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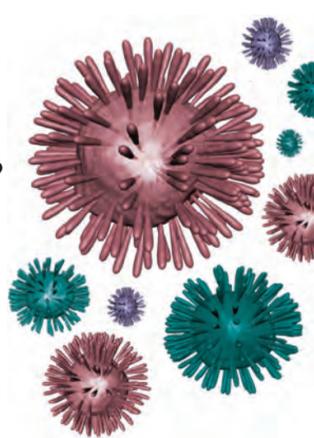
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Will the Obama health care plan have a negative effect on small business?

Yes 78.1%

No 21.9%

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Age 78, of Avon Park

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Age 46, of Lake Placid

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Ride helps family of heroic mom



Heather Town



Nearly 200 motorcycles participated in a poker run on Saturday to help benefit Heather Town's family. Town was killed when a tornado destroyed her mobile home during Tropical Storm Debby in Venus.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Riding for a cause, motorcycle clubs raise funds for Town family

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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LAKE PLACID — Groups of concerned residents, and even strangers, have come together for the good of a broken family that is working to put the pieces back together.

Heather Town, 32, died June 24 when a tornado spawned by Tropical Storm Debby destroyed her home near Venus, but saved her 3-year-old daughter by holding her in her arms as the two were sucked out into the storm and thrown 200 feet into nearby woods.

The storm left little AnneMarie seriously injured. It also made her and her two sisters orphans.

Lake Placid American Legion Post 25 led a Poker Run on Saturday that will benefit the Town children directly.

Organizer Kip "Yokip" Regnier felt the event was necessary for the children in order to give them some sort of help and support after the loss of their mother.

"(June 24) we were at the post just cooking.

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

'We are a band of brothers,' said Kip Regnier Saturday morning, while talking about a Poker Run he helped organize to benefit Heather Town's three daughters.

Scott wants to look at changes to FCAT

By BRENDAN FARRINGTON
Associated Press

MIRAMAR BEACH — Gov. Rick Scott said on Friday schools might be doing too much of a good thing when it comes to student testing and he is talking with state education officials, school superintendents and teachers about possibly changing the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.

The governor addressed a conference of newspaper editors from five Southern states and he defended his decision not to have Florida participate in an expansion of Medicaid under the health care overhaul recently upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

He also said government needs to be more transparent and Florida has job openings that can't be filled because the state doesn't have enough graduates with the needed degrees to fill them.

On student testing, Scott said the state received more parent complaints this year than in past years, especially about the FCAT.

"Parents and taxpayers expect measurement. We've got to measure, we've got to find out who the best schools are," Scott said. "We have to have a good measurement system but we have to make sure we don't have too much of it."

He said among the FCAT, federal testing and end-of-course exams, students might be tested too much. He said he is talking officials and teachers about what changes

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CANDIDATE PROFILE

Flowers says he's prepared whole life for public service

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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AVON PARK — David Flowers is running for Supervisor of Elections.

"I've been a public servant all of my life," he said, "I've prepared every step of my career for this."

A sixth-generation Floridian and lifelong resident of Highlands County, Flowers said, "I am the best person for this job. I have

poured my heart and soul into this community. I was raised to give back. Serving in a public office is a trust and I've viewed it that way. I am accountable to you and have always given 100 percent."

Flowers said he was able to vote for the first time in 1973.

"I've voted in every election since then."

He served as a deputy sheriff in investigations for



David Flowers

10 years, went into private business for 17 years, served on the Avon Park city council four years, and was elected to the county commission

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'I Love Downtown Sebring' campaign set to begin in October

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — A new marketing campaign has been set in motion by the Community Redevelopment Agency with the hopes of bringing residents and visitors alike to downtown Sebring.

Casey Wohl, owner of Gray Dog Communications, is working with the CRA to launch the "I Love Downtown Sebring" campaign.

The campaign will kick

off during the focal point of the year-long Sebring Centennial Celebration in October. Local merchants have already embraced the new logo, incorporating the bright blue sticker onto shopping bags and merchandise.

"October is going to be a really exciting month in this community so we thought it'd be the perfect time to start the campaign," said Wohl.

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AP takes step toward annexing SFSC into city on Monday

News-Sun staff

AVON PARK — A first reading of the ordinance providing for the annexation of South Florida State College into the city will be held at the city council's regular meeting Monday night at 6 p.m. According to the agenda package, the annexation meets all statute requirements and restrictions: The college

asked the city for the annexation, so it is voluntary; its property is contiguous to the existing city limits; it is reasonably compact; and annexing the property will not create enclaves.

The college lies roughly east-west, between Memorial Drive on the east, and U.S. 27 on the west. Lake Lelia forms most of its northern border, while

Lake Glenada is on the south.

In addition to the pride of having SFSC become an actual part of the city, is the fact that Avon Park's utility department, abutting the college on the south, can now be legally annexed into the city too.

City Council chambers are at 123 Pine St.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Charlie's has fundraiser for Boy Scouts

SEBRING — The Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America will be holding a fundraiser from 4-9 p.m. Thursday, July 19 at Charlie's Restaurant, 3030 U.S. 27 North. Charlie's will donate 10 percent of a customer's bill to the Calusa District, which includes Highlands and Hardee counties.

For more information contact Julie Diaz Nichols at (863) 370-7608 or email jdiaz@boyscouting.com

Natural Resources Advisory Commission seeks applicants

SEBRING — The Highlands County Board of County Commission is currently seeking members to serve on the Natural Resources Advisory Commission. This advisory body speaks and advises the commissioners on matters of natural resource protection, environmental clearances, and the stewardship of conservation efforts undertaken by, in, and for Highlands County.

The board is currently interested in applicants from the following discipline: Professional, which represents occupations or sufficient educational credentials related to any of the following: regional environmental issues, banking, finance, land planning, surveying, law, engineering, education, surveying development and real estate or professional experience in geology, hydrology or geography.

Highlands County is fortunate to have many volunteers who serve on various boards and committees. The act of volunteering is considered an altruistic activity, which simply means a selfless concern for the welfare of others. Volunteering is intended to promote good or improve human quality of life. Government itself cannot solve all the nation's challenges. Volunteerism is a means to assist organizations with the issues they face with time, expertise and knowledge. NRAC meets at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agriculture Center the last Wednesday of every month at 4 p.m. for approximately one and a half hours.

If interested in serving, contact Corine Burgess at (863) 402-6545 or e-mail cburgess@hcbcc.org.

Open Mike at Scribes Night Out

SEBRING — Scribes Night Out, Heartland Cultural Alliance's showcase event for local writers, gathers at 6 p.m.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Jennifer Westergom directs kids during camp Thursday at Highlands Little Theatre's Thakkar Pavilion in Sebring.

Summer on stage

Young actors debut comedy at HLT's Summer Theater Institute

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — Laughter and giggles are sure to unload when the cast of "The Further Adventures of Nick Tickle, Fairy Tale Detective" take the stage at the Highlands Little Theater this week.

The Summer Theater Institute is a new concept on a former summer camp in the local community.

"The camp was funded by the college (South Florida State College). We worked with them on the camp for many years, but their grant funding dried up so they decided not to hold the camp this year. So we decided that we would do it ourselves," said camp and play director Jennifer Westergom.

Westergom is a long-time actor who has performed in numerous productions with Highlands Little Theater. She, along with Kristen Taylor, are the directors of the production.

The 21-member cast includes young actors from fifth-graders to 10th-graders, most of who are new to the world of theater.

"We were surprised and happy with the amount of new students this year. We have about five or six who have experience and are returning actors but most of them are new," Westergom said.

The four-week camp gives blossoming actors the opportunity to learn fundamental skills for their craft in a unique and relaxed environment.

"The first two weeks we focus only on acting skills. It's the hardest part of the camp, for them (students)

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Teen critically injured in crash

News-Sun staff

LAKE PLACID — A 19-year-old Okeechobee woman was critically injured Saturday morning when a car driven by a 15-year-old girl ran off the road and hit a tree on County Road 721 south of State Road 70.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Toby Gopher of Hollywood was behind the wheel of the 2008 Chevrolet four-door at 3:35 a.m. headed south on C.R. 721 when the car ran off the road for an unknown reason.

Gopher over-corrected, the report said, traveling across the center line before over-correcting once again, running off the southbound shoulder of the road and into a ditch, where the vehicle collided with a tree on the right side.

Gopher was not hurt, but Angelina Ruth Cardenas was critically injured and airlifted to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Ft. Pierce.

Both Gopher and Cardenas were wearing their seat belts and alcohol was not a factor, the report said. Gopher was charged with careless driving and operating a vehicle with-

out a license before being released into the custody of her guardian at the scene.

Wauchula woman seriously injured in rollover

WAUCHULA — A Hardee County woman suffered serious injuries Friday night when her 2000 Mitsubishi SUV ran off the road and flipped several times near Wauchula.

According to the FHP, Tomeka Sherine Rodriguez-Jefferson of Wauchula was headed east on Vandolah Road at 11:18 p.m. when she ran off the road a half-mile west of Maurice Sonny Clavel Road.

A witness told the FHP that Jefferson over-corrected and crossed the road onto the westbound shoulder where it flipped several times, crashing through a fence at 1152 Vandolah Road.

Jefferson was not wearing her seat belt and was partially ejected from the vehicle, the report said. She was charged with careless driving. Alcohol was not a factor, the report said.

Save these dates in October

The plans are firming up for the focus week in October. The time is now for your participation in the parades. We need floats and boats, people to dress in period costumes and more. Be a part of history as we celebrate Sebring's 100th birthday by entering or sponsoring one of the fun events.

Here is the current updated calendar of events as of July 5, so you can save the dates, as well as enter and join in on the festivities planned:

- Friday, Oct. 12 - 5:30-10 p.m., all '70s Class Reunion, for all Sebring High School class graduates from 1970 through 1980; 6 p.m., Sebring High School pre-game activities/Homecoming; 7-9 p.m., Sebring High School Homecoming football game.

- Saturday, Oct. 13 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Centennial Bed Race, on West Center and in Rotary Park. Ron Rooter Rush is deejay for this fun afternoon. Fee to enter the bed race is just \$10. Food and drinks will be available; 6-9 p.m., Circle of Truth Concert in Circle Park.

- Monday, Oct. 15 - 6-10 p.m., food, fun and costumes on the Circle and South Ridgewood Drive. Yes, wear your choice of period costume and enter the costume contest; 6 p.m., the One & Only Centennial Parade. Entry fee is just \$25. Number of entries will be limited to 100; 7 p.m., award for best



Centennial Notebook

float and best costumes will be presented on stage; 7:15-9:30 p.m., California Toe Jam Band will be performing on The Circle.

- Tuesday, Oct. 16 - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rotary Club luncheon at the Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center for Rotarians and guests; 6-8 p.m., special city council reception at City Hall.

- Wednesday, Oct. 17 - 6-8 p.m., Community Church Service at City Pier Beach. \$5 Box dinners and drinks available to the first 200 people.

- Thursday, Oct. 18 - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Centennial Tri Chamber Luncheon at the Island View Restaurant open to Sebring, Lake Placid and Avon Park chamber members and guests; 5-7 p.m., Centennial Tri Chamber Mixer celebrates 100 years of historical downtown Sebring on The Circle and in the streets. Open to the public for all to enjoy; 6 p.m., setting of the Time Capsule in front of the Downtown Chamber of Commerce; 7-9 p.m., the Mayor's Street Dance with food, fun, the Back Porch Revival performing on

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

At least there is one honest man

We just don't understand why it is so hard for so many elected officials to be open with the people who voted them into office.

After all, winning an election is a good sign the voters support a person's ideas and direction, so why be afraid?

What is it about taking an oath of office that makes those elected suddenly believe they have become superior to their fellow citizens, telling us, "this is for your own good" while at the same time calling themselves public servants?

Why is it that the first thing the candidate turned office holder does is complain about government in the sunshine laws, as if conducting the people's business in front of the people is the ruination of democracy? It's the same twisted logic that says the only way to save a village is to destroy it.

The fiasco in the commission chambers Tuesday —

when three of the commissioners fired County Administrator Ricky Helms without a detailed explanation of why they were ending a 38-year career in such hasty fashion — is a perfect example of the arrogant, ancient belief in the divine right of kings.

Worse was the hypocrisy of pretending their refusal to tell the whole truth was all about sparing Helms' feelings. If Helms did something that merited his dismissal then just say so, clear the air, and move on.

By being coy and self-righteous, the three commissioners made everything worse, and then (guess what?) blamed it all on open government.

"If only we could have done this privately and

spared Rick," they said — even though Helms, don't forget, would still have been out of a job with a cloud over his head when all the commission really had to do was let Helms serve out what little time was left of his contract and allow a fine career to end with grace.

This is why it is such a pleasure to commend an honorable man.

We refer to Don Elwell, who did his best to keep the commission meeting honest and open, going so far as to cross the divide between dais and audience to (gasp!) sit with his fellow citizens to address the rest of the board.

During his speech, Elwell was trying to convince at least one his fellow commissioners the old axiom of how they should "do unto others what you would have them do unto you."

Elwell did not sway one of the votes, but he proved that day he was not a pedestal leader, but a public servant.

He has kept his campaign promise of serving the people. He has shown courage by sticking to that promise and acting on his principals.

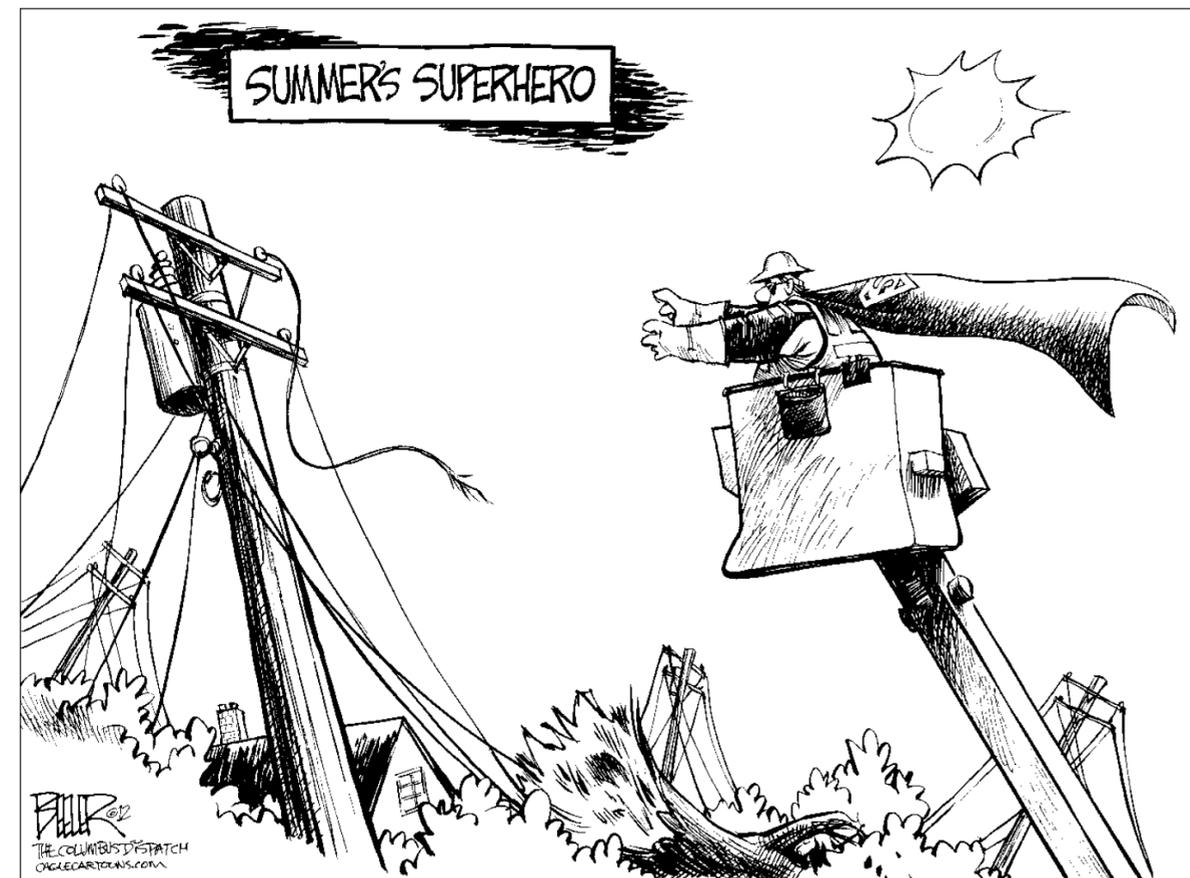
While his fellow commissioners bob and weave around the truth, Elwell speaks his mind and treats everyone with respect and shows that power is not an end unto itself for the leader. When power is freely given and shared, it grows and people are empowered.

He is not only principled, he does his homework, makes himself available and listens closely to what people have to say.

We are not saying we agree with his every decision or point of view. But we always admire his dedication, his passion, and the effort he puts into his work.

In short, we trust Don Elwell. There is no higher compliment.

Too bad we can hand it out more often.



TODAY'S LETTERS

Remember the three at election time

Editor:

I hope come election time everyone remembers the firing of Mr. (former county administrator Rick) Helms. Those three commissioners couldn't wait until his contract was up to get rid of him, because it wasn't their money they were playing with, it was ours, the taxpayers of Highlands County.

There couldn't have been such an emergency that they had to fire him now. Just remember the three when they are up for re-election, give them the boot like they gave Mr. Helms.

John Mathis
Avon Park

Personal freedoms being taken away

Editor:

Barbara Stewart, as a "lame duck" county commissioner, is just a foretaste of what Barack Hussein Obama will be as a "lame duck" president. When there is no accountability, the flood gates are open for rule and ruin.

Now Mr. Obama has the Supreme Court in his camp to undermine the personal freedoms that was/is the bases of the greatest of the USA.

Wake up America.

Frank Parker
Sebring

Bouquet

Many help with Amazing Race

Editor:

Our third annual Amazing Race for the Children's Museum was held on June 30. It was a wonderful success



with many more teams competing, and new and exciting challenges made the day memorable. I want to thank the following sponsors of the day — SY.Hartt and Sons; Will Swaine; Ruth Handley; Highlands Independent Bank; Lordship Holdings, LLC; Robert Livingston, Attorney; Priscilla Gerard, CPA; John 14:6, LLC; Swaine and Leidel, LLC; Legacy Insurance Group, LLC; MLS Groves; and Young at Heart Redhatters of Sebring.

The race was made even more fun because the following places allowed us to use their locations. Home and Office Essentials, The Flower Box, Howerton Farms, Brenner's Pottery, Linda's Books, Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Big T Tires, and Stephenson Nelson Funeral Home allowed the racers to come onto their property and do things like lay sod,

change a tire, make a pot, and paint a picture.

We also want to thank Outback Steakhouse and Papa Johns for providing lunch and dinner for the competitors; they needed the fuel to keep on racing. Thanks also to our workers and judges — Meredith Lutz, Jessica Hartline, Craig Crowder, Robert Brown, Caroline Livingston, and Becky Travers — for spending the day in the sun, helping and directing the racers to their final destination.

The Children's Museum opened 21 years ago and is still going strong because the people in this community care enough to help.

Thanks to all of the museum supporters.

Linda Crowder, Director
The Children's Museum of the
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On our country's 236th birthday

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

As I type up this column, it is Independence Day. By my calculations the country is 236 years old. Some might say it doesn't look a day over 230.

Today many people are having cookouts or going to movies or shopping Fourth of July sales. Tonight there will be fireworks bursting in the sky. For many this is a day off, a chance to relax in the middle of a tough work week.

I admit I've celebrated the day so far by sleeping in. Don is on call, so he has been busy dealing with patients today. So we haven't been very typical in our celebration of the Fourth so far.

But I've been thinking about our country today. Just 236 years ago we began a grand experiment with a new nation that came out swinging a fist at the British who didn't want us to exist.

We've struggled. We fought not only those on the outside, but each other as we tried to figure out just what kind of country we would be. A Civil War threatened to shatter us, but in the end the Union survived. Today we still survive, though our fighting is just as bitter in the arena of words and politics as it was with guns and bayonets.

Today we are still one union in the fact that we are 50 states under one federal government. But we are far from united. The debate over Obamacare is just one example of our division. I could fill this column with many more.

Sadly, not everyone can debate nicely. I've been fortunate that a debate over Obamacare on my Facebook page has stayed more or less polite, with most people refraining from name calling and the like. That is rare and I appreciate the participants in it for conducting themselves appropriately. This seems to be an exception, rather than a rule.

Are we more partisan today then we've ever been? History appears to indicate that this isn't the case. It seems politics has a way of bringing out the

worst in us and all too often we see people attacking others for the crime of disagreeing with them. It's happened before, it's happening now, and I fear it will continue to happen.

Not everyone can handle the rough and tumble of political debate. It takes a thickening of the skin and the ability to recall facts (or be able to look them up quickly). I think it also takes patience and the skill to recognize that sometimes there is no point in debating someone. Some people can't be reasoned with, and the best thing you can do is walk away.

I'm the type of person who wants everyone to be happy, so you might think I'm opposed to political debate. I'm not.

We all have different ideas. Expressing them to each other helps us learn from each other and understand another person's point of view. If nothing else, debate forces you to know your own stance on things. "Because I said so" may work for parents, but isn't considered a good debate answer.

The 236 years of debate have brought us to today. No, we aren't perfect. Yes, there are things that need to change. Yes, I do wish political debate overall was more polite than it is at times. But I would much rather we continue to fight with words than with bullets.

And this is a gift we have — only once in our history did we as a nation let our disagreements descend into shedding each other's blood. No matter where we stand politically, let's all agree to make sure that there is never another Civil War. No matter how harsh our words.

