids must be delivered to the Highlands County Purchasing Department, 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875-5803 so as to reach said office no later than 2:00 P.M., Thursday, August 11, 2011, at which time they will be opened. Bids received later than the date and time as specified will be rejected. The Board will not be responsible for the late deliveries of bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail or any other type of delivery service. One or more County Commissioners may be in attendance at the above bid openings. Highlands County Local Preference Policy will apply to the award of this bid. The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof, and the award, if an award is made, will be made to the most responsive and responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of Highlands County. The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid. The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid. The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26 Florida Statutes should contact Mrs. Melissa Bruns, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: mbruns@hcbcc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service.

Board of County Commissioners/Purchasing Department
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HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SERVICES & PURCHASING (RFP) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC), Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, will receive sealed proposals in the County Purchasing Department for: RFP 11-050 SNACK VENDING SERVICES FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY FACILITIES

NIGP COMMODITY/SERVICE CODE: 740-85 (RE-BID 11-040)

Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website: HYPERLINK "http://www.hcbcc.net" www.hcbcc.net or by contacting: Danielle Gilbert, Acting Director, Highlands County General Services/Purchasing Department, 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875-5803 Telephone: 863-402-6524; Fax: 863-402-6735, or by E-Mail: HYPERLINK "mailto:dgilbert@hcbcc.org" dgilbert@hcbcc.org

Proposals must be sealed and marked with the name of the proposer, and the RFP number and title "RFP 11-050 - SNACK VENDING SERVICES FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY FACILITIES - NIGP COMMODITY / SERVICE CODE: 740-85" so as to identify the enclosed proposal. Each submittal shall include (1) one original and (3) three copies of the proposal. Proposals must be delivered to Highlands County Purchasing Department, 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875-5803, so as to reach said office no later than 2:00 P.M., Thursday, August 11, 2011, at which time they will be opened. Proposals received later than the date and time as specified will be rejected. The Board will not be responsible for the late deliveries of proposals that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail or any other type of delivery service. One or more County Commissioners may be in attendance at the above bid opening.

Highlands County Local Preference Policy will apply to the award of this RFP.

The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (HCBCC/COUNTY) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof, and the award, if an award is made, will be made to the most responsive and responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of Highlands County. The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid.

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Board of County Commissioners; Purchasing Department; Highlands County, Florida; Website: HYPERLINK "http://www.hcbcc.net" www.hcbcc.net

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A couple of afternoon thunderstorms	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	A thunderstorm in the afternoon	Partly sunny
90° / 74°	92° / 76°	93° / 76°	93° / 77°	93° / 78°
Winds: NNE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSW at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: SSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: S at 7-14 mph



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Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	92°
Low Tuesday	71°
High Wednesday	92°
Low Wednesday	72°
High Thursday	93°
Low Thursday	72°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	60%
Expected air temperature	89°
Makes it feel like	98°

Barometer

Tuesday	29.90
Wednesday	29.85
Thursday	29.82

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.59"
Wednesday	0.01"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	3.41"
Year to date	25.76"

Regional Summary

Clouds and sun today with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm during the afternoon. A thunderstorm in spots this evening. A shower or thunderstorm around tomorrow. Tuesday: a shower or thunderstorm around in the afternoon.

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	5:06 a.m.
Low	9:14 a.m.
High	3:33 p.m.
Low	10:55 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	10:50 a.m.
Low	4:28 a.m.
High	11:15 p.m.
Low	4:45 p.m.

Farm Report

A couple of thunderstorms this afternoon. Winds north-northwest 4-8 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average humidity 70%.

Weather History

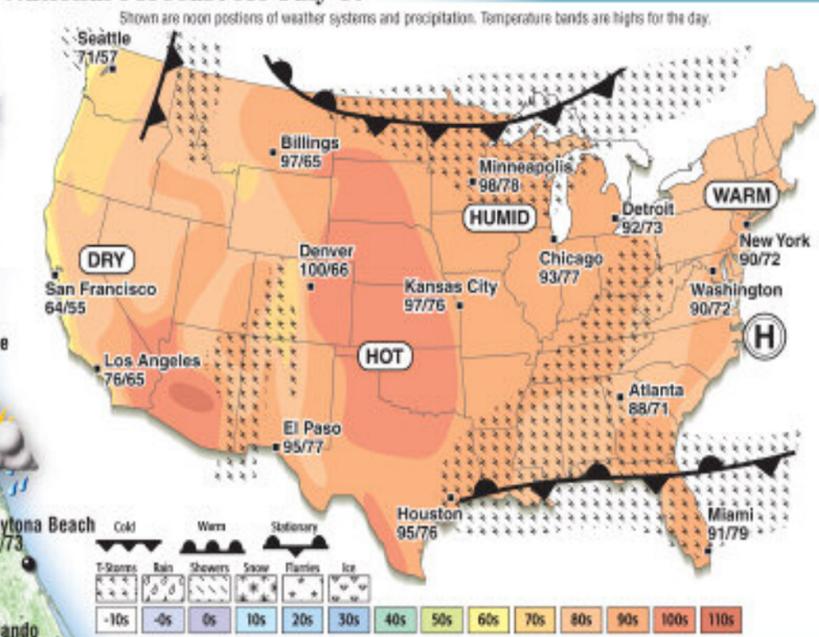
Excessive rain hit north-central Pennsylvania in the early morning hours of July 17, 1942. Smethport received 30.8 inches in 4.5 hours, a state record.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:44 a.m.	6:45 a.m.
Sunset	8:20 p.m.	8:20 p.m.
Moonrise	9:54 p.m.	10:27 p.m.
Moonset	8:55 a.m.	9:49 a.m.



National Forecast for July 17



National Summary

Blistering heat will continue through the Plains today and expand eastward across the Midwest. Combined with high humidity, some areas will feel as hot as 115 degrees. Locally gusty thunderstorms will ride the northern periphery of the heat over the northern Plains and Upper Midwest, while a steamy afternoon will lead to more widespread drenching storms across the Southeast. With high pressure lingering offshore, temperatures and humidity levels will slowly be on the rise across the Northeast as well.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	90/70	92/72	93/73	Los Angeles	78/65	78/66	85/64
Atlanta	89/71	91/74	95/76	Louisville	93/75	96/78	95/78
Baltimore	90/67	90/72	92/70	Memphis	95/73	96/78	98/78
Birmingham	89/70	93/72	96/76	Milwaukee	90/74	86/74	93/72
Boston	90/71	88/69	85/67	Minneapolis	98/78	98/78	98/78
Charlotte	87/65	92/70	96/72	Nashville	93/73	95/74	98/77
Chicago	93/64	93/66	92/65	New Orleans	88/76	90/76	93/78
Cincinnati	93/77	91/78	91/75	New York City	90/72	91/73	95/71
Cleveland	91/72	94/69	89/70	Portland	84/69	87/72	90/78
Columbus	92/72	95/74	93/74	Portland, OR	74/60	78/60	74/56
Dallas	102/80	102/78	102/80	Raleigh	90/67	92/70	96/73
Denver	100/68	100/68	100/68	Rochester	88/69	89/65	88/67
Detroit	92/73	89/73	91/73	St. Louis	96/77	96/79	95/79
Harrisburg	88/68	93/71	91/63	San Francisco	64/55	68/57	68/55
Honolulu	88/75	88/76	89/76	Seattle	71/57	76/56	70/54
Houston	95/76	95/76	95/77	Wash., DC	90/72	93/76	92/74
Indianapolis	95/74	95/77	95/74				
Jackson, MS	88/73	94/71	97/72				
Kansas City	97/76	97/76	100/76				
Lexington	92/71	93/73	96/73				
Little Rock	96/73	98/73	98/76				

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	88/78	88/78	87/77	London	64/55	69/55	68/57
Athens	97/77	97/79	98/80	Montreal	90/68	91/57	75/49
Bahia	88/73	86/74	87/73	Moscow	75/58	79/59	82/64
Berlin	77/62	72/58	73/56	Nice	78/61	77/63	74/63
Bermuda	82/73	80/74	83/73	Ottawa	92/66	91/55	79/62
Calgary	79/57	87/57	78/50	Quebec	84/66	75/54	73/58
Dublin	65/53	65/50	64/50	Rio de Janeiro	87/72	83/70	79/72
Edmonton	79/53	79/53	70/51	Seoul	84/75	93/75	88/70
Freeport	88/79	88/79	89/80	Singapore	88/79	90/77	90/79
Geneva	63/54	65/53	65/53	Sydney	63/48	64/45	61/46
Havana	88/73	90/73	87/72	Toronto	92/75	87/64	81/66
Hong Kong	88/79	88/79	88/81	Vancouver	69/59	72/57	65/55
Jakarta	84/82	85/83	86/81	Vienna	68/69	76/64	77/62
Johannesburg	62/59	61/59	61/42	Warsaw	79/57	84/62	76/56
Kiev	81/64	84/67	85/68	Winnipeg	90/68	92/73	93/69

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It's a Dixie downer

Semifinal slugfest goes to state champ West Seminole

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – It wasn't in the cards for the Sebring Boys All-Star squad this time around, as they fell to nemesis West Seminole in a semifinal slugfest, 16-8, to oust them from the state tournament Thursday.

The team had failed to bring its hitting shoes in Tuesday's 10-0 loss to Seminole on Tuesday, but had brought them aplenty for Wednesday's bounce back win over Sumter to set up the rematch.

But some of the same issues that plagued them in Tuesday's game were present again, though it wasn't so much the hitting that was the problem.

After a scoreless top of the first for Sebring, a walk and error started off the bottom half to put two Seminole runners on.

An error on a double steal then brought one of them in, but starter Jacob Cram was able to work out of it without further damage.

The offense then kicked in to tie it with Cram doubling and being brought in by an Alex Gomez two-bagger.

Cram breezed through a one, two, three second, but Sebring couldn't capitalize on consecutive walks to J.C. Cobb and Alex Forde in the top of the third.

Then Seminole started to bring out the heavy lumber, or in the case of Dixie, the heavy metal, as Quentin Davis cranked a three-run homer as part of a four-run rally to make it a 5-1 game.

But the junior Streaks showed they weren't going to go quietly as Gomez singled with one out in the top of the fourth and moved up when Eli White's hard grounder couldn't be handled.

Garrison Dick then sent a shot to right that evaded the diving attempt of the Seminole outfielder and rolled all the way to the fence for a three-run, inside-the-park home run to close the gap to 5-4.

With two outs, they looked to keep the rally going as Lou

Martinez doubled and Cobb and Forde again drew back-to-back walks to load the bases.

But with Cram at bat, a wild pitch sent Martinez headed for home, only to see him nabbed at the plate.

Seminole then added to the lead, getting a two-run homer from Stephen Wells and a solo shot from Davis to make it 8-4.

Sebring went in order in the top of the fifth and Seminole added two more to up the margin to 10-4, but the boys in blue had one more surge left in them.

With two out in the top of the sixth, Jordan Austin doubled to deep center, stole third and scored on a Martinez single.

Cobb singled up the middle to put two on before Forde launched one out of the yard for a three-run homer, cutting the deficit to 10-8.

Sebring looked to keep the momentum going with Forde on in relief in the bottom of the inning, getting two out

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Alex Gomez celebrates his RBI double in the second inning Thursday. The hit tied the semifinal contest with West Seminole, but Sebring fell short to the eventual state champions.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

L.J. Daniels got a sixth inning threat started with this base hit to right, and then ended the game by scoring the winning run in the eighth in Sebring's 2-1 win over West Volusia in Saturday's opening round of the Dixie AAA State Tournament.

Highlands County split in Dixie AAA State Tourney

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – The Dixie State Tournament moved up the road a piece, from the Max Long Recreational Complex in Sebring to the Durrah-Martin Baseball Complex in Avon Park for the AAA and Ozone tournaments which began Saturday morning.

The day didn't start off too well for Highlands County as a relatively tight contest between Hardee and Lake Placid was blown open late for an 11-1 win for the Junior Wildcats.

And things were a little dicey for the District 8 champion Sebring squad as they battled to a 2-1, extra-inning win over West Volusia.

Dayvon Terry had little trouble in the first, striking out the side in order before Cody Jolley drew a one-out walk in the bottom of the frame.

With two outs, and Colley having moved to second on a stolen base and third on a wild pitch, Terry's hard shot to short couldn't be handled, bringing Colley in for a 1-0 lead.

That was short-lived, however, as West Volusia drew two walks, surrounding an error on a potential fielder's choice, to load the bases.

Terry nearly got out of it, striking out the next two batters, but a pitch that got away allowed Tyler Gregory to score and even things up.

From there, the pitching

locked in and each team missed out on threats to break the tie.

With a runner on in the top of the fourth, Carson Angell staved off the threat with a running catch on a liner headed up the middle.

In the fifth, Terry drew a lead-off walk and was moved to second when Angell laid down a picture-perfect sacrifice.

So perfect, in fact, that nobody on West Volusia went to cover first to put two on with nobody out.

Robert Spoons was soon hit by a pitch to load the bases with one out, but reliever Zack Hirsch struck out the next two batters to keep it even.

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NFL, players: We're making progress toward deal

By HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press

Noting that "progress has been made," NFL owners and players wrapped up a round of intensive talks without a full agreement to end the league's four-month lockout, but determined to keep pushing over the weekend.

NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith expects to speak with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell in the next couple of days, possibly in person, while the two sides' legal and financial teams continue working.

After about eight hours of negotiations in New York on Friday — tacked onto more than 25 hours across Wednesday and Thursday — the league and players issued a joint statement, saying: "The discussions this week have been constructive and progress has been made on a wide

range of issues."

They did not reveal any details, citing a gag order imposed by the court-appointed mediator, U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan.

"I wouldn't dare speculate on where we are," said Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, one of six members of the owners' labor committee participating Friday.

But people familiar with the discussions told The Associated Press that Friday's talks moved beyond economic issues to cover other remaining areas where gaps need to be bridged to finish off a deal. That included player health and safety matters, such as offseason workout rules.

The aim was to build upon the significant steps made Thursday, when the framework for a rookie salary system was estab-

lished, including that first-round draft picks will sign four-year contracts with a club option for a fifth year.

On another financial matter, the per-team cap figure for 2011 will be in the range of \$120 million in salaries plus about \$20 million or so in benefits, according to people with knowledge of the talks.

The people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the negotiations aimed at breaking the impasse are supposed to be confidential.

One person also told the AP that owners first learned Thursday that the NFLPA set up \$200,000 in "lockout insurance" for each player if the 2011 season were lost entirely, a policy that cost at least \$10 million and was taken out nearly a year ago.

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Weight-loss winners



Courtesy photo

Universal Center of Natural Martial Arts announced its winners from the 2011 12-Week Weight Loss Challenge. From left is owner and instructor Stephen Weed along with first place winner Kelly Dressel, second-place finisher Scott Dressel and third-place finisher Bobbi Berry. The second and third place winners were presented with generous gift baskets from Apple A Day, which was one of the Challenge sponsors, and the overall winner was awarded \$500 cash. The next 12-Week Weight Loss Challenge will be starting on Saturday, Aug. 27. Call 382-0818 for more information and details.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	53	41	.564	—
Los Angeles	50	43	.538	2½
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Thursday's Games

Cleveland 8, Baltimore 4
 Toronto 16, N.Y. Yankees 7
 Minnesota 8, Kansas City 4
 Texas 5, Seattle 0

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 2
 Cleveland 6, Baltimore 5
 Toronto 7, N.Y. Yankees 1
 Tampa Bay 9, Boston 6
 Kansas City 2, Minnesota 1
 Oakland 5, L.A. Angels 3
 Texas 4, Seattle 0

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, late
 Boston at Tampa Bay, late
 Chicago White Sox at Detroit, late
 L.A. Angels at Oakland, 1st game, late
 Cleveland at Baltimore, late
 Kansas City at Minnesota, late
 L.A. Angels at Oakland, 2nd game, late
 Texas at Seattle, late

Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Humber 8-5) at Detroit (Penny 6-6), 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 0-2) at Toronto (C.Villanueva 5-1), 1:07 p.m.
 Cleveland (J.Gomez 0-1) at Baltimore (Undecided), 1:35 p.m.
 Kansas City (F.Paulino 1-2) at Minnesota (Duensing 6-7), 2:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Pineiro 5-3) at Oakland (G.Gonzalez 8-6), 4:05 p.m.
 Texas (M.Harrison 7-7) at Seattle (Beavan 1-0), 4:10 p.m.
 Boston (Beckett 8-3) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 4-4), 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	58	34	.630	—
Atlanta	55	38	.591	3½
New York	46	46	.500	12
Washington	46	47	.495	12½
Florida	44	49	.473	14½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	48	43	.527	—
St. Louis	49	44	.527	—
Milwaukee	49	45	.521	½
Cincinnati	46	47	.495	3
Chicago	38	56	.404	11½
Houston	30	63	.323	19
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	54	40	.574	—
Arizona	49	44	.527	4½
Colorado	45	48	.484	8½
Los Angeles	42	51	.452	11½
San Diego	40	54	.426	14

Thursday's Games

Florida 6, Chicago Cubs 3
 Colorado 12, Milwaukee 3
 San Francisco 6, San Diego 2, 12 innings

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 2, Florida 1
 Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 2
 Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 5
 Atlanta 11, Washington 1
 Pittsburgh 4, Houston 0
 Colorado 4, Milwaukee 0
 L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 4
 San Francisco 6, San Diego 1

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia (Undecided) at N.Y. Mets (Peiffrey 5-8), 1:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (J.Garcia 9-3) at Cincinnati (H.Bailey 3-4), 1:10 p.m.
 Washington (Gorzalany 2-6) at Atlanta (Jurjrens 12-3), 1:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Correia 11-7) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 6-6), 2:05 p.m.
 Florida (Volstad 5-8) at Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 1-3), 2:20 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Marcum 7-3) at Colorado (Cook 0-4), 3:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Cain 8-5) at San Diego (Latos 5-10), 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 6-9) at Arizona (D.Hudson 9-5), 4:10 p.m.

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	7	4	7	28	21	16
New York	6	4	10	28	34	24
Columbus	7	5	6	27	21	19
Houston	5	6	8	23	23	22
Sporting K.C.	5	6	7	22	23	24
D.C.	5	5	7	22	24	29
Chicago	2	5	12	18	20	24
Toronto FC	3	9	18	17	36	36
New England	3	8	7	16	16	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	10	2	9	39	27	16
Seattle	9	4	8	35	28	20
FC Dallas	10	5	4	34	26	19
Real Salt Lake	8	3	6	30	23	12
Colorado	6	5	9	27	22	23
Chivas USA	5	7	7	22	24	23
San Jose	5	6	7	22	22	21
Portland	5	9	3	18	21	31
Vancouver	2	10	8	14	19	28

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

Saturday's Games

Colorado at Seattle FC, late
 Real Salt Lake at Vancouver, late
 San Jose at Columbus, late
 Portland at Chicago, late
 Sporting Kansas City at Houston, late
 D.C. United at FC Dallas, late
 New York at Chivas USA, late

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at New England, 7 p.m.



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING SUNDAY

- 1 p.m. NASCAR – Lenox Industrial Tools 301 .. TNT
- 3 p.m. Lucas Oil Off-Road Racing CBS
- 4 p.m. NHRA – Lucas Oil Series ESPN2

BOWLING SUNDAY

- 1 p.m. PBA – Team Shootout ESPN2
- 1:30 p.m. PBA – Team Shootout ESPN2
- 2 p.m. PBA – Team Shootout ESPN2
- 2:30 p.m. PBA – Team Shootout ESPN2

GOLF SUNDAY

- 9 a.m. 2011 British Open ESPN
- 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 SUNDAY

- 1 p.m. Chicago White Sox at Detroit WGN
- 1 p.m. Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets TBS
- 8 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay ESPN

MONDAY

- 7 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay ESPN/SUN

TUESDAY

- 7 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay SUN

SOCCER MONDAY

- 10 p.m. Vancouver vs. Manchester City ESPN2

WNBA TUESDAY

- 7 p.m. Seattle at Chicago ESPN2

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER SUNDAY

- 2 p.m. Final – U.S.A. vs. Japan ESPN

Times, games, channels all subject to change

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	4	.714	—
Connecticut	7	5	.583	2
New York	8	6	.571	2
Chicago	7	7	.500	3
Atlanta	3	9	.250	6
Washington	2	10	.167	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	10	4	.714	—
Minnesota	8	4	.667	1
San Antonio	8	4	.667	1
Seattle	7	5	.583	2
Los Angeles	6	6	.500	3
Tulsa	1	13	.071	9

Thursday's Games

San Antonio 69, Seattle 66

Friday's Games

Minnesota 80, Indiana 70
 Connecticut 68, New York 59
 Los Angeles 79, Tulsa 74
 Phoenix 78, Washington 64

Saturday's Games

Chicago at Atlanta, late
 Seattle at Minnesota, late

Sunday's Games

Tulsa at New York, 4 p.m.
 Indiana at Connecticut, 5 p.m.
 Washington at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

MLB—Suspended Chicago Cubs Minor League RHP Yomar Morel and Houston Astros Minor League RHP Manuel Sanchez for 50-games following their violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Placed OF Peter Bourjos on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF-INF Alexi Amarista from Salt Lake (PCL). OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled INF Eric Sogard from Sacramento (PCL). Optioned 1B Chris Carter to Sacramento. TAMPA BAY RAYS—Recalled C Jose Lobaton and LHP Jake McGee from Durham (IL).

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Activated INF Geoff Blum from the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Brandon Allen from Reno (PCL). Designated OF Willy Mo Pena for assignment. Sent INF Juan Miranda outright to Reno. ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with LHP Sean Gilmartin to a minor league contract. CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Dave Bush on a minor-league contract.

CINCINNATI REDS—Placed RHP Jose Arredondo on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 7. Recalled LHP Jeremy Horst Louisville (IL).

COLORADO ROCKIES—Recalled OF Dexter Fowler from Colorado Springs (PCL) and selected ed the contract of C Eliezer Alfonzo from Colorado Springs. Optioned OF Cole Garner and C Matt Pagnozzi to Colorado Springs. Transferred OF Charlie Blackmon to the 60-day DL.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Francisco Rodriguez on a 2012 mutual option.

NEW YORK METS—Recalled RHP Ryota Igarashi from Buffalo (IL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed 3B Placido Polanco on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 5. Activated RHP Ryan Madson from the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Vance Worley from Lehigh Valley (IL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Activated LHP Joe Beimel from the 15-day DL. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Named Jim Riggleman special assignment scout. Placed OF Pat Burrell on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of C Hector Sanchez from Fresno (PCL).

Eastern League

READING PHILLIES—Announced INF Kevin Frandsen was promoted to Lehigh Valley (IL). Announced INF Fidel Hernandez was promoted to the team from Clearwater (FSL).

TRENTON THUNDER—Announced OF Zoilo Almonte was assigned to the team from Tampa (FSL) and OF Cody Johnson was assigned to Tampa.

American Association

EL PASO DIABLOS—Claimed LHP Oliver Olde off waivers from Fargo-Moorhead. Signed RHP Colin Allen, INF Nelson Teilon and LHP Roberto Martinez. FORT WORTH CATS—Released LHP Mike Bascik. Signed C Michael Surina. GARY SOUTHSORE RAILCATS—Claimed RHP Ryne Reynolds off waivers from Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Released LHP Kevin Light. LINCOLN SALTDogs—Released LHP Steve Junker.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS—Released LHP Richard Salazar. WICHITA WINGNUTS—Signed OF Peter Barrows.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS—Released LHP Ryan Kulik. Signed OF Nick Santomauro. NEWARK BEARS—Released C Bobby Dombrowski. ROCKLAND BOULDERS—Signed OF Jeremy Slayden and RHP Will Hassett.

COLLEGE

ARKANSAS—Dismissed OT Anthony Oden from the football team. AUBURN—Named Margaret Shirley women's assistant golf coach. AUSTIN PEAY—Named John David Sellers assistant football coach. CLARKSON—Named Phil Roy assistant hockey coach. MEMPHIS—Named Clay Greene assistant baseball coach. NC-PEMBROKE—Announced the resignation of wrestling coach Jamie Gibbs. PARK—Named Mike Talamantes men's and women's volleyball coach. VANDERBILT—Named Dusty Smith men's assistant golf coach.

Heartland Soccer tryouts

SEBRING – The Heartland Soccer Club will be holding tryouts for girls and boys (ages 13 and under) on Tuesday, July 19, Thursday, July 21 (5-7pm) and Saturday, July 23 (8-11am) at the Highlands County Sports Complex, Field "D."

Fall recreational and competitive teams will be formed.

Find us on Facebook or contact us at Heartlandsoccerclub@yahoo.com or call Gelene Cochran at 863-414-3387.

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.

Firemen Memorial Golf

AAAs and Ozone at State in Avon Park

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Josh Rivera had come on in relief in the fourth and worked through the sixth unscathed, and when L.J. Daniels lead off the bottom of the sixth, it looked like Sebring might mount the winning rally.

But Hirsch again held the junior Streaks down, getting the next three in a row.

Angell came on in relief in the top of the seventh and worked past consecutive singles to start the inning by retiring the next three batters, two on strike outs.

And while Sebring didn't score in the seventh, to push it to a second extra inning, it was Daniels, who had started the sixth inning rally, who came through again, reaching

and eventually coming around with the winning run.

With the win, Sebring moves along in the winner's bracket to face the winner of the Franklin County, Chipley contest, Sunday at 7 p.m.

Lake Placid, meanwhile, was knocked down to the consolation bracket and plays Holmes County at 3 p.m.

Avon Park's AAA squad got underway against Spring Hill American at 3:30 p.m. Saturday with the result too late for press time.

Over in the Ozone Tournament, the Avon Park All-Stars got underway at 11:30 a.m. against Marianna Saturday, while Sebring faced West Seminole National at 2 p.m.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

The throw home was just a tad too late for Dayvon Terry to nab West Volusia's Tyler Gregory, but that would be Volusia's only run as Sebring prevailed in extra innings.



News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE

Despite Marshall Bond putting a good swing on this pitch, Hardee was too much for the Lake Placid All-Stars in Saturday's first round of the Dixie AAA State Tournament at Avon Park.

Braves sign 1st-round pick Gilmartin

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Braves have signed left-hander Sean Gilmartin, the team's first-round pick from Florida State, for a bonus of \$1,134,000.

Braves director of scouting Tony DeMacio said Friday that Gilmartin is expected to "move fast through our system" after reporting to the team's minor league complex in Orlando, Fla.

