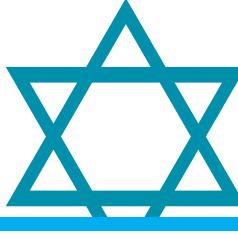


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A look at the history and traditions of the Jewish holiday

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Sebring stays perfect in district

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Easter egg hunt pictures

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Forecast



Partly sunny
and pleasant

High **80** Low **57**

Complete Forecast

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Question: Should employers be allowed to not hire someone due to their weight?

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HCA challenges heads-on-beds criteria

By ED BALDRIDGE

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SEBRING — County Commissioners plan to address an appeal from the Heartland Cultural Alliance for a \$400 grant that was not paid by the Tourism Development Council.

At the center of the debate is the TDC requirement that room verifica-

tions are required to receive grants.

Leavitt asked for \$400 to fund an annual arts and music festival at the Lakeshore Mall in December of 2011.

Leavitt contends that he has a completed and approved grant application but was denied the funds when he sent in his invoice.

Minutes from the Nov. 22, 2011 meeting do clearly show that the

commissioners approved the grant, but included in the minutes is the statement "with room verifications required."

Leavitt has argued in the past for the TDC to provide any documents that show that a heads-on-beds stipulation — which is not in the county ordinance nor Florida Statute 125.0104(5) which governs tourism

tax disbursements — is mandatory.

"The HCA contends that the decision was made on arbitrary and capricious guidelines that are harmful to art and culture organizations and limit our growth as a tourist destination," Leavitt wrote in his e-mail to the county administration dated

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Schools to invest in 'Be There' campaign

New program promotes parent participation

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — The school board voted unanimously at its Tuesday meeting to invest in the "Be There" campaign, designed to reach out to parents with helpful tips and useful information, reminding them of their critical role.

Research has shown that students whose parents are involved in their daily lives and show interest in their education consistently do better overall.

Unfortunately, this involvement isn't always possible — some parents have exhausting schedules, for example, or want to support their child's education but don't know how.



Tuck

When parents make the effort, however, children want to go to school. They develop self-confidence and better social skills, and as a result their behavior improves, as do their grades and success in the classroom. Graduation rates go up, and more students seek out post secondary schooling.

"I can't think of anything more important in education, than getting parents involved," board member Andy Tuck told the News-Sun. "Be There is a simple approach with a very low cost to the district."

Many things a parent can do are simple, like asking how a child's day went and paying attention to what he or she says; or answering a child's questions in sentences, rather than using single word responses.

Other things are more difficult, like finding a time when the family can gather for a meal together or volunteering for a school field trip.

Parents are the first responders of education, in

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Warm winter equals early harvest

Blueberries ready to pick six weeks ahead of schedule

News-Sun photos by KATARA SIMMONS

Blueberries (above) have ripened six weeks earlier than usual, and valencia oranges (below) are also ready to be picked ahead of schedule.

Change in harvest time could cause issue with migrant workers

By ED BALDRIDGE

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SEBRING — The warmer weather this past winter is causing several varieties of fruits to become riper sooner than anticipated, according to several farmers in Highlands County.

"We are already harvesting our blueberries. The warm weather has really pushed our crops this year," said Mike McCracken of McCracken Farms.

"We are running about six weeks early, it seems, but I don't have accurate data on that yet," said Tim

Hurner, a multi-county extension agent with the University of Florida said on Friday.

"For peaches and blueberries, there is an earlier harvest this year and the harvest will last longer," Hurner said.

"It will affect the labor force and create some issues.

"Blueberries become ripe in stages and have to be picked when they are ripe. Citrus becomes ripe and it is OK for it to hang on the tree for a while.

"If you don't pick the blueberries and peaches when they are ready, you

lose them," Hurner explained.

Blueberries and peaches in Florida are usually harvested in late March and early April, but the warmer than normal weather is

causing early blooms and therefore earlier than normal fruit.

"Well, it will be harder to move the fruit this year.

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'Stand your ground' law confusing

'It did not begin and it will not end with the Trayvon Martin case.'

SEN. CHRIS SMITH

task force organizer

Attorneys Association, told the 18-member panel. "Our conclusion is that this law ought to be repealed. We don't think it's a thing we can tweak."

The 2005 law is under nationwide

scrutiny following the Feb. 26 shooting in Sanford of the unarmed, 17-year-old Martin by neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman. Martin's family and supporters want Zimmerman arrested, but police say they were prevented from doing so because of the law. At least 20 other states have similar stand your ground laws.

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Worship services were held in Sebring from the very beginning

Sunday worship services were conducted from the very first days of Sebring. George E. Sebring purchased the 10,000 acres that became Sebring in October of 1911. Within days, the land that was to become the "Circle" was being cleared.

The first building was built and worship services began adjacent to the building under makeshift coverings attached to the trees. This was known as the "Church of Trees."

George Sebring was a devout Christian, and never wavered from the principles of his faith. He was kind, generous, hardworking, intelligent and thrifty, with high moral standards and



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to live. In 1913, George built "The Tabernacle," a large, barn-like structure located on Dinner Lake, to be used for non-denominational worship services that became known as "Salvation Point." This site held revival meetings with evangelists and worshippers, both local and from far away.

The main structure seated 2,500, there were several cabins that attendees could rent, or there were campgrounds there and people could camp free of charge. Some of the camp meetings lasted as long as 10 days. This facility served the community through 1915 when it fell

See CHURCHES, page 5A

Kids tri series opens May 13

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — There is a new challenge this year for students who like to run, bicycle and swim — two triathlon races presented by Rock'n Heartland Youth Tri Series. These races have nothing to do with the established Heartland Triathlon. They are separate events, although also sanctioned by USA Triathlon, the sport's governing body. The races will take place at the Highlands County Family YMCA, next to the Max Long Recreation Complex in Sebring.

The first event is Sunday, May 13. The second on Sunday, Aug. 12. Both begin at 7 a.m.

The race differs age group to age group.

Beginners (5 to 6 years old) have to swim 25 yards; bicycle one mile; and run one-quarter of a mile.

Juniors (5 to 8 years old) have to swim 50 yards; bicycle two miles and run half a mile.

Intermediates (9 to 11 years old) swim 100 yards; bicycle four miles; and run one mile.

Participants may register as individuals or as relay teams, each member competing in one of the portions of the race.

Rock'n Heartland issues a separate challenge to the public schools of Highlands County: The schools entering the most participants throughout the series will receive a traveling trophy and bragging rights for the school year — elementary competing against elementary; middle against middle; and high school against high school.

In addition, "each participant from winning schools will be entered into a prize drawing that will include a grand prize of a new Trek bicycle," said Jeff Carlson, one of the sponsors of the races.

There is an entry fee, the proceeds of which go to Julie's Funds for Kids — the YMCA's scholarship program that helps families with entrance fees for the various sports leagues it hosts year round.

According to Kevin Shutt, media coordinator for the Tri series, "Julie's Funds for Kids subsidized 65 percent of YMCA summer camp and 55 percent of soccer registrations last year for a combined savings of more than \$39,000."

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Easter Boat Parade hits water today



Courtesy photo

The 13th Easter Bunny Boat Parade will be at 4 p.m. today on Lake Josephine. Join in the boat parade in your boat or watch from the Lake Josephine shoreline and three boat ramps. The parade will begin at the Josephine Creek Spillway on Lake Josephine Drive at 3:45 p.m.. Boats gather to join the Bunny at opening of Josephine Creek and Lake Josephine 4 p.m., parade by RV park on Lake Josephine from 4:45 p.m. and will pass the shoreline of all three lakes that make up Lake Josephine between 4:30-5 p.m. For information, call Donna-Marie Keaney at (863) 991-5545.

SBDC offers live webinar on business taxes

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — The Small Business Development Center at University of South Florida, South Florida Community College will offer for the first time in Highlands County a live webinar geared to small businesses. The topic of this webinar is Business Taxes.

The primary instructor will teach from the Tampa office but a live feed to the classroom at the SFCC Avon Park facility will be facilitated by counselor David A. Noel. Local participants will have the opportunity to ask questions of the instructor in Tampa as well.

The webinar is set for 10

a.m. to noon Monday, April 16.

There's no way to get around it. Every business must report taxes. But how you pay your taxes all depends on the type of business you have. This class will explore the taxation process and filing requirements for sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations.

Pearl Para will be the instructor in Tampa.

Fee for the class is \$10.

To register call SFCC at 784-7134 or 784-7416. When registering refer to CRN 21935. For more information contact David Noel at 784-7378 or email davidnoel@usf.edu.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

County closes road

SEBRING — The Highlands County Engineering Department will closed Kenilworth Boulevard (formerly Airport Road) between County Road 17 and Moon Ranch Road to Haywood Taylor Boulevard from 9 a.m. Monday to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Residential and local business access only. There will be no access to Haywood Taylor Boulevard from Kenilworth Boulevard. A detour will be posted.

For further information, call the Engineering Department at 402-6877.

Richie to speak at chamber lunch

LAKE PLACID — The

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Membership Luncheon will

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Commissioner Jack

Richie will be the presenter

and he will update members on items and issues in

the county.

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tant to have confirmation

of attendance so that there

is sufficient food and seat-

ing available. Cost is \$8

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McIntyre to speak to Home Owners

SEBRING — The

Highlands County Home

Owners Association will

meet from 9-11 a.m.

Monday at the Sebring

Estates Club House, 3240

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EDITORIAL & OPINION**TODAY'S EDITORIAL****What were they thinking?**

The News-Sun thinks the Supreme Court's recent decision to allow full body searches of every detained individual is down right creepy, not to mention unconstitutional.

We wonder how five well-educated justices managed to overlook the Fourth Amendment, which says:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."

Somehow, the majority of the Supreme Court thinks making someone strip down naked, lift their genitals and cough while squatting in front of several officers is not unreasonable, and should be routine.

Law enforcement has to have a warrant to tap a phone

and search a house, but be hauled in for even the most minor reason and your privates are no longer private.

We absolutely reject the idea that strip searching everyone somehow makes jails safer, more secure or free from disease and lice.

It is one thing if a known drug dealer is arrested on his corner, or there are indications of trouble, like someone who won't sit down and walks gingerly.

It's entirely a different thing when there are no signs at all.

Yet arguments taken from the actual documents reviewed by the court show five of the justices considered the cases of individuals accused (not convicted) of minor offenses — even individuals who were only



briefly detained, one completely innocent of any wrongdoing — into their decision.

The Constitution is about limiting our government. It sets the boundaries necessary to reach a balance between individual freedom and public safety.

This decision, however, is an abuse of power and it leaves no recourse for victims.

In our system of justice,

the burden of proof is on the accuser.

This ruling shifts that burden onto the accused, who will have to prove innocence and have to do so in a humiliating way.

Do not forget, every time we expand the state's power, allowing it to mix the innocent with the guilty into a one-size-fits-all system, it is the innocent who get hurt.

And next time, that innocent might be you.

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Is it over?**Laura's Look**

Laura Ware

better at speaking their language, like Santorum.

If Romney wins the nomination, he is going to have to figure out how to convince these people to come out and vote for him. If he doesn't, a lot of them may stay home — and it will be hello to four more years for the president.

As far as the other candidates are concerned, I doubt Ron Paul will drop out, though he has no chance of winning the nomination. I think for him it's all about getting his message out anyway, and as long as he's doing that, he's happy.

The same page included a Real Clear Politics poll that shows Romney winning the polls race as well, at least against his fellow Republicans. Romney boasts 37.5 percent of support, as opposed to Santorum's 27.8 percent.

Newt Gingrich, despite money woes, probably won't drop out either. Gingrich worries me, because I think looking at everything he should at least consider the idea of leaving the race. I don't think he will, not because he thinks he can win or wants to get a message out, but because he is furious with Romney and wants to do everything in his power to deny the former governor a victory.

By the way, the above totals only come to 91.8 percent, which tells me that 8.2 percent of those asked probably wishes they would all go away.

Of course, with Romney so far ahead delegate wise, some have suggested that everyone else still running

should pack up and go home.

The rallying cry appears to be that it's time to gather 'round the "presumptive nominee" and start getting ready to unseat President Barack Obama in November.

So the question I am asking myself as I write this is, are those people correct? Should Santorum, Gingrich and Paul acknowledge their defeat and drop out? Or is there still a race to be won here?

Certainly Romney has money and momentum on his side. He has gotten a number of key endorsements, including one from former President George Herbert Walker Bush.

But if I were Romney, I would be very concerned over that Real Clear Politics poll. According to that, less than half of those polled pick him over the others. In spite of his efforts, there is still an "Anybody but Romney" group out there.

Why is this? I think that conservatives still don't trust the former Massachusetts governor.

Many still see him as more moderate than they would like. And those feelings send conservatives to those

That just leaves Rick Santorum. Santorum is Romney's closest rival at the moment. He also manages to speak to those Romney is having trouble relating to. But the odds of his winning enough delegates to get the nomination at this point are poor, and perhaps he needs to ask what he can accomplish in the race.

And there are those who foresee a convention fight, with no one having a majority of delegates.

While a part of me thinks that would be fun to watch, it probably isn't good for the party and should be avoided if at all possible.

Is it over? Not as far as these final four candidates are concerned. Take a deep breath and keep an eye out as we run through the rest of the states. Try to stay sane while we do. It's probably not going to be pretty.

