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The stage is set



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A ribbon cutting made the grand opening official Thursday night at the Circle Theatre in downtown Sebring.

Circle Theater gets very grand opening

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — Kevin Roberts, CEO of the Champion for Children Foundation — resplendent in a shiny white zoot suit complete with suspenders, padded shoulders and pegged pants — walked on air Thursday night.

Pat Leidel and Nancy Hensley, board members and tireless workers on the project; Suzanne Hunnicutt, its architect; and designer Meredith Keiber were just as giddy. And, why not?

The occasion was the elegant party celebrating the Champion for Children Foundation's latest project — turning an abandoned old movie house on Sebring's Historic Circle

My emotions are bursting out of my zoot suit. We did it.

Kevin Roberts
Champion for Children CEO

into a live theater where children will be exposed to the arts and in a setting so stylish it is perfect for special occasions.

The grand opening of the Champion For Children's Circle Theatre comes after two and a half years of obstacles, frustrations, sweat, toil, blisters and tears.

"My emotions are bursting out of my zoot suit," Roberts said. "We did it. With God's providence and blessings, we've restored an old dinosaur ready to be torn down and transformed the building into a place where we can transform children with family centered (programs) that will stimulate, captivate and delight."

Sebring Mayor George Hensley put it a different way. "What was old has been made new again," he said. "It's wonderful. I thought I was in New York and it was 1923 all over again.

"What an incredible reconstruction job of this historic building in downtown that will enhance the lives of the children in Highlands County."

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Shoop plans to run for mayor

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — The first candidate to be Sebring's next mayor has thrown his hat into the ring.

Local business leader John Shoop revealed Friday afternoon that he has decided to enter the mayor's race in 2014.

Shoop, president and CEO of Highlands

Independent Bank, is a well-known figure in the Sebring community and throughout Highlands County.

Shoop and his wife Jan, who sits on the school board, arrived in Highlands County



Shoop

in 1988. The couple moved to Sebring in 1993 while Jan was pregnant with their first child.

"Yes, I am going to be running (for mayor)," Shoop confirmed Friday.

Shoop stated that his friendship with current Sebring Mayor George Hensley, who recently revealed he would not run for office following the end of his

term next spring, has grown over the past few years.

"George and I have become good friends over the past five or six years. He

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County's jobless rate jumps higher

Climbs from 7.3 to 8.2

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — While Florida Governor Rick Scott is touting a June statewide unemployment average of 7.1 percent, the seasonal doldrums have hit locally as unemployment in Highlands County was on the rise last month.

Numbers released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics show that the Highlands

labor force was projected to be down by 952 individuals last month, while 293 more people were said to be out of work than in May. That set an 8.2 percent June joblessness figure here.

The number was up from May's 7.3 percent unemployment, but down from June of 2012 when an estimated 9.7 percent of the workforce was off the job locally.

Hardee County tied Highlands at 8.2 percent, putting both counties in the top 20 most unemployed counties in the state of

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Longshore ready to 'put excellence into practice'

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — Brenda Longshore, principal of Park Elementary School the last six years, has been named assistant school superintendent for curriculum and management information systems. Andrew Lethbridge, principal of the Kindergarten Learning Center since its opening, was named director of elementary education.

The changes, brought about by retirements, come at a time when national, state and district goals for education are shifting to a different perspective and

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KATARA SIMMONS/News-Sun
Chris Doty, Hill Gustat Middle School principal, meets with Brenda Longshore, assistant school superintendent for curriculum and management information systems on Thursday at the middle school in Sebring.

Commissioners begin budget talks Tuesday

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Highlands County commissioners will begin to tackle this year's budget shortfall when they get together Tuesday evening for their regular monthly night session. In addition to resolving the gap between revenue and spending, 2013-2014 also represents the first two-year budget cycle for the county.

In one of the first official actions, commissioners will be asked to certify the millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year. Currently, that sits at 7.1 mils, or \$7.10 for each \$1,000 of taxable value. However, some commissioners have talked about the option of increasing taxes to boost revenue.

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Community Briefs

Volunteers sought for Guardian ad Litem Program

SEBRING — The Guardian ad Litem program, which serves abused and neglected children across Highlands County, is seeking volunteers.

Volunteer guardians help represent children who are involved in court proceedings. Guardians must be at least 21 years old and undergo background checks and a certification process.

Call Dawn Shinskey at (863) 534-4597 or email Dawn.Shinskey@gal.fl.org.

Computer classes offered at SFSC Hardee Campus

South Florida State College's Corporate and Community Education Department is offering workshops and classes to help improve workplace skills and productivity this fall at the SFSC Hardee Campus.

In Introduction to Microcomputers, learn how to open and run programs on a Windows-based computer. Learn to create, save, organize, and back up files and folders, an learn to use email and calendar functions. This class will be offered as a two-day workshop from 8 a.m. to noon on two Fridays, Sept. 6 and Sept. 13. The cost of the course is \$137, and the course number is (CRN) 11316.

In Microsoft Intermediate Excel 2010, learn to sort and filter data, create cross-sheet formulas, and more. This class will be offered as a two-day workshop from 8 a.m. to noon on two Fridays, Sept. 20 and Sept. 27. The cost of the course is \$137, and the course number is (CRN) 11317.

Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center. Contact Lorrie Key, director at 784-7033 or by emailing corporatetraining@south-florida.edu.

Orchid Society will meet Monday

SEBRING — Orchid Society Highlands County Inc. will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Jack R. Stroup Center, 355 W. Center Ave. Guest speakers will be Ken and Judy Russ from Port St. Lucie. They make interesting pottery for use with orchids. The topic will be "Backyard Orchid Growing".

This month, the society is sponsoring a food drive for pets and people. Pet food/supplies brought in will be donated to the Humane Society of Highlands County, and people food brought in will be donated to the New Testament Mission food bank. There will be a special door prize drawing for members and guests bringing in donations of food.

Contact Cindy Barber at (863) 307-2300.

Highlands Shrine host Bunco

AVON PARK — The public is invited to play Bunco at the Highlands Shrine Club, 2604 State Road 17 South, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. Cost is \$4 per person. Phone 382-4111.

Compassionate Care Hospice needs volunteers

SEBRING — Volunteers with Compassionate Care Hospice come from all walks of life, but always seem to possess two precious traits — a compassion-

ate spirit and a caring heart. By giving just a bit of time and energy, one can help others face the challenges of terminal illness.

Volunteers for companionship, respite care and office support are needed. For information, call (863) 709-0099 or go online to cchnet.net/hospice/ .

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK

American Legion Post 69 will have karaoke by KJ from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Todd Allen from 4-6 p.m. Friday. SAL breakfast will be from 8-10 a.m. Saturday. Roadkill at 3 p.m. Legion Riders meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Call 453-4553.

VFW 9853 will have a steak dinner on Friday for \$8 from 5-7 p.m. Tom McGannon will provide music. Peg & Perry will have karaoke from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. Call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID

VFW Post 3880 Tilapia dinner at 5:30 p.m. Friday. Music by Bobby Brooks. Breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Saturday. Call 699-5444.

Moose Lodge 2374 will host Wild Bill Karaoke on Sunday and Wednesday. Pressure Point will play Thursday, Bob Weed on Friday and Sho Nuf Country on Saturday. Music times from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

American Legion Post 25 will have Chrissy playing from 5-8 p.m. today. Pete will play from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. Fish and shrimp dinner is at 5 p.m. Friday with Larry M. playing from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Texas Hold'em is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 465-0975 for details.

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VFW Post 4300 will have Karaoke by Mega Soundz from 5-8 p.m. Gary & Shirley will play music from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. Big Freddie is back to play music from 5-8 p.m.

Wednesday. Chrissy will play music from 6-9 p.m. Friday. Jim Duke will play from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 385-8902.

Elks Lodge 1529 will have Wacky Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. for \$6.50.

Dance only for \$3 to music by Chrissy Harriman from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday buffet is \$10 with dance only for \$3 to music by Buddy Canova from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Call 471-3557.

Moose Lodge 2259 House Committee and Loyal Order of the Moose meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, following by a general meeting at 7 p.m. Music by Johnny 5 from 7-10 p.m.

Friday. Music by Big Freddie from 7-10 p.m. Saturday. Call 655-3920.

AMVETS Post 21 will have karaoke with Mega Soundz from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Pizza will be available.



Samantha Gholar/News-Sun
One person was transported to the hospital and another had minor injuries after a Choice garbage truck rolled over on U.S. 98 Friday afternoon.

Choice driver in stable condition after rollover

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — One occupant of a Choice Environmental Waste truck is in stable condition after a rollover occurred on U.S. 98 just past Arbuckle Creek near Lorida around 5 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Two male workers were traveling in the truck at the time of the incident and one suffered only a few scratches and bruises.

Florida Highway Patrol

said that the Aeromed helicopter was initially called in for transport, but was later canceled.

The victim, who was "barely breathing and hanging out of the window of the truck," according to witness Roland Bishop, was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring.

Bishop, who was traveling on U.S. 98 headed back to Sebring, described the incident as "crazy."

"It almost hit me. He was about from my tire to there," Bishop said, pointing at the shoulder of the road. "I was headed that way and I saw him turn the corner and he just lost control."

Bishop made the 911 call after discovering the Choice worker hanging from the truck window barely conscious, he said.

FHP questioned Bishop and two other drivers, all unharmed, who witnessed the accident.

Protesters stay in Capitol

TALLAHASSEE (AP)

— Protesters angered by the acquittal of George Zimmerman remained firmly in place at the Florida Capitol for a fourth straight day and repeated that they have no plans to leave, choosing to stay locked in for the weekend.

They continue to vow they would not leave until Gov. Rick Scott calls a special session to have legislators repeal the state's "stand your ground" law.

Protest leaders met Thursday with Scott, but the governor told them he supported the law and would not call a special session.

Phillip Agnew, executive director of Dream Defenders, the main group behind the protest, described the standoff as "when an immovable object meets a seemingly unmovable object."

He asserted that his group was offering Scott a "solution" by asking him to back legislation that would remove the law that allows someone to use deadly force if they believe their life is in danger. Agnew's group also wants legislation to dissuade the use of racial profiling by police or other groups.

Supreme court to decide whether to halt execution

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — A stay of execution for a former escort service owner has been lifted, but the case is now headed to the Florida Supreme Court.

A Bradford County judge ruled this week that Marshall Lee Gore was sane and could be executed.

Gore had been scheduled to die earlier this month by lethal injection. But a judge halted Gore's execution to consider whether Gore is mentally ill.

Gore's lawyer — who says his client is insane — immediately appealed the latest decision. The Florida Supreme Court gave attorneys for Gore and the state until Aug. 7 to file motions.

NAPLES (AP) — A southwest Florida man has been sentenced to life in for fatally shooting his on-again-off-again girlfriend.

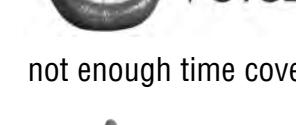
A Collier County judge sentenced 47-year-old Kevin Risner on Friday.

A jury convicted him in April of second-degree murder.

AMVETS Post 21 will have karaoke with Mega Soundz from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Pizza will be available.

Online

This week's question: Do you think cable news channels have spent too much time talking about the Zimmerman case and other important issues?



not enough time covering

Yes
93.5%

No
6.5%

Total votes: 292

Next question: Should the county raise the millage to the rollback rate to help make up the budget shortfall?

Poll open through Friday.

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

When you know you have a good thing, keep it

On Tuesday the county commission will decide what to do about emergency medical air transport in the county over the next five years.

Since 1994, that service has been provided by Aeromed, which is owned by Tampa General Hospital and run as a non-profit. Aeromed provided the medical teams and partnered with Air Methods for helicopters and pilots.

Tampa General recently replaced Air Methods with Metro Aviation.

Air Methods, a subsidiary of the national for-profit company Rocky Mountain Holdings, is headquartered in Colorado and has begun training its own medical crews so it can supply both the medical care and transportation. It has

applied to operate in Highlands County to replace or compete with Aeromed.

