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## DUI, bribe, battery charges and bite from a K-9 make for a bad night for Frostproof man

By ED BALDRIDGE  
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SEBRING — A Frostproof man was jailed in the early morning hours Tuesday after he was stopped on U.S. 27 for suspected DUI, then allegedly tried to bribe an officer, escaped out of a patrol car and

was bitten by a K-9. All that came after he allegedly beat his wife with a bottle of rum. Michael Thomas Dicapua, 35, was stopped for reckless driving after he followed a marked Florida Highway Patrol vehicle at speeds in

excess of 75 mph. at 2:50 a.m. According to FHP Trooper E.N. Cruz, Dicapua got behind his patrol car as he traveled north on U.S. 27 near U.S. 98. Cruz accelerated to 75 mph and Dicapua stayed close behind the marked car for

about half a mile before Cruz slowed and pulled him over at the Circle K at the intersection of U.S. 27 and U.S. 98. A check showed that Dicapua had a revoked driver's license and during the

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Michael Thomas Dicapua

## Pet Appreciation Week



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

4-H member Jenna LaBarr talks about her pet rooster Saturday during a 4-H fundraiser at Tractor Supply in Sebring.

## 4H holds fundraisers, supports Pet Appreciation Week

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING — The Highlands County 4H teamed up with Sebring High School and Hill-Gustat Middle School at the Tractor Supply store in Sebring Saturday for fundraisers and community involvement.

The 4H Cracker Trail Livestock team was sponsored by the Tractor Supply store's Pet Appreciation Week. The 4H students greeted guests and raffled off several pet baskets Saturday morning.

The 4H members offered the warm and fuzzy pets a nice place to cool down right outside the stores doors.

Sebring Middle School student Jenna LaBarr has been a member of 4H for the past

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
Megan Sowards and her pet bunny help raise money 4-H.

## Learning how to evaluate teachers

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
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SEBRING — School administrators and those who will be conducting teacher evaluations starting this school year just completed a seven-day training session on Friday.

Evaluating teachers has been difficult throughout the history of organized education — the major challenge being to maintain objectivity.

The skills a highly effective teacher must master vary greatly, from knowing one's subject to engaging and encouraging the student. It is the rare teacher who is equally strong in all aspects.

In the modern era it was left up to school principals to gauge how effective a teacher is.

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News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
School administrators react to a practice video in which an inept principal unintentionally insults her teacher, gives her no useful information and saddles her with an evaluation that doesn't come close to reflecting the teacher's ability and effort.

## AP council subpoenaed in Rowan suit

Several city employees also required to be in court Aug. 28

By ED BALDRIDGE  
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AVON PARK — Subpoenas in the lawsuit filed by Police Chief Michael J. Rowan were served on Saturday morning to city officials just before the start of the yearly budget hearing.

Three of the five city council members were summoned to court on Aug. 28, including Mayor Sharon Schuler, Councilmen C. Parke Sutherland and Terry Heston.

According to court records, Deputy Mayor Brenda Gray was issued a summons, but was not served on Saturday because she was out of town on an emergency. Schuler announced at the start of the budget workshop.

Councilman Paul Miller was the only member not scheduled to receive a summons served by a Highlands County Court officer and Miller is not

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News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE  
Interim City Manager Julian Deleon and Mayor Sharon Schuler look at the subpoenas they received Saturday morning for the lawsuit filed by Police Chief Michael Rowan.

## County trims \$146k from proposed budget

Most of it comes out of Road & Bridge

By ED BALDRIDGE  
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SEBRING — County commissioners wrapped up their scrutiny of the board's budget and managed to trim \$146,075 in costs after reviewing each department line-by-line.

The final budget total after several weeks of meetings ended at \$114,662,926 with \$921,000 set aside for contingency.

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# More than 260 attend National Night Out events around county

Special to the News-Sun

National Night Out events were held in three locations in Highlands County on Tuesday with approximately 265 people participating.

Reflections on Silver Lake in Avon Park was the largest event with approximately 150 attendees. Law Enforcement Bureau Cmmdr. Major Mark Schrader and Criminal Investigations Capt. Randy LaBelle were the keynote speakers, along with Criminal Investigations Lt. Darin Hood, Det. Sgt. Brian Kramer, K-9 Sgt. Dave Stewart, Dep. Mike Parker and his K-9 partner Maverick. Residents enjoyed hot dogs and all the trimmings.

In Sebring, Francis I Mobile Home Community hosted National Night Out with Patrol Capt. Paul Blackman and Judicial Process Capt. Jeff Barfield addressing the group. Dep. Wayne Gunn and his K-9 partner Sarge also entertained the attendees and fielded questions. This event included a hot dog buffet and after dinner entertainment by the residents. There were approximately 40 people in attendance.

The National Night Out event at Tropical Harbor Estates in Lake Placid had approximately 75 residents participating. Crime Prevention Specialist Nell Hays cooked hot dogs for the dinner and afterwards thanked the residents for their efforts in establishing their Neighborhood Watch group. Detention Bureau



(From left) Capt. Paul Blackman, Sandy Welcome, Amos Keener, Cindy Volpe, Buddy Chambers and Capt. Jeff Barfield at Francis I National Night Out celebration on Tuesday.

Commander Maj. David Paepflow spoke to the group about Sheriff's Office issues and answered questions. Dep. Jake Riley introduced his K-9 partner Wyatt and detailed their role in law enforcement operations.

National Night Out is a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention efforts and strengthen neighborhood spirit and law enforcement/community partnerships.

Last year it is estimated that over 37 million people participated in National Night Out activities across the United States.



Highlands County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Specialist Nell Hays cooks hot dogs for the National Night Out event at Tropical Harbor in Lake Placid on Tuesday.

# AP cuts budget to match falling revenue levels

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AVON PARK — Avon Park's City Council had to approve several drastic cuts in its expenses at the annual budget hearing on Saturday in order to match decreasing revenues.

According to Finance Director Renee Green and Interim City Manager Julian Deleon at the opening of the budget meeting, revenues for the city dropped drastically from 2011.

"This council has done an amazing job with this budget this year. This is a huge accomplishment of keeping taxes at the same level with the loss in revenues without any lost services," Deleon said.

The lost revenue was due mainly to a decrease in housing appraisals, leaving the city with \$701,000 less in the 2012 budget according to Deleon, and he told council he was projecting an additional \$450,000 decrease in revenue in 2012.

Several of the cuts, according to Deleon, were taken throughout all city departments in order to match the lost revenue, leaving less than \$75,000 for contingency in the city's \$5.6 million budget.

"We have \$1.1 million in our reserves," Green told council. "That is the 20 per-

cent that the city set as policy, but we only have \$75,000 in contingency in this budget."

Mayor Sharon Schuler said that \$75,000 wasn't enough for contingency. "If we have a major storm, we will have to take money from the reserves, and that leaves us in a dangerous position," she said.

Most of the savings for the city came from not filling positions and actually cutting jobs.

Several positions in the police department are vacant and Deleon cut three jobs in the Parks Department and both code enforcement officers were reduced to part-time.

Another position not funded was the fire chief, according to Deleon, but the police chief position was still funded despite Deleon making Lt. John King the public safety director over both departments.

King got an additional \$1 per hour to offset the extra duties of working with the APFD.

The streets department was cut from \$619,000 to \$449,480, according to Deleon, despite his guess that asphalt prices will continue to increase for the

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Deleon

## 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, Aug. 4:

- ◆ Jose Alfonso Arteaga, 21, of Lake Placid, was charged with possession of cocaine and possession and or use of drug equipment.
- ◆ Gerald Lamar Boyd, 30, of Sebring, was charged with two counts of withholding support of children or spouse.
- ◆ Melissa Elizabeth Elliott, 33, of Bradenton, was arrested on an out-of-county and out-of-state warrant reference grand theft and possession of anti-shoplifting detection device.
- ◆ Teresa Ann Evans, 39, of Arcadia, was arrested on an out-of-county warrant reference possession of cannabis.
- ◆ William Conner Giles, 61, homeless, was charged with trespassing of property.

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## Correction

The Friday story about financial trouble at the school board misstated the length of time the district will be paying out \$5.4 million in interest payments annually. The school board is obligated until 2027, which is 15 years.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### HLT offers back to school special

SEBRING — Beginning Monday, Highlands Little Theatre will offer a back to school special: Buy one adult ticket for 'Secret Garden' at regular price and get up to two tickets at \$10 each for children 12 and under.

This special price is good at all performances, including the FirstNighters, but cannot be applied to previous purchases.

### The Salvation Army accepts school clothes donations

SEBRING — The Salvation Army, 3135 Kenilworth Blvd., is accepting donations of clothing to meet the unfulfilled clothing needs.

### County Homeowners Association meets Monday

SEBRING — Rep. Denise Grimsley, District 77, will provide members of the Highlands County Homeowners Association with an overview of the 2011 Legislative Session, which will include information on Florida's budget, Medicaid Reform, unemployment, and entitlement program changes.

Jackie Graham, Veterans Service Officer, will present an overview of the Veterans Services Office's programs. She will cover topics such as veteran health related compensation, death and burial benefits, and non-service connected pension assistance. Applications for home loan certificates of eligibility, Veterans Assistance medical enrollment and programs offered by the state of Florida will also be covered. Monthly meetings of the

association are held the second Monday of each month at the Sebring Country Estates Clubhouse, 3240 Grand Prix Ave., Sebring. Monday's meeting is open to the public and will be held from 9-11 a.m. Free coffee, hot tea and donuts are provided.

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

### Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK  
VFW Post 9853 is hosting a getaway to Biloxi at the Beau Rivage from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. Hosted by Rita Dawson at 452-5647. Reservations are limited.

The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have NASCAR on the screen at 1 p.m. today. For more information, call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID  
The American Legion Placid Post 25 will have a game of the Queen of Hearts today. Music with Firearm will be from 3-6 p.m. For more information, call 465-0975.

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

SEBRING  
The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 will have karaoke from 5-8 p.m. today with Bil-Di. Shrimp Night is back on Monday. Men's Auxiliary meeting will be at 7 p.m. Music with Gary and Shirley will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday. For more details, call 385-8902.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, the Sebring Elks 1529 will offer a country breakfast buffet. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 471-3557.

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# 4H, FFA mark Pet Appreciation Week

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
Sophy Mae Mitchell tries to find a home for rescued pets Saturday morning in front of Tractor Supply in Sebring. Mitchell uses her own time and resources to rescue dogs and prepare them for adoption.

rescue at 386-4383.

LaBarr and the rest of the 4H members plan to split the earnings by donating part of the funds to the Humane Society and putting some back into the

4H club's coffers.

The Sebring High School and Hill-Gustat FFA members were present showing support of the 4H as well as holding their own fundraisers.

# Rowan lawsuit set for Aug. 28 court date

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currently required to be in court on Aug. 28.

Interim City Manager Julian Deleon, Project Manager Maria Sutherland, Finance Director Renee Green and several other city employees were also given subpoenas just before the budget session started, including several who worked in the Public Works Department.

Several members of the recall committee and former Mayor Tom Macklin are also on the witness list presented by Rowan's counsel, and Macklin, who was at the budget meeting, stated he had received a summons, but was not making any comments.

Additionally, former city council member George Hall was also listed as a witness. Council members were not immediately available for comment because of the start of the public meeting, but Deleon stated he had no comments on the matter.

"I am here today to focus on the budget," Deleon said.

Rowan made a brief statement later on Saturday con-

cerning the lawsuit, but declined questions regarding his case.

"It is important for the public to know exactly what is going on in the city. There may be more witnesses called and questioned under oath, but with these 25 subpoenas, I think the whole truth will come out," Rowan said.

Rowan was put on paid administrative leave on April 19 amid concerns over his investigation of the city council on complaints of possible corruption and Government in the Sunshine violations.

Rowan filed suit on June 16 because he was placed on unpaid administrative leave on June 13 after backing out of a settlement agreement with Avon Park.

In his lawsuit, Rowan is asking for his job back, back wages and damages in one count of contract violation and one count of "whistleblower" allegations. A whistleblower lawsuit is where an employee alleges he or she was punished for reporting possible wrongdoings about his or her employer.

# County makes cuts to Road & Bridge, others

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The board directed several departments to take a closer look at cuts after the proposed budget was released on July 18, and made the effort to delve closely into every request.

Commissioners dug deep into the Road and Bridge Department, which suffered a \$84,111 cut to its \$10 million budget, and cut funding to outside community services like the Boys and Girls Club dramatically.

"I feel we have given a lot," said Kyle Green, Road and Bridge director.

"We should get out of some of these services over the next five years," said Elwell.

*'I feel like we have given a lot.'*

**KYLE GREEN**

Road and Bridge director

Administrative services, which includes facilities management and the county attorney, were also trimmed by \$108,563, but during the wrap-up of the meeting, commissioner Don Elwell was surprised to see that \$40,000 that was cut from county attorney Ross Macbeth's budget was placed into the contingency fund.

"I am just trying to be fair with every department. I do not understand why we need that in contingency.

"We have \$921,000 this

year, but we had just \$800,000 last year and still have \$350,000 left," Elwell said.

County administrator Ricky Helms explained that he felt the contingency needed to grow this year because the drastic cuts could create problems for each department.

"We have budgeted fuel real close, and I am just concerned that with all the cuts that something unforeseen, like a storm, could create problems.

"If you run out of contingency, you may have to go out and borrow money," Helms

said.

"If you are going to do that, why not just put it back in his budget?" countered Elwell.

Helms asked the commission if they felt contingency needed to be lowered, but could not get a consensus.

Elwell and Richie stated that further cuts could be made, but Chairwoman Barbara Stewart and Commissioner Greg Harris stated they felt the budget was good.

"I will take the advice of the county administrator," Harris said.

After the regular meeting on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., the commissioners will hear from the constitutional officers about their budgets.

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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

# Mature leadership, open to the public

**W**e admire School Superintendent Wally Cox and members of The School Board of Highlands County: Chair Donna Howerton, Andy Tuck, Bill Brantley, J. Ned Hancock and Ronnie Jackson.

Despite grim news bound to upset many, these individuals didn't hide behind a veil of secrecy or double talk; nor did they muddy the numbers or attempt to redirect our attention during their budget workshop on Tuesday.

Instead, Cox and school district financial director Mike Averyt carefully explained the bad news, putting numbers into context, and pulling no punches.

They said that with less money coming from the state as the result of lowered property tax receipts, and having just completed an aggressive construction cycle, the district is faced with less money and more space to maintain.

The debt load for the new construction — which came at a time of rapid growth — now takes almost 75 percent of the capital tax budget.

More ominous is the fact the

board already knows it must trim yet another \$3 million out of the budget for 2012-2013.

If the economy does not right itself within the next two years, the district may not have the funds to operate in the future, Cox warned.

We find it refreshing and hopeful — but unfortunately unusual in Highlands County — to have elected officials and government employees speak the truth openly, especially when those officials and staff may face an angry response, or appear less than perfect.

This is why we were impressed with the forthright discussion among the board members.

We are also grateful that except for Tuck, the board members chose student needs over taxpayer desires.

Not that Tuck doesn't care about children — of course he does.

During the discussion, however, it became clear he was focused on lowering the millage, insisting that more cuts in the budget were possible. More than once he said it was only a matter of department heads doing their jobs. It seems as if he believes there are things left to cut.

We feel for Mr. Tuck. We understand he has made promises and intends to live up to them.

We honor that commitment. But, the world we live in today is caught up in a storm of change — with powerful winds shifting directions, a strong current and crossed seas.

Now is a time to be flexible, not obstinate; realistic, not ideological.

The key is to work through this difficult era, remembering it will not last forever, and that we can still create a better world for our children and grandchildren.

But, it's easy to write an essay or express an opinion — much, much harder to make life and death decisions.

Which is why we congratulate the superintendent and school board members for not blinking in the face of adversi-

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# Travel and Guyana

## Laura's Look

Laura Ware

When I wrote my column on Guyana a few weeks ago, I neglected to talk a lot about travel to and from the Third World nation. One reason was that the trip down to Guyana was relatively uneventful and I had not yet traveled back to the states when I wrote the column.

I say "relatively" uneventful, meaning of course as uneventful as air travel can be these days. Don and I first had to drive to Miami to catch our flight, a long drive that had us tired before we got on the plane. Our flight took off in the mid-afternoon and included a stop in Trinidad, where we were not allowed off the plane but had to sit there for over an hour and wait for a new batch of passengers to come aboard. Thanks to my electronics (Kindle, iPod) it wasn't that big a deal.

We finally arrived in Guyana sometime after 9 p.m. and after wending our way through passport control, baggage claim and customs we finally met our friend Anil and drove two or three more hours to get to our hotel in New Amsterdam. You can say it was a long day.

It was a longer day coming back.

I have to first point out that I did not make the travel arrangements for our trip. Don was the one responsible for that. So he is the one to blame for a flight that took off from the Georgetown airport at 6:20 a.m. As in, morning.

Because we needed to get to the airport a couple of hours early, this meant we had to leave New Amsterdam at the unholy hour of one o'clock in the morning. Don and I tried to deal with this horrible state of affairs by going to bed at 8:30 in the evening.

Don, who can fall asleep whenever he wants to, dropped off immediately. It took me a little longer, since 8:30 p.m. is a little early for my bedtime. I did manage some sleep and so was at least half awake when it was time to leave.

The first part of our flight was uneventful. Don dozed, I read. Then we landed in Trinidad, where, according to our plans, we were supposed to change planes.

Take it from me. Avoid changing planes in Trinidad at all costs.

First, the only way to get from the arrival gate to passport control is via a down escalator. I hate, loathe and despise down escalators — I feel like I'm about to pitch forward on them. Don had to grab one of my carry-ons so I had hands free to grip the railing.

Then, we had to go through passport control, even though we weren't staying in the country. After that, we had to wait to be escorted to a security line so we could pass through security before boarding our flight.

Did I mention that we only had an hour layover? As the minutes ticked by I began to wonder if we would be staying in Trinidad longer than we planned. Fortunately, some official called our flight number and had us moved up to the head of the security line, and we rushed aboard our plane with ten minutes to spare.

As annoying as that was, I will take it over what happened to a recent flight into Guyana. According to an msnbc.com article given to us by a friend, a flight from New York had just landed into Georgetown when the plane slid off the wet runway and broke apart not too far from a 200 foot ravine. Miraculously, no one died, though more than 30 people went to the hospital.

So yes, I'm thankful all I had to do was drive for hours and change planes in Trinidad. There are indeed worse things.

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## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Sand offered to the city for free

Editor:

I offered the city the sand that has accumulate on my property on the south side of the lake to the city for free (it is pretty dry). All they would have to do is come in with dump trucks and scrape up the top layer (1-3 feet) for about 100-by-200 feet.

This would would be 20,000 - 30,000 cubic feet of sand.

David Lowe  
Sebring

### Taxpayers played for suckers by world governments

Editor:

Debt forgiveness is not a one-way street. America has forgiven debts of the entire world even before World War I — China, Russia, Germany, France and Turkey. The entire world owes America for world security. We have more than 900 bases worldwide.

America's debt belongs to all nations, not just America's taxpayers and middle class. America must demand that China and all major powers be responsible for this debt.

In the 1980s, America defense dollars were given to China, Turkey and many other foreign governments by General Electric and many of America's major industries, at the same time foreign engineers of every nation were replacing American engineers. This and millions of visa workers were replacing American worker in defense dollars. These same corporations paid "no" tax dollars for many years.

This unpayable debt is the result of incumbent political office holders who have been in public office for many, many years — 20, 30, 40-plus years. These incompetent politicians are the ones who passed NAFTA

and all the unfair trade deals that allowed America's industries to move to foreign nations and all of America's jobs with them. They also encouraged foreign illegals to take the jobs that could not be moved overseas. They enforced free healthcare, free schooling, all kinds of perks for the illegal workforce, destroying the tax structure of all states. These incumbent rich politicians, who gamed the system should go directly to jail.

Our two-party system is so corrupt that the taxpayer and voters should demand term limits for "all," local, state and federal. They should also demand "hands off of all Social Programs, but most of all they should demand that other nations share the cost of the world's security.

Billie E. Jewett  
Sebring

### Government just needs to tighten its belt

Editor:

What we are not hearing regarding the national debt is that the fiscal year 2011 is projected to reach an all-time record \$1.5 trillion; more than three times the amount President Obama inherited. The White House is not telling us that President Obama has added more than \$4 trillion to the national debt.

Also, the annual interest payment on the national debt is \$438 billion, which is an amount greater than we spend on these combined — Department of: Commerce, Education, Energy, Homeland Security, Housing Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury and the Environmental Protection Agency.

We are being told that we don't have any option but to raise the debt ceiling. But we

do have some options. We can lower our debt, just: eliminate all remaining "Economic Stimulus Funding - \$45 billion total savings; eliminate federal control of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac - \$30 billion total savings; eliminate funding for Obama Care administrative costs - \$900 million annual savings; eliminate the National Endowment for the Arts - \$167.5 million annual savings; eliminate the National Endowment for the Humanities - \$167.5 million annual savings; eliminate beach replenishment - \$95 million annual savings, eliminate the International Fund for Ireland \$17 million annual savings; eliminate the Presidential Campaign Fund - \$77.5 million annual savings (why are we, the taxpayers, paying for a presidential campaign fund?); eliminate the Market Access Program - \$200 million annual savings; eliminate intercity and high speed rail guards - \$2.5 billion annual savings; eliminate Amtrak subsidies - \$1.6 billion annual savings; eliminate the Appalachian Regional Commission - \$76 million annual savings; eliminate the U.S. Agency for International Development - \$1.4 billion annual savings; eliminate duplicative educational programs - \$1.3 billion annual savings; eliminate the Essential Air Service - \$150 million annual savings, eliminate the Corporation for Public Broadcasting subsidy - \$445 million annual savings; eliminate the "Ready to Learn" TV program - \$27 million savings; eliminate the "Save America's Treasures" program - \$25 million savings; and eliminate the "Heritage Area Grants and Statutory Aid" - \$24 million annual savings.

Senator Jim DeMint says that if Congress will make these necessary deep spending cuts, it will help save our country from bankruptcy.

If those hundreds of billions of dollars can be eliminated in these wasteful government

programs, then there is hope for our wonderful country.

There are times when we, in our families, have to "tighten our belts" financially. Now, it is time for our government to "tighten the belts."

Peg McKinley  
Avon Park

### Bouquet

#### Community pulls together for Jetton

Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Highlands County for their support and donations to the Diaper & Essentials Drive for Alicia Jetton. Through your generosity we were able to fill a storage unit full of love to help her with the care of her twins, Carter and Hayden.

We would like to also recognize the following businesses for allowing us to place collections boxes for donations; Heartland National Bank in Avon Park; Bob Evans Restaurant, both local newspapers, Polston Engineering, Jones Oil & Tire, Inc., Grace Bible Church, Cut N Up Hair Salon, and Highlands County Sheriff's Department, all located in Sebring; in Lake Placid, Golden Corral Restaurant and Jones Oil & Tire, Inc; also WWOJ/WWTK for all the radio air time and announcements.

Without the support of the community this would not have been a success. We wish Alicia the best in the coming weeks with the arrival of the babies.

Let us not ever forget the sacrifices our young men and women are making on a daily basis to ensure our freedoms.

Janine Jones and Brittany Chess

# Sebring council studies Lake Regency Woods water line extension

**By SAMANTHA GHOLAR**  
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**SEBRING** — Sebring City Council members discussed the use of the settlement agreement funds from a lawsuit between the city and Mark Inc./American Southern Insurance Company to extend the water line of Lake Regency Woods on Tuesday.