Gilmartin was 12-1 with a 1.83 ERA in 2011 and was selected 28th overall by Atlanta last month.

He had 122 strikeouts and

was ranked by Baseball America as the 16th-best college pitcher in the draft.

Gilmartin, from Moorpark, Calif., was drafted by San Diego in the 31st round of the 2008 draft before launching his college career.

NFL talks coming down to the wire

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That policy was first reported by SI.com.

The NFL's first work stoppage since 1987 began in March, when owners locked out players after negotiations broke down and the old collective bargaining agreement expired.

Now the preseason is just a few weeks away.

The Hall of Fame game that opens the exhibition season is scheduled for Aug.

7 between the St. Louis Rams and Chicago Bears, who hope to be in training camp by next weekend.

Yet camps won't start before a new CBA is in place.

Boylan, who has been on vacation, ordered both sides to meet with him in Minneapolis early next week, and the owners have a special meeting set for next Thursday in Atlanta, where they potentially could ratify

a new deal — if one is reached by then.

Any agreement also must be voted on by groups of players, including the named plaintiffs in a class-action antitrust lawsuit pending in federal court and the NFLPA's 32 team representatives.

"We made some progress. We continue to have a lot of work to do," Smith said as he left Friday's session at a Manhattan law firm. "I

know everybody is frustrated, and they want a definitive answer. I hate to disappoint you; you're not going to get one right now. We're going to continue to work, and I think that's a positive sign."

AP Pro Football Writer Barry Wilner and AP Sports Writers Rachel Cohen, Ronald Blum, Teresa Walker, Ira Podell and John Waurou contributed to this report.

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Bumpy road looking pretty good now for Americans

By NANCY ARMOUR
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — The bumpy, windy road got the Americans right where they wanted to go all along.

Eight months after having to win a playoff just to get to Germany, the Americans face Japan in the Women's World Cup final on Sunday.

A win would be the ultimate finish to their improbable journey, making the United States the first three-time champions and delighting a country of newfound fans.

"I believe all the way we'll find a way," Carli Lloyd said Saturday after the team's last training session. "It's going to be a tough match like every other match has been, but I believe that we will find a way and it's our destiny to get it done."

For a long time, the Americans were about the only ones who believed that.

The U.S. is the No. 1-ranked team in the world and defending Olympic champion, and the Americans have dominated the women's game for the better part of two decades now.

But they arrived at the World Cup looking, well, kind of average.

They were stunned in regional qualifying in November in Mexico, a team that hadn't managed a win in its first 25 tries against its neighbor to the north, and had to beat Italy in a two-game playoff for the very last spot in the World Cup.

They opened the year with a loss to Sweden, then fell to England for the first time in 22 years — so long ago Alex Morgan hadn't even been born yet.

Then, after easy wins in their first two games in Germany, the Americans lost to Sweden again, their first loss ever in World Cup group play.

"In the past, we'd always won everything," captain Christie Rampone said. "Those losses made our team what it is today. We need each other and you feel that, from the locker room to the time we step on the field."

Never was that faith in each other more evident than in their quarterfinal against Brazil.

Down a player for almost an hour and on the verge of making their earliest exit ever from a major tournament, Abby Wambach's

magnificent, leaping header in the 122nd minute tied the game and sparked one of the most riveting finishes ever in a World Cup game — men's or women's.

The Americans beat Brazil in a penalty shootout and, just like that, the folks back home were hooked.

Hollywood celebrities, fellow pro athletes and people who don't care about any sport, let alone soccer, have adopted the players.

The Brazil match drew the third-highest ratings ever for a Women's World Cup game, and Wednesday's semifinal victory over France did almost as well — despite being played in the middle of the workday back home.

The Empire State Building is lit with the red,

'Now I think everyone is starting to believe in us.'

CARLI LLOYD

white and blue this weekend, along with Japan's colors.

And the White House is sending an official delegation led by Vice President Joe Biden's wife, Jill, and Chelsea Clinton, who just happened to be part of that massive Rose Bowl crowd 12 years ago, the last time the Americans won the title.

"We've proved everyone wrong," Lloyd said. "Now I think everyone is starting to believe in us. We've won everybody over, which is tremendous because the support back home has been unbelievable."

While part of the U.S. appeal is its success here, it's the team's spunk that has really charmed fans, a can-do attitude uniquely — proudly — American.

This might not be the best team the U.S. has ever had, but none will try harder.

"We are disappointed in the kind of soccer we played in last few games. It's just not the kind of soccer we want to play," Wambach said. "Sometimes games turn into what games turn into and you have to deal with what you've got and somehow find a way and figure it out. And that's what we did and that's something to be proud of and that's what we take away from it."

"But against Japan, we want to do and play the way

we've been training. We don't want it just to be a dogfight. We want it to be a game people can watch and be excited about."

Japan will have something to say about that, of course.

The Nadeshiko have never beaten the Americans — draws in 2000, 2003 and 2004 are the best they've managed in 25 games — and have been outscored a whopping 77-13.

They have three losses this year alone to the U.S., including a pair of 2-0 defeats in warmup games a month before the World Cup began.

This also is Japan's first final at a major tournament, having lost to the U.S. in the semifinals at the Beijing Olympics.

"Of course it's something I bring up," U.S. coach Pia Sundhage said. "We've been there before, we've done it before."

But Japan is a far better team than the one the Americans saw in May, having upset pre-tournament favorite Germany in the quarterfinals and Sweden in the semifinals. The Nadeshiko's ball-handling skills are exquisite, drawing comparisons to Barcelona for their lightning quick passes and slick combination play, and they dominate possession as if it's a game of keepaway.

They've shown a nice scoring touch, too, their 10 goals at the World Cup second only to the 11 scored by the U.S. The ageless Homare Sawa has been a marvel, sharing top-scoring honors with Marta with four goals.

"Why shouldn't we be confident?" Sawa asked.

Japan also has powerful motivation, knowing it has provided some emotional relief for a nation still reeling from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

The team displays a banner reading "To our Friends Around the World — Thank You for Your Support," after every game, and coach Norio Sasaki inspired his players before the quarterfinal by showing them pictures of the devastation.

But the Americans remain confident, just as they were through every pothole and dip in their bumpy road.

"Nothing worries me right now," Sundhage said. "You have to enjoy the moment. Look at the road we've taken. If I get worried, I just have to look back at that road."



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Jacob Cram is about to rip this pitch for a double to right in the second inning of Thursday's State Tournament semifinal, but West Seminole would take this game and the title game to claim the state championship.

Dixie Boys state title goes to West Seminole

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with one on and the bottom of the order up.

But a pick-off attempt at second got away, allowing that runner to score.

An error, two walks and another error brought two more runs in and brought Davis to the plate.

The slugger then virtually sealed the deal with his three-run shot, his third

homer of the game, making it the 16-8 final margin.

"You saw what it was, we just made too many mistakes," head coach Israel Gomez said. "But I give the kids a lot of credit, they played hard and kept battling the whole way through. With some of the injuries we've had, I wasn't sure we'd even make it this far, so I'm real proud of them."

West Volusia topped

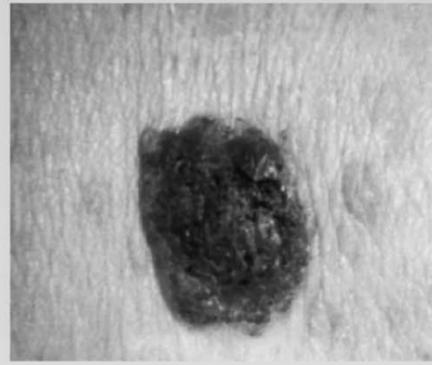
Spring Hill, 8-4 on the strength of a Derrick West grand slam, in their rubber match on the other side of the bracket, setting up a West Seminole, West Volusia match-up for the state title.

West Seminole would continue its dominance of the tournament with a 9-5 win to stamp its ticket to the Dixie Boys World Series in Beaufort, SC.



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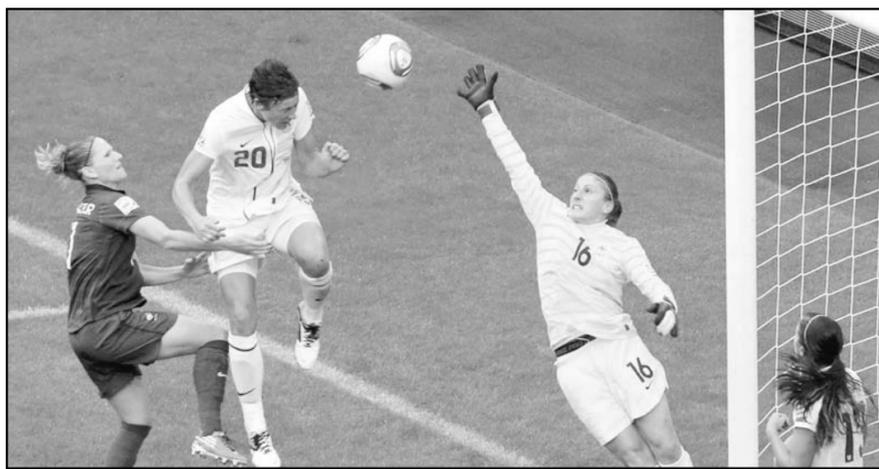


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USA's Abby Wambach, second from left, heads the ball past France's goalkeeper Berangere Sapowicz during the Women's World Cup at Borussia-Park stadium in Monchengladbach, Germany, on Wednesday, July 13, 2011. USA won 3-1.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SUNDAY

American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. Call 465-7940.

American Legion Post 74 open 1-8 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Post is at 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Call 471-1448.

Heartland Interfaith Alliance meets 1:30 p.m., first Friday, St. Frances of Assisi Episcopal Church, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid. Call 465-0051.

Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 lounge is open from 1-7 p.m. Card games start at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. Call 465-2661.

Lake Placid Moose has karaoke in the pavilion. Horseshoes played at 9:30 a.m. Food available at 4 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

Loyal Order of Moose, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Cards start at 4 p.m. Music outside Tiki Hut at 3 p.m. Call 452-0579.

Overeaters Anonymous, meets from 4-5 p.m. in second floor conference room No. 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. Call 382-7731. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For details on the organization, go to www.oa.org.

Ridge - Area Missionary Soldiers Avon Park Pathfinder Club meets from 9 a.m. to noon every first and third Sunday at 58 E. Sixth St., Avon Park. Call 471-2143.

Sebring Eagles Club 4240 serves lunch at 2 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 655-4007.

Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 offers NASCAR racing in the pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Bar open and kitchen open from 2-5 p.m. Lodge is at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 655-3920.

Society for Creative Anachronism (Local Chapter: Shire of Stagridge) meets at 2 p.m. first and third Sunday at Brewster's Coffee House on U.S. 27 in Sebring. Call 214-5522.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 serves hamburgers from 4-5:30 p.m. and plays poker at 5:30 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. Call 699-5444.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 Karaoke is from 5-8 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 385-8902.

MONDAY

AI-Anon - LET IT BEGIN WITH ME family group meets at 10:30 a.m. every Monday at the Heartland Christian Church on Alt. 27 in Sebring. The church is behind Southgate Shopping Center where Publix is. Call 385-5714.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8-9 p.m. at Episcopal Church, Lakeshore Drive, Sebring. For more details, call 385-8807.

Alcoholics Anonymous One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. Call 314-0891.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Rosewood Center, 517 U.S. 27 South, Lake Placid.

Alanon meets at 8 p.m. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 202-0647.

American Legion Placid Post 25 Lake Placid has shuffleboard at 1 p.m. Lounge hours are 12-9 p.m. Call 465-7940.

American Legion Post 74 open noon to 8 p.m. Happy hour from 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

AmVets Post 21 plays darts at 7:30 p.m. for members and guests. Call 385-0234.

Avon Park Lakes Association has shuffleboard at 1 p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m. The clubhouse is at 2714 Nautilus Drive in Avon Park.

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

Corvette Cruisers meets at 6:30 p.m. first and third Monday at the Dairy Queen in front of The Home Depot, Sebring. Call Ed Robson at 655-2092.

Florida Association Home and Community Education meets from 9-11 a.m. weekly on Mondays at The Agri-Center. The group of sewers and crafters make items for residents of adult congregate living facilities. Call Penny Bucher at 385-0949.

Garden Club of Sebring meets noon, Sebring Civic Center. Call 471-0657 or 385-0759 for details.

Grand Prix Cloggers EZ Intermediate and Intermediate Clogging class are held at 9 a.m. every Monday at Reflections on Silver Lake, Avon Park. Call Julie for further information at 386-0434.

Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first and third Monday at Sebring Civic Center from December through April. There will be alternating mainstream and plus dancing with rounds. Casual dress or square dance attire is acceptable. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at sam-dunn@samdunn.net.

Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc. is offering pony rides every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 p.m., weather permitting. \$5 donation per child. Call 452-0006 for more information. All proceeds raised support our free equine assisted riding program for adults and children with special needs, which resumes in September.

Heartland Pops rehearses at 7 p.m. Mondays at Avon Park High School Band Room, 700 E. Main St., under the direction of Anthony Jones. Musicians of all ages are welcome. For information, call 314-8877.

Highlands County Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. third Monday in conference room 3 at the Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, Sebring. Call Don Roberts at 402-0554 or Darrell Koranda at 471-0226.