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Have a howlin' good time in downtown

Dog Daze to be held Friday

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Dog Daze returns to downtown Sebring for the second year on Friday.

The Destination Downtown Committee has been hard at work trying to create an event that surpasses last year. Local merchants are helping bring awareness to the need for more places for dog owners to take their dogs for exercise and socialization by hosting this event from 5-8 p.m. Dog owners are invited to bring their well-behaved dogs for an evening of contests and socializing.

Come downtown to see dogs in all shapes and sizes, strutting their stuff in the doggie fashion contest, spinning and "singing" in the freestyle talent contest and in the tail-wagging contest.

New this year is the dog and owner lookalike contest. The celebrity emcee this year is none other than the "dog-gone" Mayor George Hensley.

Look out for the "pup-parazzi" snapping away at all of the decked-out dogs. If your four-legged friend is too shy for the competitions or

doesn't like to dress-up, he'd still enjoy the canine camaraderie in the Circle Park and downtown area.

Steve Jones will be entertaining on stage, artists will be sketching dogs and there will be dog-related vendors, including a dog adoption booth from the Humane Society of Highlands County.

Canine agility training demonstrations are also planned. Dog-friendly merchants will have water bowls and treats on hand for the four-legged visitors, and evening specials for their owners. Look for the new Destination Downtown Sebring signs at participating merchants, or follow the chalk paw prints. Complete your Downtown Stamp Card for a chance to win some excellent prizes and gift baskets.

If you haven't seen the Faces of Haiti Exhibit at the Yellow House, it is being held through this month at 1989 Lakeview Drive. Dogs and their owners are welcome.

To download the contest forms for pre-registration,



Courtesy photo
Diana Albritton and her dog show their school spirit during last year's Dog Daze in downtown Sebring.

and see photos of last year's Dog Daze event, visit www.destinationdowntownsebring.com.

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by the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), for more information about the CRA, visit www.downtownsebring.org/.

Piccadilly Circus coming to Sebring

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Piccadilly Circus has everything you'd expect to see at a circus. Celebrating 25 years of entertaining families throughout North America, "we've pulled out all the stops!"

When the circus comes to town, guests will see the 'Elephant Extravaganza', where an elephant stands on one foot; 'Motorcycle Madness' has motorcycle daredevils somersaulting and spinning in a big Globe of Doom; 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' a hilariously wild pack of sheep dogs; 'My Little Pony On Parade', an outstanding display of the colors of the rainbow, in pony vision; the 'White Tiger Spectacular'; crazy comedy with circus clowns, even a 1923 Model T with a mind of its own; daring acrobats; cirque artists and much much more.

The circus will be in town for two shows — 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. — on Tuesday, July 24 at the Highlands County Fairgrounds Convention Center, 781 Magnolia Ave.

Free children's tickets have been distributed at all elementary schools, pre-schools, day care centers and churches. The free tickets are also available at sponsoring businesses in the area, including the News-Sun. Special "Buy One Get One Free" adult tickets are available online at www.TheFunCircus.com. It is a limited time offer.

Piccadilly Circus is a production of Ice Capades producers and plays mostly one or two days in each city and travels throughout North America.

Watch for a new twist with the old time circus posters when the Circus Street Team Parade comes to town prior to the circus.



Courtesy photo
The 'Elephant Extravaganza' will be part of the Piccadilly Circus in Sebring July 24.

Scott's attempts to remove justices draws rebuke

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Gov. Rick Scott is still pushing for an investigation into possible wrongdoing by three Florida Supreme Court justices even after a veteran prosecutor dismissed it as "trifle."

State Attorney Willie Meggs said Thursday there was no reason to contin-

ue the investigation ordered by Scott, who called on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to see if justices Fred Lewis, Barbara Pariente and Peggy Quince broke the law when they had campaign papers notarized by office help just before the April filing deadline.

Scott could replace the justices with his own picks if they are removed from the ballot or fail to win retention.

"Gov. Scott makes a habit of ignoring any outcomes that don't play to his advantage," said Elizabeth Hernandez, president of a newly formed organization Defend Justice from Politics.

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Riders join to help Town family

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(One of the members) is a volunteer firefighter and he got called out. He said there had been a fatality in Venus," Regnier explained.

After all the information poured in regarding Town's death, Regnier knew that he wanted to do something to help the family.

"They just lost their dad to pancreatic cancer about three or four months ago, so we really wanted to help," Regnier said.

Motorcycle clubs and organizations from all over the county — and a few out-of-towners — rode together Saturday in honor of Town and her young daughters.

The ride began at the Lake Placid Legion and continued to multiple stops in Sebring and Avon Park for other military posts and clubs.

"It's going great. It's fantastic. This is what we ride for. This is what we do," said Regnier Saturday morning.

The ride brought in approximately 200 participants, according to Regnier, who said the money will help the Town children and their aunt, who has taken up custody of the three girls.

"We charged \$10 per rider. We also have a steak dinner later today which will also cost \$10 a plate. All the money goes to the Town kids and their aunt," Regnier said.

The organizations and clubs that participated in the ride included Lake Placid Legion Post 25, Avon Park Legion Post 69, Sebring Moose Lodge, US Military Veterans, Warlock Club, Wolfpack, Alternatives, Highlands Riders, Arcadia Moose, Labelle Moose



Motorcyclists leave the Warlock's Den on Saturday morning to take part in a Poker Run to benefit the family of Heather Town.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

'We ride for causes. It doesn't matter who they are or where they are from, we are all brothers. I put the call out and they came. I didn't do this. They did.'

KIP REGNIER
ride organizer

Lodge, Labelle Legion Club, Punta Gorda Legion, Port Charlotte Legion, Venice Legion, Heartland Christian Riders, Vietnam Veterans and more.

"We ride for causes. It doesn't matter who they are or where they are from, we are all brothers. I put the call out and they came. I didn't do this. They did. I had the idea, they made it happen," said Regnier.

As for the Town children, they are doing okay according to Town Children Fund creator Paula Sapp. Sapp stepped up to the plate to organize a fund for people to donate money to help the family.

"She took these kids in. She went from having two kids to five kids and their mother was living with Heather, so she is there now too," said Sapp.

AnneMarie was released from the hospital just after the Fourth of July.

"The baby is home. She is doing good. She is in a wheelchair and is waiting for the staples to be removed from her legs. She will start physical therapy whenever that is done. The older girls are doing as best as they can; they're doing good," Sapp said.

Sapp has been busy organizing the TD Bank "Town Children Fund" and keeping

fraudulent sites and funds at bay over the past couple weeks.

"The fake site has been removed. Whoever did it is the same person who opened the fake Aaron Doty fund. It has been shut down there is only one fund for the Town Children. All monetary donations should be made at a TD Bank Branch for the Town Children Fund," explained Sapp. "They are good on clothes and things like that for now. The monetary support is still needed for stuff that will help them long term. I know that they will eventually have to add on to the house to make room for everyone."

Gift cards and checks are accepted. Checks should be made out the Town Children Fund.

For more information on how to help or donations, call Sapp at 441-1056 or visit the Town Family Facebook page.

Scott wants to look at changes to testing

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care is cost, it's not an insurance issue. It's the fact that health care is way too high," Scott said. "If we want to make sure that people have access to health care, that they have the ability to purchase insurance, we're not going to do it by just saying, 'Oh, you get something.' We've got to figure out how to do it less expensively and with more accountability."

Highlands County Superintendent of Schools Wally Cox, who had not had an opportunity to see Gov. Scott's comments, told the News-Sun Friday that it sounded to him as if Scott was thinking along the lines of the Florida Association of School Superintendents. That group has been grappling with the issues involving the FCAT for some time.

"The association," Cox said, "has taken a position that there is too much testing and the current situation has to be reviewed."

He emphasized the association has not advocated doing away with standardized testing at the end of year altogether, but that something had to be done because there is too much.

Scott was also asked about President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. The Republican governor repeated that the state would not expand the Medicaid program in order to lower the number of uninsured residents, nor would Florida set up a state-run health exchange, a marketplace where people who need insurance policies could shop for them.

"The problem with health

care is cost, it's not an insurance issue. It's the fact that health care is way too high," Scott said. "If we want to make sure that people have access to health care, that they have the ability to purchase insurance, we're not going to do it by just saying, 'Oh, you get something.' We've got to figure out how to do it less expensively and with more accountability."

Scott also told the editors that he supports more transparency in government. He talked about why he decided to post his and his staff's emails online and said by the end of the year every agency under his control will also have staff emails posted.

"Most of the agencies in state government will be putting up all of their emails so people can follow what's happening in state government," he said. "We're trying to find everything that either the media is interested in or the public is interested in and just put it up publicly — give people all the information."

Scott also said Florida needs to find a way to get its universities to graduate more students with degrees that are needed in the workplace, saying the state has 240,000 job openings but not all can be filled.

"We have job openings in areas where we don't have enough graduates."

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Starlab portable planetarium comes to Lake Placid Elementary Wednesday

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID – Would you like to reach the stars on Wednesday, July 11? Come and join Science First STARLAB in the Lake Placid Elementary School cafeteria. Due to the dome's large size, the library and school partnered to make this astronomical dream a reality.

The viewers will be able to see a night sky projected on the dome ceiling with-in arms' reach. The audience will experience a trip to a planetarium and a guid-

ed tour of constellations and stellar features right here in Lake Placid at no cost.

Due to space limitations, these programs require registration. To reserve your place contact the library at 699-3705.

The program schedule is:
 9:30 -10:15 a.m. – Lake Placid Elementary Child Care: Constellations
 10:30 -11:30 a.m. – Preschool chil-

dren: Day and Night (registration required for remaining spaces)

1:30-2:30 p.m. – Children's program grades K-5: Constellations (registration required for remaining spaces)

3-3:45 p.m. – Teens grades 6-12: Open theme

4 p.m. – Educator's Seminar. School administrators, elementary teachers, middle and high school science teachers in the area are invited to attend without making a reservation.



Permission of SCIENCE FIRST STARLAB
 The night sky will be projected on the dome ceiling of this Science First STARLAB, to be set up in the Lake Placid Elementary School cafeteria on Wednesday. The experience is free of charge.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
 Austin Westergom fills in for the lead character Thursday, while Amanda Helms defeats Jared Clemente in a sword fight during the rehearsal of The Further Adventures of Nick Tickle, Fairytale Detective.

HLT summer program ready for grand finale

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and for us. That is how we structure it though. It's upfront the first weeks and then we get into the production. They don't even start reading their scripts until the third week," Westergom said.

Students were busy Friday afternoon rehearsing on a small stage at the Thakkar Pavilion. The dark room set the stage for the next week's production as Taylor described the plot.

"It's about Nick. He is a detective of fairy tales. He is solving a mystery and the mystery is the disappearance of Granny Possum; she is the one who tells all the fairy tales," Taylor said.

This is the first time the production will be portrayed by the Summer Theater Instate but was chosen for good reason.

"She (Taylor) chose the play," Westergom said. "It was written for kids specifically and it has a lot of humor in it. There's something for adults and kids, for everyone. It also has fun costumes and fairytales, so that's why it was chosen."

Taylor feels the production is a good learning experience for the young actors and will bring even more excitement to the enthusiastic cast and crew.

"This is teaching them the comedies they haven't been familiar with. It's all a part



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
 Andrew Pillsbury (left) and Jared Clemente rehearse their parts.

of them learning the background and the richness that they need to pull from to grow their craft," Taylor said. "Some of the kids, about four or five, are happy to be a part of the technical side of it. They are really good minds and everyone is fun to work with. It's good to see how far they've come; it's very rewarding to us. It is the reward."

Taylor and Westergom hope to continue the camp in the coming summers to give the young actors the opportunity to grow and discover a different part of themselves and their crafts.

"We want to bring awareness of the theater to young people in the community. We want them to really learn how to become a better actor," Westergom said.

"The Further Adventures of Nick Tickle, Fairy Tale Detective" will debut at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Highlands Little Theater Thakkar Pavilion.

Tickets are \$5 for entrance and can be purchased at the HLT box office, website or by phone. All proceeds go to the STI camp funding and scholarships for eligible students.

Downtown Sebring marketing campaign to kick off in October

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Wohl first proposed the campaign idea to the CRA in May and following the quick approval, Wohl began brainstorming on how to make it successful.

"They (CRA) authorized us \$36,000 for advertising for this campaign. Our big thing will be to spread advertising all over, not just in Sebring. Our website has been having a lot of traffic. We get statistics from all over and last year we had statistics from multiple places visiting our page on a regular basis," Wohl said.

According to Wohl, the statistics show an abundance of traffic from the cities of Sarasota, Fort Myers, Lakeland and Orlando. The stats also show a small amount of traffic from the larger metropolitan cities of Miami and Ft. Lauderdale.

"We want to generate new customers and visitors. It's going to be something for Highlands County residents, but it will also be something for visitors. We will have advertising for brochures and flyers that will be given

'It's going to be something for Highlands County residents, but it will also be something for visitors.'

CASEY WOHL
 CRA marketer

out everywhere locally and focus on an overhaul of the website for the non-local business of course," Wohl said.

The first six months of the newly created campaign have each already been planned out and established.

— October: Celebrate the Centennial

— November: Savor the Flavor

— December: Shop, Wrap & Roll

— January: Flying High Health & Wellness

— February: Art, Heart & Soul

— March: The Need for Speed

Wohl came up with the

ideas in hopes of getting people into downtown Sebring businesses as well as bringing businesses and organizations together.

"There has been more energy and excitement in downtown than there has been in the past two years that I've been working with the CRA," Wohl said.

Other entities, including the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission, have worked with Wohl and the CRA, which Wohl plans to continue to do during this campaign.

"We hope to generate new customers and visitors. We also want to generate business cooperation and increase the local and state exposure," said Wohl.

Wohl plans to present the campaign at the "What's Up Downtown" meeting on July 31 as well as a handful of other organizations' meetings.

Visit the CRA's website at www.DowntownSebring.org / or call the CRA office at 471-5104.

Girl recovering from surgery after dog attack in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — A South Florida girl is recovering from surgery after being attacked by a dog at a sleepover.

The Miami Herald reports surgeons have reconstructed the face of 11-year-old Jacklyn Turner.

Jacklyn was at a friend's sleepover in June when she was attacked by a male English bulldog and Jack Russell terrier mix. The attack left the tissue from her top lip to her left nostril almost entirely torn off.

Doctors conducted emergency reconstructive surgery but weren't able to restore blood supply to allow the tissue to function effectively.

She was taken to Joe DiMaggio's Children's

Hospital in Hollywood where plastic surgeons used a portion of her lower lip to complete her upper lip.

Doctors expect her to recover and say she may not need many more procedures.

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Flowers running for Supervisor of Elections

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for two terms. "I never missed a meeting," Flowers said. At the same time he was a volunteer firefighter and a community activist.

At 48, while a commissioner, he went back to school earning a bachelor's degree. At 50 he earned a master's degree in public administration.

Currently he serves as the county's director of facilities. He said he is responsible for 24 employees and a \$2.4 million budget.

"What I am good at," Flowers said, "is knowing the statutes and following them."

He added he served on the county canvassing board in 2000. "It was quite an experience," he said. "Lawyers came from all over (to observe the count). It was important and helped me prepare. We had to do a recount three times. It made

me understand that absolutely, positively, every vote must count."

At the same time, he believes in Governor Rick Scott's voter roll purge.

"It is inexcusable for someone who is not a citizen to vote," he said, adding that the purge should not affect duly registered voters. "We need to verify, verify, verify and do everything by the statute. I'm not going to tolerate anything that is illegal."

"No one is denied the right to vote. There is no problem if you come (to the polls) without a photo ID, poll workers are trained to assist and there is the provisional vote. No one will be denied."

As to opening a new elections office, Flowers said the current office was crowded and cramped 14 years ago. It needs more room. Now the office is divided between three spaces, it's time to get

everything back under one roof. As director of county facilities he was involved in the decision to use the Kenilworth Boulevard space, he said. That decision is on hold, but the point is that a move is necessary, he said.

Flowers said he thinks retiring Supervisor of Elections Joe Campbell has done an excellent job. "I'd be an idiot to think it needs improvement," he said, "but I would like to enhance it."

"This is a nation where we can hire and fire our leaders. A 16 to 18 percent turnout just stuns me. I'd become a more involved presence at the college and high schools, and rent a booth at events to encourage voter turnout."

Supervising elections is different from other elected positions, Flowers said. It does not involve creating public policy. "The important thing is to be qualified to handle it."

OBITUARIES

JEANNIE GROSE

Jeannie Grose went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. Jeannie was born on July 9, 1933, and had been a resident of Avon Park since 1979. Jeannie was an Avon representative for over 20 years and a member of Union Congregation Church of Avon Park.

She was a dear friend that will be missed by many residents of Avon Park.

TIMOTHY VAN WHITE

In loving memory of Timothy James Van White aka "Timo", 46, passed away June 28, 2012. We will miss the best son and brother and friend the world can ever know. Who is now with the greatest son - Jesus Christ and greatest father - the Lord God

Almighty, through the Holy Ghost. May the Lord continue to keep and care for you. We know that in time we will meet you in the air and rejoice with you with Jesus Christ - our Lord. Amen.

A funeral service will be held Sunday, July 8, 2012 at Lake Placid Seventh Day Adventist Church, 24 E. Phoenix St., Lake Placid, FL 33852, with Pastor Rafael Fernandez officiating. Viewing will be from 10-11 a.m., and funeral following at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.. Luncheon will be from 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Services entrusted to Coney Funeral Home, Lakeland, Fla.



Van White

Walker Memorial Academy attends program at Epcot

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – Walker Memorial Academy of Avon Park traveled to the Epcot at Walt Disney World Resort on May 15 to take part in the Disney Youth Education Series Program(s) (Y.E.S.) "Everyday Chemistry."

Each year, individuals and groups from around the world travel to Walt Disney World Resort to take part in one of the several Disney Y.E.S. programs offered

throughout the Resort. Most of the programs take place in and behind the scenes of the world-famous Theme Parks.

Areas of study include career discovery, life management, physical science, natural science, history, and art and humanities. The programs use varied resources onstage and backstage to bring real world examples to the learning experience. These two- to three-hour

interactive educational experiences are available at both the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and Disneyland Resort in California. They are led by professional Disney facilitators who help guide the students and assist them in understanding the key lessons.

For more information on Disney Y.E.S. Programs, visit www.DisneyYES.com or call 800-603-0552.

October to be loaded with Centennial events

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stage. The Mountain Dew Cloggers and everyone dancing in the streets.

- Friday, Oct. 19 – 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Blessing of the Businesses Luncheon at the Kenilworth Lodge; Afternoon-Evening, Sebring High School Reunion, Inc. Class gatherings for SHS graduates through 1965; 6:30 p.m., Sebring High School Show Choir at the City Pier/Rotary Park; 7-8 p.m., Centennial Boat Parade on Lake Jackson. No entry fee, just register and participate. A night filled with food, fun and music.

- Saturday, Oct. 20 – 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Downtown Sebring Community Garage Sale; noon-1:30 p.m., Sebring Historical Society Luncheon at Bert Harris Civic Center; 3 p.m., McGuire Marker Dedication

at the Sebring Airport; 5-8 p.m., Sebring Cruise Car Show on Circle Park in downtown Sebring; 6-9 p.m., Sebring High School Reunion, Inc. Banquet at the Firemen's Convention Center for Sebring High School's graduates through 1965.

- Sunday, Oct. 21 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sebring High School Reunion, Inc. Sunday Brunch for Sebring High School graduates through 1965.

- Oct. 26-28 – Sebring Historics at Sebring International Raceway. Tickets on sale now and there are multiple ticket options available from one to three days, camping, track touring and entrance to Club Sebring.

Be sure to reference this article every Sunday for any additions or changes that

may occur to the calendar.

For more information call 863-655-5554, email events@Sebring100.com, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SebringCentennial, or Sebring100.com. Thanks to

the News-Sun for the opportunity to help us keep everyone informed on Sebring's Centennial Celebration.

Jen Brown is a member of the Sebring Centennial Committee.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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today at Brewster's Coffee House just south of the Home Depot.

The get-together will be highlighted by an "open mike" session, which encourages writers to read a brief sample of their original works to other writers and to the general public. Admission is free. Art Lefkowitz, the HCA member who headed up the recently completed writers' contest, will also offer an overview of the contest.

Scribes-Night-Out events are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 6 p.m. at Brewsters. For more information, call Larry or Elaine Levey at 385-8618, or Brewster's at 314-8890.

Butterfly Friends meet Tuesday

SEBRING — The Butterfly Friends meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Bert Harris Ag Center in conference room 2. The guest speaker will be Larry Smith, who has had an interest in butterfly gardening all his life.

The next meeting will be Sept. 11. The group meets on the second Tuesday every other month.

For more information, call Betty Podmore at 385-2605 or Lucy Wheeler at 38j2-7465.

Friends of Dennis plan fundraiser

SEBRING — Friends of Dennis Fundraiser will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Highlands County Fair parking lot (rain or shine).

Barbecue dinner will be available for \$10 per plate. Menu includes one quarter chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, roll and tea; along with admittance to bounce houses, face painting areas and praise and worship. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Buy tickets for the 50/50 raffle and if your ticket is chosen, you split the winnings with the Hestons. Purchase \$1 tickets (no limit) to be entered in to win other great prizes.

Get tickets at Crossroads Community Church, 1012 W. Main St. in Avon Park, phone 453-4453; South Ridge Abstract & Title, 229 S. Commerce Ave. in Sebring, phone 385-2521; South Ridge Abstract & Title, 203 N. Main Ave. in Lake Placid, phone 465-

1221; Dutcher's Diner, 1012 W. Main St. in Avon Park, phone 453-8824; Brewster's Coffee House, 2191 U.S. 27 N. in Sebring, phone 314-8890.

