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Qualifying for city's November election ends today

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AVON PARK — Today is the last day to qualify for the city's election on Nov. 5. The deadline is 5 p.m. Voter registration books will be open until Monday, Oct. 7.

Mayor Sharon Schuler and Councilor Parke Sutherland's terms of office expire this year.



Schuler

According to City Clerk Cheryl Tietjen, who oversees the election qualification process, Schuler has qualified to run for re-election as mayor and Sutherland has indicated he too will run for re-election, but as of Thursday morning had not paid the filing fee.



Sutherland

So far only one new candidate has entered the race. Greg "Bubba" Warner is running for mayor.



Warner

Warner was an Avon Park police sergeant for just more than 29 years, from 1986 to 2006. In January 2007 Warner became a city code enforcement officer, a job he still holds.

"For years the city has been good to me," Warner said. "Now is the time for me to serve the city."

Because of his years of experience, he

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Eron Walker (right) and her kids Jaden, 4, and Darren Cheatham III, 2, peer into their apartment Thursday morning at Paradise Apartments in Sebring. The apartment was condemned after a kitchen fire on Monday afternoon. Walker used a fire extinguisher to try to put the fire out so that she could retrieve photos and keepsakes from her oldest son, who drowned in 2007. 'The smoke was so thick, you couldn't see,' Walker said.

Friends, family look to help fire victims

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SEBRING — Friends and neighbors of Eron Walker are asking the public for help. Monday afternoon, the single mother and her three children were burned out of their first floor apartment on Orange Avenue.

Sebring Fire Chief Brad Batz said the blaze began in the kitchen because of an accidental stove fire that quickly spread. The family has lost everything. The only good news is that they were not at home at the time and no one was hurt.

Greg Ruggs was among many neighbors who rushed to help. The first sign of trouble, he said, was a little smoke drifting out a window. No one knew if anyone was inside, so they pounded on the door, getting no answer.

Walker's roommate, Casey Pelham, was taking out trash with two of the children.

At that point, Walker returned from a short shopping trip to buy diapers. She immediately unlocked the door, and tried to put the fire out using a fire extinguisher. It was too dangerous, however, and neighbors pulled her away.

The Sebring Fire Department arrived quickly and got the fire under control. There was little damage from the flames themselves, but heavy smoke and water destroyed the family's belongings.

"It happened so quick," one neighbor said. "I never saw a fire blow up so fast."

Walker thanks her neighbors and friends. She said,

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Fire, smoke and water damage destroyed an apartment Monday at Paradise Apartments in Sebring.

Commission discusses tighter security

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — A shooting in Pennsylvania has sparked calls for increased security in the Highlands County commission chambers.

Resident Rick Engler, who attends many commission and other meetings, came before commissioners Tuesday morning session asking them to make provisions to ensure a disgruntled citizen could not come into the chambers here and open fire.

At least three people were shot and killed at a Monday evening town council meeting in Ross Township in Pennsylvania. According to reports, at least two other people were injured in that incident.

"There was no police protection near. He even had time to go back and get a second weapon," Engler said. "I don't want to be like one of those two citizens who were killed. I don't want to die in one of these meetings trying to help the county."

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Solid waste changes to come following council vote

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Council members discussed an old business item at Tuesday evening's regular city council meeting. The city's Solid Waste Department issue was revisited and stirred up much discussion with the full council.

The issue ended in a split vote (3-2) but city staff's recommendation to award a bid to Waste Services of Florida was ultimately

passed by the council.

Numbers were drawn up and presented to council to show the financial cost for the city to continue waste management under its current contract. The numbers depicted what the cost would be should the city make the switch to a private waste company.

In early July, the solid waste committee recommended that the council approve a bid for WSI (which is owned by Choice

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Waste Services of Florida will take over the city of Sebring's solid waste collection. The company plans to retain the City of Sebring Solid Waste Department employees.

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Reward being offered in \$3M Boynton Beach jewelry burglary

Special to the News-Sun
BOYNTON BEACH – Police need the public’s help identifying two men who stole about \$3 million in jewelry from a Boynton Beach home on July 28.

Surveillance video of the burglary has been posted on the Boynton Beach Police Department’s YouTube Channel.

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County is offering up to a \$1,000 reward and an additional reward of up to \$25,000 is offered for information leading to an arrest of the suspects in this case.

The location of this burglary and the names of the victims are not being released due to investigative reasons.

Boynton Beach Police Public Information Officer Stephanie Slater spoke with the victims Tuesday and they provided this statement: “Years and years of sentimental, collectible pieces were stolen. These are life-long gathered pieces, precious mementos that will never be replaced. It is not about the money, but the pieces themselves.”

Anyone with information is asked to call Det. Jill Raftery at (561) 742-6148 or Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County at 800-458-TIPS.



Courtesy photo
Members of the Florida Association of Native Nurseries learn about the native landscaping around the Learning Center at Archbold Biological Station.

Florida Association of Native Nurseries meet at Archbold

Special to the News-Sun
VENUS – The annual meeting of the Florida Association of Native Nurseries FANN was held Aug. 2 at Archbold Biological Station. The meeting along with a Native Plant Maintenance Workshop was for association members.

FANN is a non-profit organization with 140 members, nursery growers and small business, that supports growing, planting, and promoting Florida native plants for sustainable landscapes. Their mission is to lead Florida’s horticulture and landscape industry with native plant production, edu-

cation and marketing.

FANN Executive Director Cammie Donaldson chose Archbold as a meeting site because of the native landscaping recently planted at the Learning Center and Lodge. Donaldson stated, “We love meeting at Archbold. We have everything we need for a business meeting and right out the window is what we’re working for: Real Florida.” More than 30 members attended and had a tour and discussion of the native plantings surrounding the Learning Center as part of their workshop.

A luncheon, sponsored by Delray Plants Co. from

Venus, offered an opportunity for this large-scale commercial grower and the native plant growers industry and businesses to share ideas.

Archbold Biological Station is open to the public. Visit and take a self-guiding tour of the native landscaping daily from 8 a.m. to dusk. The Station is about eight miles south of Lake Placid. The entrance is 1.8 miles south of State Road 70 on Old State Road 8. Visit www.archbold-station.org. During 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. business hours, call 465-2571 or find the Station on Facebook at Archbold-Biological-Station.

Council tables debris management plan

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SEBRING – Several opinions were being offered up at Sebring’s regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening after Public Works Director Ken Fields presented the council with a proposed debris management plan.

Fields stated that the key to the plan would be securing outside services for debris removal and management. In the past, Sebring has used the Public Works Department for debris management following a hurricane or any related weather disasters and was reimbursed by Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

“The way we handled it then was, the city department couldn’t do it, the sanitation couldn’t do it, so we hired two or three local contractors ... and then we kept track of everything and then FEMA repaid us for all the costs that we accrued during the hurricane. What we cleaned up, they reimbursed us for,” explained Councilman John Griffin.

Many of the council members felt that hiring outside services to do any debris management would

be costly and somewhat unnecessary.

“Are we obligated by FEMA to do this,” council member Scott Stanley asked.

Fields explained that it is a big task that most cities are hiring outside debris management plans.

“I think the county is getting ready to review these and getting ready to award somebody,” Fields said.

Still, council members were very open about their thoughts on the necessary measures that must be taken in order to provide services in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

“I understand what you’re trying to do here, and I commend you for it, but I’m not sure you need to do that,” Griffin said. “I just don’t like consultants. I think that our management can handle it.”

Stanley offered a little perspective on the number of hurricanes that have affected Highlands County over the years.

“We had Don in 1960; in 2004 we had three, all within a few weeks of each other. That’s a 44-year spread. How often does that happen. We made it

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World-renowned artist to contribute to Art with Heart benefit for Jade Jackson

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Art with Heart, an art project sponsored by Anne Watson (the Lazy Painter) and Diane Belcher of the Flower Box and Design Shop on 233 N. Ridgewood Drive, originated as a fundraiser to benefit the Jade Jackson Fund, raising aid for the Avon Park 14-year-old who was recently found to have brain cancer. But it has now developed into a major art opportunity for Highlands County.

As the inventor of the Digital Photomosaic process and the original Photomosaic artist, the digital artwork of Robert Silvers is sought after by individuals, corporations, and even governments around the world.

At the age of 26, while still a student at the MIT Media Lab, Silvers invented his unique digital technology, using photography, fine art and a keen imagination to

create Photomosaic software. Photomosaics are exuberantly colored montages of tiny digital photographs that blend together to form a larger image of popular appeal.

Silvers’ distinctive new medium immediately dazzled the art world as well as the industry of commercial graphics, and has made him the world’s foremost photomosaic artist. Now, every person in Highlands County has a special opportunity to contribute to an art piece to be digitally “painted” by Silvers.

How can you help him with this painting while helping Jade in the process? This project will require a computer file of two to three thousand images to make up the “digital paint” for Silvers’ work. The “Paint File” will be made up of quick, fun, self portraits painted by those who donate

\$1 or more to the Jade Jackson Fund. Those who contribute \$20 or more may opt to have Anne Watson or another local artist paint the portrait for them.

When enough images have been collected, Silvers will put them together into a special digital painting for Jade and her family, which will be presented to them in a special ceremony at the Lazy Painter and Flower Box.

The first phase of Art with Heart will take place during Destination Downtown’s Back to School Summer Spectacular tonight at the Flower Box & Design Shop. Painting stations, materials and examples will be available in front of the store from 5-8 p.m. for all to take part. A station will also remain in the store throughout the month of August for donors to come in and participate as they are able. Additional phases will be

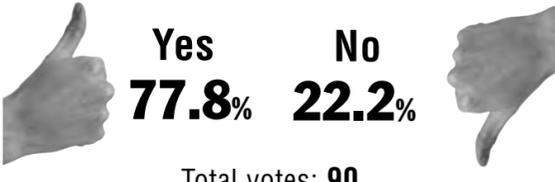
announced as details are resolved.

Rules for size and details of locations, times and methods will be available at the Lazy Painter at the Flower Box, and online at www.annawatsonstudio.com/.

Online



This week’s question:
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Community Briefs

Bridge closed to boat traffic

SEBRING – Highlands County Road and Bridge Department will close the Skipper Road Bridge to boat traffic only. The closing will start at 7:30 a.m. Monday and will reopen at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5.

For further information, contact the Road and Bridge Department at 402-6529.

Commodities to be distributed

SEBRING – The Salvation Army will have its Commodities Distribution from 9 a.m. to noon today. Clients in vehicles with 2013 Commodities Cards may use the drop off lane for their distribution. Those without the card must go inside to certify for the year to receive

a new card and the distribution.

For information, call 385-7548.

Downtown Sebring hosts ‘Summer Spectacular’

SEBRING – Join Destination Downtown Sebring (DDS) as they celebrate Back to School with a fun and festive Summer Spectacular with free activities and fun for kids of all ages – including carnival crafts, games, kids art, dunk tank, and a DJ – while strolling around the historic Downtown Sebring area from 5-8 p.m. today. Nearly 15 Downtown Sebring businesses and organizations will participate in the event.

The Summer Spectacular will feature carnival games, dunk tank and crafts; music

by DJ Jeremy of Mobile Music; coloring tables and popcorn; puppet show; water color flower bouquets; hot dog and sodas sold by the Boys & Girls Club; bubble machine and coloring pages; pinwheel crafts and snacks; free admission to the Children’s Museum; side-walk pet art; punch and cookies; and masks at Highlands Little Theatre.

Held the second Friday of each month, Sebring’s Downtown comes alive with the unique and enjoyable monthly Destination Downtown Sebring (DDS) monthly themed events that are coordinated by the various participating Downtown Sebring merchants. For details about the monthly DDS events and participating stores, visit

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Clean-up plan for Everglades needs to be completed quickly

It's happening again, and it's bad. Billions of gallons of foul brown water are being flushed into two South Florida rivers to lower Lake Okeechobee and protect the Herbert Hoover Dike during hurricane season.

Two lovely estuary systems, the Caloosahatchee River in Southwest Florida and the St. Lucie in the Southeast, are being assaulted by unwelcome pollution.

These two systems have suffered inundations before, of course, but there is a solution that could eventually give these rivers a respite.

It's a costly solution, to be sure, but then so is every remedy to clean up and restore the Everglades, the state's magnificent River of Grass. Lake Okeechobee should drain south into the Glades, but it's so polluted by agriculture and urban runoff — phosphorous, nitrogen and other poisons — that it would literally be a state crime to send the water directly south.

To its credit, the state built a billion-dollar network

of marshes to clean lake runoff before sending it southward, but even at that, there still isn't enough storage capacity to contain so much spillover.

So instead, the U.S. Corps of Engineers must divert the water east and west when the lake level rises to flood stage. July's record rainfall forced the corps to open the gates. Pictures of nasty brown water gushing into the two rivers would make anybody cringe.

The solution is an ambitious \$2.2 billion draft plan being negotiated by the Corps and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that would clean up some lake water and restore historic water flows to the Central Everglades. The negotiations are supposed to

wrap up any day now, which is good news. The plan must be formalized in time to be included for authorization in a congressional civil-works bill set to be voted on this year. If the plan isn't completed and sent to Congress now, years could pass before presenting it again. So the project must be done this year, period.

The River Coalition — civic, environmental and business groups that formed after a 1998 inundation in the St. Lucie — is pushing negotiators to conclude talks and get the ball rolling in Congress. The Everglades Foundation is also urging the DEP, the Corps and various stakeholders to wrap up, pointing out that any plan authorized this year could be revised later, if needed.

Sometimes it seems as if there is no end in sight for making reparations for all the egregious injuries done to our unique Everglades ecosystem. And every element of the ambitious, expensive restoration plan has assumed a cloak of urgency in recent years.

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But with the Lake Okeechobee floodgates opening last month, the Central Everglades clean-up project took center stage. There is real opportunity here to make progress, and we mustn't let that chance slip away.

An editorial from the Miami Herald.

Evil never sleeps

Rush Limbaugh fielded a phone call the other day that even he couldn't answer.

"What's happened to the country I live in?" asked the frustrated woman. "And what do we do now?"

The Great Rushbo was

understandably flustered. Coming up with a cure for what ails America after five years of Barack Obama and decades of bigger and stupider and meaner Big Government in D.C. is not something you can do off the top of your head.

The woman's question reminded me of a question Newt Gingrich posed to me about five years ago.

"Mike," he said, "how is it that our side can elect great conservatives like your father and Margaret Thatcher but then after we win those elections everything seems to fall apart?"

What Newt said about conservatives squandering their biggest victories is true. My father's glorious conservative revolution of 1980 is largely undone today, washed away by 30 years of higher taxes, more regulations and a weak-kneed foreign policy.

Even Newt himself is an example of the problem conservatives have had in not being able to take full advantage of their greatest victories.

He was able to foment his own mini-revolution in Congress in 1994. For a while, as Republicans took control of the House for the first time since the Korean War, it looked like half a century of executive power and federal overreach were finally going to be checked, if not rolled back.

But then Newt's historic and inspiring conservative resurrection fizzled.

The 54 new Republican rebels who helped Newt "take over" the House, as the liberal media liked to say, forced Clinton to reform welfare and kept federal spending in check — at least until Congress let Bush II and Obama open the floodgates and drown us and our grandchildren's grandchildren in debt.

I think I've figured out what the problem with con-



Making Sense
Michael Reagan

servatives is. We don't understand the rules of the political power game. We think after we win big elections or defeat the Soviet Union, we can go home and savor our victories.

We think after we win our big fights, it's the end

of the game. Welfare reform passes — game over. Berlin Wall falls — game over. We won, you lost — game over.

But liberals and progressives understand the power game. They know it never really ends. What conservatives see as a victorious ending — the takeover of the House or the election of George W. Bush — liberals and progressives see as just the beginning.

