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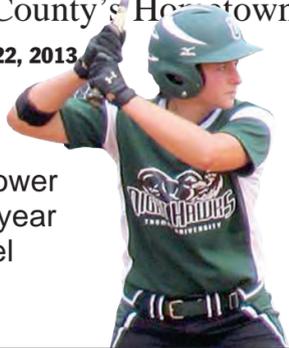
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Youth football program clipped by break-in

\$13,000 worth of equipment stolen, damaged

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — A break-in at the Highlands County Sports Complex has put a number of Sebring youth sports programs in a bind.

As much as \$13,000 worth of football equipment for Mighty Mite, Pee Wee, Juniors and Seniors divisions was either stolen or vandalized in the June 14 break-in.

Dozens of helmets, shoulder pads, jerseys and other equipment were stolen from the facility on Sheriff's Tower Road.

"We were hit the same night the county," said Sebring Youth Sports President Marilyn McNellis. "The equipment was either stolen or damaged when they broke in."

A county storage area containing mowers, tractors and other such equipment was reportedly burglarized the

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SFD getting new fire truck for \$525,000

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — City council members unanimously approved a budget amendment request from Sebring Fire Chief Brad Batz for a new fire truck during Tuesday evening's regular meeting.

The new fire engine will be purchased for a total of \$525,000 and will replace an existing fire truck that will soon be taken out of regular service.

"We've been pre-planning ahead and over the past several years we've been allo-

cating certain funds towards the purchase. At this time it's time for the replacement of one of the trucks that needs to be retired to the reserve status," Batz said.

The purchase of the apparatus was piggybacked from the Florida's Sheriff's Association contract, which laid out specifications and took in bids for the purchase.

The engine was built by Ferrara Fire Apparatus Inc. The funds for the fire truck are broken down into four

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Doty case continues to have slow pace

Continuances granted to 4 defendants

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Another two-cycle continuance for murder defendant Kenneth Felipe Jr. was granted Thursday morning during a pre-trial conference.

Circuit court Judge Angela Cowden's continuance marks the fourth continuance for Felipe this year.

State attorney's office is working its way through depositions for both Felipe and his co-defendant

Jonathan Rodriguez. Both are accused of first-degree murder in connection with the June 2012 death of Aaron Doty.

The slow-moving case is likely to take several more months before a trial date is even set.

Felipe's next pre-trial conference is scheduled for Aug. 22 at 8:30 a.m..

Rodriguez was scheduled to appear before the judge Thursday, but had not been in court before press time.

On Wednesday, Cowden advised attorneys to be mindful with Travis Makris and Giovanni Burgos, both charged with being acces-

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News-Sun photo by KATARINA SIMMONS

Playmore Recreation installer Joey Perk, at left, looks over plans Thursday morning and coordinates with volunteers to assemble new playground equipment at Mason's Ridge in Sebring. Rotary Club of Avon Park member Greg Gentry (top photo) volunteers to help assemble playground equipment Thursday morning at Mason's Ridge.

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Volunteers braved the scorching heat Thursday morning at the Mason's Ridge Community in the quest for a place to play.

The group of volunteers broke ground Thursday on the first ever Mason's Ridge playground. The improvement to the community has been in the works for several months following a grant proposal submitted by Habitat for Humanity's Director of Development and Communications Sarah Pallone.

Once the Kaboom Grant was acquired, the vision for Mason's Ridge was then put down on paper.

Habitat Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer

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News-Sun photo by KATARINA SIMMONS

Scorching hot temperatures didn't deter volunteers from working hard Thursday morning in Sebring.

New administrators introduced as next generation takes over

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — For the second year in a row, the School Board of Highlands County has approved major changes in school administrations.

In addition, because of Rebecca Fleck's retirement, Brenda Longshore was named the new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Management Information

Systems. Her last assignment was as the principal of Park Elementary School.

Andrew Lethbridge is now director for elementary education, a district-level position. Lethbridge has been the principal at the Kindergarten Learning Center since it opened.

These new appointments, along with

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Legal questions? Ask a lawyer for free

By ROD LEWIS

News-Sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID — Do you have a legal question, but can't afford the legal advice that you need? From 1-5 p.m. on Wednesday, you may get the answers to your questions.

The Highlands County Bar Association and Florida Rural Legal Services are sponsoring an Ask-A-Lawyer Event at the RCMA building at 101 Robinson St. in Lake Placid.

"We are sponsoring the event in the Lake Placid area

because it is under served," FRLS representative Alexandra Srsic said.

Free legal advice will be given to those eligible with low income. Legal questions may be answered in the following categories: criminal cases, VA benefits, bankruptcy, Social Security, family law, Medicaid for nursing home care, real estate or probate, estate planning, wills and trusts, consumer services, and general civil litigation.

"We sponsor an event at least once a year during Pro-

bono week near the end of October," Srsic said.

In 1966, Florida Rural Legal Services Inc. was founded as a private, non-profit corporation that provides free civil legal advice to those that need it, are in financial need and live in the 13 south-central Florida counties that they serve.

The FRLS also provides migrant workers with legal assistance.

In 2012, the firm claims to have closed more than 6,000 cases and provided over 10,000 people with free legal

advice, according to its web page.

To attend the event one must call (800) 277-7680, ext. 3048 to register and guarantee eligibility.

To be eligible, one must live in Highlands, Polk or Hardee counties and have income and asset requirements that match the criteria set by the FRLS.

"One must register to insure the requirements are met and that there is adequate staffing for the event," Srsic said.

Helpers, vendors sought for Juneteenth

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — The annual Juneteenth Multicultural Festival will be held in Sebring at Firemen's Field starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Juneteenth is a celebration of the emancipation of slaves and is recognized in a number of states as a state holiday. Each year, organizers present an array of foods, music, games and activities that highlight not only African-American culture but many other minority and ethnic groups.

Juneteenth organizers invite volunteers and vendors to participate in the 14th annual event Saturday.

Vendors may begin set up at 8 a.m. at Firemen's Field. Vendor booths are no cost and may be on display throughout the all-day event. Volunteers for set-up, music, activities, games, etc. may arrive at 9 a.m.

Event co-coordinator Bob Saffold is looking forward to another year of cultural fun and family-friendly atmosphere.

"It's going to be a great event and anyone who wants to donate or volunteer are certainly welcome to do so," Saffold said.

To donate or participate in the 14th annual Juneteenth Multicultural Festival, contact Saffold at 381-5166.

New ride opens at Universal

ORLANDO (AP) — Within an hour of the new Transformers ride opening at Universal Studios on Thursday, hundreds of people stood in the sweltering Florida heat to experience the intense, 3-D thrill ride.

Transformers: The Ride-3D is Universal Orlando's latest, hyper-real offering to park visitors. For those who like dazzling special effects, gut-wrenching drops and battling robots, the ride will not be a disappointment.

The new attraction opened following an elaborate ceremony featuring pyrotechnics, a specially created "Transformers" song by the band Cheap Trick and a flyover by a formation of private jets — an experience that one blogger described as having "rocked our faces off!"

Hundreds of fans cheered the film's "stars" as they walked the red carpet past the new attraction.



Front row (from left): Amy Knighton, Cornerstone Hospice aide; Anna Ellis, patient; Holly Rines, Cornerstone Hospice aide. Back row: Cory Johnson, Nurse for Crown Pointe Assisted Living; Sara Taylor RN, Cornerstone Hospice; Rosie, Activities Director Crown Pointe Assisted Living; Jackie, RN for Crown Pointe; Barbara Brock, CSH RN, Corrine Belgarde, CSH Aide; Marva Fuhrman, CSH volunteer; Autumn Egan, Cornerstone Hospice Clinical Liaison; Thom Fuhrman, CSH volunteer; Ken Geren, CSH Chaplain.

Retired hospice nurse, WWII veteran, recognized during Nurses' Week

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Cornerstone Hospice recently had the unique opportunity to recognize not only all compassionate hospice nurses who work with patients facing life-limiting illnesses, but also to recognize a hospice patient who is a retired nurse herself plus a U.S. Navy veteran.

Nearly 30 residents and staff gathered at Crown Pointe Assisted Living in Sebring to honor four resident retired nurses along with Anna Ellis, a Cornerstone Hospice patient and nurse, during the observance of National Nurses Week.

The program that day was opened in prayer by Cornerstone Hospice chaplain Ken Geren. Cornerstone Hospice nurses Sara Taylor, Holly Rines and Barbara Brock led the other resident nurses in the Florence Nightingale pledge.

After the ceremony, the group enjoyed some time of socializing where the nurses were all able to share a little about themselves.

It was during this time that Anna shared that she graduated from nursing school in the mid 1940's and shortly after enlisted into the United States Navy. During World War II she served as a lieutenant in New York

where she was in charge of several other nurses caring for our wounded soldiers.

It was during this time that she met Paul Ellis. Paul was thought to be dead when he was brought to the military hospital in New York where Anna was working.

"He was lying there in a cot with a sheet pulled over his head," Ms. Ellis remembers. "I pulled the sheet down to see his face and he took in a deep breath."

Paul did recover and on Jan. 20, Anna and Paul were married.

After having two boys, Anna continued her nursing career at a hospital in New Jersey after the war. Anna's life is so rich with American history, beauty and pride.

For more information on how to assist patients like Anna as a volunteer, contact Cornerstone Hospice at 382-4563 or stop in and see us at 209 N. Ridgewood Drive Suite 3, Sebring FL 33870.

Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., a not-for-profit, community organization since 1984, provides comfort and care to Central Florida families experiencing life-limiting illnesses. More than 5,000 people in Highlands, Hardee, Lake, Polk, Orange, Osceola and Sumter counties benefit from Cornerstone programs each year. Enhanced patient and

family care is made possible through the generous support of individuals and groups.

For more information, to donate, or to volunteer, call (888) 728-6234 or visit www.cornerstonehospice.org

Community Briefs

Hammock changes tram tour schedule

SEBRING — Highlands Hammock State Park Tram Tours during the slow summer "off-season" are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Ticket cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child ages 6-12 (5 and under free). Tickets are purchased on the tour day. No reservations or advanced sales are taken for daily tours.

Regularly scheduled Tram Tours running at 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and at 1 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays will resume the first weekend in October.

Special trams for groups and organizations are reservable as private pre-arranged tours and cost \$70 plus tax.

Call the Ranger Station at 386-6094 for more information.

'What's Up' meeting to be held June 25

SEBRING — The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency will host its monthly "What's Up Downtown Sebring?" meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Palms of Sebring, 725 S. Pine St. Representatives from the Heartland Young Professionals will be the guest speakers. There will

also be discussion about the CRA's 2013-2014 marketing initiatives.

These monthly "What's Up Downtown?" meetings are open to the public. The meetings are to discuss events and happening within the Downtown Sebring area. Anyone with an interest in Downtown Sebring is encouraged to attend.

Ballroom Dancers will sponsor Caladium dance

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will be sponsoring a Caladium Kick-Off Dance from 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, July 20 at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge on County Road 621. The dance group recently formed a partnership with the Elks, meeting with Don Sansoussi and Carol Smart, and will be holding dances once a month year-round. With the help of the Ladies of the Elks, there will be light refreshments available, as well as dessert and coffee. An earlier notice had the wrong date.

Lefkowitz takes spotlight at Scribes

SEBRING — Local writer and long-term Scribes Night Out participant Art

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YOUR VOICE

This week's question:
Do you think George Zimmerman will be convicted of second-degree murder?

Yes
28.2%

No
71.8%

Total votes: **188**

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	June 11	2	29	35	37	41	42	x:3

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	June 19 (d)	3	8	8	9
	June 18 (n)	5	4	5	0
	June 18 (d)	5	6	9	8

	June 19	7	46	47	52	57	PB: 17
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	June 12	16	22	23	42	55	PB: 32

	June 18	6	17	34	40	48	MB: 30	x:2
		Next jackpot \$44 million						
	June 14	2	5	31	33	34	MB: 20	x:4
	June 11	15	40	45	50	53	MB: 28	x:4

Florida Lottery

Missing lawyer turns himself in

BOCA RATON (AP) — A suspended South Florida lawyer suspected of disappearing with more than \$3 million from his law firm's client accounts has turned himself in to the FBI.

The Palm Beach Post reports FBI agents are interviewing 55-year-old Timothy McCabe of Boca Raton, who turned himself in Thursday morning.

Federal agents filed a criminal complaint Wednesday

against McCabe, charging him with wire and bank fraud.

McCabe's wife said he went missing April 2. His partner said McCabe had financial problems.

Investigators have uncovered emails McCabe sent to his partner saying that he had committed unspecified wrongdoing.

His wife told investigators her husband sent her an email saying he had made bad business decisions.

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Editorial & Opinion

OTHER VIEWPOINTS

It's time to level the tax playing field

It's Florida's big secret. The state's residents are supposed to pay taxes for online purchases.

But most everybody knows that the state has no easy way to enforce the law, which requires retailers and e-companies with a physical presence in Florida to collect the 6 percent sales tax.

The biggest loophole of all? The law gives a free ride to out-of-state companies from collecting and sending to Tallahassee sales taxes from Florida buyers.

That loophole puts the government, through its tax policy, picking winners and losers. From a business viewpoint, out-of-state Web companies can price out brick-and-mortar stores that hire Floridians — thanks to the loophole.

That's unfair to Florida businesses, which makes U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio's opposition to a proposed federal law that would apply sales taxes to most all interstate Internet sales particularly odd.

He says he's for consumers and no new taxes. Nice sound bite. What about tax fairness and closing loopholes that in essence punish the Sunshine

State's job-creators?

The federal proposal would allow states to collect taxes on Internet purchases their residents make from out-of-state companies. That's long overdue.

Gov. Rick Scott just may have nudged Florida in the right direction with last week's announcement that Amazon will be opening two distribution centers in Florida — a \$300 million investment. Amazon's physical presence will mean that, finally, the Seattle-based e-company will be required to collect sales taxes from Florida buyers. About 3,000 warehouse and distribution jobs would be created in the state, too.

Initially, Gov. Scott was reluctant to impose the sales tax obligation, and Amazon wanted a break for two years. A governor's spokesperson now says Amazon will collect the tax when the law requires it.

The bigger issue is the unfair playing field the state's loophole has created. ...

As Internet sales grow, taking business away from Florida-based stores, the stakes are high. New York, California and Texas already collect sales taxes on Web sales. Florida is the only large state that doesn't.

Plus, Amazon has struck

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tax deals in other states. Last summer it started collecting sales taxes in Texas after that state fought for \$269 million it said Amazon owed the Lone Star State for sales taxes, interest and penalties. It's way past time for Florida to level the business terrain and end Internet companies' free ride.