The News-Sun urges the county commission to support Aeromed for two reasons:

In the first place, if nothing is broken why mess with it. Change for its own sake is not always wise.

In this case in particular because it does not reflect on Aeromed. It is the result of outside business decisions, and has nothing to do with the quality of service. Aeromed has been doing its job very well for almost two decades.

In the second place, loyalty should be rewarded. Aeromed hires locally and takes part in the community. Its employees — some of them live in Highlands County — participate in local health fairs, the United Way and Habitat for Humanity's days of caring, and some mentor students through the Take Stock in Children program.

We are not alone in our support.

Aeromed is praised by several county agencies and private individuals.

Brian Hess, CEO of Highlands Regional Medical Center wrote to the commission saying, "Tampa General (Aeromed) provides the perfect complement by offering top quality flight crews that have years of critical care experience and advanced certifications."

Dr. Donald Geldart also wrote saying, "I strongly suggest that Aeromed be named the sole provider of air medical services to Highlands County due to the fact that their service line is not limited and they are totally qualified to supply the needs of our community."

Finally, Sheriff Susan Benton wrote to the county commission saying, "Aeromed is a proven professional, highly qualified, and advanced team providing an extraordinary service to our citizens."

We agree.



How to seem racist: a guide



Guest Column

Tina Dupuy

It feels like this needs to be said: Pro-Zimmerman folks, when you celebrate the now decidedly legal shooting death of an unarmed adolescent, it's ghoulish — and it makes you seem racist.

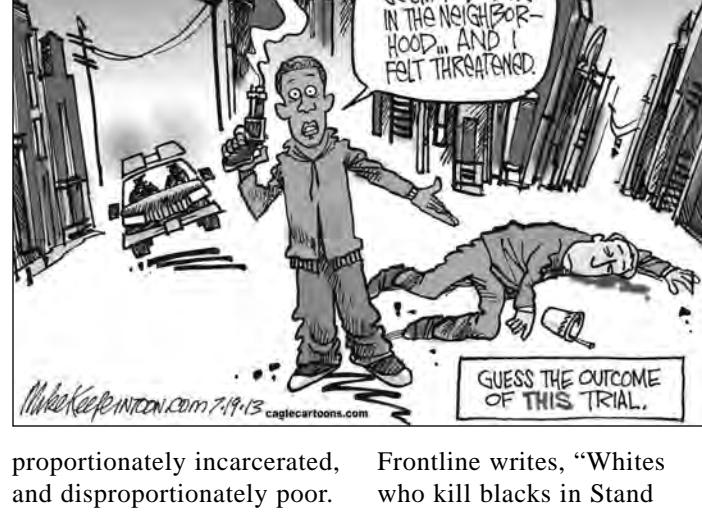
Here's why: Trayvon Martin was a kid. He didn't have a criminal record — his killer did. Martin had a legitimate reason for being in that neighborhood that night and he had the right to defend himself when, after he ran away to avoid confrontation, Zimmerman admittedly chased him down. When you reflexively call a young black kid a "thug" you seem racist. There's no other reasonable explanation for gloating about an unnecessary killing.

If you see Trayvon Martin's life as having equal value to any other person who chooses to walk down the street, there's no need to dislike him. He was a hapless victim.

And saying, "this is not a race issue" — doesn't make it not a race issue. Just as being offended by being called racist doesn't make you less racist.

That's not color blindness; that's tone deafness.

The numbers tell us African Americans endure inequities, both legal and circumstantial. They are disproportionately targeted, dis-



proportionately incarcerated, and disproportionately poor. Saying "nu-huh" doesn't make that untrue.

Also saying, "But Obama is president!" makes you seem racist. There have been 43 white presidents, out of 44. Really, don't bring up Obama — whom you irrationally hate — as proof racism is over. Just don't.

Zimmerman defense attorney Mark O'Mara, in the wake of the not guilty verdict, said: "If George Zimmerman were black he'd never have been charged with a crime." Former RNC chairman Michael Steele (fired by Republicans on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, by the way, months after winning the House for his party) replied on Twitter: "Is he high?"

Because with few exceptions, black people who kill white people (or black people for that matter) will not be found to be justified in our legal system. Ever. This is according to data compiled by the FBI in their Supplemental Homicide Report. Sarah Childress at

Frontline writes, "Whites who kill blacks in Stand Your Ground states are far more likely to be found justified in their killings. In non-Stand Your Ground states, whites are 250 percent more likely to be found justified in killing a black person than a white person who kills another white person; in Stand Your Ground states, that number jumps to 354 percent." For black shooters? There's a negative 60 percent chance their actions will be found justified in court.

The most widely cited example of this is the case of Marissa Alexander. In 2010, she fired a warning shot to ward off her husband, against whom she had an order of protection. She tried to use Florida's Stand Your Ground law in court. The judge rejected her bid and sentenced her to 20 years in jail.

She didn't kill anyone. She's the mother of three. But she's African American.

White people who feel they are the real victims of racial prejudice — their evi-

dence consisting of them saying so out loud and on camera — seem racist. To proclaim you're the one who really suffers seems unempathetic to people who have been systematically oppressed by the law.

That's why you sound racist, O'Mara.

"I'm sure there were some fabrications, enhancements, but I think pretty much it happened the way George said it happened," Juror B37 told CNN's Anderson Cooper in her first interview. If self-serving lies don't make you dismiss the credibility of someone who's gunned down an unarmed black kid — you seem racist. You seem to sympathize a little too strongly with the killer who arguably would not have gotten out of his car in the first place had it not been for his loaded gun.

If you feel like Martin is responsible for his own death because he wasn't docile and apologetic; that simply running away from a guy stalking him wasn't good enough; or, that he should have known better than to wear those clothes in that neighborhood on that night, you seem racist.

And if your opinion would be different if he had blond hair and blue eyes...

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Freedomfest

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

Before I get into my time at Freedomfest, let me make something clear. I did not gamble while I was in Vegas.

I am not saying I wasn't tempted. We had to walk through the casinos to get to restaurants and shops at our hotel and others, and the machines are very pretty. You also have to understand that where people see a pathway to riches, I see a neat-looking videogame. They even had a Star Wars slot machine, which the geek in me found fascinating.

But we'd only budgeted so much money for the trip, and I know that more likely than not gambling is a black hole to toss your money into. So I said "no" and left Vegas with my wallet and credit rating intact.

Well, my credit card did see some use. There was an exhibition area at

Freedomfest, and many

people there had books for

sale. Don and I managed to

drop a number of dollars

on various tomes, all which

we had to haul back in our

suitcases. They are currently

piled up on a coffee

table, waiting to be relocat-

ed somewhere on our shelves (if we can find

room).

Meanwhile, there was Freedomfest, a large gathering of primarily Libertarians who come together to discuss a wide range of topics. The theme of the conference this year was "Are We Rome?" asking the question of whether the United States was in a decline similar to that which Rome suffered before it fell.

I was delighted to find, as part of the conference, a group from the Heinlein Society, which promotes the works of the late great science fiction writer, Robert A. Heinlein. They were there because Heinlein was a libertarian and some of his works have strong political overtones.

That's why you sound racist, O'Mara.

Longshore ready for new challenge at district-level post

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focus: A new core curriculum — shared by many different states — is more complex and demanding; national standards are being developed and teachers provided more professional training.

Longshore, who was born and raised in Avon Park, radiates positive energy and optimism.

"This is an exciting time," she said. "We have resources we didn't have before and the skeleton to put excellence into practice." She also is pleased with the state's new attitudes toward curriculum — that is, what students are taught in class. Individual districts now have more freedom to choose their own resources and methods in teaching the skills students need to master.

The emphasis is not on rote work, but on how to think critically and arrive at conclusions, how to do independent research and, perhaps most important of all, how to persevere during adversity.

"Common core gives us the structure, but doesn't make course decisions," Longshore said. "It allows the freedom to determine your own mind."

For example, this summer secondary teachers gathered together for several days to create independent curriculum units enhancing the English course work for this coming year, Longshore said.

The public tends to think of teachers as surrounded and supported by colleagues all day. The fact is quite different. Once teachers enter their classrooms and shut the



KATARA SIMMONS/News-Sun
Brenda Longshore, an Avon Park native, is the new assistant school superintendent for curriculum and management information systems.

doors, they are isolated and on their own.

That is why Longshore is putting an emphasis on bringing teachers together — whether it's meetings for all a grade's teachers in one school, or many schools, or across the district; whether it's the teachers of different grades meeting to look at continuity; or math and English teachers working to find ways of teaching both subjects in both classes.

The goal is communication. Teachers are encouraged to collaborate; exchanging information, experiences and ideas; "building on each others' strength," Longshore said. New specialists hired at the district level will be working with teachers in the classroom, she added, bringing new ideas with them. Principals, too, are urged to meet and communicate with each other.

Longshore has visited every school and met with the staffs. "There are many pockets of excellence," she said, "and we're working to fill in the gaps."

The district will not fail

for a lack of trying, she added. "Teachers and administrators have excitement, drive and a sense of possibility."

Only half of the job

Curriculum is only a portion of Longshore's responsibilities. Equally important is the department of Management Information Systems.

MIS is charged with keeping all student records — from daily attendance to standardized test scores, including end-of-course exams.

This means the department is responsible for all the data used to evaluate students, teachers and school progress.

"MIS is the hub," Longshore said, "and so, so, so much more. It collaborates with teachers and school administrators, because it analyzes and charts data."

The district, schools, teachers and parents can clearly follow a child's progress.

"It's very, very important," Longshore said.

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Wednesday, July 31st, presented by Beef O'Bradys'

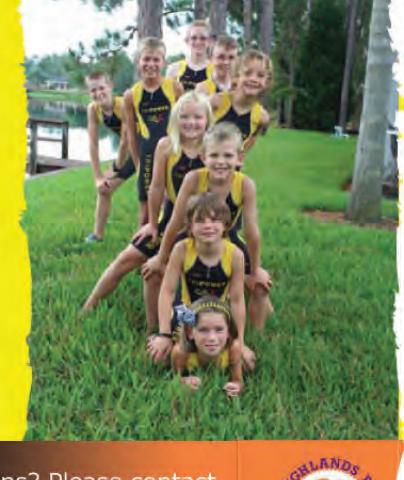
Car Wash

The athletes will be hosting a car wash in Dr. Guelff's parking lot in Sebring, and they noticed that your wheels are a little dirty. Come visit these amazing young people, and give your vehicle a little TLC at the same time.

Saturday, August 3rd, at 601 US 27, Sebring FL 33870

10 members of Highlands and Hardee County's own TriPower Youth Triathlon Team have qualified to race at the Hy-Vee IronKids National Championship in Des Moines, Iowa, on August 31st, 2013.

The athletes hail from all parts of Highlands and Hardee Counties, from Bowling Green and Zolfo Springs to Lake Placid and Sebring.



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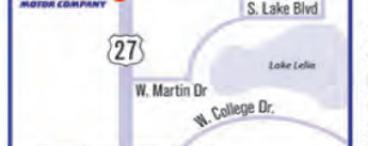
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The Circle Theatre has 25-foot high auditorium walls that include the original clay tile, vintage chandeliers in the main auditorium and main lobby and metallic gold ceiling tiles.

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Circle Theatre opens with style

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"It's amazing," said Pete Zeeger, director of the Avon Park Youth Academy — another Foundation project that took an abandoned part of an air force base and turned it into a school of last resort for troubled boys. "Kevin Roberts is the rock star," Zeeger said. "He's the one who got all this done."

In the summer of 1923 the building, which is at 202 N. Circle Drive, opened as a movie theater. The only air-conditioned business in the area, it was popular for years.

Sebring native Craig Johnson remembers coming

to the movies later as a youngster. "I haven't been inside for years," he said. "I don't remember it being this nice." He grinned, "I mean, they've done a really great job."

In fact, the large crowd of invited guests were all overwhelmed by the nearly finished restoration. Exposed brick walls, peacock tail patterned carpeting, sconces, chandeliers and hammered metal ceiling tiles meld into an elegant, balanced whole.