The other side never stops fighting. When Scott Brown won that special U.S. Senate election in Massachusetts to fill Ted Kennedy's seat in 2010, conservatives were dancing in the streets because they had won their 60th vote to stop Obamacare.

Conservatives thought Brown's shocking win was the end and went home. The liberals knew it was just the beginning of a tough fight. What did we get in the end? Obamacare. Plus U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

If we conservatives want to win the day and prevent liberals and progressives from undermining our way of life, sinking us in a sea of debt and turning us into a socialist Banana Republic, we have to never stop fighting.

Evil never sleeps. Nor do its practitioners in Washington and in our state capitals. If we want good to triumph over evil in the long run, we have to learn to see our big victories not as the end of the fight but the beginning of the rest of the battle.

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Bipartisan response to terrorism threat: America's (fleeting) Arab Spring?

It's a classic case of déjà vu, and you get that sinking, ominous feeling. And then a (momentarily) optimistic one.

The sinking feeling: reports about a new al-Qaeda terrorist threat that sounded alarmingly like reports published in the summer of 2011 about confident terrorist chatter picked up by intelligence services prefacing 9/11 — a catastrophe shown by history to be the culmination of managerial negligence on the part of administrations of BOTH parties. The optimistic feeling: the Obama administration's efforts to protect form and prepare for a possible attack received widespread bipartisan support.

Who would have thought it's still possible in mega-polarized America? Over the past few years that has become a serious question.

If America was genuinely threatened by another 9/11 could partisans put down their increasingly tiresome political posturing, agendas and 24/7 efforts to score points for their parties long enough to unite to back checkmating it? And if there was another big, terrorist bloodbath, could Americans come together like they did after 9/11, or within days would that become yet one more finger-pointing partisan battle and ratings-bait booster fought out by the likes of the Martin Bashirs and Sean Hannitys, and breathtakingly predictable partisan websites on the left and right?

It's the agony — a serious threat. And the ecstasy — signs that there are still moments when America's political parties aren't entirely consumed by optics, cover-your-you-know-what actions, or "playing to the base," a phrase increasingly meaning playing to the basest of emotions and instincts of the left and the right. It's America's (fleeting) political Arab spring as political players focused on protection and prevention.

In this instance, it's as if both parties seemed to have heeded the words of President Rutherford Hayes in his 1877 inaugural address: "He serves his party best who serves his country best."

But it's not entirely surprising. You've heard of "fight or flight?" This choice was divide or survive.

The threat sparked the biggest closure ever of U.S. embassies and con-



Independent's Eye

Joe Gandelman

ulates due to a terrorist threat: 21 were temporarily shuttered in North Africa and the Middle East. According to reports, electronic communications picked up between Osama bin Laden successor Ayman al-Zawahri and Nasser al-Wuhayshi, head of al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, indicated a specifically timed attack or attacks were slated. Some reports suggested fears of surgically implanted bombs that could easily thwart airport security.

Both parties have bungled on foreign policy over the years. Washington Post columnist Eugene Robinson writes: "The truth is that U.S. foreign policy helped create the new decentralized al-Qaeda, a branch of which is believed to be trying to launch some kind of strike." He points to George W. Bush's invasion of Iraq, Bush and Barack Obama's use of collateral-damage causing drones, and an "Arab spring" that

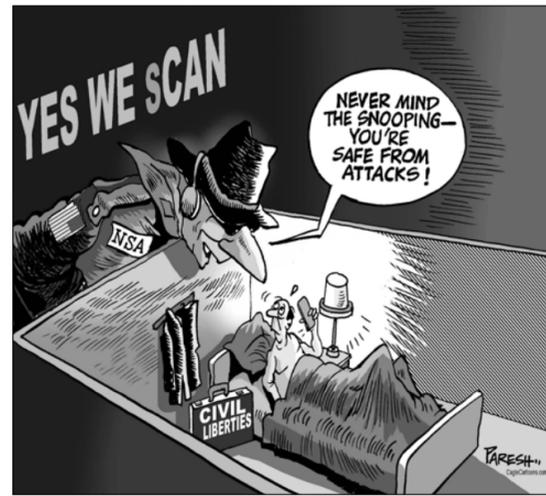
bolstered jihadists.

Only a few in either party suggested this current threat wasn't serious. Texas's Republican Rep. Louie Gohmert said the administration was acting "like a bunch of cowards that go running away." Meanwhile, Guardian columnist Glenn Greenwald suggested that the problem was being exaggerated by the administration, and the embassies closed, to try and distract from revelations about how the National Security Agency collects data — revelations reported on by Greenwald in his exclusive interview with Russia's newest and most famous refugee, Edward Snowden.

Greenwald's kind of response is not new. Partisans or those heavily invested in an issue will often assume that if their issue is not totally front-burner, then another action or focus by the government is aimed at "changing the subject" — when it may be actually because it's wise to change the focus.

Fortunately, in this instance, concern for the country's national security united both parties. And again it seemed as if they had listened to the words of a President, this time Theodore Roosevelt, who said: "Nine-tenths of wisdom is being wise in time."

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Hotshot survivor was 'numb' after hearing of comrades' deaths in July wildfire

Associated Press

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — Brendan McDonough was emotionally crushed when his supervisor on a Hotshot firefighting crew radioed in to say a wildfire ripping through the Arizona wilderness had forced them into emergency shelters — a last resort for fire-fighters.

His emotions plunged further as he heard the ringing phones that some of his fellow 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots had left in one of the unit's vehicles. Separated from his crew by his job as a lookout, he knew what their wives, children and families didn't: All 19 had died.

"Coming home, that was the worst feeling ever," McDonough told ABC News in an interview aired Wednesday.

"Knowing that these families would see me, but not anyone else off that crew. No one. I was the only person they're going to see."

The firefighters' deaths on June 30 near Yarnell, Ariz., came after the wind shifted, cutting off their escape route. It was the largest loss of life for firefighters in a single event since the Sept. 11 World Trade Center terrorist attacks in 2001 in New York.

McDonough told the Daily Courier that he has asked himself "a million times" why he was spared. But he said he tries not to dwell on what happened that day.

"That's not going to help anyone," including his 2-year-old daughter, he said. "That's not going to remember my brothers the right way."

An investigation into the firefighters' deaths is under way, but officials have said the crew moving on foot in rugged terrain was aware as it changed positions that the direction of the wind pushing the fire was shifting.

Eric Marsh, superintendent of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, was the one who called in to a



Pictures of the fallen hotshots attached to the fence surrounding the headquarters for the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew in Prescott, Ariz.

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fire manager on the radio, saying the 19 men were deploying their emergency shelters. That's the last McDonough or anyone heard from them.

When fire managers couldn't contact the crew, a state police paramedic was dropped off by a helicopter and hiked to the crew's deployment site. The paramedic confirmed the deaths and reported them by radio.

Despite losing the men he considers his brothers, McDonough is certain he wants to live out the dream of firefighting that he's had since he was 13.

The 21-year-old was hired as a seasonal employee with the Granite Mountain Hotshots in 2011 after completing wildland

Coming home, that was the worst feeling ever. Knowing those families would see me, but not anyone else off that crew. No one.

Brendan McDonough
surviving Hotshot

firefighting classes.

"I wouldn't have traded the years I spent with those men for anything in this world," he told the Courier.

"They made me the man and father I am today. How successful I am physically, emotionally, spir-

itually — I owe it to them."

What he's not so sure about is whether he'll join a Hotshot crew for next year's fire season.

"I love fighting wildland fires but I loved fighting them with the people I did," he told the Courier. "That's going to be hard to fill."

Prescott city officials met Tuesday night to affirm their commitment to rebuilding the only Hotshot crew in the country that was tied to a municipal fire department.

Prescott Fire Department Chief Dan Fraijo asked the City Council to make a firm decision within a couple of weeks as to how the crew would be structured so that the department can begin training.

Corps will continue Lake Okeechobee water releases

By JENNIFER KAY

Associated Press

MIAMI — Heavy releases of water from swollen Lake Okeechobee will continue for the foreseeable future to protect the lake's aging earthen dike during the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Wednesday.

Months of above-average rainfall and rising water levels in the shallow lake have prompted the Corps to fully open locks around the lake to keep the water from rising too high and to relieve pressure on the Herbert Hoover Dike, parts of which date to the 1930s.

The six-month hurricane season that begins June 1 historically peaks in August and September. Four tropical storms have formed so far this season, which U.S. government forecasters expect to be very busy with 13 to 20 named storms.

"What we're doing now is preparing for the next event," said Lt. Col. Thomas Greco, the Corps' Jacksonville District deputy commander for South Florida.

July capped the wettest start to the wet season since 1968, and the last four months have been the wettest April-through-July time period since 1932, according to the South Florida Water Management District.

The district is a state agency that oversees flood control and Everglades restoration from Orlando to the Keys. Officials say the soaking has left them few places to move water as they prepare the system for potential storms. More than 10 inches of rain fell in July across the 16-county district — three inches above average.

Some of the heaviest rains fell over Lake Okeechobee.

Weekly inspections of the lake's dike began late last month when the water levels hit 15.5 feet.

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Young family receiving help

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“Sean Willis played a big role helping me save what little we could.”

Kelli Williams, who manages the apartment building, has moved the family into a vacant apartment so they have somewhere to live.

“Their apartment has been condemned; Eron can’t get inside,” Williams said.

“We’re doing what we can because she really needs help. All her clothing and furniture is gone.”

Friends are helping. Walker has been given a

couch, a couple of dressers and a king-size bed. The children will sleep in that until she can find child-sized beds.

“We need clothes, shoes, dishes, and pots and pans — pretty much everything,” she said.

Walker, while stressed, stays upbeat. “We stay positive for the children,” she said.

Three children are involved — two boys, ages 2 and 3 years old, and a daughter, who is 4. The youngest boy wears size 24 months to 1T, shoe size 8;

the 3-year-old boy wears size 3T, shoes 9; and the daughter is size 6T, shoes 13.

Call Williams at 214-7132 to arrange for donations. Dee’s Place at 138 N.

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Ruggs said, “Walker is the kind of person who will give you the shirt off her back.” He added that she has had a run of terrible luck. “She loaned her car to a friend who wrecked it, then she lost her job, now this happens,” he said.

WSI to keep current city employees

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Environmental).

“I lean heavily toward privatization but in this particular instance, this particular rate balance, I think we can do better.... This isn’t quite there yet,” council member Scott Stanley said.

“Well, can we touch on that ... Their (WSI) pricing and services is more efficient than we are,” councilman John Clark said. “The argument would be you have a continuing liability for operations of an entity. We’re looking at roughly \$2.1 million that can come into the general fund or, however council would determine to take these assets out between the sale of existing equipment.” Stanley disagreed.

“Those assets are still our own. We’re just transferring it from the right pocket to the left pocket,” Stanley said.

After more discussion regarding profits made and the much needed purchases of new front-loading garbage trucks, the council voted to accept the bid from WSI. Clark and

fellow councilman Andrew Fells cast dissenting votes.

Current solid waste employees will retain their positions with the city after the new company takes over. According to city’s data and projection, annual money to the city once WSI is the solid waste provider will be \$251,172.

Council members unanimously approved the ordinance amending the use of outdoor vendors on commercially zoned business district property. The suggestion to amend the ordinance came from Robert Strength at a June council meeting.

City Attorney Bob Swaine has made changes to the city’s code of ordinances and amended ordinance 1358. The ordinance will allow food vendors to set up shop and sell items in appropriate areas of the city’s business district.

The ordinance was approved unanimously on its second and final reading Tuesday evening.

Fisher to look into security issues

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Eyewitness accounts indicate the gunman fired shots through the wall of the township municipal building and then barged into the meeting room and kept shooting before a local official tackled him and shot him with his own gun.

The gunman was identified as a local resident who had an ongoing dispute with local officials about the con-

dition of his property.

It was in the mid 1990’s that then-Highlands County Clerk of Court Luke Brooker oversaw the installation of metal detectors at the courthouse in an effort to increase security there.

That was part of an overall security re-vamp at the county courthouse. The action also was spurred by another incident where an irate ex-convict had come into the

courthouse and barged into then-Highlands County Deputy Clerk of Courts Buddy McKenzie’s office.

The county has been fortunate. There have been no serious problems reported at any of the county commission meetings over the past two decades.

Nevertheless, County Administrator June Fisher was ordered to look into the matter.

Today is deadline to qualify

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said, he knows the city and its residents well, and has much to offer. “I’m about using common sense and doing the right thing.”

He didn’t make his decision hastily. “I prayed long and hard,” he said. “It’s more like a calling. I felt compelled to

run.”

Warner added he raised his children in the town and has grandchildren he wants to see grow up here too.

“There are (city) issues that directly affect me,” he said. “I don’t want anyone to think this is about Julian (Deleon, the city manager).

“It’s early in the game,” he

said. “I’m weighing the issues.”

There will be two polling stations open Nov. 7.

Voters in precincts number 1 and 16A go to the Avon Park Activities Club at 109 E. Main St. Voters in precincts 2 and 4A go to the Avon Park tax collector’s branch office at 116 E. Main St.

Helping flush away Jade’s cancer



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Purple toilets have been scattered across Avon Park for the past week and will be making their way across Sebring this weekend as the Flushing for Jade fundraiser is at its halfway mark. Anyone wishing to participate (donate money) can call 245-6877 and place an order for the toilet to be placed in the yard of a resident, or business, like Signature Salon Suites. The person who placed the toilet order pays \$10. If the homeowner wants the potty removed from their yard, it will cost \$15. It will be \$20 to have the toilet removed and placed in the yard of your choice and \$30 to buy insurance so it does not visit your yard again. All proceeds benefit Jade Jackson, a 14-year-old Avon Park girl who was recently diagnosed with brain cancer. The fundraiser ends Aug. 19.

Summer Spectacular brings fun downtown

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
sgholar@newssun.com

SEBRING – Destination Downtown Sebring has partnered up with the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency to bring some fun to the downtown area. The Back to School Summer Spectacular will kick off from 5-9 p.m. today.

The free event will host a slew of activities, games and events for kids of all ages.

Over a dozen of the downtown Sebring merchants will be open for business and will participate in the Summer Spectacular.

Attendees can expect carnival games, including dunk tanks and crafts, coloring area, puppet shows, sidewalk art, pet stroll and art displays, refreshments and much more. The Highlands County Children’s Museum will be open for business and

offering free admission.

The DDS coordinates events on the second Friday of every month; this month the group steered the reoccurring event towards all things summer and fun.

Punch and cookies can be found for those venturing into Gene Brenner’s pottery store, Capt. Ron will host the puppet show and Linda’s Book will provide plenty of color and bubbles

for event patrons.

Live music will fill the streets along Circle Park for a fun, up-beat summer atmosphere.

The Sebring Boys and Girls Club will be selling hot dogs and refreshments throughout the event.

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Hundreds turn out at Circle Theater to hear Lynch

By **BARRY FOSTER**
News-Sun correspondent
SEBRING – An excited Kevin Roberts welcomed the largest crowd to date Wednesday night as filmmaker and nationally recognized speaker Dennis Michael Lynch made a whistle stop at the Circle Theater in downtown Sebring on his 2013 Never Forget Tour.



Barry Foster/News-Sun

Filmmaker and speaker Dennis Michael Lynch autographs a copy of his latest documentary, 'They Come to America II,' after an engagement at Circle Theater in downtown Sebring this week.

It was the first time the newly refurbished facility had been set up with theater-style seating, with nearly 300 residents, some from Polk and Hardee counties, coming in to hear Lynch talk about the problems associated with illegal immigration.

Lynch, who was a bit late for the appearance, did an on-stage microphone check, then launched into his presentation, playing clips from his latest documentary, "They Come to America II," utilizing the theatre's digital audio/visual set up.

"He told me after the performance the venue was 'top notch'," said Lester Lob, who helped organize the appearance. "He said it was the nicest place he had been so far in his travels."

