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By Tom Sileo

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The Sebring Police Department has been asked by the city to investigate four firefighters' sick leave and overtime use.

Sides 'very far apart' in fire pension talks

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — "There's two sides to every story," Assistant City Administrator Bob Hoffman said Thursday morning as he discussed the ongoing drama of the city's fire pension and union matters.

For the past 10 months, the city and fire department have been at odds during collective bargaining, trying to come to an agreement on what to do about employee pension plans.

"We've had some open and frank discussions during collective bargaining. The two sides are very far apart," Hoffman said.

The recent decision to move from a 30-year pension plan to a 401k plan for new hires was decided by city staff. The decision, however, isn't one that fire union members are happy about.

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IAFF letter claims illegal threats

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — The president of the International Association of Fire Fighters has informed Sebring's City Council of alleged illegal acts of threats and intimidation against local firefighters because of union activities.

In a July 2 letter, Harold A. Schaitberger, IAFF president, notified the council of his "concern regarding the decision to launch a police investigation into the alleged improper use of sick leave by

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Sparks fly in APPD debate

City manager, APPD officer have different accounts of confrontation

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — Tensions continue to mount in the city as the issue of whether or not to replace the police department with the sheriff's office proceeds through the discussion stage and moves towards a decision, which has to be made by the city council no later than Aug. 4.

The question of providing law enforcement for the city has to do with finances and what the city can afford.

Communication, however, is breaking down between the different interest groups, in some cases being replaced with emotional personal attacks.

For example, Detective Jesse Sapp filed a formal complaint against City Manager Julian Deleon in a letter dated Monday, July 16, written and sent to the city council by his attorney, Stephanie Dobson Webster, deputy general counsel with the Florida Police Benevolent Association.

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Commissioners: budget first, then administrator search

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — County commissioners decided Tuesday to wait until they are done with the budget to seek another county administrator.

The board terminated its relationship with former administrator Ricky Helms two weeks ago and appointed Assistant County Administrator June Fisher to fill the role until a replacement could be found.

Fisher offered options to the

Fisher to stay in charge until fall

board on Tuesday about when and how to seek another county administrator along with a budget and options for advertising.

Fisher asked if she should start the advertisements now, after the budget is finalized in September or after the elections in November.

The commission expressed its

happiness with Fisher during the meeting, and reached a consensus that she should remain in the spot until September.

"I would be of the opinion to either start the process after the budget ... or even at the start of the fiscal year, Oct. 1," Commissioner Don Elwell said. "We need to get our house in order of addressing the (hiring) process and have a vision of what we need to see out of our next

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Interim County Administrator June Fisher will stay in the seat until the budget process is over, county commissioners decided Tuesday.

County looks for ways to make up \$2 million shortfall

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — Commissioners reviewed the 2012-2013 budget on Tuesday and asked staff to look for big ticket items they could cut.

The recommended \$118 million budget starts out of balance by \$2 million and reflected \$3.7 million "above current year funding,"

according to the cover letter from Interim County Administrator June Fisher.

Public safety is the largest expenditure in the general budget, taking up 33.1 percent and \$39.3 million.

Revenue from property taxes continues to decline as values decrease. The estimate for revenue in next year's budget is \$30.4 million, closer

to the 2004 level of \$30.2 million than to the 2008 figures of \$48.9 million.

"Despite our best planning, we do not have the capability to fund the unwanted Medicaid bill and continue to serve the core functions of county government," Fisher wrote in her cover letter to the board.

Fisher estimated that the county

would have to pay an additional \$750,000 per year for the unfunded Medicaid mandate handed down this year by the state that says counties have to pick up more of their own citizen's bills for Medicaid.

According to records from the Florida Department of Revenue,

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Photo courtesy of Kim DeTample
Pfc. Nathaniel DeTample, 19, was killed in Iraq on Aug. 9, 2005. His brother, Sgt. Staten DeTample, 25, deployed to Afghanistan in May.

'It's back to the click'

Every time her 19-year-old son would call from Iraq, Kim DeTample would hear a distinctive sound before his voice.

"I would know it was him because there was a click...a delayed response because of where he was," Kim told The Unknown Soldiers. "I remember the click of the phone to this day."

After Pfc. Nathaniel DeTample arrived in Bayji, Iraq, an industrial city about 130 miles north of Baghdad, in May 2005, he told his mother about the country's inexorable heat.

"He told me to put my face up against a blow dryer," she said. "That's how hot it was."

Despite the harsh conditions, Pfc. DeTample was fulfilling a lifelong dream by serving his country.

"When he was a little guy, about 3 years old, he got his first buzz cut," the soldier's mother said. "From that day on, he always had that buzz cut."

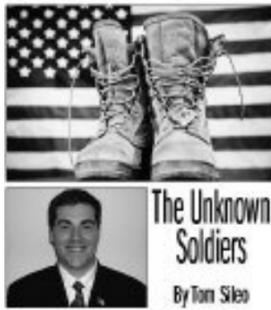
Nate, as his mother calls him, joined the Boy Scouts at age 10, where he excelled and eventually attained the top rank of Eagle Scout. He also starred on the wrestling mat.

"He was a real determined young man," Kim said.

During his junior year of high school, Nate, whose father and grandfathers served in the military, committed to joining the National Guard.

"He believed in our country," his mother said. "He was one of the little kids who'd always stand for the pledge of allegiance."

After graduating high school, the eastern Pennsylvania native enrolled at Shippensburg University, near Harrisburg. But as other freshmen adjusted to college life, including the party scene, Nate's country came



calling.

"I remember when he called and said he might need to report within 24 hours," Kim said. "That drive out (to Shippensburg) to pick him up, I felt like my son was going off to war."

On the morning of Aug. 9, 2005, Kim picked up the phone and heard the usual clicking sound. It was Nate, with whom she hadn't spoken in nearly two weeks, calling from Iraq.

"We're very fortunate that we got to talk to him that morning," she said. "It was truly a blessing that I'll never forget."

Less than 24 hours later, Kim got an early morning knock on the door. Standing outside was a U.S. Army officer.

"It's not good, is it?" the stunned mother said.

"No ma'am, it's not," the soldier replied.

According to the Pentagon, Pfc. DeTample, 19, Spc. John Kulick, 35, Spc. Gennaro Pellegrini Jr., 31, and Sgt. Francis Straub Jr., 24, were killed when a mine exploded and enemy forces attacked their patrol with small arms fire. All four soldiers were serving with a Philadelphia-based Army National Guard unit.

Nate's youth made it particularly difficult to accept his death. "He was 19 when he died," Kim said. "He was a teenager when he died."

One of the grieving moth-

er's only comforts is knowing that in her son's final moments, he was surrounded by fellow heroes.

"He served with the best," she said. "Three others died, and we will always remember them."

An outpouring of community support has helped the DeTample family cope in the years since. But almost nothing could have prepared Kim for having a son deployed in combat all over again.

Sgt. Staten DeTample, 25, left for Afghanistan almost exactly seven years after his brother arrived in Iraq.

Driven by Nate's memory, Sgt. DeTample is making his entire family proud, even if his mother spends every day worrying.

"I know he's going to be fine," Kim said. "But on the other hand, you always think about Nate and the reality that a war is going on in Afghanistan. Hopefully people will remember that."

As her surviving son fights in Afghanistan, Kim is preparing to embark on her own journey to Iraq. Inspired by one of the last videos shot by Pfc. Nathaniel DeTample, in which soldiers are seen handing out shoes to Iraqi children, she wants to perform similar acts of compassion in a healing country where so many Americans and Iraqis made sacrifices.

"It's not just to remember Nate's spirit," she said. "It's to remember all the spirits."

In the meantime, Kim DeTample waits by her phone to hear Sgt. Staten DeTample's voice.

"It's back to the click," she said.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

North Central Heights plans candidate forum

AVON PARK — North Central Heights Community will host a candidate forum at 1 p.m. Saturday at its Community Center, 709 Juneberry St. A pre-forum "Candidate Meet & Greet" will begin at noon, with complimentary refreshments provided. This event is hosted free of charge and open to the public and press.

NCH executive director Larry Shoeman has received confirmed participation from at least 15 candidates representing at least six races: Florida House District 55, County Commission Districts 1 and 3, School Board District 3, Superintendent of Schools, and Supervisor of Elections.

"We're excited to host this forum for such a wide range of candidates and hear their plans for the future of Avon Park and Highlands County," Shoeman said. "The intent of this forum is to provide an opportunity for our local candidates to share your views and qualifications with our resident constituency so that they may become more informed voters for this year's Primary and General elections."

Shoeman added that the format for this forum will provide for both candidate-to-candidate questions as well as questions from the audience. For more information, contact Shoeman at 452-4432.

North Central Heights is a non-profit affordable single family rental housing development located on Central

Avenue between Winthrop and Palmetto avenues in Avon Park. For more information, visit www.avon-parkha.org.

Breen performance postponed

AVON PARK — Due to a scheduling change, Cody Breen's musical appearance today at Duffers Sports Grille has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date. Duffers apologizes for the inconvenience, and Breen will be on stage soon.

Grace Bible starts a singles ministry

SEBRING — Grace Bible Church is starting a singles

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AP recycling collection should start by December

Bins have been ordered for single stream service

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK —City Manager Julian Deleon announced Monday that the city is moving forward in its plan to provide single-stream curbside pick-up of recyclable materials.

A single-stream system means things like newspaper, cardboard, glass and aluminum can be mixed into one container for a single collection.

"I am excited about taking this huge step," Deleon said in his press release Monday. "It should reduce our operating costs, while doing the right thing for the environment. The recyclables collected will

most likely be delivered to Republic's Materials Recovery Facility in Bartow. At the Bartow facility, Republic has the needed technology and mechanical equipment to separate and categorize the recovered materials."

The city council voted to order 65-gallon carts, as well as some 95-gallon carts for entities that produce more recyclable material. Deleon said the carts should arrive by August.

Their distribution should be complete by November. Republic is expected to begin collections by November or December.

The carts are yellow so they will be easily recognized as for recycling use only.

Sebring Expo introduces new event layout for 2013

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The 2013 U.S. Sport Aviation Expo will introduce a new event layout when the Expo opens Jan. 17-20, 2013, thanks to input from exhibitors and visitors. The ninth annual event, focused on light-sport aircraft, will again take place at the Sebring Regional Airport in Sebring.

In announcing the changes, Jana Filip, director of the Expo, said, "During Expo 2012, we surveyed exhibitors and visitors formally and informally, and we received several suggestions for improving the event. The result is a more organized event layout that we believe will be more accommodating for visitors and exhibitors and create a traffic flow that will assure guests visit every area of the Expo."

The redesigned layout will bring more activity to the Flightline area and, thereby, more attention to the daily manufacturer showcase flights.

The Food Court will be relocated between the Indoor Exhibit Tents, with both indoor and outdoor seating available. The AeroShell hospitality tent also will be relocated adjacent to the Food Court, with an additional picnic area closer to the Flightline. "This arrange-



Courtesy illustration

The U.S. Sport Aviation Expo set for January 2013 will have a more organized layout this year.

ment will place the concessions in a location that's more accessible for exhibitors and will keep visitors engaged in the central area of the event," Filip said. "It also moves the Exhibitor Support Office to a more convenient location for exhibitors."

Opening and closing ceremonies and other special activities taking place during the four-day event will all be

centrally located in or near the AeroShell Hospitality Tent.

The new layout also will provide more area for prominent sponsors and include enlarged Premier Partner exhibit spaces that will accommodate multiple aircraft as well as "offices on wheels," Filip said.

See the map at www.sport-aviation-expo.com.

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Local FEMA center for Debby victims closing Saturday

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SEBRING — Local residents looking to get assistance for Tropical Storm Debby damage have one final day to visit the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at The Bert J. Harris Agricultural Center in Sebring.

Mary Margaret Walker, FEMA disaster specialists, stated that the center will shut down Saturday at 6 p.m. "We just haven't had a lot of traffic there," said Walker Wednesday afternoon. The FEMA Recovery Center was set up early last week in order to provide locals with a place to get

Not much traffic at Sebring site

help in the process of applying for federal aid or loans to help with recovery and/or repair from Debby.

"The center has had maybe 20 people come in. We've done a total of 57 applications in Highlands

County," said Walker.

The numbers are lower than expected but that isn't totally a bad thing, explained Walker. Each FEMA center is closely monitored by the state and the low numbers indicate that Highlands

County survivors' needs have been met.

Two other centers, Clay County and Bradford County, are also closing Saturday. Highlands County residents may visit the closest center in Manatee County at the Manatee County Convention Center at 1 Haben Blvd. in Palmetto for

further needs or assistance or call the FEMA help line at 1-800-621-3362.

Survivors and businesses also may apply online at the Small Business Administration's website <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/> or obtain details on SBA disaster loan applications by calling 1-800-659-2955.

Avon Park PD officer files complaint against Deleon

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The complaint, which alleges violations of the city's personnel rules and regulations concerning violence in the workplace and personal harassment, is based on events following the city council's special meeting Wednesday, July 11. It asks the city council to investigate Deleon's behavior, which Sapp characterized as "bizarre and threatening."

The confrontation between Sapp and Deleon was apparently triggered by a question City Councilor Paul Miller asked Deleon in the closing moments of the July 11 meeting, asking why Public Safety Director John King had not been a part of the city team during discussions with the sheriff.

Deleon did not answer Miller's question during the meeting.

He did answer Miller in an e-mail after the meeting, writing that "it was my decision to exclude John King from any Sheriff's negotiations based on ... his willingness to talk about 22 jobs being lost, but not the 9,000 tax payers footing the bill in Avon Park for the 22 jobs he wants to keep ... I opted not to answer your question in public to avoid the public spectacle."

According to Sapp's official complaint, after the meeting he and Deleon had a brief exchange regarding Miller's unanswered question.

It began, Sapp said, with a handshake, "uncharacteristic of any handshake they had ever had before. Mr. Deleon was extremely close to Sapp's person and staring directly into his eyes as if trying to intimidate him."

Sapp said he told Deleon "(Miller's) last question was a tough one, huh?"

Deleon physically crowded him, Sapp said, "(his) facial expression was clearly angry." Sapp added Deleon told him "I don't have to answer to anyone except a judge."

Sapp said he felt Deleon was trying to intimidate and threaten him.

In an email to the News-Sun Wednesday afternoon, Deleon disagrees with Sapp's representation of the incident.

"My recollections of the events differ from Detective Sapp," Deleon wrote in his email. "After the council meeting that evening, I respectfully shook hands with many officers. When I tried to shake Sapp's hand he held onto the grip of my hand and questioned me as to why I refused to answer Mr. Miller's question at the council meeting and I told him I didn't have to.

"He questioned me regarding the same thing, while he was hanging onto my hand, another two times and shortly thereafter he let me go. He made efforts to intimidate me, and physically controlled me as he tightly gripped on my



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A question asked by City Council member Paul Miller led to a confrontation between City Manager Julian Deleon and APPD Detective Jessie Sapp after the July 11 meeting.

hand, and further pulled me closer towards him. He is physically much larger and taller than me. He physically pulled me in closer to him; he stared down upon me, as I looked directly at his face."

Deleon said his request for sheriff deputies to be present at future council meetings was a direct result of the incident.

He added that Sapp's complaint did not list two city councilors among its list of possible witnesses, Parke Sutherland and Terry Heston, although they were present during the July 11 incident. Sutherland and Heston were both unavailable to comment before press time on Thursday.

Sapp's complaint continued.

He further alleges that Deleon began to walk away, but returned, calling over King, and suggested they all talk about the situation. The three men, along with a few nearby police officers, returned to the city council chamber where the lights were already off.

"Mr. Deleon approached the center of the room, which was extremely dark,"

PBA attorney Webster wrote in Sapp's complaint. "Mr. Deleon turned to my client and again approached him in an extremely uncomfortable and threatening manner staring directly into his eyes and said, 'bad things happen to people in the dark,' while pointing his index finger directly into Detective Sapp's face ... Sapp felt at that point Mr. Deleon was going to attempt to physically harm him."

Deleon, however, recalled that "the room was pitch black, and I stated the lights need to be turned on, I am concerned about bad things in the dark. Then Sapp started shouting, 'are you threatening me?' Repeatedly."

Allegedly Sapp and Deleon exchanged further words, with Deleon accusing Sapp of disrespect and Sapp advising Deleon his "demeanor and his threats were unwarranted and were causing a hostile work environment."

Sapp claims that Deleon

plaints against Sapp might have "some truthfulness."

"Some very serious allegations have been launched against me," Deleon said Thursday. "I have to defend myself, so I went and requested copies of complaints regarding that same type of (intimidating) behavior."

Deleon said he could find no files of citizen complaints prior to King taking over after former chief of police Mike Rowan was fired. "Citizen complaints prior to John King were not available," he said, adding that it was too soon to draw any kind of conclusions. Written records may exist somewhere; it might only be a matter of finding them.

On the other hand, Deleon said, "It concerns me that a citizen may have filed a complaint without any written record kept."

This is a critical issue, Deleon said, because the state has clear guidelines, timelines and processes regarding citizen complaints, for which the city is responsible.

"Right now I don't know how complaint records, prior to King, are stored, or if they have even been addressed," Deleon said.

Clerk: Beware of jury duty scam under way

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — According to Highlands County Clerk of Courts Bob Germaine, a recent scam to defraud centers around jury duty.

"We have had four or five complaints in the last couple of days," Germaine said Tuesday.

"The victim is told that they have missed jury duty and there is a warrant out for their arrest. The victim is told they can avoid arrest if they pay a \$500 fine via their credit card. They can avoid arrest if they pay immediately," Germaine said.

"That is fraud. We don't arrest people for missing jury duty, and we never call and demand payment," Germaine said. "We send out several notices to those who miss jury duty."

"I want to make sure that the information gets out there that we do not arrest people or call people like that," Germaine said. "Those called for jury duty are notified three times via mail before a sheriff deputy serves the papers in person."

"If you are unsure, you

can call our office and we can clear things up. Call the main number at 402-6564 if you have any questions," Germaine added.

"I hope we can get someone to file an affidavit and get the sheriff involved," Germaine said.

According to Nell Hays, HCSO public information officer, anyone receiving a call to turn over their credit card information should needs to notify the HCSO.

"Anyone who has returned the call and has given their credit card number is asked to call their local law enforcement agency and make a report," Hays said in a press release Wednesday.

"Do not give out any personal information over the phone unless you have initiated the call. This includes credit card numbers, Social Security number, driver's license number, date of birth or any banking information," Sheriff Susan Benton said Wednesday.

Residents who have given out a numbers or who have possibly been scammed should call the HSCO at 402-7200.



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Keep drones grounded over USA

John Whitehead, president of the conservative Rutherford Institute in Charlottesville, Va., recently spoke out against police use of drones to snoop on U.S. citizens. "America," he said, "is not a battlefield."

Well, actually, it is, in the sense that our nation has become a battlefield of ideas pitting left against right. The possible use of drones over American cities, towns and neighborhoods has further split the right, pitting big-government conservatives against their small-government, more libertarian-minded brethren.

Drones are unmanned aircraft the federal government has sent aloft to spy on, and sometimes kill, insurgents in Afghanistan and elsewhere. The Federal Aviation Administration earlier this year approved their use by local law enforcers. Now, all sorts of people are eager to launch drones — farmers, oil

companies, real estate agents and police, who could use the mechanized eyes in the sky to chase bad guys, nab speeders and aid search-and-rescue missions.

Depending on what you think of enlarging the government's ability to keep watch over average folk, drones hold either great promise or great peril.

The rift was nicely captured by this passage in a recent Associated Press report:

"When Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, a Republican, suggested during an interview on Washington radio station WTOG last month that drones be used by police since they have done such a good job on foreign battle-

fields, the political backlash was swift. NetRightDaily complained: 'This seems like something a fascist would do. . . McDonnell isn't pro-Big Government, he is pro-HUGE Government.' "

Gov. McDonnell's argument sounds familiar. For years, and especially since 9/11, conservatives in Northwest Florida have argued for more government scrutiny of the populace, from warrantless wiretaps to traffic-light cameras. Their usual rationale: "If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to be afraid of."