It is always difficult to hear the diagnosis of cancer, especially if it involves a friend or loved one. When the family and friends of Dennis Heston first learned of his cancer diagnosis and the prescribed treatment, it sounded very hopeful. Prayers were poured out in abundance with the expectation of complete healing. But now, after further testing, it appears that the cancer has spread and is considered as Stage 4.

Dennis and his wife Brenda have three children and are life-long residents of Highlands County. Dennis is a computer services specialist and owns Your Data Inc. Being self-employed, the economy has already negatively influenced their income, but now, unable to work, the family is facing even greater financial hardships.

The "Friends of Dennis" and Crossroads Community Church have partnered in an effort to help the Heston family in their time of need. Make plans to join us for this Family Fun Dinner

Fundraiser event from 4-8 p.m. Friday, July 13. For questions, contact John Dumas at 453-4453 or Debbie Lees at 273-0680.

STARLAB comes to Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Memorial Library presents the 2012 Florida Library Youth Reading Program "Dream Big: Read," for ages 5-13. On Wednesday the program will be "Night Adventures-STARLAB Time (TBD)." Call the library for details.

The Lake Placid Memorial Library is at 205 W. Interlake Blvd.; phone number is 699-3705.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will host Steak-O at 2 p.m. today. Ladies Auxiliary

meets at 4 p.m. Wednesday. Men's Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. and the Post meeting at 7 p.m. Music by Mike King from 5-8 p.m. Friday. Karaoke by Peg and Perry from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. For details, call 452-9853.

The American Legion Post 69 will host karaoke by Naomi today. Karaoke by Bil-Di on Wednesday. Music by Frank E. on Friday. Call for times. For more information, call 453-4553.

LAKE PLACID

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host A.J.'s entertainment today. NASCAR will be on the screen. Call for time. Music with J & B Karaoke on Wednesday, Franke on Thursday and Sho-Nuf Country on Friday. All times from 6:30-9:30 p.m. District picnic and nominations in Avon Park on Saturday. Call for time. Music with Big Freddie from 6:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, call 465-0131.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Music with Steve Baker on Friday. Call for time. For more information, call 699-5444.

SEBRING

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 will host karaoke with Mega Souzn from 5-8 p.m. Sunday. Men's Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. Monday. Music will be by Frank "E." from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Todd Allen from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, and Pete Ruano Duo from 6-9 p.m. Friday. VFW Riders meet at 10 a.m. Saturday. Gary and Shirley will play music from 6-9 p.m. For more information, call 385-8902.

The Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 will have a board meeting at 7 p.m. Monday. Wacky Wednesday from 5-6:30 p.m. Food for \$6.50. Dance only for \$3 to Frank E. from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday buffet from 5-6:30 p.m. for \$11. Dance only for \$3 to Uptown Country from 6:30-9:30 p.m. For details, call 471-3557.

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	An afternoon thunderstorm in spots	A t-storm possible in the afternoon	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	Some sun with a t-storm possible
94° / 73°	93° / 74°	92° / 74°	92° / 74°	92° / 74°
Winds: ENE at 3-6 mph	Winds: S at 3-6 mph	Winds: SE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SE at 4-8 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid
High Tuesday 96°
Low Tuesday 68°
High Wednesday 94°
Low Wednesday 65°
High Thursday 94°
Low Thursday 67°

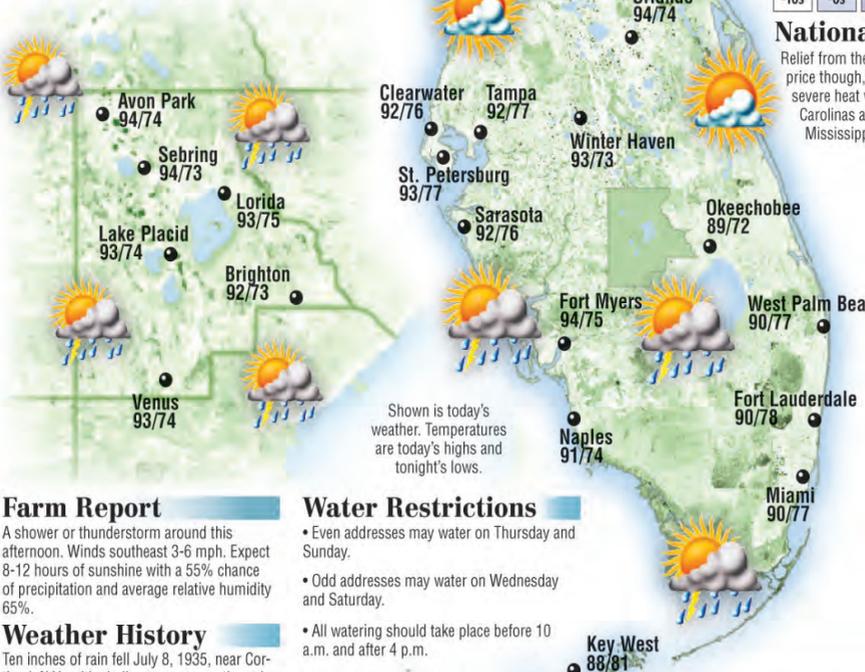
Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today
Relative humidity 48%
Expected air temperature 94°
Makes it feel like 103°

Barometer
Tuesday 29.97
Wednesday 29.97
Thursday 29.96

Precipitation
Tuesday 0.44"
Wednesday 0.00"
Thursday 0.00"
Month to date 0.57"
Year to date 20.23"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny today with a shower or thunderstorm around during the afternoon. A shower or thunderstorm in spots this evening. A thunderstorm in spots tomorrow and Tuesday afternoon and evening.



Farm Report

A shower or thunderstorm around this afternoon. Winds southeast 3-6 mph. Expect 8-12 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 65%.

Weather History

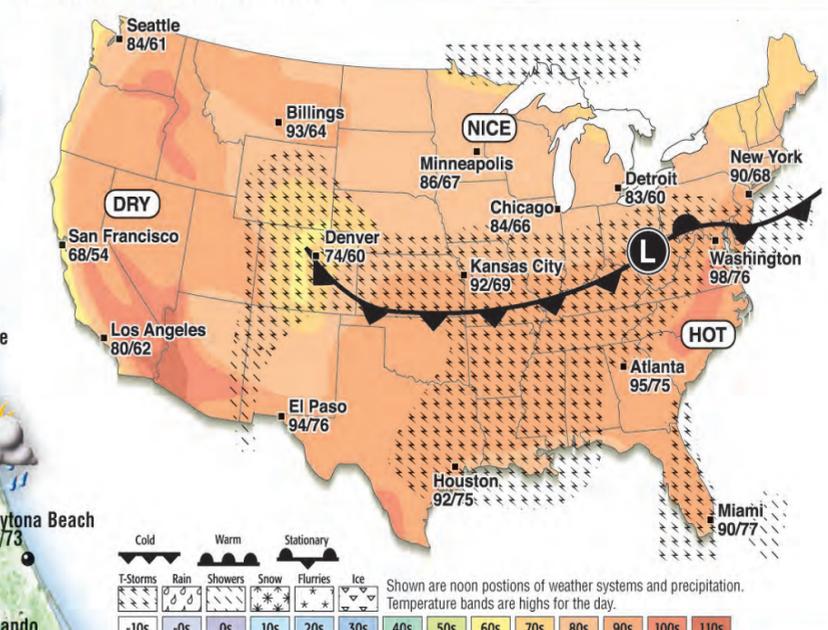
Ten inches of rain fell July 8, 1935, near Cortland, N.Y., with similar amounts southward to Pottsville, Pa. Floods in the Susquehanna Valley killed 52 people.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:40 a.m.	6:41 a.m.
Sunset	8:22 p.m.	8:22 p.m.
Moonrise	11:48 p.m.	none
Moonset	11:31 a.m.	12:24 p.m.

	Last	New	First	Full
	July 10	July 19	July 26	Aug 1

National Forecast for July 8



National Summary

Relief from the heat is on its way from the Midwest eastward to the mid-Atlantic coast today. The relief will come at a price though, as strong-to-severe thunderstorms explode from Iowa into Kentucky, West Virginia and Maryland. The severe heat will continue in the Southeast, where yet another day of record temperatures is in store for parts of the Carolinas and Georgia. Much needed rain will fall from afternoon showers and thunderstorms across the lower Mississippi Valley into the nation's heartland.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	89/70/pc	89/68/t	84/65/t	Los Angeles	80/62/pc	84/63/s	88/64/s
Atlanta	95/75/t	93/73/t	90/72/t	Louisville	98/74/t	89/68/t	89/68/pc
Baltimore	98/71/t	86/68/t	84/66/pc	Memphis	96/77/t	91/75/t	89/74/t
Birmingham	98/74/t	92/72/pc	90/72/t	Milwaukee	80/61/pc	81/64/s	78/64/pc
Boston	87/65/pc	82/65/s	80/65/s	Minneapolis	86/67/s	85/61/pc	82/65/pc
Charlotte	100/73/t	96/73/t	87/71/t	Nashville	98/74/t	89/71/t	88/70/t
Cheyenne	69/56/t	73/56/t	80/56/pc	New Orleans	89/76/t	88/76/t	90/75/pc
Chicago	84/66/pc	86/66/s	84/64/pc	New York City	90/68/t	86/65/s	84/66/pc
Cleveland	84/63/pc	81/62/s	81/63/s	Norfolk	97/77/pc	89/73/t	86/73/t
Columbus	90/66/t	86/66/s	86/65/s	Oklahoma City	98/73/pc	90/70/t	90/69/t
Dallas	98/76/t	94/77/t	92/75/t	Philadelphia	93/70/t	86/67/pc	86/68/pc
Denver	74/60/t	76/61/t	84/62/pc	Phoenix	109/89/pc	111/90/t	112/92/pc
Detroit	83/60/pc	83/63/s	83/61/s	Pittsburgh	88/65/t	83/61/s	83/61/s
Harrisburg	92/69/t	84/66/pc	84/66/pc	Portland, ME	80/58/pc	80/56/s	78/57/s
Honolulu	87/73/s	87/73/s	86/73/s	Portland, OR	89/76/s	86/58/s	84/58/s
Houston	92/75/t	90/75/t	90/75/t	Raleigh	102/76/pc	93/73/t	86/70/t
Indianapolis	90/68/t	86/67/pc	86/66/s	Rochester	82/57/pc	81/55/s	79/55/s
Jackson, MS	94/74/t	89/72/t	90/70/pc	St. Louis	96/71/t	88/70/pc	87/69/s
Kansas City	92/69/t	87/68/pc	88/65/pc	San Francisco	68/54/pc	69/53/pc	73/55/pc
Lexington	98/70/t	86/67/t	87/66/pc	Seattle	84/61/s	83/57/s	80/57/s
Little Rock	96/74/t	92/74/t	89/72/t	Wash., DC	98/76/t	85/70/t	84/70/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	91/77/t	91/78/t	89/76/t	London	70/58/r	70/58/sh	69/56/sh
Athens	98/80/s	97/80/s	99/80/s	Montreal	75/59/pc	75/55/s	79/57/s
Beirut	87/76/s	87/76/s	87/74/s	Moscow	80/61/pc	83/66/pc	79/67/t
Berlin	83/62/sh	78/56/pc	87/57/sh	Nice	82/70/s	84/73/s	84/71/s
Bermuda	83/75/s	83/75/s	83/75/s	Ottawa	79/57/pc	76/57/s	78/57/s
Calgary	85/59/s	88/60/pc	88/55/s	Quebec	73/54/pc	73/50/s	75/52/s
Dublin	63/51/sh	66/50/sh	64/48/sh	Rio de Janeiro	70/65/t	73/64/r	77/67/t
Edmonton	87/55/s	90/57/s	88/57/s	Seoul	88/70/s	88/72/pc	86/72/c
Freeport	88/78/pc	88/79/pc	87/80/pc	Singapore	88/79/t	90/79/t	90/79/t
Geneva	76/53/sh	78/52/s	76/55/t	Sydney	64/45/s	64/45/pc	66/46/pc
Havana	91/72/s	91/73/t	90/72/t	Toronto	81/58/pc	76/57/s	81/57/s
Hong Kong	90/82/t	91/84/pc	90/82/sh	Vancouver	76/59/pc	74/57/pc	74/57/s
Jerusalem	83/66/s	85/68/s	87/70/s	Vienna	88/70/sh	85/68/t	82/64/t
Johannesburg	54/43/c	61/45/s	63/46/s	Warsaw	84/66/t	82/62/t	82/63/pc
Kiev	91/68/s	90/68/t	85/67/t	Winnipeg	80/59/s	85/62/pc	81/60/pc

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	6:33 a.m.
Low	12:03 a.m.
High	5:47 p.m.
Low	11:55 a.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	12:35 a.m.
Low	6:38 a.m.
High	1:00 p.m.
Low	6:58 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	12.03'
Normal	14.51'

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Is it contagious?

Figure out which illnesses should keep your children home and for how long

Many parents have a hard time deciding if their kids are well enough to go to school. What well-intentioned parent hasn't sent a child off with tissues in hand, only to get that mid-morning "come get your child" phone call?

But making the right decision isn't as tough as you might think. It basically boils down to one question: Is my child contagious? Infections like pinkeye or strep throat usually necessitate a day home with appropriate treatment because they are highly contagious. Most daycares and schools won't let kids return until after a fever has broken naturally (without fever-reducing medicines) for at least 24 hours.

So what infections should parents be concerned about as kids head back to school? KidsHealth.org says these are the top five illnesses parents should look out for during the school year.

1. PINKEYE

Conjunctivitis, or pinkeye, is an inflammation of the conjunctiva, the clear membrane covering the white part of the eye and the inner surface of the eyelids. It can be caused by an infection or by exposure to chemicals or other irritants.

Is it contagious? Yes.

Conjunctivitis is contagious when caused by viruses (as in most cases) or bacteria, but not when caused by allergies or irritants (like air pollution or swimming pool chemicals).

How does it spread?

Conjunctivitis caused by bacteria or a virus can be spread through contact with the infected person's secretions or by touching something the person has touched (like a towel or washcloth). Children may spread it from one eye to the other through touching. Non-infectious conjunctivitis, such as that caused by an allergy, is not spread person to person.

When do symptoms go away? Usually two to three days after treatment has begun for bacterial conjunctivitis, and about one to two weeks for viral conjunctivitis. For non-infectious conjunctivitis, it depends on when the irritant or other cause is removed and, if necessary, treated.

Prevention: Kids should wash their hands often with warm water and soap and avoid sharing eye drops, makeup, pillowcases, washcloths and towels. For allergic conjunctivitis, keep windows and doors closed on days when the pollen count is high, and dust and vacuum frequently to limit allergy triggers.

Going back to school, work or play: Viral conjunctivitis: once tearing and discharge are gone (about a week).

Bacterial conjunctivitis: at least 24 hours after starting treatment.

2. STREP THROAT

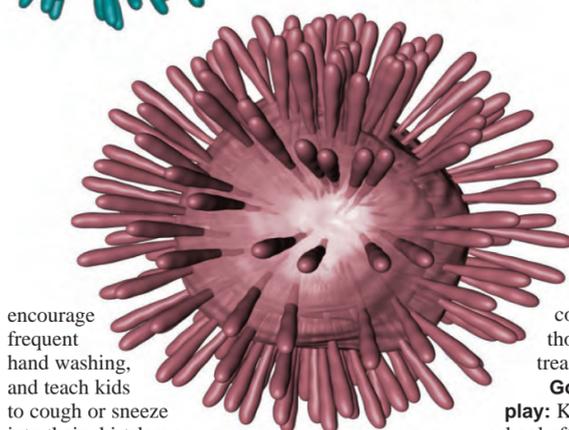
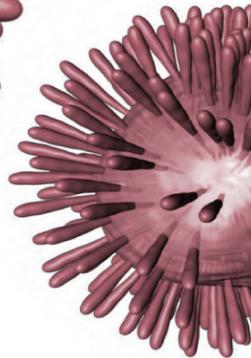
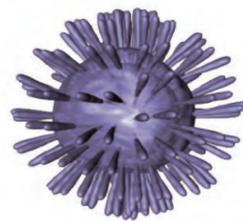
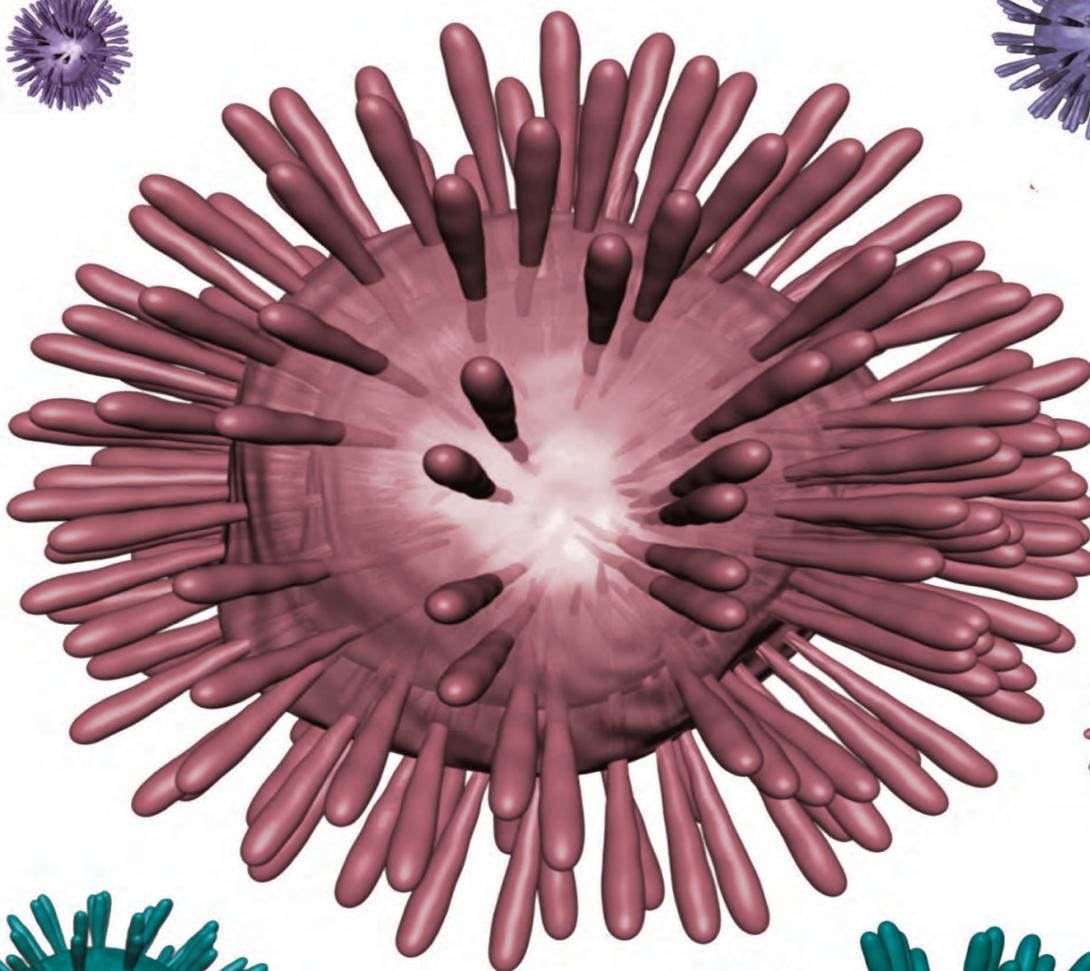
Strep throat is a bacterial infection that can cause sore throat, headache and fever. With treatment, symptoms improve quickly. If left untreated, strep throat can lead to complications.

Is it contagious? Yes. It's caused by group A streptococcus bacteria infecting the back of the throat and tonsils.

How does it spread? Strep throat is spread from person to person, through close contact, unwashed hands and airborne droplets from sneezing and coughing. Anybody can get strep throat, but it's most common in school-age kids and teens. Infections can occur even after tonsils have been removed.

When do symptoms go away? Usually within two days of starting antibiotic treatment.

Prevention: To prevent its spread, keep your child's eating utensils separate and wash them in hot soapy water, avoid sharing food or drinks,



encourage frequent hand washing, and teach kids to cough or sneeze into their shirtsleeve and not their hands.

Going back to school, work or play: Wait until at least 24 hours after beginning antibiotics to resume activities.

3. HEAD LICE

Head lice infestation is one of the most common contagious diseases in North America. It can be successfully treated and is not serious.

Is it contagious? Yes. Lice are common among kids ages 3-12 (girls more often than boys). However, anyone can get lice, and it is not a sign of poor hygiene. Lice do not spread disease.

How does it spread? Lice have claws that allow them to crawl and cling firmly to hair. They spread mainly through head-to-head contact, but sharing clothing, bed linens, combs, brushes and hats can sometimes help pass them along. Lice can spread quickly at schools, child-care centers, slumber parties, sports activities, camps and at home, so all bedmates, infested family members and close contacts should be treated as well.

When do symptoms go away? Medicated treatments usually kill the lice and eggs (called nits), but it may take a few days for the itching to stop.

Prevention: Discourage head-to-head contact at school (in gym, on the playground or during sports) and while playing at home with other children. Discourage sharing combs, brushes, hats, hair accessories, towels or helmets with others. Every 3-4 days, examine members of your household who have had close

contact with someone with lice. Only those with lice infestation require treatment.

Going back to school, work or play: Kids with active lice may return to school after the first treatment.

4. MOLLUSCUM CONTAGIOSUM

Molluscum contagiosum is a common childhood viral skin infection. It usually resolves without treatment in six to 12 months, though sometimes can take longer.