Highlands County Concert Band rehearses 7-9 p.m. every Monday at Sebring High School band room. All musicians are welcome. Vic Anderson, musical director. Call Bill Varner at 386-0855.

Highlands County Sewing Group meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Highlands County Agri-Civic Center in the 4-H laboratory, Sebring. Call 402-6540.

Highlands Delta Chorale rehearses 7 p.m., Sebring Church of the Brethren, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring (September through May). No auditions are required to join and all ages are welcome. Call Cheryl Cometta at 699-2663.

Highlands Sertoma Club meets noon, Takis Family Restaurant, Sebring.

La Leche League, breastfeeding support for Highlands and southern Polk counties, meets at 7 p.m. every third Monday at the Florida Hospital Heartland conference rooms. Pregnant and nursing mothers and their babies are welcome. For more information, call 655-6617 or 638-3954.

Lake Placid American Legion Post 25 meets 8 p.m., Legion Hall.

Lake Placid Art League will have classes in Drawing and Painting, conducted by Anne Watson, from from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. From 1-4 p.m., Mary Gebhart will teach Fabric Painting at the center. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

Lake Placid Elks 2661 opens its lounge at 1 p.m. at the lodge. Ladies crafts at 2 p.m. Sign up for darts is at 6:30 p.m. Music from 5-8 p.m. It is open to members and their guests. Call 465-2661.

Lake Placid Library has storytime at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

Lake Placid Moose plays cards at 2 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

Lodge closes at 6 p.m.

Let It Begin With Me Alanon Group meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Monday at Heartland Christian Church, 2705 Alt. 27 South, Sebring. For details about Alanon, a self-help group for families and friends of alcoholics, call 385-5714.

Loyal Order of Moose, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Meetings held first and third Mondays at 8 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

Narcotics Anonymous Never Alone Candlelight meets at 8 p.m. at 133 N. Butler Ave. in Avon Park, near the First Congregational Church. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Highlands County Branch meets 7 p.m. third Monday for a general meeting at Sebring Chamber of Commerce, 227 U.S. 27 North, Sebring. Call All Hinson at 399-2243, Rev. Robert Walker at 414-6474 or Davette Thompson at (312) 543-5983.

National Association of Retired Veteran Railway Employees (NARVRE) meets at 11:30 a.m. third Monday from October through May at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring. All current and retired railroad employees and their spouses are invited to attend. For more details, call Jerry at 441-4418.

Rotary Club of Highlands County meets at 6:15 p.m. at Beef 'O Brady's, Sebring.

Sebring Bridge Club has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Mondays. Call 385-8118.

Sebring Eagles Club 4240 has pizza and darts at 7:30 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 655-4007.

Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 has the lounge open from 12-7 p.m. Smoke-free environment. Call 471-3557.

Sebring Historical Society open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Located in back side of Sebring Public Library building on Lake Jackson. For information, call 471-2522.

Sebring Optimist Club meets at 6:15 p.m. first and third Mondays at Jim's house. Call Jim Harrison at 381-9767 or Gabriel Read at 453-2859.

Sebring Moose Club 2259 serves beef franks and Italian sausages from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Women of the Moose meets at 7 p.m. third Monday for a business meeting, snacks and trivia pursuit. Call 655-3920.

Sebring Women of the Moose has a business meeting at 7 p.m. at the lodge, 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 382-8782.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly FL 632, Sebring meets at 2 p.m. for weigh-in at the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, Sebring. Call 659-1019.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 euchre, 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 meets 7 p.m. third Monday, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring.

TUESDAY

AI-Anon Family Groups meet for discussion and Twelve Step study at noon, Union Congregational Church, 105 N. Forest Ave., Avon Park. Parking available south of old church.

All Sebring Model Railroad Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway, unless otherwise directed. Members build and run an "HO" Gauge model railroad layout. Rail-buffs interested in other model railroad gauges are welcomed. For information, or updates on meeting locations, call Gene Archer, 452-0334, or Curtis Petersen, 382-6967.

American Legion Placid Post 25 Lake Placid has shuffleboard and euchre, both at 1 p.m. Lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 465-7940.

American Legion Post 74 open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.

Call 471-1448.

Avon Park Boy Scout Troop 156 meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Scout Lodge, 202 Robert Britt St., Avon Park. Boys ages 11-17 are eligible to join. Call 452-2385.

Avon Park Library has storytime at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

Avon Park Lions Club meets 6:45 p.m., in the Lions Club, 1218 W. Bell St.

Brown Bag Book Bunch book reader's group meets at noon on the third Tuesday of the month at Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 3115 Hope St., Sebring. Read the selected book, bring your bag lunch, and join in the lively and interesting discussions. Call 471-1999.

Busy Bee Craft Club meets 9-11 a.m., Fairway Pines, Sun 'N Lakes Boulevard, Sebring. Everyone is welcome. For more details, call 382-8431.

Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday night at "The Rock," Union Congregational Church, 28 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park. A barbecue meal is served at 6 p.m. for a donation. At 6:45 p.m., members meet. At 7:30 p.m., the group breaks up into small groups for men and women. The program is designed for drug and alcohol addiction, divorce, death or illness grief, low or lost self-esteem or identity due to dysfunctional relationships, depression/anxiety, or any other need for healing. Call Pam Sim 453-3345, ext. 106.

Fletcher Music Club meets every Thursday and Tuesday at Fletcher Music Center in Lakeshore Mall, Sebring. For more details, call 385-3288.

Friends of Highlands Hammock meets at 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday, Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring. Call 386-6099.

G2G (Grandparent to Grandparent), a support group to help grandparents raising grandchildren, meets at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at One Hope United, 7195 S. George Blvd., Sebring. Call 214-9009.

Heartland Avian Society meets every fourth Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at Huntington National Bank, 126 Center Ave., Sebring. For more details, call 465-9358.

Heartland Dolittle Miniature Build meets 7 p.m., third Tuesday, St. Johns Methodist Church social hall, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring. Call 382-3553.

Heartland Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus meets from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Sebring High School Music Room, Sebring. All men who enjoy singing are invited. Reading music is not required. Call 471-2294 or 386-5098.

Highlands County Quilt Guild meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Women's Club of Sebring, 4260 Lakeview Drive, across from Veterans' Beach, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, call 471-0694 or e-mail sbringquilter@embarqmail.com

Highlands Tea Party has an educational and informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Quality Inn, 6525 U.S. 27 in Sebring. Call 699-0743.

Highlands County Veterans Council meets 7 p.m., third Tuesday in the conference room at the Veterans Services Office. The meeting is for the appointed delegate from each veteran organization in the county to meet to discuss current issues regarding veterans and veterans activities.

Hope Hospice grief support group meets at 11 a.m. at 319 W. Center Ave., Sebring; and 4:30 p.m. at Southern Lifestyle ALF, across U.S. 27 from Florida Hospital Lake Placid. Call 382-0312.

Lake Haven Homeowners Association meets the third Tuesday of the month, 5400 N. Lake Huckleberry Drive, Sebring. Covered dish dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and meeting is at 7:30 p.m. For more details, call 382-4858.

Lake Placid Art League has classes in Parchment Embossing from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd., taught by Maria Lorant. For information, call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

Lake Placid Elks 2661 opens its lounge at 1 p.m. at the lodge. Happy hour is from 2-5 p.m. Card games at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. Call 465-2661.

Lake Placid Grief Support (Hope Hospice) meets at 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Southern Lifestyle, 1297 U.S. 27 North, Lake Placid, with Charlie Stroup. Refreshments served. Door prize given. Call 465-0568.

Lake Placid Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays, Jaxson's. Board meetings at 6:30 p.m., second Tuesday. Call Joe Collins, 655-5545.

Lake Placid Moose has an officers meeting at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday at the lodge.

Lake Placid Toastmasters meet the first and third Tuesday at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 101 S. Oak Ave. in Lake Placid. The web address is www.toastmasters.org. For information call Cathy Schreima at 382-3574 or Linda Udall at 386-6495.

Lorida Community Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Lorida Community Center to plan events.

Masonic Lodge meets 8 p.m., 106 N. Main St., Lake Placid.

Nar-Anon Support Group for family members or friends of someone with a drug problem or addiction. Nar-Anon helps attain serenity and a more normal life for those affected by the addictions of loved ones, regardless of whether or not he/she has stopped using. 6 p.m. every Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring.

Overeaters Anonymous meets from 9-10 a.m. every Tuesday at Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1410 W. Avon Blvd. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Visit www.FloridaRidgeIntergroup.com. Call 382-7731. Visit www.oa.org

Placid Lakes Bridge Club meets 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and has blood pressure screening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. first and third Tuesday at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Call 465-4888.

Rotary Club of Sebring (Noon) meets at noon at the Sebring Civic Center, near the library in downtown Sebring. Call 385-3829 or 471-9900.

Sebring Bridge Club will have Duplicate Bridge games every Tuesday evening. If interested in playing Duplicate Bridge, call 385-8118.

Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 plays darts, beginning with sign in at 6 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m. No experience necessary. Cost is \$2. Smoke-free environment. For more details, call 471-3557.

Sebring Lions Club meets at noon at Dot's Restaurant, 950 Sebring Square. For information call 382-2333.

Sebring Lodge 249 F&AM meets 7:30 p.m., 1809 Home Ave., Sebring.

Sebring Meals on Wheels Inc. hosts board of directors meeting at 1:30 p.m. the third Tuesday each month at the Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse, 200 Lark Ave., Sebring. Call Jim Smith at 382-8453.

Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 serves soft shell tacos 5-7 p.m. at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing. Euchre is played at 6:30 p.m. Call 655-3920.

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

Sertoma Club meets at 7 a.m. at Dee's Restaurant, Sebring. Call Scott Albritton at 402-1819.

"Souper" Book Group meets the third Tuesday of each month at noon at Emmanuel United Church of Christ to discuss the monthly book selection and enjoy a soup, salad and dessert lunch. All book lovers are welcome. The church is at 3115 Hope St., Sebring (1.8 miles west from corner of Highway 27 and Hammock Rd.) For information about the book of the month and reservations, call the church office 471-1999 or 452-2697.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter FL 99 meets from 6-7 p.m. at the Atonement Lutheran Church, 1744 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 655-1743.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter FL 618 has weigh in from 4-4:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church, 1400 CR-17A N., Avon Park. Meeting is at 4:45 p.m. Call 452-1093.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary meets 7 p.m., third Tuesday, Sebring Jaycees building. Call 471-0393 or 385-2459.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880, plays darts 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. House Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. Call 699-5444.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Karaoke Kontests return to Duffer's

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Male and female singers will be lining up to participate in the Karaoke Kontests on July 23 and 30 at Duffer's Sports Grille to see who is the best.

A \$100 first place prize is being offered for the top female and top male. There will be a \$25 gift card for second and a \$10 gift card for third. There is no entry fee or cover charge. Everyone will get one warm up song and then compete with either the same or a different song. Those who won a contest at Duffer's in the past three months are not eligible.

J & B Karaoke plays music on Thursdays and Southern Style Karaoke plays music on Fridays. J & B will provide it

for the finals.

The top five singers from each night will advance to the finals night where all 10 will compete.

Auditions are from 9 p.m. to midnight July 28 and 29 for the ladies with the finals night being July 23. The men will audition on July 28 and 29 with their finals on July 30.

Check in for the finals is 9 p.m. Each singer gets one warm up song and one song for competition. J & B Karaoke will provide music for the finals. Experienced karaoke judges will select the finalists. Winners announced at the end.

Duffer's is at 6940 U.S. 27 North, Sebring. For details, call 382-6339.



Courtesy photo
Rex Nantz, of Sebring, regularly sings karaoke at Duffer's Sports Grille and has won second place in a recent duet contest.

Kuhl named artist of the month at Caladium Co-op

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — The Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative in Lake Placid is pleased to announce that Virginia (Jinny) Kuhl has been selected as the Artist/Crafter of the Month for July.

Kuhl was born and raised in New England. She graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design and took up painting. She married and raised two daughters which kept her busy and away from painting. New Jersey was her home for

twenty-five years

In 1984, she moved to Lake Placid and took up painting again. She also became interested in basket weaving and took classes at the Co-op. Kuhl became a member of the Co-op in 1995 and served as the treasurer for many years.

You can see Kuhl's work in the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative at 132 E. Interlake Blvd. in Lake Placid. Call 863-699-5940 or visit the website www.caladiumarts.org for further information.



Courtesy photo
Jinny Kuhl's work is on display at the Caladium Co-op in Lake Placid.

Retired teacher's new book published; signing set for Saturday in Frostproof

Special to the News-Sun
FROSTPROOF — Florida author and retired teacher, Gloria Grace, will be signing copies of her latest book, "A World Without Rules" at Hope Christian Book Store in Frostproof from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday.

If attending the signing, bring a business card or fill out a form for the noon drawing to win a free book.

In a "World Without Rules" Little G discovers what happens when he no longer has to follow any rules.

Will life without rules be as much fun as Little G always imagined? Or is it too crazy?

Thought provoking and fun, this book is one children will treasure now and remember later, when making difficult choices in life.

"I love teaching children the Word of God," Grace said in a recent interview.



Gloria Grace

"It is my prayer, that after reading this book, children will learn the value of the rules God has given us and discover a relationship with Jesus that will last forever."