"What a tribute to our community," said Jeff Roth, who is executive director of another outstanding Champion for Children success — the Children's

Advocacy Center, which once was a derelict convenience store.

"It's incredible. Over the top," said Jack Richie, chairman of the Highlands County Commission.

"The Champion for Children did a fabulous job of restoring the building," said Andrew Fells, a member of the Sebring City Council. "It's a great asset for our children and community."

Roberts beamed cutting the red ribbon with a pair of scissors about 2 feet long, and the audience gave him and the Foundation's realized dream a standing ovation.



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The Champion for Children Circle Theatre was packed with people Thursday evening including flapper girls and guests dressed in 1920s attire for the grand opening celebration in Sebring.

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FDLE conducts 2nd investigation of Lakeland Police Department

LAKELAND (AP) — The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is conducting a second criminal investigation relating to the sexual misconduct case within the Lakeland Police Department.

FDLE confirmed for the Ledger this week that an inquiry had been made.

FDLE spokeswoman Linda McDonald said the state agency had been contacted, but said she did not know by whom.

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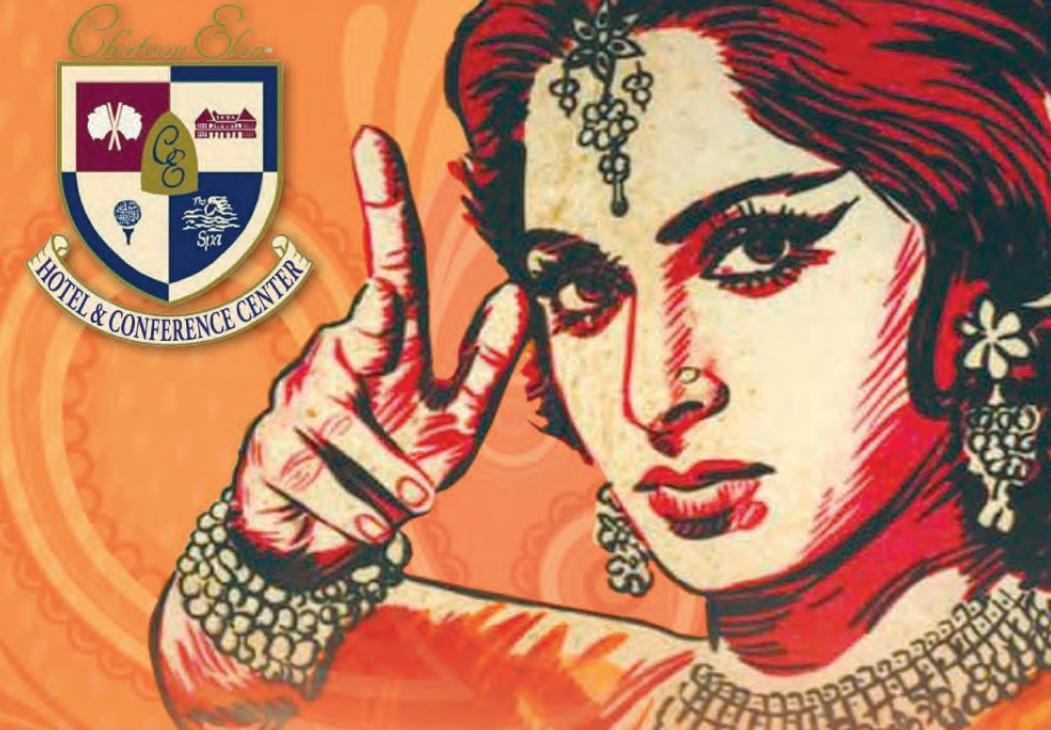
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'It was a wild ride'



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

'It was a wild ride,' Ronnie Elrod, 75, of Sebring said Saturday morning after his truck rolled into a ditch along Schumacher Road in Sebring. According to a press release issued by Florida Highway Patrol, a 2005 Mercury driven by John Reilly, 89, was stopped on Ortega Street before pulling into the intersection and colliding with the rear side of Elrod's 2010 Ford F150. The impact caused the truck to rotate clockwise and overturn in a ditch. No injuries were reported.

SFSC Community Education offers slate of summer and fall classes

Special to the News-Sun

South Florida State College's Community Education Department is offering summer and fall classes.

Aquatics is a moderately paced exercise class that includes flexibility, balance, stretching, cardio and strength training with the use of water resistant equipment.

The class runs from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Aug. 8 through Sept. 31 at the SFSC swimming pool. The cost for the class is \$59, and the course number is

(CRN) 10608.

The Lap Swim class is an excellent way to exercise or cross-train for marathons. This class runs from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 6 through Sept. 19.

The cost for the class is \$56, and the course number is (CRN) 11157.

In Conversational Spanish, learn practical Spanish that you can apply to real-life situations. Spanish grammar and pronunciation skills are taught in a fun manner.

The class will be held for nine weeks from 5:30-7:30

p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 15 through Oct. 10. The cost of the class is \$103, and the course number is (CRN) 11026.

In Basic Home Computer, begin by learning how to turn on the computer, and advance to basic computer operations. The class will be held for nine weeks from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Aug. 19 through Oct. 14. The cost of the class is \$140 and includes a text book. The course number is (CRN) 11018.

In Digital Photography I, learn to shoot digital photos and create memories.

Participants must provide their own camera that has the ability to set shutter speed and lens opening. This class will be held for nine weeks from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 14 through Oct. 9.

The cost of the class is \$103, and the course number is (CRN) 11098.

Preregistration is required for all classes. Register in Building B, at the Highlands Campus, or at any SFSC campus or center.

For more information, call 784-7388 or email CommunityEducation@soutlhflorida.edu.

Shoop plans to make run for Sebring mayor

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told me a while back that this would be his last term. He told me I should run for mayor," Shoop said.

After mulling over the idea for the past few years, Shoop made the decision about a week or two ago to go ahead with the idea. Shoop stated that being mayor is something that he's wanted to do and that he would enjoy the job.

"He's (Hensley) done a lot for

I think that I can represent the city n the right way.

John Shoop
future candidate for mayor

Sebring; he's a good mayor ... The ones before him were good. We've had some good mayors here. Those

are some tough shoes to fill," Shoop said.

Shoop is looking forward to the upcoming months when he can formally become a mayor candidate for the city of Sebring.

"I think Sebring, the whole county really, is a great community. It's a good place to live. My wife and I have lived here, our kids were born here and they were raised here.

"I think that I can represent the city in the right way," Shoop said.

County to start budget talks at Tuesday meeting

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At their June 18 meeting, during a discussion on budget initiatives presented by Highlands County Administrator June Fisher, two commissioners — Jim Brooks and Ron Handley — said they did not want to "take off the table" the notion of increasing property taxes to the roll-up rate.

The roll-up rate would represent an assessment that would bring in the same dollar amount of taxes generated in the prior fiscal year. At that time it was set at 7.23, or \$7.23 per each \$1,000 of

taxable property value.

"I want to leave it as an option," Brooks said at the time, "looking at our revenue sources versus what we need to do and want to do."

Another item that commissioners agreed to leave on the table is the possibility of raises for county workers. Investigation into that idea also was backed by Brooks and Handley as well as commissioner Greg Harris.

Tuesday night's commission meeting also will include a workshop to review budget requests from a number of outside agencies which have submitted

requests in search of county funding. Among those in search of underwriting from the county this year are Nu-Hope of Highlands County, the Ridge Area Arc, the Highlands County Health Department, the county's Safehouse for domestic abuse, and the Highlands County Economic Development Commission/Industrial Development Authority (IDA/EDC.)

Additionally the Chambers of Commerce of Avon Park, Sebring and Lake Placid will make their case for additional funding.

Representatives of the cities of Sebring, and Avon Park as well as the Town of Lake Placid are scheduled to be on hand to discuss recreational funding for facilities that are owned and operated by the municipalities but are used in large part by residents who live in the unincorporated area of the county.

This year's budget is set at \$123,356,734 approximately

Obituaries

ROSS BEAULIEU

Ross Louis Beaulieu, age 97, of Sebring, Fla., passed away

Wednesday, July 17, 2013, in Sebring. He was born Aug. 25, 1915 to Honrei and Odile (Pellitier) Beaulieu in Fort Kent, Maine, and had been a resident of Sebring since 1992, coming from Homestead, Fla. He was a manufacturing engineer, a veteran of the U.S. Navy and attended Tanglewood Community Church.

He is survived by his wife, Nina L. Beaulieu of Sebring; sons, Gary (Marilyn) Beaulieu of South Dakota and Lee Beaulieu of Portland, Maine; step-children, William (Linda)

Killborn of New York and Paula (Alan) Arnold of Homer, N.Y.; brothers, Sylvio (Betty) Beaulieu of North Carolina and Paul Beaulieu of Connecticut; sisters, Maybelline Nadeau of Connecticut, Theresa Dube of Florida and Juliette Beaulieu of Florida; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in his memory to Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33870. Arrangements have been entrusted to:

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home
Sebring, Fla. 33870
(863) 385-0125

LEONARD SERAFINO

Leonard (Lenny) Michael Serafino Sr., age 90, passed away Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring, Fla. He was born on March 17, 1923 in New Jersey to Joseph and Donna Marie (Telesco) Serafino. He had been a resident of Avon Park since 2005 and a resident in Florida for 25 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sonia (Sunny) Serafino; sons Leonard Michael Serafino Jr. (Nancy) of Tennessee, Steven of New Jersey and Mark (Val) of Missouri; a step-son, Paul Young; two step-daughters, Laurel Mikovitis and Jennifer Mucka, all of Pennsylvania; and many, many devoted nieces and nephews. Lenny is also sur-

vived by 19 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandniece. Lenny loved life, humor, golf and his church. He also sang in many musical groups. He loved the Lord and was a member of Sunridge Baptist Church. During his working years, Lenny was a printer and worked as such for more than 35 years.

The family would like to thank Good Shepherd Hospice and The Palms for the caring help they gave him during his struggle with health matters. A memorial service will be planned in the future.

Jobless rate climbs

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Florida during the month of June.

Nevertheless, both were incrementally better than Polk County, where 8.4 of the labor force was said to be off the job. They were ranked 13th statewide for unemployment.

The worst county for unemployment last month was Hendry, where an estimated 13.5 percent of the job force was out of work. The most employed county in Florida was Monroe where June unemployment was set at 4.1 percent.

While Florida's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was set at 7.1 percent, it was estimated at 7.4 percent before the adjustment. Nationally, unemployment was set at 7.8 percent for June, but seasonally adjusted to 7.6 percent.

month were trade, transportation and utilities. Other industries gaining jobs were private health and education services, leisure and hospitality as well as professional and business services.

Manufacturing and total government reportedly have lost positions over the past year. That was attributed in part to declines in computer and electronic parts manufacturing and the federal government.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 12000047GCS

CitMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Clayton D. Colquitt; Tonya F. Colquitt; et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 2, 2013, entered in Case No. 12000047GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein CitMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and Clayton D. Colquitt; Tonya F. Colquitt; United States of America on behalf of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 4th day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 430, SEBRING HILLS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2013.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

As Deputy Clerk

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July 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRUIT COURT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: GC-12-000936

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

vs.

WALTON PEART; SHEENA PEART; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 11th day of September, 2013, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situated in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 7, OF OAK LANE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 38, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 9th day of July, 2013.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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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
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UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHERYL L. WARD A/K/A
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CHERYL LYNN RAY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 3, 2013, and Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 3, 2013, both 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 RAY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

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TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A couple of afternoon thunderstorms 90° / 75°	An afternoon thunderstorm in spots 92° / 74°	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m. 91° / 74°	Chance for an afternoon t-storm 92° / 74°	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m. 92° / 74°
Winds: SSW at 4-8 mph	Winds: SW at 3-6 mph	Winds: WSW at 3-6 mph	Winds: WSW at 4-8 mph	Winds: SW at 4-8 mph

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Temperature

Readings at Abbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday 85°

Low Tuesday 7°

High Wednesday 86°

Low Wednesday 70°

High Thursday 86°

Low Thursday 66°

Heat Index

For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity 64%

Expected air temperature 90°

Makes it feel like 102°

Barometer

Tuesday 30.03

Wednesday 29.99

Thursday 30.02

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.14"

Wednesday 0.16"

Thursday 0.13"

Month to date 11.48"

Year to date 41.27"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High 3:17 a.m.