On this issue, we'll side with the skeptics. America already is inching toward a surveillance society. We don't need pilotless flying cameras to hasten the loss of our privacy and our freedoms.

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The tempestuous 2012 election

Dear Columnist: I am 8 years old. Some of my friends say if you hear it on a talk show, or from a big political pundit on TV, it must be so. They say their parents are certain who'll win the election because the other side is so awful it will destroy America if they win. Can this election be predicted and is the survival of the America my parents and I know at risk?

Virginia Schmiggleberg
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P.S. Why can't the candidates be as cute as Justin Bieber?

Guest Column

Joe Gandelman

months away, and yet it has a different feel than it did just a month ago. Just as some Democrats in mid-June were starting to sound as if they were giving Obama up for dead, Republicans are now despairing. We have to remind ourselves that this election still has a long way to go."

Many analysts note that history suggests Obama will lose. But others note that Obama has often ignored and defied history — and history's guideposts may be more complicated than pundits say.

In his masterful book, "The Candidate: What it Takes to Win — and Hold — the White House", University of California Political Scientist Samuel Poplin says a challenger's campaign must be like a nimble speedboat and adapt quickly, while an incumbent's is like a battleship, slower to course-correct. Romney's campaign today seems the battleship, and Obama's the speedboat. In recent weeks Obama has taken several actions that move him closer to Poplin's specific, historical criteria for winning incumbents.

Attorney and Moderate Voice blogger Patrick Edaburn analyzed American University political science professor Allan Lichtman's reliable "keys to the White House" and found Democrats have 10 of 8 needed to win. In an interview with a liberal blogger, Lichtman — who has successfully predicted every Presidential winner since Ronald Reagan's 1984's reelection, — said the Democrats have three more keys needed to win.

So, yes, Virginia, there are some things to watch. But you still can't assume anything. Remember the old saying: "Assume makes an 'ass' out of 'u' and 'me'."

Which is why if you listen closely to pundits, partisan talkers and bloggers this election year, you'll be sure to hear a lot of braying.

PS: It's true that neither candidate looks like Justin Bieber. But both have sung in public. Obama wasn't bad, but admirers of the musical scale are thinking of suing Mitt Romney for abuse.

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Virginia, your little friends and their parents are wrong.

America throughout its proud history has experienced overheated, demonizing political rhetoric, and somehow our country survived Presidents from each party — as incompetent as many of them may have been. But it's true that hatred seemingly drives our politics more than ever. Today's raw hatred is certainly a true example of transparency in politics.

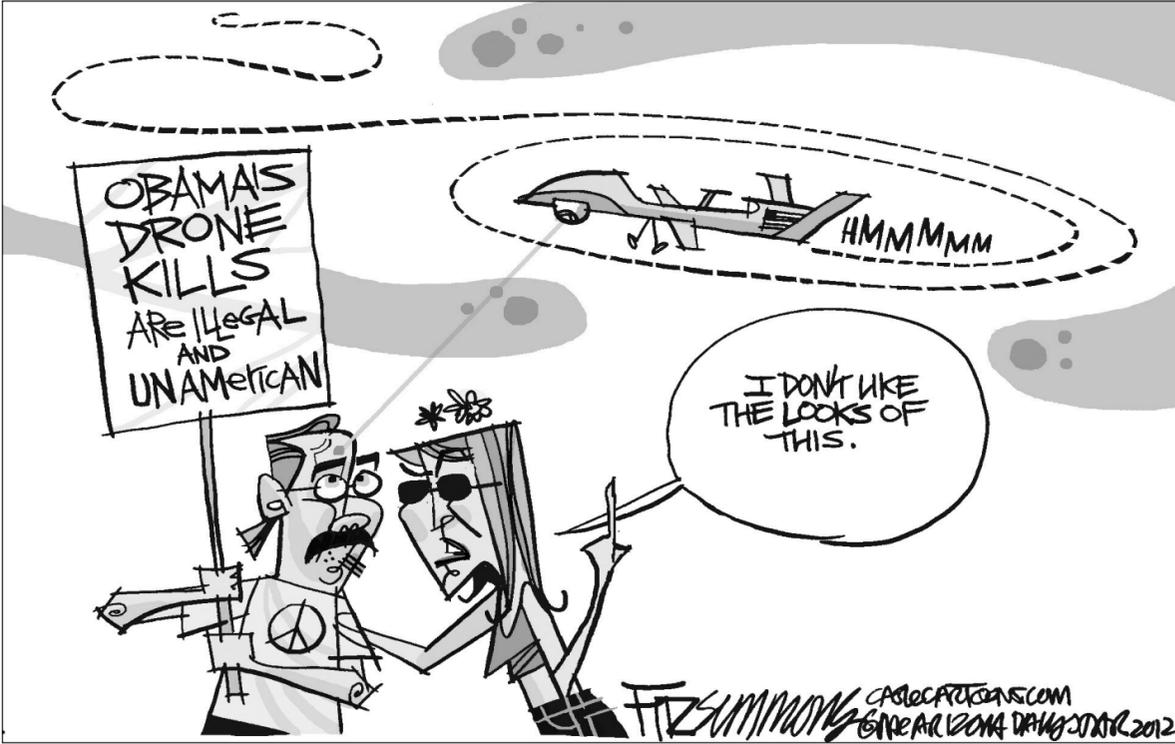
Forget talk show hosts for anything but preaching to choirs. Some on the right and left have become (cracked) mirror images of each other.

On the right, Rush Limbaugh has removed his last fig leaf (a dreadful image) to reveal pure personal hatred of Barack Obama. Limbaugh now says it's clear who "hates this country." On the left, talker Mike Malloy showed equal blinding partisan hatred with his contemptible on-the-air "interview" with Satan to ask how dead conservative blogger Andrew Breitbart is doing in "in hell." Many talk show listeners barf up their favorite host's riffs into blog posts, Facebook postings and conversation. Talk show hosts give partisan choirs new music to sing.

Some pundits and hosts on conservative Fox News and liberal MSNBC are actually political entertainers who name-call and push specific candidates. They're not serious analysts. The media create a conventional wisdom that changes on a dime.

Only weeks ago, President Barack Obama seemed on the ropes due to an ailing economy, bad polling numbers on whether voters feel the country is on the right track, and statements from surrogates who contradicted talking points. And today?

The National Journal's Charlie Cook writes: "The strategic decision by the Romney campaign not to define him personally — not to inoculate him from inevitable attacks — seems a perverse one... The election is still more than three



Voting should be mandatory

Guest Column

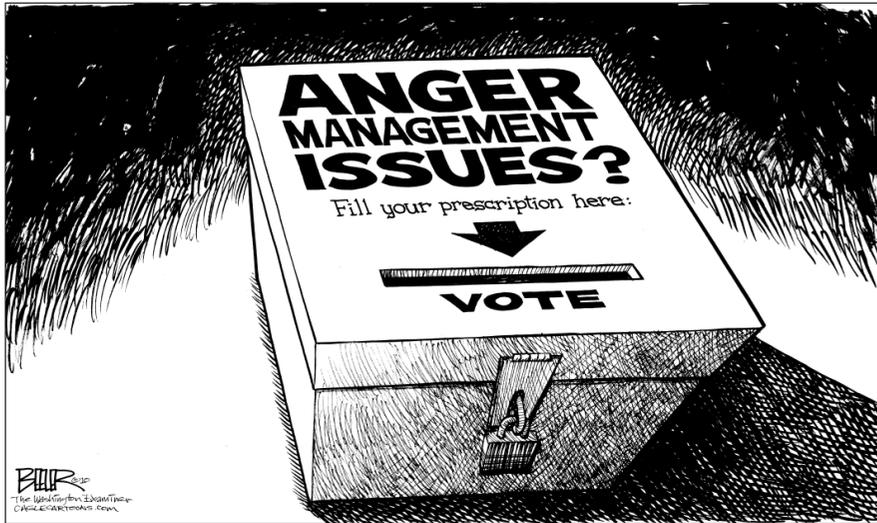
Jan Ting

Republicans are attempting to limit voter turnout in various states, including Pennsylvania, by requiring citizens to produce particular forms of photographic identification on election day in order to exercise their right to vote.

We should be doing just the opposite. In fact, we should be doing whatever we can to increase voter turnout on Election Day. The easiest way to do that would be to require all citizens to vote under penalty of paying a small, perhaps \$3, fine for failing to vote, as is done in Australia, Brazil, Singapore, Uruguay, and several other democracies.

Mandatory voting would insure that elected officials are truly representative of their electorates, and not just those most interested in and most able to vote on Election Day. In the U.S. we are experiencing political gridlock because both major political parties are dominated by their most extreme wings which are most likely to vote and be politically active. Mandatory voting would force both political parties and all candidates to pitch their campaigns towards the political center where the less politically attentive have been prone to not voting.

Mandatory voting will insure that even the least



privileged segments of the electorate will have a say in the outcome of elections, and may to some extent mitigate the impact of money on elections, since "get out the vote" efforts will no longer be required. Citizens may be more attentive to political developments and issues knowing that they are required to vote on Election Day. Mandatory voting would also prevent efforts at voter suppression by employers or special interests or anyone else.

U.S. citizens have many obligations under our Constitution and laws. Citizens are required to pay taxes and to attend school up to a certain age. Citizens are required to show up for jury duty when summoned, and are subject to military conscription whenever Congress requires. Citizens who are financially able, we recently

learned, can be compelled to purchase health insurance or pay a fine. In comparison, requiring citizens to vote would be a minor imposition, but with big, positive consequences for democracy.

Mandatory voting will not insure a 100 percent voter turnout. Exceptions will have to be made for those physically unable, or who otherwise have a good excuse. There will always be some who neglect or who deliberately choose not to vote. The fine for not voting may be difficult to collect.

But jurisdictions that have imposed the legal requirement of a small payment for every disposable grocery or merchandise bag, have seen a dramatic increase in customers bringing their own re-usable bags or alternatively juggling their purchases without a bag to avoid paying an extra nickel or dime.

Most voters can be expected to make considerable effort to vote if it means avoiding a fine of even just a few dollars.

Functioning democracies require citizen participation. Higher participation by citizens gives legitimacy and respect to elected leaders and the electoral process. We should stop trying to restrict voting for citizens, and instead should do what is necessary to insure that every citizen votes.

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Parents: Trayvon Martin's death not God's plan

Associated Press

MIRAMAR — The parents of the unarmed teen who was shot and killed by a Florida neighborhood watch volunteer rejected the shooter's claim that the death was a part of God's plan.

In an interview with Fox News host Sean Hannity televised Wednesday, George Zimmerman said he felt the course of the night 17-year-old Trayvon Martin was killed "was all God's plan."

"We must worship a different God," Martin's father, Tracy Martin, told The Associated Press.

"There is no way that my God wanted George Zimmerman to murder my teenage son."

Speaking Thursday on NBC's "Today" show, the teen's mother, Sybrina Fulton, said the notion was "ridiculous."

In the Fox News interview, Zimmerman also said he'd like to talk with Trayvon Martin's parents about what happened.

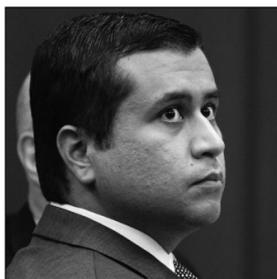
"Absolutely not," Fulton said when asked on NBC if she'd be willing to meet with Zimmerman.

The Fox News interview was Zimmerman's first lengthy television interview and was conducted at an undisclosed location in Seminole County, where Zimmerman must remain under conditions of his release on bail.

Zimmerman, 28, is charged with second-degree murder in the Feb. 26 shoot-



The parents of slain teen Trayvon Martin, Tracy Martin, left, and Sybrina Fulton, look on during defendant George Zimmerman's bond hearing in Seminole circuit court in Sanford on June 29.



'I can't imagine what it must feel like. And I pray for them daily. I am sorry that it happened.'

GEORGE ZIMMERMAN

ing in Sanford, about 20 miles north of Orlando. Martin is black and Zimmerman has a white father and Hispanic mother. The shooting prompted nationwide protests after

Zimmerman is free on \$1 million bail.

In his interview, Zimmerman said he would like to tell Martin's parents he was sorry about the teen's death.

"I can't imagine what it must feel like. And I pray for them daily," Zimmerman said. Later, he added: "I am sorry that this happened."

But Fulton said it is hard for her to accept his apology because he still says he does not regret anything he did on the night of the shooting.

When asked in the Fox News interview to explain

what he meant when he told a police dispatcher he was following Martin, Zimmerman said he was trying to keep an eye on Martin to tell police. He said he was not following Martin but attempting to get a more precise address for the authorities.

Whether Zimmerman was the aggressor plays a major role in his self-defense claim.

"I hadn't given them a correct address. I was going to give them the actual address," he said. "I meant that I was going in the same direction as him. I didn't mean that I was actually pursuing him."

Zimmerman said shortly after he got out of his car, Martin was right next to him.

Zimmerman said he looked down to try to find his cellphone and when he looked up, Martin punched him and broke his nose. Then, he said, Martin straddled him and started slam-

ming his head down.

"He started bashing my head into the concrete sidewalk. I was disoriented," Zimmerman said, adding that it was at that point he began to fear for his life — another key element in his self-defense claim.

He said as the two were struggling, Martin said "you're going to die tonight." Zimmerman said he yelled out multiple times — shouts captured on 911 calls by local residents — in hopes the authorities would locate them.

"I was yelling in hopes that they were in the vicinity and they would come and find me," he said.

"As soon as he broke my nose, I started yelling for help."

Martin's parents have said they believe it was their son who was yelling for help.

Zimmerman also said racial profiling had nothing to do with the confrontation.

"I'm not a racist and I'm not a murderer," he said.

OBITUARIES

DONALD CARLISLE

Donald Leon Carlisle, 60, of Sebring, went to his Heavenly Father on July 12, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; daughters, Dana Rynnion and Donika; son, Isaac; granddaughters, Katie-Ashley and Veronica D'Angelo; great-grandson, Justin; brother, Lenard Carlisle Jr.; and sister, Dianne Logston.

Don was an ordained minister through the New Testament Church and Mission, worked for the city of Sebring in Waste Water Treatment and worked as a tree trimmer for many years. His Cherokee name was "Work Horse". He loved his family, the Gators, golfing and telling others about Jesus, and most of all the Lord. He will be greatly missed.

A funeral service will be Saturday, July 21, 2012 at 2

p.m. at Morris Funeral Chapel. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to New Testament Church and Mission or charity of choice. Online condolences may be expressed at www.morrisfuneralchapel.com Morris Funeral Chapel 307 S. Commerce Ave. Sebring, FL 33870

WILBA ANDREWS

Wilba Mae Andrews passed away on June 30, 2012. She was born in Sumner, Fla. on Nov. 18,



Andrews

1914 to Arthur and Electra Mershon Hoover. The family moved to Miami, Fla., later moved to Key Largo where they grew Key limes and had a packing house in Rock Harbour. A fire destroyed everything and they moved back to Miami. Wilba

moved to Lake Placid, Fla. after the death of her husband, Glenn, and later moved to Marathon, Fla. to be near her daughter. She had many friends and was loved by all who met her. We enjoyed hearing the stories of her life and were fascinated by them.

She is survived by her daughter, Jean Robinson and husband Bill; sister, Grace McCleskey; granddaughter, Dawn Robinson Finney and husband Kevin; grandsons, Glenn Fichter and wife Stacy, and Grant Fichter and wife Amy; great-granddaughters, Amber Finney and Ally Fichter; and great-grandson, Landon Beer. She is preceded in death by her daughter Glenda Fichter.

A celebration of her life will be held in the open on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River in Alva, Fla. at 11 a.m. on July 21 followed by refreshments and fellowship. Please contact Grant Fichter at (239) 872-2625 for details on the memorial service.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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ministry. There is a need for singles to meet for fun and fellowship. The first get-together is 6 p.m. Sunday at Zeno's Restaurant. Cost is \$5 for pizza and soft drinks.

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Guests have a good time at the Nu-Hope Elder Care Services annual Thanksgiving dinner (top photo) and Sue Talos proudly shows artwork she made during a Ridge Area Arc project. The programs may face funding cuts as the county tries to balance its budget.

County looks for budget savings

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Highlands County currently owes \$388,083.12 in back billing after rebates.

"If we ask every single department to cut 10 percent, that's still not enough," said Commissioner Greg Harris.

"I know there are items in there where we could find \$500,000," said Barbara Stewart.

Fisher additionally asked the board to consider rolling the millage forward, increasing property taxes to 7.3534 mills.

The millage is currently at 7.1 mills on each \$1,000 of appraised value, but Fisher made it clear this would give the board some options.

"We can lower the millage later. This leaves us some room," Fisher said.

Finally, Fisher suggested further workshops on the budget including Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

The board directed Fisher



to take the next two weeks and look for areas that need to be eliminated or decreased.

The list included a reduction in the \$330,000 funding to the cities for recreation. It also included cuts to industrial development, Nu-Hope Elder Care, Ridge Area Arc, the Highlands County Boys and Girls Club and the three chambers of commerce.

Dad turns down Make-A-Wish trip

Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — A 4-year-old girl who went through two years of cancer treatments isn't being allowed to go on a Make-A-Wish trip to Disney World because her father said she's in remission and the trips should go to children who are sicker than his daughter.

The young girl, McKenna May of Haskins, had the trip postponed twice while she was undergoing treatment for leukemia and finally was set to go in August when the father refused to sign off on the trip, the girl's mother and grandmother said Thursday.

The family said Make-A-Wish requires signatures from both parents if either have visitation rights or is listed on the birth certificate. McKenna's parents never married or lived together. Her grandmother said the father only recently received visitation privileges.

McKenna's mother and grandmother are now collecting donations at local businesses to pay for the trip to Disney on their own. Money has poured in since their story spread beyond northwestern Ohio. They haven't told McKenna why the Make-A-Wish trip was canceled.

"We've told her we're still going to Disney, just not when she thought it was happening," said her grandmother, Lori Helleppie.

Fisher to stay in charge until budget is complete

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administrator."

"I also agree with that timeline. I think we should wait," Commissioner Greg Harris said.

"I think we are in pretty good hands with June. We need to get through the budget, so I concur with that timeline," Commissioner Ron Handley said.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart agreed.

"I've been extremely impressed with what has happened over the last couple of weeks," Stewart said.

Stewart wanted to emphasize that Fisher had the support of the board, but wanted to quash any discussion or

'I think we are in pretty good hands with June. We need to get through the budget.'

RON HANDLEY
county commissioner

questions about Fisher's authority.

Stewart stressed that Fisher had the "authority and responsibility to handle the day-to-day things."

"She is in charge and we have confidence in her," Stewart stressed.

Board Chair Jack Richie wanted to make sure the hiring process for a new administrator did not go past the start of the fiscal year on Oct. 1, but did support Fisher in the short term.

"June has my complete endorsement," Richie said.

"I don't put the budget as a reason to wait. Staff is doing a marvelous job, and I know this organization and directors will give Miss Fisher all the help and respect she deserves right now," Richie said.

"But if you reach a consensus to wait until Oct. 1 for the search, that is fine with me."

"No later than Oct. 1 though," Richie said.

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Fire pension talks spawn allegations in Sebring

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“We don’t have a choice; they’re going to impose it. Scott (Noethlich) said they are absolutely going to a 401k. Well, that’s their issue. Our issue is Chief (Brad) Batz,” said Sebring Professional Firefighter Association Local No. 3210 Union President Ross Edmonds.

According to Edmonds, Batz has breached contracts of certain union members. Investigations of four firefighters (Jimmy Baker, Brandon Albritton, Bobby Border and Ken Barfield) have been opened by the Sebring Police Department at the request of the city, Edmonds said.

“They sent it over to the police department. Commander (Steve) Carr is doing the investigating, I think. They’ve never done that. There’s never been an internal investigation on any city department that I know of, at least not in this department,” Edmonds said.

Edmonds stated that a fellow firefighter came to him with concerns about the investigations and alleged threats of termination and job loss.