An editorial from the Miami Herald.



Sebastien De La Cruz, the bigots and the American dream

Yes, it is possible. You can pursue the American dream. And maybe even be on your way to achieving it by age 11. That won't necessarily stop comments by racists or cretins who think it's cool and intelligent to stereotype, belittle and insult. But they can't stop a proud and determined kid from marching, head held high, straight towards that American dream.

And that's the story of San Antonio's Sebastien De La Cruz, a young singer who sang his heart out on "America's Got Talent" and at other venues, pouring virtually his entire being into his vocal renditions, proving that some people are imbued with almost angelical artistic sensitivity. If De La Cruz is living the American dream, the Internet get-a-lifers who went after him due to his high profile seemed to be talking in their racist sleep — and lost big time in the end.

News accounts note that at age six, De La Cruz wanted to learn how to sing mariachi songs. And since most kids are little sponges, with work and practice he honed his craft and soaked up what he needed to know. He sang at community events, and with his beautiful, proud, strong voice soon became known in Texas as: "El Charro de Oro" (the Golden Mariachi).

He was also the virtual embodiment of a slogan, "Anything You Can Imagine, You Can Do," California's Camp Axios uses for its young campers. Each summer, the San Pedro-based non-denominational camping program provides a week of free camping for inner city at risk kids 9 to 13. They fill the days with fun activities and moti-



Independent's Eye

Joe Gandelman

national segments to teach kids that if they can think it and dream it, they can do it. And boy is De La Cruz doing it.

Last year, at age 10, he made through the brutal initial auditions to get onto "America's Got Talent." He began to cry when telling the judges that by being up there he felt closer to his goal of winning so he could get the money to help his brother have an operation for a hearing problem. He sang the old-time favorite "Besame Mucho," backed by a Mariachi band, then threw a rose to Sharon Osborne.

He was later called back and did a mariachi version of Frank Sinatra's "New York New York." In the end, he made it to the semi-finals. If he didn't win the whole contest, he won a national audience's hearts. And it was NOT just his age: it was his clear talent, sincerity, and commitment to his cherished art.

During Game Three of the NBA finals country artist Darius Rucker was delayed, so De La Cruz agreed to do the Star Spangled Banner on short notice. He wowed the stadium and home audiences. And then came Twitter: "This lil Mexican snuck

in the country like 4 hours ago no he singing the anthem" wrote one..(De La Cruz was born here) "Why they got a Mexican kid singing the national anthem," wrote another (apparently forgetting about America's millions of Mexican-Americans). "Can't believe they had the nerve to have a beaner sing the national anthem of AMERICA..." (De La Cruz's father served in the Navy).

Was De La Cruz crushed? No. He sent his own Tweet: "Please do not pay attention to the negative people. I am an American living the American Dream. This is part of the American life."

News reports carried Spurs coach Gregg Popovich's reaction: "He's a class act. Way more mature than most his age. And as much as those comments by the idiots saddens you about your country, he makes you feel that the future could be very bright."

And so the Spurs invited him back to do the anthem in Game Four. And he wowed the team and audience again.

Which goes to prove: if you can imagine the American Dream, and don't let anyone steal it, you can do it.

I suspect we'll hear a lot about De La Cruz in future years — long after the Tweeting racists and cretins who had their names displayed next to their Tweets will be deservedly forgotten.

Joe Gandelman is a veteran journalist who wrote for newspapers overseas and in the United States. He can be reached at jgandelman@themoderatevoice.com/. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.

Answers needed in pill mill case data breach

Florida's pill mill database has sprung an embarrassing leak.

A data breach of confidential information that threatens to undermine the public's already shaken confidence in a law enforcement tool that tracks prescriptions for painkillers and other addictive drugs.

Somehow, the names, addresses, phone numbers, pharmacies and drug dosages prescribed to about 3,300 Floridians found their way into the hands of lawyers involved in the prosecution of six prescription-drug fraud cases in central Florida.

The fallout has prompted a lawsuit and flurry of public records requests from the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, which is seeking answers.

The responsibility for the

breach lies squarely with the Florida Department of Health, the agency that oversees the database and has done too little to protect it.

Florida has seen a 17 percent drop in deaths due to Oxycodone — and a 58 percent reduction in "doctor shopping" cases — since the database began operations two years ago, according to Health Department statistics.

These are the kind of promising results that supporters of the database, including us, hoped for when the state launched it in 2011. Still, the breach casts a dark cloud over the database's mechanics, specifically any safeguards to ensure privacy.

Recently, the database suffered another setback when federal officials chided the state Board of Pharmacy with statistics showing that only a third of pharmacists and roughly 10 percent of physicians are using it.

For a program designed to help doctors and pharmacists root out scammers, the figures are disappointingly low.

The data breach, however, is more troubling.

The public deserves answers to its questions, including: Who had access to the pill-mill database? What prompted Health Department officials to release the information? How did it select the 3,300 names released? What procedures are in place to prevent data breaches and how could they be improved? Was this particular breach unique, or more common than we dare think?

Unfortunately, there are far more questions than answers, and that's the problem. Answers must come from the Health Department — sooner rather than later.

An editorial from the Orlando Sentinel.

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Joe Burbank/Orlando Sentinel/MCT
 Sybrina Fulton, from left, and Tracy Martin, (above) the parents of slain teen Trayvon Martin, with their attorney Benjamin Crump, watch potential jurors arrive in the courtroom Wednesday. Below, George Zimmerman talks to co-counsel Don West.

Zimmerman jurors quizzed on presumption of innocence

Testimony could begin as early as Monday in trial

Associated Press
 SANFORD — George Zimmerman's defense attorney asked a pool of 40 potential jurors on Thursday whether they truly believed a defendant was innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, the first time the defense has questioned those who made it to the second round of jury selection.

Defense attorney Mark O'Mara said screening the prospective jurors for any biases or prejudices "is probably as critical if not more critical than the evidence."

"If you bring that into the courtroom, then what we can't get is a fair verdict," he said.

Zimmerman, 29, says he acted in self-defense in shooting 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in the central Florida community of Sanford where Zimmerman lived.

Martin's shooting death on Feb. 26, 2012 — and the initial decision not to charge him — led to public outrage

and demonstrations around the nation, with some accusing Sanford police of failing to thoroughly investigate the shooting.

Prosecutors have said Zimmerman, while a neighborhood watch volunteer for his community, profiled the black teenager as Martin was walking back from a convenience store to the home of his father's fiancée.

Zimmerman identifies himself as Hispanic.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys are trying to pick six jurors and four alternates this week so they can start opening statements early next week.

Prosecutor Bernie de la Rionda began the second round of more intensive, personal questioning Wednesday with the potential jurors, whose names are kept confidential. The final jury will be sequestered throughout the trial.

Several jury candidates were involved with rescuing animals, and the pool included people who compete in



arm-wrestling, fishing and barbecue competitions. Seven potential jurors said they had previously been arrested, but they said their cases had been dropped and they thought they'd been treated fairly.

Fourteen candidates said they had been victims of crimes, including four who'd been victims of violent crimes. A white woman in

her 50s said it would be difficult for her to keep her experience with a violent crime out of the courtroom.

"It's always in my mind," she said.

Twenty-seven of the 40 potential jurors are white, seven are black, three are mixed race and three are Hispanic. Twenty-four are women and 16 are men.

Poll: Rubio gets negative marks on immigration

By MICHAEL J. MISHAK
Associated Press

Miami (AP) — Florida voters give Sen. Marco Rubio negative marks for his handling of immigration and gun issues in Washington but still hold favorable views of the rising Republican star, a statewide poll released Wednesday shows.

The Quinnipiac University poll finds 41 percent disapprove of Rubio's handling of an immigration overhaul in the Senate that would give an estimated 11 million immigrants in the U.S. illegally a path to citizenship. The random telephone survey of 1,176 registered voters taken June 11-16 shows 33 percent approve.

Rubio, a tea party favorite and possible GOP presidential candidate, is one of the authors of the far-reaching immigration proposal but has refused to pledge support for the measure without tougher border security provisions and stricter standards for who qualifies for government programs.

He also wants immigrants to prove they are proficient in English before receiving permanent legal status.

The poll found that 58 percent of Florida voters back a path to citizenship for those here illegally.

"As perhaps the best-known Hispanic-American in national politics, Sen. Marco Rubio has a

tightrope to walk between keeping the folks back home happy and serving as a high-profile symbol for the GOP nationally," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

Overall, a slim majority of Florida voters — 51 percent — approve of the job Rubio is doing as the state's junior senator.

On gun issues, 49 percent of voters said they



Rubio

view Rubio less favorably after he voted against a proposal that would have required background checks on people buying firearms at gun shows or online, compared to 10 percent who view him more favorably.

Thirty-eight percent said the vote made no difference.

An overwhelming majority of voters "strongly" support background checks, including 63 percent of gun owners.

Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton remains a heavy early favorite among Florida voters in a hypothetical 2016 presidential matchup against either Rubio or former Gov. Jeb Bush. Republicans are more competitive against Vice President Joe Biden.

The survey, which has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.9 percentage points, shows Bush beating Biden, 47-43. Rubio is in a statistical tie with the vice president.

Charges dropped in Miami stand your ground case

MIAMI (AP) — Miami-Dade County officials say they won't charge a 19-year-old in the fatal shooting of an unarmed burglar.

Wednesday's announcement came after prosecutors concluded they couldn't prove Jordan Beswick's guilt under Florida's stand your ground self-defense law.

Beswick faced second-degree murder charges in the January death of 22-year-old Bryan Antonio DeJesus.

State Attorney's Office spokesman Ed Griffith told

The Miami Herald the "very nature of the break-in" gave Beswick legal justification.

Police say Beswick was home alone when someone knocked on the door. He then heard someone coming through the sliding door. He grabbed a gun and when DeJesus emerged from the bedroom, Beswick fired.

The shots missed DeJesus, and Beswick ran outside. When he saw DeJesus move the blinds to come out the window, he fired the fatal shot.

Couple in deck collapse sues sports bar owners

MIAMI (AP) — A couple has filed a lawsuit against a South Florida sports bar where a deck collapsed into Biscayne Bay last week.

A 14-page complaint claims Shuckers Bar & Grill in North Bay Village had a duty to properly maintain its property. The complaint was filed in Miami-Dade Circuit

Court this week by Reynaldo Reyes and Flavia Guisella Ellemberger.

Officials say about 100 people — many watching the Miami Heat play the San Antonio Spurs — were on Shuckers' wooden deck Thursday night when it gave way. Two dozen people sustained injuries.



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Brenda Longshore is the new assistant school superintendent. She is responsible for planning, developing, implementing and evaluating district curriculum. **Andrew Lethbridge** is the district's new director of elementary education.

School Board gets to meet new administrators

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 changes among school principals and assistant principals, are partly due to a generation of educators reaching retirement and partly due to the new direction education is taking in the country. The national movement toward stricter teacher standards, higher expectations of students and a focus on critical and analytical thinking, while not new, requires a different approach and renewed energy.

The excitement was palpable in the school board room Tuesday night. Longshore beamed as she shook hands with board members at the announcement of her appointment. "I am so, so excited," she said, "and honored to be moving to the district." There is a new feeling of change for the better, she added, not just in Highlands County, but in the field of education as a whole. She was proud, Longshore said, to work in a district that put its students first.

The new principals and assistant principals were introduced to the school board Tuesday night. Most of the administrators were reassigned from other districts schools.

Only three schools retain the same principal and assistant principal from 2012-2013: Lake Placid Elementary (Carey Conner), Lake Placid Middle (Julia Burnett) and Lake Placid High School (Toni Stivender).

Five schools have new principals: Lake Country (Carla Bell), Memorial, Park (Kaye Bowers), Woodlawn (Melissa Blackman) elementary schools and the KLC (Seth Lambert).

The most changes are at the assistant principal level, where 12 schools will see new faces: Avon Elementary, Avon Park High School, Avon Middle, Cracker Trail Elementary,

Fred Wild, Hill-Gustat Middle, Memorial Elementary, Park Elementary, Sebring Middle, Sun 'N Lake, and Woodlawn Elementary schools.

Sebring High School is adding an additional assistant principal, for a total of four — twice as many as any other

school. This is because Sebring has by far the largest school population and is the home of several special, county-wide programs.

Several veteran administrators retired this year, including Judy Dyer, Ruth Handley, Stu Guthrie and Margie Rhoades.

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Thieves steal football equipment

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 same evening. A fence apparently was knocked down as part of that incident. At least some of that equipment, including two lawn mowers and a tractor has since been recovered.

Two Sand Pro raking machines, a pair of lawn mowers and other equipment still are missing.

McNellis already has been contacting community businesses in an effort to find those who would donate cash or equipment to get the teams back in gear.

"We're going to have a car wash on June 29 to help raise money," she said.

Those with information on the crime are asked to call the Highlands County Sheriff's Office at 402-7200. Anyone wishing to help the Sebring Youth Sports Program may call McNellis at 633-9998

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Scobey, Stephens honored at School Board meeting



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School Board Attorney John McClure serenades Connie Scobey before the board's Tuesday meeting in honor of her retirement Friday. Scobey is headed to Tennessee. McClure reminded her about the wonder of moonshine in his lyrics.

News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Norman Stephens, retiring president of South Florida State College, is honored by The School Board of Highlands County Tuesday night. Stephens was praised for his leadership in growing the college while adjusting to local business needs, enhancing advanced academics and creating partnerships with the district and high schools.



Volunteers assembling new playground

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McGee was thrilled with the turnout on the first day of construction. The Playworld System playground set was constructed from the ground up.

The playground set was put together by the small group of volunteers led by Playmore Recreation Products and Services professional installer Joey Perk of Cape Coral.

McGee was impressed with the hard work the volunteers were displaying in the mid-morning heat.

"We have about 25 volunteers today. There are high school students from the Avon Park Key Club, there's a couple of Rotary members here, we had Home Depot come out in a big way and there are a couple of regular volunteers who heard about the project and just showed up," McGee said.

The group took pains to make sure that the job is done right to ensure the safety of the children that will soon be playing on the equipment.

"You see a play set and think that it isn't that hard of a job, but it is really



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Rotary Club of Highlands County member Scott Fettinger tightens a bolt Thursday, while volunteering his time to help Habitat for Humanity at Mason's Ridge in Sebring.

tedious. You have to dig holes to a specific depth and they have to be level. Then you have to place the brick in the hole for the foundation and it has to be level. They even brought out the laser level, so it's a lot of work but everyone

is working together and getting it done," said McGee. "We've never done a playground before so the families here are excited and they've been anticipating it."