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**TODAY'S LETTERS****We are our brother's keeper**

Editor:

I went to Walgreens North last evening to pick up a prescription. As I drove out and turned left, a young lady was standing on the side of the road holding a sign. She had lost her job and her apartment. She was well dressed and I could tell she was only doing this out of desperation. She was crying and it was sprinkling rain.

I gave a signal, pulled over, emptied my wallet and gave what I had to her. Another woman in the middle lane called her over and also gave her something.

She was so incredulous that we helped her and she said "thank you" in a shocked voice.

The light had turned green but everyone was giving her something. No one honked their horn for us to move forward. There was a young lady who needed help.

I've lived in this community since 2003 and I have seen such an outpouring of love and generosity ever since I moved here, which is why my husband and I will never leave. We are our brother's keeper, and I am proud to live in this fine community.

This could be any one of us. It only takes a broken down car when you have no money for repairs for you to lose your job, then you lose your housing, etc.

God bless Sebring and the people in it.

Rena and Bill Newman
Sebring

National Treasure," a movie I believe every American should see. Kirk Cameron, in an effort to trace our moral and historical roots, has discovered long forgotten tenants, and monuments honoring the principles upon which our country was founded.

The message was strong: America's treasure is every individual citizen, but, over time our country has been weakened by those who have stood by silently, while special interests have taken over. We now live in a society where people with convictions are fearful of stating them! All this while expecting more and more from the government. Cameron's solution: Depend on yourself, get your own 'house in order' so that you are then able to help others. Government, or more government, is not the solution – it's how we got into this mess.

I attended this movie with family and friends of all ages. On our one-hour drive back to Highlands County, I was encouraged by the lively inter-generational discussion. The young people, poised to start their careers, understand what is going on and are ready to step-up and do their part to help heal our land. Are you? Am I? My answer is yes. Won't you please . . .

1) Go to: demandthemovie.com to vote to bring this important movie to Highlands County.

2) When it comes, see the movie as a family, church group or civic organization and discuss it.

3) Do something. We all have children and grandchildren whom we love. Do we really want them to inherit this mess?

Wendy Crawford Garcia
Avon Park

March 31, they took home first place in state competition. This is the first time Sebring High School has ever taken first place.

These kids have worked so hard this year. Each and every one should be very proud of themselves.

Their performance was outstanding. Good job, Sebring Drum Line.
Kellie Allen
Sebring

Banquet**Overdue thanks extended to teachers**

Editor:

My good friend (and amazing Sebring High School teacher) Lisa Garrison invited me to see the documentary "American Teacher" over the weekend. The documentary was enlightening, to say the least.

While watching the movie, it occurred to me that I have never personally thanked each of the teachers and staff members at the Highlands County schools where my children, Jared (now 22) Jessica Martin (a senior this year) have attended for the last 17 years. So, this very much overdue, but deeply heartfelt: Thank you to each and every teacher, coach, and staff member at Sun 'N Lake Elementary, Hill-Gustat Middle School, Sebring and Avon Park high schools, and The Career Academy at SFCC who have taught or interacted with my children in some way over the past 17 years. You can never be thanked or monetarily compensated enough for all of the countless hours and sacrifices spent to teach and mentor my children. This simple "thank you" is so inadequate, but I'm hoping it will be an encouragement to keep doing the amazing job you are doing, even when one seems to notice! Thank you again...

Mary Martin
Lake Placid

'Monumental' movie is a must see

Editor:

Opening last week, amid "Hunger Games" hysteria, was an amazing movie, rich with so much history and high ideals that I will need to view it many times. I am referring to "Monumental: In Search of America's

SHS Drum Line scores big at state

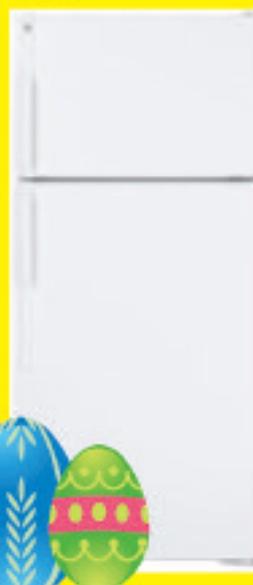
Editor:
I just wanted to congratulate Sebring High School Drum Line. On Saturday,

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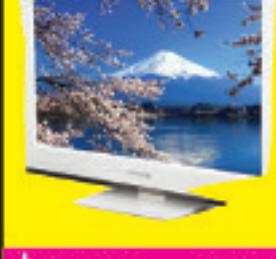
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Egg hunters are serious about collecting eggs Saturday morning during Grace Bible Church's annual Eggstravaganza at Firemen's Field in Sebring.

'Eggstravaganza' brings families together

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — Thousands of brightly colored eggs, floral and lace dresses and straw baskets produced a festive backdrop for the fourth year of the Grace Bible Church's FamFest Eggstravaganza.

GBC continued its Easter tradition at the Sebring High School football stadium Saturday morning by bringing in hundreds to celebrate the holiday.

Families with kids of all ages filled the stadium seats in anticipation of the Easter egg hunt that created a sea of plastic eggs, games, toys and books, all up for grabs for the youngsters.

GBC church staff and volunteers made it to the stadium bright and early to ensure there was enough to go around for the massive group of kids that showed up for the event.

"It is a good family and community bonding experience. People can come out and relax and enjoy the environment," pastor Andrew Katsanis said.

The event drew in a few hundred more people this year than in previous years, according to Katsanis.

"We have just over 1,000 people this year. Last year we had around 800," Katsanis said.

With the Easter being the driving force behind the event, GBC uses the community's love for the holiday to put on a great event.

"It's all about Jesus. This is a great way for the kids to hear about Him. They get to come out and learn about Jesus in an exciting way. This is our fourth year doing this and it is a great turnout," said Katsanis.

Along with Katsanis, several other members of the GBC staff were busy rounding up kids, taking photos and helping out with arts and crafts.

Children's Ministries Director Cari Byrd, Preschool Ministries Director Beth Tomblin and D's Girls Director Deida Robinson worked alongside fellow staff members and nearly 100 volunteers to ensure the safety and fun of the egg hunters.

GBC is able to create such a successful event year after year due to the hard work and support of the staff as well as the church members.

"We had thousands of eggs donated for this event. People brought Bibles, balls and books. We give all the glory to God for us being able to bring all these families together," said Byrd.

Groups of kids took their turns on their designated section of the football field. Slowly but surely, the thousands of plastic eggs disappeared.

Following the egg hunt, Holy Smokes Barbecue provided lunch for guests as they laid out blankets and enjoyed



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Tyler Stone, from left, and James Hill sort through their baskets Saturday morning after hunting eggs at Firemen's Field in Sebring.



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Enthusiasm erupts from the crowd Saturday morning as eager egg hunters wait to hit the field.



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Chloe Orrell scoops up bubbles and a stuffed animal Saturday morning during Grace Bible Church's Eggstravaganza in Sebring.

the festivities during the perfect day.

"It's a good event. We focus on the kids having fun," Byrd said.

There is lots of stuff to do out here today. We want them to hear all about God's love," Byrd said.

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Churches have always been a key part of Sebring community

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into disrepair. The property was used for various purposes over the years until the 1950s, when the Sebring family sold it to William Mackay, who subdivided it and sold the lots.

George E. had a place in his heart for the Salvation Army and its workers, many of whom moved to early Sebring. Several of those workers were given free lots by Sebring, who also donated the site where the Salvation Army building is located and still stands today on North Ridgewood Drive.

Sebring gave parcels of land to any congregation who wished to build a church. When European Jewish immigrants Michael and Sadie Kahn came to Sebring in the early 1920s, George Sebring extended a warm welcome to them stating that "no town could be a success without a Jewish community." George Sebring offered a lot for the Synagogue to be built upon as soon as there were

enough people to support it.

Temple Beth Israel was built in 1925, and members came from many cities in Central Florida for High Holy Days and special holidays. The churches in Sebring area have grown, and have been joined by many more churches of various denominations, with approximately 65 at the mark of our Centennial year.

George E. Sebring was a man of great integrity and was more concerned with the benefit of others before himself. When he died in 1927 at the age of 68, during the beginnings of a severe Florida depression, he had lost all his money, having put it all into the building of this wonderful town. As we celebrate this season of Easter and Passover, take a stroll in Circle Park, and remember the first days of Sebring and the "Church of Trees."

A reminder to stop by the Sebring Historical Society or the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce and get your coffee table book "The One-Hundred Years of

Sebring" and your hat, T-shirt, lapel pin, grocery tote bag, cup or bumper sticker, all sporting the official Centennial logo.

Mayor George Hensley urges all citizens, groups, clubs, societies and businesses to join in the celebration. The Centennial Planning Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m.. The public is invited and encouraged to attend, at the Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CelebrateSebringCentennial, Go to the website, www.Sebring100.com, call 655-5554 or email events@sebring100.com to get involved. Thanks to the News-Sun for the opportunity to keep everyone informed on Sebring's Centennial Celebration. Reference this article every Sunday and you won't miss a thing!

Jen Brown is a member of the Sebring Centennial Committee.

Tri series gearing up for 1st race

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to the families of up to 550 children. That's about \$70 of assistance per scholarship."

For individual athletes, the early fee is \$25, the late fee \$30. The relay team's fee, which may be divided among the members, is \$45 early and \$50 late. The deadline for early fees is May 1 for the first race, and Aug. 1 for the second race. Participants may register on

the day of the race.

In addition each participant must be a USAT member, which costs \$15.

According to the Center for Disease Control, the percentage of children from 6-11 years considered obese was 20 percent in 2008, up from 7 percent in 1980. The rate of obesity for teens increased from five percent to 18 in the same period.

"This is great for kids,"

Hill-Gustat middle School's

principal Chris Doty said. "It gets them active using some of their favorite summer pass times."

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Mike McCracken of McCracken Farms in Sebring talks about how the warm winter has changed the harvest time of the oranges in his groves.

Fruits becoming ready to pick early this year

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That could be one consequence," Hurner said.

"We still have some you-pick berries left," McCracken said. "But they are going fast. I don't remember a season this early, but that's farming."

Hurner said the change in harvesting could effect the labor force as well as the market, especially if other areas are seeing earlier fruit harvests.

"You labor force could travel north when watermelons or Georgia peaches get going. The crews want to pick as much as they can in as short of time as possible, that's how they make their money," Hurner explained. "It's the same for citrus."

The citrus industry is also seeing earlier than normal harvesting as well, according to Ray Royce, executive director for the Highlands County Citrus Growers Association, but there is not a large shift in the market, yet.

"We are definitely ahead of time in harvesting this year. For the first time in a

The labor force could travel north when watermelons or Georgia peaches get going.'

TIM HURNER
extension agent

long, long, long time, valencias may be all wrapped up by mid-May. They usually harvest into late June or early July," Royce said.

"The concern is with the growers. Since it's been dry and some of the fruit was affected earlier with some cold weather, growers want to get the fruit off the trees as soon as possible," Royce said.

"The processing plants are running at full speed right now, but if they decide to extend the season since it is cheaper for them to store extra juice on the trees, then they may decrease the amount of slots available for growers," Royce said.

Each grower gets so many slots for trailer loads of fruit

at the processing plants, and if the slots are less, then pickers only get to ship two semi trailers a day instead of four.

"If other fruits come in farther north then we could have labor concerns. Right now everything is fine. But let's say that the processing plant only allows two trailers a day for grove workers who have been shipping four. They pick until noon and go home. If, say, watermelons come into season, then the labor will move to where they can work a full day instead of half a day. That could cause some problems," Royce said.

McCracken and Royce said the early harvest was not affecting the quality of the fruit.

"Those going back north are actually getting a chance to take other fruits with them," McCracken said.

HCA to question TDC policy in front of commission Tuesday

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March 29.

"There is nowhere that states that TDC money can only be given out to folks who puts heads on beds," Leavitt said in an interview last week.

"Our concern is that there are no guidelines to determine how many heads on beds you have. There is no concrete guidelines on how to collect the data and no concrete outline of how that data is verified. What if someone stays at an RV park, in a condo or at a fish camp? All those places are required to pay the tourism tax, but with most events it is impossible to track or verify that information,"

'There is nowhere that states that TDC money can only be given out to folks who put heads on beds.'

FRED LEAVITT
HCA president

Leavitt said.

Leavitt also pointed to a recent grant of \$1,500 for marketing materials, including coffee cups.

"It is not consistently nor accurately applied in a lot of cases. How do coffee mugs at a conference in another county verify rooms rented? The system needs to be clear

and understandable and standardized," Leavitt said.

Leavitt also said that limiting grants to just events that put "heads on beds" eliminates things that are one-day trips.

"Look at the murals in Lake Placid. Folks come for the day and the go home after the walking tour. No one can argue that the murals are not a tourist draw, but under the guidelines they are not eligible for funds because there is no accurate way to match hotel stays with visits," Leavitt said.

The commission meets Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the boardroom of the Highlands County Government Center at 600 S. Commerce Ave.

Be There campaign to start locally

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an excellent position to take advantage of teachable moments, reinforcing a teacher's instruction. Be There provides practical ideas to help parents do this.

For example, when driving in the car a parent can ask a young child to point out specific letters on signs, and count them, or an older child to look for out-of-state license plates and name the capitals of the states.

While on a shopping trip with teens, have them compare and contrast food labels to choose those with the least sugar or fat content, or the most protein.