Everyone who purchased a ticket to Wednesday night's performance received a copy of Lynch's second film on DVD as

well as its inaugural version.

He explained to the audience that the idea for "They Come to America" had grown out of a conversation he had with a construction worker who said he could not get jobs due to illegals undercutting him on price.

"As I researched it, I went from film maker to concerned citizen," Lynch said.

The program involved everything from his stint on the border, patrolling the fences and talking with citizens, to appearances on the Fox Cable TV Network.

Following his presentation, the filmmaker spent time in a sometimes con-

tentious question and answer session with the audience.

In commemoration of his appearance, members of the Highlands Tea Party gave Lynch a thank-you plaque designating him a member of the local group.

Lynch tarried for a while to autograph DVDs and speak with audience members and well wishers. He then left for an appearance in Daytona.

Organizers proclaimed the event "a rousing success" saying they planned to use the proceeds from the Lynch appearance to help fund similar appearances in the future.

Debris management tabled until city talks to insurance company

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 through three good hurricanes hitting, which is highly unlikely to happen again, so do we need to spend money and are we obligated to anyone," Stanley said.

Last time this issue came up, council members ended up not awarding anyone the contract, according to City Administrator Scott Noethlich.

"My understanding of this is there are dollars that are reimbursable to the city and to the debris management firm ... I might have concern that we may not get our full reimbursement if we don't follow all of FEMA's guidelines, and their guidelines have gotten pretty extensive," Noethlich said.

Council president Andrew Fells is concerned that if the city does not fol-

low FEMA's guidelines, the city may not have enough funds to cover the cost of clean up in the event of a disaster. Fells concerns were strong being that hurricane season is in full swing.

"I feel it is in the best interest for the city to do this, if they're going to get tighter on how we get our money back. My first year on council is when we got our last check from FEMA for those hurricanes. That's seven years after those last hurricanes," Fells stated.

Council member John Clark was fully against the idea to spend money on the debris management plan that has anything to do with FEMA.

"They change their rules within a week. Trying to chase that little bouncing ball that is FEMA when all they're trying to do is pro-

tect their own backsides ... What you're doing here is getting a company to commit ... if they don't sign this contract they're going to get a better rate if they wait. They're waiting for the call after the storm. Even if you never use them, they're going to want a fee for committing to use their machines in the case of a catastrophic event. It's silly," Clark said. "This is bureaucracy gone amuck and it's going to change every single year, at least. I think this is silly and you're throwing darts at a moving target."

Council suggested Noethlich and Fields reach out to FEMA and the city's insurance company to see what is required to be done by the city.

No action was taken; the item was tabled to a later city council meeting.

Florida teen dies after being shocked by police

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Family members of a teenager who died after being shocked by Miami Beach police say he was an artist who wanted to change the world through art.

Israel Hernandez-Llach had turned 18 shortly before police found him spray-painting a shuttered building early Tuesday. The teen ran but was eventually cornered. Chief Ray Martinez says the teen ran at officers

and one shot him with a Taser in the chest. Hernandez-Llach went into medical duress and died at a hospital.

His sister, Offir Hernandez, told The Miami Herald (<http://hrl.d.us/14z8vYx>) the family wants answers. They're seeking an independent investigation.

The medical examiner didn't rule on a cause of death after an autopsy on Wednesday. Further tests are pending.

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Moose host 'Road to Nashville'

SEBRING – Sebring Moose Lodge, 11675 US 98, is hosting a "Road to Nashville" from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday. A barbecue and corn hole tournament (\$20 a team donation), with prizes for first, second and third, will be held to send off David Cleveland Jr., aka David Carter, to a new exciting career. David has a record contract in Nashville.

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LP Band Boosters have car wash

LAKE PLACID – A "donations only" Lake Placid Band Booster car wash from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday will benefit the Lake Placid Marching Band. The car wash will be at Bank of America.

Boosters are raising funds to repair and/or replace old musical instruments and to rent school buses to attend away football games.

Church plans back-to-school event

SEBRING – From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sebring Church of the Brethren will sponsor a back-to-school event at 700 S. Pine St. including a slippery water slide, a bounce house/water slide, toddler splash zone, fun games and prizes. Free school supplies will be given to the first 100 school-aged kids; free hotdogs, chips and drinks while supplies last.

For more information, contact Terry Smalley at terrysmalley@hotmail.com.

Saturday Night Cruise is this weekend

SEBRING – Held the second Saturday of each month from 5-8 p.m., cruisers come from near and far to Sebring's Downtown Circle to see classic cars, listen to live entertainment and enjoy

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YMCA needs shed for bicycle storage

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA needs assistance with its Bicycle Safety Awareness Program. The Y is in need of a storage shed to house its bicycles. To donate one, the Y will make arrangements for it to be moved to the YMCA.

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Obituary

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Albert is survived by his wife, Joan; daughters, Kathleen Scarpati, Diane Wewer, Marybeth Sanders, and Tracy Vasquez; and a son, Albert Scarpati III. He

also leaves several stepchildren, including the very special Stacia Gessner, and eight grandchildren.

A service will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013, at 1 p.m. Contributions may be made to the youth program at the First Presbyterian Church of Sebring, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Arrangements have been entrusted to:

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vs.
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Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 25, 2013, and entered in Case No. 12CA306 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CREDIT SUISSE SEASONED LOAN TRUST 2006-1, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, is Plaintiff and TELETRA YUSHAWN SAIFULLAH, NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC. AS ASSIGNEE OF AT&T UNIVERSAL CARD, AND UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FRANCES SPEAKMAN, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 30th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 2, BLOCK A, STEWART'S ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 3, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
STREET ADDRESS: 1131 LEMON ST, SEBRING, FL 33870
and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 26th day of July, 2013.

Bob Germaine
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
August 2, 9, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 2012-CA-000285
Bank of America, National Association
Plaintiff,
-vs.-
Giovanny Ruiz; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated July 25, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000285 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein Bank of America, National Association, Plaintiff and Giovanny Ruiz are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, ROBERT W. GERMAINE, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT 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., August 29, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 13, BLOCK B, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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August 2, 9, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: GC-12-000573
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
GEORGE I. SANTOS; AMANDA SANTOS; 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,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 21st day of August, 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 situate in Highlands County, Florida:
LOT 32, BLOCK 50, SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 34, 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 24th day of June, 2013.
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863)534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

(COURT SEAL)
B&H #294683
August 2, 9, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 13000442GCAXMX
DIVISION:
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHRISTY FAMUSESO-AWOMEWE, et al,
Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
To: Alfred Awomewe
Last Known Address: 5050 Mendavia Dr, Sebring, FL 33872-9004
Current Address: Unknown
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
Last Known Address: Unknown
Current Address: Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:
LOT 1, IN BLOCK 743, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 15 R1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 64, BEING A 1989 REPLAT OF UNIT 15 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 40, BOTH OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 5050 Mendavia Dr, Sebring, FL 33872-9004
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before September 3, 2013 service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.
This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the News-Sun.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 5th day of August, 2013.

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 13-DR-938
GILBERTO JARAMILLO-CURIEL
Petitioner,
vs.
MARIA DEL CARMEN RAMIREZ
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION FOR PATERNITY, TIMESHARING, PARENTING PLAN AND OTHER RELIEF
TO: MARIA DEL CARMEN RAMIREZ
STATE OF FLORIDA
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for paternity, timesharing, parenting plan, and other relief has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on BRIAN M. MONK, ESQ., SESSUMS LAW GROUP, P.A., attorney for petitioner, GILBERTO JARAMILLO-CURIEL, whose address is 559 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. Said written response should be served on or before the 19th day of August, 2013, and the original must be filed with the Clerk of Court for the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, either before service on the attorney for the Petitioner, or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
Copies of all Court documents in this case, including Orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office in Highlands County, Florida. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal of striking of pleadings.
DATED on the 15th day of July, 2013.
ROBERT GERMAINE, Clerk of Courts
by: /s/ Lisa Osha
as Deputy Clerk
July 19, 26; August 2, 9, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. GC13-321
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RICHARD ALFRED BRIGGS, TRUSTEE OF THE BRIGGS FAMILY TRUST DATED JANUARY 24, 2006, a Florida trust, RICHARD ALFRED BRIGGS, individually, and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on July 25, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County, Florida, as described in the attached Exhibit "A" at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on August 29, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.:
EXHIBIT "A"
Lot 6, Block G, LAKE JACKSON HEIGHTS, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 52, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Address: 1711 Evergreen Street, Sebring, Florida 33870
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
August 2, 9, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-001066
HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee of the FBR Securitization Trust 2005-2, Callable Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2005-2
Plaintiff,
vs.
JEMPPLY CHERY, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on July 26, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:
LOT 174 AND 174-A, OF SEBRING RIDGE SECTION C, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA,
and commonly known as: 2905 VALERIE BLVD, SEBRING, FL 33870; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on August 30, 2013 at 11 a.m.
Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 26th day of July, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
August 2, 9, 2013

1050 Legals

IN RE: ESTATE OF LEO GEORGE MCKOY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of LEO GEORGE MCKOY, deceased, whose date of death was May 16, 2013, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-9508, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is August 2, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Ethel Mae Dunn
17001 NW 18th Avenue
Miami, FL 33056

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870
Telephone: (863) 385-5156

August 2, 9, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-280
Division Probate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-301
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF
CALVIN WILLIAM BROWN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CALVIN WILLIAM BROWN, deceased, whose date of death was June 11, 2013, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-6579, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 9, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Nancy A. Dye
446 Lake Mirror Drive
Lake Placid, FL 33852

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870
Telephone: (863) 385-5156

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	Clouds and sun with a thunderstorm	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	An afternoon t-storm in the area
91° / 74°	91° / 74°	94° / 74°	93° / 74°	92° / 73°
Winds: ESE at 6-12 mph	Winds: ESE at 6-12 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph	Winds: ENE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SE at 4-8 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	92°
Low Sunday	72°
High Monday	94°
Low Monday	71°
High Tuesday	94°
Low Tuesday	72°
High Wednesday	92°
Low Wednesday	71°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	55%
Expected air temperature	91°
Makes it feel like	100°

Barometer

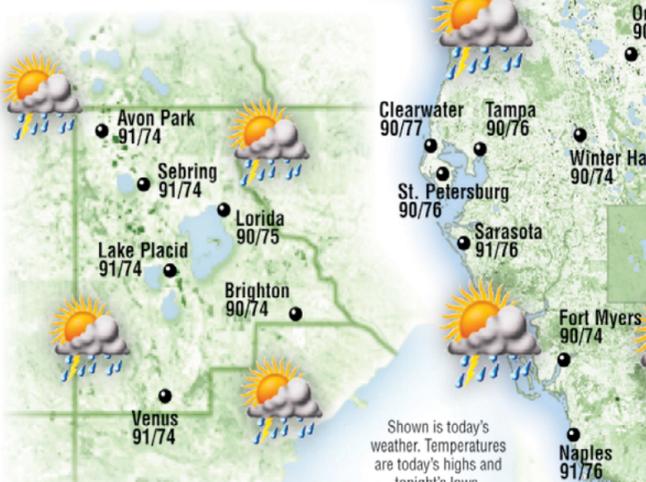
Monday	29.87
Tuesday	29.86
Wednesday	29.86

Precipitation

Monday	0.89"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	1.31"
Year to date	45.95"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny today with a shower or thunderstorm around. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow with a shower or thunderstorm around starting late morning.



Farm Report

A shower or thunderstorm around today. Winds east-southeast 6-12 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%.

Weather History

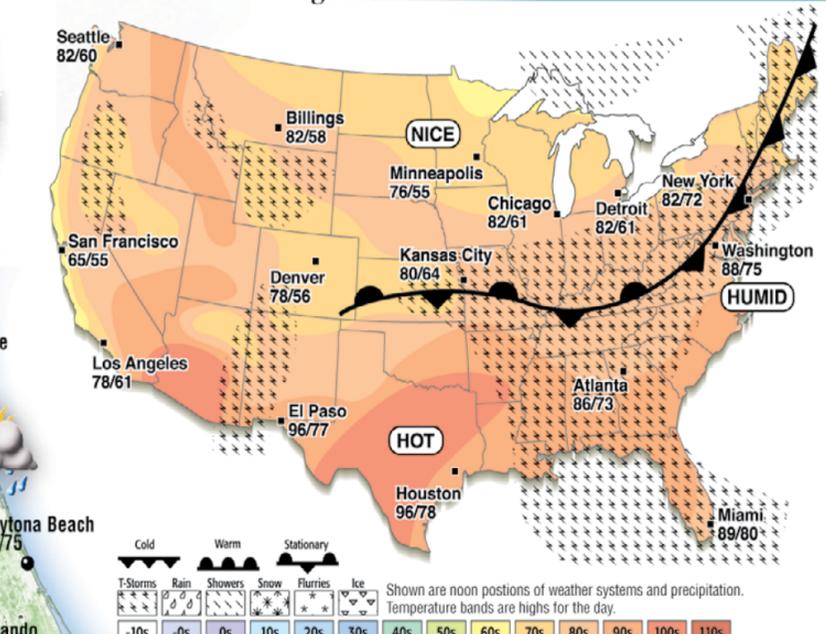
Thunderstorms roared from Iowa to West Virginia on Aug. 9, 1979. Flood waters over 6 feet deep moved through downtown Clarksburg, W.Va.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:56 a.m.	6:56 a.m.
Sunset	8:07 p.m.	8:06 p.m.
Moonrise	9:18 a.m.	10:13 a.m.
Moonset	9:41 p.m.	10:17 p.m.



National Forecast for August 9



National Summary

A cold front pushing through the Northeast will spread showers and heavier thunderstorms across the region today. Soaking downpours from these storms will lead to localized flash flooding, especially closer to the coastline. This includes the cities of Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Showers and thunderstorms will cover most of the Southeast and central Plains as well. Any significant rainfall from storms in Kansas and Missouri can lead to more flooding.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	88/64/t	85/64/t	85/65/t
Atlanta	86/73/t	87/72/t	90/73/t
Baltimore	87/72/t	88/69/pc	85/68/pc
Birmingham	86/74/t	88/72/t	89/72/t
Boston	78/68/t	85/65/pc	79/63/s
Charlotte	86/72/t	88/72/t	88/72/t
Cheyanne	74/51/t	80/56/t	84/54/pc
Chicago	82/61/pc	79/57/s	82/63/s
Cleveland	82/64/pc	78/57/s	79/60/s
Columbus	84/67/t	84/63/pc	83/63/s
Dallas	103/78/s	101/79/s	99/79/s
Denver	78/56/pc	86/60/t	89/58/t
Detroit	82/61/pc	79/58/s	80/62/s
Harrisburg	86/67/t	86/63/pc	83/65/s
Honolulu	89/74/pc	89/76/sh	89/75/pc
Houston	96/78/pc	93/77/t	93/77/t
Indianapolis	84/66/t	84/65/pc	84/68/s
Jackson, MS	94/74/t	93/73/pc	96/73/pc
Kansas City	80/64/t	83/65/s	86/70/s
Lexington	86/70/t	86/67/t	85/67/c
Little Rock	98/76/t	95/75/t	92/74/t

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	91/77/t	91/76/t	91/76/t
Athens	94/75/s	94/73/s	90/74/s
Beirut	87/76/s	87/77/s	88/76/s
Berlin	71/53/c	76/56/pc	77/61/pc
Bermuda	85/78/s	85/74/s	85/77/s
Calgary	67/48/pc	70/50/pc	73/51/pc
Calgary	65/48/pc	65/53/t	67/50/pc
Edmonton	68/47/pc	74/49/pc	75/49/pc
Freeport	86/79/t	89/79/pc	88/78/pc
Geneva	74/50/t	77/51/s	79/57/s
Havana	88/73/t	91/75/t	93/74/pc
Hong Kong	91/83/s	92/81/s	90/80/s
Jerusalem	84/66/s	84/66/s	84/65/s
Johannesburg	59/43/sh	65/44/pc	66/45/t
Kiev	92/61/s	86/59/s	88/59/s

Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	89/74/t	89/77/t	93/77/t
Clearwater	90/77/t	91/78/t	93/77/t
Coral Springs	88/78/t	89/80/t	90/79/t
Daytona Beach	88/75/pc	89/75/t	91/74/t
Fl. Laud. Bch	88/79/t	88/82/t	89/80/t
Fort Myers	90/74/t	89/77/t	93/77/t
Gainesville	92/73/t	91/74/t	93/73/t
Hollywood	89/78/t	90/80/t	91/79/t
Homestead AFB	88/79/t	88/81/t	89/79/pc
Jacksonville	90/76/pc	92/74/s	94/74/t
Key West	88/81/t	89/83/t	90/82/pc

Florida Cities (cont.)