Currently, Mason's Ridge has 16 homes built on the property. There are 13 families living in the community with a total of 12 children.

The placed playground is just a small part of what Habitat for Humanity is planning to bring to Mason's Ridge. The playground was placed in a specific lot to set the tone for the future community center building that is also in the works.

The Mason's Ridge playground installation project will continue today. New volunteers are welcome to join Habitat and the other volunteers at the site between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Volunteers are also welcome in other areas of the organization, including the store and rehabilitation of homes.

To volunteer at the playground or any other projects contact McGee at 385-7156.

Sebring council approves new fire truck

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different categories: \$255,000 was allocated from general fund dollars, infrastructure fund provided \$195,000 and another \$75,000 was appropriated from the assigned fund balance designated for future truck purchase within infrastructure fund.

Budgeted funds totaling \$7,108 will be used to purchase additional equipment once the truck is purchased.

"It's a big truck," Batz said with a chuckle. "We are

looking to move one of the trucks to retirement on reserve status with the purchase of this apparatus."

Present council members John Clark, Scott Stanley and Andrew Fells unanimously approved the motion.

Council members also approved the designation of Wall Street as a fire lane and the installation of signs to that effect in the area.

"It doesn't impact any current parking or any routes, just the parking directly in the middle of

Wall. We're hoping that with signage and whatnot this will be a visual indicator that people don't park in that area.

The normal primary route around the Circle, it limits where vendors can be placed, so in an effort to expand that and give more area for vendors to go we're trying to make Wall our primary and Circle our secondary," Batz said.

Council's concerns regarding the placement of the signs and view obstruction

came up following Batz's request.

"I can see, theoretically, you could put it (signage) on the buildings along the wall," Fells said.

Batz stated that he would be meeting with Public Works Director Ken Fields to discuss the placement of the signage on the buildings, which are private property.

"We're working with Ken and city staff to see what the best placement would be," Batz said.

Community Briefs

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Lefkowitz steps up as featured reader at Sunday's SNO event at 6 p.m. at Brewster's Coffee House. He'll be reading his short story called "What Happened to Mikey?" an example, he says, of his "Flash Fiction-style of writing: tight, crisp, to the point and without a lot of description to hamper the action. I want to quickly bring the reader to a surprise, twisted or humorous ending."

The evening promises an "Open Mike" portion to allow others to read from their works. Another local writer, Carolyn Henderson, will keep the ball rolling as moderator. Listeners are also invited.

For the benefit of newcomers, Lefkowitz offers some pointers: SNO events are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 6 p.m. at Brewster's (2191 U.S. 27 North, just south of Home Depot). Admission is free and the public is welcome.

To be a future featured reader, see the moderator, and to take part in "Open Mike," sign up on arrival. SNO welcomes a wide range of literature, but it is not a platform for religious or political issues. SNO events are open to anyone 18 and over.

Brewster's will be selling refreshments. For information, call Lefkowitz at 385-1554.

Youth For Christ plans 'Fun-Raiser'

SEBRING – Youth For Christ will hold a Camp Fun-Raiser from 6-9 p.m. today at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center to help send kids to camp.

There will be a dine-in

or carry-out dinner for \$8, a silent auction and line dancing. For more information, call 386-0005.

Garden Club plans plant sale

SEBRING – The Garden Club of Sebring will have its plant sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Alligator Antiques, 2651 U.S. 27 South, across from Sunset Grille.

There will be a large variety of plants – tropical, native and butterfly attractors. All plants will be priced at \$3 or less, with all proceeds going toward the club's scholarship fund.

STR8 UP plans car wash

LAKE PLACID – STR8 UP Youth Ministry Car Wash will be from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday. Come and support the youth at 113 S. Main Ave. All proceeds will go directly back into the ministry for special projects and summer programming.

For more information call the office at 863-699-1480.

AMVET Ladies plan spaghetti dinner

SEBRING – AMVET Ladies Auxiliary will host a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday. Donation is \$6. Karaoke with BiDi from 6-9 p.m.

Man searching for step-son

A man called the News-Sun saying he is trying to reach his step-son. Jack Hands said he is trying to contact Aaron Hawk in Avon Park and would like him to call 314-8464.

Doty case plods along

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sories after the fact.

Makris and Burgos were not present in the Highlands County courtroom Wednesday, however defense attorney Bill Fletcher spoke on behalf of his two clients.

"I'm just kind of following the lead of lawyers in the murder case and continuing the (depositions) that are relevant to my accessory after the fact case. It's going to be a long process," Fletcher stated.

The State's Attorney offered no objection to another continuance.

Cowden granted another continuance but asked the attorneys to be attentive.

"I want you to keep a short leash on those cases ... and keep them updated," Cowden stated.

No plea deals were discussed in the courtroom Wednesday.

Cowden set the next pre-trial hearing for Burgos and Makris for July 17 at 8:30 a.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000293
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CHERYL L. WARD A/K/A CHERYL WARD A/K/A CHERYL LYNN WARD A/K/A CHERYL LYNN RAY; ET AL., Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 3, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000293, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2 is Plaintiff and CHERYL L. WARD A/K/A CHERYL WARD A/K/A CHERYL LYNN WARD A/K/A CHERYL LYNN RAY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHERYL L. WARD A/K/A CHERYL LYNN WARD A/K/A CHERYL LYNN RAY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION N/K/A JESSICA WARD; are defendants. The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, bidding begins at 11:00 A.M., Eastern Time, on the 5th day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
 LOT 25, BLOCK 54, OF SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SECTION THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE(S) 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A 4316 Talbot Street, Sebring, FL 33872
 Dated this 4th day of June, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk of said Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk

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 June 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 Case #: GC 13-68
 Judge:
 ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
 Petitioner
 ELIJAH FOGLE, THERESA JOHNSON, CARETHA WASHINGTON FOGLE, CORELL BYRD, JEREMIAH FOGLE, HAZIKIAH FOGLE, MALACHI FOGLE, SYVALIEN MATHEWS, MARY PERRY, ELICLAY FOGLE and DELORIS ANDERSON
 Respondents
NOTICE OF ACTION - PROPERTY
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 or if any of the aforesaid persons is dead, then his or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or grantees; and any and all other persons or parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status, if known, claiming under any of the above named or interest in and to the lands hereinafter described.
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 Lot 24, Block 4, Hatchell's Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Transcript Book, Page 19, 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 Plaintiff(s) attorney, whose name and address is: David F. Lanier, Esq., P.O. Box 400, Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before July 24th, 2013, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on June 10, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of said Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 June 21, 28; July 5, 12, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-001110
 ALLY BANK, PLAINTIFF,
 vs.
 WAYNE H. GRAHAM, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 5, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-001110 in the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein ALLY BANK was the Plaintiff and WAYNE H. GRAHAM, ET AL., the Defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 on the 8th day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
 THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 16, BLOCK C, SERENITY SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 16, BLOCK C; THENCE RUN SOUTH 79 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 16, BLOCK C, FOR A DISTANCE OF 130.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 16, BLOCK C; THENCE RUN NORTH 10 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 16, BLOCK C, FOR A DISTANCE OF 38.135 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 80 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 01 SECOND WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.11 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 16, BLOCK C; THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 01 SECOND WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 16, BLOCK C, FOR A DISTANCE OF 37.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER, AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
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ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 Clerk, Circuit Court
 /s/ Brenda Liz Jimenez
 Deputy Clerk
 June 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-001153
 REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. PLAINTIFF,
 vs.
 JO ANN MCLAUGHLIN F/K/A JO ANN ACHESON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JO ANN MCLAUGHLIN F/K/A JO ANN ACHESON, Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed June 3, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 28-2012-CA-001153 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, the Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 4th day of October, 2013 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:
 Lots 9035, 9036 and the NW 1/2 of Lot 9037, Avon Park Lakes Unit no. 28, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 28, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 5th day of June, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 DEPUTY CLERK
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 June 21, 28, 2013

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-001110
 CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 SAMANTHA BABCOCK, et al Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION
 SAMANTHA BABCOCK and HEATHER USELTON
 TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF KAREN BABCOCK, DECEASED;
 RESIDENT: Unknown
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 302 EAGLE AVENUE, APT D, PHILADELPHIA, NY 13673
 TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF KAREN BABCOCK, DECEASED;
 RESIDENT: Unknown
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 4410 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33875-5215
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:
 Lot 4, Block 9, Unit 1, QUAIL RUN VILLAS, LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, SECTION 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 100, 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 this action on Phelan Hallinan PLC, attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, either before or immediately thereafter, July 3, 2013 otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 This notice shall be published one a week for two consecutive weeks in The News-Sun.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk of the Court
 June 14, 21, 2013

Movant counsel certifies that a bona fide effort to resolve this matter on the motion notice has been made or that, because of time consideration, such effort has not yet been made but will be made prior to the scheduled hearing.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts Systems, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of our court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
 June 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001716
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ANNE S. HARRIS A/K/A GEORGIANNE HARRIS A/K/A GEORGIANNA S. HARRIS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE RAYMOND M. HARRIS REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JULY 7, 1991 AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on May 23, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:
 LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 12, OF FRANSVILLA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 120 LAKE FRANCIS DR. LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on July 9, 2013 at 11 a.m.
 Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 11th day of June, 2013.
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 June 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000125
 DIVISION:
 TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ESTATE OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP; HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP; H. CHRISTINE FILIP a/k/a CHRIS FILIP; UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) OF THE GEORGE W. FILIP REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED OCTOBER 2, 2006; PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATES ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation; and TENANT #1 and TENANT #2, unknown parties in possession, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: ESTATE OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP
 209 Fiji Way NE
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 -and-
 HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP
 209 Fiji Way NE
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 -and-
 UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) OF THE GEORGE W. FILIP REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED OCTOBER 2, 2006
 209 Fiji Way NE
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, to foreclose a Mortgage recorded on August 23, 2006 in Official Records Book 2001, Page 890 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida (the "Mortgage"), on the following real property situated, lying, and being in Highlands County, Florida, and more particularly described as:
 Being Lot Number 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11, Block 240 in Placid Lakes Section Twenty as shown in the recorded Plat/Map thereof in Plat Book 9, Page 31 of Highlands County Records together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Property"), which Property has a street address of 225 Easter Way NE, Lake Placid, FL 33852.
 You are required to file your written defenses, if any, to it with the Clerk of the above-styled Court and to serve a copy thereof on Noelle P. Pankey, Esquire, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Akerman Senterfitt, 222 Lakeview Drive, Suite 400, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this Notice of Action.
 If you fail to do so, Judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The News-Sun.
 WITNESS my hand and seal this 12th day of June, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Brenda Liz Jimenez
 Deputy Clerk
 (Court Seal)
 (2653114;1)
 June 21, 28, 2013

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000125
 DIVISION:
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MELANIE S. EILAND, ET AL, Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION
 To: Melanie S. Eiland
 The Unknown Spouse of Melanie S. Eiland
 Tenant 1
 Tenant 2
 Last Known Address: 3005 Skipper Ct, Sebring, FL 33875-9683
 Current Address: Unknown
 ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
 Last Known Address: Unknown
 Current Address: Unknown
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:
 LOT 5, BLOCK 37, OF ORANGE BLOSSOM COUNTRY CLUB COMMUNITY, UNIT 15, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A 3005 Skipper Ct, Sebring, FL 33875-9683
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before July 23, 2013 service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.
 This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the News-Sun.
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 7th day of June, 2013.
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law
 P.O. Box 23028
 Tampa, FL 33623
 0141416F01
 **See the Americans with Disabilities Act
 If you a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
 June 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001716
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ANNE S. HARRIS A/K/A GEORGIANNE HARRIS A/K/A GEORGIANNA S. HARRIS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE RAYMOND M. HARRIS REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JULY 7, 1991 AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on May 23, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:
 LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 12, OF FRANSVILLA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 120 LAKE FRANCIS DR. LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on July 9, 2013 at 11 a.m.
 Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 11th day of June, 2013.
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 June 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000125
 DIVISION:
 TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ESTATE OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP; HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP; H. CHRISTINE FILIP a/k/a CHRIS FILIP; UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) OF THE GEORGE W. FILIP REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED OCTOBER 2, 2006; PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATES ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation; and TENANT #1 and TENANT #2, unknown parties in possession, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: ESTATE OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP
 209 Fiji Way NE
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 -and-
 HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP
 209 Fiji Way NE
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 -and-
 UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) OF THE GEORGE W. FILIP REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED OCTOBER 2, 2006
 209 Fiji Way NE
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, to foreclose a Mortgage recorded on August 23, 2006 in Official Records Book 2001, Page 890 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida (the "Mortgage"), on the following real property situated, lying, and being in Highlands County, Florida, and more particularly described as:
 Being Lot Number 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11, Block 240 in Placid Lakes Section Twenty as shown in the recorded Plat/Map thereof in Plat Book 9, Page 31 of Highlands County Records together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Property"), which Property has a street address of 225 Easter Way NE, Lake Placid, FL 33852.
 You are required to file your written defenses, if any, to it with the Clerk of the above-styled Court and to serve a copy thereof on Noelle P. Pankey, Esquire, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Akerman Senterfitt, 222 Lakeview Drive, Suite 400, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this Notice of Action.
 If you fail to do so, Judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The News-Sun.
 WITNESS my hand and seal this 12th day of June, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Brenda Liz Jimenez
 Deputy Clerk
 (Court Seal)
 (2653114;1)
 June 21, 28, 2013

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000973
 JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 VIRGINIA MAE MOODY, et al, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO:
 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST VIRGINIA MAE MOODY A/K/A VIRGINIA M. MOODY, DECEASED
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:
 LOT 5, WALLACE STEVENS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, AT PAGE 91, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L.L.C., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.
 This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the News-Sun.
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 10th day of June, 2013.
Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 As Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.L.C.
 P.O. Box 25018
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
 NUTTER-FINMA-R-pschriber-Team 4-F12015359
 **See Americans with Disabilities Act
 In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, 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.
 June 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 13-193
 IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT R. KING, JR. a.k.a. ROBERT RUTLEDGE KING, JR. Deceased.
 Division PROBATE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of ROBERT R. KING, JR. a.k.a. ROBERT RUTLEDGE KING, JR., deceased, whose date of death was April 9, 2013, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-8671, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 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 June 14, 2013.
 Personal Representative:
 /s/ Robert R. King, III
 P.O. Box 430
 Avon Park, Florida 33826
 Attorney for Personal Representatives:
 /s/ David F. Lanier
 E-Mail Address: lanier30@embarqmail.com
 Florida Bar No. 045399
 DAVID F. LANIER
 P.O. Box 400
 Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400
 Telephone: (863)453-4457
 June 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001716
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ANNE S. HARRIS A/K/A GEORGIANNE HARRIS A/K/A GEORGIANNA S. HARRIS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE RAYMOND M. HARRIS REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JULY 7, 1991 AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on May 23, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:
 LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 12, OF FRANSVILLA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 120 LAKE FRANCIS DR. LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on July 9, 2013 at 11 a.m.
 Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 11th day of June, 2013.
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 June 14, 21, 2013

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000125
 DIVISION:
 TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ESTATE OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP; HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP; H. CHRISTINE FILIP a/k/a CHRIS FILIP; UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) OF THE GEORGE W. FILIP REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED OCTOBER 2, 2006; PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATES ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation; and TENANT #1 and TENANT #2, unknown parties in possession, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: ESTATE OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP
 209 Fiji Way NE
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 -and-
 HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE FILIP a/k/a GEORGE W. FILIP
 209 Fiji Way NE
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 -and-
 UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) OF THE GEORGE W. FILIP REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED OCTOBER 2, 2006
 209 Fiji Way NE
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, to foreclose a Mortgage recorded on August 23, 2006 in Official Records Book 2001, Page

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-231

IN RE: ESTATE OF
LAWRENCE WESLEY MERTZ
aka LAWRENCE MERTZ,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS
AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of LAWRENCE WESLEY MERTZ aka LAWRENCE MERTZ, deceased, File Number PC 13-231, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870; that the decedent's date of death was May 17, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$5,000.00; and the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
James A. Mertz	2909 6th Street NE Hurdsville, ND 58451
Jeffrey L. Mertz	2911 6th Street NE Hurdsville, ND 58451

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payments was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is June 14th, 2013.