The city received funds as part of the settlement and the funds were expected to be used to extend a water main to the subdivision.

An existing 6-inch line is present in phase one of the subdivision. The city must approve and finalize the bids for the design, engineering and permitting of Lake Regency Woods water line extension.

The project calls for a 12-inch water main to be run from State Road 66/U.S. 98 intersection in south Sebring to the entrance of Lake Regency Woods and connect to the existing 6-inch main.

Future lines would be capped near Skipper Road

connecting to phases two and three once construction is completed.

The infrastructure (water and roads) were to be provided by the city, according to Jarrett Cooper, attorney representing Tripp Scott Law Firm in the Fort Lauderdale area.

“The city is obligated to put in water lines in phases one, two and three and to ultimately construct the roads. The legal obligation to use the funds to place water lines and any extra funds to

create roads,” said Cooper.

Cooper stated that a 12-inch main should be put as well as roads under the city’s acceptance of the \$350,000 service bond. The city initially discussed paying attorney’s fees out of the bond then using the rest of the funds to finish development in the subdivision.

“Phase one, phase two and phase three should have their water line and they should have their road before the city pays anything,” Cooper said. “If the city doesn’t

honor obligations then conflict can be unavoidable.”

Council members discussed the intent of getting bids for the project for several minutes following Cooper’s address.

The council members discussed which route, either down U.S. 27 or through an alternate canal route, would be most beneficial for the city in the long run.

“I would recommend bidding each of the routes. So bid original route, you bid route down 27 to the entrance

and if you so desire we can add as an alternate to that bid extending it to the phase two three portion that’s on the map you have before you tonight,” City Administrator Scott Noethlich said.

The council voted unanimously to table the agenda item until the city could collect bids from engineers to make a comparison between each before authorizing the finalization of the project plans.

## Teacher evaluation system training held

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 But this method has not proven either fair or accurate — too much is left to the whim of the evaluator.

With a renewed focus on classroom performance, and a movement toward verifiable data, schools districts are creating new teacher evaluation systems.

The system chosen by district officials is what school-based administrators have been learning this past week.

Based on the work of Charlotte Danielson, Highlands County is introducing a method that organizes an evaluation into two major parts.

On the one hand, evaluators will be observing different components of a teacher’s work including content and teaching methods, interaction with and knowledge of students, use of resources, classroom management, time management, communication, use of questions, maintaining accurate records and demonstrating professionalism among 22 different components.

While observing a teacher in action, the next step is to rate how he or she does in each of the components. In the district’s case, evaluators will decide whether a teacher is highly effective or effective, or if the individual needs improvement or is ineffective in the classroom.

The evaluators were shown videos of teachers in actual classrooms, teaching a lesson. They were then broken into groups to discuss what they saw and rate the teacher’s work.

Examples ranged from outlandish mistakes — a first-year 10th grade biology teacher, for instance, telling her students to drop their genes on the floor,

meaning slips of paper they had marked as dominant or recessive genes — to subtler problems, like an elementary teacher of English as a second language creating a lesson plan that was over his students’ heads.

But the evaluators are not learning to look judgementally. Rather, the emphasis is on a holistic approach and how to teach the teacher.

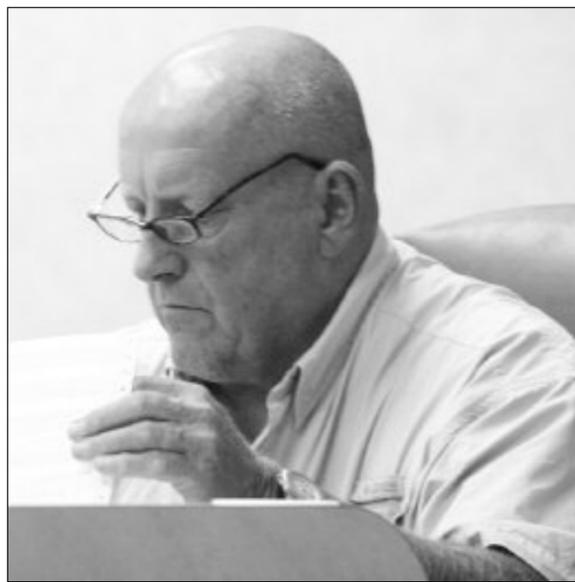
The evaluators were taught to look below the surface and back their statements with specific observations. They were told never to “feel”, but to see and hear, to say “I observed” or “I noticed” instead of “I think.”

One of the nagging problems in evaluating any performance is having a system that provides consistent results. In the past a teacher might get a glowing review from one person and be panned by another.

The new system is designed to stop that pendulum swing, by having all evaluators using objective data — for example, in the English class video the school administrators thought he did well in giving directions and setting time deadlines, but also gave a confusing amount of information and set no clear objective for the lesson.

The new process shows promise. The facilitator of the training session had the school administrators place Post-it notes next to the teaching component on one of four rating sheets taped to a wall to indicate their opinion about the teacher in the video.

With an occasional exception, the notes tended to group together, indicating the administrators were coming to the same, or very close, conclusions.



News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE  
**Avon Park Councilman Paul Miller takes a close look at the budget printout on Saturday morning.**

## Council slashes Avon Park budget

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Certain departments that generate enterprise revenue, like the water department, now share a portion of the salaries for the city administration, reducing some of the amounts in each department’s budget.

Green told council that the county contributions to the recreation department are also being cut from the \$180,000 they received in 2011 to \$110,000 projected in 2012.

“The county said they would increase their contributions possibly to \$150,000 if they have some money left out of their budget, but I don’t see that happening,” Green said.

The biggest change in the budget came in how executive salaries were budgeted, according to DeLeon.

### Mahoney charged with DUI

*Associated Press*  
**MIAMI** — Former South Florida U.S. Congressman Tim Mahoney has been arrested for DUI after police found him sleeping in his car on the side of the road.

Palm Beach Gardens Police Commander William Brandt said the former lawmaker was sleeping behind the wheel around 3 a.m. Saturday. He was charged with DUI “based on the investigation and after talking to the driver.”

A jail spokeswoman said Mahoney will be released on his own recognizance, but declined to say when. A telephone message left for Mahoney was not immediately returned.

## Escape attempt ends with bite from K-9

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interview, Cruz observed an open beer.

Dicapua failed a sobriety test and was placed in the back of the trooper vehicle in handcuffs at which point he offered Trooper Cruz “\$500 if you let me leave,” according to the FHP report.

Dicapua had just \$419 and a piece of broken glass in his pocket.

While Trooper Cruz was searching Dicapua’s vehicle, Dicapua slipped his handcuffs in front of him, the report said. Upon checking, Cruz re-positioned the handcuffs and returned Dicapua to the back seat of the trooper cruiser.

Cruz was approached by an off-duty Okeechobee officer who asked if Cruz needed help, but after returning to his car noticed the Dicapua had climbed through the sliding portion of the cage between the front and back seats and had escaped.

Cruz called for and received assistance from an

Highlands County Sheriff Office K-9 unit.

At approximately 4:07 a.m., the K-9 found Dicapua and “bit him on the left lower leg,” Cruz wrote in his statement.

Dicapua was transported to an undisclosed hospital and treated for a dog bite before being booked into the Highlands County Jail.

Earlier in the night, deputies report that Dicapua had struck his wife with a Barcardi bottle several times on the head, arm and leg before the bottle broke and cut her after an argument started over money.

The victim told the HCSO that Dicapua was already out on bail from Polk county for domestic violence charges.

Dicapua was charged with obstruction, escape, DUI, aggravated battery with bodily harm, bribery of a public servant, non-moving traffic violation while license is suspended, second offense and resisting an officer.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
**School administrators react to a practice video in which an inept principal unintentionally insults her teacher, gives her no useful information and saddles her with a evaluation that doesn’t come close to reflecting the teacher’s ability and effort.**

## OBITUARIES

### BONNIE HOLLAND

Bonnie J. Holland, age 75, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011 in Sebring, Fla. She was born in Flint, Mich., on April 28, 1936 to Jacob F. and Virginia (Warren) Back. She was a homemaker, attended the Crossroads Fellowship Church in Sebring and was a member of Kingsway Fellowship International and New Life Church in Arcadia, Fla.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Rev. Floyd D. Holland of Sebring; son, Kevin Scott (Lorna) Holland, Flint, Mich.; daughter, Debbie Rene (Tony) Richendollar, Greenfield, Mo.; brother, Roland Lee Back, Flint, Mich.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Aug. 8, 2011 from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Services will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Crossroads Fellowship Church in Sebring. Burial will follow in Lakeview Memorial Gardens. Contributions may be made in her memory to Good Shepherd Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to:

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Tech Sgt. Daniel Douville in Afghanistan.

## Strength from above

To be an explosive ordnance disposal technician, one must possess uncommon physical and emotional strength. Think "The Hurt Locker" — with all the Hollywood stripped out.

With sweat dripping from their foreheads, U.S. troops disabling roadside bombs in Afghanistan and Iraq know that any given moment could be the end. Perhaps that's why Tech Sgt. Daniel Douville, 33, lived every day like it was his last.

While pictures of this brave airman show an imposing, muscular figure, a conversation with his wife of 14 years, LaShana Douville, left no doubt about the potency of his character. When asked how her family is coping with their hero's tragic death on June 26 in Afghanistan, LaShana was calm, composed, and strong. "We're doing OK," she told *The Unknown Soldiers*. "We're taking things one day at a time."

After Tech Sgt. Douville's death, which the Pentagon said was the result of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device blew up on the border of the volatile Helmand Province's Nad'Ali District, the most pressing concern was the couple's three children, Jadelynn, 14, Ayjah-Danielle, 12, and Daniel Jr., 9.

"I asked (Jadelynn), 'How are you doing? Because you're really quiet,'" LaShana, 33, said. "She said she's being what she knows her dad would want her to be, and that's strong."

Mom is equally proud of their youngest daughter. "My 12-year-old has really stepped up," LaShana explained. "She's realized how important this is and what happened."

As the only son of a larger-than-life figure, Daniel Jr.



shared a special bond with his father. While praising their son's tenacity during a time of tragedy, LaShana spoke of an empty spot inside the boy's big heart.

"My 9-year-old understands, but he's having the most difficult time," she said. "He doesn't have Dad."

At his father's memorial ceremony, the Bronze Star Medal awarded to his dad was pinned on Daniel Jr.'s shirt, just above his heart. As always, Mom was by his side.

"I'm here," she said. "I'll be here to take care of him."

Even while disabling enemy bombs by day during his combat deployments, Douville would still manage to be a part of parent-teacher conferences by night.

"He would call in from Afghanistan to be on speakerphone," LaShana said. "From the beginning, he wanted to take care of me and our kids."

During what turned out to be their last conversation, Douville calmed his wife's nerves from half a world away. On a Saturday, he phoned to let her know he was safe after not being able to call during the previous days' grueling back-to-back missions.

"He hadn't really slept," LaShana recalled. "He mentioned a third mission but said he wouldn't be going."

On Sunday, he was killed. "Obviously, he went on that third mission," she said.

Without the love and support of relatives, friends, and fellow airmen, times would be even tougher at the Douvilles' Fort Walton Beach home. But during the most difficult weeks of her life, nothing has been more important to LaShana than her faith.

"That is exactly what has helped me through all of this," she said. "I found the strength I never knew I had."

LaShana said that as a humble warrior, her husband rarely spoke to her about his heroic accomplishments. After he was killed, she realized that in between those parent-teacher conferences, he was doing amazing things.

"He saved a lot of lives out there and put a lot of bad people away," LaShana said. "I've heard so many people say so many times that he was the best."

While being the best he could be on the battlefield was very important to Tech Sgt. Daniel Douville, nothing mattered more than his family.

"We talked about being parents," she said. "But we even talked about someday being grandparents."

Through all the family milestones still to come, LaShana said with absolute certainty that her husband, a man of deep faith, is watching over his wife and children.

"Not only was he my husband," she said. "He was my best friend. He was a good person."

LaShana Douville still feels her husband's strength from the heavens above. "I'm OK," she said.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

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- ♦ Michael Hernaiz, 24, of Avon Park, was charged with violation of probation reference grand theft.
- ♦ Angel Luis Hernandez, 22, of Sebring, was charged with four counts of failure to appear reference improper exhibition of a dangerous weapon, petit theft, knowingly driving with license suspended or revoked and resisting/obstructing an officer without violence.
- ♦ Demarkus Lamar Hicks, 20, of Avon Park, was charged with failure to appear reference trespass of a structure/conveyance.
- ♦ Alvin King, 51, was charged with sexual assault.
- ♦ Lance Lanier Legree, 23, of Lake Placid, was charged

- with failure to appear reference resisting/obstructing an officer without violence.
- ♦ Julio Ceaser Luna, 26, of Sebring, was charged with possession and or use of drug equipment, possession of cocaine, and possession of marijuana.
- ♦ Shydah Alaisha McRae, 23, of Avon Park, was charged with battery.
- ♦ Luis Auturo Mendez, 41, of Lake Placid, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.
- ♦ Theresa Olga Ramos, 43, of Sebring, was charged with two counts of failure to appear reference knowingly driving with license suspended/revoked, and no motor vehicle registration.
- ♦ Harold James Rhinehardt,

- 48, of Avon Park, was charged with battery.
- ♦ Roger Dale Rhodes, 44, of Tampa, was charged with driving while license suspended.
- ♦ Jean Desirdieu Sanpeur, 62, of Orlando, was charged with failure to appear reference knowingly driving with license suspended/revoked.
- ♦ Shammara Sherice Smith, 23, of Avon Park, was charged with battery.
- ♦ Tammy Michelle Taylor, 46, of Avon Park, was charged with aggravated battery.
- ♦ Darrell Mark Tyndall, 51, of Avon Park, was charged with DUI.
- ♦ Santiago Velasco, 23, of Avon Park, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.

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# Sebring soldier helping build police force in Afghanistan

By SENIOR AIRMAN JESSICA LOCKOSKI  
16th Mobile Public Affairs

Detachment

FOB SPIN BOLDAK , Afghanistan - Coalition advisors with NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan begin a significant day by helping Afghan National Police inprocess an additional class of recruits, marking the official expansion of the ANP academy at Forward Operating Base Spin Boldak on July 4.

"The academy's \$2 million expansion project allows 250 more students to complete police training here, which helps NTM-A meet a big-picture goal of producing 170,000 police officers nationwide," said 1st Lt. James Ingerick, training advisor, MTM-A.

The ANP academy's six-week course allows U.S. Army Reserve military police soldiers, Estonian Gendarmerie (army and police force) to work together, closely supervising two classes of up to 450 students after the Afghan's initial inprocessing, known as Day Zero.

On Day Zero, the coalition team met new students at the FOB entry point, where they prepositioned stations to search and enroll them into the academy, now doubled in size.

"The process went well," said Cpl. Michel Edmonston, a Sebring native from the 320th Military Police Company, St. Petersburg. "We searched them for contraband such as weapons, drugs or tobacco products - anything they can hurt themselves or anyone else."

"We also look for cell phones, memory chips, and chargers because, once they enter the school, they are not



Photo by Senior Airman Jessica Lockoski  
Cpl. Michael Edmonston, training advisor, NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan, searches a new Afghan National Police recruit for cell phones and contraband during the first day of ANP academy inprocessing at Forward Operating Base Spin Boldak, Afghanistan on July 4. Edmonston is a Sebring native and Army National Guard military police officer assigned to the 320th MP Company, St. Petersburg.

allowed to communicate to anyone outside the compound."

The advisors assign the recruits a student number, take their picture and officially log them into a system where biometrics data is cross-referenced to identify any prior criminal activity.

"This new group of recruits is a lively group," said Ingerick.

"I think the word is getting out this is a good program here and good for this nation. The better they get, the stronger the ANP force will be and the easier it will be for us to step back and out of the country."

*'I like my mission, I like what I do. The days are not monotonous, and it challenges me because situations we face are not among typical soldier duties.'*

CPL. MICHAEL EDMONSTON  
Sebring soldier serving in Afghanistan

Ingerick, who is a full-time Rochester police officer and Army National Guardsman from the 2nd Battalion, 389th Regiment, 4th Brigade, 98th Division of Institutional Training in New York, said transforming Afghans into policemen is similar to how

U.S. police are introduced into their respective residential academies and how MPs are trained in the Army.

"First and foremost, the students are taught the role of the police officer," he said. "Because of the amount of corruption in Afghanistan,

they are taught how to handle it as an authoritative figure."

Additionally, Afghan police instructors teach students how to use the AK-47 rifle, conduct patrols, vehicle search procedures, as well as classes in literacy. These skills as well as physical fitness training are supervised by the coalition advisors.

"Most of the courses taught at an American police academy, the students learn in a compact version here," said Ingerick.

The MPs' skills from their civilian occupations will also allow the team to solve situations the coalition team may face with twice the amount of

students they oversee, he added. Although there are double the students, the advisory staff size will remain the same.

The soldiers working with Ingerick are all individual augmentee mobilized reservists from various units in Florida who have backgrounds in law enforcement and corrections.

"Every day at the academy is different," said Edmonston, who volunteered for his deployment with NMT-A.

"I like my mission, I like what I do. The days are not monotonous, and it challenges me because situations we face are not among typical Soldier duties."

In an advisory role, Edmonston said they oversee the Afghans' logistics so the ANP can take control of their facilities and run their training schedules.

"We steer them in the right direction to make that happen," he added.

After graduating, the police will work within Kandahar province. Ingerick said the new class of recruits will also be the last to go through the current ANP academy course.

By September, the expansion will allow for Afghan Border Police to join the ANP in a new eight-week Afghan Unified Police program, further aiding the security in Kandahar province.

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## June 17, 2011

Valentine Burrell to Phil R. Gentry, L8 Blk EE Spring Lake Village V, \$135,000.

Thomas LaMorte to Genesis Property Investments of Highlands, L2 Blk J Spring Lake Sec. 1, \$50,000.

Carrie E. Walker to Dee Ann Lott, L21 Blk 11 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 7, \$107,900.

William J. Montgomery to Robert McAllister, PT L6 Cindy's Groves Sub Unit 1, \$50,000.

Larue Ann Marine to Brenda Jane Marine Hurley, Unit 510 Interlake Condo, \$20,000.

Christopher R. Jolly to Rondall L. Tomblin, PT L4 Pohlman Acres First Add/Easement, \$79,900.

James D. Urie to Jeremy Freeze, L11110-11112 Avon Park Lakes Unit 34, \$89,900.

Darlene Harvey to Randy L. Allamand, L31 PT L32 Blk 129 Lakeview Place Add, \$40,000.

Richard S. Crowley to Thomas J. Williams, L7 Blk 7 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 4, \$6,500.

Fannie Mae to Kevin Fisher, L8 Blk 123 La Paloma, \$59,900.

## June 20

Florida Aragon Corp. to Helen M. Conway, L13 Highlands Sunshine Ranches/Easement, \$275,000.

Undine Bennett to Robert G. Love, Unit 408 The Fountainhead Condo, \$85,000.

Highlands County Habitat for Humanity Inc. to John Lamperti, L39 Masons Ridge, \$81,500.

Highlands County Habitat for Humanity Inc. to John Harmon, L38 Mason's Ridge, \$81,500.

Farm Credit of Central Florida to Abderrahim McHatet, L27 Blk 31 Sebring Hills South Unit 2, \$2,900.

DFC Loan Funding Co. to Oscar H. Sorto, L13 Blk 198 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 11, \$12,900.

G S F Enterprise Inc. to Abderrahim McHatet, L8 Blk 207 Altamont Place Add, \$2,000.

Jean M. Hannibal to John Hughes, L60 Blk 100 Placid Lakes Sec. 18, \$105,000.

Daniel C. Waite to George Thompson, L9 Blk 13 Fransvilla, \$225,000.

DFC Funding Co. to Mandisa Stephenson, L12

Blk 198 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 11, \$12,900.

Carlos A. Hernandez Jr. to Erick Loyarte, L14 Blk 1 Altamont Place Add 2, \$45,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to Carol Ann Frichtl Stanley, L44 Pine and Lake Sub, \$15,000.

Joseph Magisano to Arthur H. Jones, L85B Vantage Pointe Phase II, \$10,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to Euclides Marmolejos-Baez, L12 Blk 7 Lake Haven Est. Sec. 1, \$125,000.

Parkside Village of Sebring to John P. Celebre, PT L181 West Sebring Est. Sec. B, \$113,500.

HSBC Bank USA to Earnest H. Rawls, L7 Hathaway Sub, \$260,000.

## June 21

Heriberto Arce to Pedro Lira Padilla, L1 Blk 26 Sun'N Lakes Est. Acres Sec. 34, \$70,000.

Peter Harrison to Allen R. Wilson, L195 Fairmount Mobile Est., \$35,000.

HSBC Bank USA to Barbara Fong, L4/5 Blk 19 Sebring Lakes Unit 2C, \$63,400.

Harborpoint Media to Daniel T. Parnassa, L6-13 PT L14 Blk R Sunset Point/Others, \$800,000.

## June 22

Lori Lockhart to Lori Ann Lockhart, L20 Blk 11 Sylvan Shores Est. Sec. B, \$30,000.

Richard E. Young to Herbert A. Casares, L20/21 Blk 109 Lakeview Place Sub, \$35,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to Kerrie A. Slavens, L1 Blk 79 Hillside Lake Est., \$45,000.

Julia S. Finnigan to Martin Wohl, L16 Highland Lakes Reserve, \$65,000.

Donald Gonzalez to John Fitzwater, L42 Sylvan Shores Est. Sec. D, \$84,500.

Suntrust Mortgage Inc. to Vito Tamma, PT Sec. 24-34-30, \$19,000.

## June 23

Suntrust Bank to Kenneth L. Smith, L22 Blk 17 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 1, \$40,000.

Donald B. Soldini to Alana Kesha Scoon, L7 Blk 122 Placid Lakes Sec. 9, \$34,900.

First East Side Savings Bank to Michael T. Walker, L15 Blk 11 Placid Lakes Sec. 2, \$105,000.

U.S. Bank to Jerry

Batson, L92/93 Avon Park Lakes Unit 1, \$41,500.

Shirley M. Butts to Gloria E. Conway, L524 Sebring Ridge Sec. A, \$45,000.

## June 24

Katherine E. Cord to Isabel Ramos, PT Tract C Buchanan's Green Acres/Other, \$28,000.

Fannie Mae to Blue Water Ventures Inc., L31/32 Blk 6 Casa Loma Sub, \$32,000.

Eghbal Jalali to Antonio E. Piedra, L29 Blk 7 Sebring 98 Sec. 1/Other, \$4,000.

Avon Park Estates Corp. to Dirk Dindial, PT L6 Avon Park Est. Unit II/Other, \$60,000.

Jamie E. Graham to Jerry A. Hoops, L9 Blk 51 Placid Lakes Sec. 6, \$90,000.

Daniel P. Solis to Lynnette M. McQueen, L29 Blk 8 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 11, \$22,000.

Northern Maine Development Commission Inc. to Southeast Regional Realty Corp., L26 Blk 4 Highlands Park Est. Sec. K, \$1,000.

Olive Jodoin to Mary E. Joly, L5 Golfside of Sun'N Lakes, \$35,000.

Andrew Costello to Brandon S. Craig, L9 Blk 7 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 8, \$135,000.

## June 27

Highlands County Habitat for Humanity Inc. to Jose Luis Ortiz, L40 Mason's Ridge, \$95,000.