Retired from Lewis Anna Woodbury School in Fort Meade after teaching

kindergarten and first grade for 10 years, Grace continues her career of impacting young lives in a broader market, with this book and others currently in process.

A "World Without Rules" is available for purchase at HOPE Christian Bookstore in Frostproof, Barnes and Noble around the state and at Amazon.com online.

"I'm looking forward to meeting young readers in the Frostproof area and seeing who gets a free book," she said. "Reading to our children from an early age makes such a huge difference in their life-long development."

A Winter Haven resident, Grace and her husband James Earl Grace Sr. have six children and seven grandchildren.

"A World Without Rules" is published by Tate Publishing Company of Mustang, Okla.

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News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

This summer, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is participating in the third annual government-wide Feds Feed Families Food Drive.

This effort started on June 1st and continues through August 31st. Each USDA office is collecting non-perishable, nutritious food and sharing it with food banks to help feed families in local communities who are depending on this assistance through these tough economic times.

The food drive began as a response to President Obama's United We Serve Act, a call to Americans to contribute to the nation's economic recovery by serving in their communities.

The United We Serve Act, signed in June 2009, encouraged a summer dedicated to volunteerism and community service focused on four key areas: education, health, energy and the environment and community renewal.

The USDA has taken the opportunity the food drive presents to tie in its own goals of promoting nutrition and healthy families.

Last year folks got together and donated 465,000 pounds of food. This year's goal is to raise the donation amount up to 500,000 pounds of food.

This food helps Americans who are struggling to put food on the table. Record numbers of people are seeking help.

Many of these folks are first time visitors, which is tough because in these economic times, donations to charitable organiza-



This year the USDA's goal is to collect 500,000 pounds of food for Americans who are struggling to put food on the table. Because of difficult economic times, record numbers of people are seeking help.

Courtesy photo

tions are diminishing. Unfortunately with the shortage of jobs and income, many families, especially those with children, are going hungry.

Donations go directly to families and children in need in our community, which is important because for many children the only hot meal they get is supplied by the school's lunch programs.

During the summer months, these children don't receive the hot breakfast or lunch and often go without.

To donate non-perishable food items, please bring them to the Sebring Field Office located at the Bert J. Harris Agriculture Center at 4505 George Blvd. in Sebring Florida.

Your donations will be taken to

the Heartland Food Bank and will be distributed to those in need in Highlands County.

If you need more information or directions, please call (863) 402-6545.

Most wanted items

1. Canned fruits in light syrup or its own juices
2. Canned vegetables – low sodium, no salt added
3. Multigrain Cereal – Cheerios, Cornflakes, GrapeNuts, Raisin Bran
4. Grains – brown and white rice, oatmeal, bulgar, quinoa, couscous, pasta, macaroni and cheese
5. Canned proteins – tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter, beans
6. Soups – beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey rice

7. 100 percent juice – all sizes, including juice boxes

8. Condiments – tomato based sauces, light soy sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, oils

9. Snacks – individually packed snacks, crackers, trail mix, dried fruit, granola/cereal bars, pretzels, sandwich crackers

10. Paper products and household items – paper towels, napkins, cleaning supplies

11. Hygiene items – diapers, deodorants for men and women, feminine products, toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste, shampoo

2009 poverty statistics

– 43.6 million people (14.3 percent) were in poverty.

– 8.8 (11.1 percent percent) million families were in poverty.

– 24.7 million (12.9 percent) of people aged 18-64 were in poverty.

– 15.5 million (20.7 percent) children under the age of 18 were in poverty.

– 3.4 million (8.9 percent) seniors 65 and older were in poverty.

2009 hunger statistics on food insecurity and very low food security

– 50.2 million Americans lived in food insecure households, 33 million adults and 17.2 million children

– 14.7 percent of households (17.4 million households) were food insecure.

– 5.7 percent of households (6.8 million households) experienced very low food security.

– Households with children reported food insecurity at almost double the rate for those without children, 21.3 percent compared to 11.4 percent.

– Households that had higher rates of food insecurity than the national average included house-

holds with children (21.3 percent), especially households with children headed by single women (36.6 percent) or single men (27.8 percent), Black non-Hispanic households (24.9 percent) and Hispanic households (26.9 percent).

– 7.8 percent of seniors living alone (884,000 households) were food insecure.

2000 Emergency Food Assistance and Federal Food Assistance statistics

– 4.8 percent of all U.S. households (5.6 million households) accessed emergency food from a food pantry one or more times.

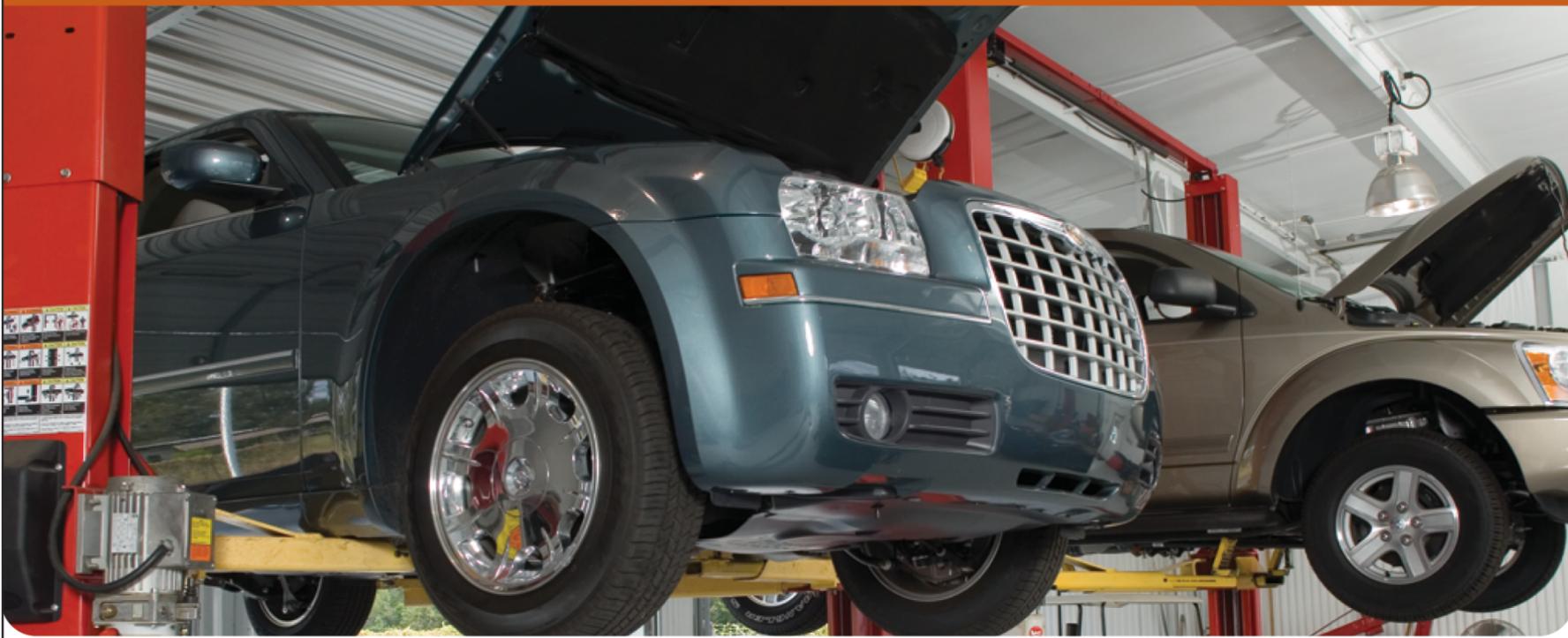
– 57 percent of food-insecure households participated in at least one of the three major Federal food assistance programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamp Program), The National School Lunch Program, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. Feeding America provides emergency food assistance to an estimated 37 million low-income people annually, a 46 percent increase from 25 million since Hunger In America 2006

– Feeding America provides emergency food assistance to approximately 5.7 million different people per week.

– Among members of Feeding America, 74 percent of pantries, 65 percent of kitchens, and 54 percent of shelters reported that there had been an increase since 2006 in the number of clients who come to their emergency food program sites. (U.S. Census Bureau)

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TELEVISION

For Emmys, networks apparently have the right sense of humor

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — With “Mad Men,” “Boardwalk Empire” and other prestige series, cable ruled the Emmy nominations for drama. But broadcast networks got the last laugh with their sitcoms.

Of the six nominees for best drama series only one, CBS’ “The Good Wife,” is a network program. Of the half-dozen comedy series contenders, all air on networks.

Members of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences clearly favored sitcom tradition in Thursday’s nominations. “Modern Family,” “The Office” and other broadcast shows have a more purely comic bent and err on the good-natured side of satire. Cable comedies are increasingly, in a word, mordant: Think Showtime’s “The Big C,” about a cancer-stricken woman.

“There was a heyday of comedies on cable like ‘Sex and the City,’ but now it’s broadcast” that dominates the genre for Emmy voters, said Tom O’Neil, editor of the award websites goldderby.com and theenvelope.com.

The lack of cable comedy bids may represent “a bit of a backlash” against the hybrid comedy-drama, O’Neil said.

It also underscores the sitcom’s resurgence on broadcast TV, which

seemed to lose its comic touch as hits such as “Friends” and “Seinfeld” faded into memory and weren’t replaced.

A winning new crop is now emerging, including ABC’s “Modern Family” and its clever take on what family has come to mean. Crowned best comedy series after its freshman season, it received 17 nominations this time around. Nods also went to NBC’s “Parks and Recreation,” “The Office” and “30 Rock,” CBS’ “The Big Bang Theory” and Fox’s “Glee.”

They’ve yet to break into lofty ratings territory — only one comedy, CBS’ former Charlie Sheen vehicle “Two and a Half Men,” cracks the Nielsen top 20 — but they’re generating buzz and gaining momentum.

“OK, keep it together,” a surprised nominations co-announcer Melissa McCarthy said Thursday when she realized she was a nominee herself for “Mike & Molly.”

While cable comedies were overlooked, their stars weren’t. Edie Falco, who was named best actress in a comedy last year for Showtime’s “Nurse Jackie,” was nominated again. Laura Linney scored a bid for “The Big C” and Louis C.K. earned a best comedy actor bid for his FX Networks show “Louie.”



Robert Voets/CBS/MCT
Jim Parsons (left) and Johnny Galecki star in CBS’ ‘The Big Bang Theory.’

Given broadcasters fixation on franchise crime dramas such as “CSI” and “NCIS,” it’s unsurprising that cable’s daring, unique (and often awash in nudity and violence) series dominate the Emmys.

Besides handing AMC’s “Mad Men” 19 nominations and a shot at a fourth consecutive best drama series trophy, the academy gave fistfuls of bids to HBO’s wild Prohibition-era series “Boardwalk Empire” (18) and fantasy saga “Game of Thrones” (13). Other best drama cable nominees are

DirecTV’s “Friday Night Lights” and Showtime’s “Dexter.”

“The Good Wife” had to be really good to wrestle a spot. It received eight other nominations, including one for star Julianna Margulies.

The period melodrama “Mildred Pierce,” starring Kate Winslet and based on the 1941 James M. Cain novel, grabbed a top 21 bids, including best miniseries or movie in the new category that combines both formats.

Also in the category is the miniseries “The Kennedys,” which was dropped by the History channel and given a second chance by lesser-known ReelzChannel. It received 10 nominations, including best miniseries and, among its acting bids, one for the critically lauded Barry Pepper as Robert Kennedy.

There was room for fresh faces, including best drama actress nominee Mireille Enos of AMC’s “The Killing” and best drama actor Timothy Olyphant of FX Networks’ “Justified.”

And there were longtime favorites as well, most notably Betty White. The 89-year-old wonder nabbed a best supporting actress bid for the sitcom “Hot in Cleveland.” If she wins, it would be her eighth Emmy.

“I am so thrilled. How lucky can

an old broad be?” White said by phone a few minutes after her agent woke her. “I wasn’t even thinking about the nominations because I didn’t even think there was a chance.”

Jon Hamm of “Mad Men” received his fourth nomination and another chance to convert one to a win. Although three-time winner Bryan Cranston is out of the running because “Breaking Bad” took a breather, Steve Buscemi, a Golden Globe winner for “Boardwalk Empire” is among the formidable competitors.

Emmy voters have a chance to flaunt their risk-taking side with “Game of Thrones,” given the usual resistance to rewarding genre shows such as fantasy or science fiction. The series based on the George R.R. Martin novels scored a best drama nod but only a single acting bid, for Peter Dinklage in a supporting role.

HBO received the most nominations, 104, more than double second-place CBS’ 50. NBC has 46 bids; PBS, 43; Fox, 42; ABC, 40; AMC, 29; Showtime, 21.

The nominations were announced by McCarthy and Joshua Jackson of “Fringe” at academy offices. The Emmy Awards are scheduled to air Sept. 18 on Fox, with “Glee” star and nominee Jane Lynch hosting.