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Miami	89/80/t	90/81/t	90/81/pc
Okeechobee	88/74/t	88/74/t	88/73/t
Orlando	90/75/t	90/75/t	92/75/t
Pembroke Pines	89/78/t	90/80/t	91/79/t
St. Augustine	88/75/pc	88/75/s	90/75/t
St. Petersburg	90/76/t	90/78/t	92/77/t
Sarasota	91/76/t	91/77/t	93/77/t
Tallahassee	93/74/pc	93/73/pc	95/74/pc
Tampa	90/76/t	90/77/t	91/77/t
W. Palm Bch	89/79/t	89/81/t	90/79/t
Winter Haven	90/74/t	90/74/t	93/74/t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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FHSAA seeks policy review for PEDs

Special to the News-Sun
GAINESVILLE – In an aggressive move to protect teens from the ongoing threat of performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs), the head of the Florida High School Athletic Association today asked the organization's medical policy experts to conduct a top-to-bottom review of existing policies to determine what additional measures can be enacted to prevent the use of improper substances by high school student-athletes.

Dr. Roger Dearing, FHSAA's executive director, asked the association's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to conduct a thorough review of existing standards to determine how they can be strengthened to stop the trend of PED use among professional and college athletes from spreading throughout prep sports.

Dearing noted that under existing FHSAA sportsmanship bylaws and policies student-athletes can be suspended from competing if they have used PEDs, but Dearing suggested that these prohibitions may be insufficient in light of recent allegations that South Florida high school athletes received PEDs as part of the Biogenesis scandal.

"The FHSAA's overriding priority is the safety, well-being and constructive development of young student-athletes, whose bodies and character are still forming. Performance-enhancing drugs undermine every aspect of this goal, and so it is imperative that our student-athletes adhere to a zero tolerance policy toward these inherently unfair and dangerous substances," Dearing said. "Here is the bottom line for me: As executive director of FHSAA, I believe we must draw a line in the sand against performance-enhancing drugs. School districts simply cannot tolerate coaches who encourage or look the other way when

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Getting to know Francis and Eddie

By DAN HOEHNE
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Perhaps it's only the most fervent golfers, the more intense followers of the sport, that understand and know the history of this weekend.

If you've ever gripped your driver, mid-iron or putter with your bottom hand pinkie interlocking with the top hand forefinger - you're engaging in what is known as the Vardon grip.

So named for Harry Vardon, from way back when.

I bring that up as something of an attention getter, because it was 100 years ago at the U.S. Open that Vardon came up short, and in so doing, allowed golf in America to take a big leap forward.

The event has been covered in books, and was brought to the big screen rather recently, in

a very well done piece "The Greatest Game Ever Played."

Another piece on the groundbreaking happening was released recently as well, by a childhood friend of mine.

Brad Herzog, an acclaimed author of numerous children-aimed, sports-themed books, as well as a few other lauded, abstract, taste-of-America novels of a more intellectual nature, came out with "Francis and Eddie" a children's book chronicling the essence of what made that weekend so long ago, so special.

Both in the grand awareness that came about, as well as in the private connection it created that would last a lifetime.

Often a movie is a condensed version of the

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KATARA SIMMONS/News-Sun

Aimed toward younger readers, 'Francis and Eddie' will strike a chord for adults and golf enthusiasts as well.

Sertoma on the home stretch

By LAUREN WELBORN
News-Sun correspondent

In traveling to Highlands Ridge North Monday morning, the Sertoma Junior Tour golfers knocked out their eighth event of the season, with one more separating them and the Tour Championship.

This was another make-up of an earlier rain-out, making these last two weeks chock-full of golf action.

Ever true to their reputation, the completion was fierce as players fought hole by hole.

One prime example of this was an impressive round of 68 by Morgan Baxendale to win the girls' 14-18 division.

Kendall Griffin took second place with her 75, followed by Meredith McKenna with an 83, Lindsey Moffat with an 89, and Megan Crews with a 92.

Cole Berger stepped up to set the pace for the group of 17-18 boys, carding a 74.

Just five stroke behind was Will Bennett, Bradley Brewer followed just one stroke shy of Dustin Baber and Terrell Williams' tied 82 to settle the other top honors.

A three-way tie continued to prove the level of competition as Jason Cannon's 83 was just below Andrew Wally, Ben Tubbs, and Nic Staffieri's 84, with Sam Rogers' 85 not far behind.



LAUREN WELBORN/News-Sun files

Will Redding finished with a 45 Monday to top the Boys 11-12s at Highlands Ridge North.

The girls' 11-13 division was led by a 42 from Ashley Engle, followed by Alyssa Jordan's 59, Hannah Revel's round of 64, and Emily Dressel's 80.

Julian Crozier rose to the top to

take the boys' 13-14 division as his card of 55 finished just before the 56 turned in by Scott Hamilton and the 59 from Seth Hamilton.

A battle of the Jacks kept things interesting as the two rallied for

first in the boys' and girls' 6-8 division before Jack DuPriest brought in a low 26 to overcome Jack Barben's 35.

Parker Griffin came in with a 37, followed by Brody Hall with a 39.

Tying for fifth in this group with a 43 was Ian Frazier and Jarrett Hornick.

In the 11-12 boys' division, Will Redding came out on top with his 45, two strokes under second-place Beckham Donovan.

Trailing just behind was Eli Fautheree's 52, Jackson Griffin's 54, and Clayton Osha's 57.

Zach Doorlag led the 9-10 boys with his round of 45, although just under Billy Carol's 46.

Still rising through the competition was Clay Jacobs's 50, Lane Revel's 53, and Nolan Rasnake's 58.

With the Tour Championship within their sights, the kids are certainly hitting the range in preparation for the bittersweet end of yet another successful Sertoma season.

But one more outing stood between them and the finale, as a quick turnaround had them teeing off at Placid Lakes Thursday morning.

See Sunday's News-Sun for a recap of this next-to-last event of the season.

Lake Istokpoga has been hot

I fished Lake Istokpoga a couple of days last week, once by myself and one bass fishing guide trip.

The bass are everywhere! Or at least it seemed that way on both trips.

Action on both trips was non-stop up until about 11 a.m.

This time of the year I don't usually fish much past noon, but I continued fishing both days until 1:30 and 2 p.m. only to realize, the fish were far and few between after noon.

Lake Istokpoga is made for "flipping", and both days that's how I caught most of the bass, but I did catch a few on a topwater Bass Assassin and a Strike King Frog between 9 and 10 a.m.

I started out flipping a blue/black YUM DINGER, and must have gone through two packs of them before I



Fishin' Around...
Don Norton

ran out and switched to my other favorite plastic, a ZOOM Baby Brush Hog.

The Brush Hog worked equally well and after working an area pretty hard, I backed off and threw a Bass Assassin and Frog.

The bass weren't as anxious to take a topwater bait, but the ones that did really crushed it!

I caught 16 bass on the trip by myself, the largest about five pounds and we caught over a dozen on my

guide trip using the same artificial baits.

The first bass of the day on my guide trip was a feisty 3 pounder that struck my bait with real intensity on the third flip of the morning.

I brought the bass into the boat and as she flipped on the front deck she spit up a 6-inch bluegill, completely skinned.

It just goes to show you how aggressive these fish can be.

That bass had a large mouthful of food and still hit my plastic bait.

It was interesting to note the condition of the bass.

Almost without exception, every bass looked in pristine condition, free of parasites and sores.

In fact, the bass looked in the best shape that I've seen them all year.

And every fish was fat!

Large, over slung bellies certainly indicate they have been feeding well.

As many of you may recall, Doug Hannon, the Bass Professor who passed away a few months ago stated many times that the heaviest weight bass will achieve in a given year is always during the summer, late summer and fall periods.

It certainly seems true of the many bass caught last week in this incredible fishery.

REDS II

I finally opened REDS II last Saturday and I wanted to thank the folks who stopped by.

No fan fare, balloons or grand opening event, the store is about 50-percent stocked and by the time this

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Courtesy photo

Still active on area lakes until the end, grand old fisherman Nelson Hill recently passed away at 92.

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	70	46	.603	—
Tampa Bay	66	47	.584	2.5
Baltimore	63	51	.553	6
New York	57	56	.504	11.5
Toronto	53	61	.465	16
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	67	45	.598	—
Cleveland	62	52	.544	6
Kansas City	58	53	.523	8.5
Minnesota	49	62	.441	17.5
Chicago	43	69	.384	24
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	64	49	.566	—
Texas	65	50	.565	—
Seattle	53	61	.465	11.5
Los Angeles	51	62	.451	13
Houston	37	76	.327	27

Tuesday's Games

Detroit 5, Cleveland 1
Cincinnati 3, Oakland 1
Boston 15, Houston 10
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 0
Chicago White Sox 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
Arizona 6, Tampa Bay 1
Texas 8, L.A. Angels 3
Baltimore 4, San Diego 1
Toronto 7, Seattle 2

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati 6, Oakland 5
Baltimore 10, San Diego 3
Seattle 9, Toronto 7
Detroit 6, Cleveland 5, 14 innings
Boston 7, Houston 5
Kansas City 5, Minnesota 2
Chicago White Sox 6, N.Y. Yankees 5, 12 innings
Arizona 9, Tampa Bay 8
Texas 10, L.A. Angels 3

Thursday's Games

Detroit at Cleveland, late
Boston at Kansas City, late

Friday's Games

Minnesota (Gibson 2-3) at Chicago
White Sox (Joh.Danks 2-9), 2:10 p.m., 1st game
Detroit (Porcello 8-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 6-5) at Cleveland (Kazmir 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (J.Parker 7-6) at Toronto (Rogers 3-6), 7:07 p.m.
Boston (Peavy 9-4) at Kansas City (E.Santana 8-6), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Hendriks 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Leesman 0-0), 8:10 p.m., 2nd game
Texas (Garza 1-1) at Houston (Bedard 3-8), 8:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Lohse 7-7) at Seattle (J.Saunders 10-10), 10:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 6-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 4-6), 10:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 14-3) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 2-4), 10:15 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING				
	AB	R	H	BA
Cabrera, DET	395	80	142	.359
Trout, LAA	436	80	145	.333
Ortiz, BOS	361	56	120	.332
HOME RUNS				
Davis, BAL	41			
Cabrera, DET	33			
Encarnacion, TOR	30			
RUNS BATTED IN				
Davis, BAL	106			
Cabrera, DET	102			
Encarnacion, TOR	89			
SLUGGING PERCENTAGE				
Davis, BAL	.676			
Cabrera, DET	.668			
Ortiz, BOS	.587			
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE				
Cabrera, DET	.453			
Trout, LAA	.424			
Ortiz, BOS	.412			
WON-LOST				
Scherzer, DET	16-1			
Moore, TB	14-3			
Tillman, BAL	14-3			
EARNED RUN AVERAGE				
Hernandez, SEA	2.39			
Kuroda, NYY	2.45			
Sanchez, DET	2.58			
STRIKEOUTS				
Darvish, TEX	192			
Scherzer, DET	170			
Hernandez, SEA	169			
SAVES				
J. Johnson, BAL	39			
Rivera, NYY	35			
Nathan, TEX	33			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	70	45	.609	—
Washington	54	60	.474	15.5
New York	51	60	.459	17
Philadelphia	51	62	.451	18
Miami	43	69	.384	25.5
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	69	44	.611	—
St. Louis	66	47	.584	3
Cincinnati	63	51	.553	6.5
Chicago	50	63	.442	19
Milwaukee	49	65	.430	20.5
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	63	50	.558	—
Arizona	58	55	.513	5
San Diego	52	62	.456	11.5
Colorado	52	63	.452	12
San Francisco	50	63	.442	13

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta 2, Washington 1
Philadelphia 9, Chicago Cubs 8
Pittsburgh 4, Miami 3
N.Y. Mets 3, Colorado 2
Cincinnati 3, Oakland 1
St. Louis 5, L.A. Dodgers 1
Arizona 6, Tampa Bay 1
Baltimore 4, San Diego 1
Milwaukee 3, San Francisco 1

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati 6, Oakland 5
Baltimore 10, San Diego 3
Atlanta 6, Washington 3
Chicago Cubs 5, Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 4, Miami 2
N.Y. Mets 5, Colorado 0
L.A. Dodgers 13, St. Louis 4
Arizona 9, Tampa Bay 8
Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 1

Thursday's Games

Colorado at N.Y. Mets, late
Miami at Pittsburgh, late
Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, late
Milwaukee at San Francisco, late
L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis, late

Friday's Games

Philadelphia (Lannan 3-4) at Washington (Haren 6-11), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Cashner 8-5) at Cincinnati



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

SATURDAY

9:30 a.m. NASCAR – Zippo 200, Qualifying ESPN2
11:30 a.m. NASCAR – Cheez-It 355, Qualifying ESPN2
2:15 p.m. NASCAR – Zippo 200. ABC
6:30 p.m. Global Rallycross Championship ESPN2

BASEBALL

FRIDAY

11 a.m. Little League World Series, Teams TBA. ESPN
1 p.m. Little League World Series, Teams TBA. ESPN
3 p.m. Little League World Series, Teams TBA. ESPN
5 p.m. Little League World Series, Teams TBA.ESPN2
7 p.m. Little League World Series, Teams TBA. ESPN
9 p.m. Little League World Series, Teams TBA. ESPN

SATURDAY

1 p.m. Little League World Series, Teams TBA. ESPN
5 p.m. Little League World Series, Teams TBA. ESPN
7 p.m. Little League World Series, Teams TBA. ESPN
9 p.m. Little League World Series, Teams TBA. ESPN

BOXING

FRIDAY

10 p.m. Jose Hernandez vs. Rustam Nugaev. ESPN2
10 p.m. Deontay Wilder vs. Siarhei Liakhovich. SHOW

GOLF

FRIDAY

1 p.m. PGA Championship TNT
4 p.m. U.S. Women's Amateur, Day 3 GOLF

SATURDAY

11 a.m. PGA Championship TNT
2 p.m. PGA Championship. CBS
4 p.m. U.S. Women's Amateur, Day 4 GOLF

MLB

FRIDAY

8 p.m. Chicago Cubs at St. Louis WGN
10 p.m. Tampa Bay at L.A. Dodgers SUN

SATURDAY

4 p.m. Tampa Bay at L.A. Dodgers FOX
7 p.m. Chicago Cubs at St. Louis WGN

NFL PRESEASON

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. Miami at Jacksonville ABC-9

TENNIS

FRIDAY

Noon ATP – Rogers Cup, Quarterfinals ESPN2
8 p.m. ATP – Rogers Cup, Quarterfinals ESPN2

SATURDAY

1 p.m. ATP – Rogers Cup, Women's Semis ESPN2
3 p.m. ATP – Rogers Cup, Men's Semis ESPN2
8 p.m. ATP – Rogers Cup, Men's Semis ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

(Arroyo 9-9), 7:10 p.m.
Miami (Ja.Turner 3-3) at Atlanta (Beachy 0-0), 7:30 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Rusin 1-1) at St. Louis (Lynn 13-5), 8:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 12-4) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 10-6), 8:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Hefner 4-8) at Arizona (Corbin 12-3), 9:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Lohse 7-7) at Seattle (J.Saunders 10-10), 10:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 6-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 4-6), 10:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 14-3) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 2-4), 10:15 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING				
	AB	R	H	BA
C. Johnson, ATL	351	42	119	.339
Molina, STL	361	46	119	.330
Cuddyer, COL	342	54	112	.327
HOME RUNS				
Alvarez, PIT	27			
Gonzalez, COL	26			
Goldschmidt, ARI	26			
RUNS BATTED IN				
Goldschmidt, ARI	90			
Craig, STL	86			
Phillips, CIN	84			
SLUGGING PERCENTAGE				
Gonzalez, COL	.591			
Cuddyer, COL	.553			
Goldschmidt, ARI	.545			
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE				
Votto, CIN	.438			
Choo, CIN	.418			
Cuddyer, COL	.394			
WON-LOST				
Lynn, STL	13-5			
Zimmermann, WAS	13-6			
Wainwright, STL	13-7			
EARNED RUN AVERAGE				
Kershaw, LAD	1.91			
Harvey, NYM	2.09			
Corbin, ARI	2.33			
STRIKEOUTS				
Harvey, NYM	178			
Kershaw, LAD	166			
Wainwright, STL	156			
SAVES				
Kimbrel, ATL	36			
Grilli, PIT	30			
Mujica, STL	30			

Arena Football Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Thursday, Aug. 1
National Conference
Spokane 69, Chicago 47
Saturday, Aug. 3
American Conference
Philadelphia 59, Orlando 55
Jacksonville 69, Tampa Bay 62
Sunday, Aug. 4
National Conference
Arizona 59, San Jose 49

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, Aug. 10

American
Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
National
Spokane at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.