Ask hypothetical questions that require thought and imagination to answer. For example, if made a

monarch for a day, what would they do, or what fictional character would they like to meet and why; or how long would it take to save \$2,000 putting away \$5 a week and what would they spend the money on.

Be There's campaign

reminds parents that children need to feel loved and respected. It helps to leave little caring notes under a pillow, or in a lunch box — a message even as simple as "I'm proud of you," goes a long way to building self esteem.

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Law will cause more issues, task force told

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Chris Smith of Fort Lauderdale, said the 7-year-old law has been controversial in past cases and likely will be again long after the Martin case has faded from national attention.

"It did not begin and it will not end with the Trayvon Martin case," said Smith, a Democrat. "There is a lot of misconception and misunderstanding around the state. It can lead to dangerous incidents."

The task force — which includes prosecutors, defense attorneys, police executives and politicians — could advocate repeal or specific changes or decide not to make recommendations, Smith said. It's unclear whether the Republican-controlled Legislature would consider any of its proposals, particularly since GOP Gov. Rick Scott has pledged to appoint his own task force after the Martin investigation is complete.

The law allows use of deadly force to prevent "imminent death or great bodily harm," and it removed a person's duty to retreat in the face of such peril that was required in a previous self-defense law. The change was strongly backed by the National Rifle Association, which has been pushing similar legislation in other states.

In Florida, police on the scene must decide whether

there's sufficient evidence not to make an arrest when a person claims self-defense under the "stand your ground" law, which is why Zimmerman has not been charged in the Martin case. If a person claiming self-defense is charged, there's a hearing before a judge, not a jury, to decide whether the case goes forward.

Michael Satz, chief prosecutor in Broward County, said most instances cited by the law's proponents — such as an armed carjacking or home invasion — were covered by older self-defense laws.

"No one is trying to take self-defense away from anyone," Satz said. "I don't think it was necessary to pass 'stand your ground.'"

The panel also heard from a number of citizens on both sides.

"You're never going to legislate bad things away," said Mike Schlichtig, of Fort Lauderdale. "Don't take away innocent people's rights to protect themselves. It is not an excuse to be a vigilante."

Others, however, said the law was confusing and prone to misuse, particularly because it's often difficult to sort out the attacker and the potential victim. Prosecutors say this often happens in gang violence, when the facts are murky.

"When does the aggressor turn into the person being threatened?" said Ed Phillips of Pompano Beach.

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Recreation Club plans events

SEBRING — The Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., will host ping pong at 3 p.m. Sundays, ice cream shuffleboard at 6:30 p.m. Mondays and bridge at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, now through Nov. 6.

For more information, call 385-0741.

Diabetes Support Group meets Monday

SEBRING — The Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center's Diabetes Support Group meeting has changed to the second Monday of the month, from 1-2:30 p.m., in Conference Room 3. For details, call 402-0177.

Woman's Club to hear from educator

SEBRING — The GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring, 4260 Lakeview Drive, will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday. The Education Department will host the event. An \$8 catered luncheon is by previous reservation only.

The speaker will be Donna Ellison, principal of the Kenilworth School. Her mother, Jolene Ellison, was a long-time member of the club.

Members are asked to bring size 4, 5 or 6 diapers for the Safe House.

If new to the Sebring area and would like to know more about the Woman's Club of Sebring, call 385-7268. The monthly meetings are held the second Monday of each month, October through May. The building is available for rent; call 382-1415 for information.

Parkinson's group meets Monday

SEBRING — The Parkinson's disease support group for the Highlands County area will meet at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month at First Baptist Church of Sebring (corner of Pine and Lemon Street).

The program this month will be with Nicole Schlosser, physical therapist-Personal Rehab.

All persons with Parkinson's disease and their families are welcome to attend. There is no charge. For more information, call 453-6589.

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.

Ceremony marks Child Abuse Prevention Month

SEBRING — Be a guest at a ceremony to recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month at 8 a.m. Tuesday on the courthouse lawn. Following the ceremony will be a proclamation at the Highlands County commissioners meeting starting at 9 a.m.

Speakers will include Judge Angela Cowden, Circuit 10, judge and member of the Children's Services Council; Dr. Anne Lindsay, chairman of the Children's Services Council and principal of Sebring High School; and Tracee Smoak, CEO of the Mason G. Smoak Foundation.

Music will be provided by Lil' Wizards Academy. Candace Nacino, seventh-grader at Hill-Gustat Middle School, will sing "The Greatest Love of All" by Whitney Houston.

Crochet Circle meets at library

LAKE PLACID — The members of the "Crochet Circle" meet at the Lake Placid Library on the second and fourth Tuesday (next one April 10) of each month from 4:30-6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and join in. All skill levels come together to practice skills and learn new techniques.

The group completed its first service project in February. They have completed and sent off scarves for the winter Special Olympics. Details are on the Red Heart Yarn website.

The group is currently planning its next service project to support the Friends of the Library.

MARSP meets again before break

AVON PARK — The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) will meet for the last time this season at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Avon Park Library on Museum Avenue, to discuss programs for the coming year and any issues that may come up for discussion. All Michigan retired school personnel are encouraged to attend.

Call 655-6825 if you have questions.

Highlands Gem and Mineral Club meets Tuesday

SEBRING — The next meeting of the Highlands Gem and Mineral Club will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the rear fellowship hall of the Church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway.

Anyone interested in this hobby is invited to attend. Members and guests are encouraged to bring gems, fossils, minerals and other artifacts to display and inquire about. The purpose of this club is to further the educational and scientific pursuit of the wonders of the earth. There are no fees or dues.

The subject of this meeting will be the cleaving and preparation of ores and mineral specimens. Also, the proper methods for cleaning gemstones and jewelry will be discussed and demonstrated.

The birthstone for April is the diamond, which is the hardest of minerals and also the most splendid of gems when properly cut and faceted. The name diamond is derived from the Greek word "adames," meaning unconquerable.

Also on display and for purchase will be other minerals and fossils.

For more information, call 453-7054.

Trento speaks at Highlands Tea Party meet

SEBRING — The public is invited to attend a presentation of one of the leading academic activists in the United States. The Highlands Tea Party meets on Tuesday at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Square. Buffet will be 5:30 p.m.; followed by a meeting at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Tom Trento.

A highly skilled debater and dynamic public speaker, Trento frequently goes toe to toe with Muslim Brotherhood representatives exposing their radical agenda to the public and elected officials. Trento, with earned degrees in law enforcement and philosophy and theology, was awarded the Carnegie Hero Medal Award for saving a man from a burning car.

Trento has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe lecturing and exposing Islamic violence and infiltration in government, law enforcement and academic institutions. He is one of the co-authors of "Shariah: The Threat To America" and appears frequently on major media outlets and talk shows as an authority on Islamic ideology.

For more information, visit www.thehighlandsteaparty.com, email JLPARZ@embarqmail.com or call 699-0743.

Birthday Run benefits ABATE

SEBRING — Beasley's Birthday Run will be Saturday, April 14, with sign-up at 1 p.m. at the Blue Crab Restaurant. Last bike out at 2 p.m. Last bike in at 5 p.m. at the Tap Room Main Street, Avon Park. Cost is \$10. Food will be available for purchase.

There will be 50/50 and raffles and live band. This event is sponsored by Beasley's family. Proceeds go to ABATE Inerstate Chapter.

For more information, call 382-4520.

Events planned at posts, lodges

AVON PARK
Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will host Steak-O at 2 p.m. today. Ladies Auxiliary meets at 4 p.m. Wednesday. The Men's Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. and the Post meets at 7 p.m. Election of Officers for all groups. Music by Tom McCannon from 5-8 p.m. Friday. Karaoke by Hari from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. NASCAR is on the screen at 7 p.m.

LAKE PLACID
The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 will host an Easter dinner today at 5:30 p.m. Music with Big Freddie. Ladies Auxiliary meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday for elections. Music with Bud Followell on Friday. Call for time. For details, call the lodge at 699-5444.

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host Steak-O at 2 p.m. Sunday all month long. Music with Bama Jam. Call for time. Legion meets at 6 p.m. Monday. Music with Fireman on Wednesday, with Franke on Thursday and with Larry Musgrave on Friday. Time for all music events will be from 6-10 p.m. Mystery bus trip is planned for 8 a.m. Saturday. District meets at 1 p.m. Moose Riders meet at lunch (call for time). Music with Bob Weed is set for Saturday night. For details, call the lodge at 465-0131.

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 BPOE Board meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday. The BPOE Investigation meeting is at 6 p.m. Tuesday followed by the BPOE meeting at 7 p.m. The Ladies Installation of Officers will also take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call the lodge at 465-2661.

SEBRING
The Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 Board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday. Music by Frank E. is set from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Dance to Uptown Country from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday. Cost for either dance only is \$5. For more information, call 471-3557.

The VFW Post 4300 Tiki Bar grand opening is set for Sunday. Karaoke with BiDi from 5-8 p.m. The Men's Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. Monday. Music with Frank "E" from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, with Gary O from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, with Patsy and Johnny from 6-9 p.m. Friday and with Gary O again from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. For details, call 385-8902.

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MICHAEL MORGAN

Michael A. Morgan, 55, passed away on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 in Sebring, Fla. He was born on March 8, 1957 in Lyons, N.Y. He was a complex manager for an apartment management company. He was a member of the Eagles and was a resident of Sebring since 2010 coming from Orlando, Fla.

He is survived by his fiancé, Connie Ann Beagles; her children, Matt, Jamie, Ray, Kristi, Christina, and Kara; three sons, Michael L. Morgan, Shannon M. Morgan and Michael A. Morgan; sister, Amy Starczewski of Wolcott, N.Y.; brothers, Dean Starczewski of New York and Clyde Hunt of New York; seven grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral

Home Chapel.

Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Sebring, Florida stephensonnelsonfh.com

LORRAINE PULVER

Lorraine Pulver, 89, of Sebring, passed away April 3, 2012. Originally from Chicago, Ill., she became a resident of Sebring in 1976. She was an active member of the Sebring Women's Club, Sebring Elks 1529 (past president), VFW 4300, St. Catherine's Catholic Church, as well as volunteering at various organizations.

She is survived by son, Edward Case, of Sebring; granddaughter Tracy Cole of San Francisco, Calif.; and cat, Joey.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to any animal rescue or veterans organization in her name.

Pilots in fiery Navy jet crash faced tough choices

Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Zooming along at 170 mph in a fighter jet carrying thousands of pounds of volatile fuel, two Navy pilots faced nothing but bad choices when their aircraft malfunctioned over Virginia's most populated city.

"Catastrophic engine system failure right after take-off, which is always the most critical phase of flying, leaves very, very few options," said aviation safety expert and decorated pilot J.F. Joseph. "You literally run out of altitude, air speed and ideas all at the same time," he said.

Somehow, however, the student pilot and his instructor and everyone on the ground survived Friday when the men ejected from their F/A-18D jet moments before it crashed in a fireball in an apartment complex courtyard. The pilots and five on the ground were hurt, but all but one aviator were out of the hospital hours later. Crews had carefully checked the apartments, and all residents had been accounted for early Saturday, fire department Capt. Tim Riley said Saturday. No deaths were reported.

"We're not actively searching for anybody," Riley said. "That could change if, for instance, authorities did not know about a guest that had been staying in an apartment, Riley said.

The airmen were from Naval Air Station Oceana, less than 10 miles away. They were able to safely escape the aircraft, which weighs up to 50,000 pounds fully fueled and armed, before it careened into the apartment complex, demolishing sections of some buildings and engulfing others in flames. Some 40 apartment units were damaged or destroyed. Military authorities are investigating what happened.

The two-seat jet had dumped loads of fuel before crashing, though it wasn't clear if that was because of a malfunction or an intentional maneuver by the pilots, said Capt. Mark Weisgerber with U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

Virginia Beach EMS division chief Bruce Nedelka said witnesses saw fuel being dumped from the jet before it went down, and that fuel was found on buildings and vehicles in the area.

The plane not having as much fuel on board "mitigated what could have been an absolute massive, massive fireball and fire," Nedelka said.

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Police link shootings in Tulsa; 3 killed

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Police believe the same attacker or attackers are behind a series of early-morning shootings in which three people were killed and two others were critically wounded within a three-mile span of north Tulsa.

Homicide detective Sgt. Dave Walker said investigators don't have the results of forensic tests yet, but police think the early Friday morning shootings are linked because they happened around the same time in the same general area and all five victims were out walking when they were shot.

Police don't believe the

victims knew one another and are trying to determine the circumstances behind the killings.

All five victims are black, and black community leaders met Friday evening in an effort to calm unrest and promote safety. NAACP Tulsa president, the Rev. Warren Blakney Sr., told the Tulsa World someone appeared to be "targeting black people to shoot."

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High Thursday 89°

Low Thursday 56°

Heat Index

For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity 39%

Expected air temperature 78°

Makes it feel like 78°

Barometer

Tuesday 29.97

Wednesday 29.83

Thursday 29.81

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.00"

Wednesday 0.00"

Thursday 0.00"

Month to date 0.02"

Year to date 3.03"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High 4:29 a.m.

Low 9:05 a.m.

High 3:08 p.m.

Low 10:43 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High 10:32 a.m.

Low 4:06 a.m.

High 11:10 p.m.