“Once that firefighter came back to me and said he was scared, I contacted the IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters) in Washington. I told the council ‘You guys are picking on our guys. You’re out of control.’” Edmonds said.

Things got even messier when the possibility of shutting down Station 15 on U.S. 27 was raised during the last week’s general budget workshop. During the meeting, Batz was advised to do some number crunching and come up with the amount of savings the city would be looking at if Station 15 were to be shut down.

“It’s nothing new to us, them threatening to close Station 15. Chief has been saying this for a year. It’s just a tactic; they’re telling us union guys to calm down. They say they would be closing it down to save money but that’s a lie. They’re closing it down to get rid of us,” Edmonds said. “I think it’s a bullying move; to calm us down or to have the union turn on me.”

Hoffman addressed Edmonds accusations of bullying Thursday morning.

“The elected bodies decide what level of services the cit-

izens will receive. We have been having some financial issues, but no decisions have been made yet. I talked to Batz this morning and he doesn’t even have a number yet. Nothing has been decided,” Hoffman said.

Edmonds asked City Finance Director Mike Eastman for information regarding the budget so that it could be sent to IAFF.

“They tried to say I couldn’t have it, but Mike gave it to me because he knows the law. Basically what IAFF said is that the city is doing great, so I don’t see why they would shut down that station. Or why they need to say that contributions to other organizations like the Boys & Girls Club, which is a great organization, is dependent on our pension numbers. That is a lie. The city has already accepted their pension deal,” Edmonds said.

Edmonds’ concerns, he says, are not with numbers and money but with Batz and the service provided to the community.

“We keep a boat there (Station 15) for water rescues and stuff. If they close it, we’ll be working out of the downtown station. We can’t keep a boat there. This is going to be putting people at a higher risk,” Edmonds said.

Union members have come to the city council multiple times, according to Edmonds, about the mistreatment of certain firefighters as well as Batz’s alleged breaches of their contracts.

“He has his favorites and they’ve (council) decided to support him, and now the council is sort of stuck in the middle. What I want everyone to know and understand is what they are talking about behind closed doors isn’t dollars and cents. It’s about us and how to shut us up,” Edmonds said.

Edmonds said the recent investigations of members of the fire department have caused difficulties within the fire department, but not between fire and police departments.

“No. Absolutely not, we have no strain between us and the police department. They back us up in the field and they have a chief that supports them. Any strain in any department is within our own department,” Edmonds said. “Chief is the seed of most of our problems.”

Hoffman has strong feelings about the union members and firefighters and their

relationship with Batz.

“I think Chief Batz is one of the best chiefs in a small city fire department in the state of Florida. I am 100 percent behind him and I know that Scott (Noethlich) is, and the city council members. Any problems with him need to be resolved for the better operation of the department,” Hoffman said.

Edmonds stated encounters with both Hoffman and Noethlich leads him to believe that the city is only interested in favoring “the good ole boys” rather than doing what is right.

“He (Noethlich) told me to my face ‘You better calm down or you’re going to get in trouble.’ Hoffman told us that we better find a way to work with Chief or we would be in trouble. They aren’t trying to help us, that’s why the contract is still open; not because of money, but because they want to change it to take out the arbitration discipline and they can’t do that unless we agree to change it,” Edmonds said.

Hoffman stated that the current freeze for contribution plans has been accepted by the police department but not by the fire department. City staff has decided to begin going through proposals for a defined contribution plan for the fire department 401k plan.

“Contribution pension benefits are not sustainable. It escalates to a point that a city just can not afford and it’s not just here, it’s all over Florida. There are some cities in California that have declared bankruptcies over this and we do not want to do that,” Hoffman said.

The next meeting regarding the tentative general fund budget will be the first public hearing on Sept. 5. The next collective bargaining meeting for firefighter pension will be held Aug. 29.

Hoffman stated that the city has asked both the fire and police departments for basic data and numbers for the budget, which the police department has provided.

“We had to act. We’ve filled in the pension numbers the best we can and we’ve got a balanced budget on the fire pension,” Hoffman said.

The final budget hearing will take place Sept. 19 at City Hall.

“Hopefully at the next meeting they’ll cut this mess out about closing Station 15 down, but we’ll see,” Edmonds said.

IAFF claims intimidation

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Local 3210 (Sebring Professional Firefighter’s Association, FL) president Ross Edmonds, the illegal interrogation of several Local 3210 officers and members, and the unlawful and unsubstantiated singling out and discipline of Local Secretary-treasurer Kyle Yancey.”

Schaitberger claimed the request for a police investigation was a “clear attempt to unlawfully retaliate against President Edmonds.”

The letter includes allegations that “Chief (Brad) Batz has regularly called Local 3210 members into his office to intimidate, threaten and harass them based on their union participation and to strong-arm them into declaring their loyalty to him over the union,” Schaitberger stated in his letter.

According to the letter, Sebring Police Commander Steve Carr was directed to “interrogate these members regarding the aforementioned investigation into President

Edmonds’ sick leave,” which included a “threat to one member that if he spoke to anyone regarding his interrogation, he would be ‘hauled off in handcuffs,’” Schaitberger wrote.

The letter from Schaitberger further states that Yancey was recently “suspended and denied overtime for simply blowing a department vehicle’s horn during a non-emergency.

“It is commonplace and goes unpunished by other department employees,” Schaitberger wrote.

Schaitberger also alleges that firefighters were told by city officials to “calm down” their union activity and were “threatened with further trouble if they continued upholding their members’ lawfully protected rights.”

Edmonds informed the News-Sun that firefighters Jimmy Baker, Brandon Albritton, Bobby Border and Ken Barefield are being investigated by the Sebring Police Department for sick

leave and overtime use.

“They sent it over to the police department. Commander (Steve) Carr is doing the investigating I think. They’ve never done that. There’s never been an internal investigation on any city department that I know of, at least not in this department,” Edmonds said.

Schaitberger urges the city to stop their activities and to “comply with statutory and constitutional” protections and to direct the fire department to refrain from “unwarranted and unlawful harassment.”

“I was asked to take an impartial look into the allegations,” Carr said on Thursday. “It is not a criminal investigation, it is administrative and it is still pending.”

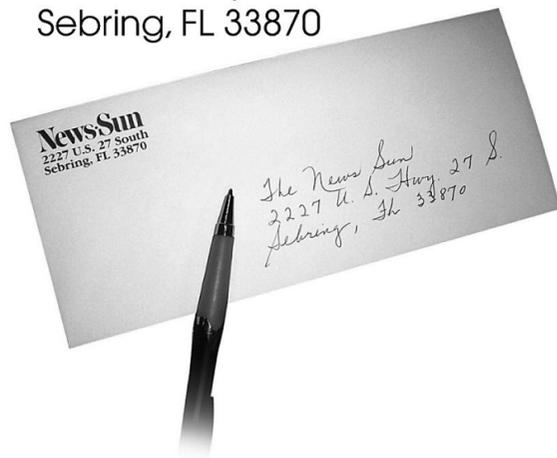
Batz referred all questions about the issue to city administrators Scott Noethlich and Bob Hoffman. Noethlich was out of the office on Thursday and Hoffman was in a meeting at press time.

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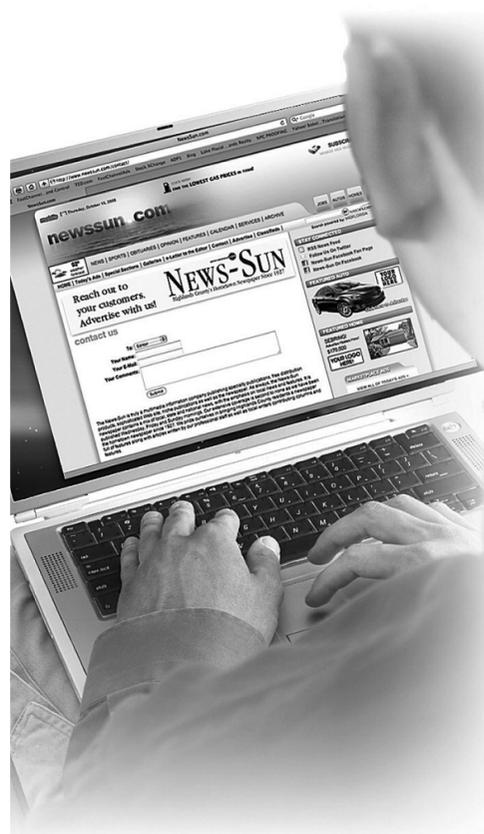


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2012-CA-000519
DIVISION:
UNC: 282012CA000519XXCICI
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA
Plaintiff,
vs.
GILBERTO CATALAN; MARIA CATALAN A/K/A MARIA ROSARIO CATALAN; JOHN DOE;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):
GILBERTO CATALAN
2024 GARDNER DRIVE - LORIDA, FL 33857
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925 POOLE LN - IMMOKALEE, FL 34142
MARIA CATALAN A/K/A MARIA ROSARIO CATALAN
2024 GARDNER DRIVE - LORIDA, FL 33857
MARIA CATALAN A/K/A MARIA ROSARIO CATALAN
925 POOLE LN - IMMOKALEE, FL 34142

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:
LOT 3, FLORIDA ACRES SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 25 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the attorney for the Plaintiff:
VESCHIO LAW GROUP, LLC
2001 W. KENNEDY BLVD.
Tampa, FL 33606

on or before August 14, 2012, or within 30 days of the first publication of this notice of action, and file the Original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATED on July 5, 2012.
Clerk of the Circuit Court, HIGHLANDS County
430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE
SEBRING, FL 33870-3701
/s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

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July 13, 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 12354GCS
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
CYNTHIA K. WALKER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CYNTHIA K. WALKER;
whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
The following described land, situated, lying and being in Highlands County, Florida to wit:
LOT 7, BLOCK 20, OF ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT 12, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT PAGE 65, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 3010 North Military Trail, Suite 300, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 on or before August 21, 2012 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 11th day of July, 2012.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
DEPUTY CLERK
July 20, 27, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 12-140-GCS
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee corporation authorized to transact business in Florida,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CARMEN I. DIAZ, a/k/a CARMEN DIAZ-RIVERA; ISAIRIS D. STALL, a/k/a ISAIRIS DIAZ-STALL and JEMAR D. STALL, a/k/a JEMAR RYDELL STALL, husband and wife;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: CARMEN I. DIAZ, a/k/a CARMEN DIAZ-RIVERA
Last Known Address: 1467 Ruth Dr., Avon Park, FL 33825
and ISAIRIS DIAZ-STALL
Last Known Address: 609 Ballard Rd., Avon Park, FL 33825

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose that mortgage, in favor of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. dated October 6, 2003 and recorded on October 14, 2003, in Official Records Book 1710, Page 992, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, encumbering the following real and personal property located in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:
Tract A, Avon Park Estates - Unit III, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page(s) 43, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida,
Together with that certain 2004 Clayton Freedom 68" x 32" Doublewide Mobile Home, Serial #WH013263GAA and WH013263GGAB,
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to SONYA K. DAWNS, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 215 S. Monroe St., Suite 510, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, within twenty (20) days, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on June 29, 2012.

BOB GERMAINE, CLERK
HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
July 13, 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 12-205

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLARD LEE HAMMAC
a/k/a WILLIAM L. HAMMAC
Division PROBATE
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of WILLARD LEE HAMMAC a/k/a WILLIAM L. HAMMAC, deceased, whose date of death was February 6, 2012; File Number PC 12-205, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is July 13, 2012.
/s/ Bonnie Hammac Sheldon
Personal Representative:
2740 E. Milky Way
Gilbert, AZ 85295

/s/ L. Bruce Swiren
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Email: bswiren@swirenlawfirm.com
Florida Bar No. 329347
1516 E. Hillcrest Street
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July 13, 20, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 2012CP-257

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES A. PERAGINE, A/K/A ANGELO CHARLES PERAGINE
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CHARLES A. PERAGINE, A/K/A ANGELO CHARLES PERAGINE, deceased, whose date of death was May 9, 2012; File Number 2012CP-257, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3967. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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The date of first publication of this Notice is July 20, 2012.
/s/ Blanche G. Peragine
Personal Representative
181 Woodside Drive
Lake Placid, Florida 33852

/s/ D. Andrew Hunt
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No. 0612723
Hunt & Smith Law Firm, P.A.
PO Box 1260
Lake Wales, FL 33859-1260
Telephone: (863) 676-1423
Facsimile: (863) 676-3695
July 20, 27, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 28-2009-CA-001038
Division: Civil
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
DEBRA D. TOWNSEND A/K/A DEBRA TOWNSEND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBRA D. TOWNSEND A/K/A DEBRA TOWNSEND IF ANY; CARA TOWNSEND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARA TOWNSEND IF ANY; AMY TOWNSEND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMY TOWNSEND IF ANY; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MANOR HILL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. A/K/A MANOR HILL PROPERTY OWNER ASSOCIATION; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION,
Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated June 29, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2009-CA-001038, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff, and DEBRA D. TOWNSEND A/K/A DEBRA TOWNSEND; CARA TOWNSEND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARA TOWNSEND N/K/A WILLIAM MANCUSO; AMY TOWNSEND; MANOR HILL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. A/K/A MANOR HILL PROPERTY OWNER ASSOCIATION; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., are Defendants.
I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 AM at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 on 30th day of July, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 63, BLOCK 260, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
This property is located at the Street address of: 3318 SUNRISE DR., SEBRING, FL 33822.
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on June 29, 2012.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)
July 13, 20, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 11-935-GCS
STEVE COLTHARP and SARAH M. COLTHARP, Husband and Wife,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
LUCIO CASIO LOPEZ, if alive and if not, the UNKNOWN SPOUSE, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against LUCIO CASIO LOPEZ and all claimants under any of such party;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT-PROPERTY TO: LUCIO CASIO LOPEZ, if alive and if not, the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against LUCIO CASIO LOPEZ, and all claimants under any of such party;
1603 Golden Age Villas, Avon Park, FL 33825
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:
The property: 1603 Golden Age Villas, Avon Park, FL 33825
Dwelling Unit No. 1603, Building F-1, GOLDEN AGE VILLAS, AVON PARK, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot 20, Block 62, Avon Park, Section 22, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, as shown by map or plat thereof recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit court in and for DeSoto County, Florida (of which Highlands County was formerly a part) in Plat Book 1, Page 58; thence in a Southerly direction along the Easterly right of way line of DeSoto Avenue a distance of 60 feet to the Northwest corner of a closed park; thence in an Easterly direction along the North boundary of a closed park, a distance of 99.61 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue along the North boundary of a closed park, a distance of 28.24 feet to a point; thence in a Southerly direction and parallel to DeSoto Avenue, through the center line of a partition wall and continue a distance of 70 feet to a point on the center line of a closed park; thence in a Westerly direction along the center line of a closed park a distance of 28.24 feet to a point; thence in a Northerly direction through the center line of a partition wall and continue a distance of 70 feet to the Point of Beginning, as per plat recorded in O.R. Book 277, Page 438 and 439, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to John K. McClure, Esquire, JOHN K. MCCLURE, P.A., 211 South Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, FL 33870, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled court on or before July 31, 2012; otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 3rd day of July, 2012.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
July 13, 20, 2012

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; telephone (863)402-6591, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
July 13, 20, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: GC-11-00887
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALVIN B. NEEDHAM; ALICE L. NEEDHAM; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; LEISURE LAKES HOME OWNERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FKA LEISURE LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.; and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 30th day of July, 2012, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Highlands County, Florida:
LOT 22, IN BLOCK 7, OF LEISURE LAKES SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, AT PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA,
pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.
Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.
WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 29th day of July, 2012.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (941)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; If you are hearing or voice impaired, call (TDD) (941) 534-7777, or Florida Relay Service 800-955-8770.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
July 13, 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 28-2011-CA-000842
Division: Civil
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
v.
MAGDALENA DIAZ A/K/A MAGDALENA HITT; MICHAEL L. HITT, JR.; HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,
Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated June 28, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2011-CA-000842 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION is Plaintiff, MAGDALENA DIAZ A/K/A MAGDALENA HITT; MICHAEL L. HITT, JR.; HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK are Defendants.
BOB GERMAINE, the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 AM at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 on 30th day of July, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 4, BLOCK 6, LOTELA TERRACE, THIRD ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
This property is located at the Street address of: 806 REDDICK STREET, AVON PARK, FLORIDA 33825
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on June 29, 2012.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)
July 13, 20, 2012

1050 Legals

United States District Court
Southern District of Florida
Public Notice

United States Magistrate Judge
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Posted: July 16, 2012

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Florida at Fort Lauderdale. This appointment will succeed the incumbent who was appointed as United States district judge. The basic jurisdiction of the United States magistrate judge is specified in Title 28, United States Code, Section 636. The duties of the position are demanding and wide ranging, including, but not limited to: 1) conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; 2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; 3) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; 4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; and 5) assist the district court with any additional duties as are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the United States."

To be qualified for the appointment an applicant must: Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized); Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness; Be less than seven years old; and Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A Merit Selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court, in confidence, the names of at least five applicants for the position whose character, experience, ability and commitment to equal justice under law fully qualify them to serve as a United States magistrate judge. The Court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The current annual salary for the position is \$160,080.00. The term of office is eight years.

Official application forms may be found on our U.S. District Court, Southern District, web page, www.fisd.uscourts.gov under Public Notice-Vacancy of U.S. Magistrate Judge. Completed applications must be submitted to: FisdMagistratejudgerecruitment@fisd.uscourts.gov

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

Instructions for completion and submission of the application are included on each application form. Completed applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2012.

THE DISTRICT COURT
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July 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 11-00096
DIVISION:
AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HENRY BARRY, et al,
Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 6, 2012, and entered in Case No. 11-00096 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Aurora Loan Services, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Henry Barry, Joanne M. Barry, are the defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 1st day of August, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure: LOT 4, BLOCK 50, OF PLACID LAKES SECTION SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 228 CUMQUAT ROAD N.E., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 6th day of July, 2012.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
July 15, 22, 2012

PUBLIC AUCTION: AUGUST 10, 2012 AT: 9:00 AM LOCATION: AVON TOWING 1102 KERSEY ST. AVON PARK, FL 33825
YEAR MAKE VIN #
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July 20, 2012

1050 Legals

PUBLIC AUCTION: AUGUST 03, 2012 AT 9:00 AM LOCATION: AVON TOWING 1102 KERSEY ST. AVON PARK, FL 33825

YEAR	MAKE	VIN #
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July 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000254
SEC.: Civil

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-AR11, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR11 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 1, 2006 Plaintiff,

v.

WAYNE M. LUPPO, et al. Defendants.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2011-CA-000254 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 30th 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: THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 10 AND ALL OF LOT 11, IN BLOCK 117, OF LAKE VIEW PLACE ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. THE SAID NORTH HALF OF LOT 10 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A COMMON BOUNDARY OF LOTS 10 AND 11 ON THE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG HOTIYEA AVENUE, RUN THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG HOTIYEA AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 25 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE SAID COMMON BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 10 AND 11 TO THE REAR LINE OF LOT 10; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE REAR OF LOT 10 TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY OF LOT 10 AND 11 THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SAID COMMON BOUNDARY OF LOT 10 AND 11 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. 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) 955-8770 (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 of service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2012.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak ROBERT W. GERMAINE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA July 13, 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 12-190-GCS

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

JUSTIN C. JACKSON, CHRISTINA M. JACKSON, and ROBERT M. FOX, JR., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on June 27, 2012, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on July 30, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.

The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 33 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida. Also, known as Lot 7, of T & K UNRECORDED.

Together with a 1996 REDMAN SHADOW-RIDGE Doublewide Mobile Home, I.D. #FLA1461040A/B, Title #70437867/870

Property Address: 2805 North Bonnet Creek Road, Avon Park, Florida 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.

