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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

**Ridge Area arc consumer Amelia Titus is upset Thursday because of state funding cuts that will affect her current living arrangements in Avon Park. Titus lives at the Valencia Group Home, which will be shut down due to funding.**

# 'It does not look good'

## Slashed funding cuts Arc services

By ED BALDRIDGE
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AVON PARK — The Ridge Area Arc received notice that emergency cuts in state funding has slashed its budget $30,000 per month effective Apr. 1.

"It was no April Fool's joke. That's that we thought it was, but it's no joke," said Rhonda Beckman, CEO of the Arc on Thursday.

"The Arc has discontinued companion, in-home, and personal care services and has given notice to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities of our intent to close the Valencia Group Home," Beckman said in an e-mail to consumers and their families.

*'We can survive the 90 days until July 1, but I am not sure what happens after that.'*

**RHONDA BECKMAN**
Arc CEO

The Ridge Area Arc is a private, not for profit 501(c)3 organization, which was founded in 1957 by Franklyn and Mary Ellen Ward for their son Rob. Arc provides services to people with developmental disabilities throughout Central Florida.

Beckman said that all told, every one of the 190 consumers will feel the crunch, but immediately 16 consumers are directly effected.

"We have five ladies in a group home that need to be

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# Sebring seeks 'life after five'

## *Proposed entertainment district would open downtown to restaurants, taverns and pubs*

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Members of the City Council unanimously voted to proceed with the creation of a Community Redevelopment Entertainment District during their regular Tuesday night meeting.

Pete Pollard, executive director of the CRA, spoke before the council to explain why the CRA supported the idea.

"An entertainment district has been under discussion for several years," he said. "We wanted to create a more conducive investment environment downtown and it seemed to make the most sense."

Pollard added, "There is a move back downtown. The trend in the country is toward mixed use. A cluster of restaurants creates a destination, creating a life after five."

Basically, an entertainment district is a defined area where, "a major priority for business recruitment is established for restaurants, sports bars, taverns, and pubs."

Other businesses like night clubs, offering live music, dancing or karaoke are also encouraged.

Gene Brenner, chairman of the CRA advisory committee and downtown property owner, echoed

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News-Sun file photo by KATARA SIMMONS

**The Circle will be the center of a proposed entertainment district in downtown Sebring.**

# Recall group announces committee chair and filing date

By ED BALDRIDGE
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AVON PARK — The Avon Park Exploratory Recall Committee made several announcements during a meeting on Wednesday night.

The exploratory committee publicly announced their selection of a committee chair, naming Avon Park citizen Jennifer Aviles to head their efforts.

Aviles, a registered nurse, stated that she was a long time resident of Avon Park who was not pleased with the current events.

"I am happy to do this. I have lived here most of my life, and I am currently seeing things I do not agree with," Aviles said at the meeting. "There are some major violations of the (city) charter, city ordinances and personnel rules and regulations and the council is part of that problem. Something has to be done to fix this, and the council is ignoring these obvious violations.

"Most of the items that are being ignored have been presented to the council on more than one occasion in an open meeting, and they are still ignoring them. When the council ignores these things, it is up to the people to fix the problem. There is no other recourse," said Aviles.

"I am concerned with the flagrant violations of city policy and the law. This has got to stop. Although the firing of Bruce Behrens was a trigger, a lot of these grievances have been going on for some time," she said.

About 15 people showed up to express their anger under the pavilion in the warm evening air behind the Moose Lodge, claiming that poor communications kept the group from getting bigger, but each individual pres-

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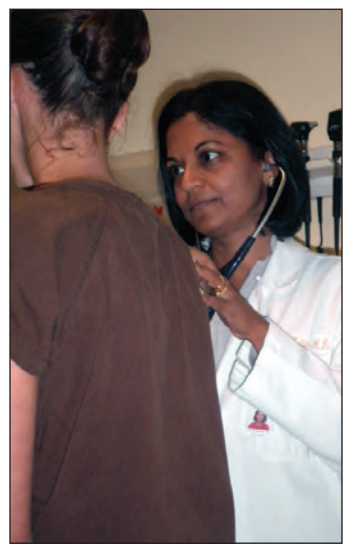

Photo by INGRID UTECH

**Dr. Priyamvada Gujjar takes a patient's vital signs at the Highlands County Health Department.**

# Plenty of challenges face local agencies that serve medically uninsured

♦ *Editor's Note: This is the second of a three-part series about the medically uninsured.*

By INGRID UTECH
*Special to the News-Sun*

A patient came to the Highlands County Health Department experiencing pain. He was diagnosed with a hernia and needed surgery. He had been unemployed for several months, had no health insurance, and could not afford an operation. The Health Department arranged for a local surgeon to perform the surgery at no charge to the patient.

A patient at Samaritan's Touch Care Center, a free clinic that serves the uninsured, had a growth on her lung. STCC referred her to Florida Hospital Heartland Division for a free biopsy, which showed that she had cancer. Through STCC's intervention, she was admitted to Moffitt Cancer Center, where she had surgery to remove the cancerous growth and where she stayed until the lung healed. Moffitt did not charge for its services.

These patients were fortunate to get the assistance they needed from clinics, hospitals, and doctors in Highlands County, where the number of uninsured children stands at 20 percent and the number of uninsured adults at 36 percent.

### Highlands County Health Department

The Highlands County Health Department operates medical clinics in Sebring and Lake Placid and dental clinics for clients six months to 20 years of age in Sebring, Lake Placid and Avon Park.

Uninsured clients whose incomes are at or below 100 percent of the Federal

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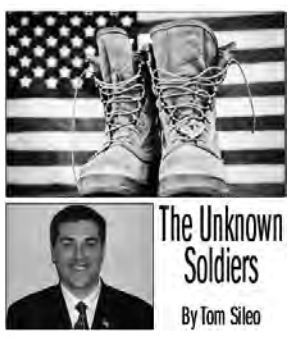


# American women

After becoming the first female soldier since World War II to be awarded the Silver Star, Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester was asked about the historic nature of her achievement.

"It really doesn't have anything to do with being a female," the humble hero told the American Forces Press Service in 2005. "It's about the duties I performed that day as a soldier."

Hester, now a police officer in Tennessee who recently re-enlisted in the Army National Guard, was only 23 years old when terrorists ambushed her convoy on March 20, 2005 in Iraq.

After several soldiers in her military police unit suffered gunshot wounds, Hester, along with Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Nein, later awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, and Sgt. Jason Mike, later awarded the Silver Star, bravely charged out of their Humvees. The soldiers, putting themselves between the enemy and their exposed convoy, led a ferocious counterattack that killed 27 insurgents and led to the capture of seven more.

While Hester's remarkable story is one of the most prominent examples of post-9/11 heroism by a woman, many more should also touch the heart of a nation that often holds up actresses, singers and models as examples of women at the pinnacle of American society.

Spc. Faith Hinkley, 23, was excited about her upcoming return home when a rocket struck the Iraqi office building she was working inside on Aug. 7, 2010. The former high school cheerleader, who volunteered to leave her loved ones behind and serve our nation, returned home to Colorado in a flag-draped casket.

"As a soldier, she died fighting for our country," Chelsea Bowsher-Venable wrote to me four days after her best friend's death. "But through her passing, I know she will save so many lives just by inspiring others through her goodness, selflessness, and sincerity."

Sgt. Trista Moretti started Army basic training on June 12, 2003, less than three months after the invasion of Iraq. In a true act of bravery, she re-enlisted in 2005, one the conflict's toughest years, fully aware that a deployment was probably on the horizon. Moretti, who was known for her distinctive laugh and relentless pursuit of adventure, was killed in Iraq on June 25, 2007.

"I would have chosen Trista above almost all other soldiers I had the pleasure of serving with in the Army, to be the one watching my back in a foxhole," Austin Goodman posted on Facebook last month. "She was an awesome

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News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

**Sebring Mayor George Hensley and members of Jack Stroup's family unveil a commerative plaque honoring Stroup at the civic center, now named in his honor. (From left) Charlie Stroup, Jack Stroup's wife; Hensley; Lori Macclain, his daughter; and Jack Jr. and Matt Stroup, his sons.**

# Civic center officially renamed in memory of Jack Stroup

**By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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SEBRING — Current officials, former coworkers, past mayors, friends and family turned out Wednesday evening to dedicate the city's civic center to the memory of long time city clerk Jack Stroup, who died in 2009.

Speakers told anecdotes that described the kind of man Stroup was, and why so many people would gather to honor him.

Mayor George Hensley spoke of the simpler days, back in the 1950s and early '60s, when there were fewer rules and regulations, and nothing like unfunded mandates.

He added it sometimes made for complications. "(Stroup) had to herd all those people because everybody wanted to do their own thing," Hensley said.

Shirley Kitchings, who worked with Stroup for 28 years, and followed him as city clerk, remembered Stroup as loving the town and a good laugh, but hating change orders — making changes in building plans after they had been finalized and approved.

When it came time to build the civic center now being named after him, Kitchings said Stroup decreed there would be no change orders. None.

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## Community Briefs

### Chalk Walk Art Competition to highlight Gallery Walk

SEBRING — The Sebring High School Art Students will be competing in a Chalk Walk Art Competition on today in Historic Downtown Sebring. The chalk art will take place on the sidewalks from 5:00-7:45 p.m. as 12 teams, comprised of four students each, create themed art for the public to enjoy. The winners will be chosen by the public who will vote for their favorite Chalk Walk Art.

The Downtown Sebring merchants have contributed money that will be awarded to the winning team.

Historic Downtown Sebring's monthly Gallery Walk will be also be held today from 5-8 p.m. Many Downtown Sebring merchants offer extended hours so attendees can shop in Sebring's charming boutiques and art galleries. Street vendors will offer art and jewelry along the sidewalks. For more information visit GalleryWalkSebring.com.

### Five artists of the month honored

SEBRING — For April's Gallery Walk, the Yellow House Gallery and Gift Shop will be featuring not just one, but five Artists of the Month. The aptly-named Five Fine Artists show will feature the paintings of Mary Bouteiller, Tom Bruha, Norma Evans, Agnes Laiosa, and Ingrid Strope. There is sure to be something to delight everyone in the different styles of these five painters.

The reception will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the Yellow House and the work will continue to be exhibited throughout the month of April. There will be light food and beverages as well as music and admission is free to the public.

### 'The Best of Pops' concert tonight

SEBRING — The Heartland Pops will present "Best of the Pops" today at 7 p.m., at Faith Lutheran

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# Students, teachers prepare for upcoming FCAT

**By SAMANTHA GHOLAR**
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SEBRING — Elementary and middle schoolers have been happy about not having homework this week, but the same can not be said about the upcoming week. Beginning Monday, students from grades 3 to 11 will be knee deep in science, math and reading questions. Of course, most students aren't too thrilled about it.

"We don't have homework this week so school was great today, but that's because we have FCAT next week," said Woodlawn third grader Jarek Kitchens, his smile turning to a slight frown.

The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test is scheduled to begin Monday and end April 22. Students will take different portions of the test during the next two weeks, according to grade level.

Following this summer's two separate audits of the FCAT scores, many administrators and teachers have found themselves a little on edge regarding the assessment. Teachers are hopeful that this year's test goes smoothly.

Parents and students have also been buckling down and preparing for the test. Moms like Jenny Stephens have their hands full trying to balance study time and fun time leading up to next week.

Stephens has two boys revving up for the FCAT. Kayne Kitchens is a fourth-grader at Woodlawn, the younger son. Jarek Kitchens, will be taking the assessment for the first time as a third-grader.

The boys haven't been riding their bikes or tossing the football around in the yard as much in the afternoons as they have in prior weeks.

Oldest son Kayne did quite well on the FCAT last year, however the mathematics portion of the FCAT was his lowest scor-

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# Search on for IDA/EDC director

**By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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SEBRING — As of Monday, a search committee of 11 members had received 51 applications for the Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Commission's position of executive director, which opened when Dan Murphy left the office.

"It looks like a strong field," said South Florida Community College President Norm Stephens, who chairs the committee, adding that applications have arrived from all over.

He said the committee's responsibility is to narrow the field to a list of three to seven finalists, each of whom will be interviewed by the board of directors.

While applications will be accepted until the position is filled, Stephens said there is a schedule and it is already almost too late to apply.

The screening committee has already started work. The finalists should be chosen by early May, at which time interviews will begin. The goal is to make a final selection by the first week in June.

The Heartland Workforce has and will continue to assist in the process, Stephens said — for example, communicating with applicants, developing evaluation tools and interview questions.

## Police Blotter

The News-Sun would like to remind the readers that the names listed below reflect those who have been charged with a crime, but they are all innocent until proven guilty by a court of law. If anyone listed here is acquitted or has charges dropped, they can bring in proof of such decision or mail a copy to the paper and the News-Sun will be happy to report that information. The News-Sun is at 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Wednesday, April 6:

- Deborah Sue Batson, 52, of Sebring, was charged with driving while license suspended.
- Jack Wiliard Bish, 65, of Avon Park, was charged with battery.
- Georgia Benita Cocca, 21, of Sebring was charged with battery.
- Geraldine Cummings, 53, of Lakeland, was charged with probation violation.
- Abbi Melissa Gray, 23, of Lake Placid, was charged with probation violation.
- Michael Scott Knapp, 31, of Lake Placid, was charged with possession of drug equipment and possession of marijuana.
- Benny Jose Madison, 27, of Lake Placid, was booked on an out-of-county warrant for non-support.
- Guillermo Martinez, 27, of Avon Park, was charged with driving with an expired license.
- Kimyatta Monique Pringle, 27, of Avon Park, was charged with failure to appear.
- Maria Sue Robinson, 37, of Sebring, was charged with removing a minor, interfering with custody of a minor, perjury, neglecting a child without great harm and obstructing a criminal investigation.
- Sherly Lynn Secory, 51, of Sebring, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- Susan Willis Trammell, 48, of Lake Placid, was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Tuesday, April 5:

- Giovonnie Boada, 21, of Sebring, was charged with failure to appear reference driving with license suspended/removed.
- Melissa Ashley Crawford, 27, of Fort Meade, was arrested an out-of-county warrant reference no support.
- Joseph Leroy Francione, 18, of Avon Park, was charged with controlled substance without prescription, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, and possession and or use of drug equipment.
- Troy Leon Gordon, 23, of

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## Lottery Center

**Florida Lotto**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **April 6** | 2 | 15 | 21 | 22 | 24 | 45 | x:5 |
| *Next jackpot $7 million* | | | | | | | |
| **April 2** | 8 | 21 | 34 | 35 | 37 | 40 | x:4 |
| **March 30** | 3 | 9 | 10 | 20 | 31 | 52 | x:3 |

**Fantasy 5 with ezmatch**

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| **April 6** | 3 | 24 | 29 | 34 | 35 |
| **April 5** | 4 | 12 | 26 | 33 | 36 |
| **April 4** | 21 | 25 | 31 | 32 | 33 |
| **April 3** | 19 | 24 | 28 | 31 | 36 |

**Play 4**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **April 6 (n)** | 5 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| **April 6 (d)** | 9 | 4 | 8 | 2 |
| **April 5 (n)** | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| **April 5 (d)** | 7 | 7 | 2 | 3 |

**Mega Money**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **April 5** | 2 | 13 | 21 | 24 | Mega Ball | 18 |
| **April 1** | 7 | 23 | 32 | 36 | Mega Ball | 17 |
| **March 29** | 2 | 7 | 26 | 31 | Mega Ball | 9 |
| **March 25** | 6 | 23 | 32 | 36 | Mega Ball | 18 |

**Cash 3**

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|---|---|---|---|
| **April 6 (n)** | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| **April 6 (d)** | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| **April 5 (n)** | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| **April 5 (d)** | 9 | 8 | 3 |

**Florida Powerball**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **April 6** | 10 | 18 | 41 | 55 | 56 | **PB:** 15 | **PP:** 2 |
| *Next jackpot $20 million* | | | | | | | |
| **April 2** | 6 | 22 | 34 | 43 | 45 | **PB:** 23 | **PP:** 2 |
| **March 30** | 19 | 20 | 42 | 56 | 58 | **PB:** 37 | **PP:** 4 |

*Note: Cash 3 and Play 4 drawings are twice per day: (d) is the daytime drawing, (n) is the nighttime drawing.*
*PB: Power Ball PP: Power Play*

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# Editorial & Opinion

## Today's Editorial

# Another viewpoint

Attempted power grabs are everyday events from Florida lawmakers in Tallahassee, but this one is a stunner: An unprecedented, dangerous attack on the state judiciary system and constitutionally required separation of governmental powers coming from Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon, R-Winter Park, and other GOP lawmakers.

Cannon wants to overhaul the Florida Supreme Court, dividing the seven-member body into two five-member courts. One would handle civil cases, the other criminal appeals, mostly death-penalty cases. And force the court's three senior justices appointed by Gov. Lawton Chiles — Fred Lewis, Barbara Pariente and Peggy Quince — to sit on the criminal appeals court.

Cannon and his supporters say the measure, which would require voter approval in 2012, is an efficiency move, because the high court is hopelessly backlogged with death-penalty cases that clog the system and delay civil cases.

That's a smoke screen. ...

Here's what's really inspiring Cannon: Payback, and a broader desire to undermine the equal power of the judiciary and hand more over to the legislative and executive branches.

The Supreme Court last year properly tossed off 2010 ballots three constitutional amendments proposed by the Legislature, stating they were unclear or deceptive, including one devised to block two anti-gerrymandering measures voters later passed by 63 percent.

That angered Cannon, who is now fighting the popular Fair Districts mandates with a lawsuit.

Splitting the high court in two tiers also would give Gov. Rick Scott the chance to stack it, appointing far-right ideologues to the three new seats.

Keep in mind four of Florida's seven Supreme Court justices were appointed by Republican Govs. Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist, so its bench is hardly liberal. ...

These and other measures gut the justice system's independence and deserve to be forcefully opposed by citizens. Only strong separation of powers in state government can prevent excesses by any one branch, a system of checks and balances that shouldn't be dismantled.

There has been little noise from the Florida Senate about the court-bashing reforms, and Senate President Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island, has not endorsed the proposals.

He shouldn't allow the attack on judicial independence to gain steam, including as bargaining chips between the House and Senate in the session's last days.

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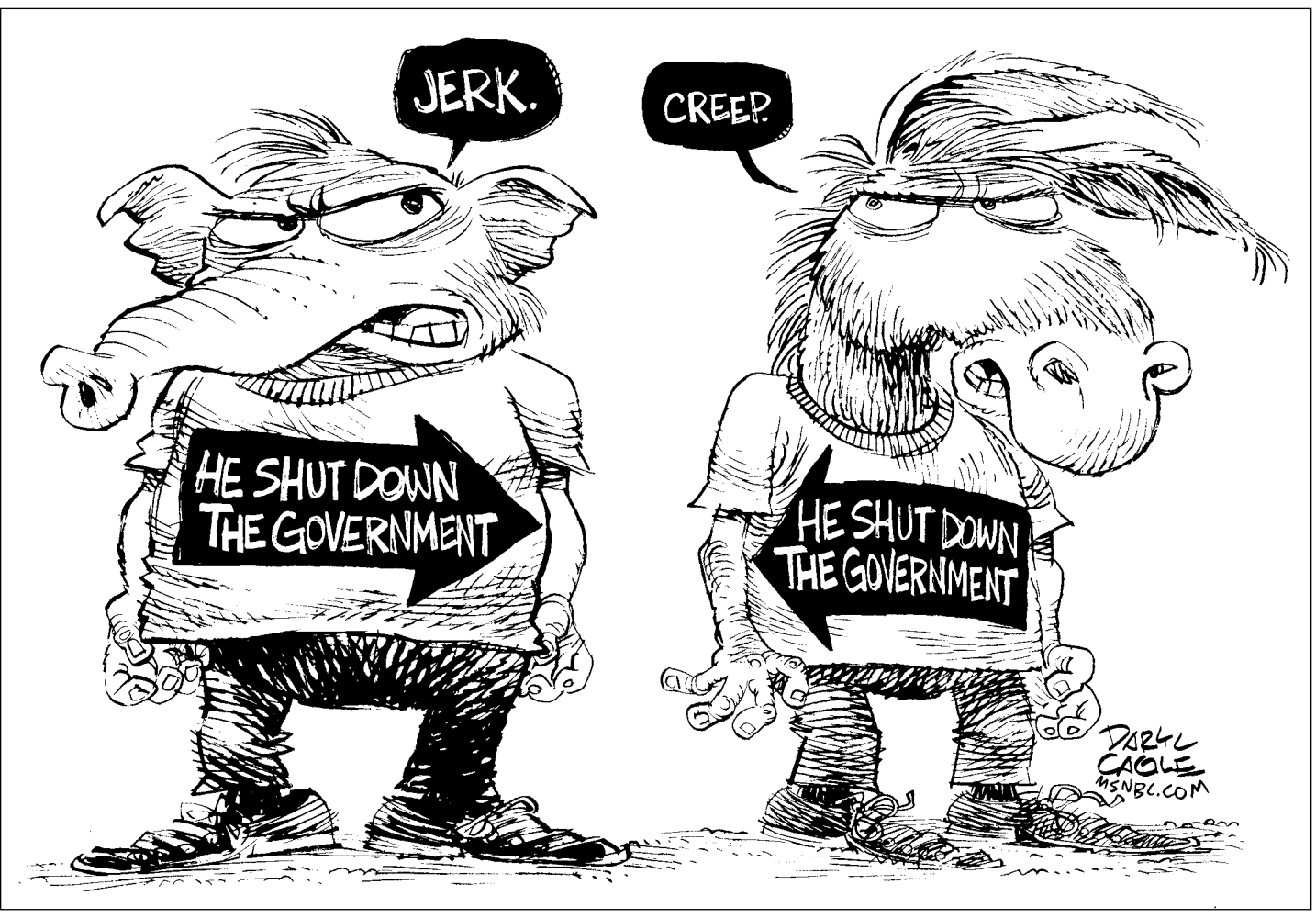


# Your kids' education ... get involved

## The Bottom Line

*DeCaris T. Jones Sr.*

Being a parent of high school and middle school children and also working within the school system, I find it hard to understand why more parents are not involved in their kids' education. From day one of my kids starting school I've always been involved and checked at the school on their progress or any other problems they are having in school.

You hear parents complain about the system, but I can only speak of the school in which I'm employed. You hardly ever see parents coming to the school and check on their children's behavior or just to be there to see what's going on. Yes, you can check their grades at home on the computer if you're fortunate enough to own one, but being at the school and talking with the teachers and administrators face to face is a sure way to know what's really going on.

You may think the teachers and administration don't want to be bothered, but trust me they welcome your cares and concerns.

With the way things are going and the direction our governor and other politicians are wanting to take our education system, I suggest that you parents who sit back and only go to the school when your kid(s) come home and tell you the teacher, dean of students, or the assistant principal or principal did this or did that, just go to the school yourself before any of these problems occur. We all, me included, would love to believe everything our children tell us, but on the real we know our kids don't always tell us the entire story, just the parts that make them look good and the school look bad.

We as parents have to be more involved in our children's education nowadays. Back when we were in school, we had time to learn and more teachers within our neighborhoods to help us along the way and there wasn't as many tests and restrictions on our teachers and students as there are today.

In order to make our schools and students more interesting, we have to be more involved in what's happening at our kid's school. Don't just go eat lunch with them, sit in on some of their classes if it's allowed and it is. Now, your high school kid(s) may not want you eating lunch with him/her but go eat with your grade school or middle school kid(s).

I don't claim to be the best parent in the world, but I'm involved in my kid's education. And since I'm also at one of the schools here in Highlands County everyday, I try to help all of our children as much as I can.

If you're only involved in your children's education when they're in trouble, that's not enough. With FCAT, shortage of teachers and all of the nonsense that goes on in our schools, let's come together and help all our children and that's "The Bottom Line!"