Low 6:09 a.m.

High 12:55 p.m.

Low 8:52 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High 7:51 a.m.

Low 1:25 a.m.

High 8:35 p.m.

Low 1:49 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson 78.36'

Lake Okeechobee 15.24'

Normal 14.51'

UV Index Today

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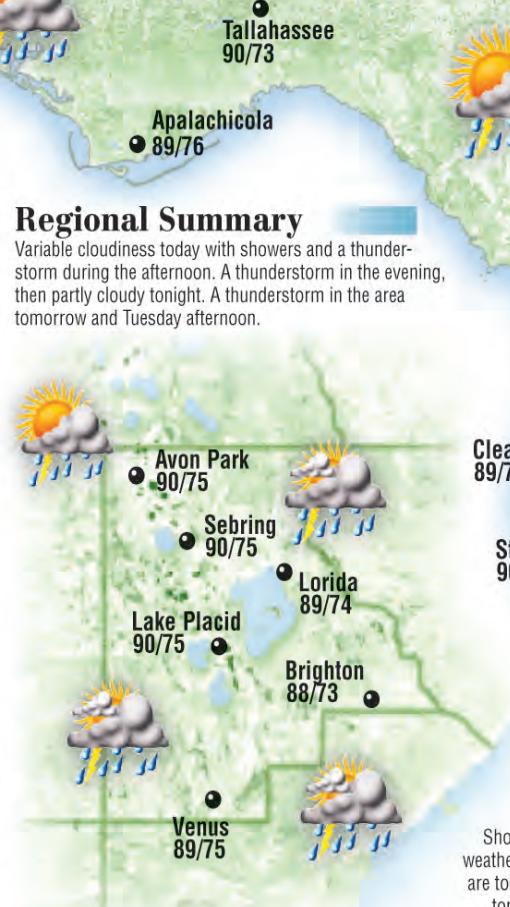


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0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High;

8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme

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Farm Report

A couple of thunderstorms this afternoon. Winds southwest becoming south-southwest 4-8 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation.

Weather History

A tornado killed two people in separate mobile homes near Hartly, Del., on July 21, 1980. These were the first tornado-related deaths in Delaware since Aug. 21, 1888.

Sun and Moon

Today	Monday
Sunrise 6:46 a.m.	6:47 a.m.
Sunset 8:18 p.m.	8:18 p.m.
Moornrise 7:18 p.m.	8:11 p.m.
Moonset 5:28 a.m.	6:38 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
July 22	July 29	Aug 6	Aug 14

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- 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 Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Cape Coral	89/75/t	90/74/t	89/74/pc	Miami	88/76/t	89/77/t	90/76/t
Clearwater	89/77/t	90/78/t	90/78/t	Okeechobee	86/72/t	88/71/t	89/71/t
Coral Springs	89/75/t	89/76/t	91/75/t	Orlando	89/74/t	92/75/t	91/74/t
Denton Beach	88/74/t	90/74/t	90/74/t	Pembroke Pines	89/76/t	90/76/t	91/76/t
Ft. Laud. Bch	88/77/t	89/78/t	90/76/t	St. Augustine	88/74/t	90/74/pc	88/74/t
Fort Myers	89/75/t	91/74/t	90/73/pc	St. Petersburg	90/77/t	91/77/t	91/77/t
Gainesville	89/72/t	91/74/t	89/74/t	Sarasota	89/76/t	90/75/t	90/76/t
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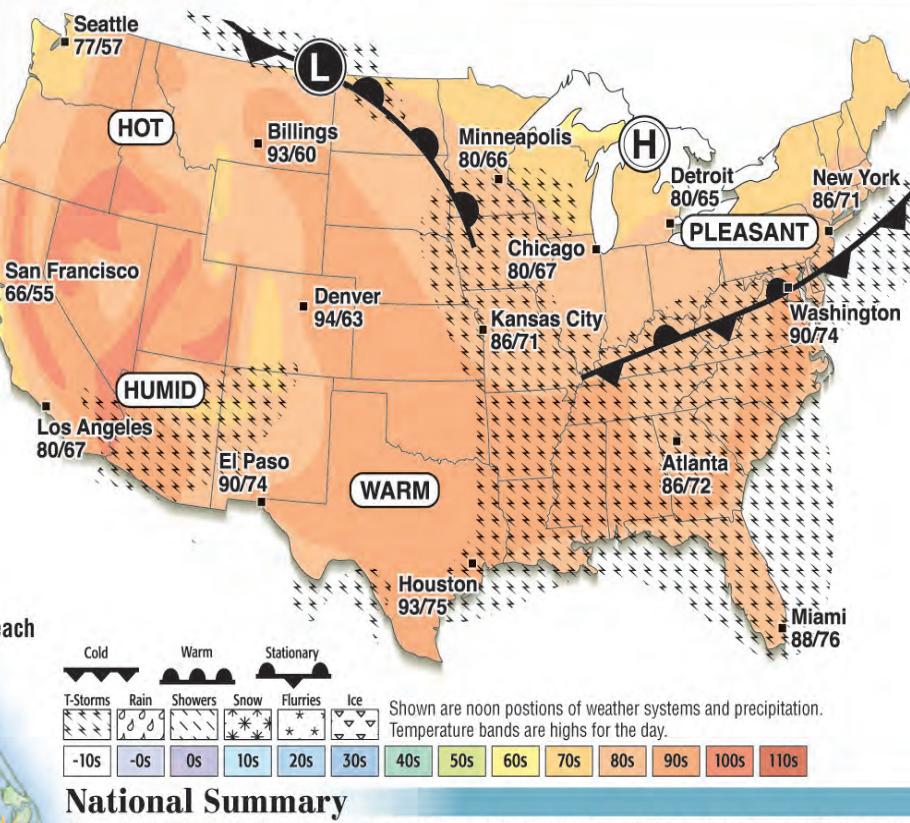
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National Summary

The cold front that is pushing through the Ohio Valley and Northeast today will stall out from Kentucky to Delaware tomorrow. This will allow for storms and showers to stick around the Ohio River through the mid-Atlantic Coast. Typical pop-up thunderstorms will once again occur across much of the Deep South and into southern Texas. An advancing warm front will bring thunderstorms to the northern Mississippi Valley and central Midwest, some of these storms will be severe.

U.S. Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	88/69/t	91/69/pc	94/71/s	Los Angeles	80/67/t	81/64/pc	80/64/pc
Atlanta	88/73/t	87/72/pc	88/72/t	Louisville	88/73/t	87/73/pc	89/69/t
Baltimore	89/73/t	86/73/t	87/70/t	Memphis	92/76/t	92/77/t	96/77/t
Birmingham	88/73/t	88/74/t	90/74/t	Milwaukee	76/67/pc	82/68/t	77/63/pc
Boston	82/67/pc	80/67/pc	80/66/t	Minneapolis	80/66/t	84/64/pc	79/59/t
Charlotte	90/70/t	91/71/t	91/68/pc	Nashville	90/73/t	91/73/r	93/74/t
Cheyenne	88/58/s	90/58/pc	91/56/pc	New Orleans	88/77/t	90/78/t	92/77/t
Chicago	80/67/pc	85/66/t	84/62/t	New York City	86/71/pc	86/73/t	83/73/t
Cleveland	82/64/pc	79/64/t	83/65/pc	Norfolk	92/75/t	90/76/t	94/76/t
Columbus	86/68/pc	82/68/t	85/66/pc	Oklahoma City	94/74/pc	100/74/t	98/74/s
Dallas	96/79/t	101/79/t	98/77/t	Philadelphia	89/70/t	88/74/t	86/74/t
Denver	94/63/s	95/64/pc	96/62/s	Raleigh	82/72/t	92/72/t	93/70/t
Detroit	80/65/pc	86/65/t	87/65/t	Indianapolis	86/70/t	83/65/t	82/60/t
El Paso	90/74/t	91/75/t	94/73/t	Jackson, MS	88/74/t	88/75/t	92/75/t
Houston	93/75/t	94/75/t	95/69/pc	Kansas City	86/71/t	86/73/t	93/69/t
Jacksonville	90/73/t	92/75/t	90/73/t	Lexington			

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MMA returns to Sebring with Swamp Brawl

By SCOTT DRESSEL
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SEBRING — Mixed martial arts is returning to Highlands County with a decidedly Sebring flavor on Saturday, Aug. 10.

The Sebring Swamp Brawl will be held in the convention center at Firemen's Field and will feature five local MMA fighters on the card as well as three locals in kickboxing matches.

Sebring's Chris Miller is serving double duty for the event, acting as promoter while at the same time preparing for his own fight at the 170-pound level and trying to improve his 5-2 record.

"I've got a lot on my plate," he said with a laugh.

Also on the card for the Swamp Brawl will be his brother, Josh Miller, who will be making his MMA debut at 165 pounds, as will Sebring's Hale Kelly at 185 pounds.

"I'm not nervous at all, I'm just ready for this to get over with. I'm sick of training," Kelly said. "I'm really excited. There's going to be a ton of people there. We're looking at upwards of 3,000 people, so we're going to have a lot of screaming, cheering fans for us because of the hometown atmosphere."

Kelly, along with both

Sertoma kids blast through Bill Jarrett Ford Championship

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent
The Sertoma Junior Golf Tour kids took to the links Thursday and Friday at River Greens in Avon Park.

Play was a little different in the Bill Jarrett Ford tournament, as the golfers went head-to-head in match play.

In match play, golfers play against one opponent hole by hole.

The winner is not determined by score in total, but rather the number of holes won.

Players win holes by carding a lower score than their opponent as they would usually.

In this sense, match play can prove to be a bit more of a challenge.

In a normal stroke-play tournament, a bad hole can throw you for the rest of the



Scott Dressel/News-Sun

Kickboxers (front row, from left) Justin Chin, Jonathan Casillas and Jordan Poulos and MMA fighters (back row, from left) Josh Miller, Noah Weed, Hale Kelly and Chris Miller are all on the card for the Aug. 10 Sebring Swamp Brawl. Not pictured, but also on the card, is Brian Jean.

Millers, wrestled at Sebring High School. Kelly said MMA is a big change from that sport.

"This is a complete mixed martial arts experience," he said. "You have kickboxing, wrestling, ju-jitsu, judo, many different art forms

mixed into one to provide the best viewing for the fans."

"I remember my first fight, I went through the same thing Hale and my brother are going through," Chris Miller said. "Hale starts law school the follow-

ing Monday and my brother starts teaching the following Monday, so if they go in there with black eyes it could be kind of funny."

The MMA fighters all train under Steve Weed at

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DAN HOEHNE/News-Sun
Kendall Griffin got back on the winning track in this week's Bill Jarrett Ford Match Play Championship of the Sertoma Junior Tour.

Tour de France gets truly brutal

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

LE GRAND-BORNAND, France — Half the height of Mount Everest, climbed on a bike, in a single day.

Even by Tour de France standards, Stage 19 was hard.

"At times, you just feel like you're being tortured," was how American rider Andrew Talansky described Friday's ordeal — arguably the toughest stage of the 100th Tour — that started with two monster climbs as riders were still digesting breakfast.

"You're just like, 'What is this?' But you dig in and keep going."

The GPS mini-computer the Garmin rider carries on his bike did the sums: 14,498 feet ridden uphill — close to the height of Western Europe's loftiest peak, Mont Blanc, and half of Everest, the roof of the world at 29,035 feet.

The riders also zoomed 13,907 feet downhill.

Talansky's gizmo showed he burned 5,670 calories during the six-hour suffer-fest.

The difficulty of Stage 19

made Chris Froome "quite nervous."

Once he got through with his big race lead intact, the British rider finally started to allow his mind to fast-forward to the finish on Sunday.

Victory is so close he can almost taste it.