Low 4:27 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson 70.36"

Lake Okeechobee 12.19"

Normal 14.51"

UV Index Today

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



0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-8 High;

8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme

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Regional Summary

Partly sunny today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny and delightful tomorrow and Tuesday. Wednesday: some sun with a thunderstorm possible. Thursday: times of sun and clouds.

Farm Report

Partly sunny today. Winds east-northeast 7-14 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 55% and good drying conditions. Clear to partly cloudy tonight.

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	Monday
Sunrise	7:10 a.m.	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	7:46 p.m.	7:47 p.m.
Moonrise	10:14 p.m.	11:20 p.m.
Moonset	8:23 a.m.	9:18 a.m.

Last

Apr 13

New

Apr 21

First

Apr 29

Full

May 5

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.

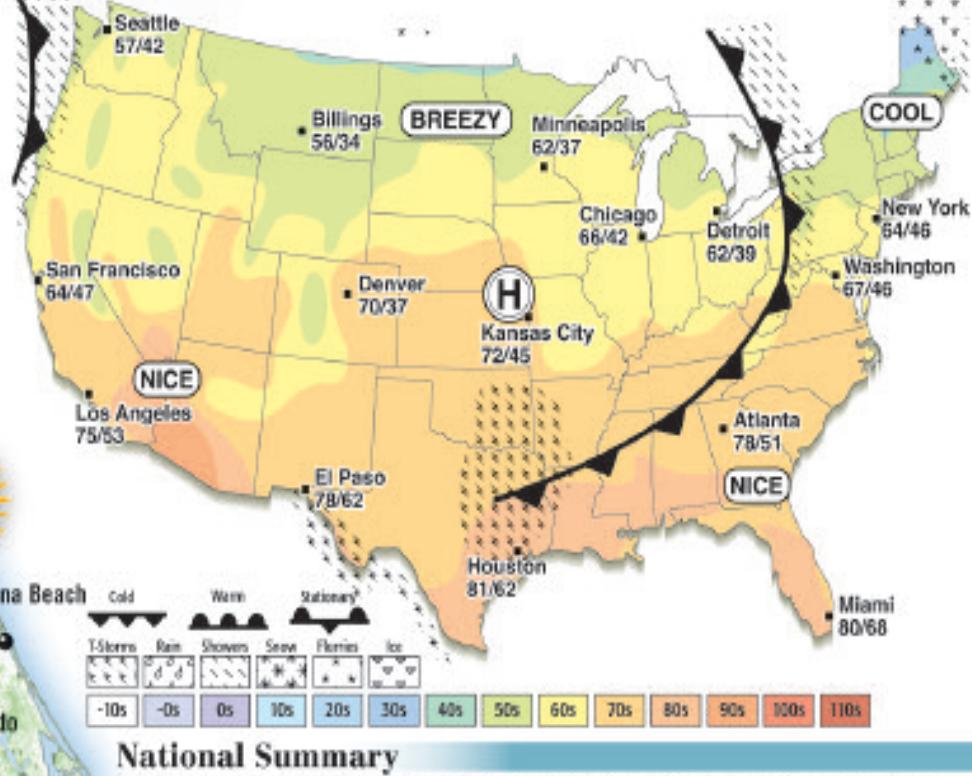
Florida Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Cape Coral	83/58/pc	83/58/pc	84/61/pc	Miami	80/68/pc	82/67/pc	83/67/pc
Clewiston	81/61/pc	80/62/pc	81/64/pc	Okeechobee	77/50/pc	78/56/pc	82/60/pc
Corals Springs	79/64/pc	79/64/pc	80/65/pc	Orlando	81/56/pc	81/59/pc	84/60/pc
Daytona Beach	75/57/pc	78/57/pc	81/60/pc	Pompano Beach	81/64/pc	82/63/pc	84/66/pc
R. Lakewood	80/66/pc	80/66/pc	82/69/pc	St. Augustine	73/57/pc	78/58/pc	80/65/pc
Fort Myers	82/60/pc	83/60/pc	84/63/pc	S. Peterburg	81/58/pc	80/61/pc	81/63/pc
Gainesville	80/53/pc	81/56/pc	82/54/pc	Sarasota	80/58/pc	80/61/pc	80/61/pc
Hollywood	81/64/pc	82/63/pc	84/66/pc	Tallahassee	79/54/pc	81/56/pc	82/53/pc
Homestead AFB	78/63/pc	78/62/pc	80/62/pc	Tampa	81/61/pc	81/61/pc	81/62/pc
Jacksonville	78/54/pc	77/55/pc	82/53/pc	W. Palm Bch	78/64/pc	80/64/pc	82/65/pc
Key West	79/71/pc	80/70/pc	81/70/pc	Winter Haven	81/59/pc	81/60/pc	84/62/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, ps-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 positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



National Summary

After a chilly start today, Easter Sunday will finish off nice and mild from the Southeast to the mid-Atlantic with wall-to-wall sunshine expected. A cold front pushing through the eastern Great Lakes will trigger a few scattered showers. Meanwhile, numerous showers and thunderstorms, some gusty will continue to drench parts of Texas and the southern Plains. High pressure stretching from the northern Rockies to the Midwest will spell a mostly sunny day. The nice weather will also extend into the Southwest.

U.S. Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	73/53/pc	77/56/pc	78/53/pc	Los Angeles	75/53/pc	72/54/pc	69/51/pc
Atlanta	78/51/pc	73/49/pc	69/43/pc	Louisville	68/44/pc	71/41/pc	59/39/pc
Baltimore	68/44/pc	65/42/pc	60/38/pc	Memphis	76/51/pc	75/53/pc	70/48/pc
Birmingham	78/55/pc	78/49/pc	72/44/pc	Milwaukee	62/40/pc	57/34/pc	49/35/pc
Boston	54/43/pc	62/42/pc	56/41/pc	Minneapolis	62/37/pc	59/31/pc	52/33/pc
Charlotte	75/45/pc	75/45/pc	66/31/pc	Nashville	72/44/pc	73/43/pc	65/39/pc
Cheyenne	64/33/pc	62/37/pc	68/40/pc	New Orleans	80/63/pc	80/62/pc	79/63/pc
Chicago	66/42/pc	59/36/pc	50/35/pc	New York City	64/46/pc	64/44/pc	57/42/pc
Cleveland	60/39/pc	62/34/pc	49/32/pc	Norfolk	72/50/pc	68/50/pc	64/42/pc
Columbus	64/40/pc	59/37/pc	51/34/pc	Oklahoma City	72/55/pc	75/54/pc	70/52/pc
Dallas	78/61/pc	81/63/pc	70/63/pc	Philadelphia	67/44/pc	64/43/pc	57/39/pc
Denver	70/37/pc	70/41/pc	73/43/pc	Phoenix	90/65/pc	92/66/pc	80/62/pc
Detroit	62/31/pc	58/35/pc	50/33/pc	Pittsburgh	65/38/pc	55/33/pc	48/35/pc
Honolulu	66/40/pc	62/37/pc	56/35/pc	Portland, ME	53/34/pc	55/36/pc	56/33/pc
Houston	81/62/pc	81/62/pc	80/62/pc	Portland, OR	63/44/pc	65/48/pc	64/46/pc
Indianapolis	64/43/pc	61/37/pc	53/34/pc	Raleigh	76/45/pc	74/44/pc	64/36/pc
Jackson MS	80/56/pc	78/52/pc	80/50/pc	Reevesburg	56/38/pc	53/34/pc	51/34/pc
Kansas City	72/45/pc	69/40/pc	65/43/pc	St. Louis	68/47/pc	67/40/pc	60/39/pc
Lexington	68/39/pc	64/38/pc	56/35/pc	San Francisco	64/47/pc	64/51/pc	56/48/pc
Little Rock	74/62/pc	78/52/pc	75/50/pc	Seattle	57/42/pc	63/44/pc	60/43/pc
				Wash., DC	67/48/pc	63/45/pc	60/40/pc

PASSOVER

A LOOK AT THE SIGNIFICANCE, FOOD AND TRADITIONS OF THIS JEWISH HOLIDAY

Spring is in the air — flowers are blooming and the weather is getting warmer. After a cold winter, those are certainly reasons to celebrate.

In the Jewish faith, spring also is a time to commemorate ancestors' freedom from slavery with the festival of Passover.

Passover is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the Israelites, the ancestors of the Jews who were freed from years of slavery in ancient Egypt with the help of their leader, Moses. This celebration, which lasts eight days and corresponds to the Hebrew calendar, began at sundown Friday.

The Passover holiday is full of tradition, stories and food. It is a happy holiday, a festival of freedom and a time for family and friends to gather together. Read on to learn about the history of Passover, the Seder ceremony, holiday vocabulary and more.

— Colleen Jaskot, McClatchy-Tribune

THE HISTORY OF PASSOVER

The story of Passover starts in the Hebrew Bible in the book of Exodus.

"That chapter tells the preparations for the first Passover and describes the first Passover and (the Israelites') flight from Egypt," said Rabbi Charles Feinberg, of Adas Israel synagogue in Washington, D.C.

The Israelites endured years of slavery under the Egyptians. Under orders from God, Moses told the pharaoh to let the Israelites go free. When the pharaoh refused, God sent 10 plagues to Egypt — blood in the Nile River, frogs, bugs, wild animals, pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness and, finally, death to the all of the firstborns.

However, the Israelites "survived the plague of the death of the firstborn by putting the blood of the lamb on their doorposts," Feinberg said.

That is where the holiday gets its name

— because the plague "passed over" the Israelites.

After the plagues, the pharaoh released the Israelites, but they had to leave quickly, so preparing food for their journey was rushed.

"One of the major rituals is eating unleavened bread — matzoh — because they didn't have enough time to allow the bread to rise," Feinberg said. "So one of the ways we celebrate the holiday is we don't eat any leavened products."

"It's like a cracker ... not much different than saltines, but much plainer, so you can put things on it and eat."

That ritual continues to be celebrated during Passover today.

VOCAB LIST

Haggadah: Means "to tell." It is the book outlining the order of the Passover Seder.

Haroset: Food eaten as part of the Seder, made from apples, nuts and wine, symbolizing the mortar of the bricks the Israelites made while enslaved.

Chametz: Leavened products, which cannot be eaten during Passover.

Seder: Ritual feast of Passover

Seder plate: This special plate contains the food for the Seder, including a hard-boiled egg, haroset, horseradish, a shank bone and a green vegetable.

Kugel: Popular food to eat on Passover; it is a matzoh or potato dish baked like casserole.

Matzoh: The unleavened bread eaten during Passover.

THE SEDER CEREMONY

Passover begins with a ceremonial feast called the Seder. Some traditional foods:



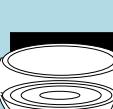
Hard-boiled egg

The hardness of the egg stands for the Jews' strength.



Roasted lamb bone

Symbolizes the lamb that was sacrificed in ancient days before the Temple was destroyed.



Salt water

Stands for tears shed by the slaves and for the salty Red Sea.



Matzos

Three pieces of flat, unleavened bread, each representing a group of slaves. When the Jews fled Egypt in haste, they took their bread dough without letting it rise and baked it quickly in the sun.



Bitter herbs

Horseradish roots recall the suffering of the slaves.



Haroset

Made with apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine. Its color is reminiscent of the clay the slaves used to make bricks for the Pharaohs' pyramids.



Wine

Drunk from a goblet known as the "cup of Elijah." Elijah was one of the Jewish prophets.



Greens

Parsley and celery are dipped into salt-water as a reminder of the parting of the Red Sea.

"What's special about Passover is we have a special service at home called the 'Seder,' which means 'order' in Hebrew," Feinberg said. The name is appropriate, because there is a specific order of steps for the Seder, from a book called the Haggadah, Feinberg said.

The main part of the Seder is "eating the special foods that are supposed to remind us of what happened," Feinberg said. "Many of the preparations (of the Israelites) became a source of ritual for the holiday."

Rabbi Ethan Seidel of Tifereth Israel Congregation in Washington, D.C., said the annual event means that the story continues to be passed on.

"The basic part of the Seder ... is telling our children the story," Seidel said.

Often, Feinberg said, people will make connections between that story and modern ones about oppression and freedom.

At the Seder, there is a Seder plate (above), which includes a shank bone, bitter herbs (often a horseradish root), parsley or another green vegetable and salt water, Feinberg explained.

"We have a roasted hardboiled egg, and we have something called haroset which is usually a mixture of nuts, apples and wine together, supposed to remind us of the mortar — part of the slavery was that they had to make bricks for construction," Feinberg said.

"The bitter herbs represent the bitterness of slavery, and the parsley is dipped in salt water to remember the tears the Israelites cried," Feinberg said. The shank bone represents the lamb's blood that was put on the doors so the plague would pass over them.

"The heart of the evening is the meal. There is lots of stuff made out of matzoh, potatoes and eggs — because we can't use any bread or leavened products. It's traditional to have roast meat — brisket or turkey," Feinberg said.



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THE FOUR QUESTIONS

Traditionally, the youngest person at the Seder table reads aloud the "Four Questions" known collectively as "Mah Nishtana" which means "why is it different."

These questions ask why the evening that begins Passover is different from other evenings.

The "Four Questions" are actually one question plus four clauses that, along with the answers, give an overview of the story of Passover as told in the Passover Haggadah.

The main question is: "Why is this night different from all other nights?"