Mark W. Fitzsimmons to Travis E. Harstine, L16 Blk 155 Placid Lakes Sec. 12, \$89,900.

Glenn Lahti to Buyblocker.com Inc., L6 Gran-Lore Ranchettes 1st Add, \$40,000.

Donald B. Soldini to Joseph C. Hodge, L2 Blk 167 Placid Lakes Sec. 13, \$7,000.

Eric Strand to Ralph

Demers, L87 Highlands Homes Sub, \$1,000.

Catherine T. Chemnitz to Ronald G. Richards, L2 Blk 6 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 8, \$3,500.

Heartland National Bank to Aaron Dean Sharp, L13 Lorida Acres, \$13,500.

Henry Estates to Edward W. Koornneef, PT TR 24 Lagrow Acres Unrec/Other, \$67,500.

William K. Brantley II to Edward W. Koornneef, PT TR 26 In Sec. 6-39-30, \$31,500.

Avon Park Estates Corp. to Allendy Victor, PT L8 Blk 35 Avon Park Est., \$26,900.

Avon Park Estates Corp. to Fleetwood Chapman Jr., PT L6 Blk 27 Avon Park Est. Unit II, \$19,900.

Avon Park Estates Corp. to Samuel Gray Mack Jr., PT L5 Blk 9 Avon Park Est. Unit II, \$21,900.

Henry Golin to Thomas L. Weldon Jr., L20 Blk 209 Sun'N Lakes Est. Sec. 18, \$4,400.

Lake Placid Development Corp. Inc. to Efrain Barreto-Roldan, L30 Blk 38 Placid Lakes Sec. 4, \$12,900.

Creative Realty Management Inc. to Charlie Cabrera, L8 Blk S Spring Lake Village VIII, \$6,000.

Creative Realty Management Inc. to Charlie Cabrera, L1 Blk BB Spring Lake Village VI, \$6,000.

Creative Realty Management Inc. to Charlie Cabrera, L4/5 Blk A Spring Lake Village VIII, \$6,000.

PNC Bank to William Libby, Tract 3 Suburbia Acres Unrec, \$115,000.

Joseph W. Baidinger to Mark A. Boivin, L72 Willow Gate, \$119,000.

David L. Stephens to Robert L. Clark, Tract 15 Blk 243 Sebring Heights, \$116,000.

Evelyn C. Kersey to Charles L. Hughes, L18

Blk 1 Harder Hall Country Club II, \$140,000.

Allen R. Wolfe to Edwin Stemmler, L3-5 Blk 54 Lakewood Terraces, \$68,000.

Howard E. Walck to Kimberly D. Harris, L247 Sebring Hills, \$56,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to BWT, L2 Blk 427 Highland Towers Sub Revised/Other, \$45,000.

## June 28

Leisure Lakes Development Inc. to Douglas E. Galvez, L36 Blk 177 Leisure Lakes Sec. 3, \$52,900.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Frank Conway, L11 Blk SS Spring Lake Village V, \$30,000.

Ileana A. Varas to Jo Ann Murphy, Unit 111 North Villas at Placid Lakes Communities, \$20,000.

Mai Van Ha to Van Minh Nguyen, L5 Blk 8 Sun'N Lakes Est. Acres Sec. 27, \$60,000.

Virginia Rhoades to Lake Placid Development Corp. Inc., L7 Blk 105 Placid Lakes Sec. 15, \$3,500.

Celso C. Cueto to Moises Alicea, L25 Blk 48 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 2, \$68,000.

Joseph M. Desimone to Brian Delaney, PT Sec. 10-33-29, \$51,500.

Asnaldo Current to Jose Jesus Gamez, L17/20 Blk 68 Town of Avon Park, \$90,000.

In His Name Developments Inc. to Willie Johns, PT Sec. 28-36-29/E a s e m e n t , \$282,400.

## June 29

Robert T. Jones to Richard W. Haines, L1 PT L2 Blk 265 Lake Sebring Sub, \$84,000.

Robert Leon Boyd to Candelario Banda, PT L6 Blk 24 In Sec. 22-33-28,

\$3,500.

Arch Bay Holdings to Quinton Gordon, L10 Blk 3 Lotela Hts., \$10,300.

Mary B. Corredera to Harry Turrell, L18 Blk 266 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13, \$129,000.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Kenneth L. Smith, L10 Blk 25 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 3, \$62,500.

Gregory Hellmuth to Nationstar Mortgage, L13/14 Blk 13 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 1, \$131,500.

William L. Buchanan to American Properties, L518 Sebring Ridge Sec. A, \$56,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to Louis H. Sterling, L2 Blk 289 Placid Lakes Sec. 20, \$2,700.

Janet Keough to Jaime Figueroa Jr., L10285/10286 PT L10284 Avon Park Lakes Unit 32, \$93,500.

## June 30

Janet Bernfeld to James M. Painter, PT L9 Tall Oaks, \$165,000.

Laurene W. Tibbs to Alexander Malcomson III, Villa 1D Bluffs of Sebring Condo Phase I, \$119,000.

John J. Walsh to John Magnuson, L9 Blk C Lake Jackson Heights, \$113,000.

Alphonso Maxime to Alphonso Maxime, L7 Blk 23 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 2, \$30,000.

Angela M. Holderread to Bobbie A. Melton, L9/10 Blk 8 Lake Letta Est., \$18,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to DCF Investments, Tracts 4/5 Stock and Brown Unrec Sub, \$210,000.

Larry C. Reno to Homer H. Nichols, Unit 35A Norstar Cove Villas I, \$150,000.

John Ostojich to Jerry K. Lang, L6 Blk N Tomoka Heights Sec. 1, \$128,000.

## Fannie Mae loss widens; asking taxpayers for \$2.8B

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Government-controlled mortgage company Fannie Mae said Friday that its second-quarter loss widened as it continues to seek loan modifications to help reduce defaults amid the ongoing difficulties in the housing and mortgage markets.

Fannie Mae also made \$2.3 billion in dividend payments to the U.S. Treasury during the period, which reduces the amount it will be asking taxpayers for to \$2.8 billion from \$5.1 billion.

Fannie's rescue has been one of the most expensive government bailouts. The amount of money it has received from the Treasury to stay afloat is set to rise to \$104.8 billion when accounting for the latest request. Fannie has paid back \$14.7 billion to the Treasury in dividends as of the end of June.

Fannie Mae, based in Washington, D.C., and sibling Freddie Mac, based in McLean, Va., were created by Congress to buy mortgages from lenders and package

them into bonds that are resold to global investors.

They own or guarantee about half of all mortgages in the U.S., or nearly 31 million home loans worth more than \$5 trillion. Along with other federal agencies, they backed nearly 90 percent of new mortgages over the past year.

The government took over the companies in September 2008 after massive losses on risky mortgage bonds threatened to topple them. The government then put them into conservatorship, a legal arrangement under which the companies' government regulator controls their financial decisions.

In the second quarter ended June 30, Fannie Mae lost \$5.18 billion, or 90 cents per share. That compares with a loss of \$3.13 billion, or 55 cents per share, a year earlier.

Revenue climbed 16 percent to \$5.24 billion from \$4.5 billion.

Net interest income, or money earned from deposits and loans, increased 18 percent to \$4.97 billion from \$4.21 billion.

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# BUSINESS

## Taking advantage of the gift, estate tax exemption while it lasts

**By DARIN GIBSON**  
*Special to the News-Sun*

The long-awaited Tax Relief Act of 2010 is providing an unprecedented opportunity through the end of 2012, for everyone — not just the ultra-wealthy — to benefit from short-term tax breaks impacting gifting and estate planning.

The Tax Act, which was signed by President Obama in December of 2010, provided a number of short-term opportunities — the most substantial being an increase of the gift tax, estate tax and generation-skipping (GST) tax exemptions, which have been raised to \$5 million.

Those who act now by establishing new trusts, giving substantial gifts, revisiting life insurance policies and more will be able to transfer considerable wealth without being significantly taxed.

Since the exemption is only valid until 2013, acting quickly and efficiently is necessary to completely take advantage of the Tax Act. It's imperative for individuals to examine new retirement planning, wealth management and transfer opportunities that have been made available.

### What changes did act really make?

Before the Tax Act, the maximum federal tax rate had been reduced by Congress gradually since 2001. In 2010, the lifetime gift tax exclusion was \$1 million, and there was no estate tax or generation skipping transfer tax. When the Act passed, the tax rate was significantly lowered to 35 percent, and the lifetime gift tax exclusion amount was boosted up to \$5 million, providing opportunity to transfer large assets tax free. As mentioned before, the bill is only temporary, and on Dec. 31, 2012, it's expected to return to a maximum 55 percent tax rate with \$1 million exclusion unless Congress takes action.

Although this Act offers the chance to transfer wealth tax-free, it is no time to be careless when it comes to compliance. People who use this window of opportunity to make substantial transfers and plans for retirement should file appropriate tax returns, and seek counsel from a knowledgeable advisor.

### Strategies for reaping maximum benefits

Time is of the essence when it comes to the Tax Relief Act of 2010. There are a number of ways individuals can take full advantage of the act to transfer wealth, prepare for the future, and offer security for their descendants. The following are seven prospects worth exploring before time runs out.

— Take time to revisit existing life insurance. All life insurance plans should be fully reviewed whenever new tax legislation is passed, to prepare for future changes. With the current Act, establishing an Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust (ILIT) is an excellent way to leverage the short-lived reunification, because it solidifies how much an heir will receive and doesn't have to be revisited when Congress passes a new bill. This may be a good opportunity to gift an existing personally owned policy into an ILIT or gifts enough

funds to an ILIT to purchase additional insurance. If existing insurance is owned under a split dollar agreement, the higher gifting limits may facilitate the termination of that agreement.

— Establish a generation-skipping trust. For couples, there's no better time than now to take advantage of both spouse's \$5 million exclusion instated with the Tax Act to establish a generation-skipping trust fund.

— Take advantage of gift splitting. In addition to establishing generation-skipping trusts, spouses can take full advantage of the Tax Act by coupling the new exclusion with gift splitting. Gift splitting is a tax rule that allows married couples to split a total value as if each contributed half of the amount. It is most useful for couples where one spouse holds most of the assets.

— Repair failed estate planning strategies. Not every estate planning initiative pans out the way you hope. Many techniques do not perform the way they were expected. This current window of opportunity is an ideal time to re-examine past initiatives and use the \$5 million exemption to make sizeable gifts to remedy failed tactics.

— Create a Family Limited Partnership. Family Limited Partnerships, or FLPs, are an effective way to manage family assets, while ensuring a tax-efficient transfer of wealth to others. An FLP allows the owners — the parents — to gift a majority of the partnership to family members in the form of limited partnership interests. Since limited partners have no control in managing the partnership, valuation discounts may be applied for gift tax purposes.

— Leverage Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts. Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts have a specific lifetime — and are one of the most transfer tax-efficient estate planning strategies. When the GRAT is established, the individual is making a gift of the remainder interest in the trust. The GRAT pays the person establishing the GRAT an annual payment for the term of the trust. At the end of the GRAT's lifespan, the beneficiary can receive the assets, transfer tax-free. GRATs have the advantage of allowing transfers of future appreciation.

— Transfer Your IRA to a Roth IRA. If you won't need it for personal living expenses in the future, transferring a portion or an entire traditional IRA to a Roth IRA can be a useful estate planning technique. Since there are no minimum distributions, a Roth IRA account can grow larger than it otherwise would in a traditional IRA — and your beneficiaries can withdraw from the account, free of income tax.

The techniques stated above are just a selection of new options that are more appealing than ever due to the Tax Relief Act.

Although acting quickly is important, taking time to discuss all options with a knowledgeable advisor is essential to ensuring that wealth transfer and estate planning initiatives go off without a hitch.

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As the economy continues to struggle, more and more people are putting off retirement or working part-time jobs after they retire from their careers. MCT

## Should you put retirement on hold?

One indicator our economy is still hurting is that more and more people are postponing retirement. According to the Department of Labor, those over 55 and still working have increased steadily since the recession began — 28.9 million at last count — and some surveys show more than a third of employees expect to work past age 70 or never retire.

Would-be retirees have faced a perfect storm of negative situations:

- Having to tap retirement savings early to cover bills or tide them through unemployment.
- Plunging home values diminished or erased the equity many had hoped to draw on in retirement.
- Unable to afford — or qualify for — health insurance they'll need until Medicare kicks in.
- And many boomer parents have put their own savings on hold while helping their kids struggle through the recession.

If you're hoping to retire in the next few years, consider the following:

How much will you need? Financial planners often suggest people may need 70 percent or more of pre-retirement income to maintain their current lifestyle, but it's difficult to generalize. For example, some people downsize housing or retire to less expensive areas and thus need less. Others can expect increased medical, utility and other bills to outpace earnings on their savings.

Start estimating your retirement needs by using online calculators:

- The Retirement Estimator at [www.ssa.gov/estimator](http://www.ssa.gov/estimator) automatically enters your earnings information to estimate your projected Social

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Security benefits under different scenarios, such as age at retirement, future earnings projections, etc. You can also download a more detailed calculator to make more precise estimates.

- Check whether your 401(k) plan administrator's website has a calculator to estimate how much you will accumulate under various contribution and investment scenarios. If not, try the various retirement calculators at [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com).
- AARP offers a retirement calculator to help determine your current financial status and what you'll need to save to meet your retirement needs.

After you've explored various retirement scenarios, consider paying a financial planner to help work out an investment and savings game plan. If you don't have a personal referral, good resources include [www.cfp.net](http://www.cfp.net), [www.napfa.org](http://www.napfa.org) and [www.fpanet.org](http://www.fpanet.org).

Social Security issues. To make ends meet, many people begin drawing reduced benefits from Social Security before reaching full retirement (65 for those born before 1938 and gradually increasing to 67 thereafter). This can have several financial consequences:

- Your monthly benefit will be reduced by up to 30 percent. (Conversely, if you postpone benefits until after reaching full retirement age,

your benefit increases by 7 to 8 percent per year, up to age 70.)

— Although many states don't tax Social Security benefits, they are counted as taxable income by the federal government. So, depending on your overall income, you could owe federal tax on a portion of your benefit. IRS Publication 915 at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) has full details.

— If you begin drawing Social Security while still working, your benefit could be significantly reduced depending on your income. Read "How Work Affects Your Benefits" at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) for details. (Rest assured, however: Those reductions aren't truly lost since your benefit will be recalculated upward at full retirement age.)

One last suggestion: Once you've settled on what you think will be a sufficient retirement budget, try living on it for a few months first before retiring to make sure it actually works.

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## Oil falls as investors focus on weak economy

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Oil dropped nearly 2 percent Friday as investors shrugged off U.S. job gains and focused on lingering concerns about the global economy.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for September delivery fell \$1.70 to \$84.93 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Prices pulled back from an early surge. A government report on Friday morning showed employers added 117,000 jobs in July. Unemployment fell slightly, to 9.1 percent. That helped push crude to \$88.32 before it tumbled off.

Investors are still rattled by the stock market's plunge on Thursday, when the Dow Jones industrial average fell 513 points, or more than 4 percent, to its worse decline since the 2008 financial crisis. Oil dropped by an even greater amount, losing nearly 6 percent, to a six month low on Thursday.

Investors focused on Europe's debt struggles and the fear of another recession. Italy and Spain face enormous debts while Germany said its industrial production declined 1.1 percent in June. The U.S. also plans to cut spending by \$2.4 trillion over the next decade.

"There's just a lot of pessimism out there now," Andrew Lebow, a senior vice president and oil broker at MF Global.

But oil's drop could bring relief to motorists within days. Lower oil should push down gasoline prices, which are down from a peak in May.

Retail gasoline prices slipped overnight to \$3.70 per gallon, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service.

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# BUSINESS

## Bank of America starts overdraft rebate outreach

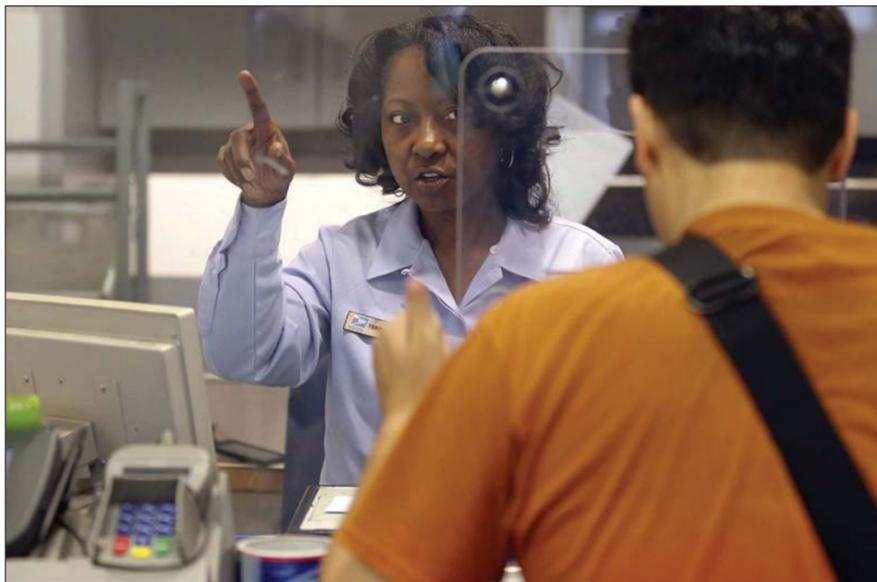
*Associated Press*  
NEW YORK — If you had a Bank of America account with a debit card between January 2001 and May of this year, you may be due some cash.

The nation's largest bank has started contacting customers who may be entitled to a refund. It recently reached a class-action settlement over the way it charged overdraft fees. Most of the other suits are continuing to work their way through federal court in Florida.

Bank of America agreed to set up a \$410 million fund to settle the lawsuit. The money will be used to pay back customers who were charged overdraft fees as a result of the company's policy of processing debit card transactions based on the size of the transaction, rather than when the purchases occurred.

The bank is one of about three dozen named in a series of class-action lawsuits over the practice of "reordering." A policy that became widespread in the 2000s, reordering involves deducting purchases from an account starting with the largest dollar amount first. That means a customer may end up paying additional overdraft fees.

For instance, someone with an account balance of \$95 and who made three purchases in one day, the first for \$5, the next for \$25 and the last for \$75, would be charged two overdraft fees, rather than one.



Brian van der Brug/Los Angeles Times/MCT  
Postal employee Terri Taylor, left, helps a customer at Arcade Station post office in Los Angeles, Calif.. The post office is on a list of 3,700 offices slated for possible closure.

## Post office losses mount to \$3.1 billion for quarter

*Associated Press*  
WASHINGTON — The Postal Service said Friday it lost \$3.1 billion in the April through June period and could be forced to default on payments due to the federal government when the fiscal year ends in September.

Losses for the year come to \$5.7 billion. "We continue to take aggressive actions to reduce costs and bring the size of our infrastructure into alignment with reduced customer demand," Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said. But losses have been mounting over the last few years as more private mail and bill payments were switched to the Internet, and the recession caused a decrease in business mail.

He said the agency planned for a decline in first-class

mail but it occurred more rapidly than expected. On the positive side, Donahoe said, there has been an increase in parcels business as the post office carries more items purchased via the Internet.

The post office has asked Congress to change or drop the requirement that it make a \$5.5 billion annual payment into a fund to cover future retirement disability benefits. No other government agency is required to make such a payment.

If Congress doesn't act and current losses continue, the post office will be unable to make that payment at the end of September because it will have reached its borrowing limit and simply won't have the cash to do so.

In that event, Donahoe said, "Our intent is to continue to deliver the mail, pay our

employees and pay our suppliers."

The post office wants permission to reduce mail delivery from six days a week to five as part of a series of cost-cutting measures. And it would like a refund of overpayments it says it made to employee retirement accounts.

Art Sackler, coordinator of the Coalition for a 21st Century Postal Service, which represents the private sector mailing industry, commented that "within the past year, the Postal Service's financial situation has gone from bad to worse to worst. If Congress does not enact bold reforms soon, the tailspin the Postal Service is in will pass the point of recovery, and many of the 8 million private sector workers who depend on it will lose their jobs."

## 117K jobs added in July ease fears of recession

By **CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER**  
*AP Economics Writer*  
WASHINGTON — Hiring picked up slightly in July, and the unemployment rate dipped to 9.1 percent. The modest improvement could ease fears of another recession, but it wasn't enough to prevent another wild day of trading on Wall Street.

Employers added 117,000 jobs last month, the Labor Department said Friday. The figure was the best in three months. And

the job totals for May and June were revised up.

Retailers, factories and health care firms were among the many industries that added workers. Even another loss of government jobs wasn't

too worrisome, after considering that most of them stemmed from the temporary shutdown in Minnesota, which has since ended.

The brighter outlook for hiring sparked a brief stock market rally one day after the Dow Jones industrial average lost 500 points. But after gaining 171 points after the market opened, the Dow erased those gains and fluctuated throughout the day. Investors seemed focused on Europe's response to its debt crisis.

The jobs report surpassed most economists' expectations. But other recent data show the U.S. economy remains weak and isn't generating enough jobs to lower the unemployment

rate. For the first half of the year, the economy grew at an annual rate of just 0.8 percent. In June, consumers cut back on spending for the first time in 20 months, burdened by higher gas prices and stagnant wages. Manufacturers are barely growing.

At least 250,000 net new jobs a month are needed to rapidly reduce unemployment. The rate has topped 9 percent in every month except two since the recession officially ended in June 2009.

*Employers added 117,000 jobs last month, the Labor Department said Friday. The figure was the best in three months.*

"This pauses the conversation on the U.S. slipping back into recession; it does not end the conversation," said Tom Porcelli, chief U.S. economist at RBC Capital Markets.

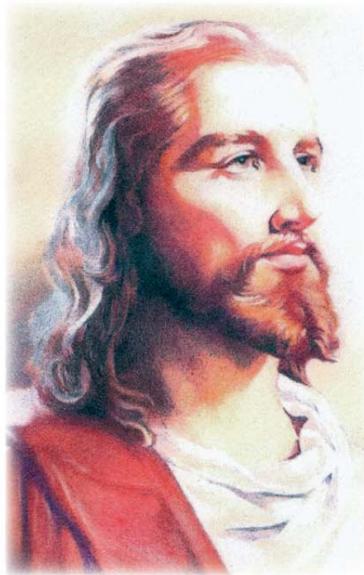
President Barack Obama on Friday pointed to the modest job gains to press Congress to extend a Social Security tax cut enacted this year that put an extra \$1,000 to \$2,000 in most workers' pockets.

He also called for a renewal of emergency unemployment benefits, which provide up to 99 weeks of support.

The tax cuts and extra benefits are scheduled to expire at the end of this year. Economists have cautioned that the end of the two programs could weaken growth in 2012.

In July, businesses added 154,000 jobs across many industries. Governments cut 37,000 jobs last month, the ninth straight drop.

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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000397  
 BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 JAMES F. GREEN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES F. GREEN; IF LIVING INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 TO: JAMES F. GREEN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES F. GREEN; IF LIVING INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S);

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

PARCEL 1: LOT 17, BLOCK 1, REPLAT OF FLORIDA HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID LOT LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST.