The last Alpine stage on Saturday — 77 miles in the mountains towering above the limpid waters of Lake Annecy — won't be enough for second-place Alberto Contador to puncture

Froome's cushion of more

than five minutes.

In all but name, the 28-year-old is champion of the 100th Tour and knows it.

"One more day to really stay concentrated and to stay up front and look after the yellow jersey and then looking forward to taking it to Paris," Froome said. "It's going to be very hard for someone to take more than five minutes in 125 kilometers (77 miles). But having said that, I don't want to be complacent."

No, that can wait until

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Riders in the Tour de France have come out of the toughest stage and are headed toward their entrance into Paris.

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Taking stock of youth sports



And Another Thing...

Dan Hoehne

ous teams' players became an afterthought as the coaches received the trophy with anxious hands and loudly celebrated amongst themselves.

I wasn't quite sure, at the time, why a state championship game was necessary for kids of that age.

These were, after all, kids of an age where they were barely even understanding the game, at an age where the emphasis should be on learning the game, taking in lessons of teamwork, sportsmanship and just having fun.

That thought came around again recently with the Dixie T-Ball state tournament, where that mindset of "having to win" again was far too prevalent.

Watching these tiny young children on the field, it was quickly obvious that they were still just barely learning the game they were playing, which is how it should be at that age — learning the game and getting an understanding of what to do.

At that age, it should be about a pressure-free environment for the kids to get a fun grasp on what

it is they are doing. There should be no pressure to win. They will get that soon enough.

I give credit to a lot of the coaches I saw, as I soon understood the predicament they were put in by this context.

For the most part, they were being instructional while calmly, enthusiastically prodding the kids on what to do.

But given that it was a state tournament, with an emphasis on winning, their instruction often was tinged with a more dire angst.

That emphasis came from the situation, as well as from the stands, with a fair share of irate yelling and complaining to the point that a parent was thrown out by the umpires.

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THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	59	39	.602	—
Tampa Bay	56	41	.577	2.5
Baltimore	54	43	.557	4.5
New York	51	45	.531	7
Toronto	45	50	.474	12.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	52	43	.547	—
Cleveland	51	45	.531	1.5
Kansas City	44	49	.473	7
Minnesota	40	53	.430	11
Chicago	37	56	.398	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	56	40	.583	—
Texas	54	42	.563	2
Los Angeles	45	49	.479	10
Seattle	44	52	.458	12
Houston	33	62	.347	22.5

Friday's Games

Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 5
Boston 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Baltimore 3, Texas 1
Atlanta 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Minnesota 3, Cleveland 2
Kansas City 1, Detroit 0
Seattle 10, Houston 7
L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 1

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay (Archer 4-3) at Toronto (Dickey 8-10), 1:07 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 9-4) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 4-2), 2:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Masterson 7-10) at Minnesota (Diamond 5-8), 2:10 p.m.
Detroit (Fister 7-5) at Kansas City (Shields 4-6), 2:10 p.m.

Seattle (F.Hernandez 10-4) at Houston (Lyles 4-3), 2:10 p.m.
Oakland (Colon 12-3) at L.A. Angels (Mills 5-3), 3:35 p.m.

Baltimore (Tillman 11-3) at Texas (M.Perez 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 9-8) at Boston (Lester 8-6), 8:05 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
Cabrera, DET	365	73	132	.362
Trout, LAA	373	66	120	.322
Mauer, MIN	356	50	114	.320
Ortiz, BOS	291	49	93	.320
Pedroia, BOS	380	57	120	.316

HOME RUNS

	HOME RUNS
Davis, BAL	37
Cabrera, DET	30
Encarnacion, TOR	26
Dunn, CHW	24
Ibanez, SEA	24

RUNS BATTED IN

	RUNS BATTED IN
Cabrera, DET	95
Davis, BAL	93
Encarnacion, TOR	73
Fielder, DET	69
Cruz, TEX	69

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

	SLUGGING PERCENTAGE
Davis, BAL	.709
Cabrera, DET	.668
Ortiz, BOS	.612
Trout, LAA	.571
Ibanez, SEA	.571

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

	ON-BASE PERCENTAGE
Cabrera, DET	.455
Ortiz, BOS	.403
Mauer, MIN	.403
Trout, LAA	.400
Pedroia, BOS	.394

WON-LOST

	WON-LOST
Scherzer, DET	13-1
Moore, TB	13-3
Colon, OAK	12-3
Tillman, BAL	11-3
Hernandez, SEA	10-4

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

	EARNED RUN AVERAGE
Hernandez, SEA	2.53
Kuroda, NY	2.65
Colon, OAK	2.70
Lackey, BOS	2.78
Sanchez, DET	2.85

STRIKEOUTS

	STRIKEOUTS
Darvish, TEX	157
Scherzer, DET	152
Hernandez, SEA	140
Masterson, CLE	137
Sale, CHW	131

SAVES

	SAVES
J. Johnson, BAL	34
Nathan, TEX	30
Rivera, NY	30
Balfour, OAK	25
Reed, CHW	24

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	55	41	.573	—
Philadelphia	49	48	.505	6.5
Washington	48	48	.500	7
New York	41	51	.446	12
Miami	35	59	.372	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	58	36	.617	—
Pittsburgh	56	38	.596	2
Cincinnati	54	42	.563	5
Chicago	43	51	.457	15
Milwaukee	39	56	.411	19.5

West Division

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Vegas league puts NBA on summer map

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS —
Basketball was made for summer.

The playgrounds and school yard courts come alive when the temperature warms up, with kids watching the NBA Finals and mimicking their favorite players.

High school players hit the AAU circuit, crisscrossing the country for premier tournaments and college recruiting is in full effect.

And for years, the NBA simply sat out.

The championship would conclude in June, the draft would take place a week later and then the league would go dark for the rest of the summer.

"The problem was in the old days, they would build up the draft, then nothing because they'd concede to baseball," Warren LeGarie said. "That was a mistake."

LeGarie, an agent who represents some prominent NBA coaches, has helped turn the Las Vegas summer league into an event that keeps the league in the headlines well into July.

What started as a six-team gathering that was thrown together on the fly in 2004 has blossomed into a 22-team summit that includes a tournament, owners' meetings and one of the few chances for agents and representatives from all 30 teams to meet in one place to hash out contracts, discuss trades and lay the groundwork for future deals.

"We want it so that people know that there's great basketball, but there's also a way to break down the walls so that people can reacquaint, develop new acquaintances or in some cases repair old acquaintances," LeGarie said.

"There was a lot of face to face. We created something like the winter baseball meetings, where people can come in converse, do business, and then get down to the business of basketball."

LeGarie had been lobbying the league for quite some time to bring the summer league to Las Vegas for a centralized event.

Several satellite leagues had been run in the past, in places like Colorado, Boston and on the campus of Loyola Marymount in California.

But the fractured nature of the meetings made it difficult for schedules to be coordinated, and the door opened for LeGarie in 2004.

Boston hosted the Democratic national convention, leaving a dearth of hotel rooms for the teams scheduled to participate in the summer league.

LeGarie got Boston,

Washington, Cleveland, Phoenix, Denver and Orlando for the first Vegas summer league, and it quickly grew to a 16-team field.

At the behest of Adam Silver, who will take over for David Stern as NBA commissioner in February, the NBA got directly involved in 2007, paying LeGarie, Albert Hall and VSL Properties to put on the event while helping with promotion and organization.

"It's highly successful," Silver said. "The competition is terrific. We feel very much a part of the community in terms of our participation, our owners, GMs and coaches feel very welcome here and it's created

'Guys are trying on defense and making each other better for the season.'

SHABAZZ MUHAMMAD
Timberwolves draft pick

fantastic programming."

The summer league games are broadcast on NBA TV and ESPN has a SportsCenter set on scene at the Thomas and Mack Center.

The games feature high-profile rookies, but most of the scouts and executives watching from the stands are more interested in evaluating the many players who come to Vegas with no contract for the coming season.

Everyone is constantly searching for the next diamond in the rough, the unknown talent who is either coming off an injury or hasn't been put in the right situation yet.

A player like Gary Neal.

The Spurs guard went undrafted in 2007 and played in Spain, Turkey and Italy for three years before San Antonio invited him to play for its summer league team in 2010.

He played well enough to earn a three-year contract and has established himself as a key cog for a team that lost to the Miami Heat in seven games in the finals this season.

Jeremy Lin started to make a name for himself with the Dallas Mavericks summer league team in 2010, earning him a contract with the Golden State Warriors.

There are also the mirages that come in the desert, players like Anthony Randolph, Jonny Flynn and Randy Foye who lit up summer league but had trouble gaining traction in the league.

And while most of the rosters are peppered with no-names, journeymen and guys who will never become stars in the league, it feeds the hardcore basketball fan that for too long was left without anything to sink his teeth into once the draft concluded.

"They never understood the kind of appetite there was from not the normal fan, the rabid fan," LeGarie said. "The guy who lives and breathes with stats, with information and stories and background and all these things that sound quaint but to these guys it's the life blood, their passion. We realized we were on to something in our first year when we didn't get the box score up from the first game for like 15 minutes. We got hate mail saying, 'Get that up! What are you guys doing?'"

Over the years the tournament has expanded to two gyms on the UNLV campus and is holding a tournament that will crown a champion for the first time.

"That's making it way more competitive out here," Timberwolves first-round pick Shabazz Muhammad said. "Guys are trying on defense and making each other better for the season, which is a good thing. I think it's a great idea that they went from a playoff system."

Spurs GM R.C. Buford said the event has value both on the court and off, but he wasn't ready to declare the new format a success just yet.

"It's obviously become a great event and there's a lot of things that are a positive about it," Spurs GM R.C. Buford said. "I want to listen to our group to evaluate the tournament format. I don't know that we have a conclusion with how we feel about it."

Perhaps even more important than the action on the court what is happening off it.

General managers find each other in the hallways of the Vegas resort hotels for deal-making discussions.

Agents stump for their clients to get an invite to training camp. Coaches looking for jobs are passing out resumes.

"This was never my dream to be a head of a summer league," LeGarie said. "I see it as a big party that I get to invite a lot of friends to. And that's what it's become. It's a happening where you get to bring your best basketball friends."

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Tour in final stage

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Sunday evening — when Froome and the other survivors of this three-week, 2,115-mile clockwise trek around Western Europe's largest country will clip their feet into the pedals for the final 82 miles to Paris.

Traditionally, that last stage is a relaxed lap of honor, at least until the pack hits the cobbles of the Champs-Elysees.

There, Mark Cavendish and other sprint-finish specialists will battle for the bragging rights of the stage win on that leafy boulevard the French modestly call the most beautiful avenue in the world.

The unique dusk finish for this 100th Tour, just as the sun sets behind the Arc de Triomphe, should be extra special.

While the top spot is taken, podium places next to Froome are still very much up for grabs.

Just 47 seconds separate second-placed Contador from Joaquim Rodriguez in fifth.

Sandwiched between those Spaniards are Colombian Nairo Quintana, in third, and Contador's Czech teammate Roman Kreuziger, in fourth.

They are all more than five minutes behind Froome.

With Froome so dominant and his lead so large, Saturday's penultimate stage might have been devoid of all suspense were the battle for podium places not so close and intense behind him.

Places aren't just for

honor. There are financial incentives, too. Second-place prize is \$263,000.

Third gets half that. Froome will get 450,000 euros.

With a succession of six climbs, getting harder and ending with a steep uphill, Stage 20 offers a fine arena for the contenders to land their final punches.

The last climb Saturday is HC or Hors Categorie, meaning it's considered too hard to classify.

Riders can lose or gain big time on such ascents, but surely not the more than five minutes they would need to dethrone Froome, not unless he crashes or has a similar mishap.

Quintana, who is 21 seconds behind Contador, wasn't giving away his strategy.

"We have to wait and see how the stage develops.

Sometimes you visualize it one way, and the stage doesn't develop how you think it will. We'll decide during the stage," he said.

"It'll be a very difficult and challenging stage, we'll have to be very alert."

Saturday will be Froome's 12th day in the race leader's yellow jersey.