ARENABOWL at Orlando

Friday, Aug. 16

WNBA

American champion vs. National champion, 1 p.m.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	6	.684	—
Atlanta	11	6	.647	1
Indiana	9	10	.474	4
Washington	9	12	.429	5
New York	8	12	.400	5.5
Connecticut	6	12	.333	6.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	16	3	.842	—
Los Angeles	13	7	.650	3.5
Phoenix	10	10	.500	6.5
Seattle	8	11	.421	8
San Antonio	7	13	.350	9.5
Tulsa	7	15	.318	10.5

Tuesday's Games

New York 93, Washington 88
Los Angeles 74, Connecticut 72
Indiana 64, Chicago 58
Minnesota 93, San Antonio 80
Seattle 80, Phoenix 65

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Los Angeles at Indiana, late
Washington at Minnesota, late

Friday's Games

Chicago at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Tulsa at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed LHP Matt Thornton on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 5. Recalled RHO Pedro Beato from Pawtucket (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed INF-OF Ryan Raburn to a two-year contract.
DETROIT TIGERS—Released RHP Jose Valverde.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
DALLAS MAVERICKS—Signed C DeJuan Blair.
MIAMI HEAT—Signed C Greg Oden.

YMCA Soccer

SEBRING – The Highlands County YMCA is currently taking registrations for Fall Youth Soccer ages 3-14. Questions please call 382-9622.

STR8 UP seeks help

LAKE PLACID – As STR8 UP Youth Ministry in Lake Placid celebrates its one-year anniversary as a ministry, they are looking for ways to enhance their programs in order to maintain and challenge the influx of teenagers that enter the ministry.

The youth currently play basketball on the back parking lot area and have long since outgrown it.

They need the challenge of a full court and higher goals.

William E. Lewis and Associates have donated the NBA-style fiberglass goals.

Bevis Construction and Concrete has once again partnered with the program to provide the labor for this considerable project.

STR8 UP is seeking to raise \$7,500 for 80 yards of concrete.

STR8 UP is asking for donations towards the goal – one quarter of a yard of concrete is \$25, half a yard is \$50, and one yard of concrete is \$100.

All donations are welcome.

Please make checks payable to STR8 UP Youth Ministry P.O. Box 654 Lake Placid, FL 33862 or PayPal can be used from their website www.str8up.org.

14th Annual Firemen Memorial

SEBRING – As one of their biggest fundraisers of the year, Sebring Firemen, Inc. will hold the 14th Annual Memorial Golf Classic on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Sun N' Lake Golf and Country Club.

Presented by AXA Advisors, LLC and Home Depot, the day-long tournament will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. and cannon start at 8:30 a.m.

The format is a 4-person Scramble, flighted by handicap, utilizing both the Deer Run and Turtle Run courses, and the entry fee remains at \$75 per player.

As is their nearly 90-year old custom, the Firemen seek to raise funds to help all area student-athletes and athletic programs.

And in so doing, make it a fun and memorable event for all those involved.

The festivities, in fact, begin the night before at the Pre-Tournament Mixer on Friday, Aug. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sun N' Lake restaurant for early registration and a heavy dose of hors d'oeuvres.

Deadline for entry is Thursday, Aug. 8, and checks should be made payable and remit to Sebring Firemen, Inc., P.O.

Book a life and history lesson

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book from which the story was originally told.

Taking away the imagination and putting concrete faces, backdrops, elements into our minds eye and putting it on display before us.

Perhaps it allows us to take a more frank view of what took place, give us a more grounded appreciation for what occurred.

I had been in touch with Brad recently via Facebook, the newfound great transcendor of years lost and reconnections gained.

I became more aware of his work, and partook in it since.

When I saw he was coming out with this piece of work, I immediately thought of the movie, which had prompted me to research the 1913 U.S. Open and get to know the characters presented that much more.

Brad asked if I'd read his book and perhaps write up a review of sorts, to which I readily agreed, and two days later, the book arrived.

It takes a step back from the detail and full-fledged history leading up to the tournament, giving, rather, a brief panorama of what was at stake.

In a way, while a movie can condense an expansive book, this book took a certain angle of the movie, and both condensed it further, and expanded it.

Expanded it into a greater moral.

Rather than driving home the encompassment of what the tournament brought about, it delved into the unlikely partnership of Francis and Eddie.

Francis Ouimet, a

French-Irish lad born of Boston, to a working class family that lived across the street from The Country Club in Brookline, MA.

Too far below the elite to ever consider being a member of the club, Francis worked through his childhood as a caddy – with his knowledge and appreciation of the game ever growing.

There is a scene in the movie, perhaps an embellishment, where a still young Francis' mother took him into Boston proper on a "shopping trip" where they happened upon an exhibition of golf being given by Harry Vardon.

There was a brief interaction between the professional from across the pond and young Francis, a prelude to their on-course combat perhaps a decade later.

When it came to be that the 1913 U.S. Open would be played at the very course where Francis had long caddied, and often played when he could steal a few holes, certain club members urged him to play.

A fellow, and nearer to his age, friend and caddy had agreed to carry his bag for him, but upon the day of the opening round, had been caught playing hooky from school.

That friend's younger brother, Eddie, had somehow made the trip to the course and ardently volunteered to take his sibling's place.

Initially scoffing at the idea, Francis soon chose to placate Eddie's incessant badgering and allowed the youngster, who was barely taller than Francis' golf bag, to be his caddy.

The rest of the story references what took place,

what was at stake, as well as the outcome, both of the tournament and the future of golf, but more importantly, the friendship that was forged through the hardship that was this uncommon pairing of two youngsters on such a large stage.

I had seen the movie, several times, had done my research afterwards and gotten more than up to speed on all that was the 1913 U.S. Open, and figured that the reading of this children's book would be a formality.

But I was startled. Somewhere in the midst of reading things I already knew, something touched me.

There is a level of writing that encapsulates the moment, the event and the budding friendship between Francis and Eddie that cut through it all and was moving.

I soon referred it to a co-worker with a young son, and immediately after their shared reading, she was asking what the movie was called.

After I repeated the title, "The Greatest Game Ever Played" they soon watched it together and, at least from what I hear, both came away loving what they had just experienced.

The book, the movie, but most importantly, the story being told.

It is a story that needs to be told the right way, and it was in the movie, and I'm sure in the original book the movie was based upon.

But Brad Herzog took a different tact and honed in on a portion of the story, and wrote it, told it, in a way that does it more than justice.

Hill was a longtime staple on area lakes

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column comes out, we should be pretty much stocked up on all your favorite baits.

The minnow and shiner tank should arrive this week so hopefully we'll have live bait in the store by the weekend.

WEDNESDAY BASS TOURNAMENT

I wasn't able to fish last Wednesdays bass tournament on Lake Jackson but Paul Tardiff, tournament director reported that all the boats weighed in their limit of three bass per boat, with everyone averaging around 9 pounds each.

Dwight Ameling and his grandson won the event with 9-pounds, 4-ounces.

Nick DeSanta took second place and Paul Tardiff finished third.

We're still looking for some more guys to join us for this mid-week event.

Starting time is 7:30 a.m. and we only fish till Noon.

There's a 14-inch size limit and you can fish alone or with a partner but only three fish are weighed in per boat.

The cost is \$20 per boat

and all the money is returned to first and second place.

Come out and join us if you can.

NELSON HILL

On a sad note, Nelson Hill, 92, passed away on Thursday, July 25.

Nelson was well known throughout Highlands County as a passionate bass fisherman who even at the age of 92 was still fishing as often as he could.

I met Nelson years ago when he became a member of the Highlands County Bass Club, and I had the opportunity to fish with him many times.

He often shared with me his deep passion for the largemouth bass and just how much he enjoyed fishing for them in the different lakes throughout Highlands County.

I remember reading one of the issues of BassMaster Magazine a few years ago when I was living in Ohio and I wasn't surprised to see a picture of Nelson holding a 12 1/2 pound bass he'd caught in one of the lakes in Sebring.

I always knew he'd eventually get the wallhanger he was looking for his entire

life.

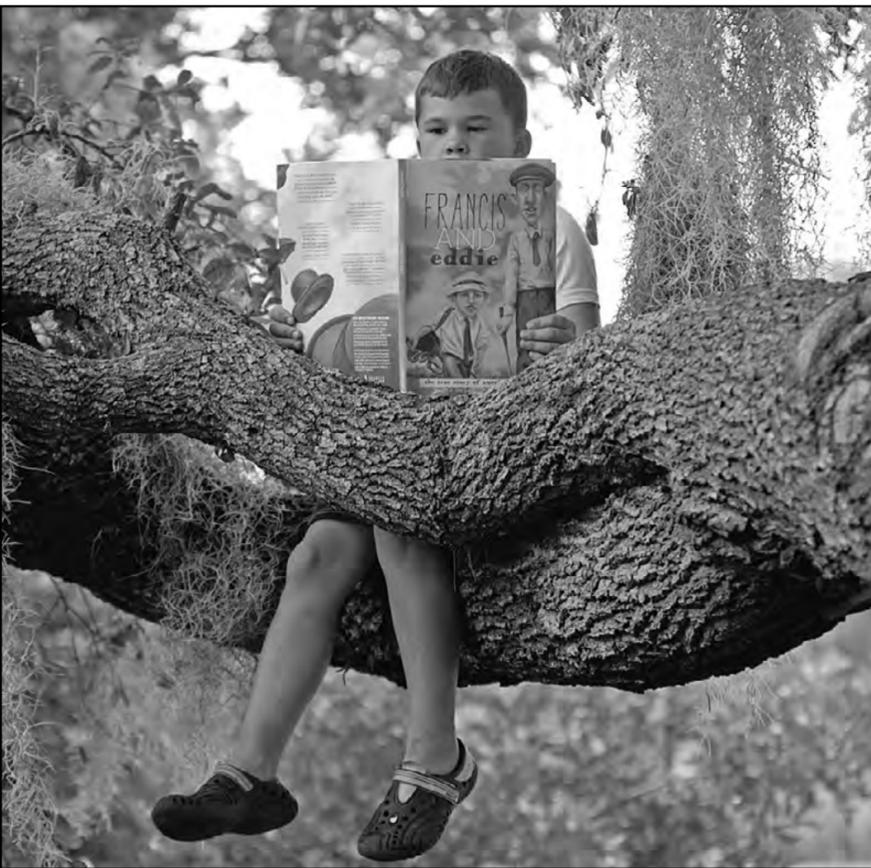
And last year, I had the opportunity to run into his daughter who gave me his phone number and we were able to get together for a day on Lake Glenada.

He caught a number of bass that day and I remember thinking to myself, I hope I'm still able to be catching bass when I reach his age.

Nelson will be remembered and missed by many of his old fishing buddies.

I offer my condolences to his family – he was a great guy and a great fisherman!

Don Norton is a professional tournament bass fisherman, bass fishing guide, and custom rod builder. He lives in the Golf Hammock area of Sebring with his wife Lexie, and is the owner of a custom rod building company appropriately named "The American Fisherman". He is also the owner of REDS II, a full-service fishing tackle store located at 3603 Sebring Parkway, in Sebring, FL. You can reach him at 863-273-4998 or by email at donorton13@gmail.com. Visit his American Fisherman Facebook page or his website at theamericanfisherman.com. or stop by the store to see him in person.



KATARA SIMMONS/News-Sun

An inspired, real-life story of golf, underdogs and friendship make Brad Herzog's 'Francis and Eddie' a worthy read.

Oden signs with Heat

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

MIAMI — Greg Oden has signed his contract with the two-time defending NBA champion Miami Heat.

The deal was completed Wednesday.

The former No. 1 overall pick has already spent a few days in South Florida taking his physical and working out some contract language.

Oden announced Friday that he was accepting Miami's offer that will pay him about \$1 million this coming year and includes a player option for the 2014-15 season.

He last played in the NBA on Dec. 5, 2009, sidelined since by a series of major

knee problems.

Heat managing general partner Micky Arison announced the deal, posting a tweet to congratulate Oden and saying "the journey continues."

"I am very excited and happy to be here," Oden said. "I'm thankful to the Miami Heat organization for bringing me in and I'm ready to get to work."

Heat President Pat Riley said Wednesday that the team will take a cautious approach with Oden, who has been through the cartilage-repair procedure known as microfracture surgery three times.

"It's a great challenge for him," Riley said in a state-

ment released through the team. "We know all about his past injuries, but we feel that there is a huge upside and the possibility of him helping us. We will continue his program and then we will tackle basketball issues after that."

Riley said the team spent "many months" getting to know Oden, evaluating him both on and off the court before coming to the realization that the time for his comeback may be now.

Oden said he was won over in part by how the Heat will not have the expectations for him to play big minutes right away.

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Golf Hammock

Last Monday, Aug. 5, the Mezza Group played a Pro-Am Points event.

Johnny McEachren was even that was good for first place in A group and Jim Gulick came in second place with minus 1.

In B group Jack Stafford scored plus 1 to take first place in and Mike Anselm was even for second place.

There was a three way tie for first place in C group between Doug Haire, Terry Yandle and Pete Mezza each scoring minus 2.

In D group Larry Spry came in first place at even and a tie for second place between Bob Hughes and Dave Hankinson at minus 2.

Next Monday the Mezza Group will begin at 7:45 a.m. at Golf Hammock.

For more information, call Pete at 382-1280.

Lake June West

A Scramble was played on Thursday, Aug. 1.

Doyan and Donna Eades teamed up with Larry and Chris Heath to bring in a 56 for first place.

With a 57, just one stroke back, Dick Denhart, Don Boulton, Joanne McGill and Margaret Schultz took second.

And just one more shot back, at 58, were Ken Rown, Charlotte Mathew and John and Gloria Huggett in third.

Schultz had closest to the pin for the

ladies on the day, getting to 15-feet, 5-inches from No. 8.

For the men, Denhart got to 11-feet, 8-inches from No. 2 and Boulton to 18-feet, 8-inches from No. 4.

The Men's League took to the course on Wednesday, July 31, and saw Doyan Eades, Norm Grubbs, Jack Maginnis and Don Boulton come out on top with a 42.