PARCEL 2: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, WITH THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF THE SEABOARD COASTLINE RAILROAD; RUN THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 39' WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTINUE THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 39' WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 17, BLOCK 1, OF LORIDA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS PR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 39 A; RUN THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 21' WEST ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 17, BLOCK 1 OF SAID SUBDIVISION A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 98; RUN THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 39' EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTINUE THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 39' WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL 2: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, WITH THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE SEABOARD COASTLINE RAILROAD AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 39' WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 21' WEST A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 39' EAST ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE U.S. HIGHWAY 98 A DISTANCE OF 13.72 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 8, A DISTANCE OF 211.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

DATED at HIGHLANDS County this 29th day of July, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
 Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

August 7, 14, 2011

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
 Case #: GCS 11-453  
 Judge: J. David Langford  
 BROWN & BROWN INVESTMENTS, LLC Plaintiff(s),  
 -vs.-  
 FIRST FLORIDA LENDING CORP. A dissolved Florida Corporation, et al Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF ACTION - PROPERTY**  
 TO: Michael A. Clein  
 Last Known Address  
 2075 W 76th St  
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James Price  
 Last Known Address  
 1400 S Waterview Dr.  
 Inverness, FL 34450

Nancy D. Price  
 Last Known Address  
 1879 E Monopoly Loop  
 Inverness, FL 34453

First Florida Lending  
 James Price  
 Registered Agent  
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 3903 SE 21st Place  
 Cape Coral, FL 33904

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

**YOU ARE HERBY NOTIFIED that an Action to Quiet Title for the following described property, to wit:**  
 Lot 17, Block D, SILVER FOX RANCH, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 41, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.  
 Parcel ID Number C 22-35-28-020-0000-0170

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney, whose name and address is: David F. Lanier, Esq., P.O. Box 400, Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before September 7, 2011, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on August 4, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 Clerk of said Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ Annette E. Daff  
 Deputy Clerk  
 August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011

August 7, 14, 2011

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. GC 10-548  
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC., a Florida corporation Plaintiff  
 vs.  
 ESTATE OF MANUEL E. SANCHEZ, deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or grantees, and any and all other persons or parties claiming by, through, under or against him; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereafter described Defendants

**AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 TO: Manuel Sanchez  
 1539 Penny Avenue  
 Sebring, FL 33870  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose mortgages on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

Lot 8, of PENNY HEIGHTS, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 68, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida  
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on E. MARK BREED III, of BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 325 North Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, on or before August 31, 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
 Deputy Clerk

"In accordance with the American With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of Courts office at 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3701, Telephone 863-402-6566 not later than seven days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired (TDD) 1-800-9771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, Via Florida Relay Service." July 24, 31; August 7, 14, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-319

IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY MAE SIMPSON a/k/a DOROTHY J. SIMPSON Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of Dorothy Mae Simpson a/k/a Dorothy J. Simpson, deceased, whose date of death was February 11th, 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 CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-320  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF ARLENE MARIE CARPER a.k.a. ARLENE F. CARPER  
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 The administration of the estate of ARLENE MARIE CARPER a.k.a. ARLENE F. CARPER, deceased, whose date of death was July 5, 2011, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-5814, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 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.

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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 August 7, 2011.

Personal Representative:  
 /s/ Tisa C. Stone  
 Tisa C. Stone f.k.a. Tisa C. Jensen  
 4525 Selah Road  
 Sebring, Florida 33875

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 /s/ David F. Lanier  
 E-Mail Address: lanier@embarqmail.com  
 Florida Bar No. 045399  
 DAVID F. LANIER  
 P.O. Box 400  
 Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400  
 Telephone: (863)453-4457

August 7, 14, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-324

IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY NELL HIXON aka DOROTHY NELL HIXON-CHAPMAN, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of DOROTHY NELL HIXON aka DOROTHY NELL HIXON-CHAPMAN, deceased, whose date of death was July 2, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 7, 2011.

Personal Representative:  
 /s/ Jill Call  
 5020 Cemetery, Apt. F  
 Hilliard, OH 43026

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III, P.A.  
 551 SOUTH COMMERCE AVE.  
 SEBRING, FL 33870  
 Telephone: (863) 385-0112  
 /s/ Clifford M. Ables III  
 FLORIDA BAR NO. 178379

August 7, 14, 2011

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 11-293-PCS  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF RUTH E. McCLEERY Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of RUTH E. McCLEERY, deceased, whose date of death was May 20, 2011, File Number 11-293-PCS, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The name and address 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 has been served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is July 31, 2011.

Personal Representative:  
 BETH A. ROULEAU  
 6750 US HWY 27 N P-2  
 Sebring, FL 33870

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 CLIFFORD R. RHOADES, ESQ.  
 Attorney for Personal Representative  
 Florida Bar No.: 308714  
 Clifford R. Rhoades, P.A.  
 2141 Lakeview Drive  
 Sebring, Florida 33870  
 (863)385-0346

July 31; August 7, 2011

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Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than 2:00 PM, Thursday, August 25, 2011, of the official time clock in the purchasing office. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, of any other type of delivery service.

The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1969 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1.33 F.2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. &sect;287.133, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. &sect;287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination.

The Sebring City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof; and the award, if an award is made, will be made to the most responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of the City of Sebring. The council reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid.

Purchasing Agent  
 Kirk Kirk Zimmerman, CPB  
 Sebring, Florida  
 August 7, 14, 2011

## 1050 Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET  
 The Spring Lake Improvement District will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, 10:00 a.m. at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Blvd., Sebring, Florida, 33876. The purpose of the hearing is to review and discuss the fiscal year 2012 budget. The Board of Supervisors will approve a final budget at their September 14, 2011 meeting at the same location listed above.

EACH PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING IS ADVISED THAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, INCLUDING THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

Joseph DeCarbo  
 District Manager  
 July 24; August 7, 2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
 TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WATER RATES, FEES, CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, AND METER CONVERSION POLICIES FOR THE SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
 The Spring Lake Improvement District will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, 10:00 a.m. at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Blvd., Sebring, Florida, 33876, for the purpose of hearing public comment and objections of certain rates, fees, construction standards, and meter conversion policies for the District's water utility system. The District will consider updated policies and new rates and fees for meter conversion. Any changes will go into effect immediately.

EACH PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING IS ADVISED THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, INCLUDING THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

Joseph DeCarbo  
 District Manager  
 July 24; August 7, 2011

STATE OF FLORIDA, CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION, Petitioner vs. DENNIS T. DAVIS, Case #30509 Respondent  
 NOTICE OF ACTION  
 TO: DENNIS T. DAVIS,  
 Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Administrative Complaint has been filed against you seeking to revoke your CORRECTIONAL Certificate in accordance with Section 943.1395, F.S., and any rules promulgated thereunder. You are required to serve a written copy of your intent to request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S. upon Michael Crews, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, Criminal Justice Professionalism Program, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P. O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489, on or before September 28, 2011. Failure to do so will result in a default being entered against you to Revoke said certification pursuant to Section 120.60, F.S., and Rule 11B-27, F.A.C.

Dated: July 28, 2011  
 Ernest W. George  
 CHAIRMAN - CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION  
 By: -s- Tijuana Comer, Division Representative  
 July 31; August 7, 14, 21, 2011

Highlands County Sheriff's Office  
 Request for Proposals (RFP)  
 RFP 11-03 Pickup/Removal of Used Brass and Aluminum Ammunition Casings

The Highlands County Sheriff's Office is seeking RFP's from vendors to provide services, for Pickup/Removal of Used Brass and Aluminum Ammunition Casings.

RFP with criteria, requirements, copy of scope of work may be downloaded from the webwww.highlandssheriff.org or will be provided upon written request by contacting: Deb J. Olson, General Services Manager, Highlands County Sheriff's Office, 434 Remleaf Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 Phone: 863-402-7266; Fax: 863-402-7344; or by E-Mail: dolson@highlandssheriff.org.

All technical questions may be forwarded to Joe Noto, Training Coordinator, Highlands County Sheriff's Office, 434 Remleaf Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 (863) 402-7350.

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the bid number and name to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, 434 Remleaf Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 so as to reach said office no later than 2:00 P.M. August 25, 2011 at which time they will be opened.

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Heartland Workforce has submitted an application to Workforce Florida, Inc., requesting renewal of its authorization to operate as direct service provider (Direct Control) for delivery of certain services in the DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands county One-Stop Career Centers. The application is available for viewing on the Heartland Workforce website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.hwfb.org"](http://www.hwfb.org) www.hwfb.org. Questions or comments on the application may be directed to [pkozic@hwfb.org](mailto:pkozic@hwfb.org)  
August 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 2011

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August 7, 2011

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 10-1071 GCS  
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee  
Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust  
2006-HE8 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates,  
Series 2006-HE8,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Lucy Jayne Matos a/k/a Lucy Jayne Hall  
a/k/a Lucy J. Hall, and Larry Matos,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 25, 2011, and entered in Case No. 10-1071 GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE8 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2006-HE8, is Plaintiff, and Lucy Jayne Matos a/k/a Lucy Jayne Hall a/k/a Lucy J. Hall, and Larry Matos, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 24th day of August, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 7, Block 4, Lake Josephine Heights 2nd Addition, according to map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 2 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Located: 113 Rosemary Avenue, Sebring, FL 33875  
and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

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

Dated at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 25th day of July, 2011.

Bob Germaine  
Clerk of said Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
As Deputy Clerk  
August 7, 14, 2011

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. GC 08-343  
THUNDERBIRD MANOR, INC.,  
a Florida corporation,  
Plaintiffs,  
vs  
WILLIAM E. LEWIS, JR.  
Defendants

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

Unit No. B-203 of THUNDERBIRD HILL MANOR, a Condominium, according to The Declaration of Condominium recorded in O.R. Book 969, Page 225, and all exhibits and amendments thereof, Public Records of Highland County, Florida, together with an undivided 1/54 interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto.  
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on the 1st day of September, A.D., 2011.

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

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff  
Deputy Clerk

"In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of Courts office at 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3701, Telephone 863-402-6500 no later than seven days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired (TDD) 1-800-9771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, Via Florida Relay Service.  
August 7, 14, 2011

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 11-58 GCS

WAUCHULA STATE BANK  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
IRMA GALAN, ET AL  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 45  
NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS dated August 3, 2011, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, at the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at 11:00 A.M., on September 6, 2011, the following described property s set forth in said SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, to wit:

A portion of Tract 1, in Block 27, Sun 'n Lakes Estate Acres, Section 34, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 24, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: the South 63.04 feet of the North 504.34 feet of the West 146.94 feet of Tract 1, also known as Lot 8, of Sun 'n Lake Trailer Sites, recorded in O.R. Book 350, Page 159A, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, together with a 1970 STRR Mobile Home, Certificate of Title #4239916 (VIN#GJMCMF010671).

Parcel Id: C-22-37-30-700-0000-0080  
Commonly known as: 245 Highlands Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2011.  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Clerk of Court  
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff  
As Deputy Clerk

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: GCS 11-310

DAVID R. HABA Plaintiff,

vs.

JUAN RODRIGUEZ MEDINA and all known or unknown persons claiming under or through them, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any known or unknown person who is known to be dead or is not known to be either dead or alive

NOTICE OF SUIT - PROPERTY

TO: JUAN RODRIGUEZ MEDINA and all known or unknown persons claiming under or through them, un- known spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any known or un- known person who is known to be dead or is not known to be either dead or alive YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Highlands County, Florida: Tract 5, Block 17, SUN N LAKE ESTATES ACRES, SECTION 34, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 24, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to William J. Nielander, Esquire of William J. Nielander, P.A., 172 E. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida 33852, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled court on or before August 31, 2011; otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 21st day of July, 2011.

ROBERT GERMAINE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff Deputy Clerk  
July 24, 31; August 7, 14, 2011

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IN THE INTEREST OF: K.C. DOB: 11/26/1999

Minor child

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ADVISORY HEARING FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND GUARDIANSHIP

THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: TORIE RENEE POWELL (DOB: 3/23/80) Address Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights under oath has been filed in the above styled Court by the Department of Children & Families, seeking the termination of your parental rights to:

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and you are hereby commanded to personally appear before the Honorable Sheryl D. Snodgrass, a Magistrate/hearing officer in the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, State of Florida, on the 24th day of August, 2011 at 10:00 A.M., at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, Courtroom 1A.

YOU MUST PERSONALLY APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SPECIFIED OR YOU WILL LOSE ALL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION. YOUR FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR WILL BE DEEMED TO BE YOUR CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, YOU MUST BE PRESENT AND REQUEST THAT THE COURT APPOINT AN ATTORNEY FOR YOU IF YOU WANT ONE. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at 1968 Sebring Parkway, Sebring FL 33870, Telephone (863)402-7722, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

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**Five-Day forecast for Highlands County**

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
An afternoon and evening t-storm	Some sun with a shower or t-storm	A t-storm possible in the afternoon	A t-storm possible in the afternoon	Some sun with a t-storm possible
94° / 78°	94° / 77°	94° / 78°	96° / 78°	94° / 77°
Winds: WSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: WSW at 7-14 mph	Winds: WSW at 8-16 mph	Winds: WSW at 8-16 mph	Winds: WSW at 6-12 mph



**Almanac**

**Temperature**  
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	97°
Low Tuesday	72°
High Wednesday	94°
Low Wednesday	74°
High Thursday	94°
Low Thursday	71°

**Heat Index**  
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	53%
Expected air temperature	93°
Makes it feel like	103°

**Barometer**

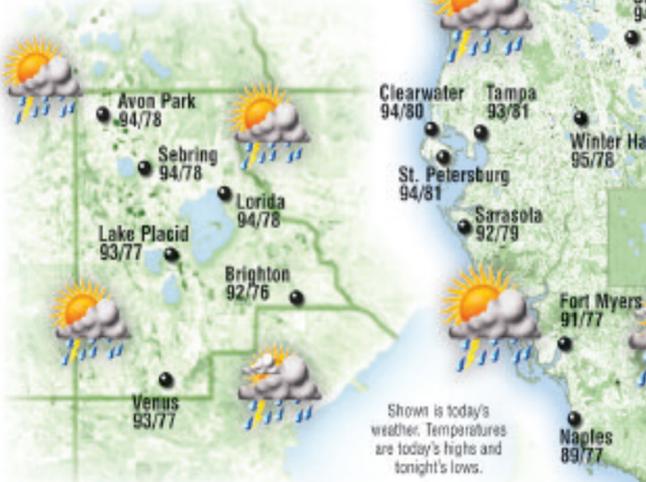
Tuesday	29.81
Wednesday	29.82
Thursday	29.86

**Precipitation**

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.45"
Thursday	0.19"
Month to date	0.64"
Year to date	27.14"

**Regional Summary**

Clouds and sun today with a shower or thunderstorm around in the afternoon. A shower or thunderstorm this evening. A shower or thunderstorm around tomorrow. Tuesday: an afternoon shower or thunderstorm possible.



**Farm Report**

A shower or thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds west 6-12 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 65% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 65%.

**Water Restrictions**

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

**Weather History**

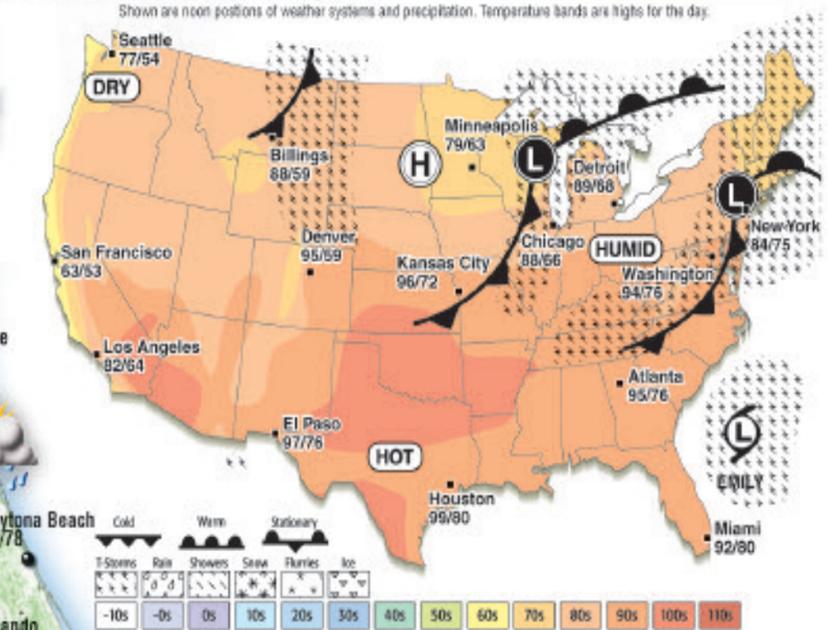
Philadelphia, Pa., had a high temperature of 106 degrees on Aug. 7, 1918. This mark was not matched until 1936 and has yet to reach that high again.

**Sun and Moon**

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:55 a.m.	6:55 a.m.
Sunset	8:09 p.m.	8:08 p.m.
Moonrise	3:08 p.m.	4:07 p.m.
Moonset	1:04 a.m.	1:57 a.m.



**National Forecast for August 7**



**National Summary**

A storm system heading into the Great Lakes today will ignite locally torrential downpours and thunderstorms. A few of the storms can even turn strong with gusty winds and brief hail. Showers and thunderstorms will erupt in the Northeast as another storm system crosses the area. Some of the heaviest storms will unleash rain over eastern New England. Meanwhile in hot and muggy air across the Southeast, scattered afternoon thunderstorms will pop up. Farther west, the dome of triple-digit heat will continue.

**U.S. Cities**

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	95/68	95/68	94/71	Los Angeles	82/64	85/65	84/64
Atlanta	95/76	93/76	93/75	Louisville	96/75	89/70	88/63
Baltimore	92/72	96/80	88/66	Memphis	100/81	99/78	95/76
Birmingham	94/77	96/78	95/76	Minneapolis	79/63	82/64	74/58
Boston	77/67	81/67	76/68	Nashville	96/74	94/74	88/72
Charlotte	97/74	100/72	95/70	New Orleans	92/78	92/78	93/78
Chicago	84/68	82/61	82/63	New York City	84/75	89/72	89/70
Cleveland	89/72	78/65	80/65	Norfolk	98/79	97/76	90/74
Columbus	96/72	84/63	84/66	Oklahoma City	105/76	108/76	102/74
Dallas	106/81	106/81	107/80	Philadelphia	89/74	92/71	88/69
Denver	95/59	93/57	92/58	Phoenix	105/89	105/88	105/88
Detroit	89/68	82/62	84/66	Pittsburgh	87/71	82/64	80/62
Harzburg	96/71	91/68	87/65	Portland, ME	74/64	74/63	75/63
Honolulu	88/74	88/75	89/74	Portland, OR	78/55	77/55	76/54
Houston	98/83	98/79	98/79	Raleigh	98/74	98/73	88/71
Indianapolis	92/68	83/64	85/64	Rochester	86/69	82/66	80/63
Jackson, MS	98/75	96/78	95/74	St. Louis	98/73	88/72	93/70
Kansas City	96/72	88/70	86/69	San Francisco	63/53	63/53	70/55
Lexington	92/72	89/65	87/67	Seattle	77/54	72/54	73/55
Little Rock	100/78	99/76	99/76	Wash., DC	94/76	96/73	82/71

**World Cities**

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	89/77	89/77	89/78	London	65/54	70/54	70/54
Athens	91/75	93/73	94/76	Montreal	82/66	77/61	75/63
Beirut	88/74	88/75	91/76	Moscow	72/63	79/68	78/59
Berlin	72/58	72/53	67/49	Nice	78/65	83/62	80/67
Bermuda	84/75	87/75	84/76	Ottawa	81/64	72/58	78/62
Calgary	72/50	72/53	76/50	Qubec	77/61	73/51	73/51
Dublin	63/50	64/44	61/51	Rio de Janeiro	89/76	80/74	77/67
Edmonton	70/51	74/50	79/51	Seoul	93/77	88/77	88/77
Freeport	88/61	91/60	91/61	Singapore	86/77	88/77	88/77
Geneva	73/59	71/54	69/50	Sydney	70/45	64/45	63/48
Havana	91/73	93/73	93/72	Toronto	82/68	74/60	79/59
Hong Kong	91/81	90/81	90/81	Vancouver	74/59	74/59	74/59
Jerusalem	82/63	83/65	85/64	Vienna	84/66	76/62	75/57
Johannesburg	59/42	67/43	70/44	Warsaw	82/62	74/60	68/51
Kiev	78/59	82/66	85/63	Winnipeg	83/60	72/55	70/50

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## Crouch crushes, settles for second

By DAN HOEHNE  
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Opening ceremonies got underway Friday night at the Dixie Ozone World Series in Madison Heights, VA as 16 teams representing 11 states were welcomed and introduced.

With the preliminary formalities out of the way, it went quickly into spirited action with the Home Run Derby as representatives from each state took their hacks and swung for the fences.

Sebring's own Josh Crouch won his first round match-up by belting five tape-measure shots before he hit a little lull in the second round and found himself tied for advancement.

During his hit-off to reach the final round, Crouch came out on top

and hit four-of-six pitches for home runs.

But the representative from Alabama went five-for-six in clearing the fence to take the overall title.

Had their been a measure-off to total up the overall distance of home runs hit, Crouch would have been victorious as he stole the show with his titanic blasts.

Crouch rejoined his teammates as tournament game action began Saturday night with Team Florida taking on the South Carolina state runner-up.

Fans can listen to taped broadcasts of the games at [www.jockjive.com](http://www.jockjive.com), or check [www.newssun.com](http://www.newssun.com) for updates on the Sebring All-Stars quest for a World Series repeat.



Above: The 2011 Lady Panthers. Back row, left to right: Shelby Flint, Brittany Hill, Malea Kalina, Eryn Mahoney, Erin Fiore, Khaleesha Williams and Brittany Whittington. Front row, left to right: Caitlin Tribbit, Stephaniei De Hoyos, Samantha Klemp, Desirae Burris, Samantha DiGiacomo and Caitlin Carlander. Below: The search for new talent went international as SFCC welcomes De Hoyos from Ciales, Puerto Rico.

News-Sun photos by DAN HOEHNE

## Newcomers look to lift SFCC Lady Panthers

By DAN HOEHNE  
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AVON PARK — A new season with new hopes and a whole lot of newcomers.

We all just bore witness to the mayhem that was the NFL's shortened signing season, with teams scrambling to fill out their rosters with the hundreds of draft picks and free agents on the market.

That serves as a snapshot of the life of a junior college athletics coach, as South Florida Community

College volleyball coach Kim Crawford went through this year as she had to replace 10 of 13 roster spots from last season's squad.

"It can be tough recruiting here in the middle of the state, as opposed to the schools on the coasts," she said. "But I'm proud of the talent I was able to bring in."

Which is, perhaps, a benefit of such vast changes, a whole new set of talent to remake the team after stumbling through a very difficult

4-20 season a year ago.

The going was tough for the three returning sophomores, Caitlin Carlander, Shelby Flint and Desirae Burris.

"It was an eye opener," said Carlander. "Coming from George Jenkins, I wasn't used to losing much. But it taught me a lot about not hanging my head and to keep battling through."

Former DeSoto Lady Bulldog Flint echoed the sentiment.

"The adjustment to college competition was one thing, the season was another learning experience," she said. "But this year's team just really meshes well. Where I might not be as strong, there will be someone else who is stronger in that area. We seem to fit well together."

And perhaps the infusion of the eager underclassmen can bring in a whole new energy.

"I think as the season went on last year, there were some

*'This year's team really meshes well.'*

SHELBY FLINT  
SFCC sophomore



that knew this was it, that they weren't going to play anymore and maybe it started to drag," Crawford said. "Now we've got all these new girls excited to play col-

lege volleyball.