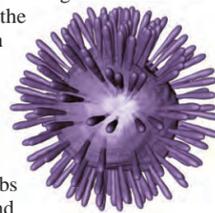
Is it contagious? Yes. The molluscum contagiosum virus (MCV), a member of the poxvirus family, causes this mild skin infection.

How does it spread? Through skin-to-skin contact with the virus, or by touching bath towels and clothes of those infected. Molluscum contagiosum can easily spread from one part of the body to another when a person rubs or scratches the bumps and then touches another part of the body.

When do symptoms go away? Six to 12 months (sometimes as long as four years) for all bumps to go away completely.

Prevention: Ensure kids wash their hands often. Discourage sharing of towels, clothing and other personal items.

Going back to school, work or play: Kids can continue activities as long they are receiving treatment and bumps not concealed by clothes are covered.



Get info on the go

Want more information about common childhood illnesses and infections? Download KidsHealth's free iPhone app, "Is it Contagious?," on the iPhone App Store.



5. WALKING PNEUMONIA

Walking pneumonia is the leading cause of pneumonia in school-age kids and young adults. The main symptom is a bothersome and prolonged cough.

Is it contagious? Yes. This milder form of pneumonia is caused by *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, a type of bacteria. Walking pneumonia usually develops gradually and can be successfully treated with antibiotics.

How does it spread? Walking pneumonia is spread through person-to-person contact or by breathing in particles spread through the air by sneezing or coughing. It is most common in school-age and older kids, but it's occasionally seen in those younger than 5.

When do symptoms go away? Usually three to four weeks, but antibiotic treatment may speed the recovery.

Prevention: Encourage kids to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly.

Going back to school, work or play: Kids can resume activities after 24 hours of treatment if they feel well enough.

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Pinkeye



Strep throat



Head lice



Molluscum contagiosum

DIVERSIONS

GOT MILK?

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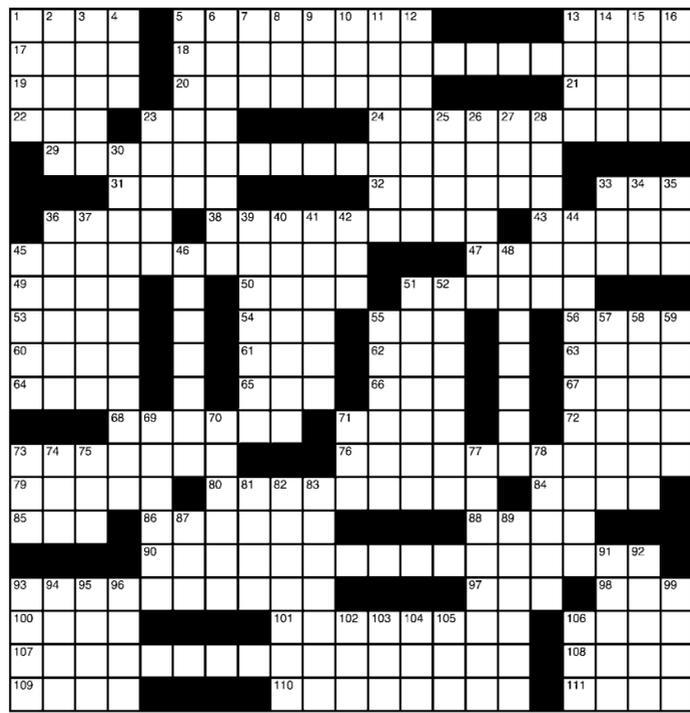
ACROSS

- 1 "The Godfather" actor
- 5 Furry '80s fad items
- 13 Protest of a kind
- 17 Gymnast Korbut
- 18 One dealing with spirits
- 19 "Kinsey" star Neeson
- 20 "That dress is perfect!"
- 21 It may be uncharted
- 22 Korea divider, briefly
- 23 Anti-apartheid org.
- 24 Outing that includes birding
- 29 Tony Award won four times by Tommy Tune
- 31 Spillane's "___ Jury"
- 32 Postwar British leader
- 33 Peach or plum
- 36 National Soccer Hall of Famer since 1993
- 38 Cold War enemy, informally
- 43 Prereqs for some Harvard applicants
- 45 One looking for stars
- 47 Flies across the Atlantic?
- 49 Caspian country
- 50 Hawaiian coffee region
- 51 Volcano output
- 53 Made a touchdown
- 54 Timecard abbr.
- 55 Vel attachment?
- 56 ___ Bora: Afghan region
- 60 Marge Simpson's mother-in-law
- 61 Foofaraw
- 62 Harley-Davidson's NYSE symbol
- 63 All-in-one Apple
- 64 City SSW of Moscow

- 65 ___ Tin Tin
- 66 Old comm. giant
- 67 The Sunni, e.g.
- 68 Pointed
- 71 Mideast pooh bah
- 72 Small combo
- 73 Equitably divided
- 76 Survey an enemy position
- 79 Rhett's last words
- 80 Fine-tune
- 84 Tenn. neighbor
- 85 Gym safety item
- 86 What a criminal might be on?
- 88 Aptly named shaving lotion
- 90 1983 World Series champs
- 93 Miner's dream
- 97 College sr.'s challenge
- 98 Classic Jaguar
- 100 "Hi, sailor!"
- 101 Up and running
- 106 Lawn liming target
- 107 Spanish saint who wrote the encyclopedic "Etymologiae"
- 108 Leader after Mao
- 109 Mete (out)
- 110 More spirited
- 111 Sommer of Berlin

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- 1 Hardly friendly
- 2 Out on ___
- 3 Visually rapt
- 4 '60s-'70s theater, briefly
- 5 Lock up
- 6 Ones trying to get picked up
- 7 Stanford-Binet nos.
- 8 It borders It.
- 9 Cutesy-___
- 10 Mock tail?
- 11 1992 presidential also-ran



By DAVID STEINBERG

Solution on page 5B

- 12 Scottish royal family
- 13 Texter's hedge
- 14 Looped handle
- 15 Move, as merchandise
- 16 "Star ___"
- 23 When many retire
- 25 Jacques of "Jour de Fête"
- 26 Cramming, say
- 27 Scoreboard initials
- 28 Lace place
- 30 Burglar's undoing
- 33 Experiences
- 34 Jeep or Land Rover, briefly
- 35 Mountain road feature
- 36 Room with a sofa
- 37 "Seinfeld" role
- 39 13th/14th-century German mystic
- 40 Desperate
- 41 Talks and talks
- 42 Tony winner Hagen
- 44 Word with analysis or significance
- 45 Italian lover's coo
- 46 Removed by hand, in a way
- 48 Put up points against
- 51 Very spicy fare
- 52 Slow equine pace
- 55 Bell
- 57 Mario Puzo novel
- 58 More likely to be R-rated
- 59 One playing a part
- 69 "I don't believe it"
- 70 Remote insert
- 71 Tarzan creator's monogram
- 73 Cooking spray
- 74 Old vitamin bottle letters
- 75 Meal starter?
- 77 7 on the Beaufort scale
- 78 How ballerinas dance
- 81 Violist's clef
- 82 Fired
- 83 Colossal
- 87 Laugh syllable
- 89 Not so flexible
- 91 Word relative
- 92 Short-legged lizard
- 93 Inn employee
- 94 Quite
- 95 Labor
- 96 University of Chicago site ___ Park
- 99 Sphere's lack
- 102 Cinque e uno
- 103 Man cave staples
- 104 Slowing, on a score: Abbr.
- 105 Member of The Whiffenpoofs
- 106 Soft drink ending

God's reluctance or willingness



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

Before Ken and I married, we searched for a house that would have a bedroom for each of our three sons. But that house never appeared on the real estate radar. In our eagerness to please them, we extolled the virtues of the three bedroom house we had found.

"It has a wooded backyard, a brook running alongside, and way below the woods, a pond for fishing in the summer and ice skating in the winter."

Our enthusiastic appraisal assumed the reluctance for two to share a bedroom. So we set out to overcome any objections.

Instead we received their excited willingness. Once they saw the house and property, they put their heads together deciding to all share one room and keep the other as a play room.

Another time as the two oldest boys reached their pre-teen years, they came to us with high praise for their new youth leader, who wanted to take them camping in the nearby Appalachian Mountains.

Having them spend an overnight in the woods would be a first for us as parents in letting go. They must have anticipated the need to convince us that they would be safe as they came up with all the reasons why they really needed to do this.

So, when we said yes with ease, they rejoiced in our willingness to let them go.

These memories surfaced recently when a speaker shared Martin Luther's assessment of prayer.

How often do we go to our Heavenly Father with requests that are padded with all the reasons why God should do our bidding. We try convincing him in case he's reluctant to comply.

Yet Martin Luther suggests that prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; but, grabbing hold of His willingness.

I love that! Our heavenly Parent is equally desirous of giving us his best; and we his children should be just as willing to please him above all others.

Jesus said in Mark 11:24, NKJV, "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

This is not a promise for untold material blessings to fall from the sky. Rather the person who prays with this expectation is praying as one who walks with God and knows his heart. It is a prayer of faith from one who is abiding in Christ.

Think you need to convince God? Or are you ready to walk closely with him and grab hold of his willingness? Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

Dinner guest grows weary of catering to her hostess

Dear Abby: Some friends of ours entertain often, and ask certain guests to bring dishes for as many as 15 to 18 people. This has evolved to the point that I am often left a message telling me to come up with a specific dish. Because I am a good cook, the dishes they request can be quite elaborate.

Last week, two of the eight couples invited were asked to bring a dish for dinner. As I was unwrapping mine, the hostess told me to mix it together with the other one, which had been bought at the supermarket! She seemed put out with me when I replied that I had spent many hours preparing my dish and would rather not combine them.

Abby, four years of this is

enough for me. In the future when I'm invited, I'll accept and say that I'll contribute some wine. Period.

Please don't advise that we refuse invitations from this family — they are my husband's oldest friends, and our husbands do business together. By the way, this couple is very wealthy. They could afford to cater all of these gatherings.

— Not The Hired Help

Dear Not The Hired Help

Help: Take wine and offer no apologies. If it was good enough for the Last Supper, it should be good enough for your friends.

Dear Abby: My girlfriend, "Connie," and I have been together for 13 months. I have been divorced a year



Dear Abby

and a half. Connie's divorce became final six months ago, but she and her husband were separated for more than a year.

Connie's daughter, "Libby," is being married later this year. She's a wonderful girl, and I wish she were my daughter. I wish her the best. My problem is, I will not be attending the rehearsal dinner, the wedding or the reception. Connie

says that if I were to show up, her ex would make a scene and ruin the day for Libby. He hasn't gotten on with his life, and Connie wants Libby's day to be special.

I understand that, but I have mixed emotions. I love Libby very much and would never do anything to hurt her, but I truly want to be a part of Connie's and Libby's lives.

It's going to be hard for me to sit home while everyone else is enjoying the celebration. Please give me your view.

— Left Out in Little Rock

Dear Left Out:

The last thing you should do is sit home and brood. Make plans with friends for those two days and keep yourself occu-

ried. You are neither "Cinderella" nor an outcast, and I'm sure Connie feels as bad as you that you'll be absent from the festivities.

Connie is sacrificing her personal preference to ensure that her daughter's wedding goes as smoothly as possible. She knows what kind of a scene her ex-husband is capable of. Please support her and do not take this personally.

Dear Abby: Please settle a long-standing family dispute. Is the spider that climbed up the waterspout itsy-bitsy or eensy-weensy?

— Webbed in Columbia, Md.

Dear Webbed: If the dispute is long-standing, then it is not eensy-weensy.

However, the spider that climbed up the waterspout was itsy-bitsy, at least that's the way I learned it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447.

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In Florida, the bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle. Bicyclists using a public roadway are considered operators of motor vehicles and are responsible for observing all traffic laws. With few exceptions, there is only one road and it is up to motorists and bicyclists to treat each other with care and respect. Adherence to the law is the foundation of respect.

Take control of a situation that arises this week, Leo, because you're the one who can

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 20)

— Aries, the week may begin a little off-kilter, but you'll find that by Wednesday or Thursday, things turn around significantly. A couple of chances for socialization arise.

Taurus (April 21-May 21)

— Take inventory of your life this week, Taurus, and make the necessary tweaks to align you with your primary goals. Take a cue from someone organized.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)

— Gemini, you're inspired to do something creative. Narrow down the possibilities. Maybe you want to paint indoors or take on a new craft hobby. Either way you'll find success.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

— Even the most organized

Horoscope

people can get tripped up once in a while, Cancer. This week you may be unable to keep track of things. Keep your cool, and you will get it under control.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)

— Take control of a situation that arises, Leo, because right now it seems no one else is capable of handling the situation. You may prove to be an excellent leader.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)

— Influential people will be moving in your social circles, Virgo. Failure to introduce yourself and network could lead to setbacks in your employment goals.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

— Once the excitement of an event wears off, Libra, you may be left floundering for a

little while. Don't wallow in boredom. Get started on a new project.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

— Sometimes much more can be said by remaining quiet that actually speaking, Scorpio. Keep this in mind when you are socializing with new people.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

— It can sometimes feel lonely at the top, Sagittarius. Now that you've acquired many of the things you wanted, the resulting feelings may not be what you thought.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

— Now may be the time to get serious about your efforts to find a new job, Capricorn. Start doing the legwork and get your name out to new people as much as you can.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

— Although you're a do-it-

yourself person by nature, Aquarius, sometimes letting someone get the job done frees you up for more important projects. You also get a needed break.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

— Pisces, you can't seem to keep your mind on the thing at hand. Your wandering thoughts may put you in tune with a better idea.

Famous Birthdays

July 8, Anjelica Huston, Actress, 61; July 9, Courtney Love, Singer, 48; July 10, Sofia Vergara, Actress, 40; July 11, Richie Sambora, Musician, 52; July 12, Richard Simmons, Fitness guru, 64; July 13, Cheech Marin, Actor, 66; July 14, Tommy Mottola, CEO Sony, 62.

ONLINE

'I work out...side'



Farm parody of 'Sexy and I Know It' goes viral

By ROXANA HEGEMAN
Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Kansas State University student Greg Peterson and some friends were unwinding at a drive-in restaurant when LMFAO's song "Sexy and I Know It" came on the radio. He groaned.

But as the chorus droned on, the 21-year-old found inspiration. He switched "sexy" to "farming" as he began rapping. Then he started coming up with lyrics. It would be fun, he thought, to do a video parody with his brothers when he returned home to the family farm in central Kansas.

Peterson said the brothers aimed the video at their city friends on Facebook because they "hardly knew anything about the farm." They ended up educating the world. "I'm Farming and I Grow It" video has become an Internet sensation with more than 3.2 million views since it was posted June 25 on YouTube.

Its success has been hailed by farm groups, documented by newspapers and even won the brothers a whirlwind trip to New York City for a television appearance on Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends."

Peterson said he and his family have been a little bit overwhelmed by all the attention and he's doing "some normal things" now to keep sane. On a recent morning, he was out swathing — or mowing — the prairie hay used to feed the family's cattle.

"I am just trying to rest my brain a little bit and get back to, you know, this is reality," he said by cell-phone. "This is something I can understand, whereas when I was in New York, everything was just hitting my mind, and it was kind of like, 'I can't believe this, I can't believe this.'"

The 21-year-old Kansas State University senior isn't the first to parody LMFAO's

club hit. Spoofs include "Elmo and I Know It," which features the popular "Sesame Street" character, "I'm Average and I Know It," and "Santa and I Know It." Most have only a few thousand hits, although the Elmo version has garnered roughly 12.7 million hits in about seven months.

Peterson's 3:32-minute video begins at the break of dawn with him and his brothers, Nathan, 18, and Kendal, 15, walking across a field of golden wheat that sways gently in the wind. The scenes then shift rapidly

'When I step to the bunk, yeah, this is what I see: All the hungry cattle are staring at me. I got passion for my plants, and I ain't afraid to show it, show it, show it. I'm farming, and I grow it.'

to the song's beat, showing the brothers doing chores, driving combines and tractors and jumping on hay bales. It ends with the three walking off into the sunset across a field where the wheat has been harvested.

One scene shows Peterson feeding cattle as he raps, "When I step to the bunk, yeah, this is what I see: All the hungry cattle are staring at me. I got passion for my plants, and I ain't afraid to show it, show it, show it. I'm farming, and I grow it."

Peterson, who's majoring in agriculture communication and journalism and minoring in music performance at Kansas State, said

the video was produced with iMovie and GarageBand software. His 11-year-old sister, Laura, shot some of it on the family farm near Assaria.

Steve Baccus, the president of the Kansas Farm Bureau, said what the Peterson brothers did on their own is exactly what agriculture groups have been trying to get other farmers to do — use social media to show consumers the real faces of agriculture.

Individual farmers and industry groups have started using Twitter, YouTube and other social media in recent years to counter the messages put out by tech-savvy environmental and animal rights groups concerned about everything from water quality to the size of cages chickens are kept in.

"We think it is a great way to communicate with the consumer and give them an idea of what exactly goes on in agriculture on the farm," Baccus said. "We are being painted by some different groups in a pretty nasty vein, and that is not at all true. I think we need to get the message out there is another side of agriculture."

He said he loved the Peterson brothers' video: "I liked the way they incorporated humor into it, and I just thought they did a fantastic job."

The Peterson brothers have posted other videos about the family farm on YouTube, and Peterson said they'll make more. He keeps his iPod Touch with him as he farms, occasionally pulling it out and filming things.

"That doesn't take any extra time, or really any extra thought," he said. "It is just like, 'This is what I am doing. So I will continue to make those kinds of videos.'"

Netflix's monthly video streaming tops 1 billion hours

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Netflix subscribers watched more than 1 billion hours of online video last month as the advent of high-speed Internet connections and high-powered mobile devices change people's viewing habits.

The milestone announced Tuesday by Netflix CEO Reed Hastings came a day after Citigroup analyst Mark Mahaney issued an upbeat report about the company's future. Those factors helped lift Netflix's stock by more than 6 percent in Tuesday's abbreviated trading session.

The stock is still struggling to recover from last fall's sharp increase in U.S. prices, which triggered a



backlash among customers and investors alike. Netflix shares gained \$4.19 Tuesday to close at \$72.04, well off their peak of nearly \$305 last July.

The rising usage of Netflix's Internet video service may turn out to be a mixed blessing as the company phases out its DVD-by-mail rental service to focus on its goal of building a lucrative franchise in Internet-streamed video.

Netflix is trying to wean people off DVDs to save on mailing costs and reduce its

investment on a format that it expects to become obsolete. Delivering Internet video is quicker and less expensive than discs, but the streaming selection isn't as extensive as what's available on DVDs. To compensate, Netflix has been spending tens of millions of dollars during the past two years to add more compelling titles.

Netflix's increasing popularity indicates that those efforts are resonating with subscribers. That's important because it helps validate a strategy that called for Netflix Inc. to invest heavily in video-licensing fees, even though the spending is expected to saddle the company with an annual loss this year.

CONTEST! FOR THE KIDS!

With the 4th of July holiday coming up, the News-Sun has a fun challenge for the children. We would like to ask the children to do a short essay for us telling us what "Freedom" means to them. We want to print these essays in the newspaper and we will ask the VFW to vote on the essays. The winner will have a prize as a token of our appreciation for putting so much thought and hard work into each essay.

Submit all essays by July 15th to tle@newssun.com or drop them off at our office. Attention: Terri Lee at 2227 U.S. Highway 27 S., Sebring, FL 33870

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BOOKS

‘Ransom River’ is well-plotted thriller

By MICHELLE WIENER
For The Associated Press

“Ransom River” (Dutton), by Meg Gardiner

Unemployed and nearly broke, Rory Mackenzie returns home to Ransom River only to find a jury duty summons for what promises to be the case of the century for the small California town: the shooting of an allegedly unarmed man by an off-duty police officer.

Before the trial gets off the ground, however, the courtroom is attacked, and Rory is among those chosen as hostages.

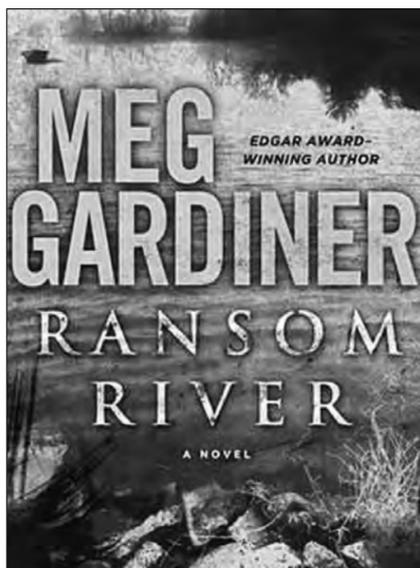
In the wake of this trauma — I won’t tell you how it is resolved — Rory finds she is among the prime suspects for engineering the attack.

Before long, Rory uncovers a connection between the murder case and an unsolved robbery case from long ago. What’s more, that case is somehow connected to her family.

I am a fan of Gardiner’s Jo Beckett series and would love to see this stand-alone novel introduce her to waves of new readers.

Rory is a fantastic protagonist. She’s smart, quick-thinking, fiercely loyal and resilient. She’s the sort of action hero you want to see in movies: She can take multiple hits, and they just make her stronger.

Furthermore, “Ransom River” is every-



thing you want in a blockbuster thriller: multiple plot twists, thoroughly creepy psychotic villains, danger at every turn.

Gardiner has an enviable talent for pushing characters and plot elements to the point of straining credibility, but she never breaks the limits of plausibility. And the manner in which Rory pieces things together is satisfyingly unexpected.

Gardiner’s conclusion to “Ransom River” leaves open the possibility for a sequel, and to that may I just say: yes, please.