He took it in the Pyrenees and has worn it through Britanny, across to the Alps, in baking sunshine and, on Friday, a cold storm that doused riders up the day's final climb.

The 127-mile trek from Bourg-d'Oisans wound past peaks so high that their snows have resisted the July

sun.

It started with two HC climbs and ended with two still tough Category 1 ascents before a long downhill to Le Grand-Bornand.

The Alpine town swathed its church tower in cloth canary yellow like Froome's jersey to welcome the riders.

Rui Costa won the stage — the Portuguese rider's second of this Tour — with a solo breakaway on that final ascent to the Col de la Croix Fry, catching Frenchman Pierre Roland on the way up.

Froome braced himself for a big Contador attack that never materialized on any of Friday's climbs, nor in the final downhill made especially hairy by the wet roads.

Having pushed Froome and his Sky team hard in the past weeks, Contador now seems largely spent.

With Quintana breathing down his neck for second place, Contador chose Friday not to take risks.

"There was a moment when I wanted to attack and thought about it," said the 2007 and '09 winner, who was stripped of his 2010 victory for a failed doping test. "But then I thought it was best to reach the finish line."

That suited Froome just fine.

"I am excited, but quietly excited," Froome said. "One final big effort, then we can start relaxing on the ride into Paris."

AP Sports Writer Jerome Pugmire contributed to this report.

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MMA is on its way

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the Universal Center of Martial Arts. Noah Weed, Steve's son, will be the main event of the Swamp Brawl, fighting for a title belt at the 135-pound level in his 10th career fight (he's 6-3).

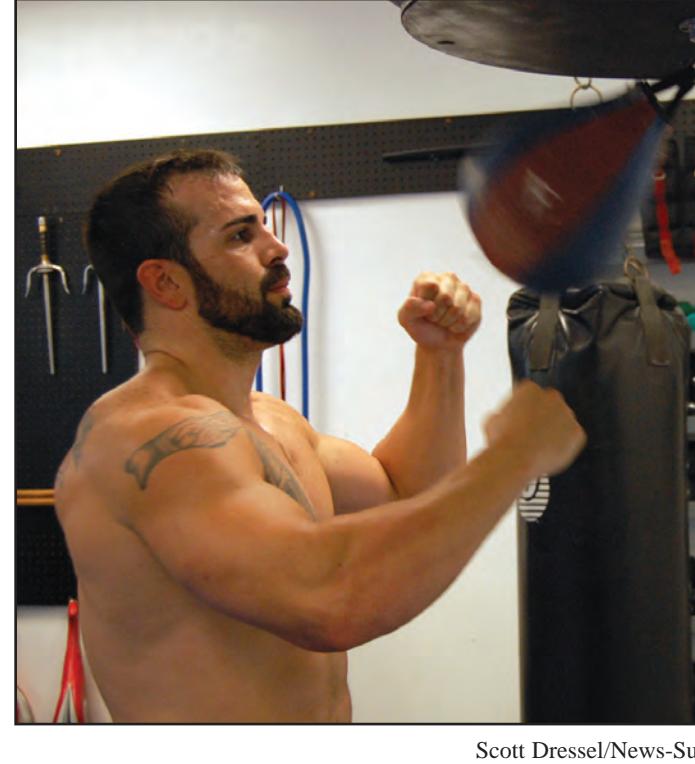
Also on the MMA card is Sebring's Brian Jean (5-3) at 150 pounds, who is also scheduled to be fighting for a belt.

Chris Miller, Weed and Jean will all be able to bring a little something more to the cage this time around. Those three now have enough fights under their belt to be able to do what is called "ground and pound," meaning that blows to the head are legal when the fighters are grappling on the mat. Before, only body blows were allowed. That will make their fights more like the ones you see on the televised MMA bouts.

Three kickboxers from the Future Dragons Kung Fu Club will also enter the cage on Aug. 10. Justin Chin (3-0) will fight at 190 pounds, Jonathan Casillas (1-1) will fight at 140 and Jordan Poulos (0-1) will fight at 135.

"Everyone is ready to support Sebring and showcase our skills," Chin said. "It's nice when you know that everyone is out there cheering you because you're representing the hometown."

Miller said that in addition



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Sebring's Hale Kelly works on the speed bag at the Universal Center of Martial Arts. Kelly will be making his MMA debut at the Sebring Swamp Brawl on Aug. 10.

to the fights, there will be plenty of other attractions. The Firemen will be serving beer and beverages, Don Jose's will be selling appetizers and food, Summer Smith will sing the national anthem, Justin Grimes will entertain before the bouts and at intermission and Jeremy Daugherty will be the DJ.

There will also be bounce house jousting for the kids.

On Friday, Aug. 9, the weigh-ins and a pre-event party will be held at Blue Lagoon Saloon from 7-9 p.m. On Saturday, the doors open at 6 p.m. and the fights

start at 7 p.m.

"We are trying to bring a whole bunch of different things to the table," Chris Miller said. "Sebring needs something going on, a little excitement. There's 14 scheduled fights. There will probably end up being 12 or 13 because there's always one or two that back out for some reason."

Tickets are \$20 and there are a few six-seat VIP tables left for \$250. Go to www.livecagefight.com or call 402-0400 to order tickets.

Sports have lessons beyond winning

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Think about that for a second.

A grown adult, becoming so enraged that they were thrown out of a game being played by 5- and 6-year-old kids.

Really?

I've had a few people question me as to the rationale behind having a state tournament for kids of this age.

I mean, what is the overall point?

Using these kids as a way to make money? For them to get sucked into the win-at-all-costs mentality at an age where they barely know what they're doing on the

field?

And that's just dealing with the premise of ramping up the competition at an age where they really should just be learning the game.

That parent that got thrown out was just the most extreme example of people being way too over the top.

At a slightly older age-level tournament, being played in predominantly good spirits by the kids, I heard a mother at one point shout out "Shove it down their throats!"

And I hear it all the time at the high school games I cover, grown adults unabashedly screaming at officials, taunting teenaged kids.

I often bristle at it, but take solace in the fact that these kids are older and most are so involved with the game they are playing that they likely don't hear it.

But to see that now becoming the norm in youth league contests, it is all the more disturbing.

Athletics can provide many lessons that are applicable in life.

But those lessons could very well be lost if the kids are taught that it's all about winning before they even know how to play the game.

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Tour heading to home stretch

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to play when Jordan took third, being four holes ahead.

In the 14-up girls division, Kendall Griffin beat Sarah Liles after twelve holes being seven over and Morgan Baxendale took third being 5 and 4 over Meredith McKenna, keeping in mind that five represents the hole-advantage and four representing the number of holes left to play when the match ended.

Zach Doorlag just beat Billy Carol with 2 and 1 over to take the 9-10 boys division.

Proving even more the

tough competition of the day was the matchup between Jaxon Davis and Clay Jacons, with Davis winning third with 1-up.

The 11-12 boys was led by Beckham Donovan who beat Will Redding 2-up.

Taking third and fourth was Josh Bible and Clayton Samuels who went 4 and 2.

Seth and Scott Hamilton claimed first and second with Seth edging Scott 1-up, the same score settling Michael Curran and Carson Warner with third and fourth.

The 15-16 boys' top four also took the titles with similar scores.

Colin Kresl overcame Andrew Wally and Sam Rodgers took Ben Tubbs both teams with a final score of 4 and 3.

Last but not least were the 17-18 boys, with Cole Berger beating Colin Walkup with a score of 4 and 3.

Taking third and fourth was Jonah Brown who came out over Easton Davis 2-up.

The tour continues, and reverts back to stroke play, Thursday with an event at Highlands Ridge North, after which just three events remain in the Sertoma season.

NASCAR suspends use of aerial camera systems

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — NASCAR suspended the use of aerial camera systems that hang over race tracks," NASCAR said in a statement. "The safety of our competitors and our fans remains NASCAR's No. 1 priority, and until total evaluation and analysis have been completed,

Ten people were injured during the Coca-Cola 600 when part of the drive rope landed in the grandstand.

Three people were taken to hospitals, and were checked out and released soon after.

"NASCAR has decided, in collaboration with its

broadcast partners, to suspend all media partner usage of aerial camera systems that hang over race tracks," NASCAR said in a statement. "The safety of our competitors and our fans remains NASCAR's No. 1 priority, and until total evaluation and analysis have been completed,

ESPN.com said Friday that ESPN had planned to use the Batcam system next weekend for the Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis and the Aug. 11 race at Watkins Glen, N.Y.

"We have an excellent working relationship with NASCAR and totally understand their position," Rich Feinberg, ESPN's vice president of motorsports production, told ESPN.com. "We look forward to beginning our NASCAR Sprint Cup schedule at Indianapolis and televising 17 great weeks of racing."

Cobb to begin minor league rehab

Associated Press

TORONTO — Tampa Bay Rays right-hander Alex Cobb, who sustained a concussion when he was hit in the head by a batted ball in June, is scheduled to begin a rehab assignment with Class-A Charlotte on Tuesday.

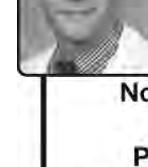
Cobb, 6-2 with a 3.01 ERA in 13 starts, was cleared on Friday to begin his rehab after throwing 59 pitches in a four inning simulated game at Tampa Bay's spring training complex one day earlier.

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Business

Cow Pies offering 'udderly delicious' treats in Lake Placid

By ROD LEWIS
News-Sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID — Cow Pies Country Store and Creamery opened its doors for business on Monday at 212 County Road 621 East.

Cow Pies offers a take-out menu that includes items like a brown bag lunch consisting of a sandwich, chips and a homemade cookie. Salads are available, as are desserts and a frozen custard that Cow Pies claims is "udderly delicious."

Owner Melissa Curry said she believes "this is the only place for a hundred miles where you can get frozen custard."

There are other things on the menu, including a daily soup and a dessert that is a daily special. There are also many other frozen treats, including the Brainfreeze.

While the food is a big part of the business, it also is a country store. "It is kind of like a miniature Cracker Barrel, although most of what is featured is from local crafters," Curry said.

Curry stated that there are eight artists represented in the store currently, with eight more ready to bring items to be displayed. Artists are welcome to contact Curry to discuss displaying their wares.

Curry said the work to get the store ready took months.

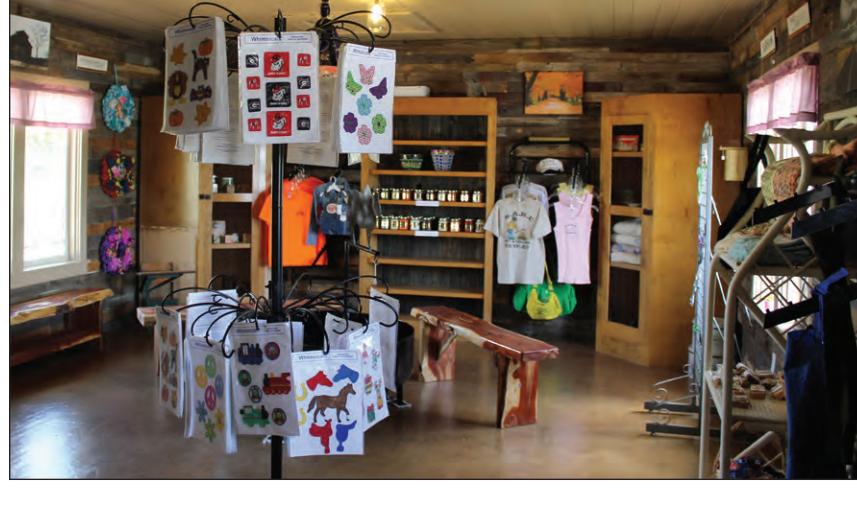
"Almost everything in the store has been made from recycled material," Curry said. "The walls are made out of pallet wood and the floors are made from brown paper."

She said that for the floor,



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News-Sun

**Cow Pies
Country Store
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they took brown paper and balled it up and dipped it in a glue and water mixture, then flattened it on the floor overlapped it and then coated it with polyurethane.

"The counter, except for the top, was made from privacy fence that we tore down ourselves. Everything that is in the building is handmade."