*DeCaris T. Jones Sr. is an Avon Park resident and a retired Sebring police officer.*

## Letters Policy

Make sure to sign your letter and include your address and phone number. Anonymous letters will be automatically rejected. Please keep your letters to a maximum of 400 words. Letters of local concern take priority.

Send your letter to 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870; drop it off at the same address; fax 385-1954; or e-mail *editor@newssun.com*.

## Today's Letters

### Obama care scam

Editor:

Did you know that Obama gave to GE billions for early retirement from our tax dollars when GE payed no tax. They had a $14 billion profit this year, and also to the UAW. He intends to give out $5 billion of our money for our grandkids to try and pay for, while we are borrowing money.

Is he trying to buy votes for 2012? It can only be the reason. We have to stop Obama and Obama care.

*C.F. Neeley*
*Sebring*

### A living document?

Editor:

I recently attended a meeting of an organization I belong to; what I heard sent a chill through me. A discussion ensued about changing the by-laws of this particular entity, and the term a "living document" was used. I do not have a problem with the phrase itself; it is the underlying meaning that may have prompted its use.

As with our Constitution, we have heard the phrase used, the idea of it being a living document was already inherent in the constitution (Article 5), in that it could be amended by the will and vote of the people. What the progressive liberal camp believes is that the law of the land is set by case law or the opinions of a majority of the nine judges on the Supreme Court, rather than the constitution. George Washington stated, "The fundamental principle of our Constitution ... enjoins that the will of the majority shall prevail." Not the majority of nine justices setting on the Supreme Court. Thomas Jefferson agreed with George Washington: "The will of the majority [is] the natural law of every society [and] is the only sure guardian of the rights of man. Perhaps even this may sometimes err. But its errors are honest, solitary and short-lived."

History has shown that it was the will of the majority that brought about the emancipation of slaves in this country, not by the minority decision of the courts, who by the way kept that bondage legal before the people outlawed it. The right of women to vote was made law by the majority of the people, not by a minority of women. The right of 18-year-olds to vote was made possible by the majority of the people, not by a minority of 18-year-olds.

Those who propose a living constitution point to the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education that banned segregation. The truth is congress passed a bill that banned segregation in 1875; in 1882 the unelected Supreme Court struck down this law, which congress could have annulled according to the Constitution. In 1896 the Court reaffirmed its position; however in 1954 the Court finally reversed itself, eighty years after the people had abolished segregation. The Supreme Court is subject to the Legislative & the Executive branches of government; these two branches are subject to the will of the people. Read your constitution.

*Larry J. Overfield*
*Sebring*

### 'Wedding Singer' worth a night out

Editor:

Highlands Little Theatre has done it one more time. "The Wedding Singer" was super. The people who don't go to watch it before its run ends April 10, just don't know what they will be missing.

A nice night out with a chance to meet new people. Plus the opportunity to see a lot of great acting and dancing. "The Wedding Singer" has it all. Patty Young did a fine job as director. The set construction people sure knew what they were doing. As did sound and costume. Christoper Hayes, Christa Dorman, RoseMarie Tippins-Beringer, to name a few of the actors, were all outstanding.

I do hope all of you out there who can afford a night out on the town will take in "The Wedding Singer." I am sure you will be glad you did. It sure beat setting home glued to the telly.

*Judee VanBrookhoven*
*Sebring*

### 'Wedding Singer' is full of humor

Editor:

"The Wedding Singer" is playing now at Highlands Little Theatre, and what a fun evening I had on Friday. The show is filled with adult humor, but it is laugh-out-loud humor.

"The Wedding Singer" is high energy from the dancers, singers and all of the many characters in the musical. If you liked the movie, as I did, you will really like the stage version. It takes the movie a step further with lots of original music and over the top humor.

The director, Patty Young, should be very proud of her cast and crew as this is a stellar production. The audience showed their pleasure with the experience by giving the performers a standing ovation, the ultimate theater compliment.

The show I attended was pretty full, but did not appear to be sold out. Call the box office today or go online and reserve your seat before the show closes on Sunday. This is one show that you do not want to miss. Congratulations Highlands Little Theatre!

*Olivia Scott*
*Avon Park*

## Bouquet

### What a great business community

Editor:

Forty-two businesses and private individuals provided products, gift certificates or discount cards in support of the 17th annual Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic held at the Placid Lakes Country Club last Saturday. Despite the difficult economy, businesses willingly provide unselfish support to the community and the chamber of commerce.

Although the tournament was highly successful, the unseen winner is the community, given that the chamber uses gains from such events to sponsor civic events throughout the year, which anyone in the community can and do attend. Without our business community support, many chamber sponsored events would not be possible. Other events, when combined with the chamber's Web site, bring thousands of people to the community each year, helping to keep our businesses viable and infusing significant tax dollars into the county's economy.

Please shop at or enlist the services of the following businesses. They make a difference in the community, so let's make a difference for them. Gift sponsors - Above & Beyond Hair & Body, Ace Hardware/W & W Lumber Company, Allaire's Hair & Nail Designs, Alpha Natural Food Company, Beef 'O Brady's, Blueberry Patch, Chef Buddy's Italian American Deli, Drafting Design of Lake Placid, Florida Hospital, Golden Corral Family Steak House, GHC Motorsports. Heartland Association of Realtors, Heartland National Bank, Heron's Garden Restaurant & Lounge, Highlands Independent Bank, Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, Holiday Trinkets & Treasures, Home Depot, Home & Office Essentials, Home Town Network, Interlake Boulevard Café, Kasie's Collections, Ruth & Lionel LaGrow, Lake Country Jewelers, Lake Placid Embroidery & Boutique, Lake Placid Journal, Lake Placid Marine, Lockhart Service Center, Make'n the Dough, MID-FLORIDA Federal Credit Union, Moe's Coffee House, Molly's Treats & Ice Cream Shoppe, The 1 Park Place Company, Progress Energy, ReZultz Fitness 24/7, Salsa's Mexican Restaurant, Scrap, Paper, Scissors, Seacoast National Bank, Sebring International Raceway, Southern Lifestyle Assisted Living Facility, TD Bank, NA Tropical Island Wear, and Wings of Eagles.

Thanks to all of the above businesses owners/managers, organizations, and private citizens for contributing to a successful golf tournament and bettering the community.

*Marlene Barger*
*Lake Placid*

## *Easter boat parade planned*

Courtesy photo

**The Easter Bunny will be in town Sunday, April 24 to lead the Easter Boat Parade on Lake Josephine. Set for 4 p.m., residents with boats are asked to join in the parade. Those without boats are invited to sit along any of the three boat ramps and cheer the parade on. Last year more than 20 boats and three water bikes participated. This marks the 11th year for the parade. For information, call 655-1267.**

# Community Briefs

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Church, 2740 Lakeview Ave. Under the direction of Anthony Jones, the Pops will play favorite selections from their 2011 concert season.

The concert will feature selections from the Big Band era, patriotic selections, soloists DAniel Burke and Laura Wade singing excerpts from "Oklahoma!" and will spotlight saxophone soloist, John Leighty playing "Harlem Nocturne."

A free-will offering will be taken. For further information, call 314-8877.

### AP Elementary Spring Carnival today

AVON PARK — Avon Elementary to host Spring Carnival from 5-8 p.m. today. There will be plenty of games, food, prizes, grab bags, Home Depot "Make and Take," a bounce house, a giant slide, a Chrysler Drive for the Kids by Wells Dodge Chrysler and much more. Everyone is welcome.

All students must be accompanied by a parent or an adult. This includes middle school students as well.

### Wacaster Family in concert tonight

SEBRING — Benefit Singing, a night of music, food and fun featuring Nashville recording artists The Wacaster Family will be at 6 p.m. today at 3414 Beck Ave., Sebring.

Call 253-0771 for directions. All benefits go to Relay for Life/American Cancer Society.

### Spaghetti dinner Saturday

SEBRING — There will be a Spaghetti Dinner at St. Catherine Parish Hall on Saturday from 4:30-7 p.m. The hall is located at 827 Hickory St. in Sebring.

The meal consists of salad, spaghetti w/meat sauce, meatballs, breadstick, dessert and beverages at a cost of $8 for adults and $4 for children.

### Singles having monthly dance

SEBRING — The Highlands County Social Singles will be sponsoring a monthly dance Saturday at The Sebring Woman's Club on Lakeview Drive, at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. Uptown Country will provide the music.

For more information, go to: http://www.strato.net/~singles/ssdance.html.

### Introduction to Smart Phones Workshop

AVON PARK — Tired of technology leaving you behind? South Florida Community College's Corporate and Continuing Education is offering an Introduction to Smart Phones workshop today from 1-5 p.m. in Building T, Room 120, SFCC Highlands Campus. The workshop will provide a comprehensive look at the use and applications of smart phones and tablet PCs. The cost is $35.

For more information, call Lorrie Key, coordinator, Corporate and Continuing Education, at (863) 784-7033. To register for this workshop, call SFCC Registration at (863)-784-7405.

### RTA meeting open to everyone curious about county trails

SEBRING — The Ridge Trails Association will provide an overview of the efforts in the past and present to include Highlands County in the statewide plans for a network of trails designed to enhance the lifestyle of Floridians at the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce, 227 U.S. 27 North, on Saturday. Any questions, feel free to call 381-7281.

There will be an opportunity to become a new member of the RTA but no pressure to do so. Community Outreach Membership is only $1 and $20 brings active membership status. Please put Saturday, April 9 on your calendar.

This invitation is issued by the RTA Board. John Chess, Marcia Percy, Greg Harris, Mary Jane O'Brien, Gaylin Thomas, Ron Estabrook, Dave Greenslade, Sarah Pallone, Bob Hesselink and Merritt O'Brien.

### Tour of yards is Saturday

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Founders Garden Club is sponsoring a Garden Tour of five yards in the Avon Park area, on Saturday from 12 noon until 3 p.m. The yards on the tour will not be announced in the newspaper in consideration of the homeowners. Addresses of the homes are printed on the tickets and a map will be furnished to ticket purchasers.

The cost of the tour is $5. Yards on the tour include an all green yard, a professionally landscaped yard, one with a variety of palms, a yard with shade-loving plants and a beautifully landscaped yard done by the homeowner.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 381-5929 or 452-1927.

### Events at local lodges, posts

AVON PARK

The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 in Avon Park, 75 N. Olivia Drive, will host the following events this week:

Today - Swiss steak dinner served for $7, served from 5-7 p.m. Music by Uptown Country from 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, April 9 - Member Appreciation Day - free pork dinner for all Post 9853 members - all others will be $3, served from 4-6 p.m. Karaoke by Peg and Perry from 5-8 p.m. No bar menu on this day. NASCAR at 7:30 p.m.

For any questions, call the lodge at 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID

The Lake Placid Moose 2374, will host the following events this week:

Today - Texas Hold-em 2 p.m. Shrimp, fish and wings served at 6 p.m. Music with Tom McGannon 6-10 p.m.

Saturday, April 9 - Bingo bango 2 p.m. Baby-back ribs 6 p.m. Music with Steve and Peggy 6-10 p.m. NASCAR Texas 7:30 p.m.

For details, call the lodge at 465-0131.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 in Lake Placid, will host the following events this week:

Today - Steak-by-the-ounce served 5:30-7 p.m. with L&L Duo.

Saturday - Breakfast served 8-11 a.m. Bingo 2 p.m., with early bird 1:30 p.m. Horse races 5:30 p.m.

For details, call the lodge at 699-5444.

American Legion Placid Post 25 in Lake Placid, will host the following events this week:

Today - Fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Music by Frank E. 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturday - Auxiliary burgers served 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Texas Hold-em 1:30 p.m. Karaoke Bill 5-8 p.m.

For more information, call 465-0975.

The Lake Placid Elks 2661, will host the following events this week:

Friday, April 8 - Fish fry 5-7 p.m. Music by Buddy Canova.

For details, call 465-2661.

### Recreation Club plans pin shuffleboard

SEBRING — The Sebring Recreation Club, located at 333 Pomegranate Ave., Sebring, will host pin shuffleboard at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Any information, call 385-2966.

### Sebring Hills plans pancake breakfast

SEBRING — There will be a pancake breakfast Saturday at the Sebring Hills Clubhouse, 200 Lark Ave., from 8-10 a.m. All the pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee or tea you want for only $3 members and $3.50 non-members.

# Obama has work to do to win Florida again in '12

**By BRENT KALLESTAD**
*Associated Press*

TALLAHASSEE — President Barack Obama has some work to do with Florida voters if he hopes to win the state's 29 electoral votes next year, a Quinnipiac University poll released Thursday shows.

Slightly more than half of registered voters said they disapprove of the job Obama is doing and that he doesn't deserve a second term, according to a random telephone survey of 1,499 registered voters March 29 to April 4.

While 52 percent of Florida voters disapprove of Obama's job performance, 44 percent approve, the poll found. Only 42 percent favor a second Obama term, compared to 51 percent who do not.

The poll, which has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.9 percentage points, also shows any unnamed Republican challenger would be in a dead heat with the president.

But there was a bit of a silver lining for Obama, pollster Peter Brown noted.

"Despite questions about his policies, the president is personally popular with Floridians," Brown said, noting that 70 percent responded they like Obama personally, a figure that included 30 percent who disagree with Obama's policies. Obama carried Florida in 2008 by nearly 250,000 votes over Republican John McCain.

However, voters were split on whether they approved of Obama's handling of the situation in Libya, with 46 percent each in support and opposed.

Obama has announced his intention to seek re-election. Several Republicans are considering a run.

including Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, who is coming to Tallahassee for a meeting with GOP lawmakers Thursday evening at the Capitol. Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty has already made that trip while former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who unsuccessfully sought the GOP nomination in 2008 and now has his own TV show, lives in Florida.

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, who is seeking a third term in 2012, fared better than the president. Forty-seven percent said they approved of Nelson's job performance, compared to 26 percent who disapproved. Forty-three percent said Nelson deserved a third term.

Three in five voters told Quinnipiac they favored increased drilling for offshore oil and natural gas, compared to 35 percent who were opposed. Republicans and independents supported offshore drilling by better than a 5-to-1 margin while Democrats were opposed 58 percent to 38 percent.

Voters were almost evenly divided on building new nuclear plants in Florida, but they opposed building them in their community, 56 percent to 39 percent.

Nearly half of those questioned by Quinnipiac, 49 percent, said they favored repealing the health car law passed by Congress last year. Forty-one percent were opposed to its repeal.

## *Fells officially joins Sebring council*

News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

**Andrew Fells, newly elected member of the Sebring City Council, takes part in his first meeting Tuesday night. The other council members are John Clark, John Griffin, Scott Stanley, and Bud Whitlock. Stanley was elected president of the council.**

# Another strong quake rattles Japan

*Associated Press*

TOKYO — A magnitude-7.4 aftershock rattled Japan on Thursday night, knocking out power across a large swath of the northern part of the country nearly a month after the devastating earthquake and tsunami that flattened the northeastern coast.

Japan's meteorological agency issued a tsunami warning but canceled it about 90 minutes later. Officials said power was out in all of three northern prefectures (states) and in parts of two others.

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries or damage. The aftershock was the strongest since the March 11 megaquake and tsunami that killed some 25,000 people, tore apart hundreds of thousands of homes and caused an ongoing crisis at a nuclear power plant.

The operator of the tsunami-ravaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant said there was no immediate sign of new problems caused by the aftershock, and Japan's nuclear safety agency says workers there retreated to a quake-resistant shelter in the complex. None were injured. The crisis there started when the tsunami knocked out cooling systems. Workers have not been able to restore them.

Thursday's quake knocked out several power lines at the Onagawa nuclear power plant north of Sendai, which has been shut down since the tsunami. One remaining line was supplying power to the plant and radiation monitoring devices detected no abnormalities. The plant's spent fuel pools briefly lost cooling capacity but an emergency diesel generator quickly kicked in.

Officials said the aftershock hit 30 miles under the water and off the coast of Miyagi prefecture.

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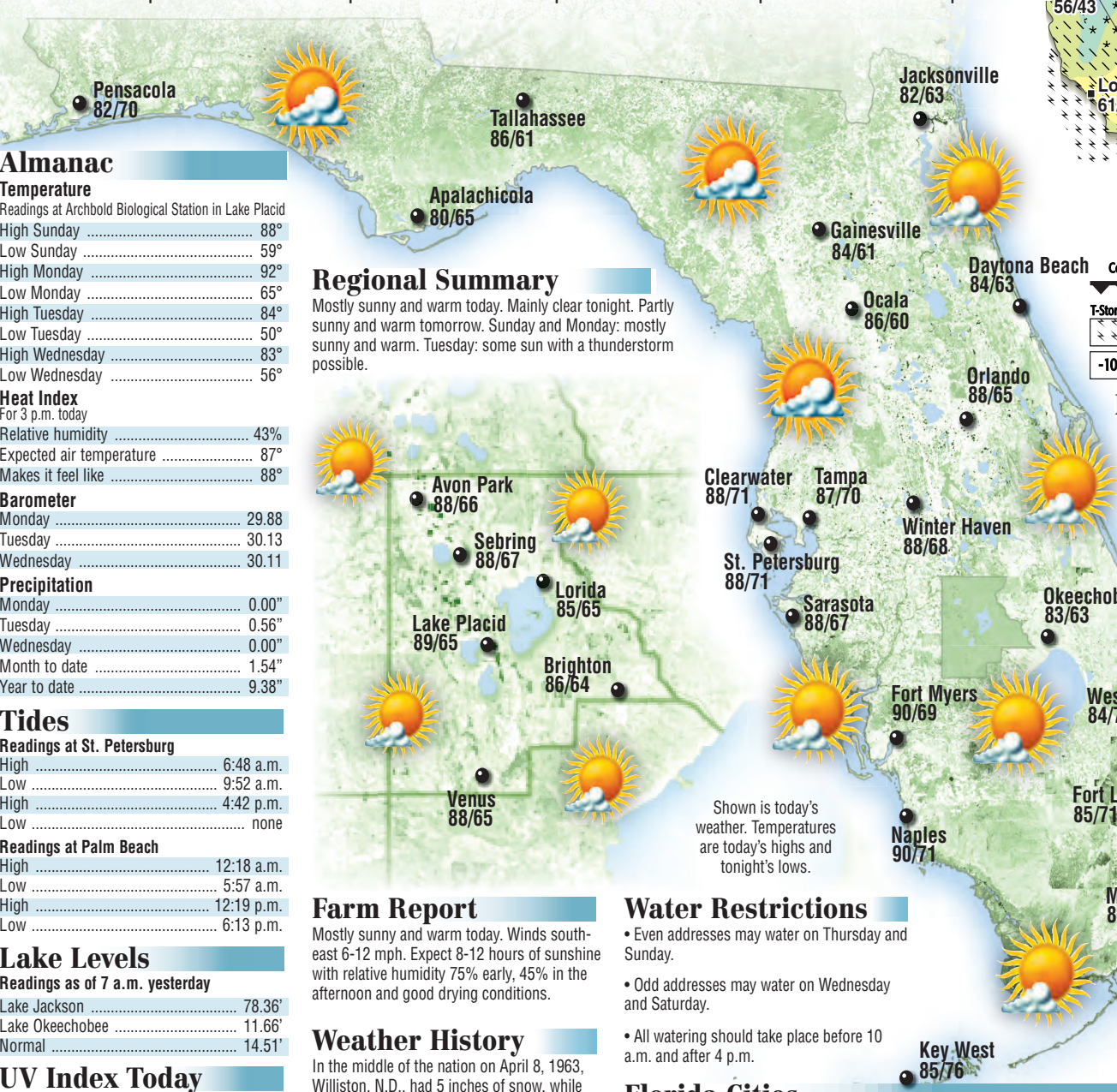
## Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

| TODAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly sunny and warm | Partly sunny and warm | Mostly sunny and warm | Mostly sunny and remaining warm | Partly sunny, a t-storm possible |
| 88° / 67° | 89° / 67° | 89° / 67° | 89° / 67° | 87° / 65° |
| Winds: SE at 6-12 mph | Winds: NW at 4-8 mph | Winds: SSE at 7-14 mph | Winds: SSW at 8-16 mph | Winds: W at 7-14 mph |




Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

## Regional Summary

Mostly sunny and warm today. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny and warm tomorrow. Sunday and Monday: mostly sunny and warm. Tuesday: some sun with a thunderstorm possible.

## Almanac

**Temperature**

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

| | |
|---|---|
| High Sunday | 88° |
| Low Sunday | 59° |
| High Monday | 92° |
| Low Monday | 65° |
| High Tuesday | 84° |
| Low Tuesday | 50° |
| High Wednesday | 83° |
| Low Wednesday | 56° |

**Heat Index**

For 3 p.m. today

| | |
|---|---|
| Relative humidity | 43% |
| Expected air temperature | 87° |
| Makes it feel like | 88° |

**Barometer**

| | |
|---|---|
| Monday | 29.88 |
| Tuesday | 30.13 |
| Wednesday | 30.11 |

**Precipitation**

| | |
|---|---|
| Monday | 0.00" |
| Tuesday | 0.56" |
| Wednesday | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 1.54" |
| Year to date | 9.38" |

## Tides

**Readings at St. Petersburg**

| | |
|---|---|
| High | 6:48 a.m. |
| Low | 9:52 a.m. |
| High | 4:42 p.m. |
| Low | none |

**Readings at Palm Beach**

| | |
|---|---|
| High | 12:18 a.m. |
| Low | 5:57 a.m. |
| High | 12:19 p.m. |
| Low | 6:13 p.m. |

## Lake Levels

**Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday**

| | |
|---|---|
| Lake Jackson | 78.36' |
| Lake Okeechobee | 11.66' |
| Normal | 14.51' |

## UV Index Today

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index™** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

| 10 a.m. | Noon | 2 p.m. | 4 p.m. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 9 | 9 | 4 |

**0-2** Low; **3-5** Moderate; **6-7** High; **8-10** Very High; **11+** Extreme

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## Farm Report

Mostly sunny and warm today. Winds southeast 6-12 mph. Expect 8-12 hours of sunshine with relative humidity 75% early, 45% in the afternoon and good drying conditions.

## Weather History

In the middle of the nation on April 8, 1963, Williston, N.D., had 5 inches of snow, while Laredo, Texas, had a record high of 104 degrees.