Person Giving Notice
/s/ James A. Mertz
2909 6th Street NE
Hurdsville, ND 58451

Attorney for Person Giving Notice
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
(863)385-5156

June 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-215
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF
MARION J. FRANCIS
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of MARION J. FRANCIS, deceased, whose date of death was March 16, 2013, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-8214, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is 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 ABOVE, 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 June 21, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ David Ross Francis
2400 North Roxbury Road
Avon Park, Florida 33825

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ David F. Lanier
E-Mail Address: lanier30@embarqmail.com
Florida Bar No. 045399
DAVID F. LANIER
P.O. Box 400
Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400
Telephone: (863)453-4457

June 21, 28, 2013

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, July 23, 2013, 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, July 23, 2013, 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. Student Dress Code (p.17): (1) Students may not wear clothing or display jewelry, buttons or any other items (including tattoos) with words, phrases, symbols, pictures, patches or graphics which are indecent, distractive or disruptive to the learning environment. This includes anything that is hazardous, offensive or suggestive. Paragraph (1)(h) shall be deleted in its entirety. 2. Corporal Punishment (p.20): Students may not participate in or attend any school-sponsored activity the day they receive corporal punishment. 3. Alcoholic Beverages, Drugs, (p.31): 1. Possession - i) K-2 and any other synthetic compound used in an attempt to obtain an altered state of consciousness. 4. Tobacco (p.32): c) Possessing or using electronic cigarettes/nicotine delivery systems. 4. Electronic Communications (p.33): Cell phone/Electronic Device use by a student during an unauthorized time will result in the teacher or administrator directing the student to turn off the device and to put it away. Administration will be notified by referral. Repeated use of an electronic device may result in an administrator confiscating the device and returning it to the parent after a parent/administrator conference. Any failure to comply with a directive by a teacher or administrator for the student to shut off and put away the device shall result in a referral for Defiance of Authority. 5. Other Dangerous Objects (p.38): Airsoft guns are added to the list of prohibited dangerous objects. 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

June 21, 2013

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1050 Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING by HEARTLAND FOOD RESERVOIR

Summary:
The Heartland Food Reservoir will conduct a public information meeting regarding the proposed project to relocate the Heartland Food Bank to an existing warehouse located at 928 SR 17 in Sebring. Representatives from the Heartland Food Reservoir's Board of Directors will be available to answer questions and provide information regarding economic and environmental impacts, service area and alternatives to the project.

Date: July 3, 2013
Time: 9AM-10AM
Location: 227 US 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870
Phone: 863-385-7885

June 21, 2013

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1357 will be presented to the City Council for adoption upon its second and final reading at the City Council Chambers, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on the 2nd day of July, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.. A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk. Any person may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9-32 AND 19-33 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEBRING REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY; REQUIRING LANDOWNERS TO MAINTAIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ABUTTING THEIR REAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING THAT DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE CITY TO LANDSCAPING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY SHALL BE REPLACED WITH SO; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, the City Council hereby advises that if any interested person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the proceedings, he will need a record of the proceeding and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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This notice shall be published on April 7, 2013 and again on June 21, 2013.

/s/ Kathy Haley
Kathy Haley, City Clerk
City of Sebring, Florida

Robert S. Swaine
Swaine & Harris, P.A.
425 South Commerce Ave.
Sebring, FL 33870
City Attorney

June 21, 2013

1100 Announcements

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6300 Unfurnished Houses

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6450 Roommates Wanted

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7320 Garage & Yard Sales

LORIDA - Church of God of Prophecy 1808 US HWY 98 Fri & Sat 6/21 & 22, 8am-? Sat. 11am serving BBQ Ribs & chicken plus swamp cabbage. Dinners \$7. Baked goods, homemade jellies, Knick Knacks & misc. Much More!

SEBRING - 4321 Maserati St. (behind Wal-Mart) Fri & Sat, June 21 & 22. 8AM-3PM. Everything Priced To Sell! Something For Everyone!! Too Much To List!!!

SEBRING FRI. & Sat. 7:30 - 1:30pm. 1201 Patricia St. Boat, motor, trailer, ATV, tools, pond, gardening, electronics & clothing.

SEBRING * GRAND YARD SALE * 3304 Sparta Cir. Fri & Sat., June 21 & 22, 7am - ? Furniture, Tools, Household Items, Clothes, Electronics, Bicycles, Outdoor Furn., Scooter. Much More!

SEBRING * MOVING SALE * 1905 Bignonia Dr. Fri & Sat, June 21 & 22, 8am - 2pm. Furniture, Household Items, Tools. Too Much To List!

SEBRING 6409 Old Orchard Ave., Sat & Sun, June 22 & 23, 9am - 2pm. Something For Everyone!

SEBRING, HUGE GARAGE SALE! Sat. 7 - 12noon. 221 Kite Ave. Knick knacks, wall decor, kids clothing, women's & men's clothing, tools, baby items, toys, shoes, purses & more.

7520 Pets & Supplies

NOTICE

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
91° / 72°	90° / 72°	91° / 72°	91° / 72°	91° / 72°
Winds: S at 4-8 mph	Winds: ENE at 6-12 mph	Winds: ESE at 6-12 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	95°
Low Sunday	70°
High Monday	96°
Low Monday	70°
High Tuesday	97°
Low Tuesday	70°
High Wednesday	94°
Low Wednesday	68°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	50%
Expected air temperature	91°
Makes it feel like	97°

Barometer

Monday	29.92
Tuesday	29.95
Wednesday	29.95

Precipitation

Monday	0.05"
Tuesday	3.21"
Wednesday	1.24"
Month to date	14.09"
Year to date	26.55"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny today with a thunderstorm during the afternoon. A shower or thunderstorm around this evening. A shower or thunderstorm around tomorrow. Sunday: a couple of afternoon thunderstorms.

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	2:21 a.m.
Low	5:35 a.m.
High	12:10 p.m.
Low	8:12 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	7:08 a.m.
Low	12:47 a.m.
High	7:59 p.m.
Low	1:10 p.m.

Farm Report

A thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds south 4-8 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 65%.

Weather History

The temperature fell to 32 degrees on June 21, 1953, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Since then, Sault Ste. Marie has not dropped below 32 until late August and September.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:35 a.m.	6:35 a.m.
Sunset	8:21 p.m.	8:21 p.m.
Moonrise	6:36 p.m.	7:40 p.m.
Moonset	4:40 a.m.	5:40 a.m.

Full Moon: June 23
Last Moon: June 30
New Moon: July 8
First Moon: July 15

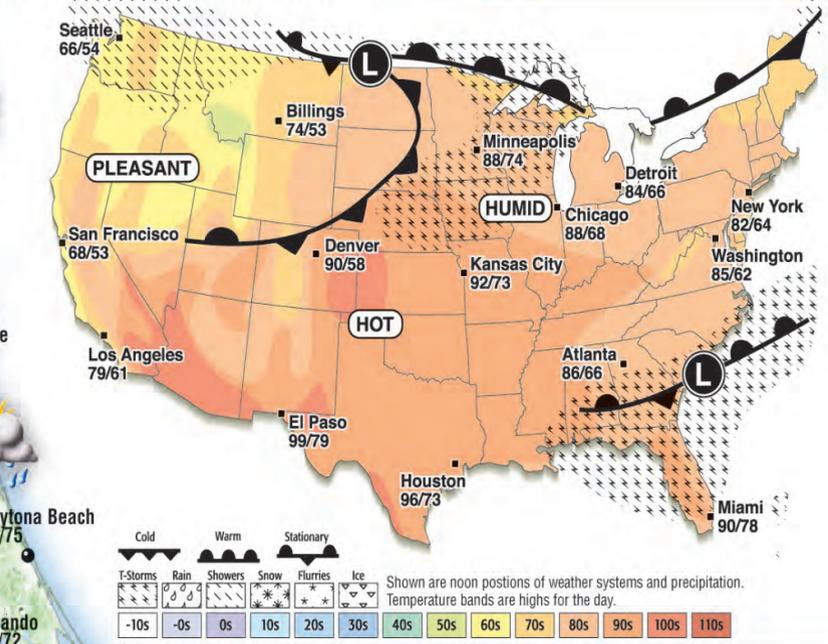
Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	92/73/t	91/74/t	91/74/t
Clearwater	91/76/t	91/77/t	90/78/t
Coral Springs	89/77/t	87/76/t	89/77/t
Daytona Beach	87/75/t	87/75/t	89/75/t
Fl. Laud. Bch	89/79/t	88/79/t	88/80/t
Fort Myers	92/74/t	91/74/t	91/74/t
Gainesville	88/70/t	90/70/t	91/71/t
Hollywood	90/77/t	88/77/t	89/77/t
Homestead AFB	88/76/t	86/77/t	88/78/pc
Jacksonville	88/71/t	88/71/t	90/72/t
Key West	90/81/t	89/80/t	90/81/t

National Forecast for June 21



National Summary

Showers and thunderstorms will blossom across much of the Southeast today as an old cold front lingers in the area. A few thunderstorms will also develop across Florida along the sea breeze. Clouds and sunshine will be found across the Northeast, and there could be a stray shower or thunderstorm around from Pennsylvania into New York and New England. More potent showers and thunderstorms will fire in the northern Plains and western Great Lakes. Some of the storms may even become severe.

U.S. Cities

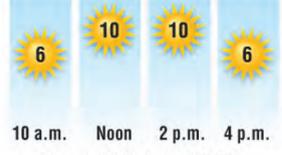
City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	94/64/pc	95/64/s	95/64/pc
Atlanta	86/66/t	84/70/pc	88/69/t
Baltimore	84/60/pc	86/64/pc	93/66/t
Birmingham	90/68/t	87/69/pc	89/71/t
Boston	81/62/s	86/65/pc	84/69/t
Charlotte	85/62/pc	85/66/pc	86/68/pc
Cheyenne	85/50/s	85/49/s	84/52/pc
Chicago	88/68/t	90/70/t	90/70/t
Cleveland	82/63/pc	87/69/pc	89/69/t
Columbus	88/64/s	90/68/pc	91/70/t
Dallas	96/75/pc	96/75/pc	95/75/s
Denver	90/58/s	94/55/s	92/58/pc
Detroit	84/66/pc	88/71/t	90/71/t
Harrisburg	83/59/s	87/62/pc	91/66/t
Honolulu	88/74/s	87/74/s	87/74/pc
Houston	96/73/pc	96/73/pc	93/75/pc
Indianapolis	88/68/pc	89/71/pc	89/72/pc
Jackson, MS	93/69/t	91/70/t	90/70/t
Kansas City	92/73/pc	91/72/pc	93/72/pc
Lexington	90/66/t	90/67/pc	90/68/pc
Little Rock	92/71/pc	92/72/pc	93/73/s
Los Angeles	79/61/pc	80/63/pc	76/63/pc
Louisville	90/71/s	92/72/pc	92/70/pc
Memphis	93/73/t	93/73/pc	92/75/pc
Milwaukee	80/69/t	84/69/t	86/70/t
Minneapolis	88/74/t	91/73/t	89/70/t
Nashville	90/68/t	91/69/pc	90/68/t
New Orleans	91/75/t	90/75/t	90/76/t
New York City	82/64/s	84/67/pc	86/70/t
Norfolk	78/65/pc	81/65/pc	85/71/pc
Oklahoma City	94/71/s	93/71/pc	91/72/s
Philadelphia	84/61/pc	86/70/pc	90/70/t
Phoenix	105/79/pc	106/80/s	105/78/s
Pittsburgh	85/61/s	89/64/pc	91/67/t
Portland, ME	76/57/s	81/63/t	79/66/pc
Portland, OR	69/55/pc	79/60/pc	72/58/sh
Raleigh	86/62/pc	88/64/pc	89/67/pc
Rochester	82/60/pc	87/65/pc	87/70/t
St. Louis	92/73/t	92/73/pc	92/73/pc
San Francisco	68/53/s	69/55/s	67/58/pc
Seattle	66/54/c	75/56/pc	72/56/c
Wash., DC	85/62/pc	88/66/pc	90/71/t

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	90/77/t	89/78/t	93/77/t
Athens	91/71/s	93/72/s	95/70/s
Beirut	85/70/s	85/72/s	85/71/s
Berlin	83/61/pc	80/62/pc	80/60/pc
Bermuda	80/71/s	80/72/s	80/72/pc
Calgary	59/44/sh	63/45/pc	66/48/pc
Dublin	63/52/sh	63/51/r	63/45/pc
Edmonton	67/47/s	69/45/s	74/50/pc
Freepont	87/76/t	85/78/t	87/77/pc
Geneva	74/52/pc	74/50/pc	71/44/pc
Havana	90/72/t	89/72/t	90/72/pc
Hong Kong	93/82/pc	87/81/t	90/82/sh
Jerusalem	86/67/s	86/68/s	88/68/s
Johannesburg	65/41/s	66/41/s	65/41/s
Kiev	84/64/pc	88/65/pc	83/63/pc
London	70/52/r	66/52/sh	66/51/r
Montreal	77/61/t	79/63/t	82/68/pc
Moscow	73/49/pc	68/54/pc	72/56/pc
Nice	77/64/s	77/65/s	77/64/s
Ottawa	80/61/s	79/60/pc	83/65/pc
Quebec	77/54/t	79/57/pc	77/63/pc
Rio de Janeiro	87/74/pc	78/68/c	77/68/c
Seoul	88/68/pc	86/66/c	81/66/sh
Singapore	91/76/pc	90/79/pc	90/79/pc
Sydney	61/41/sh	60/43/r	59/46/sh
Toronto	78/64/pc	84/67/t	83/68/t
Vancouver	65/54/c	70/53/pc	71/55/pc
Vienna	84/68/s	86/67/t	82/61/sh
Warsaw	91/65/s	83/61/c	80/63/sh
Winnipeg	79/60/sh	78/62/t	77/60/t

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Avon Park opens pool to the public



Courtesy photo

Tammy Hutchins and Sumitra Williams jump off the diving during a break at swim camp in the Avon Park High School pool.