Online: <http://www.meggardiner.com/>

‘Die a Stranger’ is a suspenseful tale

By BRUCE DeSILVA
For The Associated Press
“Die a Stranger: An Alex McKnight Novel” (Minotaur Books), by Steve Hamilton

In the years since Vinnie Red Sky LeBlanc’s father killed three people in a drunken driving accident and got himself banned from the Bay Mills reservation, the young Ojibwa tribal member has never once picked up a drink.

So Vinnie’s best friend, Alex McKnight, is understandably concerned to learn Vinnie has been knocking back scotches at a local bar.

The concern turns to alarm when Vinnie suddenly disappears.

Meanwhile, five bodies are discovered at a deserted airstrip nearby, the result of a drug deal gone bad.

At first, Alex, a former Detroit cop who moved to Michigan’s remote Upper

Peninsula a few years ago to get away from trouble like this, cannot imagine the two mysteries are related.

But when Buck, Vinnie’s slacker cousin, also goes missing, Alex suspects Buck may have somehow drawn Vinnie into the drug deal.

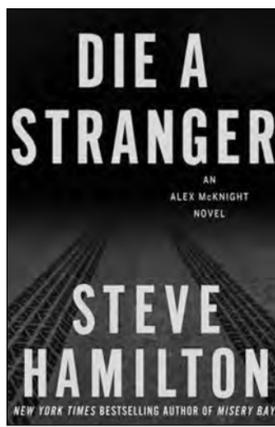
Soon it becomes clear that Alex isn’t the only one looking for the cousins.

Some big-time drug dealers, convinced that Vinnie and Buck betrayed them at the airstrip, are hunting the pair.

As the story unfolds, Alex races up and down the length of Michigan, following leads, trying to stay one step ahead of the drug dealers and trying to convince suspicious tribal members that he’s really on Vinnie’s side.

Soon he’s joined by Vinnie’s long-missing father, who shows up to help with the search.

“Die a Stranger” is the



ninth crime novel by Steve Hamilton, a two-time Edgar Award winner.

As usual, he creates an ensemble of strong, believable characters and spins his suspenseful tale in crisp, hard-boiled prose.

The result is a taut, fast-paced story with lots of gunplay and unexpected twists, along with a poignant subplot about the strained relationship between father and son.

Online: <http://www.authorsteve-hamilton.com/>

PLACES TO WORSHIP

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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 1 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For information contact (239) 671-0390. Pastor Travis Vanderford.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. 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; 6 p.m. evening worship. Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Practice; 6 p.m. children’s choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. mission programs. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Call 453-6681 for details.

■ **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 Altvater leads the youth in their quest to become more like Christ. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcatho.com; website, www.stcatho.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcatho.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Minister (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. CONFESSION: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.; Or by appointment with any priest. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m.;

Sunday Spanish Mass: noon; Last Sunday of the month: 2 p.m. (Creole/French); Sunday Family Mass 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. and noon; Saturday: 9 a.m.

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

CHRISTIAN

■ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825 (Saxon Hall in Reflection Community). Bill Raymond, Minister. Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship; Communion is available each week. Thursday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. Our goal is: Love Christ - Love People. For more information call 453-7679 or 453-8929.

■ **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; David Etherton, Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men’s grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

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

■ **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: Don Smith. Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at every service. Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible centered classes for all ages. Church phone: 453-4692.

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

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. Minister: Kevin Patterson. Times of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Class, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

BOOKS

Publishers Weekly

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Crown)
2. "Wicked Business" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
3. "Bloodline: A Sigma Force Novel" by James Rollins (William Morrow)
4. "Summerland" by Elin Hilderbrand (Reagan Arthur)
5. "Calico Joe" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
6. "The Age of Miracles" by Karen Thompson (Walker)
7. "The Storm" by Clive Cussler (Putnam)
8. "Mission to Paris" by Alan Furst (Random House)
9. "Porch Lights" by Dorothea Benton Frank (William Morrow)
10. "11th Hour" by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown)
11. "A Dance with Dragons" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
12. "The Innocent" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
13. "The Third Gate" by Lincoln Child (Doubleday)
14. "Canada" by Richard Ford (Ecco)
15. "Stolen Prey" by John Sandford (Putnam)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Cowards" by Glenn Beck (Threshold Editions)
2. "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed (Knopf)
3. "The Amateur" by Edward Klein (Regnery)
4. "Killing Lincoln" by Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard (Holt)
5. "The Skinny Rules" by Bob Harper with Greg Critser (Ballantine)
6. "An American Son" by Marco Rubion (Sentinel)
7. "It Worked for Me" by Colin Powell (Harper)
8. "Leading Culture Change in Global Organizations" by Daniel Denison (Jossey-Bass)
9. "What Really Happened: John Edwards, Our Daughter, and Me" by Rielle Hunter (Benbella)
10. "The Great Destroyer" by David Limbaugh (Regnery)
11. "Becoming Sister Wives" by Kody Brown (Gallery Books)
12. "Barack Obama" by David Maraniss (Simon & Schuster)
13. "Unintended Consequences" by Ed Conard (Portfolio)
14. "I Hate Everyone...Starting with Me" by Joan Rivers (Berkley)
15. "What the (Bleep) Just Happened" by Monica Crowley (Broadside Books)

BEST-SELLERS



MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Litigators" by John Grisham (Dell)
2. "Split Second" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)
3. "Safe Haven" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central)
4. "Family Affair" by Debbie Macomber (Avon)
5. "Private Games" by James Patterson (Vision)
6. "Summer Nights" by Susan Mallery (Harlequin HQN)
7. "Midnight Promises" by Sherryl Woods (Harlequin Mira)
8. "The Silent Girl" by Tess Gerritsen (Ballantine Books)

9. "Explosive Eighteen" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
10. "Afraid to Die" Lisa Jackson (Zebra)
11. "Once Burned" Jeaniene Frost (Avon)
12. "The Unexpected Husband" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
13. "Gun Games" by Faye Kellerman (Harper)
14. "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" by Seth Grahame-Smith (Grand Central)
15. "Summer People" by Elin Hilderbrand (St. Martin's)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James (Vintage)
2. "Fifty Shades Darker" by E.L. James (Vintage)
3. "Fifty Shades Freed" by E.L. James (Vintage)
4. "Bared to You" by Sylvia Day (Berkley)
5. "The Litigators" by John Grisham (Bantam)
6. "The Coming Home" by Karen Kingsbury (Zondervan)
7. "Vision: Your Pathway to Victory" by Gordon D'Angelo (Morgan James Publishing)
8. "In the Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson (Broadway)
9. "To Heaven And Back" by Mary C. Neal (WaterBrook Press)
10. "Kill Alex Cross" by James

- Patterson (Grand Central)
11. "The Drop" by Michael Connelly (Grand Central)
12. "Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles (Penguin)
13. "The Last Boyfriend: Book Two of the InnsBoro Trilogy" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)
14. "Home Again" by Kristin Hannah (Ballantine Books)
15. "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett (Perennial)

USA Today

1. "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James (Vintage)
2. "Fifty Shades Darker" by E.L. James (Vintage)
3. "Fifty Shades Freed" by E.L. James (Vintage)
4. "Mockingjay" by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic Press)
5. "Catching Fire" by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic Press)
6. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Crown)
7. "Fifty Shades Trilogy Bundle" by E.L. James (Vintage)
8. "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic Press)
9. "Bared to You: A Crossfire Novel" by Sylvia Day (Berkley)
10. "The Litigators" by John Grisham (Dell)

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

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

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

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

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

GRACE BRETHERN

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir

director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Reverend Robert Reinhardt, Pastor. Church phone: 385-7848. Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Summer Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 10 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

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

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

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday school at 8:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.. 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 Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

■ **First Presbyterian Church ARP**, 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women's Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@htn.net. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Summer Camp (middle school), 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpclp.com, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Traditional Worship 9 a.m., Contemporary Worship 11 a.m., Sunday School for adults to grade school will be from 10:10-10:50 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult Bible Study (7 p.m.), Youth Group - (Middle and High School), (7 p.m.), RockSolid (Kindergarten through fifth grade) 7 p.m. Bible

Counseling available by appointment, 699-0132. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

■ **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA)**, 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

■ **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church**, 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army - Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible

study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmy-sebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

■ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, Pastor. Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study 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 website: 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. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office, 465-2422 or www.memorialumc.com. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313.

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

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TRAVEL

Travel in style for summer:

Go sleek

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP Fashion Writer

The coveted look for vacationers this summer is sleek and chic — with an emphasis on sleek.

Many travelers, especially air travelers, are aiming to get up and go with as few accouterments as they can without sacrificing style.

People are thinking about packing light at all stages of the traveling process: from what suitcases they'll use to the souvenirs they'll buy.

Stylist Amanda Ross, fashion director for travel-themed Departures magazine, says she thinks about packing when she's doing her initial shopping. "It really comes down to how you shop and what your wardrobe is about."

But even more basic is the bag it will go in.

There are more FedEx boxes of clothes and accessories coming into the lobby of Manhattan's upscale Mondrian SoHo than one might imagine — and fewer luxury-brand suitcases that would complement the handbags that its typical fashion-savvy guests carry, says hotel General Manager Gary Thomas.

He personally uses that send-ahead system. "You don't have to carry anything then or worry about an extra pound or two, and it's even more reliable than taking it with you."

There are also fewer last-minute items, the ones you rarely "need," tossed in, he says.

"The weight issue has become huge, especially in the past year," agrees Dan Tarala, vice president of product design and strategy for Victorinox Travel Gear. "It's the No. 1 thing we hear."

The complaints started in Europe, he says, but have moved west and east, north and south. When he started with Victorinox almost 10 years ago, the goal was to get a suitcase that could be used for two weeks down to 17 pounds;

now it's 5 pounds.

Of course, consumers want to shed weight without losing any of the features they have come to like or looks they want to wear.

In the world of suitcases, that means wheels still rule. They've just changed to smaller, more nimble ones, says Tarala.

The evolving trend toward four wheels instead of two might seem counterintuitive, but they can be smaller and better distribute weight. They also encourage a lower profile of the bag, which results in more efficient use of the space inside.

Hard-side suitcases made of polycarbonate, as opposed to soft leather or nylon bags,

are gaining wider acceptance, Tarala says. The hard bags need less framing inside. They offer durability comparable to nylon, and the modern design can rival the luxury of leather.

"The shift is not just looking at the main body material," Tarala says.

"We are looking at the overall frame: switching to honeycombs and laminated foam instead of solid pieces, less dense nylons versus metal for hardware and connection points. We don't want to take anything away from the customer."

He recommends using a 50-50 split case — the middle divider is the difference between everything inside the bag shifting "all over the place," Tarala says — and starting packing by filling the voids near the handles and the wheel casings.

Ross puts the heaviest item in first: her shoes. She tries to restrict herself to one pair of flat daytime shoes and a dressier pair of evening heels. They have to go with everything, she says, but she won't skimp with shoes that are flimsy, even if they are lighter.



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Fitting everything is a suitcase and still staying lightweight enough to avoid paying extra is becoming a challenge.

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DAN TARALA
VP, Victorinox
Travel Gear

That would be penny-wise and pound-foolish.

Could you get away with only black shoes? Only brown? By starting off thinking that way, you'll end up organizing your outfits ahead of time, which minimizes extra last-minute stuff, Ross says.

Whether it's business or leisure travel, Ross wears a lot of dresses on the road. "They're the least amount of work, the least amount of thought — and the most multi-purpose. You can change from a flat to heel and wear the same thing all day."

She's particularly fond of seasonless jersey dresses that don't wrinkle, even if rolled up tight. And, Ross says, there's definitely no hangers in her bag. "Even if I'm going to an 'event,' it could be

cocktail to black-tie, I pack my dress in a plastic dry-cleaner bag, folded in half."

Ross also relies on cashmere cardigans and wraps, which are still needed in summer. They will fold up flatter than you expect, she says.

Jewelry is the one thing she brings knowing that it adds heft to her bag, but it adds even more style. It goes in her carry-on, shopper-style bag with her computer, phone and notebook.

Ross says she treats that bag as a mobile office, leaving most personal clutter out of it. She will tuck inside a clutch handbag if a more formal occasion is on the itinerary, and if the trip involves sightseeing, a small day bag with a chain strap.

She leaves her blow-dryer at home. "If a hotel doesn't have it, I

won't blow-dry my hair, but that almost never happens," Ross says.

Mondrian's Thomas says she's safe leaving it — and a lot of other things — behind. He has traded a nice leather dopp kit for a few key things (his toothbrush, for one) in a plastic bag.

Hotels expect to provide many grooming products, especially with the liquid limits on airplanes, and many hotels, even — and maybe especially — those in remote locations have retail stores.

Thomas suspects some people are "strategically underpacking" so they'll have an excuse to shop. Buying an umbrella, sweater or rain jacket is probably a smarter souvenir than a tchotchke, he says.

Still, he packs his hair gel. He's not willing to chance that. "It's very specific."



Metro

Be wary of zoning out on long, monotonous drives.

Avoid 'highway hypnosis'

Metro Services

Road trips are a popular getaway once the weather warms up. People take to the roads in droves, whether for vacations or simply to enjoy the scenery along the way. With more people on the highways, there could be a heightened risk of accidents for a number of reasons.

Though road rage, driving while intoxicated and other road dangers are well documented, many people do not know about something called highway hypnosis — which could be responsible for erratic driving on roadways.

Think about a time when you were behind the wheel of a car on a long stretch of road, such as an interstate. Perhaps you lost track of the exits you passed or wondered how you ended up in a particular location when you don't remember getting there. Maybe you actually fell asleep or drifted off of the road.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal

Highway Administration, the main cause of roadway departure crashes is driver drowsiness and inattention. Driver fatigue is often caused by highway hypnosis.

Highway hypnosis, also known as "white line fever," occurs when someone has been driving a vehicle along a long stretch of roadway for an extended period of time. The monotony of a long drive can induce sleepiness or forgetfulness. It can lull the brain into a sort of trance, and the body is essentially operating on auto pilot while the mind is off somewhere else. Highway hypnosis is most common during the late-night hours when the time of day also plays a role in drowsiness.

The concept of highway hypnosis is nothing new. In fact, engineers who created the Indiana Toll Road in 1957 designed curves every two miles on average to allow for a variation in the road conditions. Many other roadways are built with rumble strips or other variations in the

scenery to reduce the monotony of the road.

Highway hypnosis occurs more than people would like to believe. However, there are ways to help prevent highway hypnosis.

— Take frequent rests on a long trip to stretch your legs and get some fresh air.

— Try not to drive during the hours that you are normally sleeping.

— Bring a road trip partner along and make conversation.

— Don't eat a big meal before beginning a long car ride.

— Open the windows and get circulation going.

— Keep your eyes moving between your mirrors and the road to improve conscious thought.

— If you are still unable to fend off feelings of drowsiness or some of the other symptoms of hypnosis, pull over and take a long rest until you feel more capable to drive.

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Jobs data force delicate balancing act for Obama

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A third straight month of weak hiring shows the U.S. economy is still struggling three years after the recession officially ended.

U.S. employers added just 80,000 jobs in June, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 8.2 percent, the Labor Department said Friday.

For the April-June quarter, the economy added an average of 75,000 jobs a month — one-third the pace in the first quarter.

And for the first six months of 2012, employers added an average of 150,000 jobs a month. That's fewer than the 161,000 average for the first half of 2011.

Slow job growth has led consumers to pull back on spending. Many analysts think the economy is growing at a sluggish annual rate of less than 2 percent.

Job creation is the fuel for economic growth. When more people have jobs, more consumers have money to spend — and consumer spending drives about 70 percent of the economy.

Here's what The Associated Press' reporters are finding:

Treading carefully

Four months before voters pass judgment on his leadership of the economy, President Barack Obama attempted a rhetorical balancing act Friday.

June's slight job growth is a "step in the right direction," Obama said on a bus tour through Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Yet he also acknowledged that the economy must grow faster.

"It's still tough out there," the presi-



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President Barack Obama talks with Brian Zidian, right, an employee at the Summer Garden Food Manufacturing Company, about a pasta sauce manufacturing line during a stop in Boardman, Ohio, Friday on the President's two-day campaign bus trip in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

dent conceded.

He said voters must help him break a stalemate in Congress that he says is preventing his administration from boosting hiring.

For Obama's Republican presidential rival, Mitt Romney, the jobs report could provide a point of attack in the dwindling time before Election Day.

And Romney seized on it.

Campaigning in New Hampshire, he called the unemployment rate "unacceptably high" and said Obama must take responsibility for failed policies.

The annual slump

The June jobs report confirmed evidence of an unhappy long-term trend: Hiring is slumping for a third straight year.

In each of the past three years, hopes for a job-market recovery were lifted by robust gains early in the year. But in each case, those hopes fizzled as hiring slowed by spring or summer.

The 80,000 jobs added last month marked a third straight month of weak hiring — an average of 75,000 jobs for the second quarter of 2012.

That's far too few to lower the unemployment rate.

The 2011 job slump lasted from May through August. Over that period, the average monthly job gain was 80,000.

In 2010, the slowdown, from June through September, consisted of four straight months of job losses.

The average loss was 76,000.

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LGBT couples often face additional financial hurdles

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) couples — and individuals — often face significant financial hurdles compared to their heterosexual counterparts.

According to Chris Kollaja, a certified public accountant and partner at A.L. Nella & Company in San Francisco, California, LGBT couples often incur higher costs for everything from income taxes to employee benefits to adoptions because of prevailing laws and tax regulations.

For example:

In states where gay marriage is not legal, same-sex couples must file separate

income tax returns, as with unmarried heterosexual couples. Where it is legal, if they want to file a joint state return they must each file an individual federal return and then complete a "mock" joint federal return and use that data to calculate their joint state

return.

Company-provided domestic partner benefits are considered imputed income by the IRS and added to the employee's taxable income. Also, whereas opposite-sex married couples can use pre-tax dollars to pay for med-

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Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

Boys and Girls Club to open Emporium

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Boys and Girls Club of Highlands County is entering into a new venture with the opening of an Emporium. The thrift shop will be at 205 S. Circle Park Drive in downtown Sebring and is scheduled to open next week.

A private opening by invitation only is set from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, with the store

being opened to the public from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. starting Friday.

Donations can include household items, like-new toys, appliances, etc. Monetary donations will also be gladly accepted by the Boys and Girls Club.

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CHALK TALK

County well represented at state FFA convention in Orlando

Special to the News-Sun

The 84th annual Florida FFA Convention was held June 25-29 at the Caribe Royale in Orlando. There were in excess of 80 students, advisors, guests, and dignitaries from Highlands County in attendance.

State President Charlie Brown from the Avon Park Chapter presided over not only a record-breaking convention with more than 4,300 in attendance, but Florida FFA Association set a new membership record of more than 16,300 members in 2011-12.

Numerous members placed first in their specialties including Mariah Avarez from Hill-Gustat Middle in Extemporaneous Speaking. Chase Griffin from Lake Placid Senior placed first in Agricultural Mechanics Proficiency area. Megan Stein of Sebring High School received first in Agricultural Education Proficiency Award and also was selected as the Outstanding District Officer and as the recipient of the Ryan Rimmer award for her outstanding accomplishments as District XI Secretary.

Additionally Erin Lamb of Sebring High was the high individual in Food Science Technology Career Development (CDE) event.

In the Proficiency Awards category, Jennifer Swain from Sebring High was a finalist (top four) in Swine Production and Feeder Swine categories. Stein was a finalist in Agricultural Communications and Taylor Crutchfield of Sebring High was a finalist in Equine Entrepreneurship.

Career Development finalists were Taylor Brown, Avon Park High, in Horticulture Demonstration; Garrett



The Sebring Parliamentary Procedure team of Tara O'Berry, Ashley Palmer, Jessica Belcher, Kelby Mahoney, Teresa Ware and Megan Stein.

Courtesy photo

Barr, Avon Park Middle, in Horticulture Demonstration; Stein in Horticulture Demonstration and Prepared Public Speaking; and Savana Fisher, Sebring High, in Horticulture Demonstration. Elton Gargano from Sebring High also competed in Extemporaneous Speaking.

As winners in the district competition, both Avon Park Middle and Sebring High Parliamentary Procedure teams competed. Leighton Jahna, Alyssa Cloud, Jocelyn Jackson, Paul Devlin, Charles Southerland and Kaitlyn Whitman comprised the Avon Park team. Stein, Teresa Ware, Ashley Palmer, Tara O'Berry, Kelby Mahoney and Jessica Belcher were members of Sebring team. Avon Park also had two of its members serve on the Courtesy Corps.

The State FFA degree was awarded to: Avon Park High — Norma Badilla, Celeste Breylinger, Brittany Gates, Mitchell Guerdnt and Kyle Jahna; Lake Placid High — Nick Swain; Sebring High — Jayme Faircloth, Tara O'Berry and Jennifer Swain.

Three members will be receiving their American FFA degree in October at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis: Charlie Brown of Avon Park and Carlee Hill and Lauren Welborn of Sebring.

Stein was selected by the 16 Chapters in District XI to serve as 2012-13 District President. Angie Patino from Sebring High also ran for the District Secretary position filled by Brandon McKee from Okeechobee. Stein and Gargano were among 10 members recognized in the FFA Alumni Essay Contest, with Stein taking first and winning a scholarship to attend the Washington Leadership Conference.

Sebring High excelled in numerous chapter competitions including: SAE Award (submitted 10 or more proficiency applications in six different categories), National Chapter Award (among 30 Chapters recognized), fourth place in the Harvest of Change fundraiser for Florida FFA Foundation and second in Outstanding Alumni Relations.

Jobs data proves tricky for Obama

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Wall Street sours

The reaction of stock investors? A collective thumbs-down.

The market opened sharply lower after the jobs report was issued. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 170 points — about 1.3 percent — in early-afternoon trading. Other stock indexes also sank.

Money flowed instead into U.S. Treasuries, which investors perceive as safer than stocks when the economy is weakening.