BOB GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk July 13, 20, 2012

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to adopt School Board Code of Conduct at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed changes to the handbook shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed manual. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed manual is to modify the Code of Conduct to update in accordance with annual review and implement statutory changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. The following topics will be amended: 1. School Health Screenings- Parents who do not want their child's height/weight/BMI screening information sent home but would rather it be mailed can submit a written request with their mailing address to the health room staff at their child's school. 2. School Bus Guidelines: Electronic communication devices must be turned off and put away. Discipline Review Procedures – Electronic Communications: The term wireless communication includes those devices which provide communication by text, word, voice or picture; such as cell phones, palm pilots, iPods, iPads, laptops, notebooks, e-readers, etc. Inappropriate Personal Conduct – Harassment: Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing conduct in written, verbal or physical form; or use of electronic communication devices that: 1) places a student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property 2) has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or 3) has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school including any course of conduct directed at a specific person that causes substantial emotional distress in such a person and serves no legitimate purpose. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.43, 1006.07, 1006.15, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary July 20, 2012

1055 Highlands County Legals

12-026: Demolition Of 709 E O Douglas Ave, 714 E O Douglas Ave, 715 Harris Street, 829 Lemon Street, 1247 US 27 South

The City of Sebring will receive sealed bids in the City Purchasing Department for:

ITB #12-026: Demolition of 709 E O Douglas Ave, 714 E O Douglas Ave 715 Harris Street, 829 Lemon Street, 1247 US 27 South

Specifications & General Terms and Conditions may be obtained from our website at: mysebring.com, or by contacting Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB by phone 863-471-5110, Fax 863-471-5168, or email: kirkzimmerman@mysebring.com at the City purchasing office located at 368 South Commerce Ave – Sebring, FL 33870. It shall be the bidders responsibility to check the website for amendments/changes made to the document.

Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than 10:00 AM, August 9, 2012, of the official time clock in the purchasing office. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, or any other type of delivery service.

The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. §86c.287.133, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. §86c.287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination.

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

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB Purchasing Agent Sebring, Florida July 20, 27, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 12-67FC

DOROTHY VOLPENTESTA, Petitioner,

v.

MELVIN SHUMAKER, Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: Dorothy Volpentesta Address unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a hearing on Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Injunction for Protection is scheduled before The Honorable Peter F. Estrada, in Courtroom 1A at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 on July 30, 2012 at 1:30 P.M.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service at "711".

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on this 11th day of July, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE As Clerk of said Circuit Court BY: /s/ Amber Rodgers Deputy Clerk July 13, 20, 2012

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 2.70 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to adopt Rule 2.70, Prohibiting Discrimination, Including Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed new rule shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed rule. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed rule is to update in accordance with annual review and implement statutory changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: This amendment would require that the School Board comply with all state and federal laws, which prohibit discrimination and are designed to protect the civil rights of applicants, employees, and/or students, or other persons or organizations protected by applicable law. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42 and 1012.23, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$150. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary July 20, 2012

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 6.145 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to adopt Rule 6.145, Substitute Teachers, at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed new rule shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed rule. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed rule is to modify the policy pursuant to recent legislative guidelines. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Any member of the Florida Retirement System who has been retired for at least twelve (12) calendar months from any state administered retirement system may be employed as a substitute or hourly teacher on contractual basis. There are no administrative fees for this plan. The specific legal authority includes Sections 1001.41, 1012.22 and 1012.23, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary July 20, 2012

2000 Employment

2100 Help Wanted

APARTMENT MANAGER - PLACID ARMS APARTMENTS Prev. Rural Development property mgmt. exp. preferred. Computer, math, communication and organizational skills a must. Part-time position, includes apartment and utilities. Fax resume to: 407-347-1036 EOE

1055 Highlands County Legals

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Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB Purchasing Agent Sebring, Florida July 20, 27, 2012

1055 Highlands County Legals

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

CITY OF SEBRING: COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

RFP #12-025: SALE OF 432 NORTH RIDGEWOOD DRIVE

The City of Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is seeking proposals for the future development of property owned by the Redevelopment Agency. Proposals can be for commercial, residential or mixed use developments. The property is located at the corner of North Ridgewood Drive and Orange Street in Downtown Sebring, Florida, legally described as TOWN OF SEBRING-TRANS BK-PG 6, LOT 1, Block 34. The property is 100' by 315' and according to an appraisal prepared for the Redevelopment Agency on April 17, 2012, the market value of the property was established as \$63,000. Florida Statutes Chapter 163.380 governs the disposal of property in a Redevelopment Area. Florida law requires the posting of this notice, with the intent to solicit proposals from any individual or developer who may wish to offer a proposal for the development of the property. All proposals will be given full consideration by the CRA and will be judged on the ability of the proposal to meet the needs of the Community Redevelopment Plan, as well as the financial and legal ability of the persons making such proposals to carry out the proposal. The CRA may accept any proposal it deems to be in the public interest and in the furtherance of the purpose of the revitalization of the designated area. Proposals must follow specifications in the Request for Proposals (RFP) dated July 11, 2012 which may be obtained from the CRA office. Pursuant to Florida Statute, any proposal accepted by the CRA must be forwarded to the Sebring City Council for a Public Hearing and final approval prior to the execution of any contract to sell, lease or otherwise transfer real property. All questions and proposals should be addressed to the Sebring CRA located at 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The CRA Acting Executive Director is Robin Hinote, phone 863-471-5104. Pursuant to Florida Statute, all proposals shall be received by the Sebring CRA no later than 30 days following the publication of this notice, in order to be considered by the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency. Robin Hinote City of Sebring CRA Acting Executive Director July 20, 27, 2012

1100 Announcements

CHECK YOUR AD

Please check your ad on the first day it runs to make sure it is correct. Sometimes instructions over the phone are misunderstood and an error can occur. If this happens to you, please call us the first day your ad appears and we will be happy to fix it as soon as we can. If We can assist you, please call us: 314-9876 News-Sun Classified

1200 Lost & Found

LOST 6/23, Miniature Dachshund, Isabella, Chocolate & Tan has Gator collar on, lost in area of RT. 64 in Avon Park, last seen around Arbutuck & 64. REWARD!!! If found, Please Call 863-399-1249 or 863-241-2698.

2000 Employment

2100 Help Wanted

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2100 Help Wanted

BUSINESS OFFICE MGR. FOR ALF with specialty license, good organizational skills, flexibility, independent, dependable, exp. preferred in admissions, billing, new hire paperwork, also marketing. Apply at Crown Pointe ALF 5005 Sun N Lakes Blvd. Sebring. Expect interview immediately

BUSY KIDS CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER seeking outstanding preschool teachers. Minimum requirements: CDA/FCPCP or higher, strong communication skills and high energy level. Part time & full time avail. Apply in person at Busy Kids, 1000 Persimmon Ave. Sebring. 863-382-4164

LOCAL DRIVER WANTED for Parcel Delivery must have at least 1 year of verifiable driving experience (within the last 3 yrs. immediately preceding the date of hire). Must have experience in a 14,000 GWR to 26,000 GWR van or truck. Must have clean driving record and be able to pass background and drug screening, must be able to lift 70lbs., be dependable and 21 yrs. or older. Send resume or go to Heartland Workforce.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC: Harrell's Horticultural Products has an immediate opening for a Maintenance Mechanic. Please call 863-687-2774 and ask for Human Resources.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT for very fast paced Podiatry Office. Experience helpful. Multi-Task position, with emphasis on computer technology. Send resume to Box 118, The News Sun, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring FL, 33870.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny	An afternoon thunderstorm in spots	Clouds and sun, a t-storm or two	A couple of showers and a t-storm	Some sun with a t-storm possible
95° / 74°	94° / 76°	89° / 74°	91° / 75°	91° / 74°
Winds: S at 3-6 mph	Winds: SSE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SE at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 4-8 mph



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Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	92°
Low Sunday	71°
High Monday	92°
Low Monday	70°
High Tuesday	85°
Low Tuesday	67°
High Wednesday	92°
Low Wednesday	70°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	46%
Expected air temperature	95°
Makes it feel like	104°

Barometer

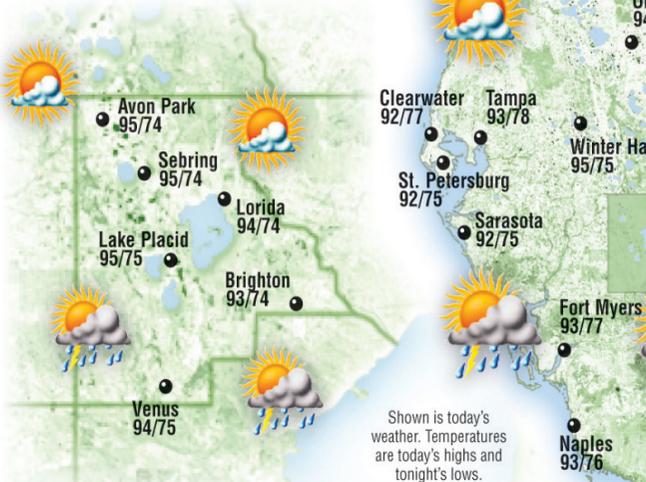
Monday	29.95
Tuesday	30.02
Wednesday	30.06

Precipitation

Monday	1.33"
Tuesday	0.05"
Wednesday	1.54"
Month to date	7.06"
Year to date	26.72"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow with an afternoon and evening thunderstorm in spots. Sunday and Monday: clouds and sun with a thunderstorm or two.



Farm Report

Partly sunny today. Winds south-southwest 3-6 mph. Expect 8-12 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 65% and fair drying conditions. Mainly clear tonight.

Water Restrictions

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

Weather History

Nearly 12 inches of rain fell around Johnstown, Pa., on July 20, 1977. A dam collapsed, flooding the city. Damage exceeded \$424 million and 76 people drowned.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:46 a.m.	6:46 a.m.
Sunset	8:19 p.m.	8:18 p.m.
Moonrise	8:08 a.m.	9:05 a.m.
Moonsset	9:16 p.m.	9:53 p.m.



National Forecast for July 20



National Summary

Soaking showers and thunderstorms will bubble up across the mid-Atlantic states today. Although the rain will be a nuisance, it is greatly needed as drought conditions creep into the Northeast. More spotty thunderstorms will dot much of the Southeast from the Carolinas to Louisiana. While the Great Lakes and New England remain comfortable, the Great Plains will bake again. Triple-digit heat will continue to wither commodity crops such as corn, soy and wheat from Missouri into Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	91/68/pc	91/71/pc	93/70/pc	Los Angeles	83/64/pc	83/62/s	85/64/s
Atlanta	88/74/t	87/73/t	91/73/t	Louisville	88/66/pc	89/69/pc	94/72/pc
Baltimore	82/64/t	84/67/r	87/66/s	Memphis	98/75/t	92/74/t	95/76/t
Birmingham	90/75/s	89/72/r	89/73/t	Milwaukee	82/63/s	87/73/pc	87/75/pc
Boston	76/63/pc	78/63/s	80/66/s	Minneapolis	89/75/s	93/70/pc	94/73/t
Charlotte	90/72/t	86/71/t	87/72/t	Nashville	92/72/t	90/69/t	92/70/pc
Cheyenne	96/64/s	92/64/pc	89/63/pc	New Orleans	90/77/t	90/76/t	90/76/t
Chicago	82/63/s	89/71/s	95/74/pc	New York City	72/66/r	78/65/pc	84/70/s
Cleveland	78/65/pc	81/63/s	88/69/s	Norfolk	92/76/t	87/76/t	85/76/pc
Columbus	82/64/t	83/63/pc	86/69/s	Oklahoma City	104/75/s	102/70/s	99/75/s
Dallas	102/80/s	103/82/s	102/79/s	Philadelphia	76/68/r	80/68/r	84/72/s
Denver	98/68/pc	98/69/pc	97/67/pc	Phoenix	108/88/t	108/90/t	108/85/pc
Detroit	80/62/pc	86/67/s	88/73/pc	Pittsburgh	80/66/t	82/64/sh	85/67/s
Harrisburg	74/67/r	78/65/r	82/70/s	Portland, ME	74/55/s	79/57/s	80/62/s
Honolulu	87/70/s	88/70/s	88/73/pc	Portland, OR	77/60/sh	79/55/s	75/54/s
Houston	93/76/t	95/77/pc	95/77/pc	Raleigh	93/72/t	89/71/t	88/71/t
Indianapolis	88/66/pc	87/65/pc	91/72/s	Rochester	74/61/pc	82/66/s	86/68/pc
Jackson, MS	92/74/t	93/72/t	91/71/t	St. Louis	90/71/pc	92/73/pc	97/76/s
Kansas City	96/73/pc	96/73/s	99/75/s	San Francisco	68/53/pc	71/54/pc	70/55/pc
Lexington	88/62/pc	87/63/pc	90/68/pc	Seattle	70/57/t	72/54/pc	70/53/s
Little Rock	100/74/pc	95/71/pc	98/74/pc	Wash., DC	86/72/t	81/70/r	86/76/s

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	92/77/t	91/79/t	92/79/t	London	64/52/sh	70/55/sh	73/57/pc
Athens	91/72/s	99/77/s	98/76/s	Montreal	80/63/s	85/65/s	81/67/pc
Beirut	90/78/s	88/74/s	86/75/s	Moscow	72/54/sh	69/53/sh	72/54/pc
Berlin	64/50/sh	66/49/pc	68/51/sh	Nice	82/73/s	83/72/s	80/67/t
Bermuda	85/78/s	86/78/s	86/78/s	Ottawa	80/59/s	87/66/s	85/66/pc
Calgary	84/54/t	79/53/pc	76/51/pc	Quebec	74/58/s	82/62/s	78/62/pc
Dublin	61/46/pc	64/52/pc	68/54/pc	Rio de Janeiro	78/66/s	82/69/s	82/69/s
Edmonton	85/57/s	76/55/pc	78/55/t	Seoul	86/70/t	86/73/pc	86/73/t
Freeport	89/80/pc	89/81/pc	88/81/t	Singapore	87/77/t	88/78/r	89/77/t
Geneva	73/56/r	71/53/pc	71/46/sh	Sydney	63/43/pc	63/45/c	61/48/r
Havana	89/73/t	91/72/t	92/73/t	Toronto	78/62/pc	87/69/s	87/66/pc
Hong Kong	92/82/t	93/83/pc	93/84/r	Vancouver	69/59/t	72/57/pc	69/57/sh
Jerusalem	90/69/s	86/67/s	87/69/s	Vienna	74/60/sh	67/56/c	73/56/pc
Johannesburg	65/45/s	67/47/s	67/43/s	Warsaw	70/52/c	70/49/sh	70/49/pc
Kiev	75/56/pc	73/57/sh	70/59/sh	Winnipeg	86/61/pc	86/60/pc	87/64/pc

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Yet another State Champ!

Sebring squad captures fourth straight, fifth Highlands team this summer

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – This certainly wasn't what was expected as the evening began.

The Sebring All-Stars, after all, had handily taken care of Mulberry Sunday morning by an 18-2 score in the second round of the Dixie Junior Boys Florida State Tournament at the Max Long Recreational Complex.

But by the time the dust had settled Wednesday night, more than six hours of games were played and 46 runs had been scored before this Sebring squad mercifully clinched its' fourth straight state title.

"We definitely weren't expecting to play two games tonight," head coach Dean Frazier said.

They certainly hadn't hoped to either, after another nail-biting contest that saw them outlast the supposed biggest challenge of the tournament, Spring Hill, by a 6-4 score late Tuesday night.

And it didn't look like they planned to either as, free from facing the dizzying deliveries of Spring Hill southpaw Noah Siem, the Sebring bats looked ready to roll as Seth Cannady opened up the 5 p.m. contest with a home run over the right-field



The 2012 Dixie Junior Boys State Champion, Team Sebring, enjoys their hard-fought, marathon win Wednesday night. This was the fourth straight state title this group of players has won, sending them to their fourth straight Dixie World Series as two-time defending champions.

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

fence. That would be all that came across in the first, however, against wiry right-hander Austin Garcia, and Mulberry soon served notice that this would be a battle joined.

With two out against starter Daniel Simons, Morgan Harrison drew a walk and Doug Hawsey launched one beyond the fence in right to give them a 2-1 lead.

An error put Jeffery

Corona on, where he promptly stole second and third and came in when Eli Cozza also reached on an error.

Brock Werrather then singled up the middle and on a steal attempt, Werrather lured the Sebring defense into a rundown, allowing Cozza to come in for a 4-1 margin after one.

Sebring got one back as, also with two out, Trey Frazier and Brendan Doty lined back-to-back singles before Cannady pounded a

double to left for a run.

The defense picked it up a bit in the bottom of the second as Frazier made a leaping snare of a Garcia liner, though Kurt McDonald reached on an infield hit and Cody Daniels walked.

Not wanting his pitch count to build too much and burn him for a potential second game, coach Frazier pulled Simons and brought Jay Bible on in relief.

Bible got Chase Ricketts on a fly out to left-fielder

David DeGenaro, but Harrison came through with an RBI single, scoring McDonald.

DeGenaro, however, nailed Daniels trying to reach third on the play to end the inning with a 5-2 margin.

The junior Blue Streaks loaded the bases with one out in the third, but Garcia induced a double-play grounder to get out of it, and Mulberry added three more in the bottom of the frame.

Hawsey hit his second

homer in as many at bats to lead it off, and a walk, single and error loaded the bases.

Garcia helped his own cause with an RBI single and after another pitching change, McDonald drew a walk to force in another run.

Sebring matched those three runs in the fourth, with Cannady ripping a two-run single and Josh Crouch later plating him with a sacrifice fly.

But Mulberry was to soon blow it open and threaten to end it early.

The bottom of the fourth saw an error to start the proceedings, Sebring's fourth of the game, with Corona singling and, after another pitching change, Cozza belting a three-run homer.

"They were swinging hard," coach Frazier said. "It seemed like no matter what pitcher I put in, we couldn't get them out."

Werrather kept the inning going with a single to right and one out later, McDonald also singled before Daniels plated two with a double.

Ricketts knocked in another with a single and Harrison unloaded for a two-run shot over the fence.

Sebring now trailed 16-5

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Rainy days limit time on the water

Jockeying between work and the rain, I had a couple of opportunities to get out on the water this week.

My first outing was with Burt Watkins, an old fishing partner of mine who lives in Avon Park.

We decided to fish last Wednesday in one of the weekly morning tournaments on Lake Glenada.

We arrived early, and I was surprised at the number of boats turning out for the event.

The tournament started at 7 a.m. and we were in the water by 6:30, watching bass hit the surface as the other seven boats were launched.

Our strategy was simple – we figured we'd throw top-water baits early over the hydrilla and other grass that now covered much of



Fishin' Around...

Don Norton

the shoreline, and as the sun came up and the day got hotter, we'd switch to flipping the reeds.

Although once we started fishing we realized the water had come up and much of the hydrilla was now under water.

The tournament had a three-fish limit, and each fish had to be 14-inches or longer.

It didn't take long to put

our first fish in the boat, a nice 16-inch bass, followed by two bass just short of 14 inches.

Keeper number two came on board around 8am, another decent fish at 15 1/2 inches.

We figured by 9 a.m. we should be culling and building on our total weight, but after a couple of missed strikes and a couple more shorts, we were approaching noon and what appeared to be a pretty ugly thunderstorm.

Now I have a rule: I don't mind fishing in the rain.

In fact I kind of enjoy it, but when I see that first flash of lightning, it's time to get off the water.

Apparently the other seven boaters had a similar rule, and within minutes,

everybody was back at the boat ramp jockeying to get their boats loaded up.

The storm hit full force just after I dropped Burt off on the shoreline to get the truck.

I couldn't get my rain suit on fast enough when it started raining cats and dogs!

The tournament was supposed to end at 1 p.m., but due to the storm, it ended an hour early.

I didn't get to see much of the weigh-in.

By the time we took our bass up to be weighed in, most everyone had already weighed in their fish or gone home.