## Sun and Moon

| | Today | Saturday |
|---|---|---|
| Sunrise | 7:10 a.m. | 7:09 a.m. |
| Sunset | 7:46 p.m. | 7:46 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 10:21 a.m. | 11:15 a.m. |
| Moonset | none | 12:29 a.m. |

| First | Full | Last | New |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr 11 | Apr 17 | Apr 24 | May 3 |

## 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.

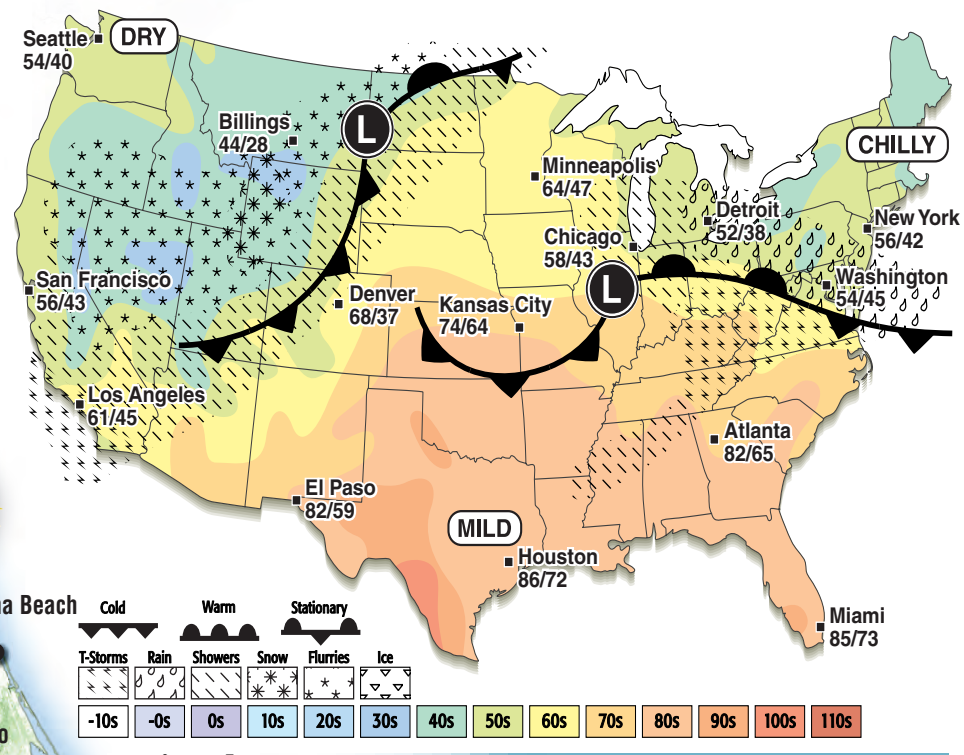
## Florida Cities

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Sat. Hi/Lo/W | Sun. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cape Coral | 90/69/s | 90/68/s | 88/68/s |
| Clearwater | 88/71/s | 89/70/s | 88/72/s |
| Coral Springs | 85/70/s | 86/71/s | 85/71/s |
| Daytona Beach | 84/63/s | 84/67/pc | 85/67/s |
| Ft. Laud. Bch | 85/71/s | 85/75/s | 84/73/s |
| Fort Myers | 90/69/s | 89/70/s | 88/69/s |
| Gainesville | 84/61/pc | 88/62/pc | 89/64/s |
| Hollywood | 86/71/s | 87/71/s | 87/72/s |
| Homestead AFB | 84/72/s | 84/71/s | 84/72/s |
| Jacksonville | 82/63/pc | 87/64/pc | 89/65/s |
| Key West | 85/76/s | 85/76/s | 84/74/s |
| Miami | 85/73/s | 86/74/s | 87/73/s |
| Okeechobee | 83/63/s | 85/66/pc | 84/67/s |
| Orlando | 88/65/s | 89/68/pc | 90/69/s |
| Pembroke Pines | 86/71/s | 87/71/s | 87/72/s |
| St. Augustine | 80/62/pc | 82/67/pc | 83/67/s |
| St. Petersburg | 88/71/s | 88/71/s | 88/72/s |
| Sarasota | 88/67/s | 87/69/s | 86/69/s |
| Tallahassee | 86/61/pc | 89/60/s | 88/61/s |
| Tampa | 87/70/s | 88/70/s | 87/72/s |
| W. Palm Bch | 84/70/s | 85/71/s | 86/71/s |
| Winter Haven | 88/68/s | 90/69/pc | 89/69/s |

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

## National Forecast for April 8

Shown are noon postions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.




## National Summary

A storm system crossing the East will bring showers and thunderstorms to the central Appalachians today. Rain will fall across the mid-Atlantic, while showers extend to the lower Mississippi Valley. Temperatures will remain chilly in the Northeast. Farther west, showers will spread from North Dakota to Arizona, while a mix of rain and snow extends across eastern Montana. Snow will fall in the central Rockies and across much of Nevada and southeastern Oregon. Showers will continue in much of central California.

## U.S. Cities

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Sat. Hi/Lo/W | Sun. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|---|
| Albuquerque | 68/44/pc | 61/32/c | 58/37/pc |
| Atlanta | 82/65/pc | 85/63/pc | 81/63/s |
| Baltimore | 54/42/r | 58/48/sh | 73/57/pc |
| Birmingham | 84/65/pc | 87/64/pc | 82/63/s |
| Boston | 48/38/s | 56/44/pc | 60/49/c |
| Charlotte | 78/57/pc | 82/60/t | 88/63/s |
| Cheyenne | 64/34/c | 55/34/c | 50/30/r |
| Chicago | 58/43/c | 72/58/c | 77/53/t |
| Cleveland | 50/39/r | 63/55/sh | 80/56/pc |
| Columbus | 60/48/t | 74/61/t | 84/60/pc |
| Dallas | 87/70/pc | 89/66/pc | 81/53/t |
| Denver | 68/37/pc | 68/34/pc | 57/32/r |
| Detroit | 52/38/r | 61/54/c | 79/58/c |
| Harrisburg | 50/38/r | 58/47/sh | 74/57/pc |
| Honolulu | 82/70/sh | 85/71/pc | 86/71/pc |
| Houston | 86/72/pc | 86/72/pc | 87/64/pc |
| Indianapolis | 68/54/sh | 82/63/t | 83/56/pc |
| Jackson, MS | 84/66/pc | 86/69/pc | 84/63/s |
| Kansas City | 74/64/pc | 84/66/t | 76/45/t |
| Lexington | 74/60/t | 81/61/t | 83/59/pc |
| Little Rock | 83/64/pc | 86/64/pc | 80/56/pc |
| Los Angeles | 61/45/t | 64/50/pc | 65/52/pc |
| Louisville | 74/62/t | 82/65/t | 84/62/pc |
| Memphis | 82/68/pc | 88/68/pc | 80/61/pc |
| Milwaukee | 53/41/c | 60/55/c | 73/52/t |
| Minneapolis | 64/47/pc | 71/55/c | 68/45/r |
| Nashville | 78/64/c | 85/66/pc | 85/62/s |
| New Orleans | 86/71/pc | 83/71/s | 85/72/s |
| New York City | 56/42/pc | 57/47/pc | 65/56/r |
| Norfolk | 58/51/t | 61/55/pc | 69/61/pc |
| Oklahoma City | 86/66/t | 86/57/t | 75/47/pc |
| Philadelphia | 53/42/r | 59/49/sh | 70/58/pc |
| Phoenix | 71/52/pc | 63/47/t | 72/52/s |
| Pittsburgh | 54/45/r | 68/56/sh | 80/62/pc |
| Portland, ME | 46/30/s | 57/36/pc | 57/45/c |
| Portland, OR | 56/41/pc | 57/43/sh | 57/41/r |
| Raleigh | 74/55/t | 73/60/pc | 88/65/s |
| Rochester | 48/35/c | 58/44/c | 72/53/c |
| St. Louis | 76/64/pc | 87/65/t | 81/51/pc |
| San Francisco | 56/43/pc | 60/48/pc | 61/49/pc |
| Seattle | 54/40/pc | 53/43/sh | 52/38/r |
| Wash., DC | 54/45/r | 58/53/c | 76/61/pc |

## World Cities

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Sat. Hi/Lo/W | Sun. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|---|
| Acapulco | 90/70/s | 90/72/s | 88/71/s |
| Athens | 75/63/s | 75/62/s | 69/55/s |
| Beirut | 63/54/sh | 66/56/pc | 66/57/sh |
| Berlin | 57/42/pc | 60/41/s | 62/45/s |
| Bermuda | 66/57/pc | 63/62/r | 72/66/sh |
| Calgary | 44/24/pc | 51/30/pc | 56/32/s |
| Dublin | 61/45/s | 57/46/pc | 59/45/pc |
| Edmonton | 40/26/s | 45/24/pc | 45/30/s |
| Freeport | 83/69/s | 84/68/s | 85/69/s |
| Geneva | 72/49/s | 73/50/s | 75/50/s |
| Havana | 88/69/s | 90/68/s | 90/66/s |
| Hong Kong | 81/71/s | 79/70/pc | 84/72/pc |
| Jerusalem | 66/47/sh | 59/47/r | 64/49/s |
| Johannesburg | 64/51/sh | 69/50/sh | 73/51/s |
| Kiev | 46/38/r | 48/38/sh | 48/36/r |
| London | 66/48/pc | 65/50/s | 65/50/pc |
| Montreal | 50/35/pc | 54/43/pc | 60/42/r |
| Moscow | 41/34/sh | 36/28/sn | 44/28/sn |
| Nice | 69/63/s | 76/64/pc | 79/63/s |
| Ottawa | 52/33/pc | 56/44/c | 63/42/r |
| Quebec | 48/35/s | 52/37/pc | 57/39/r |
| Rio de Janeiro | 81/72/s | 80/71/t | 81/72/t |
| Seoul | 64/35/pc | 61/40/s | 59/35/r |
| Singapore | 88/76/sh | 86/76/r | 84/75/r |
| Sydney | 76/58/pc | 80/59/s | 82/58/pc |
| Toronto | 52/36/c | 60/51/c | 70/46/r |
| Vancouver | 56/41/pc | 51/42/sh | 51/41/r |
| Vienna | 62/49/pc | 62/44/s | 64/46/s |
| Warsaw | 56/41/sh | 51/31/sh | 52/30/pc |
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# Sebring CRA pushes for entertainment district

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Pollard's enthusiasm Thursday morning.

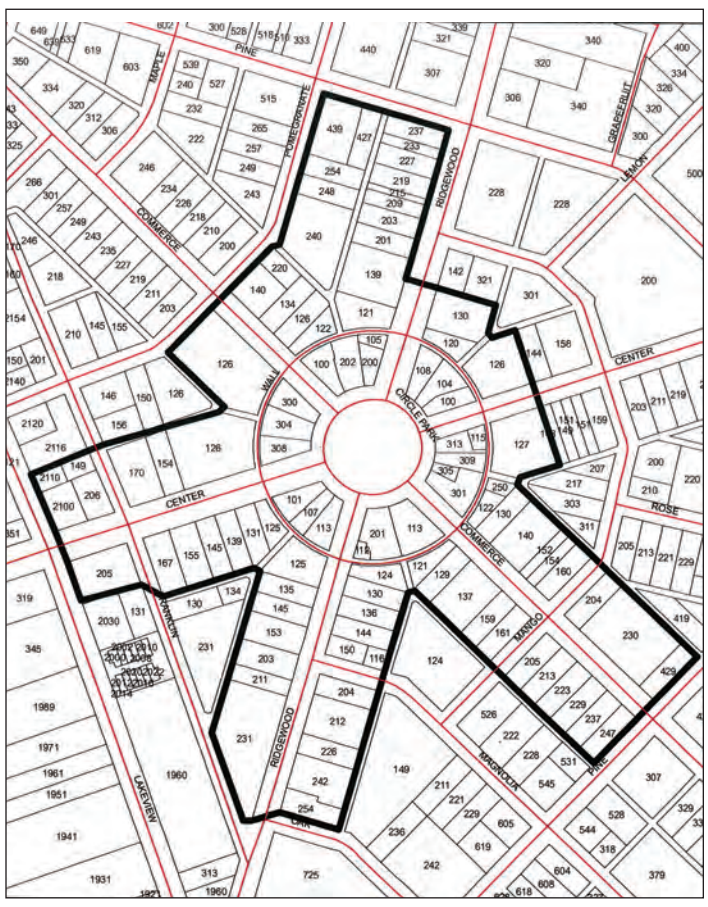
"I think it's a fantastic idea for revitalizing downtown," he said.

"I'm not for bars where people hang out all day, but I think sport bars, wine bars and places serving food are essential.

"Look at Atlantic Avenue in Delray," he added. "It's a fantastic destination."

The overlay entertainment district is a sub-portion within the larger CRA district.

Centered on Circle Park, it radiates down spoke streets: Center Avenue from Lakeview Drive to 500 feet from Sebring Middle School, about half a block past Circle Park (the school is protected with the buffer zone by state law); Commerce Avenue from South Pine Street west to Pomegranate; and Ridgewood Drive from the intersection with Franklin Street up to North Pine Street.




Courtesy illustration

**The proposed area for the entertainment district in downtown Sebring.**

A city ordinance currently bans the sale of alcohol within 300 feet of a house of worship, so the council also unanimously passed an ordinance allowing for the sale of alcohol within the district — which includes the Salvation Army's church, and is close to the Southside Baptist Church and the Church of the Brethren.

Pollard told the council that measuring the buffers often comes down to a measuring wheel and a matter of inches.

He added that there was some controversy as where to start and stop measuring — from property line to property line? Door to door? And if a door, then which door?

"The furthest one," said council member Bud Whitlock to laughter, adding "I'm 100 percent behind this."

Not everyone in the audience agreed with Whitlock.

Cindy Stanley, wife of council member Scott Stanley, spoke out against the idea of drinking establishments.

"I no way want to go to a church next to a bar," she said.

"Bars draw crime. Bars create crime. I am against it completely. I wish you would not do this."

After the meeting, Mrs. Stanley was asked if her husband was in trouble for voting to pass the ordinance. "I'm not cooking dinner for him tonight," she said, but smiled.

"In fact, I may not cook for him for a long time."

Stanley, standing near her, laughed. "I should have abstained," he said.

This was the first reading of the revised alcohol ordinance. It will be up for a second reading on April 19.

The council referred the idea of the entertainment district to the city's Planning Zoning Committee for its input.

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# LP Relay for Life is Saturday

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LAKE PLACID — The first of Highlands County's Relay for Life events begins at noon Saturday at the Lake Placid High School football field off of Dal Hall Boulevard.

Organizer Ginger Keimel hopes for a a large gathering.

The event is open to the public, and she doesn't want people to think everyone has to walk the track — walking is up the members of the 20 teams that are taking part.

Folks can also relax and play games, listen to music, enjoy the entertainment, take part in the contests, and eat the homemade food.

The theme this year, Keimel said, was "Tune in to tune out cancer."

The Relays for Life are the major fund raising event for the American Cancer Society, Keimel explained. The relays have raised $3 billion in the 26 years of their existence, she said.

Money raised in Lake Placid stays in the community, she added, helping provide transportation to doctor appointments, support for the children's camp run by Reaching Out to Cancer Children and Hope Lodge, which provides free rooms for outpatients being treated by the Moffitt Cancer Center.

So stuff some dollar bills in your pocket and come have a good time.

Take a moment to feel gratitude for good health by applauding cancer survivors as the open the 18-hour event with the first walk around the track.

Survivors are being treated to a free celebratory lunch — they should arrive early in order to register.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

**Ridge Area arc consumers and Valencia Group Home residents Sarah Moore (from left), Amelia Titus, Frances Goff, Debbie Baxter and Sue Talios (seated at computer) work together to write a letter to Gov. Rick Scott's office about recent funding cuts. The cuts will shut down the Valencia Group Home and leave residents without housing.**

# Arc struggles with funding cuts

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relocated immediately. I have asked for an increase in licensing capacity at another home so that some of them can find refuge there, but I am not sure that can happen," Beckman said.

"If we cannot find them spots, they will have to seek shelter outside the county," she added.

"The Arc board of directors held an emergency board meeting on Tuesday, April 5th to determine the next steps. A feasibility study will be conducted over the next two weeks to determine The Arc's ability to provide its remaining services," Beckman said in her e-mail.

Beckman explained that the changes were not only immediate, but come July 1, when a state budget is passed, the money probably will not be replaced.

"The letter from Bryan Vaughn, who is the acting director for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) said that all service payments would be cut by 15 percent to 40 percent. I do not want to speculate what will happen with our agency if that continues, but it does not look good," Beckman said over the phone.

According to Beckman, Vaughn's announcement was due to a $169 million budget deficit for the 2010-11 fiscal year that ends in June.

"We can survive the 90 days until July 1, but I am not sure what happens after that," Beckman said.

# AFA announces award recipients

*Special to the News-Sun*

AVON PARK — The Air Force Association Highlands 173 Chapter has selected eight outstanding citizens for their annual Blue Suit and Civilian Awards.

The following who will be honored at the AFA Annual Awards Luncheon April 16 at the Avon Park Bombing Range dining facility.

— Mike Willingham: AFA Matty Laird Outstanding Support to Civil Aviation Award

— Larry McLain: AFA Avon Park AF Range Ken Beers Award

— Bill Hutchison: AFA Major Tommy McGuire Outstanding Citizen Award

— Briana Washington: AFA Outstanding News Medium Support of USAF and AFA

— Sam Shames: AFA Senior Civil Air Patrol Award

— John Rousch: AFA Chapter STEM Teacher of the Year Award

— Lt. Col. Charles "Buck" MacLaughlin: AFA Outstanding Support of Aviation, USAF and AFA by a Government Agency

— Congressman Tom Rooney: AFA Outstanding Support To Armed Services Award

Reservations are required no later than Wednesday, April 13. For further information, please call Roy Whitton at (863) 659-4170.

# Recall committee names chairperson

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ent produced a list of at least 10 names they would approach for signatures after the petition was filed with the city clerk on their target date of April 14.

Aviles also stated there were about 50 people who would hit the ground seeking signatures and there has been some response from the website www.recallapcouncil.com as well.

"We have over 400 views and hits on the website, but only 40 or so have signed up to receive the e-mails. We hare hoping to improve that now. Our goal is to organize individuals for the signatures. Once the filing happens, we have 30 days to get the 500 signatures we need. That is the goal," she said.

"There is no plan to put anyone into office after the recall. Our goal is to send a message that the citizens have to be heard and listened to," Aviles said.

Aviles also announced that there would be a meeting weekly at the Moose Lodge on Wednesday at 7 p.m., everyone is invited and that there would be an upcoming signing party which would be announced after the petition was filed.

Response from Councilman Terry Heston and Deputy Mayor Brenda Gray was slightly different on Wednesday concerning the recall efforts.

"I don't know anything about it," Gray said in a phone interview before the meeting. "I mean I have heard that there may be something going on, but I have not heard exactly what. I have not seen any of their complaints."

*'We are making great strides at changing the outlook in Avon Park.'*

**TERRY HESTON**
city councilman

Heston stated that he was aware of the effort from the public, but stated on the record that he was baffled why he was targeted for a recall.

"Citizens have a right to recall an official if they want. That is their right, but I am not sure what I have done to warrant a recall. I did not vote to remove Mr. Behrens," Heston said.

Heston said that he had not seen the News-Sun article about the recall effort, nor has he read the seven complaints filed by the group, but was optimistic about the strides the city was making.

"We are making great strides in changing the outlook in Avon Park. We only have about $207,000 in our rainy day fund, but we are working to make positive changes within the city. We just saved the citizens about $1 million in changes to the landfill and we just voted to lower the garbage rates. I think there are some positive stories in Avon Park, not just negative ones," Heston said.

Heston also mentioned that anyone who wanted to sit down and discuss any issues was free to contact him directly.

Heston's e-mail is theston@avonpark.cc and Gray can be reached at bgray@avonpark.cc.

# FCAT testing starts on Monday

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ing category.

"They know math, but all of the effort isn't there, I don't think," explained Stephens.

Last year, Kitchens was well prepared for the test, but Stephens feels that this year more could've been done at the school.

"They spend the whole year up to this point studying. I've been getting math sheets for them here at home because that's where they are weakest," said Stephens.

Stephens is hoping that Woodlawn isn't content to sit at its 'B' grade and continues to prepare the students in every way possible. With Woodlawn being a lower grade school in previous years, Stephens maintains the faith that her kids are being prepared as an 'A' school and nothing lower.

"I think they are both ready. I'm a little worried about math but I know they both will do well," Stephens said.

# Stroup honored with ceremony

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But, with him one day on an inspection of the work in progress, Kitchings had to be brave and challenge him.

Just as she said, "Jack we need a change order," he said, "I know. We need a bigger kitchen."

"So now, when I walk into that tiny kitchen I wish I'd pushed harder," said Kitchings, as the audience laughed, knowing Stroup would stick to his guns.

Stroup's children, Jack Jr., Matt, and Lori Macclain helped unveil the commemorative plaque, and Charlie Stroup, his wife, also spoke.

She said Stroup had once talked to her about his wartime service in the Navy. He served in the North Atlantic where sailors dealt with cold wind and rough seas.

"He made a pact with God," Charlie Stroup said. "If God would just make sure he returned to Sebring, he promised to never leave Sebring again.

"God kept his promise," said Charlie Stroup, "and Jack kept his."

# Police Blotter

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Avon Park, was charged with two counts of violation of probation reference domestic violence battery.

♦ Kevin Wayne Grice, 23, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, and possession and or use of drug equipment.

♦ Cordey D. Jumper, 19, of Okeechobee, was charged with three counts of failure to appear reference no valid driver license, leaving the scene of an accident without giving information, and use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

♦ Jessy Renee Linton, 26, of Sebring, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession and or use of drug paraphernalia.

♦ Thomas Joseph Lynch, 22, of Sebring, was charged with possession and or use of drug equipment, and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

♦ Rachelle Lynn Pruneau, 23, of Sebring, was charged with possession and or use of drug equipment, possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

♦ Enrique Rameriez, 32, of Sebring, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.

♦ Rachel Elizabeth Smith, 25, of Orlando, was charged with violation of probation reference grand theft.

♦ Steven Ray Smith, 42, of Avon Park, was charged with DUI.

# Agencies that serve medically uninsured face difficulties

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Poverty Level (FPL) receive services at no charge. Those whose incomes are between 100 and 200 percent FPL are charged on a sliding fee scale, and those with incomes above 200 percent FPL pay in full. For clients receiving family planning services, the sliding fee scale goes up to 250 percent FPL.

In fiscal year 2009-2010, the medical clinics served close to 8,000 patients, and the dental clinics served 5,900 patients. Fifty percent of patients were uninsured. Of the remainder, 45 percent were on Medicaid, 3 percent on Medicare and 2 percent had private insurance.

The Health Department faces several challenges. "It is difficult recruiting doctors to staff the medical clinics. Most doctors want their own practices or want to be affiliated with one of the hospitals," Health Department Administrator Robert Palussek said.

Lack of patient transportation is another challenge and the main reason for appointment no-shows. "So recently, the Department instituted a new booking policy which has helped to lower the no-show rates and increased patient satisfaction," Palussek said.

But the biggest challenge is financial. "Most of our clients are low-income working individuals and families. We don't collect a lot from them, and although we receive some non-categorical funds from the state, which we channel into primary care services, we still don't break even. Last fiscal year, we had a deficit of about $600,000," Palussek said.

## Central Florida Health Care

Central Florida Health Care (CFHC), another vital service for the uninsured, is a federally qualified community health center headquartered in Avon Park.

CFHC operates seven centers. The only one in Highlands County is located in Avon Park in the same building as CFHC's headquarters. Other centers include one in Hardee County and five in Polk County, plus one under construction in Polk County.

CFHC's eligibility requirements are similar to those at the Health Department. Uninsured clients are not charged for services if their incomes are at or below 100 percent FPL, and they are charged on a sliding fee scale if their incomes are between 100 and 200 percent FPL. Those with incomes above 200 percent FPL pay in full. CFHC has a minimum fee of $15, but clients who can't pay are not turned away.

In 2009, the most recent year for which figures are available, CFHC served more than 32,000 patients at its centers in Hardee, Polk, and Highlands counties. A total of 53 percent were uninsured, 28 percent were on Medicaid and 6 percent were on Medicare. CFHC would not disclose how many patients were from Highlands County and how many were seen at the Avon Park Center.

CFHC has several advantages over the Health Department. First, it has more access to doctors. As a federally qualified community health center, it can partner with the National Health Service Corps. By agreeing to work at a community health center at a lower salary for a period of one to five years, doctors, dentists, family nurse practitioners and physician assistants can get part or all of their medical school tuition paid for or reimbursed.

As a federally qualified community health center, CFHC is also eligible to receive substantial government funding to offset the cost of services provided to the low income, medically uninsured.

In 2009, CFHC received $5.8 million in federal, state, and local grants and contracts, and $9.5 million in program income, including public insurance programs, private insurance, and self pay. Revenue totaled $15.339 million. Expenses totaled $15.441 million, according to CFHC's 990 IRS return.