Never mind that you get almost nothing in return for lending money to the federal government these days.

The lost jobs

Five million jobs. That's how many the economy has still failed to recover since the Great Recession officially ended three years ago.

The nation lost nearly 8.8 million jobs between January 2008 and February 2010. Since then, it's regained more than 3.8 million — less than 44 percent.

The economy has added just 137,000 jobs a month since employment hit bottom. At that pace, it would take three more years for employment to return to where it was in January 2008.

Fed to the rescue?

As job growth sputters, attention is turning to whether the Federal Reserve will try to give the economy another jolt.

Among economists, the conventional wisdom is that the Fed won't act immediately and won't act at all unless the economy takes a sharper turn for the worse.

The Fed's options are complicated by the presidential election, just four months away. Some analysts have said the Fed may be reluctant to take action close to the election out of concern it could be seen as affecting the vote.

After the Fed's last policy meeting, which ended with a decision to extend a bond-buying program, Chairman Ben Bernanke said, "If we're not seeing a sustained improvement in the labor market, that would require additional action."

The Fed's next policy meeting begins July 31.

It's a man's recovery

Men bore the brunt of the recession: They lost about 70 percent of the jobs. But they've benefited the most during the weak recovery.

Three-quarters of the jobs created in the past 2 1/2 years have gone to men: roughly 2.7 million of the 3.8 million jobs.

Dean Baker, an economist at the Center for Economic Policy and Research, says huge job losses in male-dominated professions like manufacturing and construction have forced men to seek work elsewhere.

As a result, they've taken many jobs that otherwise might have gone to women.

Mehbub named All-American Scholar by USAA

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Samia Mehbub from Sebring has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars

selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

Samia Mehbub, who attends Avon Park High School, was nominated for this honor by U.S. Achievement Academy. Samia Mehbub will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly,

students recognized as All-American Scholars should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendations of teachers, coaches, counselors and other sponsors.

Mehbub is the daughter of Malihav Mehbub Kaysar

from Sebring. The grandparents are Shamim Kamal of Sebring and Samsun Nahar Kaysar of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

SFSC students place in top 10 in national competition

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — South Florida State College (SFSC) students Eric Bautista and Orvanel Valdez recently represented SFSC at the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas, June 23-27, where they placed eighth in the nation in the Financial Services event.

Bautista, who is from Frostproof, and Valdez, who is from Arcadia, were the only Florida team to make it to the final round of PBL's Financial Services event in which teams were given a case study problem, had 20 minutes to prepare a presentation, and then presented their financial services recommendations to a panel of judges.

"I would have never pictured myself attending a national competition or even scoring in the top 10 with my partner," said Bautista. "The business and life skills I have attained through PBL have empowered me and helped me see that my educational and career goals can be closer than I thought and that I can accomplish more than I imagined."

"The fact that my partner and I qualified for the nation's top 10 in financial

services has made me realize that I am capable of so much more than I give myself credit for," said Valdez. "Being involved in PBL has not only made me a wiser individual but it has helped me view life in a different way. I realize now that in life you should never settle but push yourself to your limit in order achieve your goals, and when you accomplish all of those goals, then you should make new ones."

Bautista will attend the University of South Florida (USF) in the fall and major in finance or international business.

Valdez plans to earn his Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Supervision and Management from SFSC. Both graduated from SFSC

with their associate's degrees in May.

PBL is the post-secondary division of the Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) organization, which is the largest business career student organization in the world.

PBL's National Awards Program recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 11-611 GCS

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST
COMPANY,
Plaintiff

vs.
RANDALL P. TIFFT, et al.,
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary
Final Judgment in Foreclosure dated June 25,
2012, and entered in Case No. 11-611 GCS, of
the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in
and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, BRANCH
BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, as successor in
the FDIC as Receiver for Colonial Bank, is Plaintiff
and RANDALL P. TIFFT and AMY TIFFT, are De-
fendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder
for cash by public sale, in the Jury Assembly
Room located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Se-
bring, Florida 33870 at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern
Time), on the 24th day of July 2012, the following
described property as set forth in said Summary
Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4, D & D SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE
PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK
14, PAGE(S) 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 3rd day of July, 2012.

ROBERT W. (BOB) GERMAINE
As Clerk of Said Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000986

DIVISION:
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE
BANK

OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT, INC.
ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-84 MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2005-84,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LEE A. MARTIN, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final
Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated Febru-
ary 22, 2012 and entered in Case No.
28-2010-CA-000986 of the Circuit Court of the
TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS
County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUS-
TEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT, INC.
ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-84 MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2005-84, is the Plaintiff and LEE A. MARTIN; RE-
GIONS BANK D/B/A AMSOUTH BANK; are the De-
fendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the
highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEM-
BLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGH-
LANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH
COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th
day of July, 2012, the following described prop-
erty as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 8, BLOCK 2, ORANGE BLOSSOM ES-
TATES, UNIT 9, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT
THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE
50, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 4242 LOQUAT ROAD, SEBRING, FL
33875

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court
on June 22, 2012.

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

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P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act,
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251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to
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July 1, 8, 2012

BUSINESS

Von Minden named to top volunteer specialist spot at Cornerstone Hospice

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Sharon VonMinden of Sebring has been appointed volunteer specialist for Highlands and Hardee counties for Cornerstone Hospice, announced Lisa Gray, manager of volunteer services for the multi-county non-profit which cares for patients facing a life-threatening or life-limiting illness throughout central Florida.

“Sharon resides right here in Highlands County, she knows the local communities, and will have responsibility over all volunteer recruitment and training efforts for Cornerstone Hospice throughout Highlands and Hardee counties,” said Gray, speaking at the nonprofit’s offices on Sparta Road and U.S. 27 in Sebring.

VonMinden comes to Cornerstone Hospice with several years of experience in various roles and capacities in business and health-care.

“Sharon has had several very close first-hand experiences with end-of-life” emphasized Gray, who pointed out that VonMinden’s husband of 21 years passed away of cancer of the jaw in 1990 while a resident at a hospice house in Washington state, where they resided at the time.

Then her mother-in-law passed away of brain cancer. VonMinden’s brother passed away also due to brain cancer, and her mother passed away at age 92 only four years ago.

VonMinden worked five years at a medical office



Courtesy photo

Sharon VonMinden of Sebring has been appointed volunteer specialist for Highlands and Hardee counties for Cornerstone Hospice.

with seven doctors where she learned about numerous medical issues.

After having experienced four deaths in her immediate family, upon relocating to Florida it was a natural for VonMinden to gravitate to hospice.

“I enjoyed helping at Cornerstone Hospice, initially organizing Christmas sales from donated items,” she said. “I have always been a ‘people’ person and

when presented with the opportunity to work for Cornerstone Hospice, I was simply thrilled. I enjoy constantly meeting new people as well as enriching the lives of our patients and families.”

To learn more, call in Highlands county 382-4563 or toll-free 1-800-503-5756 or visit www.cornerstone-hospice.org as well as www.SeriousIllness.org/Cornerstone/.

LGBT couples face financial hurdles

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ical insurance premiums, domestic partners cannot.

Heterosexual spouses can receive up to 50 percent of their spouse’s Social Security benefits if he or she is still alive, can collect their dead spouse’s benefit if it’s higher than their own, and receive a \$255 lump-sum spousal death benefit. None of these benefits apply to same-sex spouses.

Heterosexual married couples can contribute up to \$5,000 a year to a spousal IRA for a non-working spouse; same-sex couples cannot.

If one spouse in a heterosexual marriage enters a nursing home and applies for Medicaid, the other may continue living in their home without impacting Medicaid eligibility. However, if an LGBT couple owns a home and one applies for Medicaid, the other must buy out the sick partner’s share in order to remain in their home.

Heterosexual married couples can transfer unlimited assets to each other without paying federal estate taxes. Everyone else, including married same-sex couples, must pay taxes on estates that exceed \$5.12 million.

Despite last year’s repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” veteran’s benefits based on marital status remain unavailable to same-sex military spouses including: military hospital visitation rights; survivor benefits; increased compensation to spouses of disabled veterans; Veterans Administration Home Loan eligibility for surviving

spouses; and burial together in military cemeteries.

“The most important takeaway is that you can’t take planning for granted,” says Kollaja. “It’s critical to establish your wishes through proper documentation.”

He offers these tips: Inventory all your assets and make sure everything is clearly titled and registered with the county.

Make sure your will, trust, durable power of attorney and other legal documents spell out how you want your assets distributed and whom you want to make your medical and financial decisions; otherwise the courts may designate someone instead.

Designate the proper beneficiaries for all insurance policies, retirement plans and investment accounts.

Buy adequate health, property and casualty insurance. If you’re married or in a registered domestic partnership, you could be held liable for your partner’s accident.

Because many mutual retirement benefits are not available to GLBT couples, plan your retirement for two single people. Having your own long-term care insurance is particularly important.

“Bottom line, make sure you have a trust or living will,” says Kollaja. “Otherwise, you’ll be subject to the state’s probate laws, which could determine very different outcomes than what you would have wished.”

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.

Higgins joins ERA Advantage Realty team

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — ERA Advantage Realty recently announced the addition of Laura Higgins to its team of real estate sales professionals serving consumers in the Highlands County area.

Higgins acquired her real estate license in 2003 and since attained several designations such as Accredited Buyer’s Representative, Luxury Home Marketing Specialist plus the Certified Distressed Property Expert.

“Today it is critical to be knowledgeable in assisting distressed property owners by efficiently marketing and selling their properties. Communication and follow up are absolutely vital in dealing with short sales and foreclosures.

“I’m really excited to join the ERA Advantage Realty” Higgins said.

“In today’s market, growth is the only option, and attracting top talent is a surefire way to achieve that goal,” said Greg Karlson, Broker/Owner of ERA Advantage Realty. “We are thrilled to have a professional of Laura Higgins’s caliber join our firm.”

You can reach Higgins by calling ERA Advantage Realty’s office at 386-1111, her direct line at 214-4425, emailing her at laurahiggins@yahoo.com, or stop by 743 U.S. 27 South in Sebring.



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1050 Legals

PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL LEGALS ON PAGE 3C OF TODAY'S NEWS-SUN

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000876
 Division Civil
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff,
 vs.
 NANCESOWEE SULLIVAN AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed entered in this cause on June 26, 2012, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE N 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 12' WEST ALONG THE SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 180 FEET; THENCE EAST 33 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING EAST A DISTANCE OF 176.45 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 12' WEST 158.88 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 176.45 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES, 12' EAST A DISTANCE OF 157.93 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING; LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 12' WEST ALONG THE SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 180 FEET; THENCE EAST 33 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING EAST A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 12' WEST 79.44 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 176.45 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES, 12' EAST A DISTANCE OF 78.97 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING, AND LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: A PORTION OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 5, THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 12'00" WEST AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 183.00 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 26.45 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 12'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 79.51 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50'51" WEST A DISTANCE OF 26.45 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES, 12'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 79.44 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

and commonly known as: 3142 SPARTA RD., SEBRING, FL 33870; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on July 26, 2012 at 11 a.m.
 Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 27th day of June, 2012.
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 July 8, 15, 2012

SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT INVITATION TO BID #12-07

The Board of Supervisors of the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District will receive sealed bids at the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District office for:

BID #12-07: TANGLEWOOD GRAVITY SEWER AND MANHOLE CLEANING AND VIDEO INSPECTION

A Scope of Work, Plans, Specifications and other Bid Documents are available online at <http://www.snidistrict.org/bids/> or printed versions at Polston Engineering, Inc., 2925 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring, Florida 33870, 863-385-5564, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. and between the hours of 1:30 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

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 Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District: Attention Greg Griffin, Public Works Director, 5306 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, Florida 33872, so as to reach the said office no later than 2:00 PM, Thursday, July 26, 2012. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, 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, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entry Crimes (Fla. Stat. 88c.287-133, et seq. as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. 88c.287-134, et seq. as amended, regarding discrimination.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof and the award, if an award is made, will be made to the most responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid.

Greg Griffin, Director of Public Works
 Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District
 5306 Sun 'N Lake Blvd.
 Sebring, Florida 33872

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000023
 DIVISION:
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-HE4,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 KRISTINA A. JONES, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000023 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES 2006-HE4 is the Plaintiff and KRISTINA A. JONES; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 26th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 32, BLOCK 3, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 4201 MACKEREL DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 338703870

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.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on June 27, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000037
 DIVISION:
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MARSHALL G. ALBRITTON, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000037 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and MARSHALL G. ALBRITTON; SARA N. ALBRITTON; NANCY B. NUNNALLEE; HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK; TENANT #1 N/A JUSTIN ALBRITTON, and TENANT #2 N/A KRISTINE ALBRITTON are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 26th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 23, 24, AND THE SOUTHEAST 1/2 OF LOT 25, AND THAT PORTION OF LAND LYING BETWEEN THE 40 FOOT BOULEVARD ENCIRCLING LAKE BYRD AND THE LOW WATER LINE OF SAID LAKE BYRD LYING BETWEEN AN EXTENSION OF THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY 1/2 OF LOT 25 AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 23 TO THE LOW WATERLINE OF SAID LAKE BYRD, ALL IN THE LAKEWOOD VILLA ADDITION SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, PAGES 5 AND 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 98 LAKE BYRD BOULEVARD, AVON PARK, FL 33825-0000

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.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on June 27, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001461
 DIVISION:
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOHN P. MASCHENIK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE JEANNE B. KAY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN P. MASCHENIK; JEANNE B. KAY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 25th day of April, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001461, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and JOHN P. MASCHENIK; JEANNE B. KAY, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE JEANNE B. KAY IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 25th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 247, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES, SECTION 20, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, AT PAGE 89, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000037
 DIVISION:
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MARSHALL G. ALBRITTON, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000037 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and MARSHALL G. ALBRITTON; SARA N. ALBRITTON; NANCY B. NUNNALLEE; HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK; TENANT #1 N/A JUSTIN ALBRITTON, and TENANT #2 N/A KRISTINE ALBRITTON are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 26th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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A/K/A 98 LAKE BYRD BOULEVARD, AVON PARK, FL 33825-0000

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.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on June 27, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001461
 DIVISION:
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOHN P. MASCHENIK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE JEANNE B. KAY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN P. MASCHENIK; JEANNE B. KAY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 25th day of April, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001461, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and JOHN P. MASCHENIK; JEANNE B. KAY, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE JEANNE B. KAY IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 25th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 247, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES, SECTION 20, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, AT PAGE 89, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-001154
 DIVISION:
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 RUDY REINHARDT A/K/A J. RUDY REINHARDT, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-001154 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and RUDY REINHARDT A/K/A J. RUDY REINHARDT; SHIRLEY REINHARDT; JENNIFER J. REINHARDT; WALTON; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIFER J. REINHARDT; WALTON; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; TENANT #1 N/A ROBERT REINHARDT are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 26th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK P, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES SECTION 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S.Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001461
 DIVISION:
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOHN P. MASCHENIK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE JEANNE B. KAY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN P. MASCHENIK; JEANNE B. KAY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

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LOT 16, IN BLOCK 165, OF PLACID LAKES SECTION 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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 Highlands County, Florida
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 Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-0000XX
 SEC.: Civil
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-15, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-15,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ADRIAN SIMON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SOUTHSTAR FUNDING, LLC; AND UNKNOWN PERSON OF IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY N/A/K/A TAMMY SIMON.
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 25, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 282009CA000553A000XX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 24th day of July, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK P, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES SECTION 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 2012.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001461
 DIVISION:
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOHN P. MASCHENIK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE JEANNE B. KAY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN P. MASCHENIK; JEANNE B. KAY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

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 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-001154
 DIVISION:
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 RUDY REINHARDT A/K/A J. RUDY REINHARDT, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-001154 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and RUDY REINHARDT A/K/A J. RUDY REINHARDT; SHIRLEY REINHARDT; JENNIFER J. REINHARDT; WALTON; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIFER J. REINHARDT; WALTON; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; TENANT #1 N/A ROBERT REINHARDT are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 26th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK P, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES SECTION 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-0000XX
 SEC.: Civil
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-15, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-15,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ADRIAN SIMON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SOUTHSTAR FUNDING, LLC; AND UNKNOWN PERSON OF IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY N/A/K/A TAMMY SIMON.
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
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LOT 2, BLOCK P, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES SECTION 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 2012.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 July 1, 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-0000XX
 SEC.: Civil
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-15, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-15,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ADRIAN SIMON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SOUTHSTAR FUNDING, LLC; AND UNKNOWN PERSON OF IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY N/A/K/A TAMMY SIMON.
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: FC-12-4

RITA GUARJADO,
Petitioner;
and,
SANTIAGO GUARJADO
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Santiago Guarjado

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to: Rita Guarjado, Petitioner, 1210 W. Pleasant Street, Avon Park, Florida 33825, on or before August 10, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of Court, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, either before service on Petitioner, or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

DATED: July 2, 2012

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/
As Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 09001404GCS
SEC.: Civil

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF VENDEE
MORTGAGE TRUST 2002-2,
Plaintiff,
v.
DONALD R. VANDYGRIFF; BETH A.
VANDYGRIFF
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Notice to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated June 29, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 09001404GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 28th day of July, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Court-house Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT ONE HUNDRED NINETY (190), OF WEST SEBRING ESTATES, SECTION 8, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 43 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
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:
Office of the Court Administrator Phone:
(863) 534-4686
TDD: (863) 534-7777

or (800) 955-6770 (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 of service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 2ND DAY OF JULY, 2012.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
July 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 12000237GCS

DKR MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST I,
Plaintiff,
vs.
GARV W. DUFFEY and MELISSA A. DUFFEY,
husband and wife, FIRST UNION BANK OF
FLORIDA s/b/m WACHOVIA BANK s/b/m
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., UNKNOWN
TENANT I, and UNKNOWN TENANT II,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

Lot 11, Block 13, LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, SECTION ONE, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 6, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 26th day of July, 2012, at the Jury Assembly Room in the Basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Ave., in the Jury Assembly Room, Sebring, Florida.

ANY LIENHOLDER CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THIS SALE, IF ANY, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 45.031(1)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES.

DATED this 28th day of June, 2012.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
July 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2010-CA-001223

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE
FOR GSA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-6,
ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-6,
Plaintiff,
vs.

EDWARD M. FADDEN A/K/A EDWARD MICHAEL FADDEN; IF LIVING AND IF DEAD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDWARD M. FADDEN A/K/A EDWARD MICHAEL FADDEN, IF LIVING AND IF DEAD, ET AL.; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY, IF ANY;
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 26, 2012, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM of the Courthouse, located at 430 S. COMMERCE AVE., SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870, at 11:00 AM on July 26, 2012, the following described property:

THE WEST 100 FEET OF LOT 2 AND THE NORTH 40 FEET OF THE WEST 100 FEET OF LOT 3, BLOCK 47, TOWN OF AVON PARK, IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 58, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 144 NORTH LAKE AVENUE, AVON PARK, FL 33825.

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

Dated: June 27, 2012.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving a notification of a scheduled court proceeding if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. Complete the Request for Accommodations Form and submit to 800 E. Twiggs Street, Room 604, Tampa, FL 33602 ADA Coordination Help Line (813) 272-7040; Hearing Impaired Line 1-800-955-8771; Voice Impaired Line 1-800-955-8770.

Clerk: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy of Court
(COURT SEAL)
July 8, 15, 2012

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Case No. 28-2012-CA-000259

CENLAR FSB Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERTO GARCIA, EUNICE G. GARCIA, et al. Defendants.

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(COURT SEAL) July 1, 8, 2012

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Clarke making his mark

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

"Clarke is a slick, slippery wide receiver that is a nice combination of speed and quickness and he is very difficult to cover one-on-one in the open field," said ESPN Recruiting commentator Jamie Newberg on Sebring's own Devin "Bubba" Clarke. "He is slightly undersized with a wiry, lean build and he may be a best fit as a slot receiver and return specialist.

"He has terrific foot quickness and change-of-direction skills. He can stick his foot in the ground and cut laterally with little-to-no wasted motion, which should make him a dangerous route-runner in time."

This commentary went on to give an update on Clarke's recruiting status, adding that Clarke may see some junior college time before Skip Holtz and the USF Bulls can get their hands on him.

And indeed Bubba chose to start the building process at Butler County Community College all the way in El Dorado, Kansas.

"The Division I schools that were looking at me recommended Butler because it was one of the best schools to prepare me for the next level," Clarke shared.

The Butler Bears are well known for their successful seasons and standout players, seeing a 150-17 record



Courtesy photo

The colors may be different, but there is no mistaking the running style and break-away speed of Devin Clarke.

over the last 14 seasons, five National Titles in that span, while also sending a number of players to Division I schools such as Florida, Florida State, Oklahoma, LSU, Michigan and Oregon, as well as the NFL

Clarke has a way of turning heads on the field, as evidenced by the ESPN review as well as his count-

less accomplishments as a Sebring Blue Streak.

Clarke had the opportunity to represent his team as he was selected to play in the FACA All-Star game as well as the NUC All-World Gridiron Classic.

Of course, even given his experience with increased level of play, Clarke had some adjusting to do as he made the transition to col-

lege.

"It was definitely different because college has to be taken more seriously, they don't baby you like they do in high school.

"I have to keep up on my homework all the time and, being so far away from home, I am completely independent."

This is not to say that

See BUBBA, Page 3D

Buck Perry – a fishing legend

Mike Pehanich wrote "A 12th century quote credits Bernard of Chartres as the first to note that even a dwarf see farther on the shoulders of a giant. Buck Perry has been the giant on whose shoulders many notable in the fishing world have perched."

"If Perry's theories weren't dead on accurate, they were at least like Newtonian physics - close enough for subsequent generations of analytic anglers to 'straighten out the math.'"