We didn't expect to win anything with only two bass and we weren't disappointed

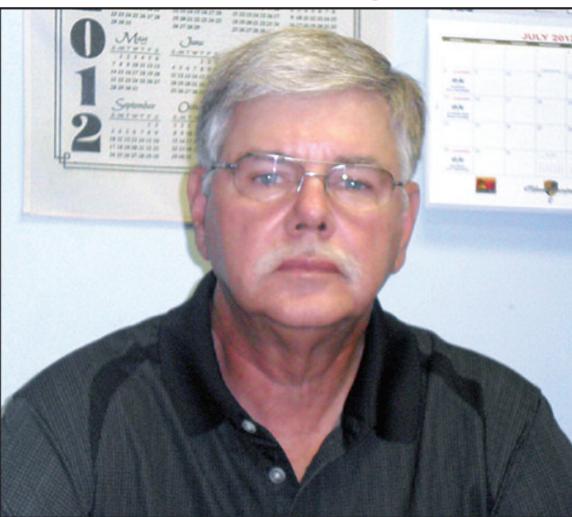
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Courtesy photo

Don Norton with a bass he took from Lake Glenada.

Hoops chat paves way to anniversary show



Courtesy photo

Jim Whitney, former basketball coach at Sebring and Avon Park, was a featured guest on Ed Lynch's "Sports Talk" show on Saturday, July 14. The show airs each Saturday immediately following the Noon News on WWTK 730-AM. July 21 marks the 30th anniversary of the program and there will be no studio guests as the listening audience is invited to call in with questions and comments.

Rumors swirling as trade deadline nears

BY ROB MAADDI

Associated Press

Major league baseball's non-waiver trade deadline is fast approaching and rumors are swirling surrounding several big-name players.

Who will be dealt before 4 p.m. EST on July 31?

Fewer teams are expected to be sellers this year because the addition of a second wild-card spot allows more clubs to stay in contention.

But there should still be plenty of movement involving teams that are way behind in the playoff race.

Will the five-time defending NL East champion Philadelphia Phillies unload players?

Can the surprising Pittsburgh Pirates make a big move in hopes of securing their first winning sea-

son since 1992?

The New York Yankees have the best record in baseball, but they can afford any of the high-priced rental players out there.

Who can help them?

How can the Texas Rangers improve their chances of finally winning the World Series after losing it two straight years?

Let's examine those questions by taking a closer look at five players who could be switching uniforms:

HOLLYWOOD HAMELS?

Cole Hamels was long ago nicknamed Hollywood by Phillies teammates for his GQ style, movie-star looks and laid-back attitude.

Now the three-time All-

Star lefty could be headed home to California — Hollywood in particular.

The Los Angeles Dodgers are among the teams expected to pursue Hamels. So are the Los Angeles Angels.

Of course, the Yankees have an eye on Hamels.

Texas may be the best fit to make a deal, however.

The Rangers have excellent prospects in the minor leagues, specifically third baseman Mike Olt and shortstop Jurickson Profar.

If the last-place Phillies could get either player, they might pull the trigger, especially because Hamels already made it clear he wouldn't rule out returning to Philadelphia when he becomes a free agent after the season.

The Phillies are planning to make a significant offer

to Hamels, hoping the 2008 World Series MVP can't refuse it.

This one could go down to the last minute.

NEED A CENTER FIELDER?

The Phillies will be busy no matter what happens with Hamels.

It's unlikely they will want to pay Shane Victorino what he will make in free agency after the season, so the Flyin' Hawaiian's days in Philadelphia seem numbered.

Victorino is a two-time All-Star and three-time Gold Glove winner who makes sense for several teams, including the Pirates, Dodgers, Cincinnati Reds, and San Francisco Giants.

There's also the Yankees,

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THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	57	34	.626	—
Baltimore	47	44	.516	10
Boston	47	45	.511	10½
Tampa Bay	47	45	.511	10½
Toronto	45	47	.489	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	50	41	.549	—
Detroit	48	44	.522	2½
Cleveland	47	44	.516	3
Kansas City	39	51	.433	10½
Minnesota	38	53	.418	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	55	36	.604	—
Los Angeles	50	42	.543	5½
Oakland	47	44	.516	8
Seattle	39	54	.419	17

Tuesday's Games

L.A. Angels 13, Detroit 0
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 1
 Chicago White Sox 7, Boston 5
 Tampa Bay 4, Cleveland 2
 Minnesota 6, Baltimore 4
 Seattle 9, Kansas City 6
 Texas 6, Oakland 1

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 0, 7 innings
 Oakland 4, Texas 3
 Detroit 7, L.A. Angels 2
 Boston 10, Chicago White Sox 1
 Cleveland 10, Tampa Bay 6
 Baltimore 2, Minnesota 1
 Kansas City 8, Seattle 7

Thursday's Games

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

Friday's Games

Baltimore (Mig.Gonzalez 1-1) at Cleveland (D.Lowe 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Peavy 7-6) at Detroit (Verlander 10-5), 7:05 p.m.
 Seattle (Iwakuma 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Shields 8-6), 7:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Laffey 1-1) at Boston (Beckett 5-7), 7:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Blackburn 4-5) at Kansas City (Hochevar 6-8), 8:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Nova 10-4) at Oakland (Milone 9-6), 10:05 p.m.
 Texas (D.Holland 6-4) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 11-1), 10:05 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
Trout, LAA	286	65	101	.353
Mauer, MIN	310	48	102	.329
Cabrera, DET	367	59	120	.327
Konerko, CHW	307	41	99	.322
Beltre, TEX	339	54	109	.322

HOME RUNS

Hamilton, TEX	28
Dunn, CHW	28
Bautista, TOR	27
Trumbo, LAA	26
Encarnacion, TOR	25
Granderson, NYY	25

RUNS BATTED IN

Hamilton, TEX	78
Cabrera, DET	75
Fielder, DET	67
Willingham, MIN	66
3 tied with	65

STOLEN BASES

Trout, LAA	30
Davis, TOR	24
Kipnis, CLE	20
Revere, MIN	19
Crisp, OAK	18

RUNS

Kinsler, TEX	65
Ortiz, BOS	65
Trout, LAA	65
Granderson, NYY	65
Bautista, TOR	63

WON-LOST

Harrison, TEX	12-4
Price, TB	12-4
Weaver, LAA	11-1
Sale, CHW	11-2
Sabathia, NYY	10-3

ERA

Sale, CHW	2.11
Weaver, LAA	2.26
Verlander, DET	2.43
Price, TB	2.80
C. Wilson, LAA	2.82

STRIKEOUTS

Hernandez, SEA	140
Verlander, DET	136
Scherzer, DET	125
Darvish, TEX	121
Shields, TB	114

SAVES

J. Johnson, BAL	27
Rodney, TB	27
C. Perez, CLE	26
Soriano, NYY	24
Broxton, KC	22

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	53	36	.596	—
Atlanta	49	41	.544	4½
New York	46	45	.505	8
Miami	44	47	.484	10
Philadelphia	41	52	.441	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	51	40	.560	—
Pittsburgh	51	40	.560	—
St. Louis	47	45	.511	4½
Milwaukee	44	47	.484	7
Chicago	37	53	.411	13½
Houston	34	58	.370	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	51	40	.560	—
Los Angeles	49	44	.527	3
Arizona	44	47	.484	7
San Diego	38	55	.409	14
Colorado	35	56	.385	16

Tuesday's Games

Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 10 innings
 Cincinnati 4, Arizona 0
 San Francisco 9, Atlanta 0
 Miami 9, Chicago Cubs 5
 Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 2
 Pittsburgh 6, Colorado 2
 San Diego 8, Houston 2
 Philadelphia 3, L.A. Dodgers 2

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 3
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Philadelphia 3, 12 innings
 Pittsburgh 9, Colorado 6
 San Diego 8, Houston 4
 Washington 4, N.Y. Mets 3
 Arizona 7, Cincinnati 1
 San Francisco 9, Atlanta 4, 11 innings
 Chicago Cubs 5, Miami 1, 8 innings

Thursday's Games



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

SATURDAY

12:30 p.m. NASCAR – STP 300, Practice ESPN2
 2:30 p.m. NASCAR – STP 300, Practice ESPN2
 5 p.m. NHRA – Mopar Mile High Nationals ESPN2

BOXING

FRIDAY

9 p.m. Juan Carlos Burgos vs. Cesar Vasquez ESPN2
 11 p.m. Miguel Acosta vs. Art Hovhannisyan SHOW
 SATURDAY
 10 p.m. Adrien Broner vs. Vicente Escobedo HBO

GOLF

FRIDAY

1 p.m. U.S. Girls' Junior Amateur GOLF
 3 p.m. 2012 British Open Golf Championship ESPN
 3 p.m. PGA – True South Classic GOLF
 SATURDAY
 9 a.m. 2012 British Open Golf Championship ESPN
 11:30 a.m. American Century Championship GOLF
 3 p.m. American Century Championship NBC
 3 p.m. PGA – True South Classic GOLF
 6 p.m. U.S. Girls' Junior Amateur GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Seattle at Tampa Bay SUN
 8 p.m. Chicago Cubs at St. Louis WGN
 SATURDAY
 4 p.m. Regional – Chicago Cubs at St. Louis or Texas at L.A. Angels FOX
 7 p.m. Seattle at Tampa Bay SUN
 7 p.m. Chicago White Sox at Detroit WGN

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

SATURDAY

2:30 p.m. Philadelphia at New York ESPN

TENNIS

FRIDAY

4 p.m. ATP – BB&T Atlanta Open ESPN2
 7 p.m. ATP – BB&T Atlanta Open ESPN2
 11 p.m. ATP – BB&T Atlanta Open ESPN2
 SATURDAY
 7 p.m. ATP – BB&T Atlanta Open ESPN2
 11 p.m. ATP – BB&T Atlanta Open ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

San Francisco at Atlanta, late
 Arizona at Cincinnati, late
 N.Y. Mets at Washington, late
 Miami at Chicago Cubs, late
 Houston at San Diego, late

Friday's Games

Atlanta (Hanson 10-5) at Washington (Strasburg 10-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Miami (Nolasco 8-7) at Pittsburgh (Correia 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (Lincecum 3-10) at Philadelphia (Worley 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Harang 6-5) at N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 6-6), 7:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Estrada 0-3) at Cincinnati (Bailey 8-6), 7:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Dempster 5-3) at St. Louis (Lohse 9-2), 8:15 p.m.
 Houston (B.Norris 5-7) at Arizona (Cahill 7-8), 9:40 p.m.
 Colorado (D.Pomeranz 1-4) at San Diego (Marquis 2-5), 10:05 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
McCutchen, PIT	333	65	123	.369
Cabrera, SF	356	59	126	.354
Wright, NYM	322	59	113	.351
Ruiz, PHL	280	44	98	.350
Votto, CIN	298	52	102	.342

HOME RUNS

Braun, MIL	26
McCutchen, PIT	22
Beltran, STL	20
Stanton, MIA	19
Alvarez, PIT	19

RUNS BATTED IN

Beltran, STL	66
McCutchen, PIT	65
Braun, MIL	65
Kubel, ARI	63
Gonzalez, COL	62

STOLEN BASES

Gordon, LAD	30
Campana, CHC	25
Bourn, ATL	25
Schafer, HOU	23
Bonifacio, MIA	22

RUNS

McCutchen, PIT	65
Gonzalez, COL	63
Bourn, ATL	63
Braun, MIL	61
Cabrera, SF	59
Pence, PHL	59
Wright, NYM	59

WON-LOST

Dickey, NYM	12-1
G. Gonzalez, WAS	12-4
Lynn, STL	11-4
Hamels, PHL	11-4
Bumgarner, SF	11-5
Cueto, CIN	11-5

ERA

Dempster, CHC	1.86
Cueto, CIN	2.28
Vogelsong, SF	2.31
Zimmermann, WAS	2.35
Cain, SF	2.56

STRIKEOUTS

Strasburg, WAS	135
Kershaw, LAD	132
Dickey, NYM	127
G. Gonzalez, WAS	127
Hamels, PHL	125

SAVES

Kimbrel, ATL	27
Hanrahan, PIT	26
Casilla, SF	23
Papelbon, PHL	21

Motte, STL 20

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	11	6	3	36	26	19
New York	10	5	5	35	35	29
D.C.	10	6	3	33	34	26
Houston	8	5	7	31	28	25
Chicago	9	7	4	31	22	22
Montreal	7	12	3	24	30	39
New England	6	9	4	22	25	25
Columbus	6	7	4	22	17	19
Philadelphia	6	9	2	20	20	19
Toronto FC	5	11	4	19	24	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	13	4	4	43	43	25
Real Salt Lake	11	7	3	36	31	26
Seattle	8	5	7	31	25	21
Vancouver	8	6	7	31	23	25
Los Angeles	8	10	3	27	35	34
Chivas USA	6	7	5	23	12	18
Colorado	7	12	1	22	27	28
FC Dallas	4	10	7	19	20	30
Portland	5	10	4	19	19	30

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

Wednesday's Games

New York 1, Chicago 0
 Chivas USA 1, Portland 0
 Toronto FC 2, Colorado 1
 Montreal 2, New England 1
 Houston 2, Sporting Kansas City 1
 Vancouver 2, Los Angeles 2, tie
 San Jose 2, FC Dallas 1

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at New York, 2:30 p.m.
 D.C. United at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
 New England at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
 Montreal at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 Portland at FC Dallas, 9 p.m.
 Chivas USA at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
 Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

San Jose at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Recalled RHP Tommy Hunter from Norfolk (IL). Designated RHP Brad Bergesen for assignment.
 BOSTON RED SOX—Placed DH David Ortiz on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 17. Recalled INF Mauro Gomez from Pawtucket (IL).

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Recalled RHP Jonathan Albaladejo from Reno (PCL). Optioned RHP Trevor Bauer to Reno.
 LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Reinstated RHP Javy Guerra from the bereavement list. Optioned RHP Stephen Fife to Albuquerque (PCL).
 MIAMI MARLINS—Optioned RHP Ryan Webb to New Orleans (PCL).

Fish before the storm

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when we were told 6 pounds won the tournament.

All-in-all, it was a lot of fun and I'll likely get out and fish some of the other mid-week tournaments when I can.

One of my goals in writing this weekly column is to fish different lakes and try to share where the fish are hitting and what they're catching them on.

I moved to Highlands County because it offers so many lakes and rivers that it would take a life-time to become knowledgeable on all of them.

You'll see more about many of these lakes in upcoming columns.

But somehow I end up fishing the same few lakes over and over again.

I guess once you get comfortable with a lake it only makes sense to keep going back because you have more confidence in that lake than going to one that you haven't fished in awhile.

Lake Glenada is a bit of a mystery to me.

Years ago, when I lived in Avon Park, I fished it regularly and had some amazing catches.

Since I've been back, the lake's changed somewhat, but I just haven't had the success there that I used to enjoy.

So, Sunday morning, I decided to try to beat the storms once again and I headed out to Lake Glenada.

Only this time, my strategy was different.

This time my goal was to find the fish, not just catch them.

For those of you who read my column a few weeks ago when I wrote about Buck Perry, the Father of Structure Fishing, I decided to leave the flipping sticks at home and try some Spoonplugging.

I didn't get out till 10:30 a.m. (yeah, I know, you're all thinking you have to be on the lake early if you want to catch any fish), but I wasn't as concerned about catching them as finding them.

I started with the 500 series Spoonplug, trolling it at a moderate speed in 2-4 feet of water.

Hydrilla and assorted other vegetation moved me quickly to tie on a 250 series, combing the bottom at 6-9 feet.

After covering a good stretch of water, I changed again to the 100 series and that's when I found the fish.

My depth finder showed the water to be 10-12 feet, but my 100 series Spoonplug was ticking the bottom at 13 feet.

The first strike felt more like a snag.

I put the boat in neutral, raised my rod tip as line was peeling off and started reeling to catch up the slack.

As the line tightened, I could feel the weight of the fish as he fought desperately in our tug-of-war.

I had more line out than I thought and as I put pressure on the bass, he exploded on the surface causing slack in my otherwise taut line again.

He was gone! Ten seconds, 20 seconds – hard to say how long he was on, but it was my fault he got away.

Slack line will allow a fish to throw a bait and nobody knows that better than me.

But I did have the fore site to throw out a marker buoy to mark the spot.

I turned the boat around and cast into the same spot with a half-ounce jig, tipped with pork rind.

On the third cast, I felt that famil-

iar "tap, tap" and I set the hook.

I brought the fish boat side, a nice three pounder, and released it without taking it out of the water.

Another dozen casts yielded three more bass around the same size.

I decided to go back to trolling so I swung the boat around, dropped my Spoonplug into the water and fed out line until I could feel the lure digging into the bottom.

A storm was building as I rounded a point and just as I made the turn, the bait stopped dead again.

Tossing out a marker, I was determined to get this fish to the boat.

It's amazing how powerful a bass can be in deep water.

This one decided to swim towards the boat so I frantically reeled in line to prevent any slack and moments later I lipped my biggest bass of the day, a solid six pounder.

Stopping again and throwing a jig, I landed two more fish between 3-4 pounds when I heard the thunder and felt the first few drops of rain.

I hated to leave the spot but it was pretty clear this was going to be a fast-moving storm.

I got the boat loaded up just as the storm hit, but I felt like I'd at least proved a point.

With the help of the spoonplugs, I'd found the fish in their deep water home.

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Bass and Davenport win Home Run 5K

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Jason Bass, fresh off a fine performance at the Peach Tree Road Race 10K on Wednesday, July 4, sped to victory in the Inaugural

Home Run for Habitat 5K Saturday, July 14, as the male champion in 18:32, and Regan Davenport took top honors as the female champion in 21:58.

The race benefitted the

165 houses being built in the county for our community.

Cynthia Gulchrist, whose house is being built across from the YMCA, had waited six years for

her home to be built.

Race organizer Sara Pallone was delighted with the first-year field of 104 and hopeful the run will grow in size each year.

Home Run for Habitat 5K race results

Overall Male: Jason Bass- 18:32
Overall Female: Regan Davenport- 21:58

Male age group results (Top three won medals)

(9-13) Scottie Meeks 26:00, Zack Durastanti 27:11, Jesse Bermudez 28:30, Kaylub Lindsey 42:30; (14-19) Brandon Beatty 21:18, Nicholas Gregor 21:48, Brooks Whidden 21:53, Larry Gilchrist 31:36, Brendan Rentz 43:06, Joshua Ladd 43:07; (20-29) Sean McCoy 22:42, Kemar Swaby 25:00, Nick Pavlinsky 25:34, Michael Brown 28:13, Travis Heacock 28:21, Jerry Wright 33:44, Carlos Ortiz 44:08, Anthony Wilson 49:12; (30-39) Sean Brown 20:54, Cory Lindsey 26:17, Jeff Beard 32:27; (40-49) Jerry Whidden 21:07, Joseph Starr 28:21, Scott Harrington 28:22, James Horvath 33:44; (50-59) Adam Ray 25:09, Frank Rowles 25:53, Phillip Statler 28:52, Russell Andrews 28:57, John Snyder 29:35,

Nelson Pacheco 37:31, Scott Reynolds 57:21; (60-64) Pep Hutchinson 37:50, Kenny Vincent 41:34, Bruce Braswell 49:09, Phillip Sweeney 52:10, John Hawthorne 55:48; (70+) Dale Bargar 37:09, Gene Statler 55:20.

Female age group results (Top three won medals)

(9-13) Savannah Oldfield 28:50, Celese Vega 45:18, Katie Knipper 45:21, Lexi Vega 46:12, Katelyn Edwards 55:30; (14-19) Febe Murillo 26:01; (20-29) Maggie Statler 27:09, Trina Talley 27:49, Dana Barnes 34:08, Vandy Mayworth 35:12, Kirstin Awtey 39:32, Candice Woodhouse 53:51; (30-39) Sandy Meeks 30:43, Kaylie Lindsey 31:10, Angel Nowling 31:11, Heather Mellow 31:48, Noelle Stoll 31:43, Gloria Mize 36:21, Staci Braswell 34:32, Julie Beard 38:45, Erin Galimba 38:47, Trisha Johnson 42:09, Monica Manus 42:10, Jessica

Vega 46:03, Jessica Nichol 55:29; (40-49) Jennifer Glassburn 25:01, Evelyn Colon 25:33, Mary Ann Andrews 28:13, Eika Lopez 30:16, Patrice Holman 31:42, Pamela Lanier 32:51, Anna Marie Grimes 32:53, Dorothy Harris 32:57, Marsha May 33:31, Jennifer Bussey 36:37, Laura Waldon 37:28, Janet Gilliard 38:18, Kimberly Martin 40:09, Cynthia Gulchrist 41:49, Rita Starr 43:32, Jennifer McGee 50:01, Deanna Barr 55:14; (50-59) Lessa Skipper 31:17, Deborah Hartzell 31:49, Sherri Bates 31:54, Joyce Statler 36:09, Vicki VanDam 38:55, Patricia Wilson 40:06, Tammy Murphy 49:31, Barb Sheasky 49:35, Lynn McCoy 53:51, Gerrilynne Rentz 54:54, Lori Knipper 55:14; (60-69) Peggy Essex-Klammer 30:26, Donna Patterson 35:58, Robyn 43:28, Jane Pallone 55:44; (70+) Sherry Statler 55:20.