## Samaritan's Touch Care Center

Samaritan's Touch Care Center (STCC) differs in many ways from the County Health Department and Central Florida Health Care. It is a free, multi-service, faith-based clinic, which only accepts uninsured patients and those whose incomes are at or below 200 percent FPL.

STCC opened in 2007. In the past 3 1/2 years, the Center has served more than 1,100 patients. In addition to providing primary care services, STCC has arranged specialty care for many patients at no charge, "thanks to the generous donation of time and services by many local health providers," STCC Executive Director Rachel Nawrocki said

In addition, Florida Hospital has donated imaging and diagnostic services, and Highlands Regional Medical Center and Lab Corps have provided free lab work. Patients also get prescription medications free of charge.

Nawrocki estimates that the value of medical care donated by the local community is just over $10.5 million, and that Samaritan's Touch Care Center has saved local hospitals more than $14 million in patient care and treatment.

But STCC has a waiting list of 1,000 individuals.

"Florida Hospital is assisting the Center with a search for grants to expand the Center's operations and to fund a center in Lake Placid which will open on a part-time basis in the next several months," said Kim Schlosser, president of the STCC Board of Directors and a Florida Hospital employee. "We're also assisting STCC in its search for a larger, more modern facility."

Dr. Luis Pena, who closed his medical practice to join STCC, serves as medical director. The clinic is also assisted by Dr. Nahead Nagib, who donates several hours each week and six other full-time staff, two part-time staff, and volunteers.

## Highlands County Human Services Department

The Highlands County Human Services Department has a budget of $84,000 to fund medical services for low income, uninsured individuals.

But clients must be referred by doctors, the Health Department or other providers. Providers agree to be paid at Medicare rates, which are lower than private insurance rates.

"We estimate that we get $11 of service for every $1 spent," said Billie Hetherton, administrative assistant.

## Resources For The Medically Uninsured

### Avon Park Health Department

*400 S. Lake Ave.*
**WIC:** 382-7351
**Immunizations:** 382-7272
**Dental**: 382-7355
**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.- 4:45 p.m.

### Central Florida Health Care

*950 CR 17A West, Avon Park*
**Phone:** 452-3000
**Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., ; Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon
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### Lake Placid Health Department

*106 N. Main Ave.*
**WIC:** 382-7317
**Medical:** 382-7272
**Dental:** 382-7305
**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

### Samaritan's Touch Care Center

*3015 Herring Ave., Avon Park*
**Phone:** 471-1870
**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. (Closed 12-1:30 p.m.)

### Sebring Health Department

*7205 S. George Blvd.*
**Maine phone:** 386-6040
**WIC:** 382-7216
**Medical:** 382-7272
**Dental:** 382-7257
**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

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**Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester is the first female soldier to be awarded the Silver Star since World War II.**

# 'My heroes don't play in the WNBA'

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soldier, was hard to keep up with in physical training, and she had a huge heart."

While walking through Arlington National Cemetery on Jan. 21, 2010, I noticed a particularly striking headstone inscription:

"Be bold, be brief, be gone."

It was the grave of Maj. Megan McClung, who I later learned was the first female U.S. Marine to be killed in the Iraq war, as well as the first female U.S. Naval Academy graduate to die in combat.

The motto on her headstone, which embodied how McClung lived for 34 years, has guided me every day since. Her father, who also served in the Marines, told me about something he learned in the years following his daughter's Dec. 6, 2006 death that inspires him.

"Another indication of how Meg touched so many lives are the seven little girls running around now who were named after her," Mike McClung said in a Jan. 23, 2010 e-mail. "In at least one case (and maybe more), the wife did know Meg. I can just imagine the scene when the husband says, 'Honey, I would like us to name our daughter (after) a girl I once knew.'"

When Lt. Gen. John Vines awarded Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester and her fellow soldiers their medals in 2005, he said something that resonates six years later.

"My heroes don't play in the NBA and don't play in the U.S. Open," the general said. "They're standing in front of me today."

As my daughter grows up, she will not hear talk at the dinner table about Snooki, Britney, Paris or Lindsay. She will instead hear names like Leigh Ann, Faith, Trista and Megan.

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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001307
DIVISION:

BANKUNITED,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DEIRDRE K. LEXOW A/K/A DEIRDRE KERI LEXOW, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
To: RYAN PORTER LEXOW
Last Known Address: 1121 S Park Rd Apt #308S Hollywood, FL 33021
Current Address: 1121 S Park Rd Apt #308S Hollywood, FL 33021

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
Last Known Address: Unknown
Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 8, OF TYSON LAKE FRONT PARK LOTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 52, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 147 ALDERMAN DRIVE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-6962

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 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 24th day of March, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk
April 8, 15, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 11-000054-GCS

SUNTRUST BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS OR OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MARGARET B. HOOKS, DECEASED; VIVIAN BIGNEY; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, and all unknown parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against any Defendant, or claiming any right, title, and interest in the subject property,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
To:
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS OR OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MARGARET B. HOOKS, DECEASED
2312 Palm Key Court
Sebring, FL 33870

ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ANY DEFENDANT, OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to enforce a lien on a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 17, BLOCK 7, LAKE BLUE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 59, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on PHILIP D. STOREY, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is ALVAREZ, SAMBOL & WINTHROP, P.A., 100 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32801, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
Dated: April1, 2011

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
April 8, 15, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-111

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DOMENICO ANDOLINA a/k/a
DOMINICK ANDOLINA,

Deceased.

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of DOMENICO ANDOLINA a/k/a DOMINICK ANDOLINA, deceased, File Number PC 11-111, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue; that the decedent's date of death was October 29, 2009; that the total value of the estate is estimated at $12,072.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom is has been assigned by such order are:

| NAME | ADDRESS |
|---|---|
| MARIA ANDOLINA | 98 Stoneleigh Avenue Yonkers, NY 10583 |

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claim with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 8, 2011.

Person Giving Notice:
MARIA ANDOLINA
98 Stoneleigh Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10583

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
CLIFFORD R. RHOADES, ESQ.
Florida Bar No.: 308714
2141 Lakeview Drive
Sebring, Floirda 33870
(863)385-0346
April 8, 15, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-120

IN RE: ESTATE OF
J. LOIS NAVIK-WILSON
Deceased.

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of J. LOIS NAVIK-WILSON, deceased, whose date of death was March 16, 2011, File Number PC 11-120, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has been served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME 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 SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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 April 8, 2011.

Personal Representative:
CLIFFORD R. RHOADES
2141 Lakeview Drive
Sebring, FL 33870

Attorney for Personal Representative:
CLIFFORD R. RHOADES, ESQ.
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No.: 308714
Clifford R. Rhoades, P.A.
2141 Lakeview Drive
Sebring, Floirda 33870
(863)385-0346
April 8, 15, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 10-498

IN RE: ESTATE OF
BRADLEY K. NEUBAUER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BRADLEY K. NEUBAUER, File Number PC 10-498, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3867. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED 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 April 8, 2011.

/s/ Gail S. Reid
Personal Representative
3070 Orange Grove Trail
Naples, Florida 34120

/s/ Antonio Faga
Antonio Faga, Esq.
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No. 43280
7955 Airport Road, N., #101
Naples, Florida 34109
(239)597-9999
(239)597-9974 fax
April 8, 15, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-140

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JANET LEE McREYNOLDS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JANET LEE McREYNOLDS, deceased, whose date of death was January 15, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 1, 2011.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Douglas J. McMichael
9523 Tahoe Dr.
Centerville, Ohio 45458

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Charlotte C. Stone
Attorney for Douglas J. McMichael
Florida Bar Number: 21297
Stone & Walder, P.L.
3200 US Hwy 27 S., Suite 304
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)402-5424
Fax: (863)402-5425
E-Mail: Charlotte@StoneandWalder.com
April 1, 8, 2011

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: GC 07-747

JOSE QUINONES,
Plaintiff,
v.
GREGORY LEON CORRELL,
Defendant
v.
DOUG SPINELLA, et al,
Third Party Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

PARCEL 1: Lot 11, in Block 1, of BETTER HOMES SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 84, of the Public Records of Highlands County, FL;
and
PARCEL 2: Lot 2, in Block 39, of SEBRING HILLS SOUTH UNIT No. 2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 7, of the Public Records of Highlands County, FL

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., on April 13, 2011.

Signed this 15th day of March, 2011.

(Seal) BOB GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, a no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Hearing; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
April 1, 8, 2011


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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10000815GCS
CIVIL DIVISION
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.,
a Tennessee corporation authorized to transact business in Florida,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CESAR RODRIGUEZ, a single man; THE STATE OF FLORIDA; and EMELIA MORALES OBO, MARTHA MARTINEZ,
Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered March 14, 2011 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on April 13, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. (EST), in the BASEMENT OF THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM of the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, the following described property:

Lot 1, Block 250, Sun 'N Lakes Estates of Sebring, Unit 13, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 9, Page(s) 71, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Property Address: 4937 Vilabella Drive, Sebring, FL 33872.

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

Dated: March 15, 2011.

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

(Court Seal)

April 1, 8, 2011

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NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at public sale or auction to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 713.78(2) of the Florida Statutes at 10:00 a.m. on 4/25/11 at 1118 WEIGLE AVE. Sebring, FL 33870
1994 TOYT JT3VN29V6R0036245

April 8, 2011

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PUBLIC AUCTION: APRIL 29, 2011 AT: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: AVON TOWING: 1102 KERSEY ST. AVON PARK, FL 33825

| YEAR | MAKE | VIN # |
|---|---|---|
| 1990 | BMW | WBAGC431XLDC26609 |

April 8, 2011

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PUBLIC AUCTION: MAY 06, 2011 AT: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: AVON TOWING: 1102 KERSEY ST. AVON PARK, FL 33825

| YEAR | MAKE | VIN # |
|---|---|---|
| 1999 | MERCURY | 1MEFM66LXXK600816 |

April 8, 2011

## 1055 Highlands County Legals

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

**RFP 11-014: Veterans Beach**
**Beach Concessions Land Lease**

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Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than **2:00 PM, Thursday, April 21, 2011 of the official time clock in the purchasing office**. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, or any other type of delivery service.

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

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

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Sebring, Florida
April 8, 15, 2011

## 1100 Announcements

**CHECK YOUR AD**

Please check your ad on the first day it runs to make sure it is correct. Sometimes instructions over the phone are misunderstood and an error can occur. If this happens to you, please call us the first day your ad appears and we will be happy to fix it as soon as we can.
If We can assist you, please call us:
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## 1200 Lost & Found

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## 2000 Employment

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News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
**Corbin Hoffner drove in the go-ahead run and then recorded the final out in relief in Sebring's 4-3 win Wednesday.**

# Streaks take sixth straight

**By DAN HOEHNE**
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Tuesday's torrents may have pushed things back a day, but in the end it just meant that the Sebring baseball squad would notch its' sixth in a row Wednesday night.

**Sebring 4**
**Osceola 3**

Though the extra day's wait did seem to dampen the Blue Streak scoring a bit, though the pitching and defense were in strong form in the 4-3 win over visiting Osceola.

The scoring started, in fact, without the benefit of a hit when Sebring plated two in the first.

Seth Abeln walked and was bunted over to second by Matt Randall.

Evan Lewis reached when his grounder couldn't be handled, moving Abeln to third and a passed ball soon moved both runners up for the first run.

Jesse Baker then hit a hard grounder which the Kowboys tried to get a force on, but the hustling Lewis beat the play and now there were runners on the corners.

Lewis soon came home on a Nate Greene sacrifice fly and it was 2-0 Sebring after one inning of play.

While Aaron Hart cruised through a one, two, three first, the southpaw ran into some trouble in the second, hitting the first batter of the inning to somewhat set the tone.

Hart walked the next batter and they moved to second and third on a passed ball before a single brought one in.

Hart soon induced a double play grounder to Randall at short, though the tying run came in on the play.

Sebring would break the tie in their half of the second with Gunnar Westergom doubling, stealing third and scoring on a wild pitch, but then both offenses would be held in check over the next three innings with the slim margin seeming even slimmer as the innings went by.

It was then, in the top of the sixth, the Osceola evened things up again on a single, walk, passed ball and sacrifice fly.

But the Streaks answered right back when Lewis walked, Baker singled and Corbin Hoffner drove Lewis home with a ground-ball single through the left side of the infield.

Hart then got the first two outs of the top of the seventh, but put the tying run on with a walk, leading to a pitching change before Hoffner finished things up, getting a grounder for the final out.

The win is the sixth in a row for the Streaks, after the shocking March 15, extra-inning loss to Lake Placid and has the team on a hot streak at an opportune time.

For coming up are games against the teams that mark Sebring's only district losses of the season, Winter Haven at home tonight and on the road at Lake Wales Thursday, April 14.

The Blue Devils topped the Streaks 5-2 on March 8 and the Highlanders held off a furious comeback for a 9-8 win three days later.

# South Florida squeaks out another one

**By DAN HOEHNE**
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AVON PARK – It wasn't clearly evident under his black cap, but there would be little reason to wonder why South Florida Community College head coach Rick Hitt was getting a few extra gray hairs.

Wednesday's 8-7 win over visiting Pasco-Hernando was, after all, the ninth one-run game his Panther squad had been involved in during the last 11 games of their schedule.

**SFCC 8**
**Pasco 7**

"It's be nice if we could just put someone away early for a change," Hitt said. "So I won't have to add to my gray hair."

And adding more worry this night was the fact that it was the Conquistadors who seemed to put SFCC away early, courtesy of a seven-run second inning.

The fashion in which those runs were scored was sure to cause some anxiety as well, given that it took just three hits to do so.

Three hits, all singles, three walks, one hit batter, one error and one sacrifice fly were what got the job done and had South Florida looking up at a big, early deficit.

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
**Angel Vargas laces this RBI double down the first-base line in SFCC's 8-7 win over visiting Pasco-Hernando Wednesday night.**

"We just played very poorly those first couple innings," Hitt said. "I don't think we even got our first hit until the fourth inning."

But it was in that fourth inning that the clawing comeback began.

Brett Clements started it with a single to left before Kyle Jackson hit what would have been a fielder's choice, but a moment of hesitation by the defense and hustle by the Panthers saw everyone safe.

Kyle Newton then made the most of the opportunity by belting a three-run tater over the fence.

Sam Morgan followed with a double and two outs later would score on a Cody Higgins single to cut the lead

**See PANTHERS, page 4B**

# Bucks beat Heat, hurting Miami in East chase

**By TIM REYNOLDS**
*Associated Press*

MIAMI — The final sliver of postseason hope for the Milwaukee Bucks went away Wednesday night, that long-expected word coming while they played the Miami Heat.

They were undeterred — and wound up dealing Miami a fairly severe blow.

John Salmons scored 17 points before leaving late in the game with a head gash that needed 12 stitches, Luc Richard Mbah a Moute added 14 points and 12 rebounds, and the Bucks beat the Heat 90-85 about an hour or so after they were eliminated from playoff contention.

"We knew sooner or later that was going to come, but that lets you know where we stand as a team — as competitors also," Bucks forward Drew Gooden said.

The Bucks only trailed for 9 minutes, 46 seconds against the Heat, who were 3-0 against Milwaukee this season.

They knocked the Heat a half-game back of Boston in the chase for the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference.

"Nobody said this was going to be easy," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Even if Miami (54-24) wins its final four games, it will need the Celtics to lose at least twice in order to pass them in the standings. Boston holds the tiebreaker over the Heat by having won all three meetings this season; the fourth is Sunday in Miami.

Carlos Delfino's 3-pointer with 24 seconds left helped seal it for the Bucks, who got 14 points from Corey Maggette and 10 from Keyon Dooling.

LeBron James scored 29 points for Miami, which played without injured guard Dwyane Wade, the NBA's No. 3 scorer.

Chris Bosh added 18 for the Heat, who had no one else reach double figures.

Miami shot only 41 percent, and its 16 turnovers led to 18 Milwaukee points.

"Every time you play them, it's going to be one

**See HEAT, page 4B**

# Chevrolet to auction special Corvette

*ALMS.com*

2012 Chevrolet Centennial Edition Corvette celebrates racing heritage

Chevrolet, founded by a racing pioneer 100 years ago, celebrates its performance heritage with the 2012 Chevrolet Centennial Edition Corvette, which features a sleek black color scheme, unique design elements and Corvette's trademark sports car technology.

The 2012 Centennial Edition package will be available on all Corvette models – including Grand Sport, Z06 and ZR1 – starting this summer.

In a very special gesture, Chevrolet chooses to debut the Centennial Edition Corvette at the Barrett-Jackson car auction in West Palm Beach on Saturday night.

The manufacturer will auction a Corvette Z06 Centennial Edition with proceeds going to the Austin Hatcher Foundation for Pediatric Cancer, the official charity of the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón.

This foundation supporting children and families dealing with cancer is a key partner with the American Le Mans Series, in which Corvette Racing is an integral participant.

"The Austin Hatcher Foundation is honored to be a part of Chevrolet's 100th anniversary celebration" said Dr. James M. Osborn, co-founder and Chairman of the Board at the Austin Hatcher Foundation, "and we look forward to using this generous donation to make a difference in the lives of pediatric cancer patients and their families."

The model will be the 100th 2012 Corvette off the assembly line with a vehicle identification number ending in "00100."

The sale of the car, lot number 654.1, will air live on SPEED in primetime.

Lot details can be found online through the Barrett-Jackson Web site.

The special Centennial Corvette package was inspired by Chevrolet's racing-bred foundation, which continues with Corvette's international racing excellence and production sports car prominence.

"Racing and performance are the roots of Chevrolet, a tradition carried forward today by Corvette," said Rick Scheidt, vice president of Chevrolet marketing. "The Centennial Edition not only celebrates our 100 years, it once again pushes Corvette forward for a new generation of sports car fans."

Photo courtesy of ALMS.com
**A Centennial Edition 2012 Chevy Corvette will be auctioned of Saturday in West Palm Beach to benefit the Austin Hatcher Foundation for Pediatric Cancer.**

The Chevrolet Centennial Edition Corvette expresses racing heritage, but does so with a sleek, modern, even sinister-looking appearance.

The Centennial Edition package comes exclusively in Carbon Flash Metallic, with satin-black graphics and unique Centennial Satin Black wheels and red brake calipers.

The wheels are constructed of lightweight cast-spun aluminum and include a thin red outline around the perimeter of its surface on the Z06.

The wheels are specific to the respective Corvette models, including 18-inch/19-inch for Coupe, Convertible

**See VETTE, page 4B**

# The Scoreboard

## Major League Baseball

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Boston | 54 | 23 | .701 | — |
| x-New York | 40 | 38 | .513 | 14½ |
| x-Philadelphia | 40 | 39 | .506 | 15 |
| New Jersey | 24 | 54 | .308 | 30½ |
| Toronto | 21 | 57 | .269 | 33½ |

**Southeast Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Miami | 54 | 24 | .692 | — |
| x-Orlando | 50 | 29 | .633 | 4½ |
| x-Atlanta | 44 | 34 | .564 | 10 |
| Charlotte | 32 | 46 | .410 | 22 |
| Washington | 21 | 57 | .269 | 33 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Chicago | 57 | 20 | .740 | — |
| x-Indiana | 36 | 43 | .456 | 22 |
| Milwaukee | 32 | 46 | .410 | 25½ |
| Detroit | 27 | 51 | .346 | 30½ |
| Cleveland | 17 | 61 | .218 | 40½ |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**Southwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| z-San Antonio | 60 | 19 | .759 | — |
| x-Dallas | 53 | 25 | .679 | 6½ |
| x-New Orleans | 45 | 33 | .577 | 14½ |
| Memphis | 44 | 34 | .564 | 15½ |
| Houston | 41 | 38 | .519 | 19 |

**Northwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Oklahoma City | 52 | 26 | .667 | — |
| x-Denver | 48 | 30 | .615 | 4 |
| x-Portland | 45 | 33 | .577 | 7 |
| Utah | 37 | 41 | .474 | 15 |
| Minnesota | 17 | 62 | .215 | 35½ |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-L.A. Lakers | 55 | 23 | .705 | — |
| Phoenix | 38 | 40 | .487 | 17 |
| Golden State | 35 | 44 | .443 | 20½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 31 | 48 | .392 | 24½ |
| Sacramento | 23 | 55 | .295 | 32 |

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

**Tuesday's Games**
San Antonio 97, Atlanta 90
Cleveland 99, Charlotte 89
New Jersey 107, Minnesota 105
Orlando 78, Milwaukee 72
Washington 107, Detroit 105
Boston 99, Philadelphia 82
New York 131, Toronto 118
Chicago 97, Phoenix 94
L.A. Clippers 82, Memphis 81
Sacramento 104, Houston 101
Oklahoma City 101, Denver 94
Golden State 108, Portland 87
Utah 86, L.A. Lakers 85

**Wednesday's Games**
Orlando 111, Charlotte 102, OT
Indiana 136, Washington 112
New York 97, Philadelphia 92
Cleveland 104, Toronto 96
Detroit 116, New Jersey 109
Phoenix 108, Minnesota 98
New Orleans 101, Houston 93
Oklahoma City 112, L.A. Clippers 108
Milwaukee 90, Miami 85
San Antonio 124, Sacramento 92
Denver 104, Dallas 96
Golden State 95, L.A. Lakers 87

**Thursday's Games**
Boston at Chicago, late
Portland at Utah, late

**Friday's Games**
Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10 p.m.

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Philadelphia | 46 | 23 | 11 | 103 | 249 | 215 |
| x-Pittsburgh | 47 | 25 | 8 | 102 | 229 | 194 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 43 | 32 | 5 | 91 | 228 | 193 |
| New Jersey | 37 | 38 | 5 | 79 | 169 | 202 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 30 | 38 | 12 | 72 | 222 | 253 |

**Northeast Division**

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Boston | 45 | 24 | 11 | 101 | 241 | 191 |
| x-Montreal | 43 | 30 | 7 | 93 | 210 | 205 |
| Buffalo | 41 | 29 | 10 | 92 | 236 | 222 |
| Toronto | 37 | 33 | 11 | 85 | 217 | 247 |
| Ottawa | 31 | 39 | 10 | 72 | 188 | 245 |

**Southeast Division**

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Washington | 48 | 22 | 11 | 107 | 224 | 196 |
| x-Tampa Bay | 44 | 25 | 11 | 99 | 237 | 236 |
| Carolina | 39 | 30 | 11 | 89 | 228 | 232 |
| Atlanta | 33 | 34 | 12 | 78 | 217 | 258 |
| Florida | 29 | 39 | 12 | 70 | 192 | 225 |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**Central Division**

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Detroit | 46 | 24 | 10 | 102 | 255 | 234 |
| Nashville | 43 | 26 | 11 | 97 | 215 | 191 |
| Chicago | 43 | 28 | 9 | 95 | 251 | 219 |
| St. Louis | 37 | 33 | 11 | 85 | 238 | 234 |
| Columbus | 34 | 33 | 13 | 81 | 210 | 249 |

**Northwest Division**

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| z-Vancouver | 52 | 19 | 9 | 113 | 254 | 183 |
| Calgary | 41 | 29 | 11 | 93 | 248 | 234 |
| Minnesota | 37 | 34 | 8 | 82 | 198 | 224 |
| Colorado | 29 | 42 | 8 | 66 | 219 | 278 |
| Edmonton | 25 | 44 | 11 | 61 | 189 | 262 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-San Jose | 47 | 24 | 9 | 103 | 242 | 208 |
| x-Los Angeles | 46 | 28 | 6 | 98 | 217 | 193 |
| Phoenix | 42 | 25 | 13 | 97 | 226 | 220 |
| Anaheim | 45 | 30 | 5 | 95 | 234 | 233 |
| Dallas | 40 | 28 | 11 | 91 | 217 | 224 |