The clauses are:

1. "Why is it that on all other nights during the year we eat either bread or matzoh, but on this night we eat only matzoh?"

2. "Why is it that on all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs, but on this night we eat only bitter herbs?"

3. "Why is it that on all other nights we do not dip our herbs even once, but on this night we dip them twice?"

4. "Why is it that on all other nights we eat either sitting or reclining, but on this night we eat in a reclining position?"

OTHER TRADITIONS

While Seder is a service at home, there also are services offered at the synagogue for each day of Passover, with the first and last days as the major services, Feinberg said. The other nights, families typically invite company over for dinner.

Seidel agrees that spending time with family is key to the celebration of Passover.

"You go to synagogue, you relax, you chat with friends. That's our idea of a good life," Seidel said.

SOURCES: "JEWISH HOLIDAY COOKBOOK" BY SUSAN GOLD PURDY, "JEWISH HOLIDAYS" BY MARGERY CUYLER, KOSHER4PASSOVER.COM, WWW.HOLIDAYS.NET, WWW.ANGELFIRE.COM

PASSOVER TREAT: MATZO HAYSTACKS

No kid will be able to pass over this simple treat. Macaroon fans will love the coconut-almond recipe; for a sweet-tart variation, swap in some dried fruit.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 cups salted matzos, crushed into small pieces
- 1 1/3 cups sweetened flaked coconut
- 2/3 cup sliced or chopped almonds

COCONUT-ALMOND HAYSTACKS

Melt the chocolate chips according to the directions on the package, and stir until smooth. Combine the crushed matzos, the coconut, and the almonds in a large mixing bowl. Pour the melted chocolate over the dry mixture and stir until all of the pieces are coated. Use a teaspoon to dollop haystacks onto a sheet of parchment or waxed paper, or into paper muffin cups. Allow the treats to cool (about 10 minutes). Makes about 60 pieces.



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DRIED FRUIT HAYSTACKS: Follow the recipe above but reduce the amount of chocolate chips to 2 cups and substitute 1 cup of dried fruit for the coconut and almonds. We used a mix of chopped apricots and sweetened cranberries.

— FamilyFun magazine

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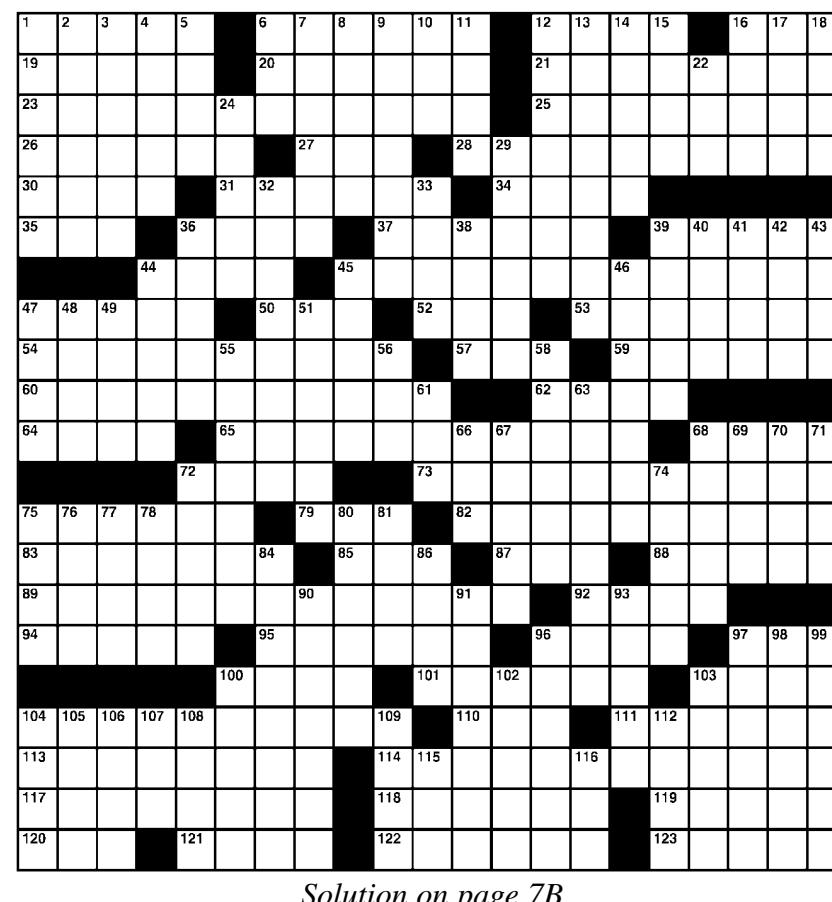
FAILING FRENCH

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- 1 ___ finish
- 6 Latin for "heads"
- 12 Tease
- 16 Uncouth one
- 19 Like hayseeds' hangouts
- 20 Issue in May-December romances
- 21 Straighten out
- 23 Sense of unity among magnetic devices?
- 25 Place to dry out, in oaters
- 26 Goddess with a European capital named for her
- 27 "Fooled you!"
- 28 Deceptively realistic painting of The Donald?
- 30 Dressed
- 31 Much souvenir shop merchandise
- 34 Concert wind
- 35 Egg source
- 36 Triumphs
- 37 Horn, in Hastings
- 39 They may have soft shoulders
- 44 Point at the dinner table
- 45 Terrible night's sleep?
- 47 ___ Irish Rose"
- 50 Heyerdahl craft
- 52 Vacation souvenir
- 53 Come through
- 54 "Porgy and Bess" aria
- 57 Tease
- 59 Many families begin at them
- 60 Having a weed-free lawn?
- 62 Humble reply to a compliment
- 64 Nurse's tool
- 65 Passenger who doesn't bug the cabbie?
- 68 Michigan-based financing co. formed in 1919
- 72 Workbench tool
- 73 Justification for a dried grape?
- 75 Early online bookstore
- 79 QB protectors
- 82 Admitting, as a lesser

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- 1 Take the pulpit
- 2 Try to catch up
- 3 Oliver Twist, e.g.
- 4 Accounted for the container
- 5 Actress Lena
- 6 Dishonorable dude
- 7 Representatives
- 8 Carlsbad's river
- 9 "Makes sense to me"
- 10 Deck swabber
- 11 In ___: miffed
- 12 Movie goodies
- 13 Smitten
- 14 R.E.M. frontman Michael
- 15 One way to walk
- 16 Curved molding



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| 17 Sheryl Crow's " | 48 Elevate | 81 Experienced |
| Wanna Do" | 49 "It's not too early to call" | 84 Dealing with an invitation |
| 18 Dropped | 51 Less stuffy | 86 Fly ball paths |
| 22 Cpl., e.g. | 55 Put a new layer in, as a jacket | 90 Pomaded '50s subculturist |
| 24 ___ It to the Streets": Doobie Brothers hit | 56 Road race challenge | 91 Idealist's opposite |
| 29 Spiral pasta | 58 Not neutral | 93 Citizen of Basra |
| 32 Helium or neon | 61 Rev.'s address | 96 TV image fluctuations |
| 33 Knuckleballer Wilhelm | 63 Test | 97 Detest |
| 36 Became less reckless, say, with "up" | 66 Skip over, as ads | 98 "When We Two ___": Byron poem |
| 38 Poet Khayyám | 67 Future femme | 99 Downhill racers |
| 39 Pre-closing bell excitement | 68 Middle Ages rival of Venice | 100 Arrived |
| 40 Dead lines? | 69 Conf. table events | 102 Mislead |
| 41 Inventing middle name | 70 Renoir output | 103 Rip off |
| 42 A hundred bucks, maybe | 71 Conf. table heads | 104 Thin fastener |
| 43 Estonia and Armenia, once: Abbr. | 72 Chose | 105 [Gasp!] |
| 44 Conductor's beat | 74 Not at all bright | 106 Near |
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| | 80 Grade school art activity | 115 Narc's employer |
| | 116 "Do it, ___ will!" | 116 "Do it, ___ will!" |

Are we really living?

Recently we attended memorial services for dear friends. As they walked the road God had placed them upon, they relied on his power and strength. They knew the secret of abiding.

Pause And Consider
Jan Merop



will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time." But, it's Jesus next words that help us see that he doesn't just give resurrection and life, though he does.

In verses 25-26, Jesus responds, "You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all."

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He breathes life into ... he sustains that life ... he renews ... he restores.

When we understand this, abiding is more doable.

Before his death and resurrection, Jesus teaches his disciples that he is the Vine and they are the branches (as are all believers).

As a branch get's nourishment and life from the vine, we must join ourselves to him. He longs for us to be at home with him now and for eternity. He says in verse 9, "Make yourselves at home in my love ... intimately at home in my love."

So, today on Resurrection Sunday, be energized in knowing that He is the Resurrection and the Life and that abiding in him is really living. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

Not everyone accepts Libra's advice or gestures

Special to the News-Sun

Aries (March 21-April 20) — Aries, others are wondering if you are up to the challenge of doing something different and out of your comfort zone. This seems like just your style this week.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) — Taurus, butting heads in a conflict is easy, but it's not so easy to let things slide like water off a duck's back. You will earn greater respect for being nonconfrontational.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — Gemini, work on rebuilding a relationship that may once have taken a backseat to more pressing matters. You never know when you need to call in a favor.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Cancer, your stubbornness appears once you set your mind to something and get to the task at hand. This can have its pros and cons, especially at work.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) — Leo, you have exerted all your energy and now you're looking to lessen the workload. Now could be the time to delegate some of your responsibilities to others.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Virgo, accepting help is not a weakness. While you may want to be an independent person, accept the help others have generously offered.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Libra, sometimes you want to play the role of the savior. While your efforts are generous, not everyone will accept your advice or

Horoscope

your gestures.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Pick your battles, Scorpio, because not everything will necessarily go your way. There is no point in creating extra stress and grief for yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Sagittarius, relax and open up to the ones you love. You may be surprised just how fulfilling and liberating this can feel, especially when you do it frequently.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Capricorn, lean on friends and family when a difficult situation presents itself. Not everything has to be a secret this week; you can use some support.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — Aquarius, expect to see everything in black and white in the days ahead.

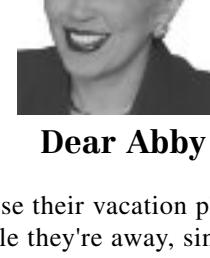
This is alright, just avoid taking this perspective to the extreme. Sometimes you have to have faith.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Pisces, things are changing all around you and you'll get left behind if you don't make some attempts to catch up.

Famous birthdays

April 8 - Julian Lennon, songwriter, 49; April 9 - Kristen Stewart, actress, 22; April 10 - Mandy Moore, singer 28; April 11 - Joss Stone, singer, 25; April 12 - Claire Danes, actress, 33; April 13 - Rick Schroder, actor, 42; April 14 - Adrien Brody, actor, 39.

Vietnam vet can't find words to acknowledge public thanks



Dear Abby

to use their vacation place while they're away, since it stands empty 11 months of the year.

I have hesitated in the past because I know we would use utilities and it would be of some expense to them. They are insistent that they will not let us pay for the use.

We would love to spend some time there. Is there anything we could do to show our appreciation without paying them?

— Appreciative, But ...

Dear Appreciative: Yes. After spending time in their vacation home, write a letter thanking them and describing the experience. Consider sending them an album of photographs you took during your vacation there, or buy a gift for their vacation home.

That way you will have repaid them without "paying" them.

Dear Abby: My little sister is almost 12. She has

been having a lot of behavior problems. I thought it was the stupid videos she watches that made her act like that, but she's getting worse.

One night, her mood was terrible and I noticed she was texting. So while she slept I took her cellphone and started reading the messages. Her texts were about her being a skank, drunk, sexually active, depressed, cutting herself and moving away soon. No one in the family knows or would ever allow this.

I feel the right thing to do is to tell our parents, but I don't want to make the situation worse. Her behavior and attitude stress us out, and her "friends" are the wrong crowd for her. I know it was bad for me to invade her privacy, but something needs to be done. What can I do?

— Sister Who Cares in Texas

Dear Caring Sister: Tell your parents what you have learned. Your sister's behavior problems and angry or depressed mood must have been noticed by them as well as you. Ask them not to reveal that you looked at the messages, but to insist on some answers from her until they get to the bottom of what's happening. If even half of what your sister is writing and receiving is true,

she is headed for serious trouble and is overdue for an intervention.

To My Christian Readers: Happy Easter, one and all!

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Vow renewals growing in popularity

By ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Letty Abraham of Sylvan Lake, Mich., married her husband, Mark, almost 22 years ago, she was determined not to make a fuss.

It was her second marriage and she didn't want to go overboard.

"I had a big wedding the first time ... My second wedding I was over that, and I wanted it more small and intimate. We got married in Las Vegas. We had family and friends there but it wasn't a really big deal," she said.

Still, it was important to the couple to make their union special, so they made a plan early on to renew their vows.

Fast forward 10 years, and they were saying "I still do" on a trip to Maui, Hawaii. At that ceremony, Abraham let herself cry. She and her husband were so happy with their second wedding to each other that they decided to do it again at the 15-year mark as well.

"We'll probably do it again at 25," she laughed.

Recommittting to a relationship through vow renewals is becoming more popular, said Susan Southerland, president of Just Marry!, Inc. wedding planners in Orlando, Fla.

"In the last three to five years they've become extremely popular. We've always done one or two throughout the year, but all of a sudden it's become a huge request."