There is a room dedicated for "girls' stuff," and in

another area of the store there are items such as a fire pit and cedar benches. There is also an area where there are books on Florida.

The grand opening is on Saturday, July 27. Curry says that there is a lot being planned for the grand opening.

"There will be a lot of things for children including bounce houses, face painting,

a magician and a live band called 'Front Porch,' which will be performing from 11-1. We will also have free hot dogs."

Hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. They are closed on Sunday.

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Compromise would restore lower college loan rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — A compromise deal on student loans that could hold down loan rates in the short term was expected to come to a vote next week, well before students returning to campus this fall have to sign their loan agreements.

While the deal could lower rates for students and parents over the next few years, it could spell higher rates as the economy improves.

The Senate deal pegs the interest rates on new loans to the financial markets. Under the deal, undergraduates this fall could borrow at a 3.9 percent interest rate. Graduate students would have access to loans at 5.4 percent, and parents would be able to borrow at 6.4 percent. Those rates would climb as the economy improves and it becomes more expensive for the government to borrow money.

The compromise undoes the doubling of rates on some student loans that took hold on July 1, and one analysis of the Senate deal suggests incoming freshmen would save more than \$3,300 in interest.

"We have gone through weeks of negotiations and we have an agreement," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

At the White House, spokesman Jay Carney said President Barack Obama was "glad to see that a compromise seems to be coming together."

And Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., said

students benefited: "For every one of them, the interest rates on their loans will be lower."

At least for now. The compromise could be a good deal for students through the 2015 academic year, but then interest rates are expected to climb above where they were when students left campus in the spring.

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Emmy nominations leave snubbed shows, stars behind

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — That cliche about awards says it's an honor just to be nominated. But what about all the worthies Emmy overlooks each year? Are they being dishonored by Emmy's neglect?

It was a question raised by Emmy's latest round of snubs as this year's nominees were announced Thursday.

HBO's magnificent

"Treme"? Jilted yet again.

Same for AMC's "The Walking Dead" and HBO's "True Blood." They just seem to freak out Emmy judges.

Showtime's "Dexter" was shut out, too, with no Emmy love lost on Michael C. Hall (a past best-actor nominee five years in a row) or for Jennifer Carpenter, who, as Dexter's foul-mouthed sister, has never been nominated for one of TV's most vivid portrayals.

Anyone who saw Tatiana

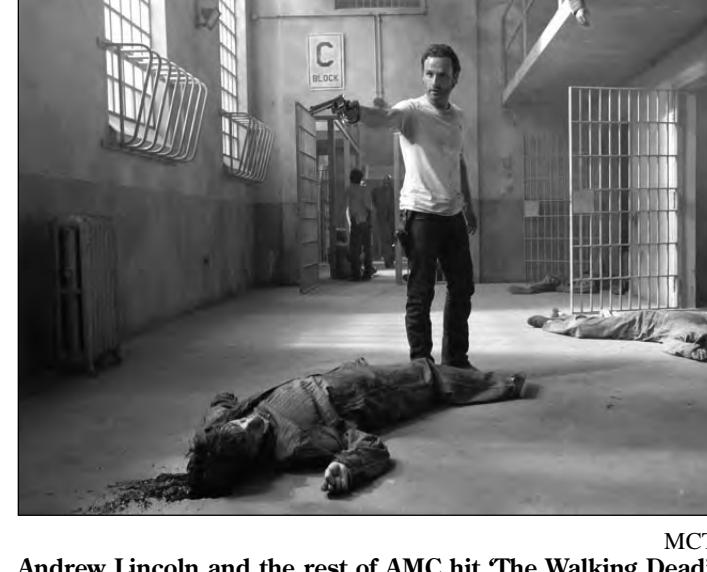
Maslany in BBC America's "Orphan Black" was floored by her multiple roles as identical women who were revealed to be clones. But Emmy shut its eyes to a salute for her.

FX's motorcycle drama "Sons of Anarchy" continues to get Emmy's cold shoulder, despite riveting performances from an impressive gang of actors (including Katey Sagal, who won a 2011 Golden Globe for her role as the motorcycle club's fiery matriarch but, in her long career, has never snagged an Emmy nomination).

And what about "The Americans," FX's splendid Cold War-era thriller? Sure, it scored a guest-actress nod for Margo Martindale.

But how to explain zero recognition for terrific performances by stars Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys (not to mention the sly supporting-actor turn by Noah Emmerich)?

Speaking of indelible supporting actors: Christopher



Andrew Lincoln and the rest of AMC hit 'The Walking Dead' cast were snubbed by the Emmy nominations again.

Heyerdahl as The Swede on AMC's "Hell on Wheels," which, like Heyerdahl, was spurned by the Emmys.

And is there any point in lamenting a second year that Mireille Enos and Joel Kinnaman were forgotten along with their great work for AMC's "The Killing"?

Kevin Bacon's entry into series TV was received with excitement when Fox's seri-

al-killer drama "The Following" debuted earlier this year, but it was "hold the Bacon" at the Emmys as he and his series was ignored.

What a difference a year makes: Fox's comedy "New Girl" landed two Emmy nominations last season — for lead actress Zooey Deschanel and supporting actor Max Greenfield. They

and the show got nada on Thursday.

Jon Cryer, last year's best-actor winner for the CBS comedy "Two and a Half Men," was shut out of a nomination this year.

And "Modern Family" star Eric Stonestreet, last year's winner as comedy supporting actor, failed to make the cut this year. Three of Stonestreet's cast mates on the ABC hit were named instead.

On Thursday the broadcast networks were crowing about their nominations, with ABC reaping 45 and CBS and NBC both claiming 53.

But none came close to HBO's 108, and Emmy continued to be unimpressed with the crop of new series the broadcast networks introduced the past year, in what might suggest a distressing trend.

During the 2011-12 season, only nine freshman series on the five broadcast networks got so much as a

single nomination. During the 2012-13 season, that number shrank to these two major nominations for a pair of new series: Connie Britton as best actress on ABC's "Nashville," and Anthony Bourdain on ABC's "The Taste" as outstanding host of a reality-competition show.

Meanwhile, Internet TV network Netflix scored four major nominations (out of 14 in all) as it entered the Emmy fray with its new online originals: a trifecta for "House of Cards" (outstanding drama series, lead actor and lead actress) as well as outstanding lead actor for the comedy "Arrested Development."

So far in its first Emmys race, Netflix clearly feels honored.

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◆ **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.

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◆ **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 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

Malloy is Lake Placid Caladium Co-op Artist of the Month for July, August

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — The Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative Artist of the Month for July and August is Karen Malloy.

Malloy has been a member since 2010.

"I grew up in the town of Maine in upstate New York and I graduated from Maine Endwell High School and attended college in Rochester, N.Y.," Malloy said. "Due to health issues, I dropped out in the first semester. I moved to Venus in 1998 with my husband. Included in this move was what we fondly call our petting zoo of two cockatiels, two cats, 10 dogs (all dumped or rescued), three horses and three goats. Needless to say it was quite a move."

"All through my growing years I was doing basic arts and crafts along with crochet and needle craft. My first painting class was a 'One Stroke Painting' class with our current pres-

ident, Judy Nicewicz here at the Caladium Arts & Crafts Cooperative in 2008. This turned into four years of classes.

"In 2012, I decided to try watercolor and enrolled in that painting class also here at the Caladium Arts. All of my painting training has started right here. Besides the two classes, Caladium Arts members and fellow artists Jean Gragert and Sue Ellen Robinson have been of great help and my sounding boards when I need an opinion or extra help with projects. The range of my work includes acrylic paint, stone, watercolor, silk flower arranging and grapevine wreaths.

"I started painting pictures on stones in 2010 using acrylic paint. Stones (or flat rocks) are my main focal point. I also painted on a mill saw last year. This was a commissioned landscape of a log home with the valley behind. I am now working

on a 5-foot-2 man saw for the same customer. As my first painting instructor told us, 'If it holds still you can paint on it.' I have also recently expanded to watercolor. I have found that every painting I do is a learning experience with something new around every corner."

Come visit the Caladium Arts & Crafts Cooperative to see her "Artist of the Month" display in person and buy a special piece for yourself or a gift.

The Caladium Arts & Crafts Cooperative is at 132 E. Interlake Blvd. in "America's Most Interesting Town," Lake Placid. It is a unique establishment allowing local artisans the opportunity to offer their works of art and crafts for sale and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information on becoming a member, call 699-5940 or visit www.caladiumarts.org/.

Harrison Ford can't escape Solo, Jones

SAN DIEGO (AP) — It's been years since Harrison Ford played towering film characters Indiana Jones and Han Solo, but the questions still come — especially at Comic-Con.

Ford made his second appearance at the all-things-geek gathering Thursday to promote his new film "Ender's Game." It might as well have been the 1980s, though, as far as fans were concerned. Given the chance to ask questions about the new film, they instead peppered the 71-year-old star with questions about characters he long ago left behind.

One fan asked, "light sabers aside," what might happen if Solo, the Millennium Falcon pilot from "Star Wars," met Jones, the adventure-addicted archaeologist.

"Hi, how are you?" Ford asked before shaking his head, taking off his glasses and rubbing his eyes in a marvelous moment of comedic timing.

Another questioner, a man from Brazil who said he dreamed of being the whip-wielding, fedora-featuring Jones as a kid, asked if Solo would make a good soldier for Col. Hyrum Graff, the character Ford plays in "Ender's Game."

"You know, you and I have a lot in common. I used to dream about being Indiana Jones when I was younger. Not so much anymore," Ford said, pausing while the audience laughed. "I don't think Han Solo would be good as a soldier in anybody's army. I think he's what we call now an independent contractor."

PLACES To WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

◆ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church**, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Father Scott Walker. 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.

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◆ **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, "primetime," 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 christlutheranavonpark.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.newlifesebbring.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 Preschool, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

◆ **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.

◆ **New Beginnings Church of Sebring**, meeting at The Morris Chapel, 307 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870.

Pastor Gary Kindle. Bible study every Sunday, 9 a.m. Blended Church Service,

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◆ **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@vistelanet.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.

◆ **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

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◆ **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.

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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.

◆ **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.

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◆ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**,

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

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◆ **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. 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**, 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</b**



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Preston Farrer, Faith Farrer and Justin Burgess enjoy a day at the Sun 'n Lake Preserve. Being outdoors is a good way for people of every age, background and ability to understand the natural world and stay healthy.

July is Parks and Recreation Month

Through efforts by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), in 2009 the U.S. House of Representatives passed an official resolution deeming July "Parks and Recreation Month."

The NRPA supports all park and recreation communities and the general public in promoting summer programming and celebrations in support of the field. The theme this year is "I Love My Park and Recreation." What better time to enjoy some of the local parks?

A huge variety of parks, green spaces and recreational opportunities await anyone that has a desire to seek them out. Right here in Highlands County we have county, state and city parks for all to enjoy. Research has shown that when people have access to parks, they will exercise more, have a better mental outlook, reap the benefits of a cleaner environment and be more community minded.

Having a nearby park encourages many people to exercise more thereby increasing their physical well being as well as reducing the risk of sickness and disease. Getting physical has also been shown to relieve symptoms of depression and anxiety. Being in the natural world has a way of improving physical and psychological health.

Parks and other natural areas are known for the abundance of trees, which reduce air and water pollution. They



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Corine Burgess

also keep the areas cooler and produce oxygen and shade. Parks have also been credited with producing social and community development benefits. Many cities and urban areas that offer recreational opportunities to local youths help to create a sense of community. These programs and access to natural areas has been linked to reductions in crime and reductions in juvenile delinquency. Recreational opportunities offered to at-risk youths assists in keeping these kids busy and having a goal as well as new friendships and values.

Studies have also shown that green space increases the value of nearby property. Quality of life is very important to new residents and businesses. The availability of parks draws tourists and in many cases, improves the economic conditions of the area.