"And the three sophomores all intend to continue playing after this year, so they're

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## Goodell, Smith sign new, 10-year deal

By WILL GRAVES  
Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA head DeMaurice Smith each grabbed a side of the massive 300-page collective bargaining agreement between the players and league owners and exchanged a relieved handshake while posing for the cameras.

And just like that, 4 1/2 months of acrimony, anger and posturing from both sides during the protracted NFL lockout was over.

Smith and Goodell signed the new CBA on a makeshift stage on the steps of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Friday morning, a largely ceremonial gesture after the players agreed to ratify the 10-year agreement Thursday night.

Still, there was a sense of relief from both Smith and Goodell, who shook hands three times during the brief signing and even hugged after spending nearly half a year in tense negotiations haggling over

a new way to distribute the NFL's massive revenue stream.

"We're all relieved because football is back," Goodell said. "That's what our fans want, and that's what we all want and we're thrilled that we got it done."

One fan shouted "thank you" to Smith as he took his seat, with Smith answering "more than welcome."

Following the signing both men glad-handed their way to the NFL Network's set inside the Hall of Fame Gallery.

With the busts of Hall inductees serving as a backdrop, Smith and Goodell detailed the sometimes difficult journey to the new deal.

Neither pointed to a breakthrough moment in the lengthy talks, instead crediting leadership on both sides for being able to find common ground so the 2011 season could be saved.

Goodell said a small group of player represen-

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Miami Dolphins running back Reggie Bush catches a pass during practice at training camp Friday, Aug. 5.

MCT photo

## Bush eager to set example in Miami

By STEVEN WINE  
Associated Press

DAVIE — Another sweltering Miami Dolphins practice had ended, and the big field was deserted aside from tackling dummies, stray helmets and Reggie Bush running sprints.

The Dolphins newcomer was the last one off the field Friday.

He sought to set a good example and make up for lost time after missing the first six practices of training camp because of NFL post-lockout rules.

"When I chose to come here, I said I was going to be one of the hardest workers, if not the hardest, on this

team," Bush said. "I'm going to stand by that and do my part and be a leader."

Miami last week completed a trade with New Orleans for the former Heisman Trophy winner by negotiating a new two-year contract with him worth nearly \$10 million.

He gives the Dolphins the big-play threat they've long lacked.

The offense will look different with him at running back, and his new teammates are learning it will sound different, too.

"I never knew Reggie, but he's very vocal," new backup

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# THE SCOREBOARD

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## Major League Baseball

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	69	42	.622	—
Boston	68	43	.613	1
Tampa Bay	59	52	.532	10
Toronto	57	55	.509	12½
Baltimore	43	66	.394	25

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	60	52	.536	—
Cleveland	55	55	.500	4
Chicago	53	58	.477	6½
Minnesota	51	61	.455	9
Kansas City	48	64	.429	12

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	63	50	.558	—
Los Angeles	62	51	.549	1
Oakland	49	63	.438	13½
Seattle	48	63	.432	14

**Thursday's Games**  
 Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 6, 12 innings  
 Texas 5, Detroit 2  
 Cleveland 7, Boston 3  
 Kansas City 9, Baltimore 4  
 N.Y. Yankees 7, Chicago White Sox 2  
 L.A. Angels 7, Minnesota 1

**Friday's Games**  
 Toronto 5, Baltimore 4  
 N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 2  
 Tampa Bay 8, Oakland 4  
 Texas 8, Cleveland 7, 11 innings  
 Chicago White Sox 5, Minnesota 3  
 Detroit 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings  
 L.A. Angels 1, Seattle 0, 10 innings

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

**Sunday's Games**  
 Toronto (R.Romero 9-9) at Baltimore (Simon 3-4), 1:35 p.m.  
 Oakland (Cahill 9-10) at Tampa Bay (Price 9-10), 1:40 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (Danks 4-9) at Minnesota (Duensing 8-9), 2:10 p.m.  
 Detroit (Scherzer 11-6) at Kansas City (Chen 5-5), 2:10 p.m.  
 Seattle (F.Hernandez 10-9) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 7-8), 3:35 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Tomlin 11-5) at Texas (C.Lewis 10-8), 8:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 10-7) at Boston (Beckett 9-4), 8:05 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	73	39	.652	—
Atlanta	65	48	.575	8½
New York	55	56	.495	17½
Florida	55	57	.491	18
Washington	54	58	.482	19

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	63	50	.558	—
St. Louis	60	53	.531	3
Pittsburgh	54	57	.486	8
Cincinnati	54	58	.482	8½
Chicago	48	65	.425	15
Houston	37	75	.330	25½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	62	51	.549	—
Arizona	61	51	.545	½
Colorado	52	61	.460	10
Los Angeles	51	60	.459	10
San Diego	49	64	.434	13

**Thursday's Games**  
 Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 6  
 St. Louis 7, Florida 4  
 Colorado 6, Washington 3  
 Philadelphia 3, San Francisco 0

**Friday's Games**  
 Chicago Cubs 4, Cincinnati 3  
 San Diego 15, Pittsburgh 5  
 Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 1  
 St. Louis 3, Florida 2  
 Milwaukee 8, Houston 1  
 Washington 5, Colorado 3  
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Arizona 4  
 Philadelphia 9, San Francisco 2

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

**Sunday's Games**  
 Atlanta (Jurrjens 12-4) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 10-3), 1:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis (J.Garcia 10-5) at Florida (Vazquez 7-9), 1:10 p.m.  
 San Diego (Latos 5-11) at Pittsburgh (Correa 12-9), 2:20 p.m.  
 Milwaukee (Greinke 9-4) at Houston (Norris 5-7), 2:05 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Arroyo 7-9) at Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 3-4), 2:20 p.m.  
 Washington (Lannan 8-7) at Colorado (A.Cook 2-6), 3:10 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Oswalt 4-6) at San Francisco (Lincecum 9-9), 4:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 13-4) at Arizona (I.Kennedy 13-3), 4:10 p.m.

## Major League Soccer

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	9	7	7	34	24	22
Philadelphia	8	5	8	32	26	19
New York	6	5	12	30	37	30
Sporting KC	7	6	9	30	31	28
Houston	6	7	9	27	27	27
D.C.	6	6	8	26	26	30
New England	4	9	9	21	20	30
Chicago	2	6	13	19	21	26
Toronto FC	3	11	10	19	21	43

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	12	3	9	45	32	19
FC Dallas	12	5	6	42	30	21
Seattle	10	5	8	38	33	26
Colorado	9	6	10	37	35	31
Real Salt Lake	9	5	6	33	27	16
Chivas USA	6	8	8	26	27	24
Portland	7	10	4	25	27	34
San Jose	5	8	9	24	24	29
Vancouver	2	11	9	15	21	34

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

**Friday's Games**  
 Colorado 2, Columbus 0  
**Saturday's Games**  
 Chivas USA at New England, late  
 Toronto FC at D.C. United, late  
 Houston at Philadelphia, late  
 Seattle FC at Sporting Kansas City, late  
 New York at Real Salt Lake, late  
 FC Dallas at Los Angeles, late



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**4 p.m.** PGA – 3M Championship . . . . . GOLF  
**7 p.m.** PGA – Reno-Tahoe Open . . . . . GOLF

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**3 p.m.** Southwest Regional Semifinal . . . . . ESPN2  
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## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

**1 p.m.** Atlanta at N.Y. Mets . . . . . TBS  
**1:30 p.m.** Oakland at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN  
**2 p.m.** Chicago White Sox at Minnesota . . . . . WGN  
**8 p.m.** N.Y. Yankees at Boston . . . . . ESPN

**Monday**  
**7 p.m.** Boston at Minnesota . . . . . ESPN  
**7 p.m.** Kansas City at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN

**Tuesday**  
**7 p.m.** Kansas City at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN

## TENNIS

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**5 p.m.** WTA – Mercury Insurance Open . . . . . ESPN2

## WNBA

**8 p.m.** Seattle at New York . . . . . ESPN2  
*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

## WNBA

Portland at San Jose, late  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Chicago at Vancouver, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Aug. 13**  
 Chivas USA at Seattle FC, 4 p.m.  
 Real Salt Lake at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.  
 New England at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.  
 Vancouver at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 FC Dallas at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.  
 Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, Aug. 14**  
 Portland at Houston, 9 p.m.

## WNBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	15	6	.714	—
Connecticut	12	7	.632	2
New York	12	8	.600	2½
Chicago	9	12	.429	6
Atlanta	8	11	.421	6
Washington	3	14	.176	10

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	15	4	.789	—
Seattle	12	8	.600	3½
Phoenix	11	8	.579	4
San Antonio	11	8	.579	4
Los Angeles	7	12	.368	8
Tulsa	1	18	.053	14

## Canadian Football League

**Thursday's Games**  
 New York 59, Chicago 49  
 Minnesota 62, San Antonio 60  
**Friday's Games**  
 Indiana 85, Tulsa 65  
 Seattle 81, Connecticut 79  
**Saturday's Games**  
 New York at Washington, late  
 Tulsa at San Antonio, late  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Seattle at Atlanta, 3 p.m.  
 Connecticut at Phoenix, 6 p.m.  
 Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.

## Canadian Football League

**EAST DIVISION**

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Winnipeg	5	1	0	10	152	113
Montreal	4	2	0	8	195	157
Hamilton	3	2	0	6	132	112
Toronto	1	5	0	2	128	178

**WEST DIVISION**

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Edmonton	5	1	0	10	169	127
Calgary	3	2	0	6	117	117
B.C.	1	5	0	2	150	172
Saskatchewan	1	5	0	2	112	184

## Transactions

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Activated INF Cesar Izturis from the 60-day DL.  
 Placed LHP Zach Britton on the 15-day DL.  
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Designated RHP Brian Bruney for assignment.  
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed INF Jack Hannahan on the paternity list. Recalled

OF Shelley Duncan from Columbus (IL).  
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned INF Yamaico Navarro to Omaha (PCL).  
 Purchased the contract of 2B Johnny Giavotella from Omaha.

**National League**  
 FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed 2B Omar Infante on the 15-day DL. Called up INF Joe Thurston from New Orleans (PCL).  
 Transferred OF Scott Cousins to the 60-day DL.  
 NEW YORK METS—Recalled OF Nick Evans from Buffalo (IL). Optioned C Mike Niekas to Buffalo.  
 SAN DIEGO PADRES—Activated LHP Joe Thatcher from the 60-day DL.  
 Optioned OF Blake Tekotte to San Antonio (Texas).

**American Association**  
 AMARILLO SOX—Sold the contract of RHP Cody Evans to Los Angeles (AL).  
 EL PASO DIABLOS—Released RHP Josh Grady. Traded OF Chad Gabriel and RHP Alex Kaminsky to Shreveport-Bossier for INF Uriak Marquez, RHP Jake McCarter and a player to be named.  
 SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER  
 CAPTAINS—Signed RHP Robert Bono.  
 WICHITA WINGNUTS—Sold the contract of OF Brent Clevlen to Philadelphia (NL).

**Can-Am League**  
 BROCKTON ROX—Signed RHP John Kelly and LHP Brad Hertzler. Placed RHP Steven Richard and RHP Zach Woods on irrevocable waivers.

NEWARK BEARS—Released RHP Eric Eden and RHP Evan Jachno.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
 BALTIMORE RAVENS—Released FB Jason McKie.  
 CAROLINA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with WR Legedu Naanee.  
 CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed TE Bo Scaife. Waived OL Ryan McKnight.  
 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed TE Mercedes Lewis to a five-year contract.  
 MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed QB Kevin O'Connell.  
 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms with C Olin Kreutz on a one-year contract.  
 NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed CB Prince Amukamara to a four-year contract and CB Darnell Burks. Waived-injured CB Bruce Johnson.  
 NEW YORK JETS—OL Damien Woody announced his retirement. Re-signed S Brodney Pool. Signed G Trevor Canfield and T Pete Clifford. Waived CB Jeremy McGee, G Tom Ottaiano and T Jeff Willis.  
 OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed TE Kevin Boss to a four-year contract.  
 PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed LB LaMarr Woodley to a six-year contract.  
 SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Agreed to terms with WR Malcolm Floyd.  
 TENNESSEE TITANS—LB David Thornton announced his retirement.  
 WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed OL Sean Locklear.

**COLLEGE**  
 COASTAL CAROLINA—Named Stephen Yates women's assistant volleyball coach.  
 COKER—Announced the resignation of men's and women's tennis coach Tim Pleasant.  
 SAM HOUSTON STATE—Named Sean Allen and Philip Miller assistant baseball coaches.  
 SHENANDOAH—Named Stephanie Bair and Meredith Bloomfield women's assistant field hockey coaches.  
 SHEPHERD—Named Joel Gordon quarterbacks coach. Announced retirement of defensive coordinator Bob Haley.

## Red Devil golf tryouts

AVON PARK — Avon Park High School boys and girls golf team tryouts will begin Monday, August 8.

Boys interested in trying out, please call Coach Shane Ward at (863) 633-8597.

Girls interested in trying out, call Coach Suzie Gentry at (863) 446-7368.

## Kayak Tours

SEBRING – Sebring Kayak Tours has three upcoming trips this month for some fun times on area waters.

Saturday Aug. 13 – Sunrise Tour and Breakfast – Lake Jackson, Sebring

We will meet and launch at 6:30 a.m. from the boat ramp at Veteran's Beach off of Lakeview Dr.

We will paddle across to the City Pier and back.

Upon arrival we will have breakfast at IHOP (price includes breakfast).

Saturday Aug. 20 – Morning Tour – Arbuckle Creek, Sebring

Launching at 9 a.m. from Lake Istokpoga boat ramp, we will make our way up Arbuckle Creek to a favorite spot where we can get out, stretch and have a snack before starting our descend back.

An approximately 3-hour tour designed for all ages and skill levels.

Saturday Aug. 27 – Peace River – Arcadia

We will meet at the canoe launch at Brownville Park in Desoto County at 10 a.m.

We will be paddling downstream to Arcadia with a stop for lunch about halfway.

We will also stop for homemade ice cream before returning.

\$39 per person (single or tandem kayaks available), \$19 per person for those bringing their own kayaks

To reserve your spot, call 202-0815 or email [SebringKayakTours@yahoo.com](mailto:SebringKayakTours@yahoo.com).

Hope to see you on the water!

## Panther Hitting Camps

The SFCC Baseball program will be hosting hitting camps this fall for aspiring players aged 6-14.

The camps will be held Saturday's Sept. 10 and 24 as well as Oct. 15 and 29.

Each day, the camps will run from 8:30 -11 a.m. on Panther Field at the SFCC Avon Park campus.

Under the guidance of Panther head coach Rick Hitt, along with assistant coach Andy Polk and members of the 2011 SFCC squad, campers will learn all aspects of hitting, with drills, instruction and hitting analysis.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. each day and players should bring glove, cap, bat and any desired baseball attire.

Camp cost is \$25 per camper.

To register, print Application and Consent and Release forms from [www.southflorida.edu/baseball/camp](http://www.southflorida.edu/baseball/camp) and mail to address on application form.

Register by phone, all area codes 863, at 784-7036 for Sebring and Avon Park residents, 465-5300 for Lake Placid, 494-7500 for DeSoto County or 773-2252 for Hardee County.

Walk-up registrations are accepted.

For further information, call any of the above numbers or email coach Hitt at [hittr@southflorida.edu](mailto:hittr@southflorida.edu).

## 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.

## 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.

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.

For questions call 471-5500 ext. 228

# 2011 NFL PREVIEW

# NFC SOUTH

## Atlanta Falcons

Week 1 - at Chicago Sept. 11, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 7 - at Detroit Oct. 23, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 12 - at Houston Dec. 4, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 2 - PHILADELPHIA Sept. 19, 8:30 p.m. (NBC)	Week 8 - Bye	Week 14 - at Carolina Dec. 11, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 3 - at Tampa Bay Sept. 25, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)	Week 9 - at Indianapolis Nov. 5, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 15 - JACKSONVILLE Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m. (NFLN) (Thu)	
Week 4 - at Seattle Oct. 2, 4:05 p.m. (Fox)	Week 10 - NEW ORLEANS Nov. 13, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 16 - at New Orleans Dec. 24, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) (Sat)	
Week 5 - GREEN BAY Oct. 9, 8:28 p.m. (NBC)	Week 11 - TENNESSEE Nov. 20, 1 p.m. (CBS)	Week 17 - TAMPA BAY Jan. 1, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 6 - CAROLINA Oct. 16, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 12 - MINNESOTA Nov. 27, 1 p.m. (Fox)	*All times EASTERN, subject to change.	

**2010 Record:** 13-3, first place, NFC South; 0-1 in postseason, lost to Packers in divisional playoff

**Head Coach:** Mike Smith, fourth season

**Additions:** TE Marquez Brunson, P Ken Penning, CB Rafael Penning, DE Ray Edwards

**Departures:** S Erik Coleman, G Harvey Dahl, P Michael Koenen

**Key Draft Picks:** WR Julio Jones (1), LB Akeem Dent (2), RB Jacquizz Rodgers (3)

**Offseason review:** A lack of firepower at wide receiver in last year's playoff loss to Green Bay prompted the Falcons to pay dearly for the right to draft Jones in the first round. He gives the team badly needed stability opposite veteran Roddy White and gives QB Matt Ryan another target. Defensive end was also a major need coming into the offseason, so the team signed former Viking Edwards while drafting Cliff Matthews in the seventh round. Another big need was at outside linebacker, which figures to be filled by third-round pick Dont'a Hightower. Hightower's departure means second-year man Mike Johnson or a free agent will fill the void. And depth in the running game could also be an issue if third-down back Jason Snelling signs elsewhere.



## New Orleans Saints

Week 1 - at Green Bay Sept. 8, 8:30 p.m. (NBC) (Thu)	Week 7 - INDIANAPOLIS Oct. 23, 8:30 p.m. (NBC)	Week 13 - DETROIT Dec. 4, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 2 - CHICAGO Sept. 18, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 8 - at St. Louis Oct. 30, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 14 - at Tennessee Dec. 11, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 3 - HOUSTON Sept. 26, 1 p.m. (CBS)	Week 9 - TAMPA BAY Nov. 6, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 15 - at Minnesota Dec. 18, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 4 - at Jacksonville Oct. 2, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 10 - at Atlanta Nov. 13, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 16 - ATLANTA Dec. 26, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) (Mon)	
Week 5 - at Carolina Oct. 9, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 11 - Bye	Week 17 - CAROLINA Jan. 1, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 6 - at Tampa Bay Oct. 16, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) (Mon)	Week 12 - NY GIANTS Nov. 20, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) (Mon)	*All times EASTERN, subject to change.	

**2010 Record:** 11-5, second place, NFC South; 0-1 in postseason, lost to Seahawks in Wild Card Game

**Head Coach:** Sean Payton, fourth season

**Additions:** DT Shaun Rogers, DE Turk McBride, RB Damon Sprales, CB Fabian Johnson

**Departures:** TE Jeremy Shockey, RB Reggie Bush

**Key Draft Picks:** DE Cameron Jordan (1), RB Mark Ingram (1), LB Marqus Wilson (2), CB Johnny Patrick (3)

**Offseason review:** The Saints came into the offseason staking it a laundry list of prospective free agents. With two defensive ends among them, the

team drafted Jordan with a first round pick, and Greg Rousseau, considered a bargain in the seventh round — if he's recovered from a torn ACL. The former is expected to start while the latter's status is dependent on health. At running back, Bush's days in the Big Easy became numbered once the Saints selected the powerful Ingram with its other first-rounder. Whether he can match Bush's pass-catching ability is another matter about which CB Drew Brees will soon find out. Third-round pick Wilson is expected to compete for playing at strong-side linebacker, especially if holdover Randall Gay isn't healthy. But depth issues remain at linebacker, where Darryl Clark is a free agent, defensive tackle, center, tight end and strong safety.



## Carolina Panthers

Week 1 - at Arizona Sept. 11, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)	Week 7 - WASHINGTON Oct. 23, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 13 - at Tampa Bay Dec. 4, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 2 - GREEN BAY Sept. 19, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 8 - INDIANAPOLIS Oct. 30, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 14 - ATLANTA Dec. 11, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 3 - JACKSONVILLE Sept. 25, 1 p.m. (CBS)	Week 9 - Bye	Week 15 - at Houston Dec. 18, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 4 - at Chicago Oct. 2, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 10 - TENNESSEE Nov. 5, 1 p.m. (CBS)	Week 16 - TAMPA BAY Dec. 24, 1 p.m. (Fox) (Sat)	
Week 5 - NEW ORLEANS Oct. 9, 3 p.m. (Fox)	Week 11 - at Detroit Nov. 20, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 17 - at New Orleans Jan. 1, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 6 - at Atlanta Oct. 16, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 12 - at Indianapolis Nov. 27, 1 p.m. (Fox)	*All times EASTERN, subject to change.	

**2010 Record:** 2-14, last place, NFC South

**Head Coach:** Ron Rivera, first season

**Additions:** TE Jeremy Shockey, DL Louis Ellis, DT Ron Edwards, K Orlando Moore, LB Matt McCoy, TE Greg Olsen

**Departures:** TE Jeff King, CB Richard Marshall, QB Matt Moore

**Key Draft Picks:** QB Cam Newton (1), DT Tavaris McClean (2), DT Steve Paea (3), CB Brandon Hogan (4), WR Kausha Phares (5)

**Offseason review:** What do you get for the team that needs everything? Well, if you're the 2-14 Panthers, you start at a skill position, in this case quarterback, where

the team took the talented though raw Newton with the first overall pick. He's unlikely to start, however, so look for the team to turn to second-year man Jimmy Clausen or a free agent to be determined to be the No. 1 QB. The interior of the defensive line was also a big need, so the Panthers devoted two third-round picks to McClean and Paea, and signed veterans Ellis and Edwards. At cornerback, the team lost Marshall, so a suitable replacement will need to be found via free agency. To their credit, the team did manage to re-sign a few of their key free agents, starting with the biggest, RB DeAngelo Williams, plus LB James Anderson and DE Charles Johnson. Still, this team needs work — a lot of it.



## Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Week 1 - DETROIT Sept. 11, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 7 - CHICAGO Oct. 23, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 13 - CAROLINA Dec. 4, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 2 - at Minnesota Sept. 19, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 8 - Bye	Week 14 - at Jacksonville Dec. 11, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 3 - ATLANTA Sept. 25, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)	Week 9 - at New Orleans Nov. 5, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 15 - SULLY Dec. 17, 6:00 p.m. (NFLN) (Thu)	
Week 4 - INDIANAPOLIS Oct. 2, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) (Mon)	Week 10 - HOUSTON Nov. 13, 1 p.m. (CBS)	Week 16 - at Carolina Dec. 24, 1 p.m. (Fox) (Sat)	
Week 5 - at San Francisco Oct. 9, 4:05 p.m. (Fox)	Week 11 - at Green Bay Nov. 20, 1 p.m. (Fox)	Week 17 - at Atlanta Jan. 1, 1 p.m. (Fox)	
Week 6 - NEW ORLEANS Oct. 16, 4:30 p.m. (Fox)	Week 12 - at Tennessee Nov. 27, 1 p.m. (Fox)	*All times EASTERN, subject to change.	