Three shots back, at 45, were Paul Martin, Woody Cook, Joe Swartz, Fred Neer and Al Welch.

Taking third, with a 46, were Dick Denhart, Bill Fowler, Mario Cappelletti and Larry Heath.

Closest to the pin had Cook getting to 7-feet, 1/2-inch from No. 2, Fowler to 13-feet, 9-inches from No. 4 and Martin to 7-feet, 5 1/2-inches from No. 8.

Placid Lakes

The Men's Association played a Two

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

Your ball found a green-side bunker, and it is severely embedded into the bunker lip. You decide the ball is unplayable. What are your options? Since this ball is deemed within the bunker, which is a hazard, you have three options, each of which has a one-stroke penalty.

- 1) Play the ball from as near as possible to the spot of your previous stroke.
- 2) Drop within two club lengths of the spot where the ball lies, no closer to the hole.
- 3) Drop any distance behind where the ball came to rest, keeping that point between you and the hole. If you choose either the second or the third option, you must drop the ball in the bunker, not outside it.



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

'Plugged In'

Best Ball tournament on Wednesday, July 31.

The trio of Jack Marceau, Ed Bartusch and Bud Snyder came in with a -13, which was matched by Bob McMillian, Jack Hoerner and Bob

Sheets, with the former team coming out ahead on a match of cards.

Taking third were Russ Isaacs, John Millerick and Wayne Wood with a -11.

River Greens

The Golfettes played on Tuesday, July 30.

Donna Johnson, Judy Ethun, Karen Speaker and Carol Roy carded a -19 for the win, with Linda Therrien, Pat Kincer, Pat Graf and Barb Plunkett scoring a -16 for second.

The Morrison Group hit the fairways on Tuesday, July 30.

Romy Febre came in with a 61 to take the top spot, with Larry Roy four back with 65 for second.

Four players, Butch Smith, Jim Cercy, Don McDonald and Cecil Lemons, came in with matching 68s.

The Morrison Group also headed out on Monday, July 29 and saw Russ Rudd, Cecil Lemons and Butch Smith team up to score a -27 for the win.

Jim Cercy, Larry Roy and Joe Graf were second with a -22.

A Men's Day event was played on Saturday, July 27.

Roy, Cercy and Peter March got the win with a -31, while All Farrell, Neil Purcell and a draw took second.

Closest to the pin had March getting to 10-feet, 5-inches from No. 2, Graf to 15-feet, 4-inches from No. 5, as well as 15-feet, 8-inches from No. 12, and Roy hitting to 9-feet, 6-inches from No. 17.

A Men's Team and Individual Pro-Am was played on Wednesday, July 24.

Getting the team win, with a +1, were Jim Cercy, Tim Thomas, Peter March and Joe Graf.

Individually, Don Ethun won A Flight with +1/2, Thomas won B Flight with +4 1/2 and Gary Riddle won C Flight with a +2.

The Golfettes played on Tuesday, July 23, with Linda Therrien, Dee Paul and Judy Ethun each coming in with 26s to top the First Flight.

The Second Flight was lead by Barb Plunkett's 25 while Jane Auman and Karen Speaker each carded 26s.

The Morrison Group saw Jim Cercy win their outing on Tuesday, July 23, with a 58.

Larry Roy was just one shot back for second with a 59, and Don McDonald carded a 61 for third.

PEDs not just a problem of professional sports

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athletes use PEDs.

Therefore, these coaches cannot be allowed to keep their jobs or have anything to do with young athletes. This is about more than safeguarding fair play – it's about saving lives."

Dearing was joined in his call for a review by state Senator Bill Montford of Tallahassee, a former school principal and superintendent who now serves as chief executive officer of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents; and Dr.

Jennifer Roth Maynard, an assistant professor of family and sports medicine with the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville and a member of the FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

"Performance-enhancing drugs pose a very real, very dangerous threat to high school student-athletes, both physically and psychologically," said Senator Montford. "I commend the FHSAA for being proactive in addressing the challenge presented by coaches, parents and young athletes who want to get ahead by any

means possible, whatever the personal cost."

The 15-member Sports Medicine Advisory Committee includes a cross-section of experts from Florida, including 11 physicians as well as athletic trainers, former coaches and educators.

The committee's work has led to recent FHSAA policies to better protect student athletes in the areas of concussions and heat/hydration.

"The Advisory Committee should consider all aspects

of performance-enhancing drugs," Dearing said, asking for a "thorough top-to-bottom review of existing policies and procedures regarding the use of performance-enhancing drugs by those who break the rules in order to tilt the playing field to their own advantage."

Dearing asked the committee to consider the full range of issues related to PEDs, including but not limited to: whether existing policies and procedures provide sufficient authority for

schools to test and discipline student-athletes who may be using banned substances; the legal, policy and fiscal implications of heightened policies against performance-enhancing drugs; and whether the FHSAA prohibition against performance-enhancing drugs would be more effective if set out as a stand-alone policy rather than existing only as a part of a broader policy on sportsmanship.

"Most young athletes have no idea the harm that can be

caused by performance-enhancing drugs," said Dr. Maynard. "Teenagers are still developing, both physically and mentally, and PEDs have no place in their lives. Whatever the FHSAA can do to stop PEDs from being used by high school student-athletes is a step in the right direction."

A listing of members of the FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee is available at www.fhsaa.org/gov/sportsmed.

Sebring Kayak Tours

Special to the News-Sun

There are four remaining Saturdays in August and Sebring Kayak Tours has an outing scheduled for each one.

Sign up for one of them and go on a second one for 25-percent off.

Aug. 10, 11 a.m. Arbuckle Creek to Lake Istokpoga

This is a short 2 1/2 mile trip launching from Niebert's Fish Camp on Hwy 98 in Sebring and paddling downstream to Lake Istokpoga.

A perfect trip for first-timers who are not sure they want to tackle a full day trip.

We will paddle one mile down to a picnic area where we will stop, stretch and have a snack before continuing to our Lake Istokpoga Park final destination.

Aug. 17, 10 a.m. Arbuckle Creek Bombing Range

This is a full day (4-5 hr) paddle down Arbuckle Creek launching from E Arbuckle Rd in Avon Park to Arbuckle Creek Rd in Sebring.

Be prepared to stay in the kayak for the entire trip as high water levels may not allow us to get out.

Pack a lite lunch that you can eat while traveling and be prepared to see alligators.

Aug. 24, Noon Hillsborough River

We will meet and launch from John B Sargeant Park off of Hwy 301 in Tampa and paddling down to Trout Creek Wilderness Park.

We will make a stop halfway down at Morris Bridge Park for lunch.

Bring your (waterproof) cameras and be on the lookout for gators, turtles and birds – Oh my!

Aug. 31, 10 a.m. Peace River

We will meet and launch from Brownville Park north of Arcadia and paddle down to the public boat ramp off of Hwy 70.

This is a full day (4-5 hr) paddle downstream with a fairly swift current.

Be prepared to stay in the kayak for the entire trip as high water levels may not allow us to get out.

Pack a lite lunch that you can eat while traveling.

All trips are \$39 per person (single or tandem kayak) and includes kayak, equipment, tour fee and shuttle

Cost is \$10 per person for those bringing their own kayak (except Lake Jackson trip) which includes tour fee and shuttle

Please note that the price for the Sunrise at Lake Jackson includes breakfast at IHOP, price on all other trips do NOT include lunch/snacks.

All reservations must be confirmed via phone or email at least 24 hours prior to trip.

Kayaking is a water activity, you will get wet so dress appropriately.

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Healthy Living

Fish oil supplements and cancer

Dear Pharmacist: What do you think about fish oil being linked to prostate cancer?

I used to take it every-day but stopped after hearing about it in the news. Do you still recommend it?

— L.D., Miami

Answer: My opinion is that headlines which suggest fish oils raise risk for prostate cancer are nonsense.

Some people cannot even think their way around this and have given up fish oils despite scientifically-sound literature that, if printed, could fill a football stadium.

I hope you're sitting down. There is no evidence that anybody in this study took fish oil dietary supplements! Nowhere in the new study does it say "fish oil," it says omega 3. In 2010, researchers evaluated ethyl esters of omega 3 fatty acids. That's actually a drug.

Repeat: When you talk about "ethyl esters of omega 3s" you are talking about a patented prescription version of fish oils. It would never surprise me if scientists tied a pharmaceutical drug to higher cancer risk, but the headlines I keep reading say "fish oil." High-quality fish oils causing prostate cancer? Au contraire!

You cannot take something natural, morph it in a laboratory, patent it and expect health benefits. You can't mess with fish oils or anything. That's why natural progesterone protects a woman's breasts, while the synthetic drug version (medroxyprogesterone) has dozens of potential side effects.

There's vitamin D3, a natural form as opposed to D2, a drug sold as a drug. Your body has to convert the D2 drug back to natural D3, so why not just buy that to begin with? Benzodiazepines like alprazolam or lorazepam are highly addictive and have more risks compared to natural plant extracts that bind to GABA receptors and relax you naturally.

Oh my goodness, margarine! A smear of potent food additives, colorants



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and fat globules versus natural butter. Trust me, do not mess with mother nature!

Why were plasma levels measured when they are meaningless? Red blood cell levels were never even obtained.

Common sense now — the American Heart Association, the World Health Organization, the United States Institute of Medicine's Food Nutrition Board and the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans advise us to eat more fatty fish so as to obtain omega-3 fish oil benefits.

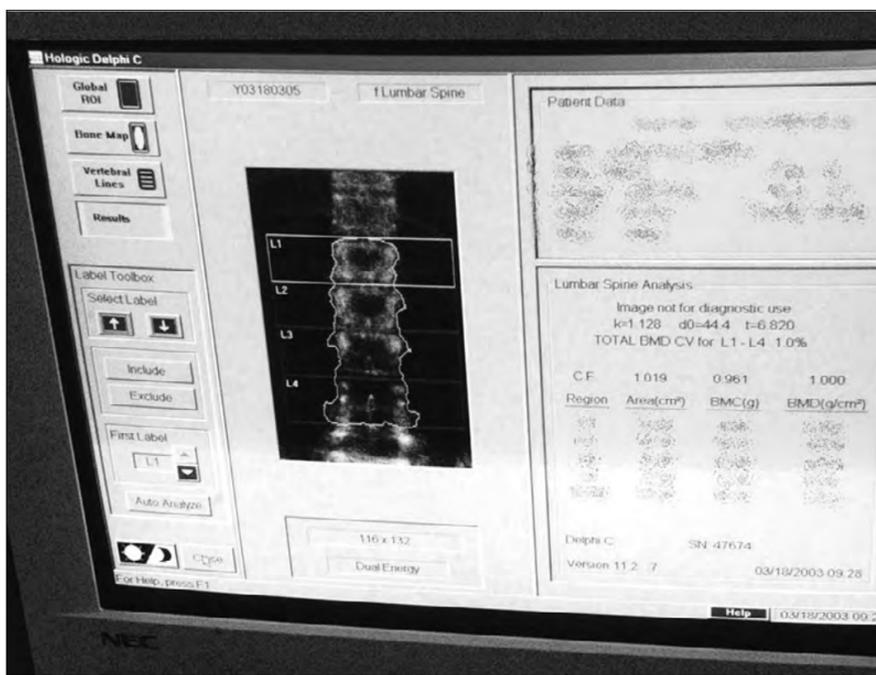
There's something fishy going on. Do you think those organizations are in cahoots to induce prostate cancer in the male population?

Fish oil's primary components are EPA or DHA. Tight studies show DHA is protective for the prostate. In 2001, a study of 6,000 Swedish men found that high fish consumption significantly lowered prostate cancer rates.

In New Zealand, men with the highest DHA markers slashed prostate cancer risk by almost 40 percent. A Japanese study found omega 3 blood levels correlated to a reduction in prostate cancer.

So, my conclusion is omega 3s derived from fatty fish and fish oil supplements are safe and healthy, especially when taken with GLA. Supplement properly, directions on how to do so are posted at my site.

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



A bone density scan is a great tool in helping diagnose osteoporosis.

MCT

Osteoporosis not just for women

Whenever I talk about osteoporosis, or "brittle bones," men lose interest. One in two women and one in five men over the age of 65 will get an osteoporosis-related fracture. Men get osteoporosis, just at an older age. Women start losing bone mass rapidly at menopause.

Men lose bone more slowly, but they catch up at age 80. Men also are generally larger framed than women, so can spare more bone before being at increased risk for fractures.

After we reach peak bone mass at about age 20 to 35, our bones become less dense with the amount of bone loss speeding up as we age. By the time we get worried about osteoporosis, it is too late to build up mass for ourselves, but we can encourage exercise and good diet in our children and grandchildren. Stopping smoking and decreasing alcohol intake will also help.

Heredity plays a role in the development of osteoporosis. It is more common in Asians, probably due to smaller average stature. Ten percent of Hispanic women over 50 have osteoporosis. African-American women are more likely to die from osteoporotic hip fractures and their risk doubles every seven years. Some, but not all, of the difference is due to diet. People who are at risk should discuss densitometry screening and the need for treatment with their



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Dr. Diana Carr

primary care doctor. In 2005, \$19 billion was spent on treatment of osteoporotic fractures of the spine, hip and wrist. Only 18 percent of people who see a doctor with an osteoporotic fracture get screening and treatment for osteoporosis. Preventing some of these fractures would help the health care cost crisis as well as saving patients and their families from pain and suffering. One in five women and one in three men who have a hip fracture will die within a year. After a hip fracture, only 30 percent will return to pre-injury function.

How do you decrease your risk? Making sure you get enough calcium and vitamin D will help slow bone loss. The recommended daily allowance for an adult is 1,000 to 1,200 units of calcium and 400 to 800 units of vitamin D. Calcium is most plentiful in all dairy products. Milk has added vitamin D. Other good sources of vitamin D are exposure to sunlight, salmon and other fatty fish, mushrooms and egg yolks.

Your family doctor can estimate your risk by ordering densitometry and check-

ing vitamin D levels. If you have had a fracture or your tests show low bone density, your doctor may prescribe medicines to strengthen the bone. They may also want to evaluate medical causes of falling such as heart arrhythmia, blood sugar problems and vertigo.

If you still have a problem with falls, Medicare will pay for a falls prevention program. A physical therapist will evaluate you for reasons for falling. These can be weakness in your legs, bad shoes, bad gait habits and hazards at home. Once the problems are identified, they will work with you to reduce your falling risk. I have several patients who went under duress but afterward told me they felt much steadier.

Dr. Diana D. Carr treats patients at The Hand & Shoulder Specialists offering specialty care close to home with a concentration on healing shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand problems. She is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Carr's long list of achievements include being the area's only Orthopaedic Surgeon certified as a hand specialist. For more information, please visit <http://hand-shoulder-specialist.com> or call (863) 382-7777. This information is not intended to diagnose treat or cure your condition.

Childhood obesity rates fell in 18 states

ATLANTA (AP) — A new government report is the first evidence of a national decline in childhood obesity, health officials said Tuesday.

In 18 states, there were at least slight declines in obesity for low-income preschoolers.

Previous national statistics show obesity rates have been rising for decades and recently were essentially flat, although some places have reported improvements, like Philadelphia and New York City and the state of Mississippi. But the report from the Centers for Disease and Control Prevention shows signs of a wider-ranging improvement.

"Now, for the first time, we're seeing a significant decrease in childhood obesity" nationally, said Dr. Thomas Frieden, CDC director.

Still, 1 in 8 preschoolers are obese in the United States, and it's even more common in black and Hispanic kids.

Preschoolers who are overweight or obese are five times more likely than other children to be heavy as adults.

The new study's data comes from measurements of the height and weight of nearly 12 million low-income children in 40 states. The children were ages 2, 3 and 4.

Most were enrolled in the federal Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program which provides food vouchers and other services.

It's harder to get national data on preschoolers of more affluent families, so it's not clear if the trend applies to all young children. But experts note that low-income kids tend to be heavier.