Being outdoors is a good way for people of every age, background and ability to understand the natural world and stay healthy. Whether the preference is biking, running, walking, canoeing, watching wildlife, playing or picnicking, nature offers something

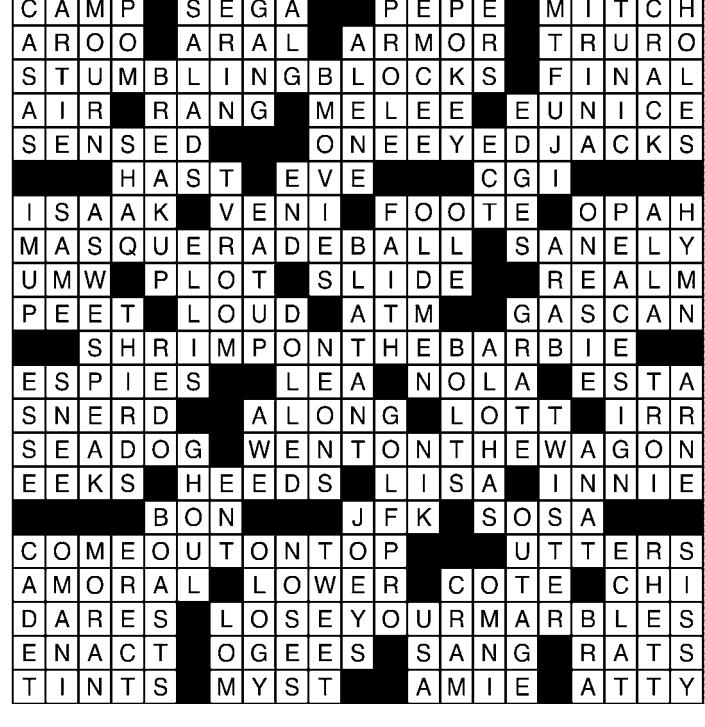
to everyone.

"Parks and recreation are critically important to the economic and environmental well-being of communities, and the physical and mental health of individuals," said Barbara Tulipane, chief executive officer of the National Recreation and Park Association. "As the field faces the most difficult times in decades, it's important for Americans to use their collective voices and energy this July to fight for well supported and robust park and recreation systems."

This July why not get out and enjoy some of the local parks? Take the kids or grandkids and make a day or even a weekend of it. See nature and have some fun in the process.

Corine Burgess is an Environmental Specialist for the Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun.

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Inspirational THOUGHTS & SCRIPTURES



By Patricia Valentine

Deuteronomy 2:7, "For the Lord thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee, thou hast lack nothing."

Psalm 84:11, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of host, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee."

Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

I just love the Word of God. It's doesn't matter what you are facing, you can always find comfort in God's Word. We can sometimes make early decision which end up having long term negative consequences. Look at the above scripture. The Israelites learned a hard lesson, which prevented an entire generation from entering the promise land. Making sudden decisions without acknowledging God first, could affect our lives for years to come. He wants His children blessed. We must learn to trust Him with the outcome. He is the same God and His word does not change. Be Blessed!

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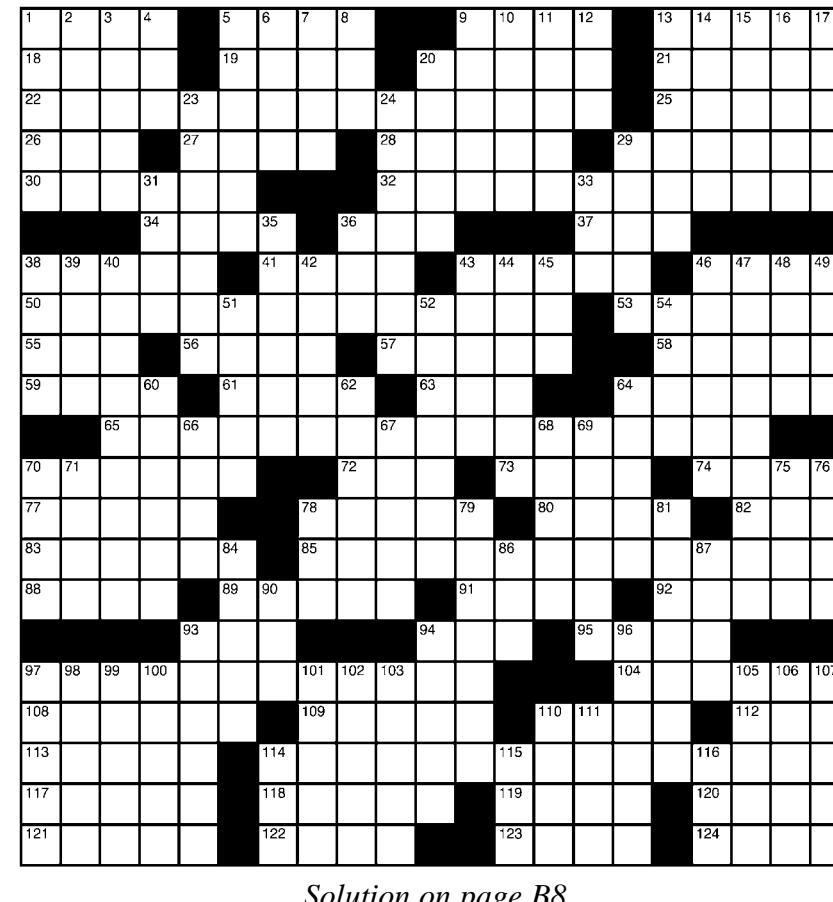
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By AMY JOHNSON

Contagious enthusiasm

The room was charged. Children filled the seats. The chatter and laughter of little voices at fevered pitch reverberated off the walls of the sanctuary. It was as if they were plugged into an electric source that lit up the place.

I'm recalling yearly Vacation Bible Schools put on by our church. The theme for each one was different. Whether we took them on ocean voyages, into the jungles, flying high in the sky or into a special kids' clubhouse and race car rally, the children's enthusiasm was contagious.

For some, VBS was new territory. They'd never been to our church building and so they didn't know any of us. Therefore, the opening session started out a little less boisterous since they didn't know what to expect. But, by the closing of the day, it was as if they'd been infused with new energy, new life...joy!

Each succeeding day brought high fives, hugs and tons of questions about every aspect of their experiences. "When will the puppets come out?" "Can I take my craft home today?" "When do we race our cars?" Their enthusiasm was contagious.

But, first, we needed to be enthusiastic ourselves. Our positive emotions would be like vibrations that created motion and emotion in them. By our actions and attitudes enthused! Selah



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siasm was released lifting up those little ones around us along with their parents.

Enthusiasm. It means to be possessed by God. Now, that is cool!

I like knowing I belong to God and that he belongs to me. To be his possession and cared for and guided by him, that's too marvelous for words.

Just think, the Creator of the universe and every living thing – including you and me – loves us and wants each of us in his family.

Recently I learned about a little girl who was rather gruff and had a vocabulary that matched. Then in Vacation Bible School she heard for the first time that Jesus loved her. She was astounded saying that no one had ever told her they loved her.

She received the Lord Jesus that day and the result was astounding. Her behavior, her hunger to learn more, her countenance...they all suddenly were transformed.

Like all of us who come to Jesus, she went from a creeping caterpillar to a delicate butterfly! As 2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV, says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Be enthused! Selah

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Change spending habits, Taurus

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 19)

20) – Avoid making an important decision this week, Aries. Your mind is busy with too many ideas, and you will not be able to focus all of your attention on one task.

Taurus (April 20-May 19)

21) – Taurus, you may find you are focused on your finances this week. It's a good time to assess spending habits and make some changes for the better.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)

– Gemini, you may find that luck is on your side this week and you can use this to your advantage. Take some risks you might normally be hesitant to take.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

– You certainly are in the spotlight this week, Cancer. All of this attention may try your nerves, so you may be interested in hiding out somewhere. Later in the week, you will have the chance.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)

– Leo, a discussion with a friend could be significant this week, inspiring you to expand your goals and pursue new dreams with confidence. Be thankful for the newfound inspiration.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)

– Protect your privacy this week, Virgo. Though nothing serious is on the horizon, now is a good time emphasize safety and security for you and your family.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

– Restlessness settles in this week, Libra. You might want to plan a little adventure, whether it is a weekend trip or a night out on the town. The goal is to change the scenery.

Horoscope

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

– Scorpio, stay on top of bills, paperwork and anything else that helps you to get organized. Once you're finished catching up, resolve to be more organized going forward.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

21) – You will have to put forth some extra effort this week, Sagittarius. It may feel like others aren't pulling their weight, but you still need to do what you have to do to get the job done.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

20) – Capricorn, take some extra time cleaning up in anticipation of an unexpected guest. While company is always welcome, you want to have a tidy home to show off.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

18) – Aquarius, enlist others to lend a helping hand this week. Others may not offer their time and effort, so be proactive in seeking help with an important task.

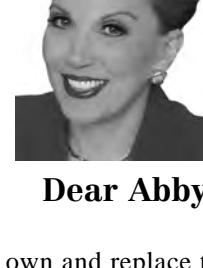
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

20) – Pisces, it may be tempting to stay at home. But you have responsibilities, and they need to be tended to. You can always relax once your work is done.

Famous birthdays

July 21: Robin Williams, comedian, 62; July 22: Selena Gomez, actress, 21; July 23: Michelle Williams, singer, 33; July 24: Kristin Chenoweth, actress, 45; July 25: Matt LeBlanc, actor, 45; July 26: Jeremy Piven, actor, 48; July 27: Dolph Ziggler, wrestler, 33.

Dust-up over vacuum clouds friendship



Dear Abby

Dear Abby: Am I being selfish? My next-door neighbor (who is a friend) knew we had bought an expensive vacuum cleaner last year. She asked if she could try it out on her carpet and I agreed, thinking it would be a one-time favor. I should add that she watches our house and our cat when we're traveling, and we do likewise for her.

She recently asked if she could borrow it again, and I didn't know what to say. I didn't want to let her, so I made an excuse that I needed to buy more vacuum bags.

I suspect that she "borrowed" it again without my permission two months ago while we were away because the cord wasn't like I had left it.

How can I tactfully handle this situation? She's on a tight budget and can't afford to buy this particular vacuum herself.

— Am I Selfish?

Dear Am I Selfish?: Rather than label you selfish, I'd prefer to call you "stuck." You allowed your friend to use the vacuum once and have given her free run of your home in your absence.

Because she has used the vacuum again without your permission, she is likely to do it again.

If you're afraid of the "ick" factor of having "her" dust in your house, you'll have to tell her plainly that you don't want her to use the vacuum and probably find another house sitter. Or, knowing she's short of money, you might let her use the vacuum but suggest that when she uses one of your bags she buy some of

her own and replace the one she used with a fresh one.

Dear Abby: I am a 19-year-old woman who recently got over a bout of compulsive hair-pulling that left the top of my head bald. The hair hasn't completely grown back yet, so I refuse to go anywhere without a hat.

When I'm out in public, people often tell me it's rude to wear a hat indoors. While I understand this, my hair is a sensitive subject that reduces me to tears. What can I say to people when they continue to badger me?

— Covered Up in Georgia

Dear Covered Up: Point out that it is even MORE rude to criticize someone's attire when the person may have a legitimate reason for dressing that way. You should also talk with a hair-stylist about buying an inexpensive hairpiece to wear until your hair grows back.

That may curtail some of the unsolicited comments you're receiving.

Dear Abby: My mother refuses to get a cellphone. I know she isn't afraid of technology (she has a tablet and an e-reader). Her explanation for how to handle an emergency is: "We will handle it like we did before there were cellphones." I

had to remind her of the limited availability of pay phones or courtesy phones nowadays.

Abby, it bothers me that she chooses not to have one. I find it hurtful that an easy way to handle family emergencies is being ignored.

It's a simple solution. A prepaid cellphone with a big-numbered keyboard would be a good way for us to be on the same page. Any advice?

— Out Of Touch in Glens Falls, N.Y.

Dear Out Of Touch: Yes.

Stop nagging your mother because it's not working. Experience is the most effective teacher.

Your mother will not appreciate what a blessing a cellphone can be until she learns the hard way what it's like to need one and not have one. This may seem negative, but it's the truth.

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