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
z-clinched conference

**Tuesday's Games**
Washington 3, Toronto 2, SO
Buffalo 4, Tampa Bay 2
Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 2
Montreal 2, Chicago 1, OT
Ottawa 5, Philadelphia 2
St. Louis 3, Colorado 1
Nashville 6, Atlanta 3
Dallas 3, Columbus 0
Edmonton 2, Vancouver 0

**Wednesday's Games**
Los Angeles 3, Phoenix 2, SO
Boston 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
New Jersey 4, Toronto 2
Washington 5, Florida 2
Carolina 3, Detroit 0
Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, OT
Calgary 6, Edmonton 1
Anaheim 6, San Jose 2

# Live Sports On TV

## Auto Racing

**Friday**

**5 p.m.** NASCAR – O'Reilly 300, Qualifying. . . . **ESPN2**
**8:30 p.m.** NASCAR – O'Reilly Auto Parts 300. . . . **ESPN2**

**Saturday**

**7 p.m.** NASCAR – Samsung Mobile 500 . . . . . **FOX**

## Boxing

**Friday**

**11 p.m.** David Lemieux vs. Marco Rubio. . . . . **ESPN2**
**11 p.m.** Marcus Johnson vs. Dyah Davis . . . . . **SHOW**

## College Hockey

**Saturday**

**7 p.m.** NCAA Tournament Final . . . . . **ESPN**

## Golf

**Friday**

**3 p.m.** 2011 Masters Tournament. . . . . **ESPN**

**Saturday**

**3:30 p.m.** 2011 Masters Tournament . . . . . **CBS**

## Major League Baseball

**Friday**

**1 p.m.** Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox . . . . . **SUN**

**Saturday**

**1 p.m.** Regional – N.Y. Yankees at Boston or . . . . . Philadelphia at Atlanta. . . . . **FOX**
**4 p.m.** Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox. . **SUN/WGN**

## NHL

**Friday**

**7:30 p.m.** Florida at Tampa Bay. . . . . **SUN**

## Tennis

**Friday**

**1 p.m.** WTA – Family Circle Cup, Quarterfinal **ESPN2**

**Saturday**

**1 p.m.** WTA – Family Circle Cup, Semifinal. . . **ESPN2**

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

**Thursday's Games**
Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, late
Montreal at Ottawa, late
Colorado at Dallas, late
Minnesota at Vancouver, late

**Friday's Games**
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

## Major League Baseball

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baltimore | 4 | 1 | .800 | — |
| Toronto | 4 | 1 | .800 | — |
| New York | 3 | 2 | .600 | 1 |
| Boston | 0 | 5 | .000 | 4 |
| Tampa Bay | 0 | 5 | .000 | 4 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 4 | 2 | .667 | — |
| Chicago | 3 | 2 | .600 | ½ |
| Cleveland | 3 | 2 | .600 | ½ |
| Detroit | 2 | 3 | .400 | 1½ |
| Minnesota | 2 | 3 | .400 | 1½ |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Los Angeles | 3 | 3 | .500 | 3 |
| Seattle | 2 | 4 | .333 | 4 |
| Oakland | 1 | 4 | .200 | 4½ |

**Tuesday's Games**
L.A. Angels 5, Tampa Bay 3
Cleveland 3, Boston 1
Minnesota 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 10 innings
Toronto 7, Oakland 6, 10 innings
Texas 3, Seattle 2
Kansas City 7, Chicago White Sox 6, 12 innings

**Wednesday's Games**
L.A. Angels 5, Tampa Bay 1
Texas 7, Seattle 3
Chicago White Sox 10, Kansas City 7, 12 innings
Cleveland 8, Boston 4
Detroit 7, Baltimore 3
Minnesota at New York, ppd., rain
Toronto 5, Oakland 3

**Thursday's Games**
Boston at Cleveland, late
Oakland at Toronto, late
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, late
Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, late
Detroit at Baltimore, late

**Friday's Games**
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 3:05 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 4:10 p.m.
Texas at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 4 | 1 | .800 | — |
| Florida | 3 | 2 | .600 | 1 |
| New York | 3 | 2 | .600 | 1 |
| Atlanta | 3 | 3 | .500 | 1½ |
| Washington | 1 | 4 | .200 | 3 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cincinnati | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Pittsburgh | 4 | 2 | .667 | 1½ |
| Chicago | 3 | 3 | .500 | 2½ |
| Milwaukee | 2 | 4 | .333 | 3½ |
| St. Louis | 2 | 4 | .333 | 3½ |
| Houston | 0 | 5 | .000 | 5 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | 3 | 1 | .750 | — |
| San Diego | 3 | 2 | .600 | ½ |
| Los Angeles | 3 | 3 | .500 | 1 |
| Arizona | 2 | 3 | .400 | 1½ |
| San Francisco | 2 | 4 | .333 | 2 |

**Tuesday's Games**
Chicago Cubs 6, Arizona 5
San Diego 3, San Francisco 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 8, Houston 2
Florida 3, Washington 2, 10 innings
Milwaukee 1, Atlanta 0
St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 2
Colorado 3, L.A. Dodgers 0

**Wednesday's Games**
Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 1
Arizona 6, Chicago Cubs 4
Colorado 7, L.A. Dodgers 5
San Francisco 8, San Diego 4
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Mets 7
Cincinnati 12, Houston 4
Florida 7, Washington 4
Milwaukee 5, Atlanta 4

**Thursday's Games**
Houston at Cincinnati, late
Colorado at Pittsburgh, late
Atlanta at Milwaukee, late
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, late
Washington at Florida, late

**Friday's Games**
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:35 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Florida at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

## Transactions

### BASEBALL

**American League**

OAKLAND ATHLETICS–Placed RHP Michael Wuertz on 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Tyler Ross from Sacramento (PCL).

**National League**

COLORADO ROCKIES – Placed RHP Ubaldo Jimenez on 15-day DL, retroactive to April 2. Recalled RHP Grag Reynolds from Colorado Springs (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS–Activated 3B Casey Blake from 15-day DL. Optioned INF Ivan De Jesus to Albuquerque (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS–Activated RHP Brian Wilson. Placed RHP Santiago Casillo on 15-day DL, retroactive to April 1.

### BASKETBALL

**National Basketball Association**

LOS ANGELES LAKERS–Assigned F Derrick Caracter to Bakersfield (NBADL).
WASHINGTON WIZARDS–Signed F Larry Owens. Re-signed F Othyus Jeffers. Waived G/F Cartier Martin.

### HOCKEY

**National Hockey League**

BOSTON BRUINS–Assigned D Steven Kampfer to Providence (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS–Recalled F Ben Smith from Rockford (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS – Reassigned D Andre Benoit, D David Hale, D Patrick Wiercioch, F Erik Condra and F Roman Wick to Binghamton (AHL).
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS–Recalled G Michael Leighton from Adirondack (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES–Signed G Mark Visentin to an entry-level contract.

# Local Schedule

**Avon Park**

**TODAY:** Baseball at Lake Placid, 7 p.m.; Softball vs. Mulberry, 5/7 p.m.
**THURSDAY, April 14:** Baseball at Frostproof, 7 p.m.
**FRIDAY, April 15:** Baseball at Tenoroc, 7 p.m.; Softball vs. Hardee, 5:30/7:30 p.m.

**Lake Placid**

**TODAY:** Baseball vs. Avon Park, 7 p.m.; Softball at Tenoroc, 6:30 p.m.
**TUESDAY:** Softball at Clewiston, 6 p.m.
**THURSDAY, April 14:** Baseball at Mulberry, 7 p.m.
**FRIDAY, April 15:** Baseball vs. Frostproof, 7 p.m.; Softball at Moore Haven, 5/7 p.m.; Track and Field at Districts, Poincianna, TBA

**Sebring**

**TODAY:** Baseball vs. Winter Haven, 7 p.m.; Softball at Liberty, 7 p.m.
**THURSDAY, April 14:** Baseball at Lake Wales, 7 p.m.
**FRIDAY, April 15:** Baseball at Haines City, 7 p.m.; Softball vs. Frostproof, 6:30 p.m.

**SFCC**

**SATURDAY:** Baseball vs. State College of Florida, 2 p.m.
**MONDAY:** Baseball at State College of Florida, 6 p.m.
**TUESDAY:** Softball vs. State College of Florida, 5 p.m.
**WEDNESDAY:** Baseball vs. State College of Florida, 6 p.m.

# Sports Snapshots

## SYFS BBQ and registration

SEBRING – Sebring Youth Fastpitch Softball is hosting our 2nd Annual BBQ Fundraiser and Tournament on Saturday, April 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The BBQ Lunch is $7 and will include a Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cookies and a glass of tea.

Pick up your meal to go or stay and watch our girls play while you eat.

For further information, please email dmcmanus64@embarqmail.com or call (863) 546-0201.

Sebring Youth Fastpitch Softball is also conducting registrations for girls ages 10 to 15 now through April 1.

Registration is $65 for the first child / $45 for any siblings.

For further information, please visit us on Facebook, check out our website at *www.eteamz.com/sebringyouthfastpitch-softball*, email us at *dmcmanus64@embarqmail.com* or call (863) 546-0201.

## Wings of Faith Golf

SEBRING – Wings of Faith Worship Center presents the First Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 16 at Country Club of Sebring.

Check-in is from 7:30-8:15 a.m. with a Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Platinum Sponsor - $500 includes one team of four golfers, one tee sign and two green signs; Gold Sponsor - $300 includes one team of four golfers, one green sign; Silver Sponsor - $150 includes one green sign, one tee sign; Bronze Sponsor - $100 includes one green sign.

Individual player - $60 includes green fees, cart and lunch ($70 after March 26).

Team of Four Golfers - $240 includes green fees, cart and lunch ($280 after March 26).

Make checks payable to: Wings of Faith CWC, P.O. Box 1227, Sebring, FL 33871, or register online at *wingsof-faithchristianworshipcenter.com*.

Proceeds to be donated to scholarship program for graduates attending Wings of Faith Christian Worship Center.

For more information, call Jason Hankerson at 253-2234; *jasonhanker-son@gmail.com* or Alvin Walters Sr. at 381-5706, *alvinwalterssr@yahoo.com*.

## "Doc Owen" Golf Tourney

AVON PARK – The Avon Park Noon Rotary Club will host its Second Annual David "Doc Owen" Golf tournament on Saturday, April 16 at Highlands Ridge North.

The two-person scramble-format entry fee is $60 per person with prizes in flight groups, lunch, goodie bag and refreshments on the course. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Entry information and check payable to Avon Park Noon Rotary mailed to Chet Brojek, 3310 Par Rd, Sebring, FL 33872.

Golfers should include their names and handicaps along with their check.

Those needing a form may email Brojek at *cbrojek@comcast.net* or call at 385-4736.

Business entry of two-persons plus a hole sign for a total of $200 is available for the first time this year.

All Rotary club members are urged to support participate in the event that benefits local Rotary charity projects.

Business hole signs for $100 are also available by contacting Chet via email or phone.

## Sandy Foster Memorial

SEBRING – NU-HOPE Elder Care Services annual golf tournament is just around the corner.

The NU-HOPE Board of Directors has chosen to rename the golf tournament this year in memory of Sandy Foster, former Executive Director of NU-HOPE Elder Care Services.

Sandy passed away very unexpectedly in September of last year.

Sandy loved golf and ran a very successful golf tournament for 13 years; in his memory the tournament will be renamed the "Sandy Foster Memorial/NU-HOPE golf tournament."

This year we are continuing with Sandy's passion for the tournament with flight, raffle and door prizes.

In the last three years the field was full, with a wait list, so sign up soon!

The first annual Sandy Foster Memorial/NU-HOPE golf tournament will be held on Saturday, April 9, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, at the Country Club of Sebring.

The tournament will be a two-person scramble format.

Entry fee will be $60 per person ($120 per team) which includes lunch afterwards and refreshments during the tournament. Registration forms are available at the Country Club of Sebring Pro Shop (John Vickers) or can be obtained via mail or fax by calling Debbie Slade at 382-2134.

Business sponsorships are also available for this event.

The revenue from this event is used for the 'local match' amount this organization needs each year to secure federal and state grant funds in our effort to continue providing home and community-based services to the frail and needy elderly residents of Highlands and Hardee Counties.

## Elks Lodge Golf Tourney

SEBRING – This month's Elks golf tournament will be held on Monday April 4th at Harder Hall Country Club.

Cost for the 8 a.m. shotgun start is $26 per player.

To register either your team or as an individual player, contact Jack McLaughlin at 471-3295 or by email at *jacknjudy33872@gmail.com*.

Check in not later than 7:40 a.m. in the Harder Hall Golf Course restaurant area.

## Barefoot Waterski Tourney

FORT MYERS – The 10th annual Deuceapalooza Barefoot Endurance Tournament is set for Saturday, April 9 in Fort Myers.

This tournament is open to waterski enthusiasts of all ages.

Trophies and cash prizes will be handed out. Participants will receive a free T-shirt.

For information, call Deuce at (239) 693-1975.

## YMCA Sign-Ups

SEBRING – The Highlands County YMCA and Eagles Football is doing sign-ups for Youth Flag Football ages 5-14.

Healthy Kids Day is Saturday, April 16 from 9am to 1pm.

Lifeguard Certification Class sign-ups are taking place now for an April 25-30 class.

# LOCAL GOLF REPORT

## Golf Hammock

The Ladies played their Farewell Tournament Wednesday, April 6, a Step Aside Scramble.

First place went to the foursome of Ruth Harris. Millie Grime, Jo Thornburg and Cindy Dall.

Finishing in second were Laura Kebberly, Mary Bond, Trudy Stowe and Marge Pederson, while Jeanne Fivecoat, Betty Clarke, Nancy Porcari and Mary Lindsay took third.

Last Monday, April 4, the Mezza group played Pro-Am Individual Points at Golf Hammock Country Club.

Doug Haire played an outstanding game and aced the 129 yard 17th hole using a seven-iron making his first hole-in-one.

Playing with Haire was Billy Parr,Joe Hyzny and Jerry Patterson – Congratulations Doug.

Mike Lajiness had a minus 3 to take first place in A group and there was a three way tie for second at minus 4 with Jim Gulick, Harvey Kecskes and Bobby Culbert.

Pat Dell made plus 3 to take first place in B group and second place was Mike Winchester at plus 2.

Doug Haire made plus 6 for first place in group and Mike anselm had a plus 4 for second place.

Billy Parr tyook first place in D group with a plus 5 and second place went to Sal Sboto with even.

Janet Regan had plus 4 to take first place in E group while Doc Thomas had a plus 3 for second place.

In f group Jim Reed had plus 3 for firat place and Mac McKenzie was plus 1 for second place.

Pete Mezza made plus 2 for first place in G group and Johnnie Labarge in second at even.

In H group Lee Stark had plus 8 for first place while Don Tiemens was second with plus 3.

Next Monday will be a shotgun start at Golf Hammock CC beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Please arrive early to register.

For more information, call Pete Mezza at 382-1280

The Golf Hammock Club Championship was completed Monday, April 4 as part of a three-day, Low Gross, Low Net tournament.

Crowned the Club Champion with a score of 257 was Marian Passafume, while the runner-up was Laura Kebberly with a 258.

Winning Low Gross in First Flight was Ruth Kirk at 270 with Ruth Harris in second at 279.

Taking Low Net in the flight was Carol Troup with a 198 total while Florence Towell was second at 205.

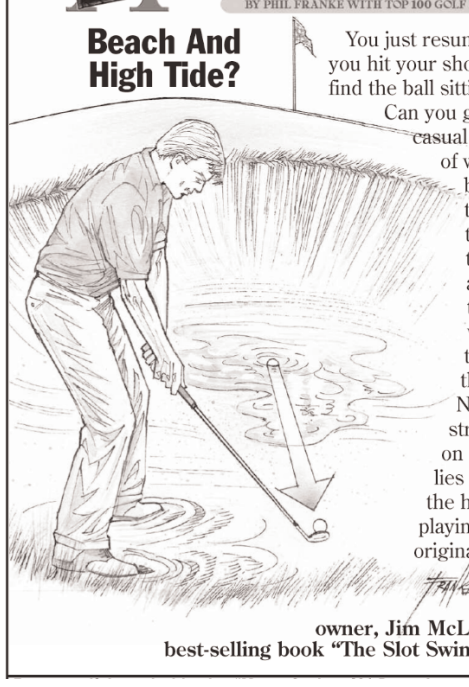
In Second Flight action, Trudy Stowe went low in the gross with a 294 for first, staying ahead of Eleanor Short's 307, and Jo Thornburg won Low Net with a 204 while Mary Lindsay was second at 212.

TODAY'S TIP

## MASTER·STROKES

BY PHIL FRANKE WITH TOP 100 GOLF INSTRUCTORS

### Beach And High Tide?



You just resumed play after a rainstorm, and you hit your shot into a green-side bunker. You find the ball sitting in a large puddle.

Can you get relief? Yes, if your ball is in casual water (temporary accumulation of water) in a bunker, the ball may be dropped at the nearest spot to where the ball lies no nearer the hole, in a part of the bunker that offers the maximum available relief. For instance, if the entire bunker is covered with water, the player may drop the ball in the shallowest part of the bunker no nearer the hole.

NOTE: Under penalty of one stroke, the player may drop a ball on a line between where the ball lies and the hole, but no nearer to the hole. You do have the option of playing the ball from where it originally rested in the bunker.

By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling book "The Slot Swing," illustrated by Phil Franke'

## Lake June West Golf Club

A scramble was played on Thursday, March 31.

Winning first place was the team of Ron and Sylvia West, Dick and Nancy Reaney, Margaret Schultz and Bill Brouhle with 48; second place, John and Virginia Simmons, Cal Billingsley, Don Boulton, Charlotte Mathew and Jane Roush with 49; and third place, Doyan and Wayne Eades, Bob and Verna Knishka, Joe and Joyce Swartz with 51.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 2, Sylvia West, 2-feet-7-inches; and Nancy Reaney, 6-feet-10-inches. (Men), No. 4, Don Boulton, 10-feet-2-inches.

The men's association played a Best Ball on Wednesday, March 30.

Winning first place was the team of Orville Huffman, Art Schmeltz, Fred Neer and Larry Angell with 39; second place, John Byron, Sonny Shelton, Bob Williams and Pat Houlihan with 40; and third place, Bill Hintz, Pete McNamee, Rex Simmons, Dave Colvin and Walt Nagel with 41.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Dave Colvin, 4-feet-3-inches; No. 4, Larry Angell, 7-feet-9-inches; and No. 8, Bill Hintz, 7-feet-6-inches.

## Pinecrest

The Ladies Association played the Club Championship Tourrnament Tuesday and Thursday, March 15 and 17, with Sammie Long winning the A Division with a two-day total of 174 and Lois Kistler taking second with 178.

Brad Kurek took B Division with a 190, with Betty Ulrich finishing in second with a 198 total.

Beckie Gillies got a hole in one on the 10th hole Tuesday, Feb. 15 and Barb Hall got an ace of her own at #12 on Thursday, March 24.

## Placid Lakes

The Men's Association played a One Best Ball plus all Net Birdies event Wednesday, April 6.

The quartet of Jim Hays, John Rosettis, John Goble and Al Verhage won the day's play with a -32, three ahead of the -29 brought in by Bruce Miseno, Bob McMillian, Chuck Fortunato and David Raciti.

Taft Green, Ed Bartusch, Bill Lockwood and Gene Ransom finished third with a -28 with Raciti getting closest to the pin on #13 at 17-feet, 2-inches.

The Men's Association played a scramble fundraiser for Manna Ministries.

Winning first place was the team of Bob McMillian, Dick Wellman, Charlie Allen and Pat Haas with minus-13; second place, Ed Bartusch, Betty Near, Russ Isaacs and Russ Isaacs Jr. with minus-12; and third place, Frank Fisher, Tony Toma, David Moiles and Taft Green with minus-10.

Closest to the pin: Women, No. 2, Von Lacy, 13-feet-2-inches; and Men, No. 13, Bruce Miseno, 16-inches.

PLCC Women's Golf Association not only made a generous donation, they also raised more money from the sale of Mulligans. Individual donations and 50/50 added to the total which will top $1,000 after expenses.

## River Greens

A morning scramble was played Friday, April 1.

Tying for first/second/third places were Romy Febre, Jack Sayre and Bernie with 56 each.

The Friday afternoon scramble was played April 1.

Winning first place was the team of Austin Smith, Jim Sizemore, Danny Pelfrey, Tom Stewart, Dr. C. Seralde and Aurel Mack with 17-under.

The Morrison Group played a game on Thursday, March 31.

The winners were: First place, Russ Rudd and Gil Heier with 56; second place, Ed Moser and Hank Wunderlich with 57; and Butch Smith and Gerry Page with 59.

The ladies association played a pro am tournament on Thursday, March 31.

The winners were: First place, Romy Febre, Rita Nestor, Linda Therrien and Gerri Leslie with plus-8; and second place, Anne Purcell, Peggy Wehunt and Laura Smutnick with plus-7.

Individual winners were: First place, Laura Smutnick with plus-5.5; second place, Rita Nestor with plus-4; and third place, Michele Koon with plus-3.5.

The men's association played a pro am tournament on Wednesday, March 30.

Winning first place was the team of Harold Plagens, Al Farrell, Romy Febre and Jim Cercy with plus-15; second place, Tom Morway, Peter March, Ed Mosser and Neil Purcell with plus-11; and third place, Johnny Wehunt, Ken Koon, Greg Nestor and Lefty St. Pierre with plus-3.5.

Individual winners were: A Flight (29-over): First place, Romy Febre with plus-12; and second place, Russ Rudd with plus-1.5. B Flight (24-28): First place, Butch Smith; and second place, Stan Griffis. C Flight (19-23): First place, Greg Nestor with plus-10; and second place, Bill Mountford with plus-5. D Flight (18-under): First place, Neil Purcell with plus-6.5; and second place, Fred Evans with plus-1.5.

The Golfettes played a game on March 29.

The winners were: First place, Jeannine Persails with 49. Tying for second/third/fourth places were Carol Roy, Mary Beth Carby and Michele Koon with 43 each.

The Morrison Group played a game on Tuesday, March 29.

Winning first place was the team of Ken Brunswick, Bob Stevens, Dave Kelly and Bob Biever with minus-34; second place, Don McDonald, Gerry Page, Romy Febre and Lefty St. Pierre with minus-31; and third place, Cliff Aubin, Auclair, Vince Boeverand Hank Wunderlich with minus-30.

A Limited Member event was played on Monday, March 28.

Winning first place was the team of Tom and Janeste Brouwer, Ed and Judy Ward.

Individual winners were: Tying for

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**Richard Whiteleather delivers to a Conquistador batter Wednesday night. The lefty would prove effective in relief, holding Pasco-Hernando down before the Panthers could rally for the win.**

# Panthers battle back for win

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to 7-4.

Things stayed that way until the bottom of the sixth when Brad Harrison singled to right with one out and scored on an Angel Vargas double down the first-base line.

David Samperi sent a fly deep enough to right to move Vargas to third and Higgins bounced one through the middle for an RBI single.

Higgins then stole second and when the throw down sailed into center, he hustled all the way in to knot things at 7-7.

Richard Whiteleather, on in relief since the fifth, worked through the top of the seventh, retiring one batter on a wicked, knee-buckling curve for a called third strike, but the SFCC offense couldn't carry the momentum in their half of the inning.

Whiteleather got the first out in the eighth before surrendering a single.

He bounced back for a strike out, but when he walked the next batter, Layton Mack was called in and got the final out on a called third strike fastball.

The Panthers then were able to break the tie in their half of the eighth when Morgan singled to left and Harrison sent a shot through the right side to put runners on the corners.

Vargas then came up with a drawn-in infield and pushed a perfect squeeze bunt toward first that easily brought Morgan in.