Muschamp: Florida's Powell will play in 2012

By JOHN ZENOR

Associated Press

HOOVER, Ala. — Florida coach Will Muschamp says defensive end Ronald Powell will play this season.

The Gators starter tore a knee ligament in the spring game.

Muschamp also said that tight end A.C. Leonard is transferring.

Leonard was arrested in February on domestic violence charges.

Muschamp says quarterbacks Jacoby Brissett and Jeff Driskel are tied going into fall camp and both could play.

They combined for two

touchdown passes and six interceptions as freshmen.

"Both guys are very talented," Muschamp said Wednesday at Southeastern Conference media days.

"Both guys are certainly qualified for the position. If you saw the spring game, you saw what I saw for 14 practices: Two guys that are very even in that competition. They're even going into fall camp and they'll get equal reps. I'd like to name a starter before the season but I'm not going to put a timetable on that. If we need to play both of them, that's what we're going to do. We'll do what we need

to do to win football games.

"There's a possibility you could see both in the game at the same time."

The second-year coach has emphasized getting stronger late in games and improving on a turnover margin that was among the nation's worst.

Muschamp said Powell has been cleared for all weight-room work, including squats, and straight-ahead running.

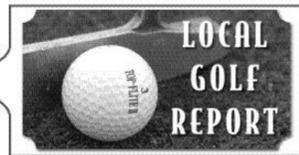
"He'll play for us this year," the coach said. "When that will be, I don't know yet. There's nobody that's worked harder or handled the situation better

or more mature than Ronald has. He's grown up through the summer."

Then there was the fourth quarter problems in SEC games.

League opponents outscored Florida 72-22 in the final quarter, and Muschamp called his team soft after the regular-season finale with Florida State.

"That's one of our main things going into this year," linebacker Jon Bostic said. "We've got to finish in the fourth quarter. If we don't finish in the fourth, the year will turn out the same as last year."



Senior Tip

MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANKL WITH TOP 100 GOLF INSTRUCTORS

Seniors who aren't quite as strong as they used to be need to get everything they can off the tee. Teeing the ball up allows you to sweep the ball into the air rather than hitting down on it, helping maximize carry. The driver is the only club we swing that has bottomed out and is actually traveling upward (about 3 degrees) at impact.



A helpful tip for seniors is to imagine the tee box you're stepping into is slightly "upgraded" rather than perfectly flat. Therefore, you will need to swing the club "uphill" through the impact zone. This image will help you to get your weight behind the ball at the top of the swing, then shift the weight back to sweep the club through the ball while utilizing the full loft of the clubface. This move will help maximize carry to restore some lost distance.

Up, Up and Away

By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling books "The Slot Swing" and "The 8-Step Swing," illustrated by Phil Franke

Lake June West

A Scramble was played Thursday, July 12.

Winning first place was the team of Margaret Schultz, Don Boulton, John Ruffo and Betty Billau with 52; second place, Dick Reaney, Charlotte Mathew, John and Gloria Huggett with 55; and third place, Joyce Swartz, Mario Cappelletti and Larry Heath with 56.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 4, Gloria Huggett, 15-feet-3-inches; and No. 8, Betty Billau, 5-feet-8-inches. (Men), None.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, July 11.

Winning first place was the team of Dick Reaney, Jack Maginnis, Don Boulton and John Russo with 43; and second place, Claude Cash, Mario Cappelletti, John Ruffo and Larry Heath with 45.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Larry Heath; and No. 8, Don Boulton, 15-feet-1-inch.

River Greens

The Men's Association played a Pro-Am tournament Wednesday, July 11.

Winning first place was the team of Keith Kincer, Kevin Kincer, Ron Jensen and Gil Heier with plus-8; and second place, Terry Lewis, Al Farrell and Romy Febre with plus-6.

Individual winners were: A Flight - Kevin Kincer with plus-6. B Flight

- Gil Heier with plus-4.5. C Flight - Al Farrell with plus-8.

The Golfettes played a game on Tuesday, July 10.

Winning first place was the team of Mary Beth Carby, Bev Rudd, Dee Paul and Linda Therrien with 83.

The Morrison Group played a game on Tuesday, July 10.

Winning first place was the team of Don McDonald, Lefty St. Pierre and Tim Thomas with minus-20.

The Men's Association played a Men's Day event on Friday, July 6.

Winning first place was the team of Russ Rudd, Don McDonald, Fred Evans and Al Farrell with 185.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Lefty St. Pierre, 17-feet-6-inches; No. 5, Neil Purcell, 7-feet-3-inches; No. 12, Clay Davis, 6-feet-9-inches; and No. 17, Gil Heier, 11-feet-9-inches.

The Ladies Association played a Pro-Am tournament on Thursday, July 5.

Winning first place was the team of Sally Dworak, Jody Ethun, Linda Therrien and Betty Wallace with plus-12.5.

Individual winners were: Tying for first/second/third places were Sally Dworak, Linda Therrien and Betty Wallace with plus-4 each.

The Morrison Group played a game on Thursday, July 5.

Tying for first/second places were Donald McDonald and Romy Febre (draw) with 134 each. Third place, Joe Graf with 135.

LSU the favorite to win SEC championship

Associated Press

HOOVER, Ala. — LSU has been picked to win its second straight Southeastern Conference championship.

The Tigers got the nod in the Western Division over Alabama, the team that beat LSU in the BCS championship game in January.

Arkansas was picked to finish third in the West, followed by Auburn, Texas A&M, Mississippi State and Mississippi in a vote by the 222 media members attending the

league's media days.

Georgia was picked to win the Eastern Division, followed by South Carolina, Florida, Missouri, Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Kentucky.

South Carolina running back Marcus Lattimore received the most votes on the first team, followed by LSU cornerback Tyrann Mathieu and Alabama center Barrett Jones.

LSU led the league with seven first-team selections, Alabama had five.

The West had 20 of the 26 first-team selections.

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Champs again, Sebring headed to Virginia

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and would see the game ended if the didn't score at least twice in their next at bat.

Bible got one of those right off the bat with a lead-off homer to right center in the fifth, and DeGenaro followed with a single.

Frazier was hit by a pitch and, one out later, Cannady was also plunked to load the bases.

Jimmy Peck singled the game-continuing run home, and Crouch soon made a game of it again with a grand slam, making it 16-11.

Kyle Helms then came on to pitch and faced three batters in each of the next two innings while Sebring continued to chip away.

"When we were down, it wasn't like 'Oh, we're still in this,'" DeGenaro said. "It was more like, OK, let's just keep hitting, keep chipping away."

That they did, with three more in the sixth, on a Frazier RBI double and a two-run Cannady homer.

Helms then singled with one out in the seventh and with two out DeGenaro walked and Frazier singled home Helms run.

A wild pitch allowed DeGenaro to race in with the tying run and the miraculous comeback seemed near complete.

But with one out in the bottom of the seventh, Corona walloped a walk-off home run, the ninth of the game, to end it at 17-16.

After the half hour break between games, Mulberry seemed ready to keep their momentum going as

Daniels sent the first pitch of the game over the fence for yet another home run.

But Cannady, game two's starting pitcher, soon settled in and began mowing through the Mulberry order.

The Sebring offense, meanwhile, obviously awakened with its' first-game rally, got going early.

Cannady beat out an infield single and Peck singled to left.

Crouch then hit a towering fly to deep left where, concerned with the proximity of the fence and warning track, the left fielder couldn't get a glove on it for a very long RBI single.

Two outs later, Bible came through with a two-run double up the left-center field gap and Sebring had a 3-1 lead.

Cannady got through a scoreless second, and with Frazier and Doty on base, hit a high-pop that fell just fair to load the bases with nobody out.

Peck followed with a double to score two, Cannady slid home safely on a wild pitch and Crouch singled Peck home for a 7-1 lead.

Mulberry threatened with two, two-out singles in the third, but a fly to right ended it before Cannady had yet another RBI hit, scoring Doty for an 8-1 edge.

And that's where it stayed into the sixth.

Needing six outs before Mulberry could score eight or more runs, Cannady got one of those outs on a strike out to start the top of the

sixth. McDonald homered, however, and Ross Nelson reached on an error.

But Cannady struck out the next batter as his night ended due to pitch count.

That brought back Simons, wisely pulled early from the first game, who then struck out the next hitter to end the inning.

Sebring failed to add any to their total in the bottom of the frame, and Simons struck out the first batter of the seventh to leave just two outs to go.

But a walk was followed by another Hawsey homer, making it an 8-4 game.

Harrison followed with a single, though Simons struck out another hitter for the second out.

McDonald then scored Harrison with a double to make it 8-5.

But Simons reached back for that little extra to soon end this marathon of a night, striking out the next hitter to clinch the fourth straight state championship for this group of players.

"It was tough," coach Frazier said. "In past years, we've had the target on our back but pretty much just rolled through. This year, they opened up the boundaries, so teams aren't necessarily just a group of kids from one town. Some of them are now travel-ball teams, and very good travel teams, so the competition is that much better.

"But when we were down in the first game, we said we just want to



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Seth Cannady connects for a home run Wednesday night and turned in a monumental performance, going 8-for-8 at the plate, with two home runs and seven RBI, along with a six-inning, two-run stint on the mound in the late, clinching win.

chip away, chip away," he continued. "The momentum shifted as the bottom of the order really carried us, got on base for the top of the order to do some damage."

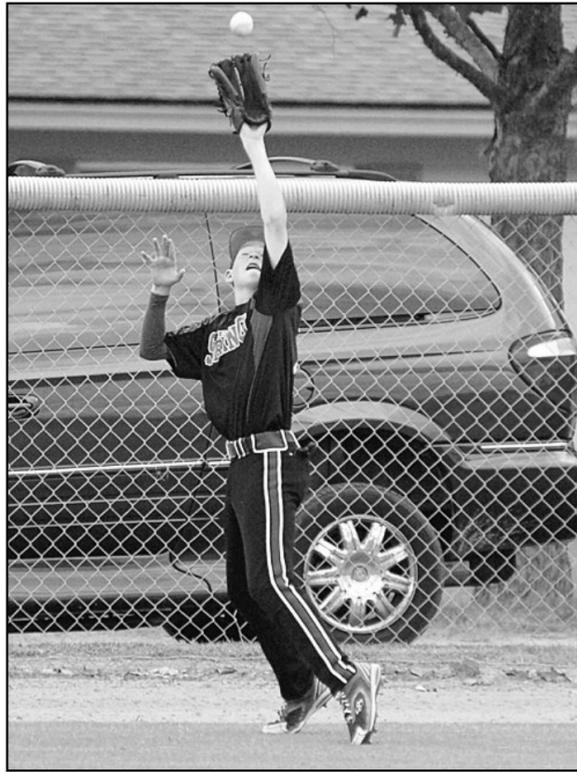
The biggest damage was done by Cannady, who went 8-for-8 on the night, with a hit-by-pitch, two home runs and seven RBI.

"Then Seth came on to pitch in the second game and was light's

out," Frazier said. "With the type of hitters they had, and for him to be able to throw his fastball right by them, that was something.

"I just cannot wait to tell my employer tomorrow that we're going again."

Going to the World Series, that is, for the fourth year in a row, this time to Christiansburg, VA, beginning Saturday, Aug. 4.



Above left: Daniel Simons started Wednesday's first game and finished the nightcap to secure the state title for the Sebring Junior Boys. Above center: David DeGenaro hauls in this fly ball just short of the warning track in Wednesday's wild opener with Mulberry. Above right: DeGenaro and Simons were both on hand to get congratulations from assistant coach Mike Browning.

Trade rumors will abound for next two weeks

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who still are missing injured outfielder Brett Gardner.

The Phillies are desperate for bullpen help.

If they can get a quality arm to pitch the seventh or eighth inning in a deal for Victorino, he's gone.

Or they could keep Victorino and opt for the compensation draft pick they'd receive for allowing him to walk.

J-UP, J-OUT?

Justin Upton finished fourth in NL MVP voting last year while helping Arizona win a division title.

But the two-time All-Star right fielder has struggled this season.

Upton turns 25 next month, is signed through the next three seasons and owed \$38.5 million, meaning he wouldn't be a short-term rental for a contending team.

He's also an attractive

option for non-contenders.

The Pirates, Rangers, Dodgers, Detroit Tigers, Toronto Blue Jays and Atlanta Braves have been linked in talks for Upton.

The Diamondbacks would have to get a shortstop, third baseman or top-notch starting pitcher to deal Upton.

WHAT'S ZACK GREINKE'S VALUE?

Milwaukee's chances of trading Zack Greinke decreased because the 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner was scratched from his last start and isn't expected to pitch until next week.

If Greinke pitches well next time he takes the mound and proves he was simply fatigued after making three straight starts, interest in the righty should intensify.

Like Hamels, Greinke will be a free agent after the season.

The Rangers, Angels, Tigers, Dodgers, Braves and

Chicago White Sox are among the teams who were scouting Greinke.

But the Baltimore Orioles might have what it takes to get him.

The Orioles, seeking their first winning season and playoff berth since 1997, had their sights set on Greinke before his recent struggles. If they're willing to part with one of their top prospects, perhaps shortstop Manny Machado, they could land Greinke.

WHO WINS THE RYAN DEMPSTER SWEEPSTAKES?

The Chicago Cubs almost certainly will trade Ryan Dempster, who is in the last year of a \$52 million, four-year contract.

The two-time All-Star righty can help plenty of contenders down the stretch.

The Dodgers, Tigers and Braves appear to be the leaders in the running for

Dempster's services.

The Cubs are looking to rebuild through the draft and would want the best package of young players, or one of those lottery picks awarded to several teams in Wednesday's draft compensation.

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L O N D O N G A M E S

Let the spectacle begin

By LINDA ROBERTSON
McClatchy Newspapers

British royalty, iconic venues and compelling rivalries have all eyes on London this summer

Triathletes swimming in Hyde Park's Serpentine. Volleyball players diving onto a makeshift beach at the Horse Guards Parade. Marathoners running past Buckingham Palace. Tennis stars not wearing white at Wimbledon.

Athletes will transform iconic landmarks into sporting venues at the London Olympics, a summer spectacle that promises to be rich in pomp, circumstance and history.

Expect to see Queen Elizabeth II waving from the royal box during opening ceremonies July 27. And perhaps the Rolling Stones performing at closing ceremonies Aug. 12.

Who will light the cauldron flame? Sir Steve Redgrave? Dame Kelly Holmes? Roger Bannister? Daley Thompson? Derek Redmond and his father? Or it could be a young athlete symbolizing London's theme — “inspire a generation.”

Much stickier questions confront the 2012 Games. Security has been a concern since July 6, 2005, when London upset Paris in the bidding to be host. Less than 24 hours later, celebration turned to horror when suicide terrorists' bombs ripped through three subway trains and a double-decker bus, killing 56 people.

Transport worries are growing in traffic-choked London, where the creaky Tube system experienced yet another breakdown in May when a train stalled underground on the Jubilee Line, a main Olympic artery, and passengers had to walk through the tunnels to safety.

As for competition among the 10,500 athletes from 204 nations in 26 sports, can the U.S. keep its place at the top of the medals table, or will China — which surpassed the U.S. in the gold medal count four years ago — assert its might? How many golds will swimmer Michael Phelps win in his last Olympic hurrah? Will Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt break any of his world records? How will the audiences react to women's boxing and Saudi Arabia's insistence on an all-male team? Will the home team — known by its self-deprecating public for excellence in the “sitting-down sports” of cycling, rowing, sailing and equestrian —

make Great Britain proud?

London is the first city to host the modern Olympics three times. In 1908, the games were re-assigned to London from Rome after Mt. Vesuvius erupted. Following 12 years without the Olympics, the post-war 1948 “Austerity Games” were held in London. Athletes stayed in military housing, Germany and Japan were banned, and Bob Mathias and Fanny Blankers-Koen were big winners.

Sandwiched between the 2008 Beijing and 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games, London has also used the Olympics as a lever for redevelopment. The former industrial wasteland and garbage dump of East London and Stratford have found new life. The 500-acre Olympic Park, hub of the Games, is dotted with birdhouses and bat boxes. Surrounding neighborhoods of artists, immigrants and street markets are blossoming.

Sport venues will be an assortment of historic, temporary and newly constructed facilities. Some will be taken down and moved, others downsized and many converted for community use. The emphasis is on practical sustainability and avoidance of the white elephants that have saddled previous hosts with enormous debt and little-used arenas.

“Our vision is to use the power of the Games to inspire change in this country,” said Sebastian Coe, the gold-medal-winning middle



BERND THISSEN/DPA/ABACA PRESS/MCT

U.S. sprinter Carmelita Jeter leads an ambitious women's track and field squad with medal hopes.



KEVIN SULLIVAN/ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/MCT

The United States' Rebecca Soni and the women's swim team should be strong enough to fend off rival Australia.

distance runner and former Parliament member who led London's bid to the finish line.

The sleek aquatics venue will be the stage for the world's top swimmers and divers, including swimmer Rebecca Adlington and diver Tom Daley of Great Britain. Michael Phelps won't win eight gold medals again because he's swimming in only seven events. But if he wins three medals, he will supplant Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina, who won a record 18 medals from 1956-1964, as the most decorated Olympian.

The rivalry that's brewed for years between Phelps and Ryan Lochte will be one of the most tantalizing of the Games. Lochte beat Phelps in two races at the 2011 world championships, the 200-meter freestyle and 200 individual medley. That seemed to motivate Phelps, who said he has intensified his work ethic in the past year and is ready to peak for his Olympic finale.

Meanwhile, the American women — led by Missy Franklin, Natalie Coughlin, Rebecca Soni and Dana Vollmer — look strong enough to upstage rival Australia.

On the track, the rivalry between Jamaica and U.S. sprinters has been intensifying for eight years. The Americans failed to win gold in the 100, 200 or the 400-meter relay in 2008 while Bolt put on a show with world records in the 100, 200 and sprint relay. He said he wants to become “a legend” by winning three more golds, although his coach said it may be too chilly for record times

and training partner Yohan Blake could dash that goal. Americans Carmelita Jeter and Allyson Felix would like to have Jamaicans Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce and Veronica Campbell-Brown chasing them this time.

In fact, the U.S. track and field team has a goal of winning 30 medals, and the men have a chance of sweeping the shot put, decathlon and 400-meter hurdles. Lolo Jones is seeking redemption — and a chat with Prince Harry — after falling over the final hurdle while leading her 100-meter race in 2008. Heptathlete Jessica Ennis and marathoner Paula Radcliffe are popular picks among British fans to win medals — all being made at the Royal Mint.

In gymnastics, the United States and China pick up where they left off in Beijing, where the winning Chinese girls looked suspiciously young and some were later found to have altered birth dates. The much-improved American men have an outside shot of upsetting China for team gold. Michigan's Jordyn Wieber, world champ last year at age 16, is favored to succeed Nastia Liukin as all-around winner while for Japan's spectacular Kohei Uchimura, the men's title is his to lose.

One rivalry sure to prompt deep patriotic feelings (or at least interesting tabloid headlines) is England vs. Argentina in men's field hockey. It's been 30 years since the Falklands War, and an advertisement featuring an Argentine hockey player in the

Falklands on “Argentine soil” was condemned.