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – It is only midway through June and it seems that the dog days of summer have already arrived.

Temperatures have reached the mid- to high- 90s and the weather forecast seems to be on a daily repeat of sweltering heat and chance of afternoon thunderstorms.

But in Avon Park, there is a place to stay cool, a place to relax and be with friends and schoolmates as Avon Park High School opened the gates to the pool for public use during the summer.

Managing the pool for the summer is Avon

See POOL, Page B4

Double Whammy

This week, June 17-23, marks the longest days of sunlight for the year.

The summer solstice, or the first day of summer, is June 21, and from there until December 20 the days will start getting shorter.

The daytime temperatures have been 90+ degrees by mid-afternoon and for those of us who spend time on the water, fishing early in the day is most successful, and certainly more comfortable.

In the past week, I've fished Lake Istokpoga, Lake Walk-in-Water, Lake Jackson, Lake Glenada and yesterday, the Istokpoga Canal leading into the Kissimmee River.

To say fishing has been tough is an under-statement.

First light, around 6:15 a.m. is a great time to be on the water.

There's typically no wind and the air temperature is a comfortable 70 - 72 degrees.

And for the first couple of hours, the water seems to come alive with fish hitting the surface and everything seemingly "waking up."

Seldom do you have anything but a clear blue sky, light winds and comfortable temperatures.

The problem is, it just doesn't last long enough.

By 10 a.m., the sun is bearing down and the temperatures begin to rise quickly, driving even the most die-hard fishermen off the lake in search of air-conditioning and a cold beverage.

And so it has been for me this past week.

A few early morning hours on a half dozen lakes, looking for a few random fish to make my trip successful.

I don't very often fish for blue-gills, but I was out on Lake Jackson and saw what appeared to be hundreds of schooling bluegills in one area of the lake and I had nothing with me to throw at them.

I went back the next day to the same spot and they were gone.

In hindsight, I don't think



Fishin' Around...

Don Norton

they were bluegills.

I think they might have been Tilapia, a vegetarian panfish that I've caught in the past out of Lake Jackson, and a fish that has really done well in this clear water lake.

Picking up some crickets from the Florida General Store, I spent a few hours catching bluegills and shell-crackers along the shoreline of the Istokpoga Canal as it winds its way into the Kissimmee River.

What a beautiful area – a great boat ramp and parking area just off Rt. 98, with lots of scenic spots along the winding canal.

I'm not a big fan of crickets, but there's no question how effective they can be in fishing for all most types of panfish.

Tilapia, on the other hand typically won't take a cricket.

In fact, unless they happen to be on their beds, they generally ignore small worms, waxworms, maggots or any type of artificial fly you might offer them.

Instead, if you want to catch tilapia, small dough-balls made of bread seem to be the most effective bait. And for the record, these panfish, most often found in grocery stores with a hefty price-tag, can grow much larger than bluegills or even shellcrackers, often ranging from 1 1/2 to 3 pounds.

They can be a lot of fun catching them with a small ultra-light outfit.

Last Saturday was my son's birthday, so we made the trip over to Jupiter to spend the day with him and his family.

The highlight of the trip

See FISH, Page B3

Dino Lower takes well to transition

By DAN HOEHNE

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Former Lady Blue Streak Dino Lower went through a few transitions during her freshman year of college at Thomas University.

Of course there was the adjustment to a higher level of play on the softball field, along with being out on her own, away from family for the first time.

But though she had avoided it thus far, Lower also had to face the inevitable transition of her first major injury.

Not quite midway through her inaugural campaign with the Night Hawks, under head coach Bill Wilson, Lower hurt her knee to a degree where she was inactive for a long stretch of the season.

"I was rehabbing for more than a month before I was cleared for the final tournament of the season," she said. "I'd been starting the majority of the games up until then, and it was tough because I've never been injured to where I couldn't play. It was very difficult being at practice and games and not being able to play."

The fact that she was getting solid playing time her freshman season was impressive in and of itself, given the Thomas roster that was heavy with upper classmen.

Of the 20 players listed on the roster, two were sophomores two were freshman, on a team that went 22-25 overall and 9-10 in



Courtesy photo

Even as a Thomas University freshman on a roster laden with upper classmen, Dino Lower had earned herself plenty of playing time, until a knee injury sidelined her.

Sun Conference play.

And though she earned her playing time early, there

were still some early struggles as Lower hit .243 in her 24 games overall, 13

starts, with one home run

See LOWER, Page B3

Patrick Dempsey living Le Mans dream



MCT photo

Actor Patrick Dempsey is getting geared up for the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

alms.com

BRASELTON, Ga. – Hollywood and the 24 Hours of Le Mans have a relationship that stretches back more than 40 years.

The late Steve McQueen starred in the 1971 film titled, Le Mans, which utilized footage from the 1970 race at the Circuit de La Sarthe, with sports car legends Jo Siffert and Brian Redman driving the car McQueen is depicted as racing in the film.

McQueen clearly had affection for motorsports, as did Paul Newman, another Hollywood superstar.

Newman competed in the 1979 24 Hours of Le Mans in a Dick Barbour Racing Porsche alongside co-drivers Rolf Stommelen and Dick Barbour.

Newman and his teammates finished second overall and first in class, an impressive performance in what would be Newman's only attempt at Le Mans.

Today's resident Hollywood motorsports enthusiast is Patrick Dempsey, star of "Grey's Anatomy" and many popular films.

Dempsey has been an active participant in sports car racing for nearly a decade, racing in both the GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series and the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón.

This weekend, he'll join longtime co-driver and motor-sports business partner Joe Foster and Porsche factory

See ALMS, Page B4

Sertoma comes to Country Club



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Will Bennett tees off on the 10th hole at the Country Club of Sebring Thursday morning as the Sertoma Junior Tour held it's second event of the summer season. See Sunday's News-Sun for a recap of the day of golf.

THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

NBA Playoffs

FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
San Antonio 3, Miami 3
Thursday, June 6: San Antonio 92, Miami 88
Sunday, June 9: Miami 103, San Antonio 84
Tuesday, June 11: San Antonio 113, Miami 77
Thursday, June 13: Miami 109, San Antonio 93
Sunday, June 16: San Antonio 114, Miami 104
Tuesday, June 18: Miami 103, San Antonio 100, OT
Thursday, June 20: San Antonio at Miami, late

NHL Playoffs

STANLEY CUP
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Boston 2, Chicago 2
Wednesday, June 12: Chicago 4, Boston 3, 3OT
Saturday, June 15: Boston 2, Chicago 1, OT
Monday, June 17: Boston 2, Chicago 0
Wednesday, June 19: Chicago 6, Boston 5, OT
Saturday, June 22: Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 24: Chicago at Boston, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 26: Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	44	30	.595	—
Baltimore	42	31	.575	1.5
New York	39	32	.549	3.5
Tampa Bay	37	35	.514	6
Toronto	35	36	.493	7.5
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	39	31	.557	—
Cleveland	36	35	.507	3.5
Kansas City	34	36	.486	5
Minnesota	32	36	.471	6
Chicago	29	40	.420	9.5
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	43	31	.581	—
Texas	40	32	.556	2
Los Angeles	32	40	.444	10
Seattle	32	41	.438	10.5
Houston	27	46	.370	15.5

Tuesday's Games

Boston 5, Tampa Bay 1, 1st game
Cleveland 4, Kansas City 3
L.A. Dodgers at New York, p.p.d., rain
Toronto 8, Colorado 3
Baltimore 5, Detroit 2
Boston 3, Tampa Bay 1, 2nd game
Oakland 6, Texas 2
Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 5
Houston 10, Milwaukee 1
Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 2, 10 innings

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, L.A. Dodgers 4, 1st game
Baltimore 13, Detroit 3
Cleveland 6, Kansas City 3
L.A. Dodgers 6, N.Y. Yankees 0, 2nd game
Toronto 5, Colorado 2
Tampa Bay 6, Boston 2
Texas 9, Oakland 4
Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 4
Milwaukee 3, Houston 1
L.A. Angels 1, Seattle 0

Thursday's Games

Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, late
Oakland at Texas, late
Milwaukee at Houston, late
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, late
Boston at Detroit, late
Seattle at L.A. Angels, late

Friday's Games

Houston (Keuchel 4-3) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 1-1), 2:20 p.m.
Minnesota (Deduno 3-1) at Cleveland (Kazmir 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Ro.Hernandez 4-7) at N.Y. Yankees (D.Phelps 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Hammel 7-4) at Toronto (Dickey 6-8), 7:07 p.m.
Boston (Lester 6-4) at Detroit (Fister 6-4), 7:08 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (H.Santiago 2-5) at Kansas City (Guthrie 7-4), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 5-4) at St. Louis (Lyons 2-3), 8:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 2-0) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 1-3), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Colon 9-2) at Seattle (Iwakuma 7-2), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	43	30	.589	—
Washington	35	36	.493	7
Philadelphia	35	38	.479	8
New York	27	41	.397	13.5
Miami	22	49	.310	20
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	46	26	.639	—
Cincinnati	44	29	.603	2.5
Pittsburgh	42	30	.583	4
Chicago	29	41	.414	16
Milwaukee	29	41	.414	16
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	39	33	.542	—
San Francisco	37	34	.521	1.5
Colorado	37	36	.507	2.5
San Diego	36	36	.500	3
Los Angeles	30	40	.429	8

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N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 3, 1st game
Philadelphia 4, Washington 2
L.A. Dodgers at New York, p.p.d., rain
Toronto 8, Colorado 3
N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 1, 2nd game
Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 0
Houston 10, Milwaukee 1
Chicago Cubs 4, St. Louis 2
Arizona 3, Miami 2
San Francisco 5, San Diego 4

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N.Y. Yankees 6, L.A. Dodgers 4, 1st game
Arizona 3, Miami 1
San Francisco 4, San Diego 2
L.A. Dodgers 6, N.Y. Yankees 0, 2nd game
Washington 6, Philadelphia 2, 11 ings
Toronto 5, Colorado 2
Atlanta 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 1, 13 ings
Milwaukee 3, Houston 1
St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 1

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, late
Milwaukee at Houston, late

AUTO RACING

SATURDAY
Noon NASCAR – Sargento 200, Qualifying... **ESPN2**
2 p.m. Lucas Oil Off Road Racing... **CBS**
5 p.m. NASCAR – Sargento 200... **ESPN**
8 p.m. NHRA – New England Nationals, Qual. **ESPN2**

BOXING

FRIDAY
10 p.m. Rances Barthelemy vs. Fahsai Sakkreerin... **ESPN2**
SATURDAY
9 p.m. Paul Malignaggi vs. Adrien Broner... **SHOW**

COLLEGE BASEBALL

FRIDAY
3 p.m. NCAA World Series, Game 11... **ESPN**
8 p.m. NCAA World Series, Game 12... **ESPN**
SATURDAY
3 p.m. NCAA World Series, Game 13... **ESPN2**
8:30 p.m. NCAA World Series, Game 14... **ESPN**

GOLF

FRIDAY
9 a.m. EuroPGA – BMW International Open... **GOLF**
12:30 p.m. PGA – Encompass Championship... **GOLF**
3 p.m. PGA – Travelers Championship... **GOLF**
6:30 p.m. LPGA – NW Arkansas Championship... **GOLF**
SATURDAY
9 a.m. EuroPGA – BMW International Open... **GOLF**
1 p.m. PGA – Travelers Championship... **GOLF**
3 p.m. PGA – Encompass Championship... **GOLF**
3 p.m. PGA – Travelers Championship... **CBS**
5 p.m. LPGA – NW Arkansas Championship... **GOLF**

MLB

FRIDAY
7 p.m. Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees... **SUN**
SATURDAY
4 p.m. Houston at Chicago Cubs... **WGN**
7 p.m. Regional – Boston at Detroit, Minnesota at...
Cleveland or Texas at St. Louis... **FOX**
8 p.m. Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees... **SUN**

MOTORCYCLE RACING

SATURDAY
3 p.m. AMA Motocross Series... **NBC**

NHL PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY
8 p.m. Boston at Chicago... **NBC**

TRACK AND FIELD

SATURDAY
8 p.m. U.S. Outdoor Championships... **ESPN2**
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Colorado at Washington, late	6	1	.857	—
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, late	4	2	.667	1.5
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, late	4	2	.667	1.5
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, late	4	2	.667	1.5
Miami at San Francisco, late	2	5	.286	4
Indiana	1	5	.167	4.5

Friday's Games

Houston (Keuchel 4-3) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 1-1), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Chatwood 4-1) at Washington (Strasburg 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Hefner 1-6) at Philadelphia (Hamel 2-10), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 5-3) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 4-8), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 5-4) at St. Louis (Lyons 2-3), 8:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 4-0) at Arizona (Miley 4-6), 9:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 2-0) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 1-3), 10:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-4) at San Diego (Richard 2-5), 10:10 p.m.
Miami (Nolasco 4-7) at San Francisco (Lincecum 4-7), 10:15 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Signed LHP Trey Ball, OF Forrest Allday, RHP Kyle Martin, RHP Taylor Grover, INF Carlos Asuaje, C Jake Romanski, OF Bryan Hudson, RHP Joe Gunke, INF Reed Gragnani, INF Jantzen Witte and C Daniel Bethea to minor league contracts.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Signed RHP Kohl Stewart, C Stuart Turner, LHP Stephen Gonsalves, C Brian Navaretto, RHP Brian Gilbert, C Mitch Garver, RHP C.K. Irby, INF Nelson Molina, RHP Ethan Mildren, RHP Brandon Peterson, OF Zach Granite, LHP Derrick Penilla, RHP Tanner Mendonca, SS Ryan Walker, RHP Jared Wilson, OF Jason Kanzler, RHP Tyler Stirewalt, C Alex Swim, RHP Zach Hayden, LHP Brandon Easton, OF Chad Christensen, 2B Tanner Vavra and SS Carlos Avila Jr. to minor league contracts.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Signed RHP Trey Masek to a minor league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Signed RHP Mark Appel to a minor league contract.
NEW YORK METS—Optioned RHP Zack Wheeler to Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled OF Andrew Brown from Las Vegas. Placed RHP Scott Atchison on the 15-day DL. Designated OF Collin Cowgill for assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Recalled OF Jaff Decker from Tucson (PCL). Placed SS Everth Cabrera on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 17.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
W L Pct GB
Atlanta 18 10 .643 —
Washington 17 11 .607 1
New York 16 12 .571 2
Chicago 15 13 .536 3
Miami 14 14 .500 4
Orlando 13 15 .464 5
Indiana 12 16 .430 6
Cleveland 11 17 .393 7
Detroit 10 18 .357 8
Charlotte 9 19 .321 9
Phoenix 8 20 .286 10
Houston 7 21 .250 11
Dallas 6 22 .214 12
San Antonio 5 23 .179 13
Los Angeles 4 24 .143 14
Seattle 3 25 .107 15
Portland 2 26 .071 16
Utah 1 27 .036 17

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

SHS Swim

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NAACP Golf

SEBRING – The Highlands County NAACP invites the community to take part in its first golf tournament on Saturday, July 20 at the Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club.
Registration will begin at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start time of 8 a.m.
The event will include closest to the pin, hole in one, raffle and door prizes.
An awards ceremony and lunch will follow.
The tournament is a four-person scramble.
Registration is \$60 per player/\$240 per foursome includes green fees, golf cart, post event luncheon, prizes, beverages on the course and more.
For more information, to register, sponsor or donate to this event, contact Art Williams at 873-5031, Jim Windsor at 414-8471 or Leon Thomas at 414-4005.