"If you're going to look at the problem of obesity early in childhood, the group at highest risk are low-income kids. That's what makes this data so valuable for understanding trends in this major public health problem," said Dr. Matthew Davis, a University of Michigan researcher.

Community outreach events planned by two agencies

ACE Homecare community outreach activities for the coming week include:

- Monday: 9 a.m., health fair at Nu-Hope Meal Site in Avon Park.

- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m., health fair at Nu-Hope Meal Site in Lake Placid.

- Wednesday: 9 a.m., health fair at Faith Pentecostal House of God, Inc. in Avon Park.

- Thursday: 9 a.m., health fair at Nu-Hope Meal Site at Fair Haven in Sebring.

- Friday, Aug. 16: 9:30 a.m., health fair at Nu-Hope Meal Site at The Groves.

All programs are free of charge and open to the public. For information, call ACE Homecare at 385-7058.

Snapshots

Hammock Road, Sebring; 1 p.m., caregivers support group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

- Tuesday - 7:30 a.m., Health Fair, Lakeside Gardens, C.R. 621, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Heron's Landing, Heron's Landing Lane, Lake Placid; 12:30 p.m., Health Fair,

Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27, Sebring.

- Wednesday - 8 a.m., Health Fair, Neibert's, U.S. 98, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Palm Estates, U.S. 98, Lorida.

- Thursday - 9 a.m., Health Fair, Maranatha Village, Arbuckle Creek Road, Sebring; 10:30 a.m., Caregivers support group, Balmoral Assisted Living, Lake Placid; 1 p.m., Delaney Heights, Alton Street, Avon

Park. - Friday, Aug. 16 - 8:30 a.m., Health Fair, Visions, U.S. 27, Sebring.

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Religion

Bethel Baptist Church

LAKE PLACID – Bethel Baptist Church, 216 E. Park St., will have “Back to School Sunday” on Sunday. There will be a gift for all school children who attend the Sunday school hour.

Rev. Sean Wyland will teach the adult Sunday school class from the book of Ruth. Interim Pastor John Hankins will preach during the morning and evening service.

Call the church at 633-9294.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING – The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled “Spirit”. The keynote is from Ephesians 5:9 “... the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth”.

The church is at 154 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled “Reality” at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the book of John.

Church of the Brethren

SEBRING – Sunday, Pastor Dave Smalley will preach from Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16. The title of his sermon will be “Walk the Unfinished Bridge.”

Sunday school will be taught by Wendell Bohrer with the help of Louise Bohrer. The theme for Sunday is “Impartial Disciples”, looking at scripture of James 2.

Call 385-1597.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING – Pastor Cecil Hess will preachon “We Are Called to Repentance” on Sunday.

The church is on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center, and meets at the Buttonwood recreation hall. For information, call 382-1737.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon, “Joseph and the Waterless Pit” based on Genesis 37:1-24, on Sunday.

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

First Baptist Church Avon Park

AVON PARK – Rev. Jon Beck will present “Learning’s in Leadership” from Acts 20:25-38 on Sunday.

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more information call 453-6681 or email info@fbcap.net.

Faith Baptist Church of Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID – Rev. Brian Hurley will preach Sunday.

Coming soon will be the Red, White & Bluegrass Jamboree at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16. Enjoy some good ole’ classic bluegrass, country, and gospel in the fellowship hall at no cost.

For further information about activities of the Faith Baptist, call the church office at 465-0060. The

church is at 660 Holmes Ave.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING – This Sunday the church celebrates the 12th Sunday after Pentecost. Guest Pastor Tony Douches will deliver his sermon titled “Don’t Worry – Be Happy!” based on Luke 12:22-34.

Faith Child Development Center is registering for VPK for fall classes. Classes run with the Highlands County School Calendar. Parents interested in the VPK program should contact the Early Learning Coalition of Florida’s Heartland at 314-9213 for more information.

Family Night will be Game Night at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16. Join in for a light dinner, then games. There is a pool table, child-sized air hockey table, foosball, bingo, cards, Wii dance games and dominos (and many more).

On Sunday, Aug.18 the church wants to celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year. Students, preschool through adult, bring your backpacks or lunch boxes to worship service. The serv-

ice will lift up children and students of all ages, dedicating them to God’s glory as a new school year begins. Teachers, aides, principals, administrators, secretaries, cooks, librarians, janitors, and bus drivers are encouraged to come to church to be blessed, affirmed in your vocation, and encouraged as they serve children and families in their daily work.

First Christian Church - Avon Park

AVON PARK – At 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug 11 will be a food, fun and fellowship evening.

Wednesday, the youth and children’s programs will have a going back to school party. For more information contact the church office.

The church is hosting the nationally known “Pay It Forward” program. Currently members are accepting donations. All donations must be in new or gently used items. The date for the program’s “Paying it Forward” is to be announced soon.

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ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

♦ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday – Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children’s Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children’s Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer

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

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

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

♦ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Rev. Matthew D. Crawford, senior pastor; Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults; and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother’s Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704. Website www.fbsebring.com

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

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

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

♦ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870

(A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Ar buckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hammock Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

♦ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 E. Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes (September to May) are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 5th. Grades 6th through Youth Bible Study are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 9th and up, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

♦ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish office/ mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcath.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., fjose@stcath.com or 385-0049; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: - 4 p.m.; Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m.

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

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

CHRISTIAN

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

♦ **Eastside Christian Church**, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray Culpepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord’s Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; “Building God’s Kingdom for Everyone.” “Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!” “Alive and Worth the Drive!”

♦ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; Josh Knabel (812-618-7118), Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men’s grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

♦ **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 510 Poinsettia Avenue, (corner of Poinsettia and Eucalyptus), Sebring, FL 33870. Phone: 385-0358 or 385-3435. The Rev. Ronald Norton, Pastor; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Praise Breakfast, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children’s Church, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Praise and Worship, 6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.; Midweek Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

♦ **The Alliance Church of Sebring**, 4451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

♦ **Christian Science Church**, 154 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesdays. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, ‘Science and Health with Key to the

Scriptures’ by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

♦ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

♦ **Avon Park Church of Christ**, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Minister: Don Smith. Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at every service. Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible centered classes for all ages. Church phone: 453-4692.

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

♦ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 453-6052.

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Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wells Fargo Bank).

Call 453-5334 or email firstchristianap@embarq-mail.com.

The church website is www.firstchristianap.com.

First Christian Church of Sebring

SEBRING – The pastor’s sermon for Sunday will be “The Unforgiving Debtor” based on scripture from Matthew 18:23-27.

Assisting the pastor will be Elders Linda Ellis and Marla Null. Deacons for the day are Joyce Winstel and Juanita Roberts. Servers are Linda Johnson.

Acolyte for the day will

be one of the Kunsak sisters.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK – On Sunday, Pastor Bob Johnson’s sermon is titled “Application of Right Understanding” based on I Samuel 15:1-23.

Special music will be provided by the men’s trio consisting of Don Antonson, Bob Brock and Gene McEndree.

The adult Sunday school class has been viewing videos sponsored by Focus on the Family. These videos are narrated by Ray Vander Laan, historian and teacher, and are filmed on location.

On Tuesday, the Deacons meet at 6 p.m.

On Friday, Aug. 16, Children’s Ministry and

Youth Group will meet at 6 p.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING – The sermon on Sunday will be “Being Salt and Light”. A presentation will also be given by the youth “Summer Campers.” Finger food luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall following worship.

The Deacons meet at 4 p.m. Monday in the conference room.

The church is at 319 Poinsettia Ave. Call 385-0107.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING – Pastor Ted Moore’s sermon this week will be “The Great High Priest” with scripture from Hebrews 4:14-16. The service will include Bev and Dave Knutsky singing.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South (behind Publix).

Call 314-9693 for information.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID – Senior Pastor Tim Haas will preach at both services in the Sanctuary on Sunday. His sermon, “The Whole View”, is based on Luke 13:10-17. Daily devotions to prepare for the sermon are available

at www.memorialumc.com.

Men meet on Wednesdays at 6 a.m. in the Men’s Bible Class for prayer and breakfast. Anyone is invited to these opportunities.

The church is behind the Tower at 500 Kent Ave.

New Beginnings Church

SEBRING – This Sunday, Pastor Gary Kindle’s sermon will be titled “Faith” based on Hebrews 11:1-16.

The congregation currently meets at the Morris Funeral Chapel, 307 S. Commerce Ave. Call 835-2405 for information.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING – The Sunday morning Bible lesson,

“Corporate Confession of Sins,” is taken from Nehemiah 9.

Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the messages in the worship services.

Today and Saturday, Parkway Free Will Baptist Church will host the Central Florida Annual Associational Meeting of Free Will Baptists.

The church is at 3413 Sebring Parkway. Call 382-3552 for information.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING – The pastor’s sermon on Sunday is “The Church, One and Universal”.

The church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane.

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.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

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

GRACE BRETHREN

♦ **Grace Brethren Church**, 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer “Kid City” Children’s Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, “primetimers,” 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.newlifesebring.com.

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

♦ **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.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

♦ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.**, on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is

at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children’s church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

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

♦ **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Dustin Woods, lead pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Monday, 5:30-7:30 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, 10:15 a.m. Phone (863) 835-2405. newbeginningschurchofsebring.com Begin your week with us.

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

♦ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun ‘N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. Pastor Tom Schneider. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church

in America. Sunday morning worship: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children’s/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpc-sebring.org. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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

♦ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@strato.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

♦ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fjplp.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:10 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult small group Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group – 6-12th grades) 7 p.m., nursery and children’s ministry, 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

♦ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services:

Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

♦ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women’s Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmysebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

♦ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, Pastor. Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Visit us at our church website: www.fum-cap.org.

♦ **Memorial United Methodist Church**, 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. Rev. Tim Haas, pastor. Rev. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Rev. Jerry McCauley, visitation pastor. Sunday worship services: Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that wants to know Christ and make Him known. Check out our church website at www.memorialumc.com or call the church office at 465-2422. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to Grade 5, 465-0313.

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

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Religion

Basic law of interpretation

A scripture or statement taken out of context becomes a pretext for false information or a false doctrine. This truth is verified in legal matters and witnessed often in studying and teaching the Bible. Context is “the parts of a discourse that surround a word or passage and can throw light on its meaning; the interrelated conditions in which something exists or occurs.” Tragically, the inspired Word of God has fallen victim to such abuse. The fruit of such is that eternal lives are led into darkness and damnation. (2 Peter 3:16)

As a starter, consider a simple example of context. “Make yourself an ark of gopher wood ...” (Genesis 6:14). Of course, we understand that these instructions were given to no one today, but to Noah centuries ago. Therefore, we are under no obligation to keep this command because in the context we determined who is speaking, who is spoken to and the circumstances.

When the jailor asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30) the answer was given, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Apparently for many, their “bible” ends there because they fail to consider the context of the conversation and information that follows in verses 32-34. Paul and Silas spoke to him the word of the Lord so that he might believe (Romans 10:17) and this knowledge brought him to repent (washed their stripes ... 2 Corinthians 7:10) and imme-

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diately was baptized. This conversion/new birth was in complete harmony with the conversation Jesus had with Nicodemus (John 3:1-8) and His instructions in Matthew 28:19,20 and Mark 16:15,16 and the beginning model of the 3,000 on Pentecost in Acts 2. All of this is evidence of the amazing grace through Jesus, the Christ.

Jesus’ teaching about the future of the temple is recorded in the parallel accounts of Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. After discussing a series of events that will take place, Jesus stated, “Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Matthew 24:34,35). This same information is recorded in Mark 13:30,31 and Luke 21:32,33. Now to accommodate various doctrines of men, they will claim that there is no way “these things” could come to pass in that generation ..., in spite of what Jesus clearly stated. Obviously, “when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel” and “the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven” refers to things that would happen during that generation, not centuries later. The events surrounding the siege and destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. are very obvious the things being described

by Jesus. This is verified by the description given by Jesus and documented by historians.

In one of the many discussions Jesus had with the Jews, He stated as recorded in John 10:30, “I and My Father are one.” In response to this, the Jews wished to stone Him and Jesus asked why and their reply was, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God” (John 10:33). They jumped to the conclusion that Jesus claimed that He and God were one and the same rather than one in unity. Jesus had repeatedly referred to His Father and so stating declared they were two distinct Persons. This was previously evidenced at Jesus’ baptism (Matthew 3:13-17) and the transfiguration recorded in Matthew 17:1-8.

Considering the “context, a basic law of interpretation” has always been an issue in studying the message of salvation.

The apostle Peter’s second letter sends forth this warning, “as also in all his [Paul] epistles, speaking of them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures” (2 Peter 3:16).

The destruction which results is due, not to the scriptures or its penman, but to its improper handling of men! (to be continued)

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What kind of house are you building?

Once, an elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife. He would miss the paycheck, but he wanted to retire, and he and his wife had decided they could get by on their savings and sSocial Security.

The employer was sorry to see such a good worker leave and asked if he would build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter agreed, but in time, it was easy to see that his heart was not in his craft. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end such a fine career.

When the carpenter finished the job and his boss came to inspect the house, his employer handed him the key to the front door. “This is now your house,” he said. “It is my gift to you.”

How terrible it must have been for the carpenter to realize that the house in which he would now live was one built so poorly!

Jesus also told the story of two house-builders in the Bible. In Matthew 7:24-27,



Kevin's Komments

Kevin Patterson

He said, “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell – and great was its fall.”

Jesus taught that we are all house-builders of a sort. We are not all necessarily building physical homes, but

we are all building spiritual homes by the lives we live. If we hear and obey the words of Jesus, then we are wise, and we are building spiritual homes that will stand forever with Him. If we hear and disobey the words of Jesus, then we are foolish, and we are building spiritual homes that will collapse around us and leave us without the Lord for all eternity.

God gives each person the ability to choose where he or she will live eternally. However, that choice is not one that will be made at some future date; that choice is being made right now by the way we construct our spiritual lives. Thus, the question is simple: Are you building a home that will stand or one that will fall? For best results, follow the instructions of Jesus Christ, the greatest carpenter to ever live.

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Entertainment

PBS documentary looks at Journey's singer search

Steve Perry's replacement found using YouTube

By BETH HARRIS

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.

— The resurgence of Journey through the band's discovery of a new lead singer via the Internet gets a close-up look on a new PBS documentary.

“Don't Stop Believin': Everyman's Journey” airs on Sept. 30 as part of the network's Independent Lens series.

It's the story of how Journey guitarist Neal Schon found a replacement for front man Steve Perry by searching YouTube videos, and the band's eventual integration of Arnel Pineda into its lineup.

It wasn't easy.

Some longtime Journey fans were initially reluctant to accept the presence of Pineda, a 45-year-old Filipino singer, into an American band that had been dominated by Perry's presence and soaring vocals.

“We still have fans of our music showing up in the last year that don't know Steve Perry isn't in the band,” keyboardist Jonathan Cain told the Television Critics Association on Tuesday.

Perry was replaced for the first time in 1998.

Cain recalled doing a concert in a U.S. city that he declined to name after Pineda joined Journey in December 2007.

“It took them 30 minutes to finally wrap their heads around the fact that this guy could sing his butt off,” he said.

“At the end of the show, they were all applauding Arnel's efforts.”

Pineda perfected his English by reading English-language newspapers and using a dictionary to look up words he didn't understand. He wasn't troubled by hardcore Perry fans that compared the two singers.

“I never had a slight feeling of intimidation,” he said. “I'm not even trying to compete with Mr. Perry. I'm just trying to help out. It didn't affect me at all.”

Pineda was initially found by Schon singing Journey covers in YouTube videos. The band brought him to San Francisco to audition.



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Arnel Pineda and Neal Schon of the music group Journey perform on NBC's 'Today' show at Rockefeller Center in New York City.

“I found some good guys, but I didn't feel they had the strength and the power in their pipes to carry themselves over the power of our music,” Schon said. “Arnel, I said, ‘This guy is the real deal.’”