**2010 Record:** 10-6, third place, NFC South

**Head Coach:** Raheem Morris, third season

**Additions:** RB Derrick Taylor, G Marc Diez, LB J.D. Folsom, LB Simoni Lawrence, P Michael Koenen

**Departures:** LB Barrett Ruess

**Key Draft Picks:** DE Adrian Clayborn (1), DE DeQuan Bowers (2), LB Mason Foster (3), TE Luke Stocker (4), SS Ahmad Black (5)

**Offseason review:** The Bucs executed one of the great turnarounds last season, going from 3-13 in 2009

to 10-6 in '10, led by second-year QB Josh Freeman. The team entered the offseason intent on upgrading its biggest weakness, the defensive line, which managed only 26 sacks last year while allowing opposing running backs 4.6 yards per carry. First-round pick Clayborn and second-rounder Bowers, if he's recovered from knee woes, should fill those holes quite nicely. Foster, taken in the third round, could start in the wake of Ruess's departure. No. 4 Stocker could vie for playing time at tight end, and so could No. 5 Black at strong safety. But cornerback might be an area of concern given Ronnie Barber's advancing age and Aqib Tahir's ongoing legal troubles, and so could running back, with Cadillac Williams going to the Rams. Expect the team to address those via the market.



# NFL makes it official

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tatives and owners did the leg work of putting aside the considerable differences between the two groups and focusing on the future.

"There was a tremendous amount of respect and an attempt to find solutions," Goodell said. "Once we understood each other and we understood that that was what we were there for, we got it done."

Both Goodell and Smith were vague on the possibility of HGH-testing.

Smith called it "something to be strived for," with Goodell adding "we're going to get it done but we want to get it done right."



MCT photo  
**Steelers player rep Ryan Clark, seen attempting to tackle Packer James Starks in Super Bowl XLV, said there were some teammates who were not in favor of the recently set-d collective bargaining agreement.**

Testing could begin by the start of the regular season, though the specifics are still being worked on, as are several other details.

It didn't stop Smith from celebrating a "joyous" day.

The process has turned him into a celebrity of sorts, and he spent several minutes posing for pictures with fans before being whisked away in a van.

Though the players were eager to get back to work, not every team walked in lock-step to ratify the CBA.

The Pittsburgh Steelers voted no, citing the rushed nature of the deal — the Steelers didn't receive a copy until 3 p.m. — and the agreement's inability to address Goodell's role as judge and jury for on-the-field discipline.

"We felt it was shoved down our throats," Pittsburgh defensive tackle Willie Colon said Thursday.

Smith declined to discuss Pittsburgh's vote.

NFLPA spokesman George Atallah said simply "we're happy to be back playing football."

Asked if the NFLPA viewed the defending AFC champion's decision to vote against the deal as a protest, Atallah said, "ask (Steelers player representative) Ryan Clark."

Clark said he wouldn't discuss the outcome of the vote, though both he and Pittsburgh quarterback

Charlie Batch acknowledged there were some players on the 90-man roster who were not in favor of the deal.

Not that it mattered to Scott Hill and Mike Bond, longtime Denver Bronco fans who made their way to Canton to watch former Denver tight end Shannon Sharpe's enshrinement on Saturday.

Neither Hill nor Bond felt the season was in danger, figuring once both sides realized what was at stake they'd come to their senses.

"It cost the Hall of Fame game, it cost nothing more," Hill said. "There was a lot of stuff in the press to try and get us worried, but until it got to the point where it was actually going to matter, there was no reason to get worried. ... This, this was all made up."

Maybe, but the league didn't do quite enough to appease Tony Dearing.

The Hall of Fame game's cancellation means Dearing won't be able to throw a little cash into 8-year-old daughter Peyton's college fund.

Dearing spends every Hall of Fame weekend at his father-in-law's house on Blake Ave., which sits across the street from Fawcett Stadium, the site of the Hall of Fame game each year.

The family sells water and lemonade to fans and offers a

handful of prime parking spots for \$10.

Dearing estimates he deposits between \$300-\$350 into his daughter's college account when the weekend is over.

This weekend, instead of working during the game, the family will hold a reunion of sorts instead.

"What upsets me is not that the game was canceled, it's that they didn't do something else," Dearing said. "You could still put together a concert with some well-known artists and have a good time."

Instead the Hall will offer a tailgate party with several Hall of Famers mingling in the crowd.

It's not bad, but it's not a game.

Then again, it could be worse.

There could be no football at all.

Instead, the nation's most popular sport will have labor peace for a decade.

Goodell isn't sure he'll have the job the next time a new CBA

"I think the most important thing is always listen to one another and find solutions," Goodell said. "One of the things I think we understand is that we're better off working together, we can create a better environment for everybody, most specifically the game and our fans."

# Bush brings Miami big-play threat

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quarterback Matt Moore said. "He shows great leadership. He's a big-time talker and motivator, and that's good to see."

Bush and Moore were among the veterans held out of practice until Thursday because they had signed new contracts.

Also joining workouts belatedly were linebackers Jason Taylor and Kevin Burnett.

"It's good to get the whole squad out there," Taylor said, "and have a chance to run around and get to see some of the guys and play with them a little bit."

football field."

He won't be able to hide, though, because defenses are certain to focus on Bush.

He'll share time at running back with second-round draft choice Daniel Thomas, and even in non-tackling drills, it was evi-

That's what the Dolphins hope.

They finished next to last in the AFC in points last year, when they went 7-9.

Bush figures he can make life easier for much-maligned quarterback Chad Henne while distracting defenders from receivers Brandon Marshall, Brian Hartline and Davone Bess.

"One of the reasons I came here was because of the opportunity to bring versatility to this offense out of the backfield," Bush said. "The Dolphins may be one or two pieces away from being a constant contender, and that's why I came here. I felt like I could be that piece. We have the guys to be a top offense and be a contender."

Two practices into his Dolphins career, Bush may already be their most acclaimed player.

When he finally stopped running Friday and started toward the locker room, patient fans hollered at him from behind a fence, and he peeled off to head their way. They wanted autographs; soon enough they'll be clamoring for touchdowns.

*'He creates tons of mismatches. He's going to be huge for this team.'*

**MATT MOORE**  
Dolphin QB

Bush is the most celebrated veteran newcomer by virtue of his success at Southern California and occasional bursts of brilliance with New Orleans.

He helped the Saints win the Super Bowl in 2010, but he was plagued by injuries, never made the Pro Bowl and became dispensable.

Further tainting Bush's image was an NCAA investigation that determined he and his family accepted improper benefits from would-be sports agents while he played for USC.

The Heisman Trust no longer recognizes Bush as the winner of its award, and the Bowl Championship Series vacated the Trojans' 2004 national title.

While he embraces the fresh start in Miami, Bush said he doesn't need to change perceptions about him.

But he then nodded toward the practice field and added: "This is my sanctuary. This is where I get a chance to escape from all the things outside of the

dent the Dolphins will be creative in getting the ball to Bush to take advantage of his speed and elusiveness.

"He's gold," Moore said. "He creates tons of mismatches, and even when defenses are spying on him, a guy like Reggie is so talented, you get the ball in his hands and he can turn a bad play into a huge play. He's going to be huge for this team."

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# SFCC setting up for the season

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working hard toward that.”

Among those incoming freshmen, Crawford didn't have to look too far to bring in Sebring's Brittany "Beamer" Whittington and Samantha DiGiacomo as an outside hitter and defensive specialist, respectively.

The search stretched just a bit further with Eryn Mahoney, a 5-foot-10 hitter and middle from Hardee and another 5-10 middle from Lakeland, Khaleesha Williams.

A familial recruit came from Valrico's Bloomingdale High School, as two-year starter and recent graduate Sydney Klemp's younger sister Samantha is in the mix as a 5-7 defensive specialist who recorded 329 digs last season.

A search of Brandon brought 5-11 middle Erin Fiore into the fold and another defensive specialist was found in the form of Caitlin Tribit from Oviedo.

And a trip to Brooksville's Hernando High School brought more size in twin towers Malea Kalina (176 kills, 62 service aces) and Brittany Hill (213 kills).

The final piece to the puzzle was brought in from out of state, and out of country, as Stephaniei De Hoyos comes in from Ciales, Puerto Rico, and could bring an added boost in energy level and style of play.

"A lot of times during

practice she says how slow the way we play is," Crawford said. "It should be interesting to see the kind of pace she's used to playing at and what we can do with that."

Aside from the collective eagerness to play among the 2011 Lady Panthers, Crawford is pleased to see another side of her players.

"We've got very good athletes who are well ahead of things," she said. "I'm a teacher first and usually this early on, there's still a lot of teaching of where to be, where to move. But we're way past that stage, these girls already know that and I've caught myself getting mad about something and Richard (assistant coach Bozeman) reminds me, this is stuff we'd normally be doing next week, and it's just the third day.

"We're getting to the point now of instead of just thinking of what they need to do, to think outside the box, think about the other side of the net," Crawford continued. "I mean, how often do you see just pass, set, kill? Games don't play out that basically, so we're working on looking for openings. Maybe the pass is coming to the setter and she sees an open space and instead of setting, sends it over for a point. We still work on the basics every day, but being able to add these other elements this early is a real good sign."



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
**Heavy hitting Shelby Flint will be counted on for her play as well as experience, being one of only three returning players from last year's Lady Panther squad.**

SFCC gets its' season underway Friday, Aug. 19 with a scrimmage at Southeastern University in Lakeland before facing Florida Christian Friday,

Aug. 26 at Kissimmee.

The Lady Panthers then debut at home Saturday, Aug. 27 with the SFCC Tri-Match beginning at Noon against Webber.

# Golden set for 1st camp as Miami's coach

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
*Associated Press*

**CORAL GABLES** — Miami running backs Mike James and Lamar Miller were headed out to get some food not along ago, deciding along the way to make a quick detour and check out the scene at a nearby hotel.

It'll be their home for the next couple weeks.

Keeping with the offseason theme of building team unity — something that apparently lacked at times in recent seasons — the Hurricanes will spend part of their training camp together around the clock at a hotel not far from campus.

They'll be riding buses to practice together, dining and in meetings together, all with the hope that tighter bonds can keep getting forged for the looming season, Miami's first under new coach Al Golden.

"For us, it was just a function of some logistics and made it the best choice," Golden said. "Every team's different. So we felt what this team needed, they needed to be in those rooms and kind of not spread out all over. They needed to be maybe rooming with somebody they don't know very well. It gives more opportunities for unity."

For their part, players say they can't wait for the new twist to camp.

"We stopped in the hotel, walked in and got the feel of it," James said. "Walked around, checked the vibes,

walked to the pool — which we won't see during camp anyway — and walked around a little bit. It's good to see exactly where we're going to be. It's going to help the team in a great way. It's going to bring us closer together, closer than we've ever been because we'll see each other all the time. We'll have to deal with each on a one-on-one, family basis."

Camp formally opened with the first practice Saturday morning at Miami, where the Hurricanes were 7-6 a year ago and lost in the Sun Bowl to Notre Dame.

Miami is picked to finish second in the Atlantic Coast Conference's Coastal Division in most preseason polls, and the Hurricanes are still looking for their first ACC title — nearly a decade after leaving the Big East and changing leagues.

A slew of position battles will be sorted out in the coming weeks, most notably at quarterback, where Jacory Harris and Stephen Morris both served as the first-stringer at times in 2010.

Golden said he doesn't plan on choosing this year's starter — at least, the Week 1 starter anyway — until after the team's second preseason scrimmage, with an announcement expected

about two weeks before the Sept. 5 opener at Maryland.

But it's not just the depth chart that'll be worked on during camp.

Golden's team held scavenger hunts, played games, had pool parties and barbecues together all summer, all with the coaching staff's blessing, and more often than not with much of the roster — not just offensive guys or defensive guys — taking part alongside one another.

Players say that brought

*"I just have to worry about football, my playbook and how to get better."*

**STEPHEN MORRIS**  
Hurricane QB

them together. Golden thinks this camp will continue that process. "You have no idea how good this camp is going to make me feel," Morris said. "I don't have to worry about food. I don't have to worry about cooking that night. I don't have to worry about cleaning up after, nothing. I just have to worry about football, my playbook and how to get better. And I don't care if my roommate is a defensive person. We're going to be talking straight offensive football."

Miami will be without two significant players at the start of camp.

Offensive lineman Seantrel Henderson will have back

surgery next week and his availability for the 2011 season is unknown, and defensive lineman Marcus Forston needs another week or two to continue recovering from offseason knee surgery.

The Hurricanes are also waiting for NCAA clearing-house issues to be resolved with three newcomers.

And make no mistake: The Hurricanes aren't expecting Camp Golden to be easy.

Days will be long for the next couple weeks, with the team expected to be on campus most mornings by 7 a.m., on the field for practice typically an hour later, with countless meetings afterward.

And if it's a two-a-day spot on the schedule, another mid-afternoon practice will take place, almost certainly happening in the worst of Miami's steamy daily summer heat.

By nightfall, odds are, most guys will be exhausted.

"If they're in their year-round housing during camp, we have guys all over the place and that's what we didn't want," Golden said. "We didn't want guys driving 15 minutes or 20 minutes at 11 o'clock at night after going through a two-a-day. That doesn't make sense and from a responsibility standpoint that wasn't the right way to go. Now we'll all be in the same place every night. That'll be good for us."

# Fisher: 6-year-old fighting rare blood disease

*Associated Press*  
**TALLAHASSEE** —

Jimbo and Candi Fisher say their youngest son suffers from the rare life-threatening blood disorder Fanconi anemia.

The Fishers announced 6-year-old Ethan Fisher's illness Friday and that they've created a foundation to help find a cure.

Fisher says he plans to donate all fees from public speaking appearances to the fund for research.

Fisher says that "we're here to find a cure."

Ethan and his 10-year-old brother, Trey, joined his parents briefly prior to the announcement along with Dr. Margaret MacMillan. She is a pediatric blood and marrow specialist from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Fisher says his career in coaching has taught him to never accept defeat and that "we will go at it every day."

# Football Hall of Fame parade halted by injury

*Associated Press*

**CANTON, Ohio** — A woman has been injured after getting hit by a float during a parade celebrating the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement in Ohio.

The Repository newspaper reports that Candace Billman, president of the Professional Football Ultimate Fan Association, was hit from behind Saturday morning by a "12th Man" float as she walked and reached into her

purse near the start of the Timken Grand Parade.

The newspaper says the parade temporarily stopped and Billman was taken by fire department medics to a local hospital.

The Hall of Fame says 200,000 spectators were expected for the parade featuring the 2011 enshrines. Being enshrined Saturday night were Richard Dent, Marshall Faulk, Chris Hanburger, Les Richter, Ed Sabol, Deion Sanders and Shannon Sharpe.

# Today in Baseball History

**Aug. 7**

1907 — Walter Johnson won the first of his 417 victories leading the Washington Senators to a 7-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

1923 — Cleveland's Frank Bower went 6-for-6 with a double and five singles as the Indians routed the Washington Senators 22-2.

1956 — The largest crowd in minor-league history, 57,000, saw 50-year-old Satchel Paige of Miami beat Columbus in an International League game played in the Orange Bowl.

1968 — Joe Keough of the Oakland A's hit a pinch home run in his first major league at-bat in the eighth inning of the second game of a doubleheader against the New York Yankees. The A's won the nightcap 4-3 in 10 innings after dropping the first game 3-0.

1985 — Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth ended the strike by the Major League Baseball Players Association with the announcement of a tentative agreement. The season resumed Aug. 8.

1999 — Wade Boggs became the first player to homer for his 3,000th hit, with a two-run shot in Tampa Bay's 15-10 loss to Cleveland. Boggs already had a pair of RBI singles when he homered off Chris Haney in the sixth inning.

2004 — Greg Maddux became the 22nd pitcher in major league history to reach 300 victories, leading the Chicago Cubs to an 8-4 victory over San Francisco.

2007 — San Francisco's Barry Bonds hit home run No. 756 to break Hank Aaron's storied record with one out in the fifth inning, hitting a full-count, 84 mph fastball from Washington's Mike Bacsik. Noticeably absent were commissioner Bud Selig and Aaron. The Nationals won the game, 8-6.

2009 — Albert Pujols drove in three runs to surpass the 100 RBI mark for the ninth straight season to start his career. The only major league hitter with a longer streak was Hall of Famer Al Simmons, who had 11 consecutive seasons with the Philadelphia Athletics from 1924-34.

2010 — The Toronto Blue Jays became the first team to hit eight homers in a game in three years, getting two apiece from Aaron Hill and J.P. Arencibia in a 17-11 victory over Tampa Bay. Jose Bautista, Adam Lind, Edwin Encarnacion and Lyle Overbay also connected for Toronto. Today's birthdays: Edgar Renteria 36.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar provides a brief listing of local clubs and organizations who meet on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of the group to update the *News-Sun* on any changes in this listing by calling 385-6155, ext. 516; send any changes by e-mail to [editor@news-sun.com](mailto:editor@news-sun.com); or mail them to *News-Sun* Community Calendar, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

## SUNDAY

■ **American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

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

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** lounge is open from 1-7 p.m. Card games start at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, 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. Lodge phone number 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. For details, call 382-7731. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For details on the organization, go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.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. For details, call 471-2143.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves lunch at 2 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, 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. For details, 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. For details, call 214-5522.

■ **The Artists' Group** at South Florida Community College will hold a critique clinic the first Sunday of every month, 2-4 p.m., at the Hotel Jacaranda, Avon Park. Professional local artists will discuss and evaluate participants' paintings. The fee is \$5 with a two painting limit. For more information, call 784-7346.

■ **U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club** meets at 1 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at VFW Post 9853, State Road 64 West and North Oliva Drive. For information call Hocky at (954) 592-4847

■ **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. For details, call 699-5444.

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

## MONDAY

■ **Al-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.

For more information 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. For details, 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. For details, call 202-0647.

■ **American Legion Post 74 Sons of Legion** meet at 6 p.m. Executive board meets at 7 p.m. on second Monday at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Happy hour from 4-6 p.m. Post open noon-8 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **AmVets Post 21** meets 6 p.m. second Monday, at the post, 2029 U.S. 27 South, Sebring. All members welcome.

■ **AmVets Post 21** plays darts at 7:30 p.m. for members and guests. For details, call 385-0234.

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

■ **BALANCE Dual Diagnosed (Addiction and Mental Health) Support Group** meets the second and fourth Monday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Florida Hospital Sebring, Conference Room 1. Qi-Gong to follow at 7 p.m. Call 386-5687.

■ **Boy Scout Troop 482** meets 7 p.m., 34 Central Ave., Lake Placid.

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

■ **Diabetes Insulin Pump Support Group** meets the second Monday from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Florida Hospital Heartland Division Diabetes Center, 4023 Sun 'N Lake. Call 402-0177 for more information.

■ **Diabetes Support Group** meets the second and fourth Monday from 1-2:30 p.m. in Florida Hospital Conference Room 3 in Sebring. Call 402-0177 for guest speaker list.

■ **Fairmount Mobile Estates Lunch Bunch** meets at noon second Monday at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring. For

details, call 382-0481.

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

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

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** meets the second and fourth Monday at the Sebring Country Estates Civic Association clubhouse, 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart). Dancing will be held every month until April 2008. Classes are being started now in the Sebring and Lake Placid area. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or visit the Web site at [www.samdun.net](http://www.samdun.net).

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

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

■ **Heartland Riders Association** meets at 6 p.m. second Monday at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center in Village Plaza (across from Sebring Gate Station). For details, call 402-1165.

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

■ **Highlands County Homeowners Association** meets the second Monday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Sebring Country Estates Clubhouse at 3240 Grand Prix Drive in Sebring.

■ **Highlands County Parkinson's Support Group** meets at 10 a.m. second Monday at First Baptist Church in Downtown Sebring. For details, call 453-6589.

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

■ **Highlands Sertoma Club** meets at noon, Takis Family Restaurant, Sebring.

■ **Highlands County Senior Squadron, Civil Air Patrol** the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary meets the second and fourth Monday nights at the Sebring Airport Terminal Building. All are welcome. For further information, call 471-1433 between 4 and 7 p.m.

■ **Insulin Pump Support Group** meets from 3-4:30

p.m. the second Monday of every month in conference Room 3 of Florida Hospital. This group is open to all insulin pump wearers, their families and anyone who is interested in knowing more about insulin pumps. Pre-registration is not required. For information, call 402-0177.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** will have classes in Drawing and Painting, conducted by Anne Watson, from from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. From 1-4 p.m., Mary Gebhart will teach Fabric Painting 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. For details, call 465-2661.

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■ **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. 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](http://www.nafheartland.org).

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 12-4:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday in Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. No meetings from end of May to October. For details, call 465-4888.

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

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

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** has the lounge open from 12-7 p.m. Smoke-free envi-

ronment. For more details, call 471-3557.

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

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** plays Texas Hold 'em at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing. For details, call 655-3920.

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

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

■ **Woman's Club of Sebring** meets at noon on the second Monday for lunch, from October through May, at the clubhouse, 4260 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-7268.

## TUESDAY

■ **Aging Advocacy Council** meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Nu-Hope Conference Room at 11:30 a.m. for a brown bag lunch with the meeting starting at noon. Contact Debbie Slade at 382-2134

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

■ **American Ex-POW** Highlands County Chapter, meets 6 p.m. Call Ted Biever, 382-3285, for meeting place.

■ **American Legion Placid Post 25 Lake Placid** has shuffleboard and euchre, both at 1 p.m. Lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, 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. For details, call 452-2385.

■ **Avon Park Lakes Association** has Women's Salad Bar at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. The clubhouse is at 2714 Nautilus Drive in Avon Park.

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

■ **Avon Park Lions Club** meets 6:45 p.m., dinner, Lions Club, 1218 W. Bell St., Avon Park.

■ **Beta Sigma Phi, Xi Nu Sigma** Chapter of Avon Park, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month in the members home. Call president Mary Joinerr at 382-4488 or vice president Linda Webster at 385-1124.

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

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

■ **The Computer Club at Buttonwood Bay** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month November through March. We invite anyone interested in expanding their computer knowledge to attend the Buttonwood Bay Bytes Computer Club meeting.

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

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

■ **Happy Paws Dog Obedience Club Inc.** meets at 7 p.m. second Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring. Obedience classes are available. All welcome. For details, call 471-9778.

■ **Heartland Dog Club Inc. of Florida** meets at 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Homer's Buffet, Sebring. Obedience classes (all breeds) are held on Wednesday evenings at Sun 'N Lake Elementary School. Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog testing available. AKC-pointed shows

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### Inspirational Thoughts

by Patricia Valentine

"Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed." (St Luke 7:7). The centurion came to Jesus because his servant was sick and near death. He had heard of the results of Jesus words. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). In the creation accounts of Genesis 1 and 2 God created the universe by speaking words. Every word Jesus spoke has power in your life. When Jesus said, "It is finished," it had only just begun. Everything you need he has supplied. For every trial, he has already prayed, and for every battle he has already fought and secured your victory. His word is powerful and prophetic, just receive it. You want to see changes, then begin to open your mouth and say something. Speak to that mountain. Say what you mean and mean what you say. Watch God work. God Bless!

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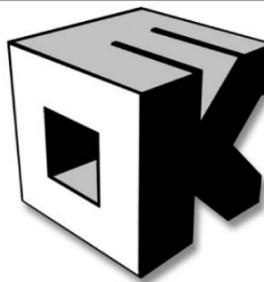
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# The shy, secretive and colorful coral snake



**News From The Watershed**  
Corine Burgess

Slurred speech, double vision and muscular paralysis will eventually end in respiratory or cardiac failure.

Does this sound like a scene from a horror movie? Actually these results are produced from something very tiny, secretive, shy and beautiful.

If untreated by antivenin, the neurotoxin from the eastern coral snake can cause these symptoms.

The good news is that coral snakes are recluses and not at all aggressive. They only bite when handled or stepped on.