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AVON PARK – Lady Panther Volleyball Camps

AVON PARK – Lady Panther Volleyball is again offering summer camps, both indoor and out on the sand courts, for players from Grade 6 and up who wish to learn the game and sharpen their skills for the upcoming fall seasons.
For the indoor camps, there are three different four-day sessions left to choose from, with separate times for those from grades 6-8 and those from grades 9-12.
The remaining three sessions will run June 24-27, July 8-11 and July 15-18, with the same time frames.
Cost is \$100 per session, or \$30 per daily session.
Out on the sand volleyball courts at SFSC, there will be four more Friday sessions, meeting from 9:30-11:30 each day, with a total cost of \$125, or \$30 per daily session.
The meeting dates for the sand camp are Fridays, June 21, 28, July 12 and 19.
For both indoor and sand camps, there is a limit of 20 athletes per session.
For more information, contact Lady Panther head coach Kim Crawford at Kimberly.Crawford@southflorida.edu, or (863) 784-7037.

Heartland Football Camp

SEBRING – The 2013 Heartland Football Camp will kick off on Friday, July 5, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Highlands County Sports Complex.
The camp is for players from grades 4-12, as of the fall of 2013, with a cost of \$35 per camper.
Football fundamentals, speed and agility training, character development and guest speakers will make up the day, headed by Blue Streak head coach LaVaar

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Fish the topic of a great book

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was a visit to Books-A-Million, a large retail book store that had advertised a book signing by one of my favorite authors, Carl Hiasson.

My daughter-in-law had picked up tickets, so when we arrived, unlike everyone else who lined the store aisles with book in hand for an autograph, we were at the front of the line when Mr. Hiasson arrived.

One of my favorite books, "Double Whammy," was written two decades ago by Hiasson and features a storyline of tournament bass fishing, corruption and strangely weird characters that only he could imagine, centered in South Florida.

If you've never read this book and you live in Florida and you're a fisherman, you'll love this work of comedy and drama.

Hiasson, an award winning columnist for the Miami Herald, has written over a dozen books as well as a number of books for children, all featuring the great state of Florida with incredible characters and a strong story line.



A trip to Jupiter netted Don and son a big catch, a book signing and photo op with author Carl Hiasson.

Courtesy photo

A couple of his novels have been made into movies, the most famous being "Strip-Tease" starring Demi Moore and Burt Reynolds.

I had met him once before, but it was a still a thrill to have my wife, son, daughter-in-law and granddaughters all carry in copies of my Hiasson novels and have each personally autographed.

Getting my picture taken

with him was icing on the cake!

So as we move into the dog days of summer and the heat drives you off the lake by lunch-time, you might want to pick up a copy of Double Whammy by Carl Hiasson.

I guarantee you a fun read and a strong desire to read even more of his books.

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Ex-manager Torre's daughter catches falling baby

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The daughter of former New York Yankees manager Joe Torre made a quick-thinking save Wednesday when she caught a baby who had tumbled off of a second-floor Brooklyn

apartment's fire escape, the baseball great has confirmed. Cristina Torre did not respond to a request for comment.

Police said a 44-year-old woman caught a 1-year-old boy who fell from a fire

escape outside a Brooklyn apartment building but did not identify the bystander.

They said the baby somehow climbed out of the apartment onto the fire escape and tumbled from above.

That's when Torre caught

the baby as she walked on the sidewalk below.

The baby is in stable condition, police said, while the parents were charged with reckless endangerment and acting in a manner injurious to a child under 17.

Lower looks eagerly ahead

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and seven RBI.

"The pitching speed was not much different from what I was used to," she said. "But the control the pitchers had was much greater and their ability to throw a variety of pitches accurately was challenging."

"All of the coaches track you and give other coaches scouting reports so they know your weak spots," she continued. "Which just made me want to work even harder so I wouldn't struggle hitting a specific pitch."

Which she was in the process of doing when the injury occurred and sat her down.

"It was hard, but I had the support of my team and coach and they helped me through it," she said. "I went to rehab every day and slowly built my muscle back up."

Which gave her a chance to appreciate the choice she had made to come to the school in Thomasville, GA.

"One of my main reasons in choosing Thomas was because of coach Wilson," she said. "He is tough but very positive and will let you know exactly what he thinks. And if you need anything, he will be the first to help."

The adjustment to the schedule of a college stu-

dent-athlete was another transition for Lower, but one that actually suited her quite well.

"My schedule was insane, which I really liked," she said. "I would have workouts at 6 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, class Monday through Thursday and practice Monday through Friday. It kept me really busy, and I had a lot of fun."

Then, of course, there was the transition to being on her own, away from her family, for the first time.

"It was difficult at first, because I'm so close with my family," she said. "But my roommates became my family away from home and it didn't take long for us to become as close as sisters."

And so year one is complete for Dino Lower. A time of challenges and transitions that leave her with fond memories and a bright and determined look ahead.

"I'm sad my freshman year is over because I had so much fun and made some great new friends," she said. "I'm doing my summer workout that the trainers made for us. I go to the fields pretty often to practice up for next season. I feel really positive and am determined to stay healthy and injury free."

Bucs sign CB Adams

Associated Press

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have signed veteran free agent cornerback Michael Adams.

Adams started seven of

74 games he's appeared in with the Arizona Cardinals over the past six seasons.

He has three career interceptions, one forced fumble and four fumble recoveries.

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Golf Hammock

Last Monday, June 17, the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am Points at the Golf Hammock Country Club.

Mike Winchester scored plus 4 to take first place in A group with Les Campbell coming in second place at even.

In B group Johnny McEachren came in first place at plus 1 and Doug Haire in second place at even.

In C group Phil Raymond was even that was good for first place and Pat Dell with at minus 1 for second place.

Pete Mezza was even and that was good for first place in D group with Ken Porter and Earl Bittaker in second place at minus 1,

Dave Hankinson shot a plus 2 to take first place in E group and Ralph Pickering at minus 2 for third place.

Dick Lindsay scored a whopping plus 7 for first place in F group and newcomer Debbie Mathews in second place at minus 1.

Next Monday the Mezza Group will play at Golf Hammock CV beginning at 7:45 a.m.

For more information call Pete at 382-1280.

Lake June West

A Scramble was played on Thursday, June 13.

Dick Denhart, Don Boulton, Betty Billau and John and Glorinda Huggett took first with a 54, while Joe Swartz,

John and Sue Ruffo, Joanna McGill and Margaret Schultz were second with a 56.

Ken Rowen, Charlotte Mathew and Larry and Chris Heath were third with a 58.

Mathew had closest to the pin for the ladies, getting to 8-feet, 6-inches from No. 8, while Rowen got to 10-feet, 1-inch from No. 2 and to 21-feet, 7-inches from No. 4.

The Men's League played on Wednesday, June 12, with the trio of Dick Denhart, Bill Fowler and Fred Neer getting the win with a score of 45

Norm Grubbs, Don Bouldon, John Ruffo and Larry Heath took second with a 48, with Joe Swartz, Dick Reaney and Jack Maginnis taking third with a 55.

Neer had closest to the pin on No. 4, getting to 33-feet, 3-inches, while Denhart was closest at No. 2, 10-feet, 8-inches, and No. 8, 9-feet.

Placid Lakes

Today's Tip
MASTER STROKES
BY PHIL FRANKIE WITH TOP 100 GOLF INSTRUCTORS

Too many golfers get into the bad habit of taking an "extra" shot, known as a "mulligan."

Don't Be 'Mr. McMulligan'



These mulligans are most often taken at the first tee by golfers who didn't bother to warm up properly. They love to take that second shot if their first shot was poor. Some golfers do this throughout the round. But there is no place in the Rules of Golf that allows for mulligans! Once you set foot on the first tee, be prepared to accept the results of every shot you hit. This will make you a better player, as your handicap will accurately reflect your ability and help gauge your improvement. Also, it's practicing good etiquette by not delaying play.

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

1st shot 'mulligan'

A One Best Ball tournament was played on Wednesday, June 12, by the Men's Golf Association and saw three teams come in with -13 scores, forcing a match of cards.

Gene Ransom, Jack Hoerner and a blind draw came out on top, with Ed Bartsch, Bud Snyder and Bob Sheets

second and Bob McMillian, Jack Marceau and Wayne Wood third.

Hoerner had closest to the pin on the day, hitting to 15-feet, 2-inches from No. 2.

The Women's Golf Association played a One Best Ball tournament on Tuesday, June 11, and also saw a tie for first at -13.

Going to the match of cards, Sue Mackey, Gloria Ziegler, Narola Rosenberg and Carol Jones were rewarded with the win, with Bobbie Miller, Karen Wallin, Handan Schneider and Jeanne Ransom getting second.

One shot behind, at -12, were Gail Ladig, Pat Haas and Ellie Shaw.

Ziegler had closest to the pin, getting to 10-feet, 1-inch from No. 2.

River Greens

The Morrison Group got onto the course on Monday, June 17, and saw Butch Smith get the win with a 61.

Jim Cercy and Cliff Steele each came in with 63s, Joe Graf carded a 64 and Tim Thomas brought in a 65.

A Men's Day event was played on Saturday, June 15.

The team of Russ Rudd, Tim Thomas, Neil Purcell and Cecil Lemons took the win.

For closest to the pin on the day, Purcell got to 11-feet, 6-inches from No. 3, Bob Streeter got to 5-feet, 11-inches from No. 5, and Joe Graf was closest on two holes, getting to 10-feet, 7 1/2-inches from No. 12 and to 14-feet, 6-inches from No. 17.

A Ladies Pro-Am was played on Thursday, June 13.

Elaine Keppler, Carole McClay, Barb Stuber and Donna Johnson got the team with +4 1/2 points.

Individually, Jody Ethun was first with +5, Keppler second with +3 1/2 and McClay third with +2 1/2.

The Morrison Group played a two-man event on Thursday, June 13, with the duo of Ken Koon and Fred Evans coming in with a 63 for the win.

Butch Smith and Joe Graf were second with a 69.

A Men's Pro-Am was played on Wednesday, June 12.

Pete March, Gil Heier and Cecil Lemons totaled +3 for the team win, with Terry Lewis, Cliff Steele, Lefty St.Pierre and Ken Koon next at -3 1/2.

In A Flight, Steele won with +3 1/2 with March and Dick McClay tied for first in B Flight with + 1 1/2 each.

Pool good place to cool off in Avon Park

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Park's swim team head coach Tracy Lee and assistant coach Marsha May.

May was the head coach two years ago, but stepped aside for personal reasons.

She took that time to change for diet and start a rigorous exercise program to get herself and her husband healthier and in shape.

Lee, who was May's assistant coach, stepped in as the head coach last year.

This year she called May and asked her to reconsider about coming back to the swim team as an assistant coach.

Together they decided to volunteer their time to open the pool up for the summer in a different manner than it has been run in the past.

In the mornings, they would hold a swimming camp and three days a week in the afternoon, they would open the pool to the public.

The first of two swimming camps started on last Monday and will run for two weeks, ending on June 28.

The second camp starts on July 1 and ends on July 12.

Cost of the swim camp is \$50.00.



Courtesy photo

Avon Park assistant swim coach Marsha May gives swimming lessons to 3-year old Hazin Cobb.

The camps themselves are split into two groups.

Children that are in Kindergarten through fifth grade will have camp from 9-10 am.

Kids that are in middle and high school have camp from 10 am to noon.

"It is a swim camp, we work on their stroke techniques and we try to put it in a fun environment so it is not so much as work," said May. "But they are learning how to

swim in a game style. It seems we are having a really good turnout and the kids are loving it."

May also stated that Lee did a great job in building the Avon Park swim team last year, which at one time had as many as 32 swimmers.

"I think our swim team is going to be awesome this year," said May. "They are motivated kids and a lot of new and young kids that are coming into high school this

year."

"They are seeing from the other kids on the swim team about how positive and well behaved they are and it is spreading like wildfire," continued May, "I think our swim team is going to grow and they have great attitudes."

This is the first year that they have conducted an actual swim camp.

"We wanted to do something different than swim les-

sons and we are trying to encourage the middle and high school kids," said Lee. "So that is why we are going more with fun stuff, but they are still getting their technique."

Lee stated that the biggest improvement she has seen in those that have attended the camp this week is self-motivation.

"They do not have to come out here," said Lee. "They want to improve themselves."

Originally, they were just going to hold camps on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

But the team wanted to go everyday so they changed the camps to be held in the morning, Monday through Friday and so far the kids have been there and ready to go.