Cain credited Pineda for stoking new interest in the group famous for such hits as “Don't Stop Believin',” “Faithfully” and “Open Arms.”

“He has his own style that he's developed,” he said. “I watched this guy come from Manila as a club singer and become a rock star. We have a whole new fan base. Filipino nation is showing up at our shows.”

Journey's older music continues to find new life on Broadway, television,

movies and at sporting events.

“We're finding young school kids singing these songs and they weren't raised with these songs,” Schon said. “We still obviously love doing it. To rebuild this band from nothing 10 years ago was quite a feat.”

Schon and Pineda teamed to perform “Stay Awhile” as bassist Ross Valory and manager John Baruck looked on during the TCA session. Drummer Deen Castronovo didn't attend because of a scheduling conflict.

The band resumes its current tour on Aug. 15 in Kinder, La., and will play two sold-out dates in Chicago later this month.

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Snapshots

New Life Fellowship introduces Life Groups

SEBRING – New Life Fellowship announces Life Groups happening at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Life Groups are an opportunity to connect with each other and grow in God's Word. Life Group brings together a diversity of people in a casual setting who have a desire to further their walk with God and create new friendships. Everyone is welcome to attend. Life Groups will be held in the homes of different members each week.

To find out where Life Group will be held this week, go to the Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/newlifefellowshipofsebring, visit the church website at www.newlifesebring.org or call 381-9005.

Men of Substance meet

SEBRING – Men of Substance study the prayer lives of the Founding Fathers will a meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11 when they study “Jesus was in our Founding Fathers.” On Sunday, Aug. 25 they will study “Our Biblical Foundations in Our Constitution.”

The group meets at Crossroads Rellowship, 605 State Road 66. Call 655-0212 for details.

Diversions/Puzzles

A summer vacation charade: 'We're the Millers' feels like forced fun

By JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

'We're the Millers' is an identity comedy with identity issues.

Jason Sudeikis plays a pot dealer who, as a disguise for smuggling a huge shipment of weed, forms a fake family to drive an RV across the Mexico border.

The whole concept has two motives: to lampoon the idea of the traditional all-American family, and as an excuse to get Aniston to take off her clothes.

Despite obvious comedic talents, Sudeikis and Aniston have each had difficulty finding their place in the movies, and neither really fit their parts: small-time Denver pot dealer (dispatched for the pick-up by Ed Helms' polite but ruthless drug lord) and bitter stripper with a heart of gold, respectfully.

The concealed identity shtick would have been more fruitful if the characters' personalities weren't just as thin as their charade.

The film, too, comes from mixed sensibilities. The script was begun by 'Wedding Crashers' scribes Bob Fisher and Steve Faber, and finished by 'Hot Tub



Jennifer Aniston (from left), Will Poulter, Emma Roberts and Jason Sudeikis pose as a family in Warner Bros. Pictures' 'We're the Millers.'

Time Machine" writers Sean Anders and John Morris. "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" director Rawson Marshall Thurber keeps the tone appropriately breezy, but understandably struggles to find the right sense of timing.

'We're the Millers' aims for a nuclear family farce, pushing it one step further than its obvious inspiration, "National Lampoon's Summer Vacation": Not only are they not the gleaming picture of family life they might seem, they're not even a real family.

Every pit stop is a chance for gratuity. There's a camp out with swingers (Nick Offerman and Kathryn



Movie Review

'We're the Millers'

Rating: R (crude sexual content, passive language, drug material and brief graphic nudity)

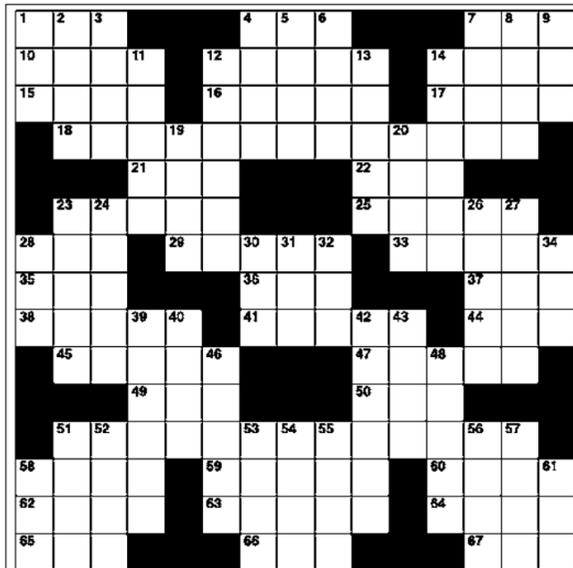
Running time: 110 minutes Review: ★★ (of 4)

Hahn) and a run-in with pursuing drug dealers that inately becomes Aniston's strip tease. As she did in "Horrible Bosses" (which

also co-starred Sudeikis) the actress trades on the thrill of her sexuality, which wouldn't be necessary if a good romantic comedy script captured her girl-next-door snark.

As a diversion, one could do worse. Sudeikis's smart-aleck, Midwest charm, masking a more devious instinct, does a lot to carry the film. The former "Saturday Night Live" player has struggled to transition to leading man roles, though he showed promise in the little seen "A Good Old Fashioned Orgy."

But he's straining here to keep the ship righted. When the end-credit bloopers roll, Sudeikis and Aniston, free of the contrived plot, look like they're finally having fun.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Droop
4. Rested in a chair
7. Thai (var.)
10. Draw out wool
12. Coatis genus
14. Taxis
15. Beige
16. Supplementing with difficulty
17. Capital of Norway
18. A personal written history
21. Cologne
22. Australian flightless bird
23. Lowest freeman; early Eng.
25. 18th C. mathematician
28. Cabinet Dept. for homes
29. Languages of Sulu islands
33. More scarce
35. Before
36. Swiss river

- 37. Actress & director Lupino
38. Ledges
41. Thousand Leaves prefecture
44. Soldier hero of Spain El ___
45. Gains through work
47. To the front
49. I (German)
50. Price label
51. Barack's 1st lady
58. Drench with liquid
59. Child (scot.)
60. "Aba ___ Honeymoon"
62. Disappearing shade trees
63. Cricket frog genus
64. Union busting worker
65. A priest's liturgical vestment
66. Previously The Common Market
67. Upper left keyboard key

Solution, B8

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Midway between S and SE
2. Genus of birds
3. Personal spiritual leader
4. Japanese rice beverage
5. Eared owl genus
6. Wood oil finish
7. Hyphen
8. Competently
9. Equal prefix
11. Broad-winged soaring hawks
12. A collection of star systems
13. Be in accord
14. Links subject & predicate (linguistics)
19. Paddles
20. Asian river between China and Russia
23. Physicists Marie or Pierre
24. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
26. ___ Dunlap, pageant titleholder

- 27. Made again
28. Norse goddess of death
30. A waterproof raincoat
31. Express pleasure
32. Lanka
34. Radioactivity unit
39. Clay blocks for building
40. Linear unit
42. Conductor tools
43. Whale ship captain
46. Queen who tested Solomon
48. Good Gosh!
51. A gangster's girlfriend
52. Unstressed-stressed
53. Draw through holes
54. Old Italian monetary units
55. Musician Clapton
56. Ceremonial staff of authority
57. Fabrics of camels or goats
58. Large body of water
61. Basics

Flowers meant to ease grief cause only heartache instead

Dear Abby: My father-in-law died two weeks ago. The services were beautiful. Many people sent flowers, but one arrangement - a bouquet of white flowers - arrived anonymously. I didn't think much about it, just that someone wanted to express sympathy.

We have suggested various reasons that someone might have sent the flowers anonymously, but she refuses to accept them.

Is sending flowers this way unusual? Or are there good reasons to do it? For the record, is it even good manners to send flowers to a funeral anonymously? Or is my mother-in-law's reaction normal?

- Grieving in Georgetown, Texas

Dear Grieving: Your mother-in-law is grieving. She is fragile right now, and possibly not thinking straight. A card may have been sent with the bouquet that was somehow lost in transit.

That she was married to her husband for 50 years and now suspects he was unfaithful because of a bouquet of flowers at the man's funeral is a sad reflection on their marriage. She should discuss this with her spiritual adviser, if she has one, or a grief therapist.

Dear Abby: I am in my

early 30s and have been married for five years. My husband and I decided to have a baby, and five months ago I found out I was pregnant. When I told my mom the great news, she wasn't happy to hear it.

My mother never wants to talk about anything baby-related. If I complain about an ache or pain, she quickly says, "It's because you're fat!" The last time I went to the OB/GYN for a checkup, Mom didn't even ask if everything was OK.

It hurts me so much that she treats me and her future



Dear Abby

grandchild this way. I almost feel like having this baby was a mistake. Please help me. I don't know what to do anymore.

- Almost in Tears in Ohio

Dear Almost in Tears: Stop depending so much on your mother's approval and you'll have a happier pregnancy. The person you should talk to about your weight is your OB/GYN.

As you grow closer to motherhood, talk more with your girlfriends, talk more to your husband and less to your mother.

Dear Abby: I don't go to

nightclubs often, so I'm curious as to what the protocol is for this. Sometimes, in the ladies' room, there is a woman there with toiletries, gum, cosmetics, etc.

My question: Am I supposed to tip her just once for the evening, or each time I use the ladies' room?

- Inquisitive Clubber in Florida

Dear Clubber: Tip the attendant each time you use the bathroom and she hands you the soap and towel - the standard rate is 50 cents to a dollar.

However, if you tip the person generously the first time, you shouldn't feel obligated to do it again if you need to return.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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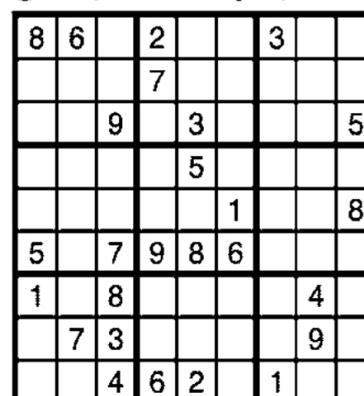
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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SUDOKU



Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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ANSWER:

Living

The fun's over

Tips to help incoming freshmen successfully navigate high school

BY PATRICK S. PEMBERTON
McClatchy Newspapers

Take a deep breath, freshmen. High school is here. Now that you've finally made it, you have lots of fun things to look forward to. Picture yourself meeting new friends, eating lunch off campus, getting your driver's license and hanging out at football games. Sound cool? Well, don't start making fun of eighth-graders just yet. High school also can be a pretty scary place.

Have you ever had a 17-year-old ogre with a full beard slam you up against a locker? What if that girl who gives you butterflies laughs in your face when you ask her to a movie? And you'd better hope you don't get an embarrassing nickname — you could be branded a dweeb for the next four years.

Remembering high school all too well ourselves, we're here to help you.

Figuring those "Worst Case Scenario" books pretty much sum up the experience, we asked counselors, principals and upperclassmen to help us compile steps needed to survive any likely scenario.

So take this article, cut it out and post it inside your locker for future reference. But don't let anyone else see it. That would be a major dweeb move.

SCENARIO NO. 1

A bully throws you up against a locker and threatens bodily injury.

1. Stand your ground. Most bullies can't handle people who stand up for themselves and would rather pick on a weak student.
2. Assess the situation to see if anyone else might be able to help.
3. Tell the bully you don't want to fight and walk away.
4. If the bully begins striking you, cover your head with your arms, yell "Stop it!" loud enough for teachers to hear and try to wrestle with the bully — keeping his arms from hitting you — until someone else arrives.
5. Talk to a teacher or administrator afterward and tell them what happened. Often an administrator will be able to tell the bully someone else saw the incident and reported it. That way you won't be labeled a snitch.
6. In the future, try to avoid the bully and hang out in crowds since bullies are less likely to strike with witnesses around.

SCENARIO NO. 2

You've just discovered there's an evil rumor circulating about you.

1. Don't talk about the rumor, but try to squelch it as soon as possible.
2. When you hear the rumor, tell the person spreading it that it's not true and change the conversation.
3. If you know someone is spreading the rumor, but don't catch the person in the act, confront that person and tell them it's not true and that you want them to stop spreading the rumor.
4. Remember that most rumors will pass. But in some cases, one will stick, so head it off if you can.
5. Don't spread rumors about others; it could come back to haunt you.

SCENARIO NO. 3

During a test, someone tries to cheat off your paper.

1. Move your arm or your paper so the person can't see your answers.
2. Pretend you don't even see the person cheating and don't acknowledge the person during the test or afterward.
3. Don't tell on the person or you'll be labeled a snitch.

SCENARIO NO. 4

You want to ask someone on a date, but fear the person will say no, and then everyone will find out you were rejected.

1. Get to know the person you're interested in to get a feel for what the answer might be. Hanging out with the person in a group of friends is the best way to do this.
2. Ask the person's friends if the person likes you enough to go out on a date.
3. Ask the person. You'll never get a date unless you ask.
4. If you get turned down, brush it off. At least you tried. Everyone gets rejected sometime.

SCENARIO NO. 5

You suspect your teacher doesn't like you, and you worry this might affect your grade.

1. Most teachers are tough at the beginning of the year and mellow as the year progresses. Wait it out until you feel strongly that the

relationship is troublesome.

2. If you've done all the work you're supposed to do and still feel the teacher doesn't like you, talk to the teacher after class and state your concerns, saying you're worried the relationship will impact your grade.
3. If this still doesn't work, talk to a counselor. If need be, the counselor can change your schedule so you won't have the teacher any more.

SCENARIO NO. 6

You're shy about your body, and you don't want to shower in front of other people.

1. Showers are not required at all schools, so you can just use deodorant.
2. If you're really sweaty, put a towel around yourself as you undress. Wear the towel until you reach the shower, take it off and quickly place it back on once you are done. Slip your clothes on underneath the towel.
3. Another option: Wear a swimsuit in the shower.

SCENARIO NO. 7

All your friends are going to a dance, and you don't have a date.

1. Get a group of friends who also don't have dates and go to the dance anyway. Many students attend dances solo.
2. While at the dance, see if there is someone you might be interested in asking to dance. Dances can be a good place to find a date.
3. Don't dwell on finding a boyfriend or girlfriend. Just have fun, and meeting dates will occur naturally.

SCENARIO NO. 8

Someone you don't like starts hanging around with you, but you don't want to be mean.

1. Give the person subtle hints, but don't outright tell them you don't want to be friends. If you don't invite the person to a place you're visiting with friends, the person will probably get the hint.
2. Avoid them as much as possible, and don't talk to them as much as you would your friends.

SCENARIO NO. 9

There's only one seat left on the bus, and the other person sitting there says it's saved.

1. Continue to stand beside the seat until the bus driver sees you.
2. Once the bus driver tells you that you have to sit down, blame the driver and tell the person you have to sit there.

SCENARIO NO. 10

You don't have a date for the prom, and you don't want to spend money to go without one.

1. Don't just stay home and mope — find a friend or family member who also will be here and hang out.
2. Do something fun that you wouldn't normally do — see a concert or play, do an art project. Many students find the prom overrated anyway.
3. Remember afterward how much money you've saved by not going.



Scenario No. 1



Scenario No. 2



Scenario No. 3



Scenario No. 4



Scenario No. 5



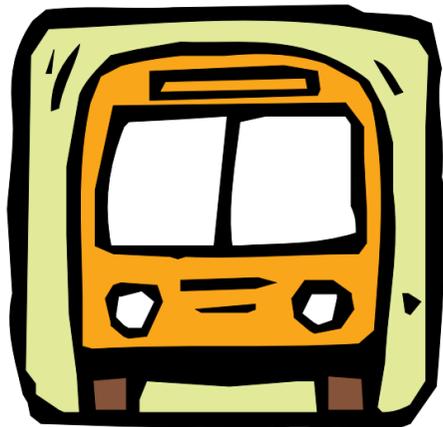
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