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BAPTIST

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11. "The Devil Colony" by James Rollins (William Morrow)
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4. "The Original Argument: The Federalists' Case for the Constitution, Adapted for the 21st Century" by Glenn Beck (Threshold Editions)
5. "Water for Elephants: A Novel" by Sara Gruen (Algonquin)
6. "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese (Vintage)
7. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot (Broadway)
8. "One Day" by David Nicholls (Vintage)
9. "A Visit from the Goon Squad" by Jennifer Egan (Anchor)
10. "Outliers: The Story of Success" by Malcolm Gladwell (LB/Back Bay)
11. "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein (Harper)
12. "Faithful Place: A Novel" by Tana French (Penguin)
13. "A Dog's Purpose" by W. Bruce Cameron (Forge)
14. "The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven: A Remarkable Account of Miracles, Angels, and Life Beyond This World" by Kevin Malarkey and Alex Malarkey (Tyndale House)
15. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)

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 redemer1895@aol.com Web site: redemeravon.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.

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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.

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- **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

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- **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Closet, 385-2782. Gary Kindle, Pastor. Faith Child Development Center, 382-3232. Kathy Pontious, director. Preschool/VPK/Extended Day Care. Summer Worship services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday; Bible class is 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Communion is served the first and third and fifth Sunday of the month. Worship service is broadcast live on WITS 1340 AM.
- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 4348 Schumacher Road, Sebring, one mile west of Wal-Mart. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 9 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 11 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-1163.
- **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church,** 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife-sebring.com.
- **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA,** 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.
- **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Preschool director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at www.Trinitylutheranip.com.

- **Grace Bible Church,** 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org
- **Highlands Community Church,** a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.
- **The Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church,** 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at www.juanitafolsomministries.com.
- **Union Congregational Church,** 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday worship services are at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Millennium Church. Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m. We also offer a Saturday service at 6 p.m. with Pastor Tiger Gullett in the Millennium Church. Nursery/child care is available for all services. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org. All teachings are taken from the Manufacturer's Handbook - The Holy Bible. Come join us.
- **Unity Life Enrichment 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

- **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.
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■ **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.pcsebring.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.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Monday-Friday, Summer Day Camp (youth ages 11-14) 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. excluding holidays; Tuesday: Grief Support Group, 3 p.m., adult classroom; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., adult classroom. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** www.1pcp.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 Boiling; 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

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 200 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759. R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: www.fumcap.org.

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. Bible Fellowship Class, 6 p.m. (October-May only). We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that want to know Christ and make Him known. Call the church office at 465-2422 or check out our church Web site at www.memorialumc.com.

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

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ,** where God is still speaking. 3115 Hope Street, Sebring, FL 33875 (1.8 miles west of U.S. 27 and Hammock Road). Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m.; Communion with worship first Sunday of month; Chapel Communion, 8:45 a.m. all other Sundays. All are welcome to receive the sacrament. For more information, call the church office at 471-1999 or e-mail eucc@earthlink.net or check the Web site sebringemmanuelucc.com. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

MOVIES



Ralph Fiennes plays Voldemort.

Five favorite 'Harry Potter' grown-ups

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

LOS ANGELES — The world of "Harry Potter" has always centered on the boy wizard and his pals as they navigate danger, outsmart villains and hurtle toward their inevitable destiny. But the eight-film series has also featured a who's-who of outstanding British actors playing the adults in this magical world.

Since it all ends this week with the release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," here's a look at five favorite grown-ups from the franchise:

— Alan Rickman as Severus Snape: Probably the most fascinating figure in the Potter world because of his shifting alliances and an emotional depth that's unexpected given his icy demeanor. Rickman is captivating in the role, with his droll, deadpan delivery that oozes condescending menace. A half-blood wizard, Snape has been a minion of the evil Lord Voldemort as well as an ally of Hogwarts headmaster Albus Dumbledore. He's served as the intimidating Defense Against the Dark Arts professor and eventually headmaster himself but he's also been a protector of Harry. Snape bullies his students but he also reveals his bravery, and in this final film, a flashback that explains his history with the young wizard provides one of its most poignant scenes.

— Ralph Fiennes as Voldemort: Fiennes is just chilling as the dark lord, the

lifelong nemesis Harry is destined to fight, and that's only partly because of his freakish, noseless appearance. His soft, hissing delivery is more disarming in a way than if he'd issued his threats and orders with a belting boom. The artist formerly known as Tom Riddle was once the most brilliant student Hogwarts had ever seen. But he used those strengths to transform himself into the most powerful dark wizard ever, and boy, does he have it in for Harry Potter. He seriously needs to find a hobby.

— Michael Gambon as Dumbledore: Gambon took over the role after the death of Richard Harris, who played the headmaster at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the first two films in the franchise, "Sorcerer's Stone" and "Chamber of Secrets." And he took a different approach to the part: While he remained a bastion of all that is good and true in the world, a steady and authoritative voice of reason, Gambon played him with a bit more fire and range than Harris. Perhaps that's also because more of the character is revealed to us over time. With his long, silver hair and beard, Dumbledore is revered, but he's also got some secrets.

— Helena Bonham Carter as Bellatrix Lestrange: A great opportunity for this versatile actress to show off her wild side. With her dark, untamed locks and severe, black wardrobe, Bellatrix is

fiercely loyal to Voldemort as a member of his army of Death Eaters. Bonham Carter plays the role with wicked glee, reveling in the over-the-top nature of being an evil flunky, even though the character herself comes from an elite wizarding family. In one hilarious sequence in "Deathly Hallows: Part 2," Bonham Carter plays Emma Watson playing Harry's pal Hermione pretending to be ... Bellatrix Lestrange, allowing her to show off another side of her physical talents.

— Imelda Staunton as Dolores Umbridge: Do you notice a theme here? With the exception of Dumbledore, most of my choices are evil — or at least partly evil — characters. Everyone hates Dolores Umbridge. But Staunton is so deliciously cruel in the role, she's strangely irresistible and impossible to forget, even though she only appears in two of the eight movies: "Order of the Phoenix" and "Deathly Hallows: Part 1." The Ministry of Magic assigns Dolores to the Hogwarts staff to keep an eye on Dumbledore and impart her bland, useless, "Ministry-approved" curriculum. Passive-aggressive oppression is her game; she's toad-like but perfectly coifed in her prim, pink dresses, and she hands out torturous assignments with a smile.

It's pure magic.

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Ralph Clayton to John A. Schenck Revocable Trust, PT L7 Blk 2 Lake Sebring Country Club Add/Others/Easements, \$36,000.

Fannie Mae to James E. Upchurch Jr., PT L2/3 Blk 21 Resub In Sec. 22-33-28, \$19,000.

David McQueen to Richard M. Frazee Sr., PT Sec. 35-34-28/Easement, \$42,900.

Harriet A. Hutchinson to Ian Edward Smillie, L6A Blk 252 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13 Replat, \$57,000.

Margaret S. Caprara to Shirley M. Olmhausen, L100 Villages of Highlands Ridge Phase VII-B Sec. 1, \$199,900.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. to Joann Chandler, L677/678 Sylvan Shores Est. Sec. D, \$8,000.

Shirley M. Olmhausen to Jorgen Patrick Solbjorg Aass, Cluster 6 Unit D Country Club Villas I of Spring Lake/Other, \$77,500.

Andrew R. Marcy to Jerry D. Hill, L828 Sebring Hills, \$65,000.

James B. McCoy III to Tiffany Amadaines Tolentino, L29 Blk 279 Lake Sebring Sub, \$82,500.

Eleanor L. Accardi to William G. McCormick, L2B Blk 253 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13 Replat/Other, \$42,000.

Clifford D. Yount to Louie M. Roberts, PT L9 Blk 4 Town of Avon Park, \$50,000.

Cristobal Colon to Ivette Colon Rodriguez, L90 Blk 33 Sun'N Lakes Est. Sec. 5, \$4,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to Maria Luisa Lopez, L5 Blk 25 Hoffman's Grove Add 2nd Resub, \$26,000.

Charles Robert Schumacher to Schu Inc., PT Tracts 48-50 Lake View Park Tract, \$88,000.

June 2

William C. Sager to Kyle W. Sager, L13 Blk 81 Lake Lillian Sec. of Highlands Lakes Unit 1, \$65,000.

Carol Schoenfeld to Jack McDonald, L95 The Knoll Sub, \$10,000.

Oswaldo Arias to Willard H. Cortright, L29 Blk 61 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 5, \$90,000.

Claudia R. Brigham to Highlands Independent Bank, L416 Golf Hammock Unit V, \$287,100.

Palmetto Sebring II to Regents Club Partners, PT L2 Highlands Professional Properties Sub, \$1,677,500.

David Measday to

Erlinda Pena, L11 Blk 25 Placid Lakes Sec. 19, \$4,000.

David Measday to Erlinda Pena, L12 Blk 25 Placid Lakes Sec. 19, \$4,000.

Cathleen Ann Kilcoyne Smith to Walter F. Montz Sr., L14 Blk 39 DeSoto City 2nd Sub, \$25,000.

Robert A. Eldred to Thomas McCandless, L84/85 Blk 1 Venetian Village Revised, \$100,000.

Thomas Muscato to Abderrahim McHatet, L16 Blk 169 Leisure Lakes Sec. 3, \$2,600.

Dexter E. Ramsay to J. Richard Kidd, L257 Highlands Ridge On Lake Bonnet Phase III, \$175,000.

Frederick J. Brown to Brian Hess, L9 Country Club of Sebring Phase 2 Sec. 2 Sterling Oaks, \$245,000.

June 3

Huntington National Bank to Noel S. Durrance, L13 Blk 4 Altamont Place Add 2, \$25,000.

Sentinel Capital Funding Inc. to Balmoral Assisted Living, PT Sec. 32-36-30/Easement, \$4,400,000.

William F. Buckler to Thomas D. Moran, PT L3 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 4, \$50,000.

Wells Fargo Bank to Tracy King-MacCornack, L678 Las Palmas Resort, \$12,200.

Marion C. Stivers to Vonda W. Peacock, L18 Blk 1 Fairway Lakes Est., \$154,000.

Benito Cruz to Sergio Donikian, L657 Las Palmas Resort, \$14,000.

John T. Lacy Jr. to Sean Urquhart, L6 Blk 60 Placid Lakes Sec. 6, \$100,000.

Reinhold Buxbaum to Wolfgang Laukat, L31 Blk 9 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 6, \$171,600.

Patricia A. Harward to Christopher, L1 Blk 152A Leisure Lakes Sec. 3, \$2,100.

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Darshanand Singh, L19/20 Blk 9 Red Hill Farms, \$15,000.

June 6

Henry L. Dedecker to John M. Council III, Unit 5 Flamingo Villas, \$25,000.

Robert K. King to Ski Placid Holdings, L12 Lake Placid Shores Sub, \$520,000.

Andrew S. Bible to Robert L. Oakes, L15-17 Blk 74 Lakewood Terrace, \$195,000.

Peggy Douberley to Oswald F. Smith, L18/19 Blk 176B Sebring Summit, \$48,500.

HSBC Bank to Hilda L. Carro, PT Sec. 4-33-29/Other, \$75,000.

Linda R. Renich to Everett D. Pifer, L10 Tomoka Heights Sec. VIII, \$168,000.

Paul W. Gano to Jeffrey Gano, PT L1 Blk 104 Town of Sebring, \$20,000.

Clyde Earl Patterson to John Malone Council, Unit 9B Vince's Airport Condo, \$25,000.

Warren A. Strohm to Robert A. Eldred, PT L16 Blk 6 Venetian Village Rev., \$74,300.

Hiram Obregon to Justo Diaz, L36 Blk 3 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 3, \$53,000.

Bank of America to Evelyn Capote, PT Venus Plat No. 2, \$19,000.

Wanda L. Bennett to R.J. Keen Investments, L7 Blk 22 Sylvan Shores Est. Sec. C, \$70,000.

Marsha A. Asteinhouse to Barton Harris Fisher, L529 Sebring Ridge Sec., \$43,800.

June 7

Roberta Bonfiglio to Travis Lunsford, PT Sec. 32-37-30, \$12,000.

William Mistler to Robert McElwain, L91 Blk 342 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 16, \$230,000.

Kirk M. Knoepfel to Susan Walker, L20 Blk F Spring Lake Sec. 1, \$55,000.

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809 Lake Jackson to Giuseppe Montisci Cocco, Unit 416 Majestic Cove, \$489,000.

Lotsource Inc. to Gregory Collymore PT L1 Blk 33 Avon Park Est. Unit 2, \$8,500.

Scott A. Day to Frederick M. Peck, L5 Blk 81 Town of Sebring 8th Add, \$30,000.

June 8

Theodore H. Hein to Nancy Hawkins, L11 Blk 8 Leisure Lakes Sec. 1, \$52,000.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Brandon May, PT Sec. 24-35-29, \$78,000.

Michael M. Reeder to Holmes E. Boyd, L89 Kissimmee River Shores Unrec/Other, \$30,000.

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Jimmy Lee Walters Jr., L30 Blk 187 Woodlawn Terrace Sub/Easement, \$10,900.

Orphans Aid Society to Melvin Jekofsky, PT L6 Blk E Lake Jackson Boulevard Sub, \$70,000.

Vernon L. Schindler to Alicia M. Helms, L3 Blk 8 Temple Terrace, \$6,000.

James H. Owens to Kenneth Dale Ferguson, L13 Blk 2 Mary Jane Manor, \$33,000.

Margaret A. Elder to Michael D. Drake, L1-4 Blk 46 Avon Park Lakes Red Hill Farms Add Unit C/Others, \$115,000.

June 9

Department of Housing and Urban Development to Ronald Harvey, L18 Blk 30 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 2, \$83,000.

Donald Gray to Gary L. Arrowood, L41 Blk 216 Placid Lakes Sec. 11 Resub, \$68,000.