"I see that they are more like a family," said Lee. "The veteran swimmers are taking the younger ones under their wing. They are family. They all get along, they all have a good time, they teach, they cheer people on, and I think a lot of that goes back to the 'Leader in me' that the schools are doing now. They are becoming leaders and putting themselves in the

other person's shoes."

Lee is hoping that this leadership will help build this year's team to 40 members.

With the mornings dedicated to those attending swim camp or swim lessons, the afternoons on three days a week and Saturday are opened to the public.

From 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturdays, the pool is opened to the public for a nominal fee of \$2 per timeslot.

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

May and Lee thought about opening the pool every day, but did not know if enough would show up to pay for lifeguards every day, so they scaled it back to three days plus Saturday.

It should also be noted that even though the lifeguards do get paid, the coaches and teachers that help to manage and open the pool do so as volunteers.

They hope the public takes advantage of bringing their kids to a safe place to go swimming and have some fun in the sun.

ALMS sees Dempsey in McQueen, Newman footsteps

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driver Patrick Long in the No. 77 Dempsey Del Piero-Proton Porsche 911 GT3 RSR in the GTE Am class.

The trio is the only all-American driver lineup in the 90th Anniversary 24 Hours of Le Mans.

And true to his Hollywood roots, cameras will be rolling throughout for a four-part documentary series to air later this summer on Discovery's Velocity channel.

"A lot of our documentary is about McQueen and Newman and their passions for racing," Dempsey said. "I think that's what we share; a real love for racing, a real love for this event, and I really want to do well."

Dempsey's chances of doing well will be enhanced by the addition of two-time 24 Hours of Le Mans winner and five-time ALMS champi-

on Long to the driver lineup.

The Porsche factory driver turned the third-fastest lap in the GTE Am class at the one-day Le Mans pre-test on June 9, and likes what he sees in his first time as teammates with Dempsey and Foster.

"The pre-test here wasn't the easiest day with mixed conditions and a lot of rain, so we didn't get a ton of track time, but both of them got right up to speed," Long said. "Honestly, I think we've taken a lot of the fellow competitors by surprise."

"A lot of guys have come up to me that I've raced against or with in the past, and they didn't have us as the favorites in the class or one of the favorites. Seeing Joe and Patrick's pace in the pre-test, they've sort of adjusted their odds."

Dempsey and the team have some momentum on their side heading to Le Mans.

He came within a lap of his first career victory in the ALMS GTC class alongside co-driver Andy Lally in the No. 27 Tully's Coffee Porsche 911 GT3 Cup before finishing second.

That performance was a shot in the arm for the team, which raced in the ALMS P2 class last year before switching to a two-car Porsche effort in GTC shortly before the start of the 2013 season.

"Definitely the program this year has taken a step up in terms of our relationship with Porsche and ALMS and at Le Mans," said Foster. "We had a pole position [at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh From Florida in March] and both cars led for quite a while at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

"Patrick (Dempsey) did a fantastic job early in the race coming back from two laps down and it gave Andy a

chance to win. We actually started the last lap in the lead and got helped off the road by a prototype, but it's been a great year."

If things go according to plan this weekend, it could be an even greater year for Dempsey and the team.

But regardless of performance, Dempsey cherishes the Le Mans experience.

"It's an incredible honor to be over here, to be invited to race in this event," he said. "I think anybody who's a road racer wants to race here. Having done it in the past and coming back and doing it with an all-American driver lineup with Patrick Long and Joe Foster and with a great team at Dempsey Del Piero-Proton, it's a tremendous honor."

"It means everything to us. It's humbling, it's exciting, it's inspirational and it's so moving to be a part of this event. It's a dream come true

to come back here."

The next event for the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón is the American Le Mans Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park on Saturday, July 6.

It will be the fourth round of the 2013 championship.

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Healthy Living

Can your pet cause illness?

Dear Pharmacist: I read your article on Bartonella, and how pets can indirectly give it to you. What other diseases do pets transmit? Are there antibiotics?

— S.J., Orlando

Answer: Great question since pet lovers don't connect their illness to pets, but "zoonotic" infections are certainly possible. And yes, there are antimicrobials but the exact kind is based upon your illness. This will freak some of you out:

Cat scratch fever

Don't play rough with kitty or let him lick your wounds because about 40 percent of cats are a natural reservoir of Bartonella henselae, an organism that's also transmitted by ticks. Growing up, my rather savage cat named "Sugar" attacked me all the time. I was lucky!

If you're not, cat scratch disease causes swollen lymph nodes, headaches, fatigue, low appetite and/or fever. It's almost impossible to eradicate and can cause life-long problems: anxiety, panic attacks, seizure disorder, encephalopathy, memory problems, fog, chronic fatigue, joint pain, rheumatoid-like pain and foot pain. I've archived an article about this at my website.

Hookworms

This intestinal parasite has mouth "hooks" and latches on to your gut. Puppies and kittens may have it until they're dewormed, but that's not 100 percent insurance so be careful changing the litter box, or picking up dog poop, or letting your child play in sandboxes. Hookworms are passed by the fecal-oral route and can cause skin rashes, intestinal bleeding



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

and abdominal pain.

Toxoplasma gondii, another cat and dog-transmitted parasite is associated with schizophrenia.

Lyme Disease

It's not a zoonotic disease but it's epidemic, so it gets honorable mention. Borrelia burgdorferi causes Lyme and it travels with other pathogens like Bartonella, Babesia or Rickettsia. Pets carry ticks, which jump on you and bite (you will never feel it, and rarely see it). Hundreds of symptoms can occur, causing you to get misdiagnosed with any one of 300 disorders, mainly autoimmune or fibromyalgia/chronic fatigue.

Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV)

If you love your guinea pig, hamster or mouse watch out, this virus is transmitted from rodent urine, droppings or saliva. No bite is necessary, LCMV can be transmitted into your mouth, nose, eyes or broken skin.

When I was 18, I had a pet hamster named Tootsie (a left-over from my science

project). He was cute and fuzzy so I know these critters are hard to resist. Still, don't kiss them, and use gloves when cleaning their cage.

Salmonellosis

Salmonella is associated with contaminated food but your pet dog, cat, horse, turtle, snake, gecko or farm animal can pass salmonella into their feces. Touch it and you could get it. Great time to remind parents to keep an eye on your kids at the petting zoo. Symptoms include diarrhea, fever and stomach cramps. If it gets into the

blood stream it's bad news.

Parrot fever

Caused by an organism called Chlamydia psittaci, this can cause diarrhea, low appetite, weight loss, weakness, difficulty breathing, and eye infections. It's dangerous and in some cases fatal.

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 prevent, treat, diagnose or cure your condition.



Plantar fasciitis benches Rays' Evan Longoria

Tampa Bay Rays' third baseman Evan Longoria has been suffering from plantar fasciitis in his right foot causing him to be slotted as the Tampa Bay Rays' designated hitter in recent games.



Footprints
Dr. Olga Garcia-Luepschen

"I'm kind of getting to the point where I really don't feel like I'm doing it any good to go out there and run around on it, so I can DH and still be effective," Longoria said. Longoria described the sensation as "pretty painful."

The plantar fascia is the thick band of tissue running on the bottom of the foot connecting the heel bone to the toes runs on the bottom of your foot and connects your heel bone to your toes. Plantar fasciitis involves pain and inflammation of the thick band of tissue and is one of the most common causes of heel pain. Stabbing pain typically occurs with first steps in the morning or after prolonged period of time sitting. It can also be triggered by long periods of standing.

Plantar fasciitis, common in runners, also occurs with overweight people, women who are pregnant and someone working while wearing inadequate support.

Typical treatment options include:

— Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

(NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen or naproxen can ease the pain and inflammation — Anti-inflammatory injections decreased the inflammation in the plantar fascia — Physical Therapies include exercises to

stretch the tight plantar fascia and Achilles tendon.

Stretching and strengthening exercises or use of specialized devices may provide symptom relief.

— Arch supports to help distribute pressure to your feet more evenly.

— Extra corporeal shock wave therapy directs shockwaves to the heel pain area stimulating healing.

— Surgery to detach the plantar fascia from the heel bone. It's generally reserved when the pain is severe and all else fails.

Fortunately for Evan Longoria and the majority of people suffering with this condition, they can recover with conservative treatments in just a few months.

If plantar fasciitis has benched you, contact your podiatrist to get you back in the game.

Dr. Olga Garcia Luepschen and Gentle Foot Care Center are located on US 27 and can be reached at 863-314-9255 or www.GentleFootCareCenter.com/. This information is not intended to prevent, diagnose, treat or cure your condition.



Evan Longoria has been hampered by plantar fasciitis, limiting him to DH duties for the Tampa Bay Rays.

Study: Wiser medication use could cut health costs by \$213 billion

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — If doctors and patients used prescription drugs more wisely, they could save the U.S. health care system at least \$213 billion a year, by reducing medication overuse, underuse and other flaws in care that cause complications and longer, more-expensive treatments, researchers conclude. The new findings by the IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics improve on numerous prior efforts to quantify the dollars wasted on health care.

Numerous experts previously have estimated that tens of billions, perhaps hundreds of billions of dollars, could be better used each year to improve patient care and outcomes and to slow down spending by government health programs, insurers and consumers.

The institute, part of data analysis and consulting firm IMS Health, used its proprietary data on prescriptions written by doctors — many of which patients never fill — plus other information to produce a current, more reliable estimate of avoidable costs.

IMS arrived at the \$213 billion figure based on six categories in which doctors, patients or both could be

making better use of medication, from getting a prompt diagnosis when new symptoms arise to taking medicines as directed by the doctor. Across the six categories, the researchers generally focused on spending on a handful of very common or very expensive diseases — from high cholesterol and blood pressure to HIV and diabetes — for which costs of care and complications are well documented.

"There's even larger avoidable costs if we were to look at all disease areas" where patients aren't getting optimal care, said Murray Aitken, the institute's executive director.

Free class in July to deal with diabetes

SEBRING — The Florida Department of Health in Highlands County is offering Diabetes Self-Management Education classes as part of its Wellness and Diabetes Education Program. This program serves Highlands County residents of all ages, especially those with diabetes or at risk for developing diabetes. Education is the key to success for diabetes control and for the prevention of complications. These classes are free.

Classes in English are scheduled in Sebring from 8:30-11:30 a.m. July 15-17, and from 5:30-8:30 p.m. July 29-31 at the Florida Department of Health in Highlands County, 7205 S. George Blvd., Conference

Snapshots

Room A. Enrollment is limited and registration is required.

To register and for more information, contact the Florida Department of Health in Highlands County at 382-7294.

Outreach events

Comprehensive Healthcare plans the following community outreach events for the coming week:

- Tuesday — 12:30 p.m., health fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27, Sebring.

- Wednesday — 1 p.m., health fair, Tanglewood, U.S. 27, Sebring.

- Thursday — 1 p.m., caregivers support group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

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Religion

Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING – June 23 is the fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Rev. Jefferson Cox's sermon will be based on Luke 8:26-39.

Following the morning worship service on June 30 is the dedication of the new Memorial Garden in honor of Lois Anderson by Jack Anderson and of June Follien by Carol Pollard and Family.

July 7 is the church picnic following morning worship service to celebrate the Fourth of July. Invite family and friends. Enjoy a great meal and some games. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided; bring a dish to share.

Avon Park Church of the Nazarene

AVON PARK – Guest minister on Sunday will be Chaplain David L. Cowles. He will provide special music and preach on "Easter's Restoration", based

upon John 21:1-19.

Contact the church at 453-4851.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK – Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "Arms Outstretched, God Calls Us!"

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. For more information, call 471-2663 or search online at christlutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING – The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?". The key note is from Proverbs 3:19, "The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens."

The church is at 154 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING – Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "Glorious Change: Part 4" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the Gospel of John.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING – Pastor Cecil Hess is observing Christmas in June with the subject "Merry Christmas."

The service is non-denominational, and open to all. The church meets on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Call 382-1737 for information.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING – Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon "I AM Ready" with scripture from Isaiah 65:1-9 on Sunday morning.

The church is 1.7 miles

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

Faith Baptist Church

LAKE PLACID — Sunday morning, Pastor Bill Cole continues in his series "Unpacking the Great Commandment" with his sermon "Loving God with all Your Strength" from Matthew 22:37.

Sunday evening, Pastor Bill will be preaching "Nick's Excellent Question" continuing in his series "The Other Gospel" from John 3:1-21. Pastor Bill's sermons are now online at www.faithbaptistchurchLP.com/.

Every Wednesday we meet for a time of prayer and Bible study.

For further information about activities of the Faith Baptist, please call the church office at 465-0060 or visit the website. The church is at 660 Holmes Ave.

First Baptist Church

AVON PARK – Rev. Jon Beck's Sunday morning sermon topic is "Dealing with Sin" from Psalm 51.

For more information, call 453-6681 or email info@fbcap.net.

First Christian Church

AVON PARK — Wednesday evening will be dessert time along with a special time of forgiveness. Are you asking what forgiveness and dessert night will be all about? The answer is simple: finding forgiveness or extending forgiveness to others.

No, this is not a time when you will be asked to come share openly something of a personal nature. It will be a time for each one to come and leave their burdens with Jesus. Before coming to church that night, write down on a piece of paper those burdens. Place that paper in a sealed envelope and bring it to church.

Do not write or use an envelope that has any identifying writing or names on the outside. At a given time, all envelopes will be prayed over and then burned.

Fellowship and dessert will follow the time of prayer and forgiveness.

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

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING – The pastor's sermon for Sunday is titled "For My Yoke Is Easy" from Matthew 11:28-30.

Assisting the pastor during the communion service will be Elders Juanita Roberts and Linda Ellis. Deacons for the day are Catherine Baker,

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♦ **New Life Anglican Fellowship**, 10 N. Main Ave. (Woman's Club), Lake Placid, FL 33852. Rev. Susan Rhodes, Deacon in Charge, (863) 243-3191; strhodes1020@yahoo.com. Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Teaching, Holy Communion, Music, Fellowship, Healing Prayer. "Pastoral and Spiritual".

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 Catylist class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

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

♦ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfel-lowship.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/young families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday – Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children's Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer

Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Morning and evening services available at www.fbcap.net. Select Media, select Sermon Library, select Date. Call 453-6681 for details. "In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park."

♦ **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. 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., 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. Allen Higginbotham, Interim Pastor; Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults; and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. 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. Website www.fbsebring.com

♦ **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 Ar buckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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

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

♦ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. 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 E. 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 (September to May) are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 5th. Grades 6th through Youth Bible Study are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 9th and up, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

♦ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish office/ mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcath.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., fjose@stcath.com or 385-0049; 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. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: - 4 p.m.; Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m.

(Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

♦ **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**, (Saxon Hall) 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Bill Raymond, Preaching Minister. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-8929 or 449-0203.