Soccer will be especially popular in football-mad England, as will rowing in Eton, sailing in Weymouth, tennis on the All-England Club's grass, track cycling inside the velodrome and road cycling on London's streets.

Baseball and softball have been dropped from the Olympic program, women's boxing has been added (five weight classes) and special dispensation was given to shooting, which would otherwise be prohibited by England's gun laws.

The city will rely on a huge security operation manned by 10,000 police, 13,500 troops and agents from the country's crack intelligence services. There are plans to station missile launchers on rooftops, and the Royal Marines recently conducted exercises on the Thames.

Despite persistent complaints about the ticketing process, Londoners have been in a festive mood celebrating the queen's diamond jubilee — her 60th year on the throne. She is a keen equestrian fan, and Prince William and Kate (officially the Duchess of Cambridge) plan to visit a variety of competitions.

Expect to see and hear many references to “Chariots of Fire,” the Oscar-winning film which will be re-released around the country prior to the Olympics. A play based on the film is scheduled to premiere in the West End.

Director Danny Boyle (“Slumdog Millionaire,” “127 Hours,” “Trainspotting”) is organizing the opening ceremony, titled “The Isles of Wonder.” A short film starring Daniel Craig as James Bond will be shown.

Already receiving bad reviews are the London 2012 mascots, Wenlock and Mandeville (animated droplets of steel) and its zigzag logo, which English tabloid “The Sun” had redesigned by a monkey. Iran complained the logo spelled the word “Zion” and threatened to boycott.

Closing ceremonies will be a tribute to British music with surprise live performances.

“Music is something we've been very good at for the past 50 years,” said Artistic Director Kim Gavin.

And London hopes its third Olympics will be as memorable as all those hits.



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Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, No. 2163, wins a gold medal and sets a world record in the 100-meter race during the 2008 Beijing Games. The rivalry between Bolt, the other members of Jamaica's sprint team and the U.S. men's sprint team has been intensifying for eight years.

HEALTHY LIVING

Long history of pain? Think Lyme Disease

Dear Pharmacist: My life's never been the same since 2004.

Overnight, I developed arthritis, vertigo, headaches and fatigue.

I used to run every day! I've been to 10 doctors for never-ending symptoms too embarrassing to list.

Last week, I fell in love with you Suzy because you wrote about "Lyme Disease" and I looked it up. It explains my life. I called my doctor, but she said Lyme isn't common here, and dismissed me, so I'm stuck now.

Can you offer guidance?
— S.N., Chicago

Answer: You're not "stuck;" there are many Lyme literate medical doctors (LLMDs) in our country, and here are three people who educate: Dr. Lee Cowden, Dr. Joseph Burrascano and Stephen Harrod Buhner; each has a different viewpoint. The controversy surrounding Lyme is latched on tighter than a tick.

Lyme is frequently dismissed or misdiagnosed leaving you sick, tired and eventually disabled. It mimics multiple sclerosis, Rheumatoid arthritis, Parkinson's, ALS, Alzheimer's, fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and epilepsy so it's hard to pin down.

Bummer, because if you're diagnosed incorrectly, precious antimicrobials needed to kill Lyme bugs are never taken, leading to potentially catastrophic



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

problems.

I'm not being melodramatic, ask any Lyme sufferer!

No two patients have the same symptoms, which come and go: Chronic pain, exhaustion, brain fog, poor memory, insomnia, yeast infections, twitches, trigeminal neuralgia, anxiety, back/neck pain, neuropathy, migraines, dizziness, muscle/joint pain, cramps, bladder or testicular pain, urethritis, buzzing, sound sensitivity, eye or ear pain, air hunger and irregular heartbeat. That's for starters.

Don't assume there has to be a tick bite, followed by a bullseye rash. That rash only occurs in 50 percent of people, and most won't ever see a tick, some of which are the size of the period at the end of this sentence.

Besides, ticks are not the only way to get infected. Lyme is carried by fleas, biting flies, lice, mosquitoes and dust mites. Kissing or having sex with someone who has Lyme may cause transmission. Some people carry Lyme even though they're asymptomatic and well.

Oh, and it can remain dormant for months to years.

If you have a long history of health issues, with symptoms that change daily or monthly, but never go away, I'd seriously consider Lyme testing by a lab that specializes in it, for example Galaxy, Igenex, Fry or Advance Labs.

Inaccurate results by regular labs may produce a false negative, so you think you don't have Lyme when you do. Years of misery could ensue.

The medical disparity between testing labs is unfathomable so I urge you to test using one of my suggested labs.

They're expensive, but worth it.

Don't assume Lyme infection is caused only by Borellia burgdorferi, because other co-infecting organisms such as Babesia, Rickettsia, Bartonella or Ehrlichia could be behind your symptoms.

My recommended labs are better at detecting those bugs. Finally, the "CD57" blood test offers a clue, and tracks your progress, and I recommend LabCorp for that particular test.

Visit ilads.org for more Lyme information.

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

Positive thinking can improve your health

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Life has its ups and downs — and adversity touches everyone at some point.

But some experts believe that a focus on the positive can help you persevere through tough times.

For Anita Moorjani for example, life took a horrific turn when she was diagnosed with late stage Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Admitted to the hospital as a terminal patient, Moorjani slipped into a deep coma, nearly dying before she experienced a spontaneous remission and recovery. Her case has since fascinated the medical community.

While spontaneous remission of breast cancer is not uncommon, according to a study done by physician researchers at Dartmouth Medical School in 2009, it is rarely seen in a terminal cancer case.

Moorjani attributes her victory in overcoming cancer to a belief in positive things, learning to live fearlessly, and finally loving herself.

In her New York Times bestseller, "Dying to Be Me" (Hay House), Moorjani candidly shares her story, discussing the lessons she learned from her near death experience, what she would have done differently and what she wants people to know now.

Here are some tips Moorjani feels can help others face their own trials:

— Prior to her devastating diagnosis, Moorjani's life was driven by fear of illness. Rather than letting similar fears and stressors get the



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Instead of bottling up your emotions, experience them naturally. After all, a bad mood won't last forever.

— Everyday joys can go a long way toward helping you cope with stress and depression.

Be it a box of chocolates, a home cooked meal or a great bottle of wine, don't be shy about indulging yourself in moderation at meal time with foods that make you happiest.

"What's most important for your well-being is how you feel about yourself during tough times," Moorjani says.

better of you, learn to enjoy yourself and take care of what's inside.

— Much of our suffering stems from feeling "less than." Love yourself unconditionally and be yourself fearlessly. Remind those close to you that you love them just the way they are.

— Don't obsess over problems or allow your days to revolve around solving them. It's actually far more productive to distract yourself and stay occupied with activities that stimulate you in positive, creative ways.

— "Thinking positive" can be tiring. Never suppress negative feelings when they creep in.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Health Smart program receives grant to combat obesity

Special to the News-Sun

GAINESVILLE — A University of Florida researcher has received \$75,000 from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation to expand a program geared toward improving the health of Florida's African American population, who face increased risks for heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes.

The statewide African Methodist Episcopal Health-Smart Church Model Program is designed to combat obesity in families, children and adults by promoting healthy eating and physical activity.

The program, originally tested at churches in Gainesville and Bronx, N.Y., will slowly expand across the rest of Florida in the next two years.

During the trial run of the program in the Bronx and Gainesville, participants exhibited a decrease in body mass index and blood pressure and an increase in health-promoting behaviors, signaling an overall increase in health, said Carolyn M. Tucker, Ph.D., the program's principal investigator.

The 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was chosen as the program's collaborator because it has many well-organized, closely connected churches that

strive to promote spiritual, physical and emotional health, Tucker said.

There are more than 400 African Methodist Episcopal, or AME, churches in the state of Florida.

"There's an opportunity to impact a lot of people by operating through the church and having church members help implement the program," said Tucker, the Florida Blue Endowed Chair in Health Disparities Research at UF, the Richard and Thelma C. Barney Term Professor and director of the UF Health Disparities Research and Intervention Program in the College of Medicine.

In Florida, African Americans have disproportionately higher rates of chronic diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer, said Penny Ralston, M.Ed., Ph.D., director of the Florida State University Center on Better Health and Life for Underserved Populations and a co-investigator on the project.

Death rates for heart disease are 23 percent higher among African Americans than among whites and death rates for stroke are 31 percent higher, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In addition, African American adults are twice as

likely as white adults to have diabetes.

"With church-based health, we have the opportunity to work with church leaders to modify risk factors for chronic disease, such as obesity and hypertension, through promoting healthy lifestyles, including diet and physical activity," Ralston said.

The program will begin with five AME churches in July.

During the first year of the program, Tucker, her co-investigators and other research team members will work with the pastors and three members at each church.

The pastor and church members will act as participants and help the investigators adjust the program for each church community.

More than 100 churches will be added during the second year of the program.

After the program is implemented, participating church members will act as health empowerment coaches to empower their fellow church members to engage in health-promoting behaviors.

"Churches understand that they can play a major role in preventing and overcoming obesity and related health problems in their communities, and thus we are trying to empower these churches with the tools to assume this important role," Tucker said.

Mental health agencies to merge

Special to the News-Sun

TAMPA — Making even one doctor's appointment can be challenging. Imagine trying to find the right treatment if you're depressed, psychotic or addicted.

Four regional providers with 165 years of combined experience in behavioral health have announced their intent to merge and improve access. Mental Health Care Inc. (Hillsborough/Pasco counties), Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services Inc. (Pinellas County), Agency for Community Treatment Services Inc. (Hillsborough, Pasco and Broward counties) and Tri-County Human Services Inc. (Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties) intend to merge and re-emerge as Gracepoint.

"Changes in health care reward larger and stronger

organizations. This merger allows Gracepoint to continue its specialty focus in behavioral health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities and reap those rewards," said Joseph F. Rutherford, MHC's CEO.

"We are more than a place for behavioral health care. We are the source for wellness. This is all we do, and we help people achieve their best lives."

All four providers are respected and accredited behavioral health and drug and alcohol treatment centers that have helped hundreds of thousands find their own paths to wellness.

"Together our multiple locations will help people find the right treatment as close to home or work as possible," explained Tom Wedekind, CEO of PEHMS.

"People have told us they

want to be able to make an appointment with experts in a wide range of behavioral health specialties.

"They'll be able to do that by using the teams at one of Gracepoint's 87 treatment programs," added Robert Rihn, CEO of Tri-County.

"Our intent is to combine our specialized teams' skills and our 69 locations to serve people in seven counties," concluded Richard Brown, CEO of ACTS.

Larger behavioral health providers are more attractive partners for Accountable Care Organizations, managed care companies and HMOs. They produce cost-effective expertise, and can manage complex diagnoses.

They are also attractive partners for hospitals, which may not have behavioral health specialists on staff.

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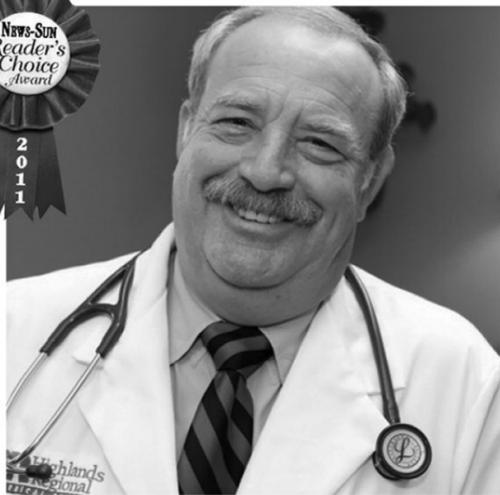
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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church - ELCA

SEBRING — This is the eighth Sunday after Pentecost. Rev. Jefferson Cox's sermon will be based on the gospel reading of Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "I Will."

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High School. Call 471-2663 or search online at christlutheranavon-park.org.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Truth." The keynote is from John 8:32, "... you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The church is at 146 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Associate Minister Casey L. Downing will bring the message titled "Speak the Truth" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is

studying the Gospel of John.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING — Pastor Cecil Hess' sermon subject for this Sunday morning is "You've Got to Be Kidding!"

The Church of Buttonwood Bay is on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Call 382-1737.

Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — Eastside Christian Church is excited to announce its Vacation Bible School, from 9-11:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday, July 27-28 with a slideshow presentation on Sunday, July 29, during the morning service. All elementary aged children, from entering kindergarten through fifth grade, are invited. Call 465-7065 to register by Monday.

Eastside Christian Church is at 101 Peace Ave., two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621. The phone number is 465-7065.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday

morning sermon, "Too Big For God," with Scripture taken from II Samuel 7:1-17.

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

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, the church celebrates the eighth Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Bob Reinhardt will deliver his sermon, "Reconciled to God Through the Cross," from Ephesians 2:11-22.

Faith Child Development Center is open for summer camp. Call 385-3232 for more information. Summer camp is for ages 3-5, is only \$2 per hour and includes breakfast and lunch. Call for more information. Also the center is now enrolling for fall VPK programs.

Call 385-2782 (direct to Faith's Closet) for more information.

First Christian Church - Avon Park

AVON PARK — An "Ice Cream Social," celebrating National Ice Cream Month, will follow the Wednesday evening Bible study. Bring a favorite ice cream.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call

453-5334 or e-mail firstchristianap@embarqmail.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Linda Ellis and Juanita Roberts. Communion will be served by Chris Baker, Franny Goff and Michael Graves.

Greeting the congregation will be Sharron Campbell.

The pastor's sermon is titled "Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt," taken from Genesis 42:8-17.

Call the church office at 385-0352. The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday, Rev. Pat Williams of Orlando will be the guest speaker. His sermon is titled "In Awe of the Holy One" based on Exodus, Chapter 3.

The adult Sunday Bible class will continue its series titled "Faith Lessons on the Prophets and Kings of Israel" sponsored by Focus on the Family. These lessons are filmed on location in Israel and

narrated by historian/teacher Ray Vander Laan. Sunday's lesson is titled "Who is God?"

Special music on the flute will be by Kim Houser.

An Agape luncheon will be held immediately after worship service to celebrate the one year birthday of Alma Grace Sboto. Bring sandwiches, soup or a salad. Dessert, beverages and table service will be provided.

The Family Gathering will meet at 6 p.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "God's Plan - Power" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

Session meets at 2 p.m. Sunday. Monday through Friday, July 23-27 will be summer camp for sixth-through eighth-graders (registration required), from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant's sermon will be "They

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 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 Catelyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

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

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@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. Johannat 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 Delp, 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. Call 385-4704.

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

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

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Arbuckle 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@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (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. CONFESION: 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 453-6052.

RELIGION

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Poisoned Their Minds” with the Scripture taken from Act 14:21-28.

Wednesday is Family Night with food, fun and Pastor’s Bible study beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday will be Family Movie Night from 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St. Visit the website at www.sebringfirst-tumc.com. Call the church office for information at 385-5184.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Toby Cribbs is preaching this week. The service will also include George Kelly singing: “The Cross.”

Vacation Bible School will be from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 6-10. The public is welcome.

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Rev. Dale Schanely, visitation pastor, will preach at the summer Heritage Worship Service on the subject “The Atonement.”

Joann Springer, certified Methodist lay speaker, will speak at the Celebration Worship Service. Pastor Claude Burnett

will preach at the New Song contemporary Service in Rob Reynolds Hall on the subject, “Now I’m A Believer,” with the Scripture lesson from Mark 2:1-12.

Combined Youth Group will meet at the lighthouse from 5-7 p.m.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. Phone number is 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, “Acting On A Widow’s Behalf,” is taken from II Kings, chapter 8. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the message. Next Sunday evening, July 29, will be the end-of-the-month-sing and fellowship.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.’s message will be “Jesus Brings Peace.” Biblical reference is from Ephesians 2:11-22.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — Sunday morning, Pastor Terry Grove will preach on “Equality of Men and Women.” For the kids time with

T-Bear, the pastor will give a little story.

Sunday school will be studying “Witness to New Life,” looking at the Scripture from Luke 24:36-53.

For more information, call 385-1597.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Agatha Johnson will be the speaker Sunday morning. Her topic will be “Unlimited Dimensions of God’s Love.”

The church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane (Village I Spring Lake).

The Church of the Way - EFCA

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum will start a series on eschatology with the message title being “God’s Timeline for the World.”

The Church of the Way - EFCA is at 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive. The pastor is Reinhold Buxbaum. The church phone is 471-6140; the pastor’s cell is 273-3674.

For church information and the pastor’s messages go to www.thewaychurch.org.

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 BRETHREN

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

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

■ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. 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 Preschool director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 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.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church**, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; 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., Collette 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 nightes 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.weare-union.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: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.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. 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.fpcip.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, springleakepc@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.salvationarmysebring.com or call Major Bruce

Wheaton College is latest to sue over birth control rule

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) — Wheaton College, a top evangelical school, is joining a raft of lawsuits challenging the Obama administration mandate that most employers offer health insurance that covers birth control.

The college, based in Wheaton, Ill., filed the federal suit Wednesday in the District of Columbia.

Last May, Roman Catholic dioceses, schools, charities and health care agencies filed a dozen federal lawsuits around the country, arguing the requirement violates religious freedom. Among the plaintiffs in those suits are the University of Notre Dame and Catholic University of America.

Health and Human Services adopted the mandate as part of President Barack Obama’s health care overhaul. The goal is to improve health care for women and children by allowing women to space their pregnancies.

A religious exemption generally allowed churches and other houses of worship to opt out, but kept the requirement in place for religiously affiliated non-profits, including hospitals, colleges and charities.

Many religious leaders across faith traditions argued the exemption was far too narrow, and the Obama administration offered to soften the rule. However, the plaintiffs in the lawsuits said the accommodation doesn’t go far enough.

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

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ**, Jesus didn’t reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you’ll be embraced by a compassionate congregation that is all-inclusive. We’re at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Choir and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; sebringemmanuelucc.com.

RELIGION



The Biologos website.

Scientists, seminarians debate evolution on website

Associated Press
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Public discussion of evolution often turns into a nasty debate between young-earth creationists on one side and atheists who believe science disproves the existence of God on the other. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Witness the gracious dialogue taking place between Southern Baptist seminary professors and evangelical scientists on the BioLogos website.

In a series of essays titled "Southern Baptist Voices," the two groups consider questions such as whether the existence of a historical Adam and Eve created in the image of God is compatible with the gradual development of humans through evolution.

While there is disagreement, the authors are quick to emphasize places where they do agree, such as the reality of the miracles described in the Bible, including the bodily resurrection of Jesus. And there is room for give-and-take on both sides.

The series came about after Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Academic Dean Kenneth Keathley and BioLogos President Darrel Falk met at a Christian scholars conference last year.

Keathley agreed to invite seminary professors to contribute essays describing their disagreements with BioLogos, a nonprofit foundation "committed to exploring and celebrating the compatibility of evolutionary creation and biblical faith," according to its website.

Keathley begins the first essay by noting that the Southern Baptist statement of faith is silent on how God created the universe. But he goes on to say that Southern Baptists' very literal interpretation of Scripture leads many in the denomination to hold the view that God created the world in six, 24-hour days less than 10,000 years ago.

Many Roman Catholic and mainline Protestant Christians today see parts of the Bible such as the creation as metaphorical, but for many evangelical Christians such a belief is untenable.

Southern Baptist Seminary President Albert Mohler, a young-earth creationist, has called the attempt to reconcile evangelicals to evolution a "direct attack upon biblical authority."

Keathley, meanwhile, calls himself an old-earth creationist who accepts that the universe is billions of years old, but also believes that God directly inter-

vened at certain points in natural history.

In an introductory essay to the series, Keathley lays out several points where he believes Southern Baptists are at odds with the BioLogos model. Among them is whether Adam and Eve were real people who experienced a real fall from grace with God that brought sin into the world. The concept is also central to the idea that Jesus saved the world from sin through his death on the cross.

Falk and two other writers state respond that science tells us "there was never a time when the human population from which all modern humans descended was as small as two individuals." Instead, they suggest the possibility that "God began a covenantal relationship with a real, historical first couple who brought about spiritual death as a result of their disobedience."

Keathley also points out that for some Christians, evolution presents a problem because it implies that suffering and death have been with the world from the beginning, rather than resulting from rebellion against God.