James A. Harris to John E. Hickman, L271 Golf Hammock Unit IV, \$126,300.

Laurie J. Klemm to Rose M. Sapp, L21 Blk 169 Leisure Lakes Sec. 3, \$57,000.

John T. Pallo to Vicente Barrientoz, L3225-3230 Avon Park Lakes Unit 11, \$69,900.

Manor Hill Development Inc. to W.S. Randall Inc., L45 Blk 265 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13, \$10,000.

W.S. Randall to Marion C. Stivers, L45 Blk 265 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13, \$85,000.

June 10

Nancy K. Quinn to Paul W. Moore, L17 Blk 176 Woodlawn Terrace Sub, \$40,000.

Amiane William to United States of America, L3 Blk 41 Flamingo Villas Sub/Others, \$20,000.

Miguel Garciga to Elias Flores, PT L19/22 Blk 73 Town of Avon Park, \$28,000.

Cypress Ridge Land & Homes Inc. to Keith Nicholson, Unit 3-E Bldg. 3 Lake Park Village Condo Phase II, \$105,000.

Peter N. Price P.A. to Realty Connexion Discount Real Estate Corp., L31A Blk 6 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 7/Others, \$3,500.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. to Charles R. Adams, L3 Blk 172 Placid Lakes Replat, \$29,500.

DFC Loan Funding Co. to Joao N. Almeida, L15 Blk 195 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 11, \$12,900.

Julien Jeune to Mardocheur Jeune, L53 Blk 194 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 11, \$3,000.

Cesar B. Tuason to Bayardo Somarriba, L12 Blk 703 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 4 Replat, \$92,000.

Kim A. Figley to Joseph Vivano, L11 Blk 3 Lake Grassy Homesites, \$10,000.

Maria V. Fernandez to Cesar A. Fernandez Jr., L6 Blk 41 Placid Lakes Sec. 4, \$3,000.

James F. Caldwell to Kenneth E. Ferrand, L14 Blk 1 Buchanans Green

Acres, \$18,000.

Indigo Builders of Lake Placid to Leon T. Haar, L17 Blk F Tomoka Heights Sec. IX, \$220,000.

Virginia Pauline Rye to Roy C. Brooker, L19 Blk 3 Sebring Shores Development Sec. 2, \$49,000.

June 13

Daniel J. Jablonsky to Mitchel F. Painter, L16 Blk 1 Red Water Lake Est., \$62,000.

Howard E. Hill Foundation Inc. to Caesar Marshall, L8 Blk 35 Placid Lakes Sec. 3, \$70,000.

K & J Holdings to Robert J. Cooke, PT Sec. 7-36-29, \$60,000.

Heartland National Bank to Kevin A. Sapp, L8 Blk 1 Placid Plaza, \$88,000.

Carla Renee Bennett to Amizarel Moyet, L10/11 PT L9 Blk 271 Lake Sebring, \$45,000.

MPC Land Investment Co. Inc. to Monica M. Stoneburner, PT Sec. 28-36-29/Easement/Other, \$292,400.

Terry Van Wilburn to Vera Weidner, L5 Blk 53 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 5, \$68,000.

Bobby D. Taylor to David L. Crump, L17 PT1 L16 Blk 11 Highlands Park Est. Sec. J, \$40,000.

June 14

Bankunited to John C. Caspare III, L759 Sebring Hills, \$42,500.

Joseph Guye to Connie C. Wetzel Jr., L54 Blk 2 Martha Estates, \$140,000.

Arthur J. Pollio to 1025 Lakeview, L33 Blk 3 Sunset Beach Sub, \$300,000.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. to Vinroy A. Vassell, PT Sec. 23-34-29, \$2,600.

Busey Bank to R. Brilhante, L13 Blk 6 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 4, \$2,000.

809 Lake Jackson to Antonio Rodriguez Garcia, Unit 417 Majestic Cove, \$499,900.

Highlands Independent Bank to Salomon Guzman, L7 Blk 17 Sun'N Lakes Est. Acres Sec. 34, \$22,000.

Meiko S. Corbin to Linus Schmidt, PT L2A Blk 93 Original Town of Sebring, \$128,500.

June 15

MPC Land Investment Company Inc. to Jason Thomas, PT Sec. 28-36-29, \$274,900.

U.S. Bank to Brittany Nicole Jones, L63 Blk 10 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 6, 55,700.

Frederick Johnston to Antonio W. Carey, L9 Blk 59 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 3, \$124,900.

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to David E. Weeks, L22 Blk 13 Placid Ridge Est. 1st. Add, \$30,000.

Timothy H. Smith to Charles S. Conner, PT L7 Blk 242 Placid Lakes Sec. 20, \$10,000.

Hebron Holdings Inc. to Craig J. Griffith, PT Sec. 4-39-30/Others, \$165,000.

Stephen L. Bendl to Danny D. Breese, L1 Blk 62 Placid Lakes Sec. 6, \$59,000.

Marshall J. Bernardo to Lien Lui, L24 Blk 25 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 2, \$44,000.

David Leon Osteen to Kristin Lynn Stanley, L9 Blk 87 Placid Lakes Sec. 8, \$56,500.

Maria V. Moreno to R.J. Keen Investments, L22 Blk B Lake June Pointe Phase III, \$35,000.

June 16

Bank of New York Mellon to Chad Anderson, L4 Blk 10 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 12, \$54,400.

Lake Placid Development Corp. Inc. to Jagdish Hiralal Unecha, L16 Blk 99 Placid Lakes Sec. 14, \$29,900.

Lake Placid Development Corp. Inc. to Irving F. McKenzie, L54 Blk 39 Placid Lakes Sec. 5, \$14,900.

Charles Harry Lindsay Jr. to James S. Sottile, PT Sec. 2-36-28, \$175,000.

Madanmohan H. Boodhoo to Daniel T. Parnassa, L7 Blk T Spring Lake Village VIII, \$20,000.

Florida Sheriff Youth Ranches Inc. to Charles Edward Hamilton II, PT L6 Blk C Silver Fox Ranch, \$70,000.

Christopher H. Petersdinh to Mai T. Dinh, L2 Blk 4 Sun'N Lakes Est. Acres Sec. 27, \$5,200.

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Civil War markers show neglected moments in war

By RAY HENRY
Associated Press

DALTON, Ga. — Badly outnumbered by Union forces and sensing looming defeat in the Civil War, Confederate Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne made a shocking proposal about a century and a half ago: the Southern government should free black slaves willing to fight in rebel ranks.

“As between the loss of independence and the loss of slavery, we assume that every patriot will freely give up the latter — give up the negro slave rather than be a slave himself,” Cleburne wrote in his Jan. 2, 1864 letter, also signed by other officers.

His proposal — sharply rejected by Confederate leaders committed to slavery — was commemorated Thursday with the dedication of a new historical marker installed near the Confederate Army headquarters in North Georgia where Cleburne publicly floated the idea.

It’s one of roughly a dozen new markers being erected across Georgia for the sesquicentennial of the Civil War that focus on the often-ignored history of groups such as blacks, women and Union loyalists.

“Our grandparents would have looked at this in a very different way,” said W. Todd

Groce, president of the Georgia Historical Society, which is leading the effort to erect new markers. “The Civil War meant something different to them than it does to us.”

Contemporary politics have long shaped how Civil War history is interpreted. Discussing racially charged history was unlikely in the Deep South during the war’s centennial in 1961, the same year whites rioted at the University of Georgia campus when two black students arrived on campus. The latest plaques attempt to present a more inclusive view of history as the nation commemorates the 150th anniversary of the war.

“Fifty years ago, a biracial gathering like this on a topic like this would have been impossible and unheard of,” Groce told a racially mixed crowd that gathered for the unveiling ceremony in Dalton, a northwest Georgia city.

Other recently installed plaques mark the spot in Columbus, Ga., where women armed with knives and pistols rioted over wartime food shortages and a spot near Savannah where hundreds of escaped slaves who were following the Union Army for protection drowned because the commander removed temporary



A sign alongside Atlanta’s current City Hall marks the beginning of what would come to be called the March to the Sea: Sherman’s campaign through Georgia in 1864.

bridges spanning a creek. Another marker in this area near the boundary with Tennessee points out a battlefield where black soldiers fighting for the Union saw combat in Georgia. The fighting occurred near what is now an elementary school.

“A lot of blacks here had gone to that school, they walked through that school on their way downtown never knowing that black troops fought there,” said Curtis Rivers Jr., director of The Emery Center, a museum in

Dalton showcasing African-American history.

Historians earlier this year marked the spot where Union Maj. Gen. William Sherman’s forces lit fires that burned parts of Atlanta, a symbolic beginning-of-the-end for the Confederacy. Sherman then marched his army from Atlanta to the Georgia seacoast on a mission that signaled the Confederacy was nearing collapse.

The marker program has won an award for merit from

The American Association for State and Local History. Bethany Hawkins, the association’s program director, was unaware of other similar programs, though some states are just beginning projects timed for the war’s sesquicentennial.

A few critics have emerged.

The NAACP in Atlanta initially asked that one marker commemorating the burning of Atlanta be moved away from a boulevard named for the slain civil rights leader,

Martin Luther King Jr. Other black leaders said the plaque should stay since Sherman’s arrival meant the collapse of the Confederacy and the end of slavery in the city.

Project leaders discussed the wording of plaques with the Georgia chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. State commander Jack Bridwell said he has not raised any objections and hopes the project will spur public interest in the war on the 150th anniversary.

As for Cleburne, his idea for freeing black slaves to fight for the rebels received short shrift from Confederate leaders. Alerted to the proposal, Jefferson Davis wrote that it would be “injurious to the public service” and through his secretary of war ordered that the discussion stop.

“If it be kept out of the public journals its ill effect will be much lessened,” Davis wrote.

Confederate lawmakers finally approved enlisting slaves in March 1865, just before the Union won the war. Historians say few slaves enlisted in Confederate forces and none of those fought. Nearly 200,000 free blacks joined the Union army.

This week in the Civil War: The First Battle of Bull Run

The Confederate shelling of federal-held Fort Sumter in April 1861 launched the start of the Civil War.

The First Battle of Bull Run — also known as the First Battle of Manassas — marked the start of the conflict in earnest.

Under pressure to crush the secessionists, Union forces on July 21 initially attacked a mass of Confederate troops arrayed amid woods and farmfields of Bull Run, in northern Virginia.

The battle raged for hours. Union forces briefly drove Confederate foes back, but the Confederates got reinforcements.

A contingent led by Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson stood its ground at a farmhouse hilltop, earning him his nickname.

The Confederates counter-attacked with cavalry charging, starting a headlong federal retreat.

Amid gunfire and chaos, panicked Union soldiers retreated in disarray to Washington. The Confederacy had scored its first major victory.

The Charleston (S.C.)



A view of the Bull Run battlefield.

Mercury’s correspondent reported of Confederate forces: “Men never fought more desperately than did ours to-day.”

He added: “A great battle has been fought to-day at the Stone Bridge, on Bull Run ... The Southern troops are again victorious. The slaughter on both sides was terrific.”

The correspondent described “raking fire” and an enemy that gave way toward sundown, adding: “At

dark they were still flying, closely pursued by our troops.”

The Boston Herald reported July 24 that Union forces would now reorganize: “Dispatches of this morning to the Associated Press tell us that the services of 60,000 soldiers, previous offered the government but refused, have now been accepted, and that a complete reorganization of the army is to be made.”

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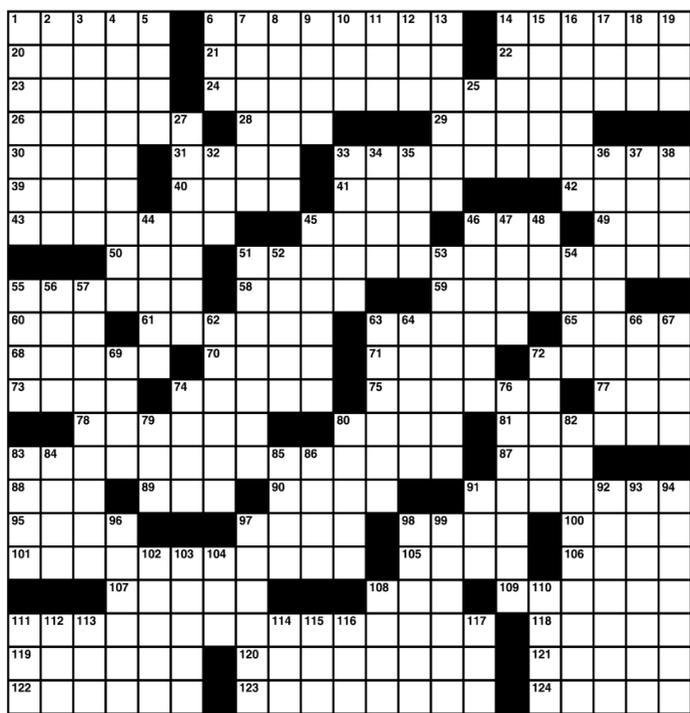
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Partnerships are accentuated, Leo

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Aries (March 21-April 20) – Aries, develop a strategy to save money because you're going to need it. Now may be the time to think about clipping coupons or researching discounts.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) – Taurus, if at first you don't succeed, you may want to attempt a different approach. Don't beat yourself up over things you can't change.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) – Smile, Gemini, because happy news is coming your way this week. Think about sharing the good fortune with someone you love, either a spouse or a good friend.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) – Cancer, what many people admire about you is your ability to be such a good friend. This week you will display your capacity for humility and compassion to a greater level.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) – Leo, partnerships are accentuated this week and you will find that you can do just about anything you set your mind to. Share your ideas with others.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) – Virgo, you could be very popular with superiors at work this week. Use this to your advantage to ask for a raise or to get on a lucrative project. Your dealings with money will be positive.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Horoscope

– A smooth, professional manner helps you attain good results at work this week, Libra. Others are impressed at how you can handle yourself under pressure.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Clear some space so that you can work more easily, Scorpio. Clutter can make even the most simple task seem ever more complicated. A productive week lies ahead.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Sagittarius, you will find yourself being a sought-after asset among friends this week. Use these social situations to further your position in work-related matters.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) – Capricorn, many tasks lie ahead this week, and it will be the utmost importance to stay focused. You have become serious about changing personal health.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) – A clear-minded insight to plans you put in place comes to you this week, Aquarius. It will be the inspiration you need to get moving, considering you've been stationary for too long.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) – Express yourself with great confidence this week, Pisces. You feel in control and organized, which are two good things.