While many Spoonplugging devotee's adhered strictly and exclusively to Perry's teachings and tools, others used them as stepping stones, incorporating biological studies and rapidly evolving techniques in the mainstream bass fishing world into the framework Perry had offered."

Fishing legends like Bill Dance, Roland Martin, Bill Winkleman and Al and Ron Lindner all embraced Perry's teachings of structure fishing and the language used to describe it.

Buck "Elwood" Perry, a soft-spoken southerner who was born on July 10, 1915, in Hickory, N.C., was truly ahead of his time.

He earned a degree in physics and mathematics from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory and taught and coached at Hickory High School.



Fishin' Around

Don Norton

At the ripe old age of 13, fishing with his father he announced "we're fishing in the wrong place."

His father threatened to throw him in the lake.

His theory was that big fish dwell in deeper water, but occasionally move to shallower depths, following regular routes to forage for food or during their mating season.

The idea that deep water was the natural "home" of all fish established the foundation of all future research and success.

He created and patented his famous "spoonplug" in 1946, which combines two traditional pieces of fishing tackle, the spoon and the plug.

He often joked that they looked like "a shoehorn that's been tromped on by a horse."

Although he named his lure the spoonplug, he never considered the lure itself to

See PERRY, Page 4D

A flurry of local flavor

I couldn't decide what to write about.

During a slow period of sportswriting, as I anxiously await the consecutive weekends of two-pronged Dixie State Tournaments hosted here, I was debating about a column to write for today's paper.

Consider, it's Friday night as I type this.

The AAA and Ozone tournaments begin tomorrow, prior to the Sunday paper, obviously, but with our press time being Noon-ish, too late in the day to cover any of it in time for that issue.

I've been taken recently with the fact that the long-dormant Pittsburgh Pirates are showing signs of life.

Especially so because of one Andrew McCutchen.

Highlands County, and the Heartland area, is no stranger to native-born sons making it to the Major Leagues, and becoming successes there.

Hal McRae, Thomas Gorden and Gabe White are the first names to come to mind.

Not to mention those who got into organizations and worked their way up to various stages of the minor leagues.

And with the younger crop coming up, with Dee Gordon new a staple in the Los Angeles Dodger line-up and National League leader in stolen bases, and the likes of Johnathan Knight and Corbin Hoffner just beginning their ascent, familiarity with the phenomenal achievement is again close at hand.

But from just up the road, McCutchen of Fort Meade, is the current catalyst of the Pirate resurgence, as he is among league leaders in a number of offensive cate-



And Another Thing...

Dan Hoehne

gories.

I was still toiling away in northern Wisconsin when he was making his way through the high school ranks, and facing former Blue Streaks, Red Devils and Green Dragons.

So a bit of it is lost on me, and yet, having ESPN's Jayson Stark having just rated McCutchen as the MVP of the first half of this baseball season, and knowing that he is from "just up yonder," strikes a chord.

Much as it struck a larger chord today when, upon watching the Women's U.S. Open, it got hit on two fronts.

First, it's taking place in Kohler, Wisconsin.

Just a few years ago, the 2004 PGA Championship was held there, at Whistling Straits, and I had the opportunity to be in attendance as a reporter and photographer, and was able to click off some photos of Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and eventual winner Vijay Singh.

While watching this year's Open, at the Blackwolf Run course, I saw the camera switch to a particular hole, and recognized two familiar figures.

The Jutanugarn sisters from Thailand, Moriya and Aryia, who I just covered, photographed, interviewed

See TALENT, Page 3D

Tourney time is upon us



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
 Fans took in the early games of the Dixie Ozone State Tournament Saturday morning from the new bleachers at the Max Long Recreational Complex. The dugouts and bleachers have switched locales in the makeover on all four fields, putting the fans much closer to home plate to watch the little tykes in action. Both the Ozone and AAA Tournaments got underway Saturday, with games continuing through Wednesday.

Heading South: Ray Allen accepts offer from Heat

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

MIAMI — Ray Allen lingered on the court for a bit after his Boston Celtics lost Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals to the Miami Heat last month, shaking hands and offering congratulations.

A few minutes later, Allen made a vow about his future.

"There's still a lot of basketball left in my legs," he

said.

The Heat apparently were listening, apparently agree — and will soon officially welcome Allen to their club.

Allen told the Heat on Friday night that he intends to accept their contract offer and leave Boston after five seasons, even though the Celtics could have paid him about twice as much as the reigning NBA champions will be able to next sea-

son.

Miami could only offer Allen the mini mid-level, worth about \$3 million a year.

Heat owner Micky Arison tweeted the news just after 9:30 p.m. Friday, or about 2:30 a.m. Saturday in Europe, where Arison has been for several days.

"I was just woken up with great news," Arison wrote. "Welcome to the family."

Arison ended the tweet by making mention of Allen's jersey No. 20, but didn't mention the NBA's leading 3-point shooter by name.

No matter — Allen's agent, James Tanner, confirmed the plan to The Associated Press moments later.

A person briefed on details of the decision told the AP that Arison got the

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 N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 5
 St. Louis 6, Colorado 2
 L.A. Dodgers 4, Arizona 1
 San Diego 2, Cincinnati 1

Wright, NYM 56
 Holliday, STL 56
 Pence, PHL 56
 Cabrera, SF 55
 Furcal, STL 54
 McCutchen, PIT 54

Friday's Games
 Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 0
 Colorado 5, Washington 1
 San Francisco 6, Pittsburgh 5
 Chicago Cubs 8, N.Y. Mets 7
 Milwaukee 7, Houston 1
 Miami 3, St. Louis 2
 Arizona 5, L.A. Dodgers 3
 Cincinnati 6, San Diego 0

WON-LOST
 Dickey, NYM 12-1
 G. Gonzalez, WAS 11-3
 Lynn, STL 11-4
 Hamels, PHL 10-4
 Bumgarner, SF 10-5
 Greinke, MIL 9-2
 Burnett, PIT 9-2
 2 tied with 9-3

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

ERA
 Vogelsong, SF 2.26
 Cueto, CIN 2.35
 Dickey, NYM 2.40
 McDonald, PIT 2.45
 Cain, SF 2.62
 Capuano, LAD 2.62
 Zimmermann, WAS 2.70

Sunday's Games
 Chicago Cubs (Volstad 0-7) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 7-3), 1:10 p.m.
 Atlanta (Jurjens 2-2) at Philadelphia (Worley 4-5), 1:35 p.m.
 Colorado (Guthrie 3-8) at Washington (Zimmermann 5-6), 1:35 p.m.
 San Francisco (Lincecum 3-9) at Pittsburgh (A.J. Burnett 9-2), 1:35 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Estrada 0-3) at Houston (Lyles 2-5), 2:05 p.m.
 Miami (A. Sanchez 4-6) at St. Louis (J. Kelly 1-1), 2:15 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Cueto 9-5) at San Diego (Ohlendorf 2-0), 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 9-3) at Arizona (Bauer 0-1), 4:10 p.m.

STRIKEOUTS
 Strasburg, WAS 128
 Dickey, NYM 123
 Kershaw, LAD 119
 Cain, SF 118
 Hamels, PHL 118
 G. Gonzalez, WAS 112

LEAGUE LEADERS
BATTING
 AB R H BA
 McCutchen, PIT 300 54 108 .360
 Cabrera, S-F 330 55 118 .358
 Wright, NYM 295 56 104 .353
 Ruiz, PHL 249 40 87 .349
 Votto, CIN 281 50 98 .349
 Gonzalez, COL 307 61 104 .339
 Prado, ATL 315 48 101 .321

SAVES
 Kimbrel, ATL 23
 Hanrahan, PIT 22
 Casilla, SF 21
Bell, MIA 19
 Motte, STL 19
 Francisco, NYM 18
 Papelbon, PHL 18

HOME RUNS
 Braun, MIL 24
 Beltran, MIL 20
Stanton, MIA 19
 Gonzalez, COL 17
 Bruce, CIN 17
 Alvarez, PIT 16
 Pence, PHL 16
 McCutchen, PIT 16
 Hart, MIL 16

BASEBALL American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES–Optioned RHP Jake Arrieta to Norfolk (IL).
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX–Claimed LHP Daniel Moskos off waivers from Pittsburgh and optioned him to Charlotte (IL).
 CLEVELAND INDIANS–Activated OF Shelley Duncan from the paternity list. Optioned INF Jason Donald to Columbus (IL).
National League
 PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES–Activated 1B Ryan Howard from the 15-day DL. Optioned 3B Hector Luna to Lehigh Valley (IL).
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS–Placed C Yadier Molina on the bereavement list. Recalled C Bryan Anderson from Memphis (PCL).

RUNS BATTED IN
 Braun, MIL 65
 Kubel, ARI 59
 Wright, NYM 59
 Gonzalez, COL 58
 Holliday, STL 56
 McCutchen, PIT 56

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association
 BROOKLYN NETS–Signed G Tyshawn Taylor.
 GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS–Signed F Festus Ezeli.

STOLEN BASES
 Gordon, LAD 30
 Campana, CHC 25
 Bourn, MIL 23
 Reyes, ARI 20
 Pierre, PHL 20
 Bonifacio, MIA 20
 Victorino, PHL 19
 2 tied with 19

HOCKEY National Hockey League
 MINNESOTA WILD–Signed D Brian Connolly to a two-year contract.
 MONTREAL CANADIENS–Signed D Kyle Hagel to one-year AHL contract.
 ST. LOUIS BLUES–Signed F Andrew Murray to a one-year contract.
 TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING–Signed G Anders Lindback to a two-year contract and D Matt Taormina to a one-year contract.

RUNS
 Gonzalez, COL 61
 Bourn, ATL 58

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division
 W L Pct GB
 New York 50 32 .610 —
 Baltimore 45 38 .542 5½
 Tampa Bay 44 40 .524 7
 Boston 42 41 .506 8½
 Toronto 42 42 .500 9

Central Division
 W L Pct GB
 Chicago 46 37 .554 —
 Cleveland 43 40 .518 3
 Detroit 42 42 .500 4½
 Kansas City 37 45 .451 8½
 Minnesota 36 47 .434 10

West Division
 W L Pct GB
 Texas 50 34 .595 —
 Los Angeles 46 38 .548 4
 Oakland 42 42 .500 8
 Seattle 35 50 .412 15½

Thursday's Games
 Detroit 7, Minnesota 3
 Chicago White Sox 2, Texas 1
 Cleveland 3, Tampa Bay 1
 Kansas City 9, Toronto 6
 L.A. Angels 9, Baltimore 7

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

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

Sunday's Games
 Kansas City (Teaford 1-1) at Detroit (Scherzer 7-5), 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Shields 8-5) at Cleveland (McAllister 3-1), 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Cecil 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Undecided), 2:10 p.m.
 Baltimore (W.Chen 7-4) at L.A. Angels (Haren 6-8), 3:35 p.m.
 Seattle (F.Hernandez 6-5) at Oakland (B.Colon 6-7), 4:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Blackburn 4-5) at Texas (Oswalt 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Nova 9-3) at Boston (Lester 5-5), 8:05 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS
BATTING
 AB R H BA
 Trout, LAA 251 55 87 .347
 Konerko, CHW 278 39 93 .335
 Kinsler, DET 243 52 80 .329
 Mauer, MIN 277 43 91 .329
 Cabrera, DET 336 51 110 .327
 Beltre, TEX 309 47 100 .324
 Cano, NYY 320 56 101 .316

HOME RUNS
 Bautista, TOR 27
 Hamilton, TEX 26
 Dunn, CHW 25
 Granderson, NYY 23
 Ortiz, BOS 22
 Encarnacion, TOR 22
 Trumbo, LAA 21

RUNS BATTED IN
 Hamilton, TEX 74
 Cabrera, DET 70
 Bautista, TOR 64
 Dunn, CHW 60
 Willingham, MIN 59
 Fielder, DET 58
 3 tied with 56

STOLEN BASES
 Trout, LAA 26
 Kipnis, CLE 20
 Davis, TOR 20
 Revere, MIN 17
 Crisp, OAK 16
 Andrus, TEX 16
 6 tied with 15

RUNS
 Kinsler, TEX 62
 Ortiz, BOS 61
 Granderson, NYY 59
 Bautista, TOR 57
 De Aza, CHW 56
 Choo, CLE 56
 Cano, NYY 56

WON-LOST
 Harrison, TEX 11-4
Price, TB 11-4
 Sale, CHW 10-2
 Darvish, TEX 10-5
 Weaver, LAA 9-1
 Nova, NYY 9-3
 Sabathia, NYY 9-3

ERA
 Weaver, LAA 2.13
 Sale, CHW 2.19
 C. Wilson, LAA 2.43
 Verlander, DET 2.58
Price, TB 2.82
 Peavy, CHW 2.85

STRIKEOUTS
 Verlander, DET 128
 Hernandez, SEA 122
 Darvish, TEX 117
 Scherzer, DET 114
 Peavy, CHW 108
 Sabathia, NYY 105
Price, TB 105
Shields, TB 104

SAVES
 J. Johnson, BAL 26
 C. Perez, CLE 24
Rodney, TB 24
 Broxton, KC 21
 Soriano, NYY 20
 Aceves, BOS 19
 Nathan, TEX 18
 Valverde, DET 16

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division
 W L Pct GB
 Washington 48 33 .593 —
 New York 45 39 .536 4½
 Atlanta 44 39 .530 5
 Miami 41 42 .494 8
 Philadelphia 37 48 .435 13

Central Division
 W L Pct GB
 Pittsburgh 46 37 .554 —
 Cincinnati 45 38 .542 1
 St. Louis 44 40 .524 2½
 Milwaukee 39 44 .470 7
 Chicago 32 51 .386 14
 Houston 32 52 .381 14½

West Division
 W L Pct GB
 Los Angeles 47 38 .553 —
 San Francisco 46 38 .548 ½
 Arizona 40 43 .482 6
 San Diego 34 51 .400 13
 Colorado 32 51 .386 14

Thursday's Games
 Miami 4, Milwaukee 0
 Pittsburgh 2, Houston 0

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

SFCC Volleyball Camps

AVON PARK – The summer season is right around the corner, which means plenty of opportunities for aspiring area volleyball players to sharpen their skills and learn some new things at the SFCC Summer Camps, lead by head coach Kim Crawford and members of the Lady Panther squad.

Two more indoor camps are going to be held, in addition to a sand volleyball camp.

Four-day indoor camps will be offered Monday through Thursday, July 9-12 and July 30-Aug. 2.

Each day, campers going into grades 6-8 will meet from 9 a.m.-Noon, campers going into grades 9-12 from 1-4 p.m., with all campers then enjoying open pool time from 4-4:45 p.m.

Cost for the indoor camps are \$100 per week, or \$30 per daily session.

Out on the sand court, one more four-day camp will be offered Monday through Thursday, July 16-19, with campers in grades 6-12 meeting from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Cost for the sand camp is \$60 per week or \$20 per daily session.

Individual, private sessions for indoor and sand are available year-round for \$20 per hour.

To register, go to www.southflorida.edu/athletics/volleyball, click on "volleyball camp" and print out the Application Form.

Mail the completed form, or bring to the Cashier's Office in Building B.

For more information, call Coach Crawford at 835-2377 or email kim.crawford@southflorida.edu.

Friends in the Fight Golf

SEBRING – Friends In The Fight is an organization formed to support youth battling cancer in the community.

Friends In The Fight will hold a Golf Tournament and Barbecue Saturday, July 14, at the Country Club of Sebring. The tournament starts at 8 a.m. and the format is 2 players per team, with the Front 9 a Scramble and the Back 9 an Alternate Shot.

The registration fee is \$65 per player and includes greens fees, cart and lunch. Barbecue tickets are available for \$10 per person.

Meals can be picked up at the Country Club of Sebring or in Lake Placid, with 100-percent of the money raised used to help local families.

For additional information call Renee Kohl at 273-1112, Kym Smoak 441-7119 or email growstrong@live.com.

Forms are available online at www.fbclp.com – click on "events."

Look for updates on Facebook at "Friends in the Fight Highlands County."

Habitat 5K

SEBRING – Home Run for Habitat 5K Run/Walk will take place at Highlands Hammock State Park Saturday, July 14, beginning at 7 a.m.

Entry fee is \$15 through July 6, and \$20 after and through race day.

Entry fee includes a race T-shirt.

Awards will be given to age groups and overall male and female winners.

The entry fee will be waived for those who collect \$50 or more in pledges.

Funds raised will benefit a Habitat home in Sebring.

Top three entries, with the most raised in pledges, will be given a special award on race day.

Pledges must be collected and turned in at race check-in on July 14.

Download entry form at www.habitathighlands.org or email spallone@habitathighlands.org.

Call 385-7156 for more information.

Sebring Pool Hours

SEBRING – The Sebring High School Pool is open to the public with availability Mondays through Thursdays from 6:7:30 p.m. and from 1-3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays

Additional hours will be added once school is let out for the summer.

Cost is \$2 per swimmer, with family passes available at \$50 for first member and \$20 per additional family member.

Other activities at the pool include Water Aerobics, which meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$2 per class, though with a summer pool pass, the cost is trimmed to \$1.

Swimming lessons are also going to be offered throughout the summer.

The first session runs from June 11-22, the second from June 25-July 6, the third

from July 9-20 and the fourth from July 23-August 3.

Cost is \$50 for each two-week session.

For more information, call and leave a message for Ms. Pat Caton at 471-5500, ext. 229, or email catonp@highlands.k12.fl.us.

Firemen Memorial Golf

SEBRING – The 13th Annual Sebring Firemen, Inc. Memorial Golf Tournament, presented by AXA Advisors LLC and Home Depot, is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 11, at Sun 'N Lake.

The tournament will be the familiar four-man scramble with a \$75 per-person entry fee.

That fee, the same as last year, again includes range balls, golf, food and drink on the course and the pre-tournament mixer on Friday night with great appetizers.

Once again, there will be a silent auction and raffles for fantastic, signed sports memorabilia from the likes of Tim Tebow, Jimbo Fisher, Nick Saban and many other athletic luminaries.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100, as well as \$500 sponsorships which include a team entry and hole signs on both the Sun 'N Lake courses.

All proceeds go to benefit area student athletes, with last year's tournament raising more than \$20,000.

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

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

Florida Trail Association

July Outings

Saturday, July 7

Activity: Chapter Meeting, bike ride, Grilled burgers and hot dogs and potluck lunch

Location: Home of Dave and Melissa
 Description: Bike ride will precede the meeting, followed by lunch and then the planning meeting.

Bring: Bicycle for the ride, a dish based on last names beginning with A-H salad, I-Q hot dish, R-Z dessert.

Contact: Melissa Bruneau, phone 407-460-1388, or email fiamelissa@gmail.com for meet-up time and other details.

Saturday, July 14

Activity: Annual Awards Dinner
 Location: Olive Garden Restaurant, Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven.

Contact: David Waldrop at 863-605-3587 for meet-up time and other details.

Sunday, July 15

Activity: Nature Walk
 Location: Circle B Bar Preserve, SR 540 (Winter Lake Road), Lakeland

Description: Approx. 3 mile walk to view birds and other wildlife at this scenic wildlife preserve which is home to an oak hammock, freshwater marsh, hardwood swamp and lake shore, a tremendous bird population, including a variety of wading birds, waterfowl, ospreys and bald eagles.

Alligators inhabit Lake Hancock and may be observed from a distance.

Pets are not allowed.

Bring: Walking or hiking shoes, water, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact: Liane Plumhoff 646-2398 or lplum@verizon.net.

Saturday, July 28

Activity: Kayaking
 Location: WeedonIsland Preserve
 Address: 1800 Weedon Island Drive NE, St Petersburg, FL

Description: Paddle beautiful mangrove tunnels that lead through the tidal forests into quiet lagoons.

The marked kayak/canoe trail is easy to follow.

Expect to see an amazing array of wildlife including great blue herons, great egrets, roseate spoonbills, yellow-crowned night herons, white ibis, osprey, and belted kingfishers.

Watch the water for jumping mullet, stingrays, manatees, and Eastern bottlenosed dolphin.

Bring: Kayak, life jacket, brimmed hat, snacks, drinking water, sun and insect protection.

Kayak Rentals: Call Sweetwater Kayaks at 727-570-4844.

Contact: Eileen Valachovic at 863-956-2145 or EileenV3@gmail.com for meet-up time and other information.

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Allen added for Heat title defense

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word from team president Pat Riley, who made Allen the team's top free-agent priority — especially in recent days.

Allen, who will be 37 this month, arrived in Miami on Thursday for a visit, went to dinner with Riley, coach Erik Spoelstra, team executive Alonzo Mourning and others Thursday night, then left Friday to presumably decide his future.

Hours later, the choice was known.

Allen, who made a career-best 45 percent of his 3-point attempts this past season, cannot officially sign until Wednesday because of the league's moratorium.

"HeatNation continues to grow," Heat guard Dwyane Wade wrote on Twitter late Friday night.

And Heat forward LeBron James, the league's reigning MVP and Finals MVP, added "please welcome our newest teammate Ray Allen" with the hashtag of "Wow."

It's the latest free-agency coup for Riley.

During the blockbuster summer of 2010, the Heat convinced James, Wade and Chris Bosh all to take less money than they could have gotten elsewhere in that off-season, so there would be enough room left to add players like Udonis Haslem and Mike Miller (who both also took smaller contracts) and Mario Chalmers.