From there, Mack struck out the opening batter of the ninth before walking the next Conquistador to put the tying run on.

But it was quickly settled when a grounder to Newton at short was shoveled to Higgins at second and relayed to Jackson at first for the game-ending double play.

"What do you know, another one-run game," Hitt said. "We did a better job with runners in scoring position today and I give the guys credit for continuing to fight.

"They know what they need to do to be successful and they know what they don't need to do from the times they haven't succeeded," he continued. "We'll just hope they come to play every day and go about the second half of the conference schedule."

That conference schedule picks back up Saturday with the start of a three-game series at home against the State College of Florida Manatees.

# Vette celebrates 100th anniversary

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and Grand Sport; and 19-inch/20-inch for Z06 and ZR1.

Magnetic Selective Ride Control, the world's fastest-reacting suspension and a technology advance initiated by Corvette, is included on all Chevrolet Centennial Edition Corvette models.

The Centennial Edition also features special badges that signify Chevrolet's racing history.

A graphic logo featuring an iconic image of Louis Chevrolet appears on the B-pillars, the center caps of the wheels, and the center of the steering wheel. The seat headrests also carry an embossed centennial logo.

Aficionados will note one other small detail: The historic crossed flags badge contains a small adaptation, with "100" in place of the traditional fleur-de-lis symbol, only for the Centennial Edition.

The exterior color scheme is reinforced inside the car, with the Ebony leather-wrapped instrument panel and doors complimented by red stitching also on the steering wheel, seats, console and shifter.

The seats feature microfiber suede accents on seats, steering wheel, shifter and armrests, which were first used on the 2011 Z06 Carbon Limited Edition.

The Chevrolet Centennial Edition will be available on all Corvette models via order code ZLC. Pricing will be released this summer prior to the start of availability.

"Louis Chevrolet was a fearless racing pioneer who also designed our first car," Scheidt said. "Corvette is a natural fit to honor that legacy, while creating a compelling new package for sports car drivers."

Before being auctioned, this special-edition vehicle will be featured in the Chevrolet 100th Anniversary display within the GM booth from today through Saturday.

Chevrolet will be utilizing a new social media technology called TimeSplice, which will enable guests to take a stop action photograph of themselves with the vehicle and immediately share it with friends via text, email, Twitter or Facebook.

The winning bidder will also receive the Corvette Engine Build Experience program – which allows Z06 or ZR1 buyers to build their own engine alongside expert technicians – as well as the opportunity to take delivery of the car at the National Corvette Museum, in Bowling Green, Ky.

The American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón heads west for its next round – the Tequila Patrón American Le Mans Series at Long Beach on Saturday, April 16.

The race will be shown live and in its entirety on ESPN3.com in the United States and internationally on americanlemans.com starting at 7:15 p.m. ET.

ESPN2 will provide television coverage from 5 to 7 p.m. ET on Sunday, April 17.

Visit the American Le Mans Series` schedule page for information on tickets and area accommodations.

You can follow the Series on Twitter (almsnotes), on our Facebook page and the official YouTube channel.

# Heat hurt playoff seeding with loss

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of those grind-it-out tough games," James said. "They make it very physical. ... I've played against Scott Skiles teams when he was in Chicago and now in Milwaukee, and it's always the same effort."

The Bucks were officially eliminated when Indiana beat Washington.

So the Bucks became spoilers, and played the role to perfection.

The fifth and final lead change came with 2:27 left, when Delfino hit a 3-pointer for an 81-79 lead.

With the Milwaukee lead at four, James scored the next three Miami points, but the Heat lost a chance to take the lead when Mike Bibby was called for an illegal screen with 41 seconds left.

Delfino's third 3-pointer came 17 seconds later, dooming Miami.

Miami shot 7 for 21, in the fourth, with Bosh missing six of his nine shots, James four of his six.

"You have to give credit to their defense," Bosh said. "They play good defense. ... Things are going to happen like that sometimes."

# Golf Scores Recap

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first/second places were Tom Brouwer and Don Sherman.

## SpringLake

The SpringLake Women's Golf Association played an Individual Low Net, Flighted Tournament on Wednesday, April 6, on the Panther Creek course.

The winners in Flight A were: Marsi Benson - 64, Marilyn Redenbarger - 67 and Dotti Blackwell - 68.

Judy Dunn, 64, won a tiebreaker over Linda Pfleger to take first place in Flight B and Shirley Olnhausen was third with a 66.

Flight C winner had a 66 and was determined by a tiebreaker between Mary Cebula and Ann McWilliams.

Third place was won by Sharon Warner who had a 71.

Margaret Mazzola won first place in Flight D with a 62 and Carole Frederick was second with 65.

A 66 gave third place to Carolyn Irvine.

# County Softball Meeting

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING – A league meeting for Highlands County softball teams has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Highlands County Sports Complex off Sheriff's Tower Road.

Leagues will begin playing again on Monday, May 9.

Open registration for all adult softball players, men and women, is ongoing until April 26.

The charge is $350 and a $15 sanction fee.

If you are interested in playing organized softball, please sign up at the Highlands County Sports Complex.

For more information, please contact Dan Jamison at the Highlands County Sports Complex (863) 402-6755.

# HYFC Car Wash

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING – The Highlands Youth Football and Cheer Organization (HYF) will be having a Car Wash fundraiser at Advanced Auto Parts at the corner of US 27 and the Sebring Parkway on the following Saturdays, April 9 and April 23, from 9 am-3 pm.

All monies earned or donated will be used to purchase equipment and uniforms for the boys and girls.

HYF is a new league to Sebring and is looking forward to providing a rewarding youth sports program to foster these boys and girls to develop sportsmanship, physical fitness and build their self esteem as well as provide them an opportunity to be part of a team.

The team name is the "Highlands Eagles" and team colors are black, yellow and white.

Come on down and get registered while your car is being washed.

HYF will also be offering registration during our car wash for cheerleaders and football players.

Any registered player that needs to turn in registration information or payment can come to the car wash to do so.

Several of our coaches and board members will be there to meet or answer any questions you may have.

Available for Ages 5 - 15 years old (8th Grade maximum).

Registration fees are $75 each for Football and Cheer or $65 each if you are signing up multiple children,

Limited spots are available for Mighty-Mite, Pee Wee and Junior Varsity Divisions – Flag and Varsity players are needed.

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Please come on down to support your youth football organization.

For football, please call Tim Hooks at 414-2873, Cliff Howell at 253-7070 or Becky Grippo at 381-9760 for Cheerleading.

# RELIGION

## *Snapshots*

### Breylinger walks for ministry work

AVON PARK — Pastor Bill Breylinger once more has put on his walking shoes and did a 125-mile walk through many areas of this beautiful county. The pastor started in Lake Placid and walked to Avon Park, not to mention the times around Lake Jackson and throughout the beautiful Hammock.

His goal was to raise money for the important ministries at Union Congregational Church. These ministries help so many in the county.

### Kids Club comes to Calvary Church

SEBRING — Calvary Church on Hammock Road will have Kids Club at 6 p.m. today.

Fun, games, Bible study and refreshments for ages 5-11. Everyone is welcome.

A fun-filled time from 6-8 p.m.

### Knights plan fish bake

AVON PARK — Knights of Columbus will host a fish bake from 5:30-7 p.m. today at Our Lady of Grace, 595 E. Main St., in the Grogan Center.

Come and bring your friends, or come and make new friends. The dinner costs $8 per person.

For more information, call 453-4757.

### Solid Grounds serves breakfast

AVON PARK — Starting on Saturday, and every second Saturday of the months following, there will be a pancake breakfast in Solid Grounds (of Union Congregational Church) from 7-10 a.m. consisting of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee, for the low price of $5 per person. Plan on attending.

### First Baptist has week of events

LAKE PLACID — First Baptist Church of Lake Placid, 119 E. Royal Palm St., will host the following events this week:

Saturday - From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in support of youth summer programs, church members will clean vehicles in the parking lot of the church. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Monday - At noon in fellowship hall will be the Primetimer's Covered Dish luncheon. Bring a covered dish and a friend. Speaker will be Bill Lewis Ministries.

Tuesday - At 6:30 p.m., Confection Connection, a women's Bible study in the sanctuary, will meet. The speaker will be Jennifer Reser.

### First Baptist Sebring revival services set

SEBRING — New morning worship schedule for

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Courtesy photo

**Women On Mission from Florida Avenue Baptist Church with in-house babies and babies that are in Christian foster care.**

# Women on Mission have shower for Potter's House

*Special to the News-Sun*

On March 19, the Avon Park Florida Avenue Baptist Church's Women On Mission held a shower for The Potter's House in Lake Placid. The women were served a delicious lunch prepared by some of the residents and volunteers of The Potter's House.

The Potter's House was founded in 1981 as a refuge for abused, abandoned, troubled pregnant and non-pregnant girls. It is a sanctuary for girls who need acceptance and love in an environment of Christian values. The girls are exposed to activities in the community that train them as service providers.

The Scripture behind The Potter's House is "...there I will cause thee to hear my words..." Jeremiah 18:2.

Several other ministries have come from the start of The Potter's House include The Alpha Omega Crisis Center, Galatians 6:2; Children of Promise Baby Ministry, Psalms 68:5; American Heritage Private School, II Timothy 2:15; and New Beginnings, Jeremiah 16:3-6.

There is a great need for volunteers and donations of supplies and most of all prayers in each of the respective programs. Contact Sandy Lopes at 140 Dunty Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852 or call 465-7707.

## *Church News*

### Atonement Lutheran Church

SEBRING — The Fifth Sunday in Lent worship service will be led by the Rev. Jefferson Cox at the 9:30 a.m. service with Holy Eucharist.

Midweek Lenten Service starts with soup, sandwich and pie supper at 5:30 p.m. Service of the Word at 6:15 p.m. led by Lois Hess, Ed Graff and Ron Fitzpatrick. Jim Helwig will be the organist.

The Litanies will be titled "Affirming The Ash Heap," a series comparing Jesus with Job. Why do bad things happen to good people?

### Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — "Believe God's Facts" (Romans 10:17), will be the message presented by Larry Roberts, minister.

The Sunday evening service will be a Bible study from the book of Psalms.

The Youth Group will have a Fellowship Gathering on Sunday night.

Avon Park Church of Christ is at 200 S. Forest Ave. For information, call 453-4692.

### Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?"

The keynote is from Deuteronomy 4:39, "Know, recognize, and understand therefore this day and turn your (mind and) heart to it that the Lord is God in the heavens above and upon the earth beneath; there is no other."

The church is at 146 N. Franklin St.

### Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Associate Minister Casey L. Downing will bring the message titled "Possessed By Vision: Part 3" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study will continue the book of Hebrews.

### Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon, "Stages," with Scripture taken from John 2:1-45. Bunny Hop on April 24 after the Easter celebration service. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the Easter service.

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

### First Baptist Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — Rev. Jon Beck will speak at the 11 a.m. service and the 6 p.m. service.

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more information, call 453-6681 or e-mail infor@fbcap.net.

### First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Darryl George will preach the sermon titled "The Example of Growing In Grace!" with regards to Luke 2:41-48.

The church is at the corner of Washington and Kemper Avenues in Placid Lakes. For more information, call 465-5126 from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday or e-mail placidlakes@hotmail.com.

### First Christian Church

AVON PARK — "Running on Empty" is the title of the pastor's sermon this week. Scripture will come from Luke 24:1-12 as he discusses the theme that "No Running no longer applies," building to the Easter message on April 24.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail firstchristianap@embarqmail.com. The church Web site is www.firstchristianap.com.

### First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, the pastor's sermon is titled "Declared Righteous" based on Luke 19:1-10.

The choir's anthem will be "Thy Will Be Done" with solo by David Blackmon.

Maxine Johnson, adult Sunday school teacher, continues the study of David in II Samuel chapter 11 in which David has Uriah (Bathsheda's husband) placed in the battlefield where he knows he will be killed).

Wendy Garcia teaches the youth class.

At Wednesday Bible study the pastor continues the study on Revelation. Mary Circle meets at 1 p.m.

On Thursday, Sarah Circle meets at 4 p.m. The Deacons meet at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, April 16 there will be a Church Work Day from 9 a.m. until noon.

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

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# Athens Baptist to celebrate 100 years of worship

**By SAMANTHA GHOLAR**
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FORT MEADE – Athens Baptist Church is preparing for its 100-year anniversary. The church will celebrate its 100 years of ministry in the Bereah community, located just north of Avon Park.

The celebration will begin on April 10 at 10:30 a.m. with normal services but will have a special music performance during the service. The Gulf State Quartet will be present during Athens Pastor Rev. J.L. Howard ministry.

Following the traditional service, the Athens Baptist Church family invites members, friends and guests to the social hall for a barbecue chicken and pulled pork lunch.

Members and guests are then invited to enjoy the Gospel sounds of the Gulf State Quartet in the sanctuary beginning at 1 p.m.

"It's not just for the congregation; the public is invited," said Jo Barnes, member and coordinator of the 100 years celebration. "We want everyone to be a part of something that's been a part of the community for so long."

Barnes, along with Debra Crews, has been working diligently to make the celebration a success. The morning church service, lunch, and afternoon music entertainment are sure to be something for the community to enjoy.

Athens Baptist Church is at 6510 W. Bereah Road just off of Avon Park Cutoff Road. Howard, Barnes, Crews and the church family hope to see the community out and joining in the celebration.

# Helping one another

## Guest Column

*Floyd Rider*

In the Scriptures there are many verses that admonish us to help others who are in need.

I was about 12 years old in 1933, when Mr. Green, a member of our church, was killed in a farm accident. Mr. Green was preparing the fields for the spring planting when he apparently had a heart attack. He fell from the tractor and was run over by the disc barrow.

This tragic event left Mrs. Green a widow with two young girls and no means of support.

Ours was a small country church with an attendance of 35-40 members. The church members immediately rallied around Mrs. Green after the funeral, determined to help.

The men decided to plant the whole farm to corn. They descended on the farm with tractors, horses, plows, discs and planters. The women came and prepared to feed everybody.

In one big day, the whole farm was planted in corn.

Now a schedule was set up so that all summer long the men took turns cultivating the corn.

The whole project culminated one day in October. Again the whole church membership showed up to help. From the looks of the table at noon, you would have thought it was Thanksgiving.

That day the whole crop was harvested and delivered to the local grain elevator. When the bills for seed and fertilizer were paid, the whole crop netted about $900. Mr. Green was a tenant farmer, so one-half of this went to the landlord.

Mrs. Green, with tears streaming down her cheeks, was presented a check for $450. In the depression year of 1933, this was the equivalent of about one and a half years' wages for a working man, if he had a job.

Mrs. Green then moved to town, rented a small house and eventually found work to help support herself and the girls. Did I mention that Mrs. Green was my Sunday school teacher?

What a blessing it is to be a part of a body of believers.

*Floyd Rider is a Lake Placid resident and a long time Sunday school teacher.*

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# RELIGION

## Love is thoughtful

### The Marriage Mentor

*Aleta Kay*

Remember what is was like when you first fell in love? It seemed your every thought was filled with the one you loved. Just thinking about him made you smile. You used to laugh together, play together, go places together, just have a lot of fun.

Did you write notes to him? Did you write poetry or verses of your favorite love songs to show him? Were you constantly thinking of ways to please him, to make him happy?

If you've lost that, ask yourself what happened? When did it change? Would you like to get it back?

Love comes from thinking positive things about someone. You love their smile, or the way they interact with other people, putting others first.

You can still do that. Write your husband a love note and put it in his lunch or his pants pocket. Call him in the middle of the day (if you can) just to ask how his day is going. Tell him you can't wait to see him when he gets home. Flirt with him a little. Give him something good to look forward to.

Plan a special treat. Clean the house super neat and dress up for him. Be sure to put on his favorite perfume and style your hair just the way he likes it. Let him sit down and relax. Rub his back, neck and shoulders. If his feet usually hurt when he gets home have a pan of warm water with Epsom salts to soak his feet. After about 20 minutes or so dry them off and put some soothing lotion on them.

Pamper your man and he will treat you like a queen. But do it because you love him, not just to manipulate. No one likes to be manipulated.

If you don't get the response you expected, don't allow yourself to get frustrated or angry. After all, you don't know what the last half of his day has been like, and he may just be too tired to respond. Cut him some slack.

Be patient. Keep trying. The sweeter you are every day, the better your marriage will be.

Let me know how it's going at themarriagementor@yahoo.com or on my blog findingmywaycounseling.blogspot.com. I care.

## *Snapshots*

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First Baptist, Sebring is Bible Study for all ages 9:15 a.m., blended worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Revival services with Dr. Condy Richardson will be held Sunday through Wednesday with noon luncheon devotionals at 12:15 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Richardson's theme for the services will be "God's Church Back to the Basics."

### Spaghetti dinner at St. John UMC

SEBRING — St. John United Methodist Church will have a spaghetti dinner at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Tuesday. The cost is $7 per person. Take-outs and walk-ins are welcome.

The church is at 3214 Grand Prix Drive. Call 382-1736 for information.

### Cantata at St. John UMC

SEBRING — At 7 p.m. Wednesday the Chancel Choir of St. John United Methodist Church with narration and actors in costume will present "Come, Touch the Robe" (encounters with the Healer, the Servant, the Lord of Easter), a cantata for voices and piano written by Pepper Choplin. The cantata will be followed by a Healing Service.

St. John United Methodist Church is at 3214 Grand Prix Drive. Call the church at 382-1736 for information.

### Passover Seder

SEBRING — Temple Israel of Highlands County is having a traditional Seder at 6 p.m. Monday, April 18 at the synagogue at 1305 Temple Israel Drive.

Passover receives its name from the last plague inflicted upon the Egyptians – the killing of the first born. The Israelites were instructed to mark their doors with the blood of a spring lamb so that the angel of the Lord would pass over their homes.

While Passover is remembered mainly for unleavened bread, Matzo, more importantly, it commemorates freedom from slavery and the beginning of people hood for the Jews. This mass of wanderers shrugged off slavery and ultimately elected to bind themselves to an invisible, single Deity

A four-course meal including choice of brisket or chicken, gefilte fish, matzo ball soup and all the trimmings will be served.

Everyone is welcome. For more information and reservations, call 382-7744.

### Special service set for April 21

LORIDA — An "In Remembrance of Me" service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21. Join members as they look back at the upper room. Jesus washed the disciples feet and communion was established.

"In Remembrance of Me" at First Baptist Church Lorida, 1927 Blessings Ave. Call 655-1878.

### Fellowship Baptist plans sunrise service

AVON PARK — Fellowship Baptist Church, 1000 Maxwell Street, is extending an invitation to the public for its sunrise service at 8 a.m. and worship service at 9:30 a.m., featuring Allison and Spencer in concert, on Sunday, April 24. Coffee and doughnuts will be offered after the sunrise service.

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## APOSTOLIC

■ **Greater Faith Apostolic Church,** 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. For information contact 840-0152. Pastor Larry Carmody.

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God),** 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshiping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 5 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 p.m. on Wednesday. Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. are centered for all ages. Choir practice at 5 p.m. Sunday. Church phone: 452-6556.

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Jared Hewitt, youth minister; and Joy Loomis, music director. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. Orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 4 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday schedule: 8-10 a.m., basic computer class/Sonshine House; 7-9 p.m. conversational English and citizenship classes/Sonshine House. Regular Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6 p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6:30 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. children's mission groups. Call 453-6681 for details. Primera Mision Bautista, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, Johnattan Soltero, Pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 10 a.m., Bible Study; 11 a.m., Worship Service. Wednesday schedule: 7 p.m., Bible study.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine,** 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Associate Pastor Allen Altvater leads the youth in their quest to become more like Christ. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid,** Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm Street. (2 blocks south of Interlake Blvd) Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Email: www.fbclp.com. Pastor Brett Morey, senior pastor. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a..m., Senior Sunday Night and Sunday Evening Bible study at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. ($4 per person, reservations required). Adult-LifeSource classes, prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and Kids K-5-MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. Men meet at 8 a.m. every Tuesday for prayer breakfast and women's prayer breakfast is at 8 a.m. every Wednesday, both at the Family Restaurant.

■ **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 East Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, minister of youth and activities. Contemporary Service, 8:30 a.m.; Group Bible Studies, 9:45 a.m.; Traditional Worship, 11 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

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

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

■ **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 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

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

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

■ **Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC)** 4400 Sparta Road. Rev. Ken Geren, interim 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; Aaron Snider, Youth Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 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.

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

## CATHOLIC

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

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church,** 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049. *www.stcathe.com*. Very Rev. José González, V.F. Masses – Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, noon; Sunday Family Mass, 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). Daily Masses 8 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday. Confession: every Friday 5-7 p.m., every Saturday 9-11 a.m. and 3-3:45 p.m., first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment. Enroll your students today for Catholic School grades Pre-K3 through 5th grade.

■ **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

■ **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; Marco Gallardo, 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. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

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

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

## CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church,** 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

## CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Avon Park Church of Christ,** 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Minister: Larry Roberts. 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.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ,** 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. We would like to extend an invitation for you and your family to visit with us here at Sebring Parkway. Our hours of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

## CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

# RELIGION

## *Church News*

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### First Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — "The Folly of the Galatians" by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer is Sunday's sermon.

Grief Support Group meets at 3 p.m. Tuedsay in the adult classroom. Youth Group (ages 11-18) meets from 4-7 p.m. in fellowship hall.

Communicant's Class is from 3:45-4:45 p.m. Thursday in the adult classroom.

### First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message "Betrayal and Arrest" with the Scripture taken from John 18:1-40.

Fine Food and Fellowship Dinner is Sunday after the church services.

United Methodist Women circles will meet Tuesday.

The "Growing with God" family night continues Wednesday in the Family Life Center.

Plan to attend the Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt for children Saturday, April 23.

Call the church office for information at 385-5184.

The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St. Visit the Web site at www.sebringfirstumc.com.

### Grace Pointe Ministries

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Ministries is at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

The Future Revealed - What's on the Revelation timeline? The Unholy Three will be the lesson Tuesday. Class provided for the children. Call 447-3431 for directions.

Special services will be held for Palm Sunday, April 17 and on Resurrection Sunday April 24.

All sermons and Bible studies are now available. Live ustream now available at ustreamtv, then enter gracepointetv in the search box.

### Heartland Christian

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this week will be "Only Hope For America" with Scripture from Psalms 121:1-2. Service will also include Walter Malinowski singing "Were You There," Roland Bates singing "Consider the Lilies," and The Heartland Singers will sing "In This Very Room."

Palm Sunday will be a re-enactment of The Last Supper.

Easter Sunday will be a special program.

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

### Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Memorial will have a team at Relay For Life at Scarborough Field from noon Saturday until 5 a.m. Sunday.

Claude Burnett will preach at the Heritage Worship Service and Celebration Worship Service. Rev. Fred Ball will preach at the New Song Contemporary Service in Rob Reynolds Hall.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. Call 465-2422.

### Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "Praise Builds Us Up," is taken from the book of Jude. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the message.

Parkway FWB will host the Central Florida Association of Free Will Baptists in May.

### St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Rev. Ronald De Genaro's sermon Sunday will be "Song of Redemption" taken from Psalm 130.

### Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Pastor Keith Simmons will preach on "Natural to Supernatural." The Scripture reading will be from Romans 8:6-11.

Sunday school will study "Praise Builds Us Up." The class will also be looking at Jude 17:25.

### Southside Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Rev. David Altman will speak in the morning worship service on "What Were You Thinking?" from Colossians 3:1-11. The pastor will continue speaking on "A House of Prayer for All Nations" in the evening service.

The church is at 379 S. Commerce Ave. Call 385-0752.

### Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — "Staying Connected" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon (from the Scripture John 15:1-10), given by the Rev. Barbara Laucks.

### Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane. The Rev. Clyde Weaver's sermon is "Ambassadors of Love and Reconciliation."