For one thing, it's a great way to reconnect.

Kathryn Quinn of East Lansing, Mich., is approaching her 11-year anniversary. She and her husband recently renewed their vows on a trip to the Virgin Islands. They traveled with three other couples and all four renewed their vows on the beach on Valentine's Day.

"I'm so glad we did it," she said. "This was our first trip away from our children. It was at a beautiful location.

The vow renewal was meaningful, and gave us a chance away from our daily life to really celebrate our time together and be grateful for our relationship."

Sometimes, a vow renewal is not only a reminder of how far a couple has come but a memory to cherish.

Winifred "Wini" Brunston of Lancaster, Calif., lost her husband last year. She enjoys looking back to their 35th anniversary, in 2004, when they renewed their vows in the same small church where they got married.

The same couple who stood up with them back then



Metro Services

Renewing vows is a great way for couples to reconnect after years of marriage.

resumed their duties.

Brunston feels marriage vows mean more over the years because "after being together after all that time you really know each other," and "it lets the spouse know you still love them enough to marry them again."

Anja Winikka, editor of the wedding website TheKnot.com, believes one reason for the spike of interest in vow renewals is that some celebrity couples have done it.

Tori Spelling and Dean McDermott filmed their vow renewal for their reality TV show. Holly Robinson Peete tweeted photos after she and former NFL quarterback Rodney Peete recently celebrated their 17-year anniversary by renewing their vows on top of the Empire State Building in New York.

Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon are the most consis-

tent; they renew their vows every year.

"You hear about it, and just like any trends in the wedding industry and in decor and fashion, celebrities certainly do influence us in that way," says Winikka.

Southerland says she recently helped a couple who renew their vows every year. "It's always a surprise, and the husband plans it," she said.

Whether you renew your vows annually or just once, in a small ceremony or as part of a vacation, the cost of saying "I do — again" can vary.

"You can do something that's very simple, that's just the husband and wife standing up with a photographer, and that can be less than \$1,000. Or you can do something where you've invited a bunch of people. I've had people spend upwards of 50

or 60 thousand," Southerland said. And even a do-over bride can turn into a Bridezilla, she says.

"That still is personality-driven, which kind of makes me chuckle," she said. "I'm thinking, 'Wow, you've known this guy for a long time. What's there to be nervous about? So what if a flower falls off an arch?' Others are more laidback. But you still have some very nervous brides."

Her mother added:

Brides personalize with handmade bouquets

Associated Press

When Carol Ann Vivrette was planning her wedding four years ago, her fiance encouraged her to bring her crafty nature to the day. Hundreds of hours and yards of yarn later, she had knit and felted flowers for her wedding party, from her own calla lily bouquet to the corsages of her two grandmothers.

Why toss the bouquet when you can keep it forever?

Instead of fresh-cut flowers, many brides like Vivrette are making or buying alternatives out of fabric, paper and even old brooches. The results can be stunning — colorful paper hydrangeas, sparkling brooches, even quirky buttons, hundreds of them, forming a bouquet.

It's a way to personalize a wedding, and turn what can be a costly, one-time expenditure into a family keepsake.

It also can mean a lot of work. Vivrette, of Oakland, Calif., began working seriously on her project six weeks out and finished the day before her wedding.

Part of the fun was that the process became a family affair: One friend helped knit; two helped assemble the pieces into boutonnieres and corsages; and Vivrette's mother inserted and sewed wire into the flower stems so the bouquet could hold its shape.

Some brides choose an alternative bouquet to save money. Flowers for the average wedding can cost more than \$2,000, according to The Wedding Report, which

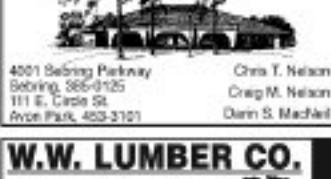
Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures

Inspirational Thoughts

by Patricia Valentine

Luke 24:1-8, "Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found

the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus, and it happened; as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then as they were afraid and bowed their faces to do the earth they said to them "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" He is not here, but is Risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee saying "the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered His words." The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in all human history. Only Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Jesus was victorious over death. Remember today, we celebrate a Risen Saviour. Whatever you may be facing today that does not come with peace, just remember these two major events, Calvary's Cross and The Empty Tomb. He did it just for you and me. Happy Resurrection Day!"



Divorce expo a counterpoint to wedding industry

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Liz Slayback can trace her decision to pursue a divorce to a precise, painful moment.

"I knew my marriage was over and the divorce proceedings were about to begin when I came home and I found my husband in bed with my two best friends," said the 33-year-old dental hygienist from Staten Island.

How do we know that? Because Slayback declared it so in a video recording booth set up by Huffington Post during a rare, two-day event — an "expo" for people just starting divorce proceedings, in the middle or looking to rise from the ashes in the aftermath.

Slayback, positively bubbly after a fancy but free haircut, was among about 300 people who attended "Start Over Smart" last weekend, most of whom were women.

A smattering of vendors set up booths offering everything from a divorce planning binder to advice on long-term insurance, with seminars on such topics as "Sensuality Secrets" and "My Formerly Hot Life."

Unlike mega-expos put on by the multimillion-dollar wedding industry, this was a not-so-jubilant affair — save an evening mixer — at an elegant, intimate venue.

The divorce counterpoint to wedding marketplaces was the idea of a mother-daughter team from Westport, Conn. The younger, Nicole Baras Feuer, is a divorce mediator and divorced mother. Her mom, Francine Baras, is a family therapist.

They got the idea from a similar divorce expo in Paris, which they attended in late 2010.

"Americans need a place to come and meet professionals face-to-face and not get everything from a book or a website, to bring everything live and let people have all the accurate information under one roof instead of piecemealing it," Baras Feuer said.

Her mother added:

"There is no coming together of people going through divorce as there are at a wedding expo, where you get your dress, you get your veil, you get an event planner, you pick out your invitations. Weddings are a known quantity. Getting divorced is an unknown quantity."

So where does divorce stand, anyway?

Deciphering divorce statistics to arrive at an overall rate feels a lot like breaking the Da Vinci Code when all factors are considered, but this much we can say: Marriages are at an all-time low, due in part to younger people delaying their nuptials, and divorce is high among baby boomers when compared to other age groups.

According to a Census Bureau analysis based on a 2009 sample of 3 million households, 19.1 weddings were performed per 1,000 men and 17.6 per 1,000 women across the U.S. that year, while divorces became final for 9.2 of every 1,000 men and 9.7 of every 1,000 women.

That means that roughly, for every two people getting married, one gets divorced.

Southern and Western states ranked among the highest for wedding bells, but many in those regions also have higher rates of divorce than the Northeast, among other areas.

Roughly 1.1 million children, or 1.5 percent of all children, lived in 2009 in the home of a parent who divorced in the previous year.

Yet it might as well be 1950 all over again when it comes to the isolation and stigma of divorce.

"The culture hasn't allowed divorce to be something that we know is real and does happen," Baras said.

"We sort of say it happens, but in your own house and not the culture itself."

"People going through this are still very isolated," Baras said.

"People don't want to hear about it who aren't divorced. They're afraid it's contagious."

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Studio scores PG-13 rating for 'Bully'

By DERRIK J. LANG
AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES — The Weinstein Co. said Thursday an edited version of the film "Bully" will be released across the U.S. on April 13 with a PG-13 rating.

The Motion Picture Association of America initially gave the film an R rating for language, meaning kids under 17 were restricted from seeing it without an accompanying adult.

The MPAA declined to change the rating when The Weinstein Co. appealed. The company released the film March 30 in limited release without a rating.

"Bully," directed by Lee Hirsch, is an examination of school bullying that follows five kids over the course of a school year.

The Weinstein Co. said three uses of an expletive were removed to earn the PG-13 rating.

"I feel completely vindicated with this resolution," Hirsch said in a statement. "While I retain my belief that PG-13 has always been the appropriate rating for this film, as reinforced by Canada's rating of a PG, we have today scored a victory from the MPAA."

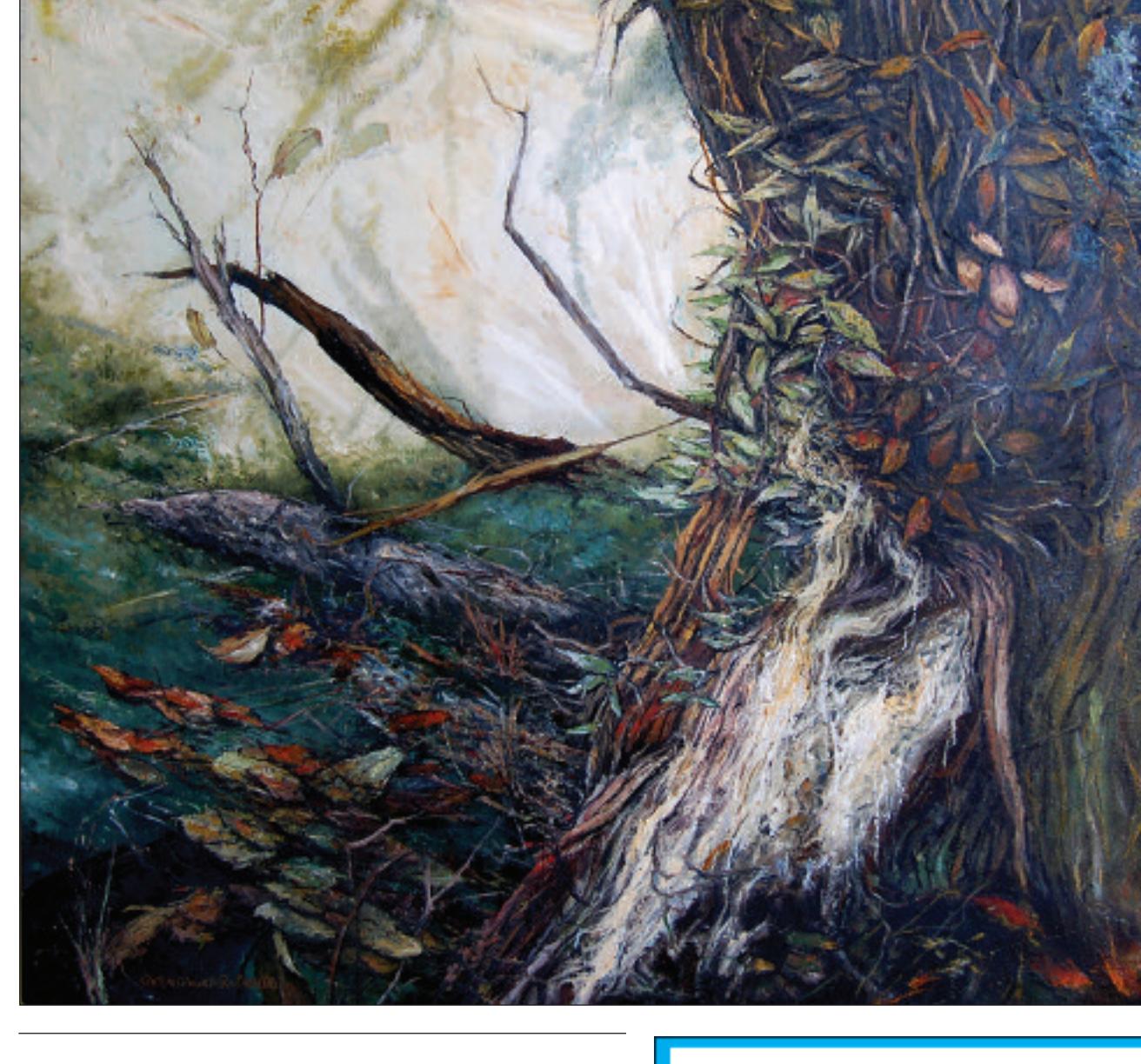
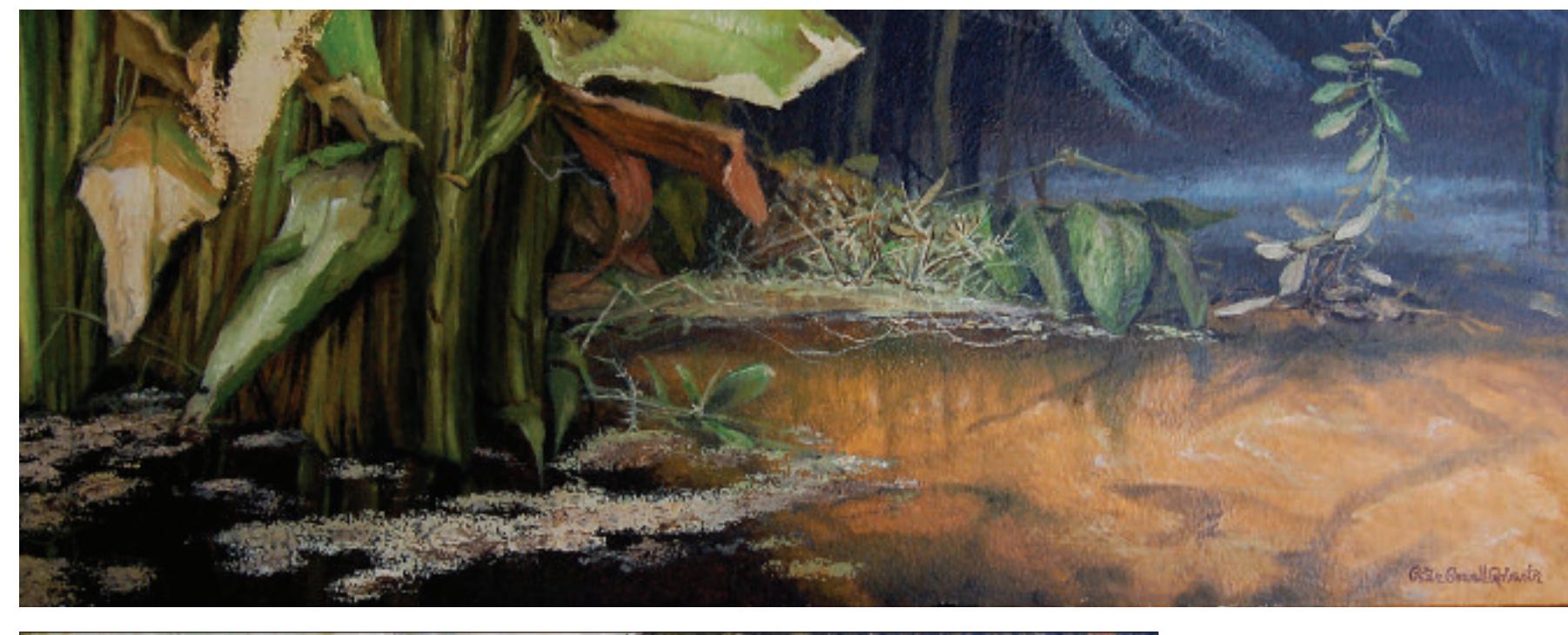
Hirsch initially declined to edit the documentary's offensive language because it would diminish the painful reality of bullying.