"Young-earth creationists ask, 'What does this do to the nature of God if God created the world with pain and suffering from the beginning?'" Keathley said in an interview.

Another essayist, Bill Dembski, who is a research fellow at the Discovery Institute and one of the leaders of the Intelligent Design movement, takes it a stretch further when he says, "In terms of strict logic, nothing takes you from natural selection to atheism, but, as a practical matter, many people find that Darwin makes atheism seem plausible."

Falk and others say in their essay that the problem of evil is a challenge, but that "Scripture does not take a universally negative view of suffering and death in the present age. Rather it is recognized as being both a tragedy and a creative force."

So far, BioLogos has published four essays and responses with three more planned. Writers on both sides say the dialogue has been useful.

"I think everybody recognizes this is an important topic and it's not going to do any good to simply yell at each other across the fence," he said.

"They need to hear from us on the nature of Scripture, the nature of the fall and of salvation. And we need to hear from them on the nature of modern science."

Hedges brings magic to Church of Nazarene

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — Incredible, unbelievable and truly amazing are words that are used to describe Master Magician Terry Hedges. Unfortunately, even those words fall short of conveying the genius and wonder of a performance by the gifted man from Nashville, Tenn. Adjectives fail where this magical artist — whose performances incorporate everything from sleight-of-hand to disappearing illusions to disappearing illusions to music — is concerned.

With a long list of clients that includes the White House, where he has appeared twice, Hedges effortlessly delivers a performance unlike anything currently on any stage. From never-before-seen card and coin tricks so sophisticated illusions, Hedges delivers a riveting performance with humor, class and style to make audience members feel like they're part of entertainment history in the making.

Hedges' show weaves together magic, music,

humor and audience participation to take audiences on an emotional roller-coaster ride that leaves them wondering where the time went. So be prepared to find yourself on the edge of your seat shaking your head in astonishment and bewilderment while enjoying Hedges' personality, creativity and precisely-executed trickery.

This award-winning Master Magician has delighted crowds all over the United States and in Europe for more than 20 years. Whether it's a

concert stage, a packed school gymnasium, a church, a retreat or a business convention, guests at a Hedges show experience the most mind-boggling spectacle they have ever seen.

Hedges will be performing at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:45 a.m. Sunday at Lake Placid Church of the Nazarene. The church is at 512 Interlake Blvd. Bring the whole family and enjoy an amazing adventure and a lot of fun. For more information, call 446-1339.

Southern Gospel concert Saturday

SEBRING — A Southern Gospel Dinner Concert will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at Dee's Restaurant, 138 N. Ridgewood Drive. Cost of admission is by donation only.

Call 471-2228 for reservations; seats fill up quickly.

VBS at Leisure Lakes

LAKE PLACID — IncrediWorld Amusement Park, "A Thrill Ride Through God's Creation," will be the theme of Daily Vacation Bible School next week at Leisure Lakes Baptist

Snapshots

Church. The program is designed for preschool through high school, ages 3 and up.

The church will provide a meal at 5:30 p.m., with the program being from 7-8:30 p.m. The VBS will run Monday through Friday, July 23-27. All children are welcome.

The church is at the western end of Lake June (808 Gardenia St.). From U.S. 27, take Lake June Road to Miller, turning north on Wildflower. For further information, contact the church office at 699-0671.

On-line registration is available at:

<http://answers.com/manage/student-forms/llbclp>.

Babylon 'visit' on agenda for VBS at Sebring Christian

SEBRING — Sebring Christian Church is going to Babylon this year for Vacation Bible School to learn about Daniel's Courage in Captivity.

VBS runs Sunday through Friday, Aug. 5-10, from 6-8:30 p.m. For more information about the program, call the church office at 382-6676 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The church is at 4514 Hammock Road.

Gold, frankincense and myrrh

When the men came from the East in search of the King of the Jews, they came prepared to worship Him. At the very outset, we do not know how many wise men there were or their country of origin! This precious information given to us by the inspired pen of Matthew conveys valuable examples and lessons.

As they left home, they knew they were coming into the presence of royalty and as the custom was they brought gifts and their gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh. An interesting observation is seen in the rebels against Saul despised him and brought no gifts whereas the queen of Sheba respected Solomon and brought gifts. (1 Samuel 10:27; 1 Kings 10:1,2)

Continued to be led by the star in the East, they came to where the child was and they entered the house. (Matthew 2:9-11) Did you notice that the baby is now a child and they were no longer in a manger but a house? Did you also note "And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh." They did not worship Mary nor presented gifts to her! Mary was never exalted to a place of worship by Divine authority!

What was the significance of the gifts? Were these just gifts from things available in their country or did they have a specific meaning? How familiar were they with the prophets and the teachings regarding the coming King/Messiah?

Gold: This could certainly be called the "metal of the kings" since it was the most valuable of metals. Nebuchadnezzar was called the head of gold (Daniel 2:38) and one of the gifts

Guest Column

Frank Parker

that the queen of Sheba brought to Solomon was gold. (1 Kings 10:2) One of the many teachings regarding the coming King was offering of gold. (Psalm 72:10-15)

Frankincense: This gum/sap came from the bark of trees in Arabia and India. It has a long history with the children of Israel. It was pulverized and used in burning incense (Exodus 30:8, 34; Leviticus 2:1,2) and a purer kind was used in the showbread (Leviticus 24:7).

Myrrh: This, too, was gum from trees in Arabia and also has a long history with Israel. We learn from Exodus 30:23 it was a compound in holy anointing oil and in Psalm 45:8 it was a perfume. On the cross, Jesus was offered myrrh (Mark 15:23) apparently for medicinal purposes and Joseph and Nicodemus used a mixture of myrrh on the body of Jesus (John 19:38-42).

We may not fully understand the wise men's mind set in offering the gifts, but several examples are clearly manifested by these men of the East:

1) They knew who they were coming before! Hear the cry of Jehovah God through the prophet Malachi (1:14) "But cursed be the deceiver who has in his flock a male, and makes a vow, but sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished-for I am a

great King, says the Lord of hosts, And my Name is to be feared among the nations." The apostle Paul used 11 chapters to explain God's amazing grace to both Jew and Gentile and then stated: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1).

2) They planned ahead, and, therefore, they were prepared to worship the King. Heed the ringing rebuke via the prophet Isaiah (1:15) "When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood." The church of God at Corinth needed a similar warning: "Now in giving you these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and I in part believe it" (1 Corinthians 11:17,18).

3) Though not directly related to their gifts, these wise men were truly wise men as they did not listen to Herod's deception. They choose to heed Divine instructions and did not fall prey to Herod's lie. "Now the Spirit expressly says that

in latter times some will depart from the truth, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth" (1 Timothy 4:1-3).

Though these wise men were never named, they were indeed a worthy example to follow in their journey to find the King who became the King of kings and Lord of lords.

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Tom Hardy as Bane and Christian Bale as Batman face off in 'The Dark Knight Rises.'

Batman series ends as epic letdown in 'Dark Knight Rises'

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

Christopher Nolan concludes his Batman trilogy in typically spectacular, ambitious fashion with "The Dark Knight Rises," but the feeling of frustration and disappointment is unshakable.

Maybe that was inevitable. Maybe nothing could have met the expectations established by 2008's "The Dark Knight," which revolutionized and set the standard for films based on comic books by being both high-minded and crowd-pleasing. With Christian Bale as his tortured superhero starting from 2005's "Batman Begins," Nolan has explored the complicated and conflicting motivations of man as well as the possibility of greatness and redemption within society.

Here, as director and co-writer, he's unrelenting in hammering home the dread, the sorrow, the sense of detachment and futility of a city on the brink of collapse with no savior in sight. Gotham is under siege in ways that tonally and visually recall 9/11; what is obviously the island of Manhattan gets cut off from the outside world at one point. Rather than seeming exploitative, it's just one of many examples of the script from Nolan and his usual collaborator, his brother Jonathan, making the franchise feel like a relevant reflection of our times. Identity theft, economic collapse and an uprising of the disgruntled, disenfranchised have-nots against the smug, comfy have also come into play.

There's so much going on here, though, with so many new characters who are all meant to function in significant ways that "The Dark Knight Rises" feels overloaded, and sadly lacking the spark that gave 2008's "The Dark Knight" such vibrancy. The absence of Heath Ledger, who won a posthumous Oscar for his portrayal of the anarchic and truly frightening Joker, is really obvious here. It retrospect, it makes you realize how crucial Ledger's performance was in making that Batman movie fly.

By comparison, "The Dark Knight Rises" is plot-heavy, obsessed with process, laden with expository dialogue and flashbacks that bog down the momentum and — dare I say it? — just flat-out boring at times. Yes, the Batman world through Nolan's eyes is supposed to be moody and introspective; you've got to admire the fact that he is willing to challenge us this way when summer block-



Movie Review 'The Dark Knight Rises'

Rating: PG-13 (intense sequences of violence and action, some sensuality and language)

Running time: 164 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

busters so often feel flashy and hollow. And yet at the same time, it takes some giant leaps with its characters which either make no sense, haven't earned the emotions they're seeking, or both.

"The Dark Knight Rises" does feature the kind of impeccable production values we've come to expect from Nolan's films; many members of his core team are back, including cinematographer Wally Pfister, editor Lee Smith and production designers Nathan Crowley and Kevin Kavanaugh. "The Dark Knight Rises" feels weighty and substantive — and, thankfully, isn't in 3-D — but it takes on an even grittier look than its predecessors as Gotham City devolves into desperation and ruin.

But Nolan's approach is so coldly cerebral that it's a detriment to the film's emotional core. It's all doom and gloom and no heart. There is no reason to care about these characters, who function more as cogs in an elaborate, chaotic machine than as real people whose souls are at stake.

It's been four years since "The Dark Knight" came out but eight years have passed in terms of story. Bale's Bruce Wayne suffers in self-imposed exile, sulking about Wayne Manor, mourning the loss of his darling Rachel and carrying the burden of blame for the death of District Attorney Harvey Dent. His goal of a peaceful Gotham has been achieved, but he's left as a man without a purpose. Michael Caine, as the ever-loyal valet Alfred, brings dignity and eloquence to the film as he begs Bruce to carve out his own form of happiness. Fellow veterans Gary Oldman as Commissioner Gordon and Morgan Freeman as gadget guru Lucius Fox are their



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Anne Hathaway stars as Catwoman in 'The Dark Knight Rises.'

usual dignified selves, but they don't register the way they should because the film is so overstuffed.

Several new characters manage to draw Bruce out of his funk in various ways. Anne Hathaway brings some much needed zest to the proceedings as Selina Kyle, otherwise known as Catwoman in the Batman universe, a sleek thief who punctures Bruce's bubble when she lifts his fingerprints from his safe, along with a beloved pearl necklace.

The other woman in Bruce's life, however, is woefully underdeveloped — which is a real problem because she plays a key role in the film's climactic revelations. Marion Cotillard (one of many alumni from Nolan's "Inception") co-stars as Miranda Tate, a wealthy philanthropist who hopes to work with Wayne Enterprises on developing clean, sustainable energy. The romance that develops between her and Bruce is utterly unbelievable.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt adds a youthful presence as John Blake, an up-and-coming member of the police force who inspires Bruce to revisit his own childhood as an orphan.

Then there's Bane, a muscular mass of pure evil who orchestrates an elaborate takeover of Gotham City. The role is a huge waste of what Tom Hardy can do; his character is so one-dimensional and poorly defined, he's never so much a fearsome figure as a large and hulking one. It doesn't help matters that it's often difficult to make out what he's saying beneath the cage-like muzzle that covers his nose and mouth and alters his voice. Hardy can be sexy and charismatic (as he proved in "Inception") but also a dangerous and unpredictable figure. None of that is on display here.

He's all brute force.

But he is the instigator of the film's dazzling opening sequence, worthy of the best of James Bond: a daring aerial maneuver in which Bane kidnaps a scientist by hijacking his plane from the skies above. That's probably the most effective of the many set pieces Nolan stages here, although the collapse of Heinz Field during a packed football game also has an urgent, visceral quality, with thrills that recall the most imaginative moments of "Inception."

This is the problem when you're an exceptional, visionary filmmaker.

When you give people something extraordinary, they expect it every time.

Anything short of that feels like a letdown.

Man pays for one-night stand with 7-year punishment

Dear Abby: Seven years ago, while on a business trip to Europe, I went to a bar, got drunk and went back to my hotel with one of the "hostesses." It was a one-night stand, but my wife found out.

I quit drinking with the help of AA and have never had another affair.

However, I am a sociable, friendly person, and I like to share laughs and light-hearted conversation with members of both sexes.

Although my wife claims to have forgiven me, she constantly brings up my "fling" and makes it clear that she doesn't trust me to this day, despite my repeated apologies, my desire to make amends and my determination never to do it again. She has made my life a living hell. She has an extremely caustic tongue that she uses at every opportunity to embarrass and humiliate me.

I no longer love her, but her health isn't the best and she hasn't worked for several years. What can I do, Abby? I feel so alone and stuck.

— *Desperate in the U.S.A.*

Dear Desperate:

Because you are both miserable, do what other couples with troubled marriages do — get marriage counseling to see if you and your wife can reach an understanding you both can live with. If that doesn't work, however, and she continues to berate and humiliate you, consult a lawyer and go on with your life.

Dear Abby: My husband and I are going to Italy next year and taking our two sons, ages 8 and 12, with us. We have planned and saved for this trip for five years.

When my sister-in-law heard about it, she invited herself along, with her husband and two children who are my sons' ages. Although I love all of them, I don't want to spend my vacation of a lifetime with her. She often pawns her children off on others while she goes and does her own thing. She's a pro at it and has done it to me many times.

How do I approach this without anyone's feelings



Dear Abby

being hurt? There's no way I can go on this trip with her. I'd rather not go. Help!

— *Bound for Italy*

Dear Bound: You may be "bound," but were you also gagged when your sister-in-law invited herself and her family along? That's when you should have had the gumption to say no.

The longer you put off telling her, the harder it will be, so tell her now. If you don't have the courage to do it alone, you and your husband should do it together. You have every right to go on your dream trip the way you and your husband planned it. His sister can schedule her family's visit to Italy at another time.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have clearly stated more than once that we didn't plan to have children. Recently, however, we realized that we had simply not been ready.

We have decided to try for a baby in the near future. If we are lucky enough to conceive, how will we respond to the inevitable barrage of questions about whether or not the baby was planned?

— *Taking it Back in New York*

Dear Taking it Back: Just say you changed your mind and the baby not only isn't an accident but is a welcome blessing.

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Is going back to school **RIGHT FOR YOU?**



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FAMILY FEATURES

The phrase “back to school” doesn’t just apply to kids. Many adults are headed back to the classroom in hopes of starting a new career or improving their odds of promotion within their current job.

In fact, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, the number of students over age 25 grew 43 percent from 2000 to 2009 — and it’s expected to increase another 23 percent by 2019.

“Anyone considering going back to college needs to do their homework,” said University of Phoenix School of Business Dean Dr. Bill Berry. “Returning to school is a big decision, and you have to be sure of your reasons so you get the most out of your educational experience. Do your research and ask questions. Additionally, talk with your family to make sure they’re prepared to support you. Going back to school is a commitment, but it’s one that could change your life for the better.”

So how do you know if going back to school is right for you? How do you choose a college and program? If you’ve been thinking of going back to school, Dr. Berry recommends asking yourself the following questions and answering them honestly:

- **What are my goals?** You need to be clear about why you want to go back to school. Some common goals include getting ahead in your career, starting a career in a new field, or the personal satisfaction that comes with completing your degree.
- **Do I have time to take classes?** Building in time for coursework and using time management skills is necessary for success. According to the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, whether taking classes online or in a classroom, it can take at least eight hours a week of work to successfully complete assignments. Consider how you will structure your week in order to maximize time.
- **Am I self-motivated and self-disciplined?** Many adult learners have responsibilities other than school, such as families and jobs, which require time and personal commitments. You need motivation and discipline to do the work — no one will do it for you.
- **Do I have a place to study?** Having a dedicated space to complete assignments — whether it’s reading, writing a paper or creating a presentation — is important, even if it’s small or shared with someone else. If you’re taking online classes, you’ll either need your own computer and Internet access or access to these in order to participate in online group discussions, submit assignments or take advantage of electronic learning resources.
- **How can I leverage my support system?** Having personal as well as professional support is critical. Ask family or friends if they are willing to look after your children while you’re studying. If you work, discuss your situation with your supervisor to ensure you have a plan in place to address work-related deadlines and responsibilities.
- **How are my computer skills?** How comfortable are you with basic computer programs and Internet research? As more and more course work is done online, it’s critical to have these skills in order to succeed. If your computer skills are a bit rusty, look to see if your college or university offers any courses to help strengthen your skills before enrolling.
- **Do I really know what to expect?** If you haven’t been to school in a while, or you never had a college experience, starting out can be overwhelming. Programs such as the University of Phoenix University Orientation workshops are required for incoming students with less than 24 credits. This provides those students with an opportunity to experience the University of Phoenix classroom without incurring a financial burden. The three-week, no-cost workshops allow students to experience the University’s academic rigor. “We want our students to succeed,” said Dr. Berry. “Offering this workshop lets them figure out if this is a good fit for them, and what is expected of them as students.”

What to Look For

If you’ve decided that you’re ready for school, you need to choose one that will help you achieve your goals. The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning recommends that you:

- **Look for colleges that are accredited** — Check for their accreditation on their website, or look for them at www.ed.gov.



- **Ask about Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)** — If the school has a system for evaluating your prior learning, you could save time and money when earning your degree.
- **Find out about student services** — Will you have access to the library whenever you need it? Is tutoring or online help available? If it’s an online program, will you be able to interact with other students? Will you have access to faculty and advisors to help you with classwork and your program goals? For example, University of Phoenix assigns every student a Graduation Team made up of advisors for enrollment, academics and finance, in order to help you navigate your entire college experience.

“You also need to determine how you will pay for school,” said Dr. Berry. “Between scholarships, federal financial aid, pay-as-you-learn plans, student loans or tuition reimbursements by employers, there are a lot of options available to help you get the education you want. Make sure you’re clear on tuition costs, and talk with the school’s finance advisors before enrolling.”

Going back to school is a big decision, but if you ask the right questions and do the right planning, it will be a decision you can make with confidence, knowing it will pay off with a brighter future. You can learn more about University of Phoenix programs at www.phoenix.edu.

A Different Kind of Education

College education has changed dramatically over the years, and often in ways that benefit working adults.

- Schools now offer a variety of online and campus course options.
- Smart phone applications allow students to check in on class discussions.
- Online libraries make the latest textbooks and research available at the click of a mouse.
- Diverse tutoring options and academic resources mean the education experience has become more customized to individual student needs.
- You’ll be more likely to find other working adults and practitioner faculty who bring their own diverse work experience into the classroom.

What’s Your Style?

Everyone learns differently. Understanding what learning styles work best for you helps you make better, more informed decisions about how to learn new things, and whether you’re best suited for online or classroom learning. Here are a few of the learning styles — which style best describes you?

- **Solitary** — These students focus best when alone and tend to be highly motivated. They benefit most from having alone time for studying.
- **Social** — Social learners often need to bounce ideas off of others. Study groups — both in-person and online — work well for these students.
- **Visual** — This type of learner often doodles, using visual cues to help understand and retain new information. Study aids could include graphics or color coded notes.
- **Verbal** — These students have a way with words, enjoying reading, writing and crosswords. Reading aloud, summarizing content in their own words or using acronyms are good study tools for verbal learners.
- **Aural** — Aural learners have an affinity for music and sound. They can learn content by making musical associations, such as playing music while studying, making up songs, or putting facts to tunes they know.
- **Logical** — These financial and math-minded learners frequently make use of ordered lists. They benefit by using to-do lists for studying tasks.
- **Physical** — Moving around helps physical students retain information. Taking lots of notes during class, as well as walking or jogging while memorizing facts are helpful study aids.

You can take a self-assessment to find out your learning style by visiting www.phoenix.edu/LearningStyleAssessment.