### The Way Church

SEBRING — Dr. Arden Gilmer will be the guest speaker.

April 17 at 6:30 p.m. will be Movie Night.

The Way Church is at 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive. The church phone is 471-6140; the pastor's cell is 214-6190. For the pastor's messages go to www.thewaychurch.org.

# PLACES TO WORSHIP

## EPISCOPAL

■ **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer**.Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail *redeemer1895@aol.com* Web site: *redeemeravon.com*. The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

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

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Myers, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6:15 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

## 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 variosu other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at *www.sebring-grace.org*.

## INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

## LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA),** 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congretation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

■ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Gary Kindle, Pastor; Lea Ann Curry, Parish Nurse. Worship services: 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday school for children and adult Bible classes is 9:15 a.m.; and Praise worship service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Communion is served the first and third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday worship service is broadcast on WITS 1340 AM at 8 a.m. each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 4348 Schumacher Road, Sebring, one mile west of Wal-Mart. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 9 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 11 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-1163.

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

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Early Sunday service, 8 a.., Sunday school at 9:10 a.m. and the second service at 10:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; and Noel Johnson, youth and family life. Worship schedule for December through Easter: Worship service 8 and 11 a.m.; Communion services, first and third Sundays; (Children's Church, 11 a.m. only); and Education Hour, 9:30 a.m. Worship schedule for summer through fall: Worship service, 9 a.m.; Communion services, first and third Sundays; Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Additional services: Lent and Advent season, 6 p.m.; Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter Sunday, 7 and 10 a.m.; Christmas Eve, 7 p.m.; Christmas Day, 10 a.m.; Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Fellowship activities: Youth Group, Senior Citizens, Younger Side Adults, Ladies Missionary League, Ladies Guild, Small group studies as scheduled. Music: Choir and hand chimes. Trinity Tots Preschool (3-5 years old): 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. License: C14H10020: Susan Norris, director. Visit us online at: *www.vchurches.com/trinitylutheranlp*.

## 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, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 years to fifth grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church,** 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 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: Phone, 314-0482, *lindadowning@live.com.* Casey L. Downing, associate minister: Phone, 385-8171, *caseydowning@hotmail.com.* Web site is www.*christiantrainingministries.net*

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

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

■ **Union Congregational Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday worship services are at 7:45 a.m. (informal), 9:15 a.m. (traditional) and 10:45 a.m. (contemporary) in the main sanctuary. Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m. We also offer Wednesday and Saturday services at 6;15 a.m. and 6 p.m., respectively. Nursery/child care is available for all services. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at *www.weareunion.org*. All teachings are taken from the Manufacturer's Handbook - The Holy Bible. Come join us.

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

■ **The Way Church,** 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:381-6190. Email: *theway church@hotmail.com*. Web site: *www.TheWayChurch.org*

## PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Worship services: Sunday morning worship, informal, 8 a.m.; regular, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Youth Group and Kids Quest, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: *covpres@strato.net*; Web site: *www.cpcsebring.org*. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

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

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, adult and college age, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday: Youth Group (ages 11-18), 4-7 p.m. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available for Sunday worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Gail Sparks, director of youth ministry.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** *www.fpclp.com,* 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. A variety of Sunday school classes for adults and children are at 9:45 and 11 a.m. in the educational building. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

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

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

## THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

## THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site *www.salvationarmysebring.com* or call Major Bruce 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 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: www.fumcap.org.

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball. pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. (October-May only); School School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. Bible Fellowship Class, 6 p.m. (October-May only). We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that want to know Christ and make Him known. Call the church office at 465-2422 or check out our church Web site at *www.memorialumc.com*.

■ **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.; 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,** where God is still speaking. 3115 Hope Street, Sebring, FL 33875 (1.8 miles west of U.S. 27 and Hammock Road). Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m.; Communion with worship first Sunday of month; Chapel Communion, 8:45 a.m. all other Sundays. All are welcome to receive the sacrament. For more information, call the church office at 471-1999 or e-mail *eucc@earthlink.net* or check the Web site *sebringemmanuelucc.com.* No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

# HEALTHY LIVING

## Gel reduces preterm births in some women

WASHINGTON (AP) — A simple treatment — a hormone-containing vaginal gel — significantly reduces premature births among pregnant women who are at high risk because of a problem with the cervix, government researchers reported Wednesday.

Many factors can lead to premature birth, but Wednesday's study targets one subset: the thousands of women who develop an unusually shortened cervix, the gateway to the uterus. The findings may prompt more doctors to begin routinely measuring cervical length, using an easy and fairly inexpensive ultrasound scan, midway through pregnancy.

"There will never be 'the' solution to preterm birth," cautions lead researcher Dr. Roberto Romero of the National Institutes of Health. "There will be multiple solutions, and we believe this is one important solution."

This treatment is not related to an injection called Makena, a synthetic hormone that is controversial because of its high price tag. That drug is aimed at women who've already had one preemie and now are pregnant again.

## *Snapshots*

### Community Outreach events

Ace Homecare community outreach events for April include:

- Today - 7 a.m., Health Fair, Arc residence, Pleasant Street, Avon Park.
- Monday - 8 a.m., Health Fair, Hammock Estates, Hammock Road, Sebring; and 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring.
- Tuesday - 7:30 a.m., Health Fair, Lakeside Gardens, County Road 621, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Heron's Landing, Heron's Landing Lane, Lake Placid; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Lake Placid Meal Site, Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid; and 1 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; and 9 a.m., Health Fair, Palm Estates, U.s. 98, Lorida.

### Parkinson's support group meets Monday

SEBRING — The Parkinson's disease support group for the Highlands County area will meet at 10 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church of Sebring, corner of Lemon and Pine Street.

The program this month will be a speaker from Florida Hospital Heartland Division with the latest updates on Parkinson's treatments.

All persons with Parkinson's disease and their families are welcome to attend. There is no charge. For more information, call 453-6589 or 453-6419.

The Highlands County Parkinson's Support Group is part of the national network of support groups affiliated with the American Parkinson's Disease Association. More than one million Americans have Parkinson's Disease. Today people with Parkinson's disease and their families can find help and information from their local support group.

### MS Support Group meets Tuesday

SEBRING – The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Highlands Regional Medical Group. The meeting will be held in the Doctors Board Room, first floor.

Friends and family are welcome. For more information, call 465-3138.

Metro Services

**Contrary to popular myth, handling frogs and toads will not give you warts.**

## Frogs don't cause warts

**Footprints**

*Dr. Olga Garcia-Luepschen*

As a child you may have been told warts were caused by kissing frogs. They are actually caused by a virus that invades the skin through very small cuts and abrasions. Since the virus is lurking on the ground it can be contracted by barefoot walking.

Like any other infectious lesion, plantar warts spread by touching, scratching, or even by contact with skin shed from another wart.

Warts on the bottom of feet are called plantar warts. Many times they are confused with a corn or callous. Plantar warts tend to be hard, flat, with a rough surface, well-defined boundaries and have pinpoint black areas. On top of the foot they appear fleshier and raised.

Although rare, malignant lesions such as carcinomas and melanomas can sometimes be confused as a wart. Plantar warts can cause sharp, burning pain.

### Tips for wart prevention

- ♦ Avoid barefoot walking.
- ♦ Change shoes and socks daily.
- ♦ Keep feet dry and clean.
- ♦ Check your child's feet regularly.
- ♦ Don't touch warts on other people.
- ♦ Use flip-flops in public showers.

### If you get a wart

- ♦ Avoid over-the-counter preparations because may contain salycylic acid.
- ♦ See your podiatrist before the wart becomes larger and spreads.
- ♦ Diabetics and people with circulatory or neurological problems should only seek professional care.

This year, make your goal to keep your feet virus free by following these suggestions. And remember, don't blame the frogs.

*Dr. Olga Garcia Luepschen and the Gentle Foot Care Center are at 2 Ryant Blvd. (on U.S. 27). For further information call 314-9255 or www.gentlefootcarecenter.com.*

## Study: Teens say 5 drinks a day OK

WASHINGTON (AP) — Downing five or more alcoholic drinks nearly every day isn't seen as a big problem for many of the nation's teens, says a new report.

When asked if they see "great risk" in drinking that much, almost half the teens questioned — 45 percent — didn't see it as a big deal.

The study released Wednesday by The Partnership at Drugfree.org also showed upward trends in marijuana and Ecstasy use among young people in grades 9 through 12.

"You're seeing this weakness in this generation of teens' attitudes around drug and alcohol use," says Steve Pasierb, president of the partnership. "It's not like this generation of kids thinks they're more bulletproof than others, but they really don't see any harm in that heavy drinking."

And while the numbers suggest many teens do not perceive significant harm in heavy drinking, the percentage of teens drinking is down.

"It's important that we not lose sight of the progress our country has made in fighting underage drinking," says Dr. Raymond Scalettar, former chairman of the American Medical Association and a medical adviser to the Washington-based Distilled Spirits Council.

"U.S. government data shows underage drinking and binge drinking are at record low levels."

The partnership study also shows the percentage of teens drinking alcohol in the past month declining, down to 35 percent last year from a high of 50 percent in 1998.

## Your flora fingerprint protects you from germs

**Dear Pharmacist**

*Suzy Cohen*

**Dear Pharmacist:**

Confession, I'm a germaphobe, and now avoid power hand dryers in public restrooms because of your recent article. Any other advice to keep pesky germs off my clean body.

*– L.V., Tulsa, Okla.*

Answer: Sorry to create more concern about germs for you, but those hands-free water faucets may be pouring more bacteria on your hands than old-fashioned tap water faucets.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins Hospital tested water samples from their hospital (including patient rooms) and half the samples from hands-free electric faucets tested positive for a bug called legionella, and other bacteria. The water samples from old-fashioned tap faucets tested positive only 15 percent of the time. Engineering may be the problem. Apparently, plumbing for the hands-free automatic models have numerous valves, screens and filters, which provide a nesting camp for bacteria.

I have three thoughts about this. One, I'm not sure the research extrapolates to public restrooms, after all, the samples were collected from a hospital where dangerous germs run amok. Two, if you have a strong immune system, your less likely to get sick. Your skin harbors germs on it at all times. The average office desk harbors 400 times more bacteria than a toilet seat. So even though germs are literally everywhere, you have immunity to most germs. And finally, the study didn't account for touching any faucet handles. They only tested water samples. If you think about it, people step out of their personal stall, and then touch the hot or cold handles with their bare fingers. Like you, I'd rather stick my hands under automatic faucets than actually touch the handles other people have touched before me.

Some bacteria are beneficial. The good "bugs" protect you from the bad ones. You have this beautiful garden of bacteria in your gastrointestinal tract which protects you from bacterial/fungal infection, gives you energy, makes B vitamins and helps you lose weight. Most people refer to beneficial bacteria as "probiotics." Don't freak out, but you're growing them as we speak. You can buy them as supplements in health food stores. Listen carefully, this is huge and impacts your health tremendously.

Every person manufactures their own probiotics, and it becomes a fingerprint for you. Your gut microflora is different than mine, is different than your child's, and so on.

I call it your "flora fingerprint."

This is why taking billions of organisms, from many different strains is not so good. With probiotics, the more, the messier. Your body doesn't recognize all the foreign strains in some of those supplements, and could launch an attack on the "bugs" if you don't naturally make them. Taking probiotics that aren't part of your flora fingerprint can make you sick.

I discuss this on my Facebook fan page, and in chapter 17 of Drug Muggers. You should nurture your own flora fingerprint with the right supplement. Then you can stick your hands under those electric faucets, or in a Dumpster for that matter, and your immune system will be strong enough to protect you.

*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.*

# HEALTHY LIVING

## Worried about a radioactive ocean? A reality check

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Recently, workers at the stricken Japanese nuclear plant dumped radioactive water into the ocean to make room for storing even more highly contaminated water on the site. The water dumping came after earlier leaks of radioactive water that had already raised concerns about its effects in the ocean, raising questions about health and safety. Here are answers to some of those questions.

**Q. How dangerous is radiation?**

A. We live in a world of radiation. It is in the water we drink, the food we eat, the very air we breathe. Most of the radiation we are exposed to comes from outer space, the decaying of uranium in the earth, and medical procedures like X-rays and CT scans.

**Q. How can radiation hurt us?**

A. Too much radiation in a short time can cause deadly radiation sickness, with its signature symptoms of nausea, dizziness and hair loss. High doses can also cause cancer decades later. It can lead to congenital defects in future children of exposed adults.

**Q. Can the radioactive water leaking from the Japanese nuclear plant eventually reach the U.S. and be hazardous?**

A. It's hard to say how that water will move, because it will spread not only on the surface but downward in deep layers of the Pacific Ocean. If it does reach the West Coast, it would probably take at least 18 months to three years, by one estimate. In any case, nobody expects it would pose a radiation hazard upon arrival because of tremendous dilution along the way.

Airborne radioactive particles have already reached the United States, but federal authorities say the measured levels aren't dangerous.

**Q. Weren't the workers at the nuclear plant treated for burns after coming into contact with radioactive water? What if someone swam in the ocean off the coast of Japan?**

A. The kind of radiation levels the workers experienced cause sunburn-like burns in about a half-hour to an hour. But swimming near the plant is banned, and radiation levels of water dumped in the ocean decline quickly with distance from the complex.

**Q. What radioactive elements are leaking and what are the risks?**

A. Measurements so far have focused mostly on iodine and cesium, which were responsible for most of the radiation dose to the public at the Chernobyl disaster.

Radiation from iodine-131 dissipates quickly, falling by half every eight days, so that it's virtually gone in 80 days. Its danger is that if inhaled or swallowed, it can concentrate in the thyroid and cause cancer.

Cesium radiation sticks around much longer, taking 30 years to decline by half and 300 years to virtually disappear. Cesium can build up in the body and high levels are thought to be a risk for various other cancers. Still, researchers who studied Chernobyl could not find an increase in cancers that might be linked to cesium.

**Q. Will ocean creatures be harmed by the discharges of the radioactive water?**

A. Experts say animals very near the plant may face problems like higher rates of genetic mutations, but that this would probably happen within only maybe a half a mile or so.

## Synthetic drugs send thousands to ER

*Associated Press*

INDIANOLA, Iowa — Synthetic substances that mimic marijuana, cocaine and other illegal drugs are making users across the nation seriously ill, causing seizures and hallucinations and even killing some people.

The products are often packaged as incense or bath salts and can be obtained for as little as $10 at many head shops. As more people experiment with them, the results are becoming evident at hospitals: a sharp spike in the number of users who show up with problems ranging from labored breathing and rapid heartbeats to extreme paranoia and delusions. The symptoms can persist for days.

At the request of The Associated Press, the American Association of Poison Control Centers analyzed nationwide figures on calls related to synthetic drugs. The findings showed an alarming increase in the number of people seeking medical attention.

At least 2,700 people have fallen ill since January, compared with fewer than 3,200 cases in all of 2010. At that pace, medical emergencies related to synthetic drugs could go up nearly fivefold by the end of the year.

"Many of the users describe extreme paranoia," said Dr. Mark Ryan, director of the Louisiana Poison Center. "The recurring theme is monsters, demons and aliens. A lot of them had suicidal thoughts."

The chemicals are suspected in at least nine U.S. deaths since last year, including that of Mike Rozga's 18-year-old son, David, an athlete and band standout from Indianola.

The young man got high last June on a marijuana look-alike product called "K2" and complained to a friend "that he felt like he was in hell," his father said.

Though the teen had never suffered from depression, he went home, found a shotgun and killed himself.

"These kids weren't looking for anything bad to happen," Mike Rozga said. "The truth is they didn't know what they had gotten themselves into."

The recent surge in activity has not gone unnoticed by authorities. The Drug Enforcement Administration recently used emergency powers to outlaw five chemicals found in synthetic pot, placing them in the same category as heroin and cocaine.

But manufacturers are quick to adapt, often cranking out new formulas that are only a single molecule apart from the illegal ones.

In the United States, fake marijuana was last year's big seller, marketed under brands such as "K2" or "Spice." This year, the trend is "bath salts" with names like "Purple Wave" and "Bliss."

Besides being cheap and easily obtained, they do not show up in common drug tests.

Synthetic marijuana typically involves dried plant material sprayed with one of several chemical compounds, most of which were created by a Clemson University scientist for research purposes in the 1990s. The compounds were never tested on humans.

It's packaged to look like pot, and users typically smoke it, but experts say the high is more comparable to cocaine or LSD.

The bath salts are not water-softening products at all but crystalized chemicals that are snorted, swallowed or smoked. So far in 2011, poison control centers have received nearly 1,300 calls about synthetic pot, compared with 2,874 calls for all of last year, according to the poison control center data.

Poison calls for bath salts rose at an even greater rate. The centers took 301 calls in all of 2010, but had more than 1,400 for the first three months of 2011. Most of the calls came from doctors and nurses reporting patients in emergency rooms.

StatePoint Media

**Don't be afraid to ask for healthy substitutions when eating out.**

## How to avoid gaining weight when eating out

*StatePoint Media*

No matter if you are grabbing a snack from the convenience store, attending a family party or dining out, we all eat away from home. But your favorite restaurant meals or fast foods can be hazardous to your waistline if you're not careful.

"We are the most overfed and under-nourished population in the world. So obviously, we have to make smarter choices if we want to lose weight and be healthy," says Jane Percy, author of the new book, "Lighten Up! Win at Losing."

Not eating out isn't possible these days, especially if you don't want to stop seeing friends or sharing meals with family. But by making smart choices and sticking to healthy habits, it's possible to enjoy the company of loved ones without gaining weight. Percy offers several tips to help you eat out and stay on the health track:

### Plan it out

Before attending a party or big dinner, eat wisely in the days preceding it. That day, plan breakfast and lunch so that you don't consume too many calories.

Don't start a party hungry, as you're likely to overeat. Have a small snack beforehand, such as fruit, nuts and raw vegetables. And drink a glass of water upon arriving, to keep you feeling fuller.

Most of all, don't feel like you have to finish everything on your plate. Taking home leftovers will flatter the cook and save you from overeating.

### Make smart choices

When eating out, don't be afraid to exercise your right to choose. A few smart substitutions can help create a healthy meal at almost any restaurant. Or ask your waiter if the restaurant serves half portions.

"Most restaurant owners and waiters really do want customers to have the meal they need and desire, so it's your absolute right to ask for menu adaptations," says Percy.

Try to choose restaurants that prepare fresh fish really well. If you add a salad and vegetables and forego starchy potatoes, you can create a healthy meal while enjoying the company of friends and family.

### Step it up

If you've got a big meal or vacation planned, don't forget to exercise! In fact, add a little extra activity if you can, such as walking, to burn off extra calories.

Other metabolism-increasing activities are also great for overall weight loss, like eating breakfast every morning. Green tea has also been shown to heat up your metabolism and, given its caffeine content, is a good substitute for coffee.

Lastly, things like proper breathing or self-hypnosis can help. Stress hormones like cortisol have been shown to increase belly fat, but slow deep breaths can help lower blood pressure and cortisol levels. And relaxation through self-hypnosis can help reduce stress levels, as well.

More tips on healthy living are available in "Lighten Up!" and online at www.RiverLightCenter.com.

"Remember, food is fuel," says Percy. "The right choices will give you energy to follow your dreams and live life to the fullest."

## Study warns data missing in Medicaid pilot program

MIAMI (AP) — "Much critical information is lacking" about Florida's Medicaid privatization experiment, including whether it has saved money or if patient care has suffered, according to a Georgetown University study released Tuesday.

The study comes as Florida lawmakers are poised to expand the controversial Medicaid privatization program statewide. The Republican led House approved a bill to do so last week, despite opposition from Democrats who voiced concern at the lack of data gauging a five-county pilot program. Proponents warn Medicaid must be overhauled or it will consume the state budget and estimate managed care will save about $1 billion a year, but those savings would not be immediate.

"There was no encounter data, at least none publicly available, and that had been promised and really no up to date data on cost savings," said Joan Alker, who co-wrote the report.

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# Community Calendar

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## FRIDAY

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 314-0891.

■ **Alzheimer's Association Support Group** meets at 6 p.m. second Friday at the Oaks of Avon in Avon Park. For details, call 385-3444.

■ **American Legion Post 25** hosts a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Cost is $6. Shrimp also is available for same price. Open to the public. Tickets in the lounge on Friday night. Lounge hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** has karaoke from 7 p.m. until final call at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Post open at noon. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. For details, call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club** meets 7 a.m., Rotary Club building.

■ **Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. For details, call 385-8118.

■ **Grand Prix Cloggers** Beginner classes are at 9 a.m., EZ Intermediate classes are at 10 a.m., and Intermediate classes are at 11 a.m. every Friday at Reflection on Silver Lake, Avon Park. Call Julie for further information at 386-0434.

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** offers a class in Lake Placid at the Sunshine RV Resort from 9-11 a.m. Friday. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at *samdunn@samdunn.net*.

■ **Heartland AIDS Network** meets 9 a.m., second Friday, Heartland Professional Plaza Learning Center, Sebring.

■ **Heartland Clubs** meet at 3:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Placid Lakes Town Hall Building, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Call 699-6773.

■ **Highlands Social Dance Club** hosts ballroom dancing every Friday, October through March from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway. Dance the night away to the music of the area's Big Bands. All club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required. Admission is $5 for members and $7 for non-members. Call 385-6671.

■ **Lake Country Cruisers** has a car show from 5-8 p.m. second Friday at Woody's Bar-B-Q parking lot, Lake Placid. There is a live disc jockey and door prizes.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** has lounge hours beginning at 1 p.m. There is a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Cost is $8.50 per person. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** serves wings, fish and burgers at 6 p.m. Music provided from 7-11 p.m. Pool tournament is at 8 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Karaoke from 7-10 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.naflheartland.org.

■ **S.A.L.T. Council** (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meets the second Friday each month at 10 a.m. in the conference room of Florida Hospital Home Care Services located at 4005 Sun 'n Lake Blvd. For more information contact Grace Plants at 273-1421.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Fridays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves chicken or fish baskets from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring, for a $4 donation. Blind darts is played at 7 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** serving buffet dinner at 5-7 p.m. Elks and guests invited. Dance music in ballroom at 7 p.m. Dinner and dance is $10 donation. For reservations, call 385-8647 or 471-3557. Smoke-free environment. Lounge is open from 3-10 p.m.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Recreation Club** plays bridge at 12:30 p.m. and table tennis at 4 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave. For details, call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800** serves steak by the ounce from 5:30-7 p.m. every fourth Friday at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. Texas Hold 'em lessons, 2 p.m. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves pizza from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

## SATURDAY

■ **American Legion Post 25** serves sirloin burgers from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Jam session is from 2-4 p.m. The lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Members and guests invited. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 69** in Avon Park serves dinner at 5 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Public Library** has a free Adult Film Series at noon. For details, call 452-3803.

■ **Cancer Support Group** meets from 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Fellowship Church, 2935 New Life Way, Sebring, hosted by Sue and Kristi Olsen. Call 446-1284 or 385-2974.

■ **Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** provides free assisted riding sessions for adults and children with special needs from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 118 W. College Drive, Avon Park. For details or to volunteer, call Mary McClelland, coordinator, 452-0006.

■ **Highlands Shrine Club,** 2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) has a flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., country store open from 8 a.m. to noon and pancake breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Vendors are welcome. No setup fee is charged for the summer months. Plenty of off road parking. A monthly social is planned at 6:30 p.m. on the second Saturday at the club. There will be dinner and music provided for dancing. Reservations are required by calling 382-2208.