The Weinstein Co. later decided to resubmit a new version of "Bully," and the MPAA ratings board gave it a PG-13 for intense thematic material, disturbing content and some strong language — all involving kids, Joan Graves, chairman of the classification and rating administration, said in a statement.

"The ratings system has worked exactly as it is supposed to," she said. "Parents have been kept informed of the content of each version of the film, and they have been given the information they need to make movie-going decisions on behalf of their kids."

The ruling ends a monthlong dispute between The Weinstein Co. and the MPAA over the rating that prompted 17-year-old high school student Katy Butler of Ann Arbor, Mich., to start an online petition calling for a lower rating so more young people can see it.

Johnny Depp, Meryl Streep and New Orleans



HCA April show to feature Peter Powell Roberts

The Heartland Cultural Alliance (HCA) will be opening its April show at the HCA Art & Music Gallery in the Kenilworth Lodge on Thursday. Highland County artists will be showing new and classic works in a variety of medium. The exhibit will include a preview of four more original, oil on wood, paintings from the recently discovered archives of Florida Master artist Peter Powell Roberts. There will be an artist's reception and book signing by Jack Everett from 6-8 p.m. with classical guitar music by Kenny Summers, wine and snacks. It's open to the public and free. For more information contact: Fred Leavitt, 02-8238 or send an email to info@HeartlandCulturalAlliance.org/.

KVAHC Speaker Series presents Hermann Trappman

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — The Kissimmee Valley Archaeological and Historic Conservancy's Speaker Series presents Hermann Trappman, Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m., Building G, Room 102, SFCC Highlands Campus.

Trappman will present the program, "Living in Paradise: Medicinal and Edible Plants of the Tocobaga Indians." The public is invited at no cost.

The Windover Pond Archaeological Site near Titusville informs us that Native Americans were heavily involved in medicinal plants for well over 7,000 years.

Trappman learned to identify many native plants and their uses while working as a park ranger and environmental educator for 28 years. This program explores some

of Florida's natural resources through Trappman's art work and photographs by Elizabeth Neily and Holly Harriman.

Trappman is a Florida natural and cultural history artist.

He has traveled a road that has not only spanned from the New World to the Old World and back again but into prehistory itself.

With years of meticulous study of Florida's original natives or pre-Columbian peoples, he has pieces together their lives and culture through his art.

Trappman has been invited to exhibit in the Capital Gallery in Tallahassee April 30, 2012, to April 30, 2013, for the 500th Florida Anniversary.

He will be bringing some prints and his latest painting, "Ponce de Leon Landing."

For more information, call Anne Reynolds, 465-3637.

Lauer tells viewers he's staying at 'Today'

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Matt Lauer is sticking with NBC's "Today," ending speculation that the top-rated show might have to face ABC's rising "Good Morning America" without him.

Lauer has signed a long-term contract to remain as co-host of the No. 1 morning show, a long-anticipated deal that NBC announced Thursday night but Lauer made public on "Today" Friday morning.

"This is my family," he said on the air as the "Today" crew and co-anchors burst

into applause.

"Truth be told," he joked, "I was developing an idea for a new show, where viewers could tune in every morning and see someone they know lose a little more of his hair every single day right in front of their eyes. But then I thought, I could just stay here and do that."

Although "Today" is on a historic winning streak in the ratings, "Good Morning America" has been gaining ground.

Lauer's decision provides important stability for "Today" and puts to rest suggestions that he might reunite

with his former co-host Katie Couric on the syndicated show she's launching this fall.

Lauer said last May that he had discussed joining with Couric on a new venture. But he predicted then that he would be staying at "Today" for "a long time."

"Given how strong the 'Today' show has been, I don't think the outcome was ever in doubt," said industry analyst Larry Gerbrandt of Los Angeles-based Media Valuation Partners. Lauer has been with the show since 1994 and began his run as co-anchor in January 1997.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Steve Jones to be featured in HAL reception Friday at Yellow House

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — On Friday, the shores of Lake Jackson will echo with the mellow tunes of musician Steve Jones, playing at the Highlands Art League Yellow House Gallery. The Art League will host its Opening Reception in conjunction with "Destination Downtown" to support the "Sidewalk Sounds of Sebring" for the second Friday of April.

Jones first picked up a guitar when he was 22 years old; a bit late to start. But he pursued his dream, and eventually received his degree in music. He's been playing ever since.

Jones specializes in all types of jazz — traditional, contemporary, blues, the standards, and new age. The music he composes is often a synthesis of these styles. He likens his music composition to the way a painter "mixes the colors on his palette".

Being at the Yellow House Gallery enables him to play what he wants, carefully crafting it to compliment the artwork and visitors, and not become a distraction. Jones began his association with the Gallery Walk event in 2006 when he played outside of the LK Gallery. After the shop closed, Jones moved his music to the Yellow House and there he remains, playing at almost every Friday night reception.

This month, Jones will help the downtown merchants set up for the "Sidewalk Sounds of Sebring" before coming to take his spot by the front door at the Yellow House Gallery on Friday night.

HAL will present a very special exhibit this month — "The Very Best of the Yellow House" featuring specially selected works from each of the 18 artists in the studios. This includes oil, pastels, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, and sculpture, with HAL's own, including studio



Courtesy photo
Guitarist Steve Jones plays for artist Tom Freeman. Jones will be playing at the Yellow House Gallery on Friday.

artists Linda Kegley, Barbara Wade, Shirley Stone, Clara Carroll, Jan Fetters, Tony Anthony, and Rose Besch becoming the "Artists of the Month".

The Yellow House Gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, with the reception beginning at 5 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, and the artists will be greeting visitors. The Gallery is at 1989 Lakeview Drive — next door to the Sebring Public Library. For more information, call the Yellow House Gallery at 385-5312, or visit www.destination-downtownsebring.com.

Also on the art circuit is Janet King Painting Art Studio at 215 N. Ridgewood Drive. She will host her "Student Art Exhibit" with watercolor artwork from her very talented students. She will also have an assortment of delicious snacks and refreshments.

For more information, call 314-0042.



Courtesy photo
Art from local artists waiting to be hung inside the Yellow House Gallery.

Box Office Preview: 'Hunger' likely to eat 'Pie' sequel

By PAUL DERGARABEDIAN
For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "The Hunger Games" will likely eat — or sink — two returning old favorites this Easter weekend, continuing its three-week supremacy at the nation's theaters with another \$28 million to \$32 million in its box office basket. This will give Lionsgate's adaptation of the bestseller about teens fighting to the death a total of \$300 million in North America alone by Sunday night.

It's been almost 10 years since the "American Pie" gang last saw the inside of a multiplex and the whole crew is back this weekend in Universal's "American Reunion."

The R-rated comedy marks the fourth installment of the highly successful comedy franchise, which has earned nearly \$650 million worldwide. Look for this gross-out to gross in excess of \$20 million.

Paramount brings an added dimension to one of the most

beloved movies ever as James Cameron's 1997 "Titanic" sets sail in 3-D for the first time. The PG-13 film opened Wednesday with an impressive \$4.4 million and by Sunday night, should have sunk around \$30 million into its already sizeable bank account.

"Wrath of the Titans" from Warner Bros. should command a second-weekend gross in the high teens as it capitalizes on solid mid-week numbers. The sequel to 2010's "Clash of the Titans," the action-fantasy should top \$60 million by Sunday night.

Relativity Media's PG-rated "Mirror Mirror" should benefit from family movie-going over Easter weekend, with an expected second-weekend gross of just over \$10 million.

But Sony's action-comedy "21 Jump Street" will also make a run at the top five, with a likely gross in the same \$10 million territory in its fourth weekend of release, topping the \$100 million mark in the process.



NEWS-SUN

Bok Tower Gardens presents 86th annual Easter Sunrise Service

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE WALES — Bok Tower Gardens will present the 86th annual Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. today with free admission from 6-8 a.m. More than 2,200 visitors are expected to attend the service as the early morning mist clears and the sun rises over Iron Mountain. Chairs, blankets, flashlights and insect repellent are recommended. Handicapped parking and shuttle service will be available. The Visitor Center and Gift Shop will open at 6 a.m.

University of Central Florida bagpiper Ben Pugh, dressed in traditional Scottish kilt and attire, will begin the music with slow air selections and conclude the 45 minute service with "Amazing Grace." Inspirational music will be presented by the Lake Wales Chorale directed by Willie L. Watson III and accompanied by Tammy Little. Peter Graves will direct the Celebration Brass Ensemble. First United Methodist Church of Lake Wales Reverend Jeff Kantz will deliver an Easter sermon. Guest carillonneur Gordon Slater of Ottawa, Canada, will perform "A Little Fantasy and Fugue for Carillon" and two hymn tunes, "Toplady" and "Lyra Davidica," on the 60-bell Singing Tower carillon.

Following the service, the Blue Palmetto Café will offer a special buffet for \$10.95 per adult; \$7.95 per

child under 12. Scrambled eggs, Spanish eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, muffins, fresh fruit and beverages including regular and decaf coffee, and Florida's Natural orange juice will be served.

At 1 and 3 p.m., Slater will perform hymns and other music for the occasion. Visitors can watch the half hour concerts on a video monitor in a special seating area located behind the Peace Lantern near the Tower and meet Slater by the Information Booth after the concerts.

After 31 years of service playing the Peace Tower Carillon in Ottawa, Slater retired from his position as Dominion Carillonneur of Canada. He tours widely as a carillonneur and clinician, has been music director of Divertimento Orchestra since 1987, and plays bassoon and contrabassoon with the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra. He was awarded the Berkeley Medal from the University of California at Berkeley for distinguished service to the carillon. He will serve as the Bok Singing Tower guest carillonneur through April 15 and will host an audio visual presentation, "The Carillons of Canada," at 11 a.m. in the Visitor Center. Visit www.boktowergardens.org for his performance schedule.

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Easter, spring, rabbits and eggs are symbols of rebirth and renewal



News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

Spring is the season that represents new growth, birth and renewal. With Easter approaching, one may wonder what in the world a rabbit has to do with this particular holiday. Rabbits are prolific breeders and can actually be pregnant while nursing their litter. Rabbits and eggs are fertility symbols since birds lay eggs and rabbits give birth to many litters during their lifetime. It stands to reason that these symbols are used for the springtime and Easter season since they represent life and birth.

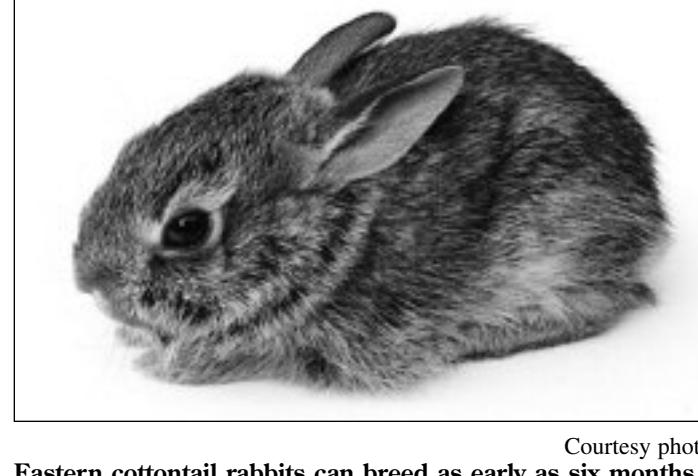
The Easter Bunny has been around since the 1500's. The legend of the big rabbit originated in Germany where it was said that the creature would lay colorful eggs in the nests that the children made out of bonnets. As the years went by, the bonnets turned into baskets. The German folks that traveled to

the Pennsylvania Dutch country brought the legend and tradition with them in the 1700's. Since those early days, rabbits have been an image related to the Easter holiday, spring and fertility.