Unlike the rattlesnake that can strike from far away distances, the coral snake must chew on its victim to inject its venom. As a result, very few humans die from the bite of this beautiful creature.

As a matter of a fact, no deaths have been reported as a result of coral snakes since antivenin was released in 1967.

Coral snakes are somewhat unusual as far as venomous snakes go because their appearance does not resemble the more obvious features of pit vipers, which are generally associated with venom. Coral snakes are elapids and are relatives of the cobra, mamba and sea snake.

First, there is little pain and swelling. In about 12 hours, disruption of the connections between the brain and the muscles begins.

They prefer wooded, sandy and marshy areas and spend most of their lives underground or in leaf litter. When confronted by humans, coral snakes will attempt to flee and will bite only to protect themselves. They have very short fangs that cannot usually penetrate thick leather, so when gardening gloves may be advisable.

When disturbed, the snake will often lay its head out of sight and rattle its flattened elevated tail to warn off the invader.

Unfortunately, the very beauty of the reptile is what makes it so dangerous to humans.

Children may see the bright yellow, red and black coloration and want to pick the creature up or touch it.

The normally docile snake suddenly becomes a danger to the innocent victims.

Fortunately, the snake is seldom seen by humans and tends to be nocturnal.

The colorful creatures eat lizards, frogs and smaller snakes including their own kind.

When in search for prey, the unsuspecting lizard or other creature will stick its head in the leaf litter and may be met by a pair of fangs. The coral snake's venom is injected using a small pair of fixed, hollow fangs on the anterior of its mouth.

The snake will chew on its victim, passing the venom into its body. The snake must hold onto the prey for a period of time in an effort to inject enough venom to incapacitate it.

The coral snake lays a clutch of two to three eggs in the summer months. It is the only poisonous snake in North America to lay eggs;



The shy and reclusive coral snake is very easy to identify. They are very brightly colored with yellow rings touching red rings and they will always have a black nose in contrast to the harmless scarlet king snake which has a red nose and red rings touching black rings.

pit vipers have live young. Baby coral snakes are about seven inches when they hatch from their eggs.

The juveniles are born with full venom. The adults may reach two feet in length.

Although often confused with the scarlet king snake, there are very easy ways to tell the difference between the two species.

The eastern coral snake is characterized by red and yellow rings which touch and encircle the entire body.

The end of the nose is always black, in contrast to the scarlet king snake.

Male coral snakes have 10-27 black bands while females have 12-26.

The yellow rings on both sides of every red ring are found on the venomous snakes.

Remember, "red touch yellow, kill a fellow."

In contrast, the harmless scarlet king snake, which is a type of milk snake, will always have a red nose. The red and yellow rings are separated by black rings. These

is white and the nose is pointed and red, not black. The red areas are ringed in black.

Remember, "red touch black, friend of Jack."

Snakes have a bad reputation. Being a venomous snake is most likely a death sentence to any of these creatures that come in contact with most humans. But, as with all living things, everything has a purpose and a place in nature.

Venomous snakes, such as the coral snake, offer uses in medical research and have benefited many people with differing research and medicines.

Treatment of blood and heart problems and control of harmful bacteria in humans has also been a positive result of snake venom. In addition, these snakes

help control the pest population and increase the wildlife diversity in the plant communities they live in.

A little education on your part will help you to appreciate these fascinating reptiles. Remember, these snakes are very shy and don't want to be disturbed. If you see one, just respect its space and back away.

Unless you foolishly try to handle the creature, chances are you won't ever experience its bite, but you will be amazed at how colorful and beautiful they are.

Corine Burgess is the Natural Resources Specialist for the Highlands County Natural Resources Department assisting the Highlands Soil & Water Conservation District ([www.highlandsswcd.org](http://www.highlandsswcd.org)).

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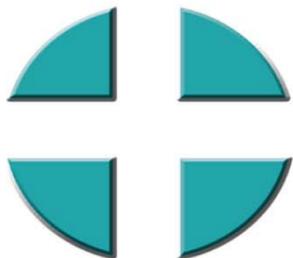
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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held annually in April. Call 385-7474 or 385-7803 or visit [www.HeartlandDogClubofFlorida.net](http://www.HeartlandDogClubofFlorida.net).

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

■ **Highlands Gem and Mineral Club** meets 7 p.m., second Tuesday, Church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring. Club does not meet in July, August or September. For details, call 453-7054.

■ **Highlands Tea Party** meets at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Square. Call 386-1440.

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

■ **Insulin Pump Support Group** meets from 2-4:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Nu-Hope of Highlands County, 6414 U.S. 27 South, Sebring. Optional education/refresher

session from 2-3 p.m. Support group meets from 3-4:30 p.m. This is a free support group for all patients with insulin pumps, or for those who want to know more about them. Call 414-6444 for information.

■ **Knights of Columbus Council 5441** meets 8 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at Knights of Columbus Hall, 900 U.S. 27 N., Sebring. For details, call 385-0987.

■ **Knights of Columbus Council 5441 Auxiliary** meets 8 p.m. every second Tuesday at Knights of Columbus Hall, 900 U.S. 27 N., Sebring. For details, call 385-0987.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** has classes in Parchment Embossing from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd., taught by Maria Lorant. 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. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Grief Support (Hope Hospice)** meets at 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Southern Lifestyle, 1297 U.S. 27

North, Lake Placid, with Charlie Stroup. Refreshments served. Door prize given. Call 465-0568.

■ **Lake Placid Lions Club** meets at 7 p.m. (6 p.m. for dinner) the second Tuesday each month at Herons Garden, 501 US 27 North, Lake Placid. Call Jeanne at 699-0743.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** has a general meeting and a Moose Legion meeting at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday at the lodge.

■ **Lake Placid Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary 3880** meets 10 a.m. second Tuesday at 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. Call 699-5444 for details.

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

■ **Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** meets at 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Highlands Regional Medical Center second floor class room. Friends and family are welcome. For details, call Janet Turvey at 465-3138.

■ **Nar-Anon Support Group** for family members or friends of someone with a drug problem or addiction. Nar-Anon helps attain serenity and a more normal life for those affected by the addic-

tions of loved ones, regardless of whether or not he/she has stopped using. 6 p.m. every Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring.

■ **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People**, Highlands County Branch executive meeting meets 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday at RCMA/Hopewell Center in room 16. For information, call All Hinson at 399-2243, Rev. Robert Walker at 414-6474 or Davette Thompson at (312) 543-5983.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets from 9-10 a.m. every Tuesday at Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1410 W. Avon Blvd. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Visit [www.FloridaRidgeIntergroup.com](http://www.FloridaRidgeIntergroup.com). For details, call 382-7731. Visit [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org) for more information on OA.

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. For details, call 465-4888.

■ **Placid Lakes Home and Property Owners Association Inc.** has its board meetings at 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010

Placid Lakes Blvd. Annual meetings are in February. Quarterly meetings are in May, September and December. There is no board meeting in July.

■ **Rotary Club of Sebring (Noon)** meets at noon at the Sebring Civic Center, near the library in downtown Sebring. For information, 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 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. For details, call 655-3920.

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

■ **Sertoma Club** meets at 7 a.m. at Dee's Restaurant,

Sebring. For details, call Scott Albritton at 402-1819.

■ **The Sons of AMVETS** meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Post, 2029 U.S. 27 South, Sebring.

■ **Toby's Clown Alley** has its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday at the Clown Foundation, 109 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid.

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

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

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880**, plays darts 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. The ladies auxiliary meets at 10 a.m. every second Tuesday. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** has sandwiches at 5 p.m. and Franke from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

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## APOSTOLIC

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

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

## BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm Street. (2 blocks south of Interlake Blvd) Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Email: [www.fbclp.com](mailto:www.fbclp.com). Pastor Brett Morey, senior pastor. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Senior Sunday Night and Sunday Evening Bible study at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Adult-LifeSource classes, prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and Kids K-5-MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. Men meet at 8 a.m. every Tuesday for prayer breakfast and women's prayer breakfast is at 8 a.m. every Wednesday, both at the Family Restaurant.

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

or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aaron Snider, Youth Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

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

## CATHOLIC

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

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

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

## CHRISTIAN

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

■ **Sebring Christian Church**,

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

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

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

## CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

## CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

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

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

## CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN

## CHRISTIAN UNION

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

# BOOKS

## HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Ghost Story" by Jim Butcher (Roc)
2. "A Dance With Dragons" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
3. "Full Black" by Brad Thor (Atria)
4. "Portrait of a Spy" by Daniel Silva (Harper)
5. "Now You See Her" by James Patterson, Michael Ledwidge (Little, Brown)
6. "Happy Birthday: A Novel" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte Press)
7. "Smokin' Seventeen" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
8. "Then Came You" by Jennifer Weiner (Atria)
9. "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett (Harper)
10. "Split Second" by Catherine Coulter (Putnam Adult)
11. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Knopf)
12. "Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Dominion" by Eric Van Lustbader (Grand Central Publishing)
13. "Against All Enemies" by Tom Clancy and Peter Telep (Putnam

Adult)

14. "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain (Ballantine)
15. "Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles (Viking)

## HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "A Stolen Life" by Jaycee Dugard (Simon & Schuster)
2. "Go the F--k to Sleep" by Adam Mansbach and Illustrations by Ricardo Cortes (Avon)
3. "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
4. "In the Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson (Crown)
5. "The 17 Day Diet: A Doctor's Plan Design for Rapid Results" by Dr. Mike Moreno (Free Press)
6. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey (Reagan Arthur)
7. "The Dukan Diet" by Pierre Dukan (Crown Archetype)
8. "The Greater Journey" by David McCullough (Simon &

# Publisher's Weekly Best Sellers



Schuster)

9. "SEAL Team Six" by Howard E. Wasdin and Stephen Templin (St. Martin's Press)
10. "The 4-Hour Body" by Timothy Ferriss (Crown)
11. "Lies That Chelsea Handler Told Me" by Chelsea's Family, Friends & Other Victims (Grand Central Publishing)
12. "Of Thee I Zing" by Laura Ingraham with Raymond Arroyo (Threshold)
13. "Swing Your Sword: Leading the Charge in Football and Life" by Mike Leach (Diversion)
14. "Through My Eyes" by Tim Tebow with Nathan Whitaker (Harper)
15. "Absolute Monarchs" by John Julius Norwich (Random House)

## MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Confession: A Novel" by John Grisham (Dell)
2. "A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Spectra)
3. "A Clash of Kings" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
4. "Out of the Rain" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
5. "A Storm of Swords" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
6. "Hell's Corner" by David Baldacci (Vision)
7. "Treachery in Death" by J.D. Robb (Berkley)
8. "Spider Bones" by Kathy Reichs (Pocket)
9. "Born to Die" by Lisa Jackson (Zebra)
10. "Private" by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro (Vision)
11. "A Feast for Crows"

by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)

12. "Sizzling Sixteen" by Janet Evanovich (St. Martin's Paperbacks)
13. "Only Mine" by Susan Mallery (HQN)
14. "Whiplash" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)
15. "Sacred Evil" by Heather Graham (Mira)

## TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett (Putnam Adult)
2. "Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back" by Todd Burpo, Sonja Burpo, Colton Burpo and Lynn Vincent (Thomas Nelson)
3. "Water for Elephants: A Novel" by Sara Gruen (Algonquin)
4. "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay (St. Martin's Griffin)

5. "Room" by Emma Donoghue (LB/Back Bay)
6. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot (Broadway)
7. "One Day" by David Nicholls (Vintage)
8. "Unlikely Friendships" by Jennifer S. Holland (Workman)
9. "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese (Vintage)
10. "A Visit from the Goon Squad" by Jennifer Egan (Anchor)
11. "Outliers: The Story of Success" by Malcolm Gladwell (LB/Back Bay)
12. "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein (Harper)
13. "The Original Argument: The Federalists' Case for the Constitution, Adapted for the 21st Century" by Glenn Beck (Threshold Editions)
14. "A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
15. "Empire of the Summer Moon" by S.C. Gwynne (Scribner)

# 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](mailto:redemer1895@aol.com) Web site: [redeemravon.com](http://redeemravon.com). The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

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

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

## GRACE BRETHREN

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

## INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

## LUTHERAN

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

welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Preschool director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at [www.Trinitylutheranlp.com](http://www.Trinitylutheranlp.com).

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church,** 3750

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

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

■ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.,** on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister: Phone, 314-0482, [lindadowning@live.com](mailto:lindadowning@live.com). Casey L. Downing, associate minister: Phone, 385-8171, [caseydowning@hotmail.com](mailto:caseydowning@hotmail.com). Web site is [www.ctmforme.com](http://www.ctmforme.com)

■ **Grace Bible Church,** 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. [www.GBCconnected.org](http://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 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:unity@vistanet.net). Web site, [www.unityofsebring.org](http://www.unityofsebring.org). 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian

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

■ **The Way Church,** 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone: 471-6140, Church Cell Phone: 381-6190. Email: [thewaychurch@hotmail.com](mailto:thewaychurch@hotmail.com). Web site: [www.TheWayChurch.org](http://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](mailto:covpres@strato.net); Web site: [www.cpcsebring.org](http://www.cpcsebring.org). Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

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

■ **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.fpclp.com](http://www.fpclp.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 Deacons meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, [springlakepc@embarqmail.com](mailto: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: [avonparkda@embarqmail.com](mailto:avonparkda@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.discovrefjesus.org](http://www.discovrefjesus.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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:eucc@earthlink.net) or check the Web site [sebringemmanuelucc.com](http://sebringemmanuelucc.com). No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Movie simians rise to next level in 'Apes' prequel

By DAVID GERMAIN

AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — There's no disputing the evolution of Hollywood apes since "King Kong" first terrorized audiences in 1933.

Back then, the king of the apes was a fur-covered puppet. In the old "Planet of the Apes" tales, simians were played by people in ape suits.

Today's movie apes have gone digital.

The prequel "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," opening in U.S. theaters Friday, features chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans crafted through performance-capture, in which the motions and features of human actors were recorded digitally, then layered over with computer animation to create photo-realistic primates.

It's the same technology used for the giant gorilla in Peter Jackson's 2005 "King Kong," with the same actor who did Kong, Andy Serkis, playing the lead chimp in the "Apes" prequel.

Serkis said it greatly enhanced the story's authenticity for him to be on set and in character as chimpanzee Caesar alongside James Franco, Freida Pinto and other costars playing the human roles. That's even though he was dressed in a skintight outfit covered with reference dots for the digital cameras and wearing a rig on his head to record facial expressions.

He didn't look remotely like a chimpanzee, but he had freedom of movement and expression the actors lacked on 1968's original "Planet of the Apes," whose makeup earned the film an honorary Academy Award.

"It did look phenomenal and iconic, but they had to kind of falsely move their faces around, move their mouths and generate a lot of energy just to keep those rubber masks alive. Because if they stopped, it would just look like coconut shells," Serkis said.



The apes in the remake of 'Rise of the Planet of the Apes' are able to show much more emotion thanks to advances in technology.

20th Century Fox

"That is the thing that performance-capture technology completely eliminates. You don't have layers of anything that is between you and the performance. So whereas you don't get the kind of stimulation of a costume, as an actor playing a performance-capture character, you have the total freedom to know that whatever you're thinking and feeling and generating and receiving from another actor is completely truthful, and is born out of here, in the heart."

Serkis led a cast of actors and stuntmen whose performances were the basis for about 150 apes that make a huge leap in intelligence through exposure to a drug being tested as a cure for Alzheimer's.

The original "Planet of the Apes" and Tim Burton's 2001 update featured apes that had evolved over centuries into thinking, talking creatures that walked upright as their limbs took on more human proportions. So humans in

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RUPERT WYATT  
director

ape suits made sense.

But "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" features the simians we know, that move about on all fours, with shorter legs and longer arms than humans. Actors in costumes could not have realistically simu-

lated those proportions — and live apes could not have delivered the smarter-than-your-average-chimp performances, the filmmakers said.

"None of these things would have worked for us because of the story," said Joe Letteri, who won a visual-effects Oscar for Jackson's "King Kong" and was senior visual-effects supervisor on "Rise of the Planet of the Apes." "We need to see the apes evolve, especially Caesar, from being a chimp we recognize to being able to have this behavior they acquire through this enhanced intelligence. Essentially, they had to perform like something more than apes but still look like real apes."

Serkis has become an able observer of ape behavior, studying gorillas for his Kong role in Rwanda with researchers for the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, on whose board of trustees he serves.

While Serkis' performance-capture Kong looked strikingly real,

the 1933 original starring Fay Wray remains an artistic triumph that may be dated, yet still is a visual wonder. That Kong was created through stop-motion animation, in which the gorilla puppet was meticulously moved and filmed one frame at a time.

Stop-motion animation also was used for the huge gorilla in 1949's "Mighty Joe Young." The ape in the 1998 remake was created by a mix of a guy in a gorilla suit, a mechanical puppet and computer effects.

The 1976 "King Kong" starring Jeff Bridges and Jessica Lange was a critical dud but did pick up a visual-effects Oscar. The great ape that time was a hybrid — blending the man-in-a-gorilla-suit approach with some scenes using a giant mechanical Kong.

B-movies have a long history of putting people in cheesy ape suits, but when done well, the costumes can be remarkably effective.

Hollywood's king of the ape outfit is makeup master Rick Baker, whose credits include the 2001 "Planet of the Apes," the 1976 "King Kong" and the 1988 Fossey drama "Gorillas in the Mist" and who earned Oscar nominations for the 1998 "Mighty Joe Young" and 1984's "Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes."

Like the 2005 "King Kong," "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" puts Caesar and his simian pals into huge action and fight sequences requiring acrobatics far beyond the capabilities of men in ape suits. Performance-capture was the only choice for director Rupert Wyatt.

"We knew that we couldn't use actors in prosthetic suits just because we're dealing with real apes. We wanted from the get-go to tell the story in as plausible and in as real-world a way as possible," Wyatt said. "And have 150 apes all captured in such a way that would be believable to a very savvy modern audience."

## HLT closes season with 'The Secret Garden'

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Highlands Little Theatre is preparing for its fifth and final show of this season, "The Secret Garden," starting Aug. 17.

In the musical, as in the classic children's book, 10 year old Mary Lennox awakens one morning in India to discover that her parents have been killed by a cholera epidemic. Her only living relatives are her uncles Archibald and Dr. Neville Craven. Although Lily died years earlier, Archibald still grieves and sees the spirit of his wife wandering the estate. Mary is left to wander on her own much of the time.

Things change when she discovers a garden, which was the pride of Lily but ordered locked by Archibald after her death.

Soon Mary also uncovers a closed door in the mansion that houses her invalid cousin Colin. Together they nurse the long neglected garden back to full bloom. As the garden thrives, so, too, do the children and, eventually, Archibald succumbs to its regenerative force. With songs that include "The House Upon the Hill," "I Heard Someone Crying" and "Lily's Eyes," you won't want to miss this outstanding production.

The show runs Aug. 17 through Sept. 4. The special FirstNighters Preview, catered by Chef Mac of the Palms, is Aug. 17. Tickets for FirstNighters are \$35; all other performances are \$20. A command performance benefiting the Highlands County Education Foundation is Aug. 30. Contact the Highlands County school board for tickets and information regarding

this evening.

Box office hours are 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday-Friday and 90 minutes before the show starts. Tickets may be purchased in person, by phone at 863-382-2525, or online at [www.highlandslittletheatre.org](http://www.highlandslittletheatre.org).

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday performances start at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. Doors open one hour before curtain. The show is sponsored in part by The Home Depot and produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

### 'Drowsy Chaperone' auditions

Open auditions for "The Drowsy Chaperone" are being held Friday at 6:30

p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. (if needed).

The play will be directed by Art Harriman.

The cast includes Man In Chair (age 30-55); Mrs. Tottendale, age 40-plus, alto; Underling, 40-plus, tenor; Robert, 21-35, tenor; George, 21-40, tenor; Feldzieg, 50-plus baritone/tenor; Kitty, 21-35, soprano; Gangster No. 1, 25-40, tenor; Gangster No. 2, 25-40, tenor; Aldolpho, 25-40 bass/baritone with falsetto; Janet, 21-30, alto; Drowsy Chaperone, 35-50, alto; Trix, any alto; and four ensemble players (two male, two female) of any age

This show runs Nov. 4-20. Rehearsals will be 4-5 days a week until opening.

If cast, you must be or become an HLT member.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## New Butler art on display at Couture's Gallery

*Several new pieces of Legendary 'Highwayman' artist's work in gallery*

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING — Couture's Gallery will be displaying several new paintings by Florida Highwayman Artist Robert Butler.

Butler is one of the original 26 Florida Highwaymen artists. He was inducted into the Florida Artists hall of Fame In 2004.

Butler is best known for his portrayals of Florida backwaters, the Everglades, and rural landscapes of Central Florida. His paintings are on display in many corporate and private collections in the U.S. and around the world.

Butler's paintings have graced numerous

magazine covers and have been in many magazine and newspaper Articles.

Couture's has over 20 original paintings, including the new 2011 group of paintings, as well as several older original works. Couture's has the largest collection of Butler's paintings, giclees' and limited edition prints in Central Florida.

The public is invited to view the art during regular Gallery hours, which are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Gallery is at 2045 U.S. 27 North in Sebring directly across from Lowe's and just south of Home Depot.

Many of the new paintings are on the Gallery website at CouturesArt.com by clicking on the featured artists icon on the home page.

## Quilt Camp starts Wednesday at Kenilworth Lodge

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING — Highlands County Quilt Guild is having its second annual Quilt Camp. On Wednesday, 35 quilters will be sewing at the Kenilworth Lodge.

The four-day event will have two teachers, Karen Doughty and Sue Tharpe, who will instruct on two "finished" quilts. "Granny Sue Quilts" will be a vendor for supplies forgotten and non-campers are invited to stop in and shop Thursday and Friday. The quilting days are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13.

The lodge is a perfect host for this annual event. The quilters are all local residents who make quilts to benefit many charitable organiza-



Courtesy photo (From left) Sue Tharpe and Karen Doughty will be camp teachers. Barb Black is Quilt Camp director and in charge of the 'fun' stuff.

tions throughout the year. The group is currently working on veterans' lap quilts for

a November presentation and about 70-plus will be given to Veterans Hope Hospice.



Courtesy photo

Winners of the Duffer's Sports Grille Men's Karaoke Kontest on July 30 were (from left) Rex Nantz, third; Cam Martin, second; Robert Oliver, first; and Rooter Rush, second. There was a tie for second place.

## Oliver wins Men's Karaoke Kontest at Duffer's

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING — Robert Oliver, of Sebring, serenaded the ladies Saturday night, July 30, at Duffer's Sports Grille and won the Men's Karaoke Kontest.

Oliver grabbed the microphone and left the stage to hit the dance floor to sing and move to the song "Treat Her Like A Lady" by the Temptations. He reached out to the audience and sang to every lady in the house. They were feeling his passion in the song and the house went wild when he finished.

It was a hard performance to top but seven other contestants gave it their best shot. It wasn't easy for the judges who had to rate each singer based on tone, technique, rhythm, interpretation and musicianship or stage presentation.

Oliver walked away with a \$100 cash prize for first place. He scored 140 out of 150 possible points. There was a tie for second place

between Cam Martin and Rooter Rush, both of Sebring. They each scored 139 and received a \$25 gift card. Martin sang "Let Me Down Easy" by Billy Currington. Rush donned a green hat and black wig to sing his creative version of "Funky Cold Medina" by Tone Loc. Third place winner was Rex Nantz, of Sebring, who got the dancers moving when he sang "Copperhead Road" by Steve Earle. He scored 137 and won a \$10 gift card.