♦ **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; Josh Knabel (812-618-7118), 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 (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**, 154 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. 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 www.thelordsway.com/lake-placidcofc/.

♦ **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 GOD

♦ **Church on the Ridge**, Church of God, Anderson, Ind.; 1130 State Road 17 North, Sebring, FL 33870. Worship Service Sunday, 10 a.m.; Bible Study and Prayer, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Pastor Dr. Collet Varner, (863) 382-0773.

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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Fran Goff and Chris Baker. Greeting the congregation will be Tim Wheaton and serving as acolyte will be Daniel Thibodeau.

First Presbyterian Church

SEBRING – Rev. Darrell A. Peer's sermon on Sunday will be "Calling for Time."

June 24-28, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., will be Youth Summer Camp for grades sixth through eighth. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Campers will meet in fellowship hall for devotions, crafts and sports. Field trips will be taken Friday.

Registration is required. Call Reid Thayer, Director of Christian Education.

Session meeting is at 4 p.m. Monday in the confer-

ence room.

The church is at 319 Poinsettia Ave. For information, call 385-0107.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK – On Sunday, Pastor Bob Johnson's sermon is titled "Forgive" based on Colossians 3:12-17.

The adult Sunday school class has been viewing videos sponsored by Focus on the Family. These videos are narrated by Ray Vander Laan and filmed on location. Sunday's video is titled "By Every Word - Striking the Rock" and is filmed in Timnah.

Special music will be provided by Margaret Phillips singing "The Next Time He Comes."

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrand Street). For questions, call 453-3242 or check the website at avonparkchurch.com.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Rev. A. C. Bryant's sermon is titled "Pray for Deliverance" with scripture taken from Matthew 6:13.

Wednesday is family night with food, fun and Bible study.

Listen Live on WITS-AM 1340 each Sunday to hear the 10:50 am worship service.

The church is downtown at 126 South Pine St. Visit the website at [**RELIGION GUIDELINES:** The *News-Sun* publishes religion news on Fridays.](http://www.sebring-</p>
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firstumc.com or call the church office for information at 385-5184.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING – Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this week will be "All the Church has is JESUS" with scripture from Matthew 28:16-20. The service will include Roland Bates singing "Walk All Over Heaven With You".

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID – Rev. John Bryant will preach on "Have Faith, Love God, Enjoy Life" with the scripture lesson from I Thessalonians 5:12-19.

There will be fellowship

and refreshments after worship service Sunday with Rev. John and Barbara Bryant in Rob Reynolds Hall, as this is their last Sunday with the congregation as interim pastor. The newly appointed pastor by the Methodist Conference, the Rev. Tim Haas, will begin his ministry Sunday, July 7.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. For information, phone 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING – The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "The Glorious New Creation," is taken from Isaiah 65 and will be brought by Pastor Jim Scaggs.

Sunday, June 30 will be

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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. Summer Sunday schedule, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., June 2-Sept. 1, 10 a.m. Bible study. 6 p.m. Wednesday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Thursday. St. Francis Thrift Shop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. (863) 840-3715.

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.sebringgrace.org.

INDEPENDENT

◆ **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.

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 Tuesday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. 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 past the four-way stop sign. 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 (863) 471-2663 or see christ-lutheranavonpark.org.

◆ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Dr. Sebring Church phone: 385-7848 Faith Child Development Center: 385-3232. Summer Sunday Worship Service: 10 a.m. Communion served 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday. Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:00 a.m. Worship Svc. Broadcast at 10 a.m. on WITS 1340AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies, Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-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 Luke Willitz at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlifesebring.com.

◆ **Resurrection Lutheran Church – ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., at Memorial Drive, Avon Park. Pastor Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Fragrance Free Service Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Open Communion celebrated at all services. "God's Work, Our Hands."

◆ **Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

◆ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 yrs through 5th grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

◆ **Calvary Church**, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; 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

◆ **Crossroads of Life**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long – empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don't speak English – no problema. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors: Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

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

◆ **Faith Center West Ministry**, "Restoring Lives, Families & Communities." In the Banyan Plaza at 2349 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. Pastors Leroy

and JoAnn Taylor the public to worship on Sundays at 11 a.m. for Praise & Worship and on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Bible study and prayer. Children classes are available for all services. Ministries for youth, men and women are held throughout the month. Please attend these Spirit-filled services. "Moving Forward in Unity". Church office, 385-1800 or 655-2748.

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

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

◆ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org.

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

PRESBYTERIAN

◆ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. Pastor Tom Schneider. 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@strato.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service,

11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 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.fpcpl.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:10 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult small group Bible Sstudy 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group – 6-12th grades) 7 p.m., nursery and children's ministry, 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

◆ **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 rehearsals at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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, 12:10-1 p.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 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 every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Visit us at our church website: www.fumcap.org.

◆ **Memorial United Methodist Church**, 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. Rev. John A. Bryant, pastor. Rev. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Rev. Jerry McCauley, visitation pastor. Sunday worship services: Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that wants to know Christ and make Him known. Check out our church website at www.memorialumc.com or call the church office at 465-2422. 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.

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◆ **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 Church practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; sebringemmanuelucc.com.

Religion

Are you righteous outside and inside?

It was a cold winter's day that Sunday, and the parking lot was filling up quickly. One woman noticed as she got out of her car that others seemed to be whispering among themselves as they walked into the church building.

As she got closer, she noticed the object of their whispering.

A man was leaning against the outside wall of the church building. He was almost lying down, as if he was asleep. He had on a long, trench coat that was almost in shreds, and a hat topped his head. It was pulled down, so no one could see his face. He wore shoes that looked very old and too small for his feet. His toes stuck out through holes in them. The woman assumed the man was homeless and asleep, so she walked on by and through the doors of the church building.

Inside, the woman and others visited for a few minutes, and someone brought up the man outside. People snickered and gossiped, but no one bothered asking him to come in. A few moments later, the worship service began.

The people were waiting for the preacher to take his place and teach them the good news of Jesus when the doors to the auditorium



**Kevin's
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Kevin Patterson

opened. In came the homeless man. He walked down the aisle with his head down. People gasped, whispered, and made faces. He made his way down to the front where he took off his hat and coat.

The woman and the rest of the congregation were shocked to see the preacher standing before them. He was the homeless man! No one said a word.

The preacher picked up his Bible and laid it on the podium. "Folks, I don't think I have to tell you what I will be preaching about today."

Even Christians do not always behave like Christians ought to behave. However, that does not mean that we should stop trying. We simply must try to do better. We must never stop taking advantage of the opportunities that God gives us to serve Him and those around us.

Do not forget the words of

Jesus in Matthew 25:42-45. When describing those who claimed to be righteous on the outside but inwardly were far from it, He said, "for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me." Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

Let us each strive to be the kind of person that God wants us to be: righteous both on the outside and on the inside. Consistency, after all, is Christ-like.

Kevin's Komments, by Kevin Patterson, is presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ, assembling at 3800 Sebring Parkway. Find the church on the internet at www.sebringcoc.com, or e-mail sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.

Church News

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the end-of-the-month sing and fellowship.

The church is at 3413 Sebring Parkway. For further information, call 382-3552 or 273-9819.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING – Pastor David L. Smalley's sermon on Sunday will be on "Filled With the Fruits of the Spirit" and his scripture will be on Galatians 5:22-26.

Call 385-1597 for information.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING – Lay Speaker Agatha Johnson will bring the message, "A Gentle Whisper," with scripture from I Kings 19 on Sunday. Participants in the service will be Earl Dungan, organist; Jim Angtevine, acolyte; Linda Spear, worship leader; Judy Clark, prayer time; Norm Spear, special music;

Marvin Clark, offertory prayer.

Visitors are welcome. The spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane, just off U.S. 98 at Spring Lake Village IV (across from U-Haul).

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING – On Sunday, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro's message will be "God of the Whisper." Biblical reference is from I Kings 19:1-15.

Snapshots

Monday through Thursday. Friday night is Family Night with a hotdog supper and program by the kids.

First Baptist Lake Josephine is at 111 Lake Josephine Drive. Call 655-1524 for more information.

Reach for the Summit with Upward Bound VBS

LAKE PLACID – Lace up your hiking boots! It's nearly time to hit the trail with Upward Bound, First Presbyterian Church's Vacation Bible School "backpacking" expedition to the heights of God's glorious Kingdom. All "Backpackers" from 4 years old through fifth grade are invited to join

on this trek from 9 a.m. to noon July 15-19.

The church is at 118 N. Oak Ave. Registration forms are available at the church office. For more information call 465-2742.

Wober to offer Bible study for Spanish speaking people

SEBRING – The Rev. Dr. Felipe S. Wober will start a Bible study for Spanish speaking people – children, young adults and adults – from 9-10 a.m. Sundays at Christ Fellowship Church, 2935 New Life Way. He will also have a prayer group from 6-7 p.m. Sundays.

For information, call 471-0924.

Entertainment

Brad Pitt tries to build a better blockbuster

By **JAKE COYLE**
AP Entertainment Writer
NEW YORK — Brad Pitt wanted to build a better blockbuster.

During the years Hollywood shifted toward increasingly bigger spectacles and superhero tent-poles, one of the movies' biggest stars largely stayed on the sidelines, focusing instead on ambitious ensembles ("The Tree of Life," "Inglourious Basterds") and unlikely dramas ("Moneyball").

But the zombie apocalypse "World War Z," which opens Friday, is Pitt's bold, long-gestating, big-budget effort to enter the franchise fray. It's his attempt to engineer not just a disaster thrill ride like 1974's "The Towering Inferno" (a beloved film to Pitt, who saw it repeatedly as a kid growing up in Missouri), but to make a thought-provoking action flick filled with geopolitical questions.

It's been a humbling crusade.

"These films are much more difficult than I realized," Pitt said in a recent interview over coffee at a restaurant off Times Square.

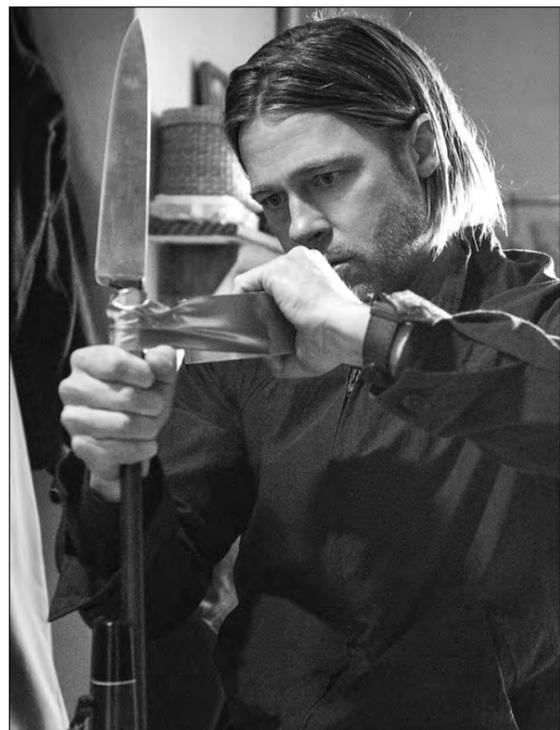
Based on the 2006 sci-fi novel "World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War" by Max Brooks (son of Mel), the \$200 million-plus film has had a rocky path to theaters. It's gone through a swarm of screenwriters, several key crew changes, a postponed release date and, most notably, a reshot ending.

But most moviegoers that make it to the film — far from the flop many predicted — will likely wonder what all the fuss was about. As Pitt's producing partner Dede Gardner points out, no one ever says: "Honey, let's go to this movie this Friday. I swear it was on-budget and on-schedule."

The reviews have largely been positive for "World War Z," a riveting, brisk thriller with a refreshingly — and, for summer movies, atypically — human protagonist who relies purely on his intellect and experience as he shuttles around the world trying to solve the zombie pandemic that's engulfed most of the planet. Pitt's former United Nations investigator has no superpowers, no gun, and as Pitt says, "can't even run that fast."

It may sound paradoxical, but though "World War Z" is awash with gruesome hordes of snarling zombies, it is — alongside Superman and Godzilla-sized sea monsters — one of the most human-scaled blockbusters of the summer.

While Hollywood awaits the film's box office per-



Brad Pitt stars in, and co-produced, 'World War Z.'

formance with bated breath, Pitt is confident. He's shaped the film as a producer since his production company, Plan B, acquired the book rights in 2006.

"I know it works," the 49-year-old actor says. "I know everyone involved is going to be happy. It's just a question of how happy. We're proud of it. When you get involved with a film like this at this scale, at this cost, there's more responsibility to meet that number immediately."

Not unlike his character, Pitt has been flying around the world to promote "World War Z." He spent Father's Day with his family, but at 40,000 feet, he says.

"I've got a few countries to go," he says with a grin.

Though he acknowledges the film has been "a learning experience," he's upbeat, repeatedly citing the "good fun" of making a big movie for the multiplexes. Adapting the book — a series of first-person dispatches from around the globe — required not just finding a narrative drive to the story, but capturing the novel's theorizing of how self-interested nations would fare in a global

catastrophe. (Faring well, for example, is walled-off Israel, the location of the film's most extreme set piece, shot in Malta with some 900 extras.)

But in the end, the principles of making a popcorn-friendly movie often bested the filmmakers' higher ambitions.

Much of the allegory had to be cut.

"It got too dense," Pitt says. "We got too weighed down on it. We spent a couple years on it. We couldn't get it into one movie. We had to walk a line between using the film as a Trojan horse for some of that, but these things have to be fun. And we were bored, ourselves."

Instead, the filmmakers, including director Marc Forster ("Quantum of Solace," "Stranger Than Fiction"), wrestled with finding what Pitt calls "the pace of the summer action film, the cadence it needs."

"Movies have a DNA," says Gardner. "They have their own identity. This one just fought back. It fought back, ultimately, in a way that I really appreciate because it sort of met our ambitions for it with its own ambitions."

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Christian group apologizes to gay community, is shutting down

ORLANDO (AP) — The president of a leading Christian ministry dedicated to helping gays repress their sexual urges through prayer has apologized to the gay community and says the group is shutting down.

Alan Chambers said on Exodus International's website Thursday that the group wants to apologize "to the gay community for years of undue suffering and judgment at the hands of the organization and the

church as a whole." Chambers also says he is sorry the group promoted sexual orientation change efforts and apologized for not challenging Christians who called gays names like "sodomite."

Phone messages left at the group's Orlando headquarters were not immediately returned Thursday. Exodus International was founded 37 years ago. It claimed 260 member ministries around the U.S. and internationally.

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