■ **Highlands Woodcarvers** meet from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at 825 Sunbird Terr. (Community Center off Thunderbird Road). Call Bob Seybolt at 471-6077.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** has a class in Pastels/Acrylics taught by Llewellyn Rinald from from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** opens the lounge at 1 p.m. Card games are played at 1 p.m., and Bar Bingo is at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.naflheartland.org.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Oak Street, Lake Placid. For more details, call 382-1821.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves dinner from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Music is from 7-10 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Hills Association** has a pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at the clubhouse, 200 Lark Ave. All the pancakes, sausage, OJ, coffee or tea you can eat or drink for $3 for members and $3.50 for non-members.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800** serves breakfast from 8-11 a.m. and horse racing at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Saturday at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves a meal for $6 from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

## SUNDAY

■ **American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open 1-8 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Post is at 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Call 471-1448.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** lounge is open from 1-7 p.m. Card games start at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** has karaoke in the pavilion. Horseshoes played at 9:30 a.m. Food available at 4 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous,** meets from 4-5 p.m. in second floor conference room No. 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 382-7731. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For details on the organization, go to *www.oa.org*.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves lunch at 2 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** offers NASCAR racing in the pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Bar open and kitchen open from 2-5 p.m. Lodge is at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880** serves hamburgers from 4-5:30 p.m. and plays poker at 5:30 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For details, call 699-5444.

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# Grammys drop more than 30 categories, get more competitive

**By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY**
*AP Music Writer*

NEW YORK — Men and women will compete head-to-head, some of the more exotic awards like best Native American album and best spoken-word children's record have been eliminated, and the number of categories has been reduced by more than 30 in the biggest overhaul in the 53-year history of the Grammys.

While no musical genres will be excluded from Grammy contention, the changes will make the awards a lot more competitive.

"It ups the game in terms of what it takes to receive a Grammy and preserves the great esteem of with its held in the creative community, which is the most important element," Recording Academy President and CEO Neil Portnow said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

While the Academy has adjusted its rules and adapted to industry changes over the years, these changes follow its first major examination of the awards structure, a process that took more than a year.

The biggest change will come in the number of categories, cut from 109 to 78. Awards will no longer be given in such categories as rap performance by a duo or group; some of the instrumental categories in pop, rock and country; traditional gospel; children's spoken-word album; Zydeco or Cajun music album; and best classical crossover album.

That doesn't mean that those types of music are ineligible; they will simply compete within larger fields.

Portnow said the changes will make the awards process more rigorous.

"That's appropriate. We are talking about the most prestigious, coveted award and it should be a high bar in terms of the measurement of receiving that," he said.

Separate male and female vocal categories in fields like pop, R&B and country are among those being dropped. Men and women will now compete in each overall field. That is already the case in the field of rock, which does not have male and female vocal categories.

"A great singer is a great singer, and somebody that has a gift in terms of their voice, and is at the top of their game in terms of their delivery and emotion, really isn't necessarily defined by gender," Portnow said.

The changes would appear to make it more difficult for artists in lesser-known and less mainstream categories.

Tia Carrere won't be taking home any more Grammys for best Hawaiian music album, for example.

But she could still win in the new best regional roots music album category, which comprises more genres.

Other changes will require each category to have at least 40 entries instead of 25, and categories that receive between 25 and 39 will have only three nominations instead of four or five.

If a category gets fewer than 25 entries, it will be removed for that year, and if it happens three years in a row, the category will be discontinued and the material will find a new home in a related genre.

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# DIVERSIONS

## 'Your Highness' drowns in lowbrow humor

By DAVID GERMAINE
*Associated Press*

Universal Pictures
**James Franco, Zooey Deschanel and Danny McBride star in 'Your Highness.'**

The knights-errant — strong emphasize on the errant — behind the adventure comedy "Your Highness" spend more time wallowing in medieval filth than weaving clever laughs and engaging action.

Reuniting key players from "Pineapple Express" — James Franco, Danny McBride, director David Gordon Green — "Your Highness" plays like a Middle Ages role-playing fantasy dreamed up by the giggly stoners of that earlier comedy.

Co-writer McBride and his collaborators apparently set out on a quest to ram as much coarse language and as many adolescent sexual gags into a movie as possible, maybe to cover the fact that the movie doesn't contain much else.

A healthy dose of modern frat-boy crudeness might have been refreshing in this story of two princes out to rescue a damsel from an evil wizard. Sort of "The Princess Bride" as retold in colorful sailor's vernacular.

Crassness overwhelms "Your Highness," though, the vulgar language losing all force by incessant repetition, deadening the lingo so that even the occasional witty wisecracks aren't funny.

This is McBride's show, explaining why he has top billing over Franco and co-stars Natalie Portman and Zooey Deschanel.

McBride, who shares screenplay credit with long-time writing partner Ben Best, plays slacker Prince Thadeous, defiler of dwarf queens, partaker of illicit apothecary herbs and all-around palace loser.

Older brother Fabious (Franco) is heir to the throne and the kingdom's golden boy, newly returned from a heroic quest with ravishing bride-to-be Belladonna (Deschanel) in tow.

After sorcerer Leezar (Justin Theroux) abducts Belladonna as part of his scheme to gain unstoppable powers, Thadeous must reluctantly accompany his brother to fetch her back.

On the road, they team with the mysterious Isabel (Portman), a lethal warrior with her own grudge against Leezar.

Despite the colorful costumes, mythological beasties and salty language, "Your Highness" is a tired tale whose scattered laughs fail to liven up the lumbering action.

Green shows no greater poise directing action here than he did with the repetitive gunplay in "Pineapple Express," only now he adds some humdrum special-effects pyrotechnics to the mix.

Much of the supporting cast, among them Damian Lewis, Toby Jones and Rasmus Hardiker, barely register, even though they're integral to the action.

With even a little pep, any one of them could have upstaged the lead players, who are monotonous throughout. McBride sticks to boorish-oaf mode, Portman plays the stoic hero with blandness reminiscent of her "Star Wars" days, and Franco shows about as much verve as he did as co-host of the Academy Awards.

If there was a show to steal, Theroux would make off with it, yet even his hammy villain, surrounded as he is by dull heroes, barely raises the pulse of "Your Highness."

There's a delightful sense of bawdiness in Chaucer and other medieval literature, but vulgarity seems the main intent of "Your Highness." The movie chokes on its own dreary discourtesies.

Here's one of the milder ones: "You smell like the underside of a sheep's scrotum."

**Movie Review**

**'Your Highness'**

**Rating:** R (strong crude and sexual content, pervasive language, nudity, violence and some drug use)

**Running** ★½★ 102 minutes

## Ronan rocks in stylish 'Hanna'

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
Associated Press

Focus Features
**Saoirse Ronan stars as 'Hanna.'**

Hanna" is the girl-power movie "Sucker Punch" wanted to be — or at least should have wanted to be — and the thriller that Angelina Jolie's "Salt" only was at times.

Director Joe Wright keeps this story of revenge and survival moving in stylish, pulsating fashion. And of course he has one long, breathtaking tracking shot, which has become a signature for the director of such films as 2007's "Atonement." But at its core, this is actually a coming-of-age drama, and the fact that it features such great performances from such a strong cast makes you care whether these people live or die.

Saoirse Ronan, who was nominated for a supporting-actress Oscar for her portrayal of a sneaky little girl with a secret in "Atonement," reteams with Wright in a role that could not be more different, or more challenging. She stars as the title character, a blonde-haired, blue-eyed, 16-year-old killing machine.

Hanna lives with her father, Erik (Eric Bana), in a rustic cabin in a remote and unforgiving forest just below the Arctic Circle. Blanketed in snow and bathed in bleak, wintry sunlight, the place has the magical and frightening feel of something you'd see in a fairy tale — and the screenplay from Seth Lochhead and David Farr goes back to notion of Hanna as fairy-tale heroine again and again.

Erik teaches Hanna to hunt, fight and speak in various languages. Their hand-to-hand combat scenes are quick, intense, visceral — until one day she tells him, "I'm ready." But who she is and what he's training her for are a tantalizing mystery.

Turns out her father is a former CIA man, and the two have been living in isolation for most of her life. Once he leaves her with plans to reunite with her in Berlin, she must embark on the journey that is her destiny. Hanna is captured by government agents who think she's a shy and sheltered little girl. But, uh ... they're wrong. And this sequence, in which she annihilates everyone in her path, is one of many that are punctuated perfectly by an electronic score from The Chemical Brothers. Wright trusts his actors and the choreography, and lets these fight scenes play out without a lot of unnecessary edits.

Hanna's purpose is to track down veteran intelligence operative Marissa Wiegler, played by Cate Blanchett in a coldly devious way that's almost over the top, but always fun to watch. Blanchett is all honeyed menace as a ruthless Texan who can turn on the charm when she has to; she's also inordinately adept at running in Prada heels. She's looking for Hanna herself — and has a vested interest in keeping her alive.

But before they can meet up, Hanna must travel through Morocco and Spain and finally to Germany. That she does this alone, and with no money, is a fact you will have to suspend disbelief to accept. Along the way she gets some help from a British family on holiday. Olivia Williams is lovely, and a rare source of warmth, as the New-Agey mother, while Jessica Barden steals all her scenes here, as she did in "Tamara Drewe," as the sassy teenager who becomes Hanna's first real friend.

Hanna responds with a mixture of fascination and fear to the normal elements of our daily life — electricity, television, phones — and watching her open up is as satisfying as watching her take down armed men. Ronan's face can be placid or it can flash with emotion, and because she's so centered and confident, it helps make some of the more implausible parts of "Hanna" more acceptable.

The fact that Ronan is this good at this young age is what's truly frightening here.

**Movie Review**

**'Hanna'**

**Rating:** PG-13 (intense sequences of violence and action, some sexual material, and language)

**Running** ★½★★ 4 minutes

## Mother spills son's secret and is renounced in return

**Dear Abby**

Dear Abby: My son has refused to speak to me ever again because his girlfriend asked me if he had another child from a previous relationship. I didn't think it was right to lie to her, so I told her the truth about his daughter. My son called me yesterday and told me I was "dead to him" and he never wants to see me again. I feel so guilty having betrayed him.

I'm not sure how to make amends with my son. Abby, can you help me?

– *Sad Mom in Ohio*

**Dear Mom:** Your son may have preferred his girlfriend be kept in the dark about his daughter, but if the girlfriend didn't have some strong suspicions, she would not have raised the subject with you. Frankly, I admire you for telling the truth and not going along with your son's deception. I'm not sure how you should "make amends" with your son. He is the one who should be making amends with you. His lack of character is lamentable.

**Dear Abby:** My wife has been out of work for four months. Last week she applied for a job at a loan office. During the interview, she learned it was a payday loan operation, and she would be expected to get people to sign up for loans they could not afford.

This goes against our principles. We have seen family members caught in payday loan schemes that buried them in debt, and we find the whole industry to be immoral and abhorrent.

My wife is currently receiving unemployment compensation. One of the rules of unemployment is, if a company offers you work, you must accept it. She said if she knew what the position entailed, she would not have applied. Now she is terrified she may be offered a position in a business she finds repugnant, but she may not be able to decline the offer. What can she do? Please answer fast!

– *Stuck for an Answer in Kansas City*

**Dear Stuck for an Answer:** Your wife should contact the payday loan company and tell them she is not interested in the position before she gets an offer. That way, she won't be breaking any rules, and the company can hire a willing applicant.

**Dear Abby:** I have an issue regarding my 18-year-old son, "Jake." His father and I divorced several years ago – amicably for the most part. Since then, and even before, Jake has had emotional problems.

My son makes up stories about himself. On one of his online social network sites he has been talking about a vehicle he doesn't own. He even invited a friend to go four-wheeling with him in his nonexistent vehicle. This is only one of many lies Jake has told. When I call him on it, he admits it but says it's "no big deal."

Abby, people believe what my son is telling them. What is going on, and what can I do?

– *Caring Parent, Littleton, Colo.*

**Dear Caring Parent:** Your son may lie in order to impress others, or be so emotionally troubled that he can't tell the difference between what he fantasizes and what is real. I assume that because Jake has had emotional difficulties for some time that he has been under the care of a therapist. If so, contact the therapist and explain what's going on. If Jake doesn't have a therapist, find one. Perhaps an intervention will help Jake. If the lying persists, your son will become increasingly isolated as it gets out that no one can believe a word he says.

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## Greet the season with some serious scrubbing

# Spring to it

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In this age of clean-burning fuels, vacuum cleaners and Scotchgard, you'd think the house-scouring ritual of spring cleaning would have been left in the dust. Yet it hangs on as tenaciously as grime to a miniblind.

More than three-quarters of Americans still engage in spring cleaning, according to a survey by the Soap and Detergent Association. That surprised the association, which expected the figure to be a little lower, spokesman Brian Sansoni said.

Nevertheless, he thinks he understands why.

"Springtime evokes freshness, getting outdoors, being active after being cooped up all winter," Sansoni said. "You want to open the windows. You want your whole house or apartment to be fresh."

If the practice of spring cleaning hasn't changed much, the way we approach it has. Cleaning products work more effectively and efficiently than ever. More homeowners have the means to hire out the big jobs. And couples are more likely to share the work rather than relegating it to the woman of the house, said Linda Hallam, editor of the Better Homes and Gardens book "Making a Home: Housekeeping for Real Life."

Hallam does her seasonal cleaning with her husband, and she likes the renewal associated with it. Especially in areas with cold winters, where houses are closed up for months, people seem to enjoy greeting spring with a thorough cleaning and freshening, she said.

Still, that doesn't mean you have to clean the house from top to bottom just because the calendar says you should, said Jeff Campbell, owner of a San Francisco cleaning company called The Clean Team and author of the book "Spring Cleaning." He advocates cleaning as it's needed instead, and defines spring cleaning as "the stuff that you don't do every week but that you can't ignore forever" — big chores like cleaning windows and walls, stripping floors, cleaning carpets and polishing metals.

"There's something about a clean house, a clean room," Sansoni said. "It does wonders for the psyche."

So, you think your psyche could use a lift? Then dive right in — but don't grab the Pine-Sol and the sponge mop just yet. You'll get a lot more done with less energy if you plan your cleaning strategy, the experts said.

Hallam's book recommends making the rounds of your house, inside and out, and jotting down every project that needs to be done. Write those chores on three sheets of paper, one for large projects that require a half-day or more, one for projects that require two to three hours, and one for small projects. Then prioritize the projects according to what needs to be done most — or, as Campbell suggested, what makes you the craziest. Succeeding at the most odious task will motivate you to tackle others, he said.

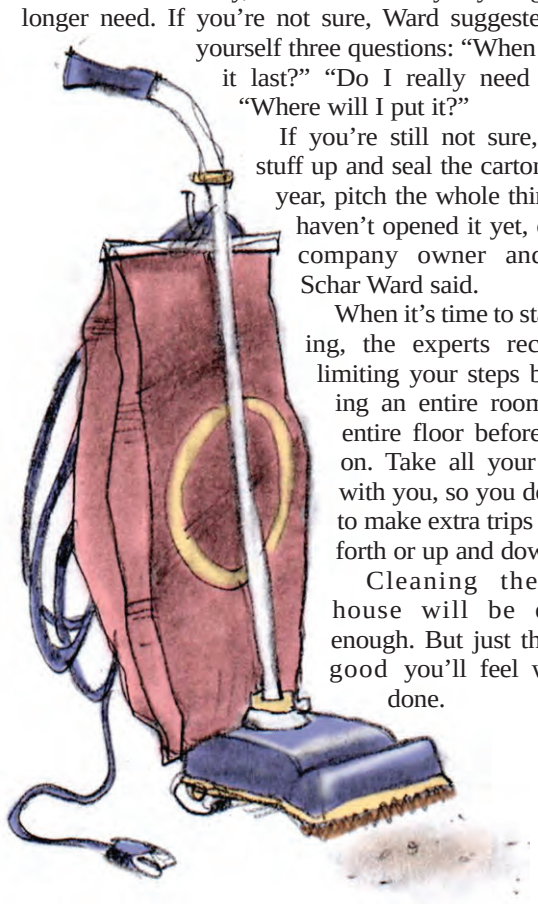
Once you've decided what you're going to do, make a list of the cleaning supplies you need, the association suggested. When you make your regular trip to the grocery store or drugstore, stock up.

But before you even pick up a dust rag, cleaning experts recommend getting rid of clutter and organizing the house. Give away, sell or throw away anything you no longer need. If you're not sure, Ward suggested asking yourself three questions: "When did I use it last?" "Do I really need it?" and "Where will I put it?"

If you're still not sure, box the stuff up and seal the carton. After a year, pitch the whole thing if you haven't opened it yet, cleaning-company owner and author Schar Ward said.

When it's time to start cleaning, the experts recommend limiting your steps by finishing an entire room and an entire floor before moving on. Take all your supplies with you, so you don't have to make extra trips back and forth or up and down stairs.

Cleaning the whole house will be exercise enough. But just think how good you'll feel when it's done.



## THE RIGHT SUPPLIES

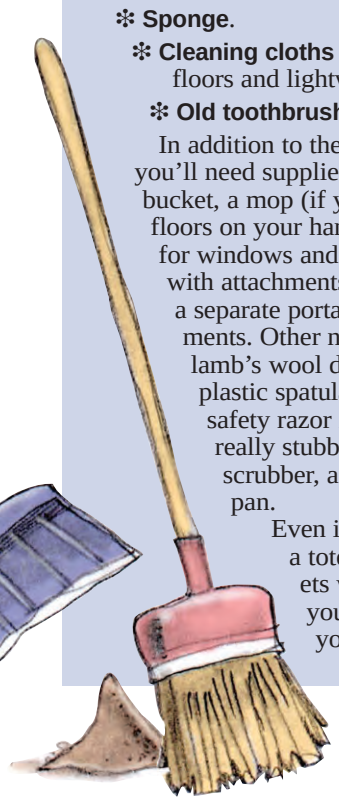
Cleaning pros typically recommend carrying most of your supplies with you, which means you need something to carry them in. Some prefer an apron designed to hold cleaning implements, similar to a tool belt. Others prefer a plastic bucket or a caddy with a handle.

The pros also differ somewhat about which cleaning supplies should be put in that carrier, but these are commonly recommended:

- **All-purpose cleaner**.
- **Glass cleaner**.
- **Nonabrasive cleanser** for the bathroom.
- **Disinfectant cleaner**.
- **Sponge**.
- **Cleaning cloths** (heavy-duty cloths for floors and lightweight ones for dusting).
- **Old toothbrush**.

In addition to the things you carry with you, you'll need supplies for bigger jobs, such as a bucket, a mop (if you don't want to wash floors on your hands and knees), a squeegee for windows and either a vacuum cleaner with attachments or an upright vacuum and a separate portable vacuum with attachments. Other nice-to-have items are a lamb's wool duster on a telescopic pole, a plastic spatula or other scraping tool, a safety razor in a holder for scraping off really stubborn gunk, oil soap, a nylon scrubber, a whisk broom and a dustpan.

Even if you carry your supplies in a tote, wear an apron with pockets while you clean. It'll give you a place to stash the things you pick up as you go.



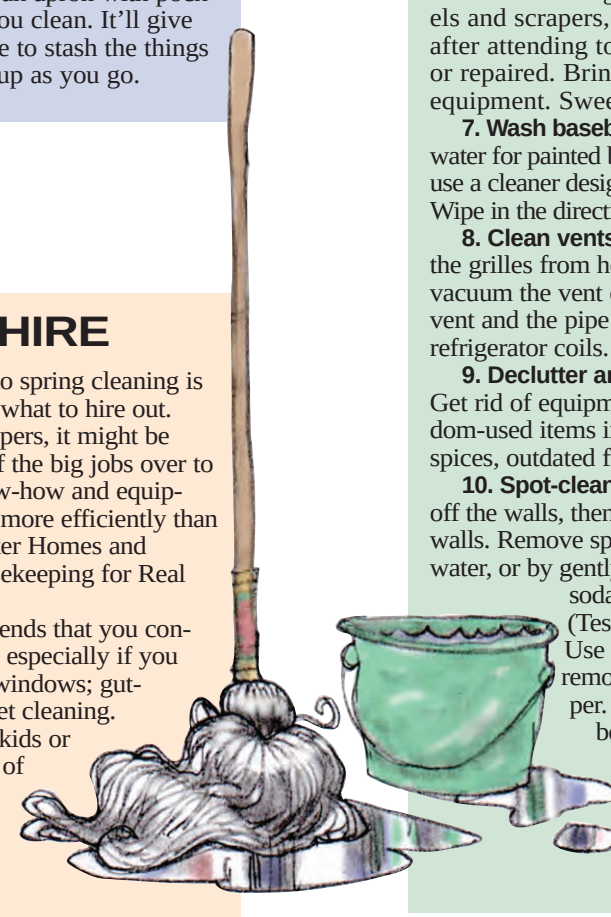
## WHEN TO HIRE

Sometimes the best approach to spring cleaning is knowing what to do yourself and what to hire out.

If you're short on time and helpers, it might be worth the expense to turn some of the big jobs over to professionals. They have the know-how and equipment to tackle the jobs faster and more efficiently than most homeowners can, notes Better Homes and Gardens' "Making a Home: Housekeeping for Real Life."

Specifically, the book recommends that you consider hiring out window cleaning, especially if you have a two-story house or storm windows; gutter and/or roof cleaning; and carpet cleaning.

Don't overlook neighborhood kids or college students as cheap sources of labor, either. You might hire them to do simple yet labor-intensive tasks, such as helping you move seasonal clothes in or out of storage.



## 10 CHORES TO DO

Take care of these 10 cleaning chores and you'll give your house a fresh start for the warm season.

**1. Wash windows:** Clean storm windows before you store them for the summer, and don't forget to clean screens before you install them.

**2. Freshen bedding:** Strip the beds and launder all the washable bedding, including blankets, mattress pads and pillow protectors. Dry clean the things that can't be washed. Freshen pillows by having them professionally cleaned, hanging them outside or tumbling them in the clothes dryer on the air cycle.

**3. Clean window treatments:** Launder washable curtains, or just tumble them in the dryer to freshen them. Vacuum nonwashable draperies with an upholstery brush, or have them cleaned. Clean blinds and shutters (disposable wipes that fit over a hand are useful for this), or take down blinds and wash them.

**4. Clean carpets, rugs and floors:** Launder washable throw rugs, and have the other rugs professionally cleaned. Clean hard floors using the best method for the finish.

**5. Clean light fixtures and ceiling fans:** Remove and wash glass globes. Wipe light bulbs with a damp cloth, then dry. If a bulb has burned out in a hard-to-reach chandelier, change all the bulbs at the same time because the others probably are about to burn out, too.

**6. Declutter closets and storage areas:** Sort out the things you no longer want and the items that don't belong. Store winter tools such as shovels and scrapers, and store out-of-season clothing after attending to garments that need to be cleaned or repaired. Bring out spring clothes and seasonal equipment. Sweep garage and shed floors.

**7. Wash baseboards:** Use a household cleaner and water for painted baseboards. For wood baseboards, use a cleaner designed for wood, such as oil soap. Wipe in the direction of the grain and dry immediately.

**8. Clean vents and refrigerator coils:** Remove the grilles from heating and cooling vents so you can vacuum the vent openings. Clean lint from the dryer vent and the pipe leading to the outside. Vacuum refrigerator coils.

**9. Declutter and wipe out cabinets, drawers:** Get rid of equipment you don't use, and store seldom-used items in less accessible spots. Pitch stale spices, outdated food and old medications.

**10. Spot-clean or wash walls:** Take everything off the walls, then dust or vacuum the ceilings and walls. Remove spots with all-purpose cleaner and water, or by gently rubbing on a thick paste of baking soda and water with a cloth or sponge. (Test in an inconspicuous place first.) Use a commercial putty cleaner to remove spots from nonwashable wallpaper. If necessary, most painted walls can be washed with an all-purpose cleaner or ammonia and water. Walls covered in flat paint, however, often can't be washed successfully.