Other contestants in the finals were Kris Wilson, Raul Rivera, Rayford Rodriguez and Darrell Lormand. Each contestant auditioned either Thursday or Friday to qualify for the Saturday night finals.

J&B Karaoke provided the music. The judges were John and Cindy Lombardo, of Heartland Karaoke in Sebring, and Mike Sanders, of Sebring who was a previous karaoke contest winner

at Duffer's.

Duffer's continues to offer great karaoke every Thursday night with J & B Karaoke from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Southern Style Karaoke from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays. There is no cover charge.

Bob Weed plays some cool oldies and hot country hits from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. Come try to answer some of his music, sports, movies, TV shows and a variety of other trivia questions and win a prize.

Maureen Hecox, a certified line dancing instructor, offers free line dancing lessons from 6-9 p.m. every Wednesday. She teaches basic steps from 6-8 p.m. and then offers couples dance moves from 8-9 p.m.

The Kolt 45 Band is a three-piece band out of Polk County that will be playing some rock, country and great dance tunes from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. There is no cover charge.

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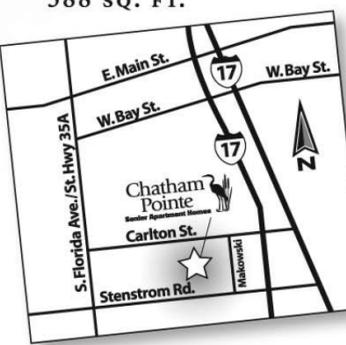
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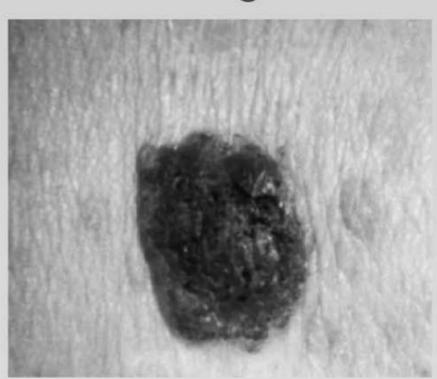
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## School Orientation Schedule

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**Avon Elementary**  
5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16.

**Cracker Trail Elementary**  
5-7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 15.

**Fred Wild Elementary**  
5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16.

**Kindergarten Learning Center**  
4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16.

**Lake Country Elementary**  
4-6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18.

**Lake Placid Elementary**  
4:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18.

**Memorial Elementary**  
5-7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 15.

**Park Elementary**  
5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16.

**Sun 'N Lake Elementary**  
5-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18.

**Woodlawn Elementary**  
4:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18.

### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

**Avon Park Middle**  
5-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18.

**Hill-Gustat Middle**  
3:30-6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18.

**Lake Placid Middle**  
5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16;  
6th-grade orientation will be 4-5 p.m.  
No schedules will be given out early.

**Sebring Middle**  
3:30-6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18.

### HIGH SCHOOLS

**Avon Park High**  
6-8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18.

**Lake Placid High**  
5-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18.  
Freshman orientation will be  
6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 11.

**Sebring High**  
5-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18.  
Freshman orientation will be  
9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 13.

## SFCC offers computer science workshops

*Special to the News-Sun*  
AVON PARK — South Florida Community College's Corporate and Continuing Education is offering computer science workshops this fall. All classes meet 12:30-4:30 p.m., at the SFCC Highlands Campus.

Students will learn to create, format, save, and print basic spreadsheets, formulas, and charts in Intro to MS Excel 2010. The workshop will meet Fridays, Sept. 9 and 16. In Intermediate MS Excel 2010, students will learn more about sorting, filtering, subtotals, and formulas. The workshop meets Fridays, Sept. 23 and 30.

Intro to MS Word 2010 will help students become more efficient in MS Word. The workshop meets Fridays, Oct. 7 and 14.

In Cloud Graphics with Sumo Paint students will learn how to use the free, cloud graphics software for photo correction and enhancement and to merge images, create presentation backgrounds, manipulate text, and enhance old documents. The class meets Fridays, Oct. 21 and 28.

Intro to MS Access 2010 will teach students to create tables, queries, reports and forms in a database format. The workshop meets Fridays, Nov. 11 and 18.

These eight-hour workshops meet 12:30-4:30 p.m. The cost is \$125 per workshop.

Intro to MS PowerPoint 2010 will teach students to create PowerPoint presentations including layouts, graphics, background

design, and animation. This four-hour workshop will be held Friday, Nov. 4. The cost is \$65.

### Quickbook workshops

SFCC is offering a workshop on mastering QuickBooks accounting software in August, at the SFCC Highlands Campus.

"Introduction to QuickBooks" will cover creating a new company file, working with lists, making a chart of accounts, setting up items, and tracking customers, sales, vendors, expenses and sales tax. The class meets Aug. 16 and 18, 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$129.99.

"Intermediate QuickBooks" will focus on time tracking, setting up and using payroll, paying liabilities and taxes, job costing, purchasing and managing inventory, building inventory assemblies, tracking sales of orders and back orders, your financial statements, working with reports, integration with Microsoft and Excel, importing and exporting, list information, and customizing QuickBooks. The class meets Aug. 23 and 25, 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$129.99.

To register for these workshops, call (863) 784-7405, 784-7134, or 784-7234. For more information on any Corporate and Community Education program, contact Lorrie Key at (863) 784-703. Register in Building B at the SFCC Highlands Campus or any SFCC campus or center.

## Back-to-school checklist: supplies, clothes, Social Security form

If your son or daughter is a high school student turning 18, you've probably spent some time shopping for school supplies and the latest fashions, working out the schedule for the academic year, maybe even looking into colleges.

If your young senior is collecting monthly Social Security benefits, here's one more thing to add to your back-to-school checklist: to make sure that Social Security benefits continue beyond age 18, eligible students must obtain certification from school officials that they are still in high school and provide it to Social Security. Otherwise, monthly Social Security benefits automatically stop when a student turns 18.

For more information about Social Security student benefits, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/schoolofficials/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/schoolofficials/).

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*Esther Harris*

The website outlines how the process works with instructions on what the student and school official must do to ensure that benefits continue past the student's 18th birthday.

With the appropriate certification, Social Security generally does not stop benefits until the month before the month the student turns 19, or the first month in which he or she is not a full-time high school student, whichever is earlier.

Some students receive Social Security survivors benefits because a parent is deceased. Others may get dependent benefits because their parent receives Social Security retirement or disability benefits. Benefits for

minor children generally continue until age 18, or 19 if they're still in high school. The only exception to this rule is if a student is disabled and eligible for childhood disability benefits. In that case, a separate application for benefits is required.

Social Security's website also includes:

- a downloadable version of the required Student's Statement Regarding School Attendance (Form SSA-1372) that must be completed by the student, certified by the school, and returned to Social Security;
- answers to frequently asked questions for school officials and students; and
- a field office locator to find the address of your local Social Security office.

So as you're buying school supplies, trying out back-to-school fashions, and

figuring out when the holiday break begins, don't forget to visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/schoolofficials/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/schoolofficials/).

*Esther Harris is the Social Security Manager for Sebring.*

## SFCC Community Ed announces fall classes

*Special to the News-Sun*  
AVON PARK — South Florida Community College Community Education is offering classes this fall.

Basic Home Computer II will teach students how to copy files and folders, use the desktop cleanup wizard, surf the internet, text layout, and examine automatic updates. The prerequisite for this class is the Basic Home Computer I class. Class meets Tuesdays, Aug. 30-Oct. 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. and costs \$76.

Beginning Keyboarding 101 is a course for students with no previous keyboarding experience. This course is an overview of correct keyboarding techniques using alphabetic and numeric keys on the computer. The student will learn the alpha-numeric computer keyboard, usage of correct finger placement and techniques to increase their typing speed. This class will be held on Mondays, Aug. 22-Oct. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$80 and includes a book.

Digital Photography I will teach students how to work with light elements, the history of the camera, patterns, and shapes. The class meets

Wednesdays, Aug. 24-Oct. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$76.

Digital Photography II will help photographers take their pictures to the next level. In this class, some of the major areas being covered in-depth will be lighting, composition, and lenses. This class meets on Tuesdays, Aug. 23-Oct. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. and costs \$76.

Lap Swimming is an excellent way to exercise, cross

train, and stay cool. This class meets Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 6-27, 10-11 a.m., at the SFCC Highlands Campus Pool. The cost is \$21.

Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFCC campus or center. Contact Community Education at 453-6661, 465-5300, 773-2252, or 494-7500, ext. 7388 or by e-mailing [communityeducation@southflorida.edu/](mailto:communityeducation@southflorida.edu/).

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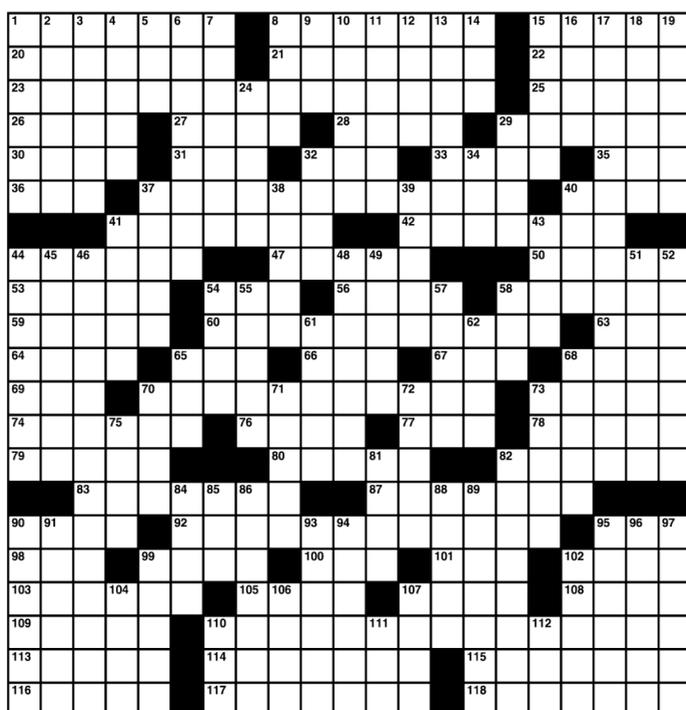
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## Reserve judgement for another time, Aries

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**Aries (March 21-April 20)** – Reserve judgement for another time, Aries. When someone needs your advice, simply offer it instead of lecturing on what should have been done.

**Taurus (April 21-May 21)** – There's not much you can say or do to change someone's mind. Instead of getting worked up about it, simply move on to someone who is more receptive.

**Gemini (May 22-June 21)** – Gemini, few things rile you up more than dishonesty. But don't allow this person to get the better of you. Take the high road instead.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** – Cancer, it's alright to tell someone the truth. However, sometimes you have to soften your words. Not every person is receptive to brutal honesty at all times.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)** – Leo, when you introduce a new idea, expect it to be met with some opposition. However, later in the week others will start to see the merits of the idea.

**Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)** – The saying goes, "If you can't beat them, join them." For you, Virgo, these are words to live by this week. Don't be the odd person out; join with the group.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** – Libra, check your figures again because something simply isn't adding up in your finances. You may need to ask a friend to go over things with you again.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** – Scorpio, although you have attacked a problem from many angles, you can't seem to come to a resolution. Someone will offer the "ah ha" moment this week.

### Horoscope

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** – Sagittarius, boredom might reign early in the week, but there are plenty of memorable activities on the horizon. Surround yourself with friends.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)** – Capricorn, it is OK to reminisce about old times, but trying to relive your youth is not advantageous. This week, make a few new memories that you can be proud of.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)** – Aquarius, even though others around you don't always act as you would hope they would, you have to look at the merits behind their actions. Don't be critical.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** – A problem proves a tough nut to crack, Pisces. You'll find a way to get to the center of the issue and resolve things by the weekend.

**Famous birthdays**

Aug. 7: Charlize Theron, Actress, 36; Aug. 8: Drew Lachey, Singer, 35; Aug. 9: Chris Cuomo, News Anchor, 41; Aug. 10: Antonio Banderas, Actor, 51; Aug. 11: Hulk Hogan, Wrestler, 58; Aug. 12: George Hamilton, Actor, 72; Aug. 11: Danny Bonaduce, Actor, 52.

## The worth of pictures

Eager eyes focused on the plain board that my aunt had in front of the Sunday school children. In a very short time, she transformed it into a beautiful scene. People would magically 'stick'



Pause And Consider  
Jan Merop

ings where our imaginations are invited to respond can't hold a candle to hiking in a forest and have a vista open up that takes my breath away.

Are we missing God's flannel-graph?

to the board and our imaginations would take off as she expressively told us a Bible story.

Flannelgraph was this artistic storytelling medium.

Multi-media didn't play a part in our growing up years. Yet, we sat mesmerized as we waited, watched and listened for the story to come alive.

I would love to own a flannelgraph set today to tell stories to children. Perhaps we do children an injustice when we think that only flashy, fast-paced material will hold their interest. They would probably love to spend unhurried time in a story that sticks to their imaginations like the figures adhere to the board.

Apply these thoughts to our day to day lives or even our vacation choices.

Technology and extracurricular activities keep us so busy (even while desperately trying to keep us connected) that we lose the quiet times where meaningful conversations develop.

Even our vacation choices can wear us out. As much as I appreciate the theme parks' ability to wow us; for me, it is too exhausting. Standing on long lines to enter build-

Imagine a blank sky, like the blank flannelgraph board where my aunt added white clouds, yellow sun; or, lightning and rain. Where the darker flannel would depict a night sky upon which stars and the moon would cling.

But, God's sky isn't blank. He's already created a sky with all of this beauty as Psalm 19:1, NKJV, says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork."

The witness of creation squashes all excuses about how this world came to be. And because of God's order and design, we meet him and his character when we let his story unfold and astound us.

Those flannelgraph stories and the truths expressed still stick to my mind and heart. God's flannelgraph of beautiful pictures expresses the truth of who he is. Think of that the next time you gaze at the sky, put your toe in the ocean, hike a mountain and find a tiny wild flower.

Embrace the worth of God's pictures and let them be impressed upon your soul. Selah.

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## Man is reluctant to show his baby face in wedding photos

**Dear Abby:** I am a 40-year-old man with a baby face. It makes me appear much younger than I am — so much so that I have been carded when buying alcohol or lottery tickets. People also seem to relate to me based on the age they perceive me to be.

Four months ago I grew a beard, which makes me look more my age. I'm an actor, and in the past audiences had difficulty accepting me in certain roles because of my youthful appearance. My beard solved that problem.

My sister-in-law is getting married this summer and insists I shave my beard for the ceremony and wedding photos. I keep it well-groomed, and it gives me more confidence when dealing with people. I don't want to shave it.

My sister-in-law is recovering from cancer, and my wife thinks I'll look like a jerk if I refuse to comply. I'm not part of the wedding party, but I am the head usher and will be in many of the family photos. Is her request appropriate? My father-in-law has a beard, but he hasn't been asked to shave it.

— *Conflicted in Canada*

**Dear Conflicted:** Your letter reminds me of the ones I have printed about brides who don't want anyone associated with their



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wedding to be overweight, tattooed or have an unusual hairdo. They're so preoccupied with how things will look that they forget there are people, not mannequins or puppets, involved.

You should not have to shave your beard in order to be an usher. Offer your sister-in-law a choice: Either you can remain as you are, or she can find someone else to steer her guests to their seats. Do not be confrontational about it. The choice will be hers.

**Dear Abby:** You often advise readers who have the time to reach out and volunteer. There's a little-known program in every state that was mandated by a 1978 amendment to the "Older Americans Act." It's the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. Its goal is to help assure that long-term care facility residents live harmoniously and with dignity, feeling free to voice complaints or concerns without reprisal.

There's a need nationwide for volunteers to make this program work. The ultimate goal is to have one volunteer in each nursing home. After training is completed, volunteers spend eight to 16 hours a month visiting their assigned nursing homes. They talk with the residents and observe conditions. If there's a complaint, they take it to their regional ombudsman for resolution.

Once residents get to know and trust you, they will share wonderful life stories. Some of them have no one to talk to, no visitors or family. A volunteer ombudsman is the voice for those who have none, and helps to make each community a better place to live for all its residents.

The nursing homes like to have volunteer ombudsmen visit their facilities because they want to provide the best care possible for their residents.

— *Jill in Van Buren, Ark.*

**Dear Jill:** Forgive me if this seems cynical, but some do and some don't — which is exactly why it's so important that there are trained

observers willing to regularly visit nursing home patients to ensure they are properly cared for. Readers, this is important work. If you are interested in volunteering, contact your local social services agency, Department of Aging or search online for the word "ombudsman" and the state in which you reside.

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# A Place Of Grace

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 SEBRING

With willing hands and hearts they came to an uninhabitable building in need of lots of hard work and tender loving care. They brought the TLC along with skills of carpentry, electrical, plumbing, sheet rock hanging and finishing, tile setting, painting, cabinetry, concrete finishing, irrigation, sod, landscaping and more too numerous to mention.

"This place was built by the community," agree John and Eileen Sala, Founders of Little Lambs, Inc., a national prison and teaching ministry with arms that reach out to the community with Bible studies, recovery classes, counseling and more.

"Thanks from the bottom of our hearts to the donor community, trades people, businesses and volunteers. And thank God for sending them."

## One-of-a-kind

Grace Place, where the grace of God will be displayed in every area of training and care, is Sebring's one-of-a-kind nine-to-12-month intensive addiction recovery program for ladies. It will be their home, their school, their community.

Grace Place is not to be confused with a safe house or a homeless shelter.

The ladies who are accepted into the program will have to complete a very structured application process, interviews, receive medical clearance and show a sincere, desperate need to change.

"In other words," said John, "they must indicate that they've had it and can't live the way they've been living any more."

At the same time, each lady entering the program must knowingly and willingly accept that this is a Christ-centered Bible program.

They must be open to realize that this may be just what they have always needed knowing nothing else has



Photos by KEN MEROP

In this garden, the ladies of Grace Place will find a sanctuary of peace and reflection as well as a hands-on place of industry and productivity.

worked.

"God will be a large part of the recovery," said Eileen.

John recalled how the former founder of Teen Challenge, Dave Wilkerson, used to say that the Jesus factor is what makes the difference.

John recalls when his world consisted of drugs, alcohol and crime from the age of 14 to 40. Only after he fell flat on his face over and over again and reached the point of desperation was he finally determined to never live like this again. It was then he looked up and found his answer in Jesus Christ.

John knows from experience that you can make it and wants to offer that same hope to others through Grace Place.

## A vision refined

When John left prison, he left with a vision that would include continued discipleship training for men and women in prison and for

Christian inmates upon release from prison. He knew a bridge must be built that connects the inmate to the community.

When he met and married Eileen their hearts burned with a passion to bring Christ's love and practical teaching to those who are hurting because of substance abuse addictions and dysfunction.

"My marrying Eileen was an important part of the vision coming true," he said. "This ministry works as a partnership. We both had skills and perceptions the other did not."

Along the way, the vision has been refined.

The Salas spent five years preparing and going to school accumulating continuing education units in addictions studies and many more years of counseling women.

"They just started to show up at our ministry headquarters about six or seven years ago," said Eileen.

The Salas began to see that God was narrowing the vision.

"The ladies who came to us could not conquer their addiction without being removed from their environment," Eileen said.

The Salas continued training and were equipped and willing for such a task. Interestingly, the downturn in the economy became a motivating factor as it allowed them to purchase the Grace Place property at a fraction of the original cost.

"The only debt remaining is a \$50,000 mortgage," John said.

## A work-study program

The candidates who come into the program will have much to look forward to.

"We have gleaned from other successful programs and created curriculum and workbooks of our own," said John.

Grace Place is also equipped with an extensive video library and books to help each lady learn and develop skills in a variety of vocations.

"As part of the work study program, these ladies will totally manage a large gar-



Still to be completed and tended by the residents will be a vegetable garden that will supply Grace Place with fresh produce while fruit trees and berry bushes will add to the bounty.

den at Grace Place where they will raise their own food – planting, processing, picking and preparing it," said Eileen.

There are many aspects of abuse and addictions that will surface along the way as each lady interviews and is accepted into the program. Throughout the 12-month program living at Grace Place, they will learn how to live without using drugs and alcohol and without thinking and behaving in ways that were adopted to sustain and support that lifestyle.

"They will learn work principles and ethics, responsibility to a boss, money management, and a host of job skills to social skills," said Eileen.

Different teachers, including Eileen and John and others who are being trained, will provide the instruction. A lot of encouragement will be offered along with uplifting Christian music and prayer.

There will be 24-hour accountability and supervision. One of two house mothers will be present throughout the nights and during the days when classes and training is going on.

"Very few addicts have ever developed or have been able to maintain a work ethic because the real boss is the object of their addiction which makes life unmanageable," said John.

He cites Romans 12:1 and 2 from "The Message (The Bible in Contemporary Language)" as a perfect description of how this will



Several ladies will share this dorm room. Another room that sleeps two will be a place where a more mature lady will mentor a younger one.

work out practically in the lives of these precious needy souls.

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed matu-

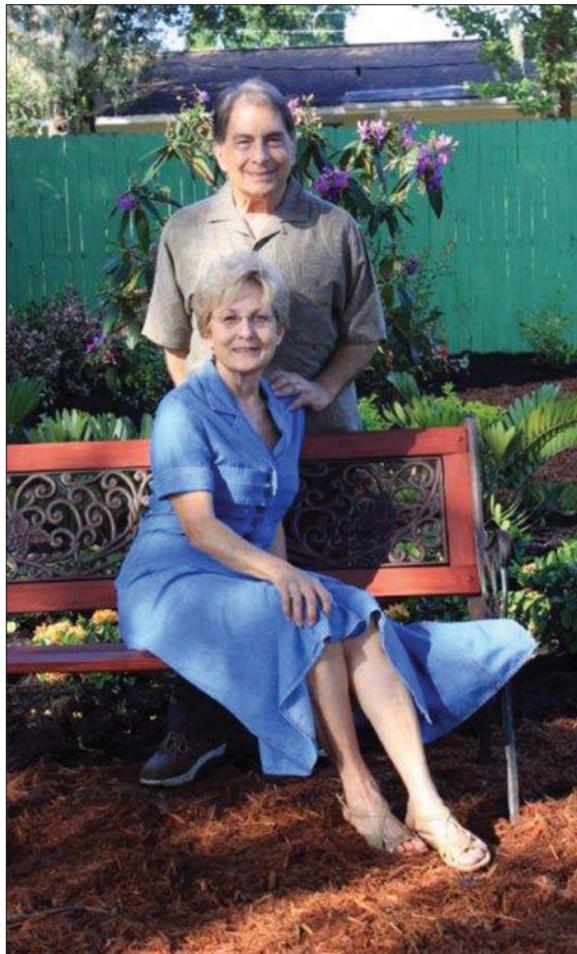
rity in you."

One Grace Place rule is: "This is God's house, not the streets. We will treat each other with respect...we are here to learn to deal with things God's way."

## Open house

Watch for a grand opening that will take place in the fall to officially open the doors of Grace Place; and, extend a welcome to the community to this special home that will offer life-changing love, care and training for to up to ten ladies committed to life-change.

Contact the Salas at Little Lambs, Inc. at 710 S. Eucalyptus Street. The office number is 863-471-2626.



John and Eileen Sala take a few moments to enjoy the beauty of the garden and think of the blessings it will bring to Grace Place residents.