What's that you're carrying?

With the contents of the backpack evenly distributed, my husband, Ken, placed his arms through the straps and secured it around his waist. Meanwhile, I strapped a smaller pack around my waist to carry a few essentials and a bottle of water.

As we hiked, we'd occasionally stop to shift the load...or even lighten it by eating a snack and drinking some water. The packs didn't hinder our hike because they were not burdensome. We shared the load and didn't carry unnecessary, weighty items.

However, we don't usually handle our daily responsibilities and unexpected trials that way.

Stooped shoulders try to bear the uneven load we've packed on. We're so busy that we hardly notice that extra meeting or school activity. We seem clueless to the word "No" which would help us distribute the weight we are carrying.

Sometimes our burdens are those we try to carry alone for others. These further imbalance our load.

Without realizing it, our burdens take over and they become who we are.

To lighten the load, we must be willing to yield to God and share it appropriately with others while not piling on worry and fear.

First we must come to the only One who is known as our burden-bearer. Are we praying and pleading with God to help bear our burdens while hindering him from doing so? As we cry out in dismay that no one helps us, are we secret-



Pause And Consider
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ly taking pride in doing it ourselves? Eventually, something will give and we'll have to look up from where we've fallen.

In Matthew 11: 29, NKJV, Jesus implores us, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Embrace the "Burden-bearer." Yoke together with him. In so doing, we are laying our burdens down at the foot of his cross. Then anything left to carry is done side by side as he becomes our support, our rest.

In Galatians 6:2, we find the solution to "I can do it myself." It says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

We can't do it alone. Reach out to the body of Christ for help in balancing and managing the load. Perhaps just a bit of counsel will make the difference.

What's that you're carrying? Selah

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Woman frowns at sisters' passion for plastic surgery

Dear Abby: I dislike the prevalence of plastic surgery and Botox in today's society. It sends young people a bad message on body image.

My friend "Liz" step-mother loudly discussed her own daughter's nose job, chin implant and "boob job" with Liz's teenage daughter while at dinner in a public restaurant where everyone could hear.

My sister "Beth" told her son and daughter she'd gladly pay for new noses for them. They were offended because they are happy with their looks. (At least, they were until their mother denigrated them.)

Both of my sisters have had plastic surgery. They can afford it and that's their business. But they make it our business by publicly congratulating each other on how well they have "aged."

What do you think about this, Abby? Am I right?

— Natural Woman in California

Dear Natural Woman: Plastic surgery has been a blessing to many people because it has lifted not only drooping flesh but sagging self-esteem. I see nothing



Dear Abby

wrong with someone getting a nose job if it will help the person feel more confident. Your sister's offer to pay for her children's rhinoplasty may have had more to do with her own insecurity than either of her children's.

Cosmetic surgery and Botox are facts of life in our society for those who can afford it. Botox is common for both men and women who want to lessen or avoid signs of aging. I think what's upsetting you is your sisters' dishonesty. When they publicly congratulate each other on how well they have aged, they're not only lying to whoever overhears them — they're also lying to themselves.

Dear Abby: My daughter and granddaughter are going to be in a wedding scheduled for the summer of 2012. The

bride seems to have watched too many wedding shows on TV, because she keeps scheduling bridesmaids luncheons and has required her attendants to go to many bridal expos with her — even though the vendors have all been booked. The shop where the bridesmaids are buying their dresses is very expensive.

I understand the bride wants it to be a special day, but it's more than a year away and my daughter is a stay-at-home mother of two. She doesn't have the time or money to continue participating in these events. She asked me if she should back out now or level with the bride that some of her requests are a little over the top.

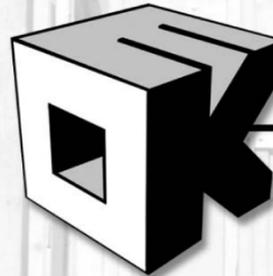
My daughter wants to support her friend, and doesn't want her to think she's trying to run the show by suggesting alternate places to look for less expensive dresses, since she'll have to purchase two. What do I tell her?

— Mother of the Bridesmaid

Dear Mother: Friends should be able to level with

each other — otherwise they aren't friends, they are acquaintances. If the bride's schedule of events is more than your daughter can handle, she needs to speak up. If the dresses will cause financial hardship, the bride needs to know so she can either scale back the cost or find replacements for whomever is supposed to wear them. If this is not agreeable for the bride, your daughter can "support" her friend with the rest of the wedding guests. She does not have to be a member of the wedding party to do that.

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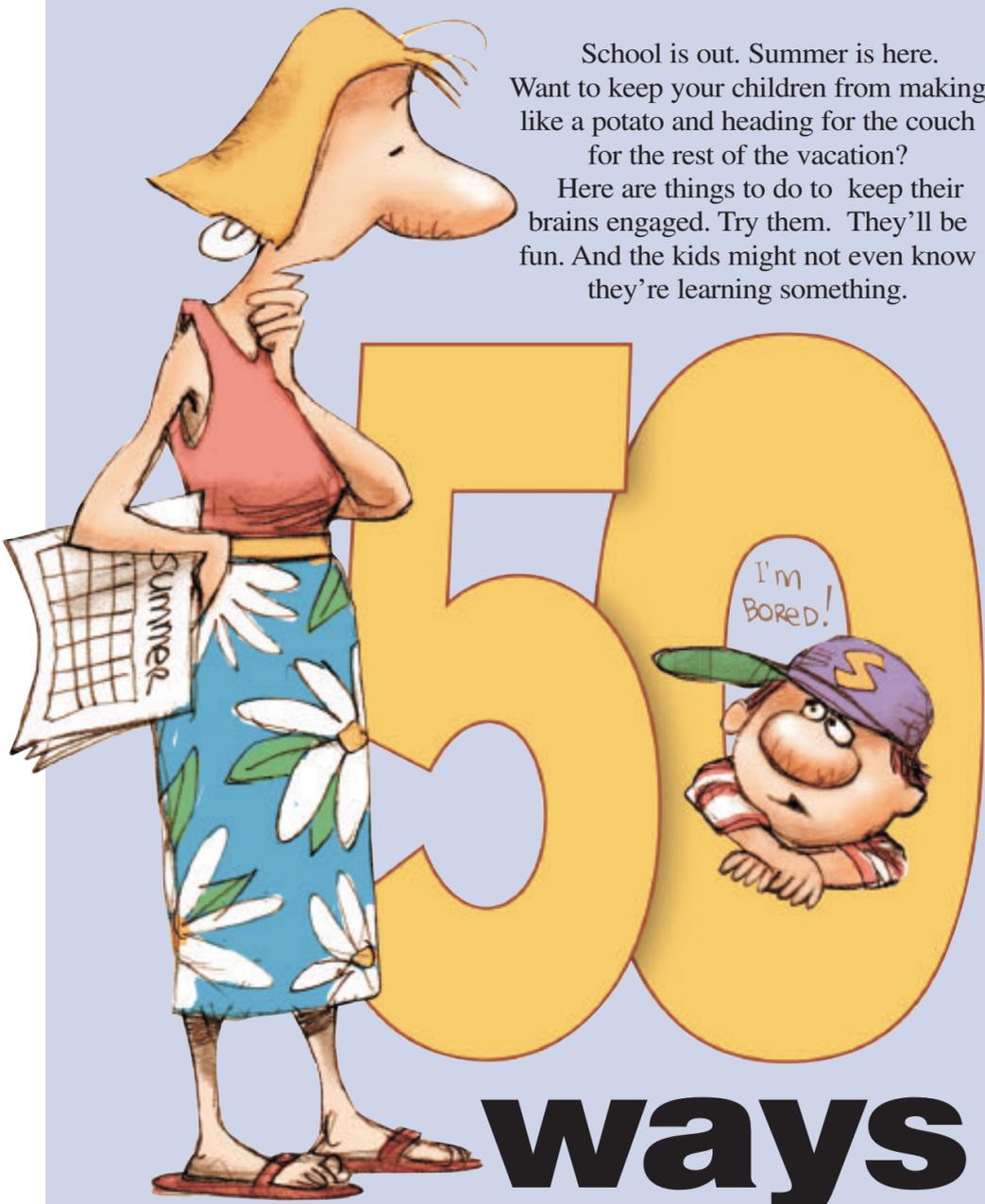
Teach your kids to play chess! **45**



2 Make a macaroni necklace!



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School is out. Summer is here. Want to keep your children from making like a potato and heading for the couch for the rest of the vacation?

Here are things to do to keep their brains engaged. Try them. They'll be fun. And the kids might not even know they're learning something.

ways to beat the summer slump!

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1. If you don't already have a library card, get one. Then sign up for your local library's summer reading club.
2. Make a necklace out of uncooked macaroni and string.
3. Start a journal or diary.
4. Look through your family photo albums or scrapbooks, and tell your favorite stories.
5. Teach your child classic card games, such as gin rummy or go fish.
6. Create something using only toothpicks and glue.
7. Write and draw a comic strip with your child.
8. Encourage your child to be a pen pal, either with classmates or far-away relatives.
9. Cut bread into different shapes: squares, rectangles, triangles, circles. Have your child match them while making a sandwich.
10. Look up a new word in the dictionary and use it that day.
11. Give your child a pail of water and brush to paint on the driveway or sidewalk.
12. When filling up at the gas station, ask your child how much gas you needed and the cost per gallon.
13. When you're driving or walking, have your child look for things that start with the letters A through Z.
14. Make up a story about an animal, and tell it to someone.
15. Take a field trip with the family.
16. Read a story to your child and stop before the end. Ask your child how the story will turn out.
17. In the car, play rhyming and other phonics games: What words rhyme with "hat"? What words start with the same sound as "boy"?
18. Send a card to someone you haven't seen in a year.
19. Have your child cut pictures from old magazines or newspapers. Put them together to tell a story.
20. Ask your child to help plan part of a family meal, such as a salad. Make the shopping list, figure out the best buys, calculate how much ingredients cost.
21. Measure every room in your house and draw a floor plan.
22. Make a collage with items around the house: beans, buttons, yarn.
23. Come up with an invention. Draw plans on paper and then see what you can create.
24. Count the number of steps it takes to walk to the corner.
25. Have your child tell you a favorite story.
26. List your monthly bills: electricity, water, telephone, cable, rent. Ask your children to guess each cost.
27. Give your child an old shoebox to decorate for his or her treasures.
28. Start a hobby with your child, such as collecting rocks or baseball cards.
29. Make a time capsule.
30. Learn a tongue twister.
31. Set up a backyard feeder. Look up the different birds, and listen to their calls.
32. Create a new color.
33. Keep a world map or globe and reference books near the TV. Have your children locate places mentioned on the news.
34. Choose a book you can read aloud to your whole family. Read it every night.
35. Stay home and play a game of Yahtzee or dominoes.
36. Lie on your back outside and name the cloud shapes.
37. Guess the height of your entire family (including pets). Then measure them and see how close your guess was.
38. Have your child find five jobs in the classifieds that interest him or her. Talk about why those jobs would be interesting.
39. Learn to bake bread.
40. Plant some seeds in a cup or pot. Be sure to water them.
41. Draw a map of your neighborhood. Then take a walk and draw your route on the map.
42. Read a book with your child. Then suggest he or she watch the movie based on the book.
43. Organize a family book club. Have everyone read the same book, then choose a night to talk about it.
44. Write a limerick.
45. Teach your child to play chess (or backgammon or checkers ...).
46. Play I Spy.
47. Start an autobiography.
48. Cook dinner with your child. Go over the planning, measurements and the do's and don'ts of preparing food.
49. Start an alphabet book. Write capital and small letters; draw a picture for each letter.
50. Make a paper chain; use bright summer colors and add to it all summer long.



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Plan and cook a meal together!



Locate some of the places you see on TV! **33**

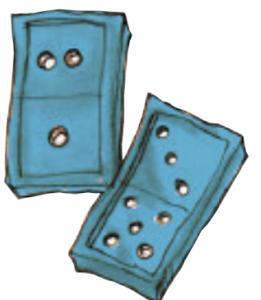


Teach classic card games like go fish! **5**



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Guess the height of your dog or cat!



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Stay home and play dominoes!