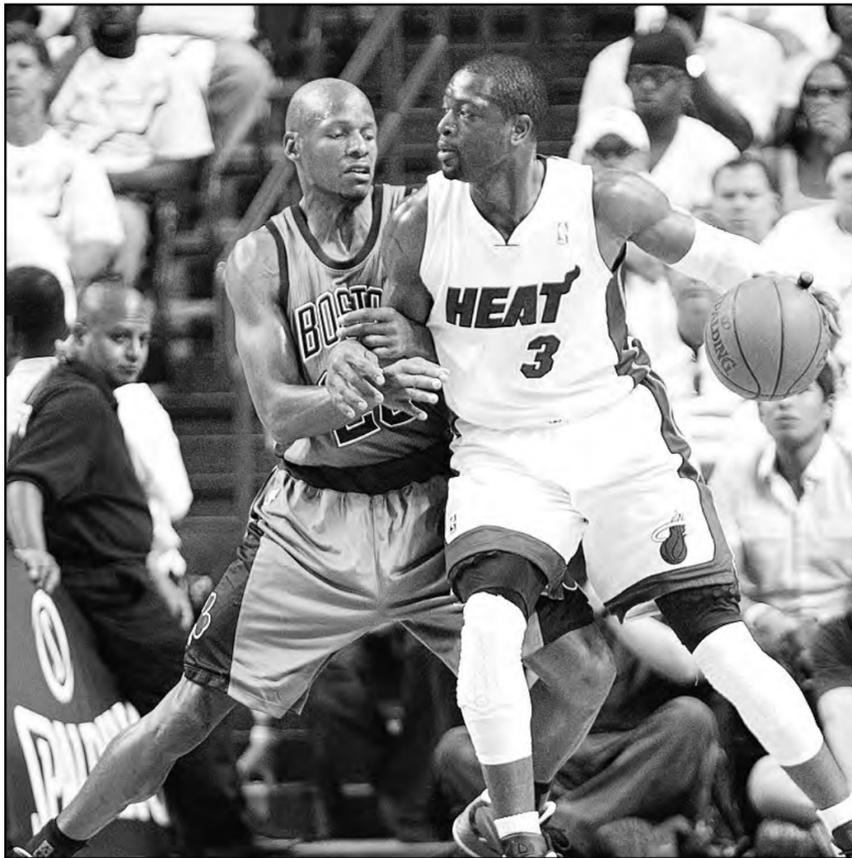
Then last summer, Shane Battier accepted a deal that will pay him \$3 million annually.

The approach clearly worked.

Next fall, the Heat will raise a championship banner, and Allen will be with them for the title defense.

Wade and James both were involved on some level in the recruitment of Allen.

James took to Twitter and Facebook in recent days to let his millions of followers know how much he wanted to see Allen in a Heat uniform, and Wade tweeted on



Ray Allen will still be guarding Dwyane Wade next year, although just in practice, as Allen has agreed to Miami's offer and will sign with the team next week. MCT photo

Wednesday that the next day — the one where Allen was visiting — would be a big one for the franchise.

In the end, it appeared that the biggest push — again — came from Riley, who said before free agency started that Miami had identified "five or six" clear targets to add to the roster.

He never specifically said Allen, and given how James was letting the secret out on Twitter anyway, Riley didn't have to say anything else.

New Orleans Hornets guard Jarrett Jack asked his followers in a tweet about an hour after the Allen story broke if he was "wrong for thinking ray allen is a traitor" for signing with Miami.

Even NFL stars were reacting Friday night.

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick used the following hashtags on Twitter to describe his reaction to Allen's decision:

"loaded," "finalpiece" and "notfair."

There are probably more than a few people in Boston who would agree.

Miami is still hoping to add at least one more piece through free agency, and is expected to meet this week-end with Marcus Camby (who would most likely have to be acquired through a sign-and-trade if he was to wind up with the Heat) and Rashard Lewis.

Earlier this week, the Celtics reportedly agreed on a \$15 million, three-year deal with shooting guard Jason Terry.

But Boston also wanted to keep Allen, with general manager Danny Ainge quoted in recent days saying "we really want Ray to come back. Time will tell."

Allen has made an NBA-record 2,718 3-pointers.

He was mentioned in some trade possibilities this

past season — a deal was nearly struck with Memphis — and Allen eventually lost his starting job to Avery Bradley.

Allen needed surgery earlier this offseason to remove bone spurs from his right ankle, though he said when the Celtics were ousted from the playoffs by the Heat for the second straight year that his playing days were not over.

"It's hard to say what can happen, what may happen," Allen said after Game 7 of the East finals this year.

He said those words in Miami.

Not even a month later, Allen — who helped the Celtics win the 2008 NBA title — decided to join the Heat.

Follow Tim Reynolds on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/ByTimReynolds>

Bubba bares cold, blossoms at Butler

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Clarke lost his focus; he shared that his work towards his major in Criminal Justice is going well.

Then, of course, there is the ever-challenging transition to collegiate-level football.

"In high school everything was slow and I've had to adapt to a faster paced offense on the field."

The coaching staff was slightly different than what he was accustomed to back home too, as coaches raised their voices more often.

One final change that can be the toughest for Florida athletes is the experience of true winters up north that require more than just a light jacket.

"The weather is horrible," he jokes. "I hate the cold and I am not used to playing in it; it makes catching the balls a lot more difficult."

Never too difficult for Clarke though, whose favorite memory of the year was a catch that resulted in a 67-yard touchdown.

For the season, with another strong Butler team going 11-1, Clarke saw time in 10 games.

He had 18 receptions totaling 271 yards and the aforementioned touchdown.

Though, as any Sebring

fan well knows, Clarke is a diverse weapon as he also rushed twice for 34 yards and a touchdown, and had a total of 15 kick and punt returns for 203 yards.

Clarke knows the importance of hard work, seeing as how his work ethic resulted in so many successful Streak and, now, Bear seasons.

With hard work comes steady improvement, more specifically for Clarke improvement in route running, speed, and learning the defenses.

"I'm still looking to improve my attitude on the field," he said. "I've been trying to improve it every season."

Back home now when he could be enjoying a break, instead of hitting the beaches every day, Clarke continues to push himself further, as he puts it, "summer is the best time to improve."

Before wrapping things up, Clarke added a few words of advice for athletes wanting to pursue the same dreams.

"Keep God first, and stay in school because you can't do the things you want to do in life without it."

Surely, Sebring has not heard the last of Bubba Clarke; with continued perseverance and dedication, successes for him will continue both on and off the field.

Talent seen plenty around these parts

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and shared some broken English small talk with at this most recent Harder Hall Invitational.

Also in the Open field were former Harder participants Brittany Lincicome, Morgan Pressel, Paula Creamer and Natalie Gulbis from years past.

But also some that I've had the good fortune to cover in recent years, such as Stacy Lewis, Alison Walshe, Cydney Clanton, Cheyenne Woods and teen

sensation Lexi Thompson, who had her share of coverage on the day.

I guess it was just a little flurry of local flavor.

Both of those hailing from this neck of the woods who are moving into bigger realms, as well as those young talents that pay us a visit on their road to greater achievements.

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A new look at Max Long



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

The makeover at Max Long has moved the dugouts where the bleachers used to be, keeping the players and coaches a bit safer, while also moving the fans closer to the action. The dugouts are now open-air as well, with chain-link fencing replacing the concrete walls. The changes were made leading up to these consecutive weekends of hosting Dixie Baseball State Tournaments — the AAA and Ozone this weekend and the Boys 13 and Boys 14 tournaments next weekend.

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Kurt Busch wins wild Nationwide race at Daytona

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — Kurt Busch didn't want to talk about his future.

All he wanted to do was celebrate his victory with underfunded Phoenix Racing.

Busch won a wild Nationwide race at Daytona International Speedway on Friday night, holding off several challengers over the final hundred yards in a battered race car.

"I don't care about me right now," Busch said. "Tonight is about Phoenix Racing."

Busch's victory was his second in the Nationwide Series this season and first with Phoenix Racing.

He won for his brother's team, Kyle Busch Motorsports, at Richmond.

The latest one was more improbable, given that Busch's No. 1 Chevrolet was spewing steam over the final 10 laps and had what seemed like a roll of tape holding it together.

"It's just a matter of putting yourself in position to win," Busch said. "Tonight, we overcame our damage. We could have folded, but these guys jumped into action and didn't give up."

The race set a Nationwide Series record with 42 lead changes and 16 different leaders, besting the previous mark set at Daytona in February.

The two-car tandem racing and recently paved track made for exciting passes and lots of action.

Plenty of wrecks, too.

Less than half the field remained on the lead lap for a green-white-checked finish.

Busch started the two-lap sprint pushing Austin Dillon, but made a move to the front with a lap left thanks to help from Ricky Stenhouse Jr., who was 11th on the final restart. Busch and Stenhouse held off

Michael Annett and Dillon as they neared the finish line.

"There's heart and passion out there that these big teams don't got," Busch's crew chief, Nick Harrison, said.

The win seemingly meant a lot to Busch, the 2004 NASCAR champion who was suspended for a week-end earlier this season by NASCAR for verbally abusing a media member.

"I'm a racer," said Busch, who lost his ride with Penske Racing last season after several public blowups. "I don't know much about anything else. You get caught up in marketing or PR and everything else that goes along with it, but you've got to do all the steps in this day and age. I keep saying I grew up 30 years too late, and I still haven't grown up, even though I'm 33. But back in the 80s, that's what this team reminds me of. It's family. And you go hard, or you go home."

Stenhouse was second, followed by Annett, Dillon and Joey Logano.

Logano's car failed a post-race inspection, and the team could be penalized next week.

Dillon's car spun across the track as he crossed the finish line and made contact with at least two others before coming to a stop.

"It's not fun coming to the checkered spinning out, but we did it in the best fashion you can," Dillon said. "There's no better feeling than coming to Daytona and coming to the checkered and having the run on the two leaders there. Ricky blocked high, and I tried to cross him up, got hooked a little bit. I probably should have just wedged it in there and crashed everybody. But I got hooked back left. It was a fun race. It was an awesome feeling. I was smiling the whole last lap."

Dillon might not be smiling next week.

His car failed post-qualifying inspection earlier Friday.

It was the second failed inspection for the team in two weeks and could lead to another penalty.

He was docked six points after officials deemed his car was too low following a victory at Kentucky last Friday.

"I am not concerned," said Dillon, whose grandfather is NASCAR team owner Richard Childress. "It was just a bummer because we made another mistake. It's two in a row and it's not fun and I know grandfather was upset with the guys."

Danica Patrick had reason to be upset, too.

She was involved in one of the earlier wrecks — her car slammed head first into an inside retaining wall with 16 laps remaining — and finished 31st.

"Yeah, bummer," she said. "It kind of felt like the IndyCar days when you are close a couple of times. It's just frustrating when that's the case. What are you going to do? There was an accident happening in front of me, and the best thing that you can do is try and get around it. I haven't seen a replay, but I know there was an accident in front of me."

Busch did everything right down the stretch and got to celebrate another victory.

"It just worked out beautifully," he said. "The seas parted. I juke and jived and found the right holes. I went high. I went low. I'm glad I didn't have to move people out of the way at the end 'cause Stenhouse was pushing hard. He knew he had to get us in position to go for the win. He stayed with us the right amount and then we could settle it on who could win it."

Perry gone, but not forgotten

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be the most important part of spoonplugging.

His concern was the essence of fishing: the migration of fish, underwater topography, weather, water conditions and much more; "structure fishing," is what he called it.

On July 24, 1954, in front of dozens of witnesses, he cast a silver spoonplug thirty times and caught and landed thirty bass.

"I believe I could have caught 100," he told reporters.

"A bumping lure is often the only presentation that will produce fish," Perry said in an interview with boats.com in 1997. "A free swimming lure can pass within inches of a school and the fish will not strike."

Initially, his business lagged, despite stunts like dousing a spoonplug in gasoline, considered repugnant to fish, then promptly catching one after another on the same lure.

In 1957, he visited a supposedly fished-out lake with two Chicago sportswriters.

They marveled in print over his success, and the Spoonplugs soon took off.

Spoonplugs haven't changed much over the years, still being produced in 7 sizes and 35 colors.

I never had a chance to meet Buck, but I did speak to him once on the phone.

I was calling to place an order and he just happened to pick up the phone.

I identified myself and mentioned that I was working with one of his young protégé's and that we were selling a lot of Spoonplugs.

I went on to further explain that many of my customers wanted different colors and Buck

just laughed and said "we make spoonplugs in 35 different colors, but the fish could care less. They don't hit a lure because it's one color or another. They react to it's movement."

Then why, I asked, do you make 35 different colors?

His reply was simple and straightforward, "for the fishermen."

Differing weights and sizes allow the Spoonplug to sink and "run" at different depths.

To go even deeper, wire is often used in place of monofilament line.

Buck Perry learned and taught the basics of fishing



Courtesy photo

Fishing legend Buck Perry hauling in another big one.

long before some of us were even born but his theories, terminology and lessons are still being used today, all around the world.

Buck died at the age of 90 on August 12, 2005 at his home in Taylorsville, NC, but his legacy lives on.

To learn more about spoonplugging, go to buckperry.com.

There is also club news at spoonplugger.net.

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A 14-car pile-up occurs on Turn 2 during NASCAR's Nationwide series Subway Jalapeno 250 at Daytona International Speedway Friday.

Hamilton ready for Heat summer league shot

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI — Justin Hamilton says he's been doubted throughout his basketball career.

So the way he sees it, heading to summer league with the Miami Heat is just another way to prove some people wrong.

The 7-foot center will be in camp with the Heat starting this weekend, as the team puts together a roster to compete later this month at the NBA summer league in Las Vegas.

Hamilton was selected with the 45th pick in this year's draft.

By nature, that would make Hamilton a very long shot to join the Heat for their championship defense next season.

The former LSU center says he's eager for the chance

anyway.

"It's great to be chosen by the world champions," said Hamilton, who was the 45th pick in this year's NBA draft.

"It's a great organization and when I went down there and worked out for them, I really enjoyed it. And so I'm just really excited and happy to be a part of it. It's going to

be a lot of fun."

Miami's summer roster will play five games from July 15 through July 21.

At least three players from the roster that won the NBA title — Dexter Pittman, Norris Cole and Terrel Harris — are expected to be on the team that plays for the Heat in Las Vegas as well.

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Swimmer Michael Phelps competes in the men's 200 meter butterfly event at the Charlotte UltraSwim Grand Prix in May. Phelps has won 16 medals in two consecutive Summer Games, including a record eight gold medals in the 2008 Beijing Games.

Swifter, higher, stronger, older

Familiar faces return to the U.S. Olympic team as relaxed amateurism rules, sponsorship deals extend athletes' competitive windows

BY GIL LEBRETON
McClatchy Newspapers

Gymnastics, as most Americans know it, leaped into our living rooms in the summer of 1976.

A Romanian princess, barely tall enough to see over the balance beam, showed us what Olympic perfection can be.

Nadia Comaneci was 14 years old.

At those same Montreal Games, Nancy Lieberman was a member of the U.S. women's basketball team. Lieberman had just turned 18.

Shirley Babashoff, expected to lead America's female swimmers to the medals stand, was the team's veteran — at the wise old age of 19.

Teenagers can still readily be found on the U.S. rosters at the London Olympic Games. But in almost every sport, women's gymnastics included, the old Olympic motto of Citius, Altius, Fortius — Swifter, Higher, Stronger — is being amended to include Antiquus.

Older.

The average age of a U.S. competitor at the 1976 Montreal Olympics was 24. Thirty-two years later in Beijing, that average had risen to 26.8.

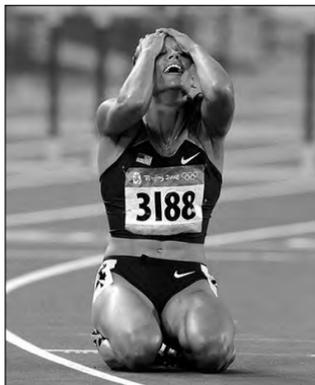
The list included 21 athletes who were 40 years old or more. Three of them were competing in their fifth Olympic Games. Twelve were in their fourth Olympics.

Twelve U.S. Olympians in 2008 were mothers. One, sailor John Dane III, was a grandfather.

This year's U.S. roster includes Keli Smith Puzo, a 33-year-old striker on the field hockey team and mother of two.

"You can play pickup soccer when you're 40, but you can't play at this level forever," Smith Puzo told The Baltimore Sun. "So just knowing that it's going to end at some point brings you back to the reality that you might as well enjoy it while you still can."

Once upon a time, the Olympic calendar hovered over amateur athletes like a birth curse. The Olympics came only once every four years, and an athlete was



MICHAEL GOULDING/ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/MCT

Lolo Jones reacts after stumbling on a hurdle in the 100-meter hurdle finals at the 2008 Summer Games. Jones, now 29, will compete in the event this year.

either at prime Olympic age, or he or she wasn't.

The shackles of Olympic amateurism and idealism had much to do with that. Every four years someone recounts the saga of Jim Thorpe, who was stripped of his 1912 Olympic decathlon and pentathlon gold medals because he had played semi-professional baseball. Amateurism was an underlying theme in the Academy Award-winning movie "Chariots of Fire," whose co-protagonist, Harold Abrahams, employed a professional coach.

But in the 1980s, behind the push of Juan Antonio Samaranch, the International Olympic Committee began to relax its rules on athletes being paid. By 1991, the Olympic Charter had rewritten

Rule 26, defining strict amateurism, and left it up to individual sports' federations to determine who can compete in the Games.

In 2000, the U.S. Olympic Committee began paying qualifying athletes for their living and training expenses. World-class competitors can be eligible for group medical insurance. Olympic medal winners can receive performance bonuses.

Olympians can now be paid for public speaking appearances and for endorsing products. Swimmer Michael Phelps, who will try this summer to add to his 14 Olympic gold medals, has lucrative sponsorship deals with, among others, Hilton, Subway and Omega.

High hurdler Lolo Jones, 29, has endorsement contracts with Asics, Oakley, British Petroleum and Red Bull, though she has yet to win an Olympic medal. Jones was a solid favorite to win the gold medal in Beijing, but she crashed into the next-to-last hurdle in the 110-meter final and finished without a medal. Yet Jones, like dozens of others, was able to extend her Olympic career, where generations of Olympians before her could not.

Citius. Altius. Fortius. Antiquus.

Olympians are not only older these days, but they're also more familiar. The sponsorship deals have made familiar faces of the likes of soccer's Hope Solo and Abby Wambach and beach volleyballers Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh.



RICARDO DEARATANHA/LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Shooter Kim Rhode, 32, has medaled in four consecutive Summer Games, winning two golds, a silver and a bronze.



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Kerri Walsh, left, and Misty May-Treanor, right, celebrate after winning the women's beach volleyball gold medal match at the 2008 Beijing Summer Games. It was the pair's second Olympic gold medal in the event.

Familiar faces have meant more media interest which, in turn, has led to increased television rights fees for the IOC. Samaranch's dream of monetizing the Olympics has more than come true.

The list of U.S. Olympic retreats in London figures to be a long one, beginning with 25-year-old Phelps in swimming and continuing through flyweight Rau'shee Warren, also 25, who will be boxing in his third Olympic Games.

May-Treanor and Walsh, 34 and 33, respectively, will be back to try for their third consecutive gold medal in beach volleyball.

The list of veteran U.S. Olympians, meanwhile, will also include long distance runner Bernard Lagat, 37; the taekwondo family of Steven and Diana Lopez, 33 and 28, respectively; diver Troy Dumais, 32; shooting's Kim Rhode, 32, and triathlete Hunter Kemper, who is 36.

Swimmer Brendan Hansen, 30, makes a return after winning gold medals in both 2004 and 2008. Cycling's Sarah Hammer, embroiled in controversy for her surgical mask incident in Beijing, will

be an Olympic veteran at 28 in London. And volleyballer Logan Tom will be a three-time Olympian at age 31.

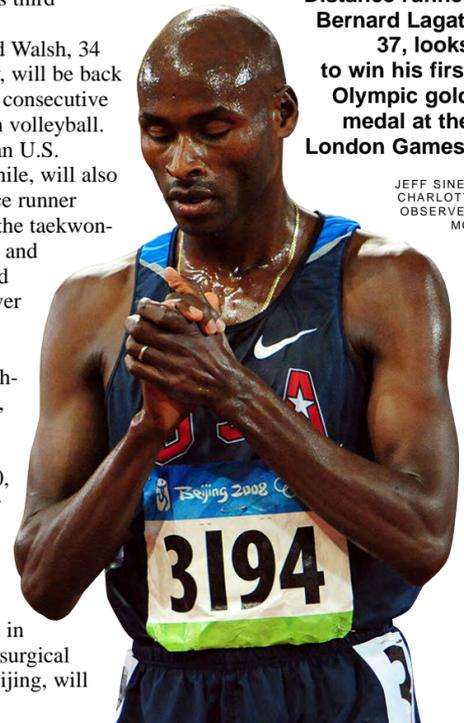
Gone are the days, it seems, when the Olympic calendar smiled upon athletes just once.

Swifter. Higher. Stronger. Older.

If you see familiar faces on TV this summer from London, it's not a coincidence.

Distance runner Bernard Lagat, 37, looks to win his first Olympic gold medal at the London Games.

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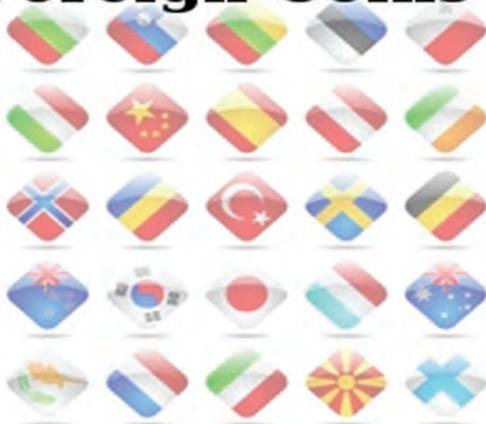


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