In reality, rabbits don't lay eggs. Baby rabbits are born blind and hairless and seldom wander out of their nests. They are born with their eyes closed and measure less than five inches in length. The mother rabbit will not tend to a baby that has wandered away from the nest. Rabbits nest in areas that are lower than the surrounding ground, usually in tall grass. The nests are lined with fur.

Once rabbits are three or four weeks old they will wander from the nest and become self-sufficient. There are several kinds of rabbits in Florida: The black-tailed jackrabbit, the eastern cottontail and the marsh rabbit.

The Black-tailed Jackrabbit (*Lepus californicus*) can be found in open grassy areas. This is the type of rabbit that has been used to train greyhounds for racing. This variety of rabbit is actually a hare and is grayish brown with a white underside and tail. It has very long ears



Courtesy photo
Eastern cottontail rabbits can breed as early as six months of age and may have 7-12 litters a year.

and can reach lengths of 18 to 25 inches. These creatures have been clocked at 45 miles per hour.

The Eastern Cottontail (*Sylvilagus floridanus*) is highly adaptable and thrives in most habitats except dense forests and swamps. This species gives birth to three – six young after a gestation period of 28 days. Females can mate immediately after giving birth. They can breed as early as six months of age and may have seven to twelve litters a year. These rabbits are grayish brown with a white underside and brown throat. They grow to be from

12 – 20 inches in length. They are nocturnal and eat mostly legumes, broad-leaved weeds and grasses.

The Marsh Rabbit (*Sylvilagus palustris*) enjoys making its home in Florida's marshes and swamps. They are reddish-brown with a gray underside and tail and resemble the eastern cottontail, but have smaller ears, legs and tail. Marsh rabbits grow to be 16 – 18 inches long. They are also nocturnal and make runways through thick vegetation. These bunnies are strong swimmers and are found only near regions of water. They feed on aquat-

ic and wetland plants.

All rabbits and hares are jumping mammals with large hind legs, long ears and tails. They have teeth like rodents with long upper incisors and a spare pair behind those. Carnivores such as the great horned owl, northern harrier and marsh hawk will prey on rabbits. Other predators include alligators, snakes, bobcats, coyotes and foxes.

Rabbits and hares are designed for speed to escape predators. They have long hind legs used for that purpose. Known for their excellent hearing, these creatures can rotate and move their large ears to better sense and locate danger before it is too late.

Hares are usually larger than rabbits and have longer, black-tipped ears. They live solitary lives and are born with their eyes open and hair covering their bodies. They can also run within a few minutes of being born. Rabbits are born blind, naked and remain in the nest for the first days of their lives. All rabbits and hares have excellent camouflage.

This, along with their speed, enables them to survive in harsh circumstances.

Rabbit facts

Rabbits are not rodents, they are lagomorphs.

A male rabbit is a buck.

A female rabbit is a doe.

A baby rabbit is a kit.

A rabbit's teeth never stop growing.

Rabbits can purr similar to a cat.

Rabbits cannot vomit.

A group of rabbits is called a herd.

A group of rabbits live in a warren.

Mothers typically only feed their kits about 5 minutes a day.

Rabbits have 28 teeth.

A 4 pound rabbit will drink as much water as a 20 pound dog.

Rabbits can jump 36? and higher.

Rabbits can suffer heat stroke.

Rabbits can see behind them, but have blind spot in front of their face.

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■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m.

Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnnatt Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 6 p.m. evening worship. Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. mission programs. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Call 453-6681 for details.

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.;

Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. 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.; 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 Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashioned gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

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

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

■ **Sparta Road Baptist Church**, (SBC) 4400 Sparta Road. 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. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana Kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and

hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

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

■ **Sunridge Baptist Church**, (SBC) 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs for children, youth and adults at 7 p.m.

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcathe.com; website, www.stcathe.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., fjroje@stcathe.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Masses – Daily Masses 8 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday. Weekend Masses 4 and 5 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Saturday Spanish Mass (Holy Family Youth Center), 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, noon Sunday Sunday Mass; 5 p.m. Sunday English Family Mass (Holy Family Youth Center). Confession: every Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. or first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment with any priest.

■ **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.

■ **St. Pius X Catholic Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m. Classes for adult children and youth. Call 465-6916. Pastor Tim Taylor.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

■ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord's Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; "Building God's Kingdom for Everyone." "Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!" "Alive and Worth the Drive!"

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

■ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5344; on the Web at www.firstchristianap.com. Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Bible School

BOOKS

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- "Lover Reborn" by J.R. Ward (Grand Central Publishing)
- "Guilty Wives" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
- "Betrayal: A Novel" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte Press)
- "Stay Close" by Harlan Coben (Dutton)
- "Lone Wolf" by Jodi Picoult (Atria)
- "Elegy for Eddie" by Jacqueline Winspear (Harper)
- "Kill Shot" by Vince Flynn (Atria)
- "Private Games" by James Patterson, Mark Sullivan (Little, Brown)
- "Defending Jacob" by William Landay (Delacorte Press)
- "The Thief" by Clive Cussler & Justin Scott (Putnam)

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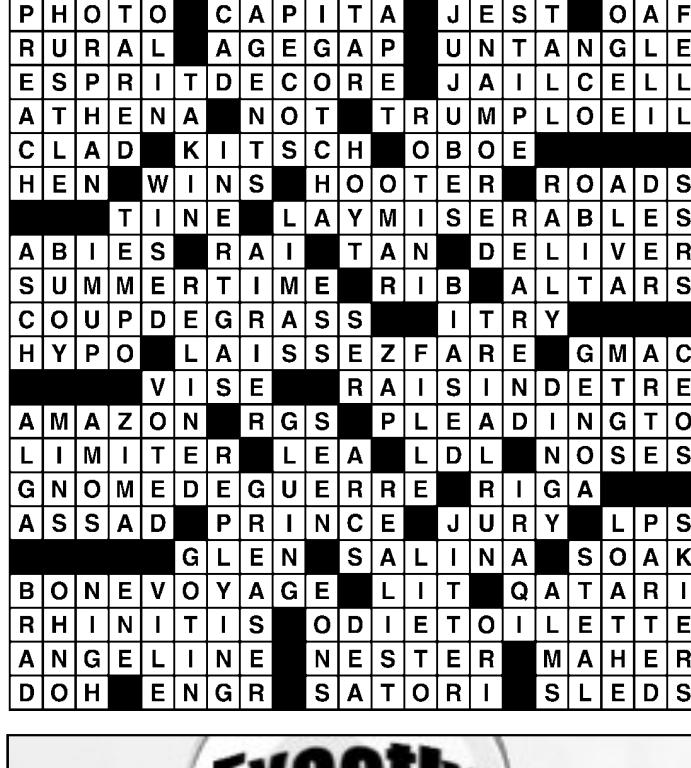
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10. "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed (Knopf) **MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS** 1. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Vision) 2. "The Affair" by Lee Child (Del Ray) 3. "Dead Reckoning" by Charlaine Harris (Ace) 4. "A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam) 5. "I'll Walk Alone" by Mary Higgins Clark (Pocket) 6. "A Turn in the Road" by Debbie Macomber (Mira) 7. "The Postcard Killers" by James Patterson & Lisa Marklund (Vision) 8. "A Perfect Storm" by Lori Foster (HQN) 9. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage) 10. "A Clash of Kings" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)

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- "Zero Day" by David Baldacci (Grand Central)
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■ **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. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

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

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Rev. Gary Kindle, pastor. Traditional Worship service, 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes: 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Faily of Faith.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches**, 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

■ **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife-sebring.com.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 9 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for

January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children ages 4 years through 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 service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

■ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.**, on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

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

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Informal service, 8 a.m.; traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children ages 4 years through 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.cpcsebring.org. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

■ **First Presbyterian Church ARP**, 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 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: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church**, 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office, 465-2422 or www.memorialumc.com. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313.

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10:11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1:15 p.m.; Primary for children, 1

Keep pounds off even after beach season has come and gone

Metro Services

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In the months leading up to beach season, men and women tend to hit the gym hard in an effort to make their bodies look their best. But once those swimsuits have been packed away for winter, many of those same hardworking men and women abandon their efforts and allow themselves to pack on a few extra pounds.

While that might be human nature, it's also a waste of all that presummer effort. Keeping fit through the winter and into next beach season doesn't have to be so difficult. In fact, the National Weight Control Registry, who tracked men and women who lost 60 pounds and kept if off for at least five years, discovered some interesting things about those who weren't satisfied with just losing weight but wanted to keep that weight off as well. Among the notable things they found about the people they tracked:

— 78 percent start their day off right, eating breakfast every day

— 75 percent aren't scared of the scales, weighing themselves at least once a week

— 90 percent exercise an average of one hour per day

— 62 percent watch fewer than 10 hours of television per week

These behaviors should not come as a surprise. Eating breakfast every day revs up the metabolism after

a night of rest, and a breakfast that's rich in protein is more likely to make you less hungry in the hours before lunch. Also, daily exercise at the expense of time spent on the couch is clearly beneficial. And the motivating power of routine weigh-ins should not be underestimated, either.

But there are other things men and women can do to keep from packing winter weight back on once beach season is a thing of the past.

Lift weights

Men and women might think lifting weights is for young people, but pumping iron can help combat muscle tissue loss that typically begins when a person is in his or her thirties. Muscle burns roughly three times more calories than fat, so this reduction in muscle tissue as you age makes it harder to keep weight off. Fight this loss of muscle mass by strength training with hand weights. Hand weights help build muscle and strengthen bones, and the less muscle you lose the more capable your body will be at burning calories.

Subscribe to portion control

Portions have increased dramatically over the years. Consider the case of the average bagel, a breakfast favorite. According to the National Institutes of Health, 20 years ago the average bagel was three inches in diameter and 140 calories. Today, the average bagel

checks in at six inches in diameter and 350 calories. The NIH also notes that 20 years ago a plate of spaghetti and three small meatballs was 500 calories, while that same meal today is more than 1,000 calories. But men and women who control their portions are much more likely to keep lost weight off than those who don't control portions. Tricks to portion control can include buying

prepared meals or even buying smaller dishes. Whatever the method chosen, if the portions are smaller you're likely to be smaller as well.

Spend time more being physically active

In a survey sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency that examined activities undertaken by the aver-

age woman over the age of 18, driving, watching television and office work were three of the four activities women spent the most time on. In fact, exercise did not even land in the top 10. Though these responses don't reference how men spend their time, it's safe to assume both men and women can spend more time being active and less time on more sedentary activities.



Metro Services

Oprah: Cable venture a tough climb

NEW YORK (AP) — Oprah Winfrey says creating her new cable network has turned out to be a steep climb.

"I'm climbing Kilimanjaro," she told advertisers Thursday at a presentation for OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network. She quickly explained that her Kilimanjaro is at the offices of OWN.

"You know that song, 'The Time of My Life'? I've had the climb of my life," she cracked.

The network has struggled to build an audience since its launch in January 2011. It recently announced severe staff layoffs and a management shakeup with Discovery Communications, the company that's bankrolled it with \$300 million-plus.

But Winfrey struck a hopeful note in her brief remarks.

"With our restructuring and right-sizing and getting into the sauce of what needs to happen every day, I feel like I can at least now see the summit," she said.

OWN was unveiling four new prime-time series, including "Elura" and "Michele Take Staten Island," a reality series with two outspoken former prosecutors who tell people how to straighten out their problems.

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Recovery threatened by runaway student loan debt

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal student loan program seemed like a great idea back in 1965: Borrow to go to college now, pay it back later when you have a job.

But many borrowers these days are close to flunking out, tripped up by painful real-life lessons in math and economics.

Surging above \$1 trillion, U.S. student loan debt has surpassed credit card and auto-loan debt. This debt explosion jeopardizes the fragile recovery, increases the burden on taxpayers and possibly sets the stage for a new economic crisis.

With a still-wobbly jobs market, these loans are increasingly hard to pay off. Unable to find work, many students have returned to school, further driving up their indebtedness.

Average student loan debt recently topped \$25,000, up 25 percent in 10 years. And the mushrooming debt has direct implications for taxpayers, since 8 in 10 of these loans are government-issued or guaranteed.

President Barack Obama has offered a raft of proposals aimed at fine-tuning the system and making repayments easier. Yet the predication of debt-burdened former students has failed to generate much notice in the GOP presidential campaign.



Ian, left, and Jessica Riley both owe money on their student loans five years after graduation. They are shown at their home in Chicago.

Instead, the candidates are dismissive of government student loan programs in general and Obama's proposals in particular.

Rick Santorum went so far as to label Obama "a snob" for urging all Americans to try to obtain some form of post-high-school education — even though some polls show over 90 percent of parents expect their children to go to college.

Front-runner Mitt Romney denounces what he calls a "government takeover" of the program. Newt Gingrich calls student loans a "Ponzi scheme" under which students spend the borrowed money now but will "have to pay off the national debt" later in life as taxpayers. And Ron Paul wants to abolish the program entirely.

Lifting student debt higher and higher is the escalating cost of attending schools, with tuition increasing far faster than the rate of inflation. And enrollment has been rising for years, a trend that accelerated through the recent recession, fueling even more borrowing.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics,

argues that government loans and subsidies are not particularly cost-effective for taxpayers because "universities and colleges just raise their tuition. It doesn't improve affordability and it doesn't make it easier to go to college."

"Of course, it's very hard on the kids who have gone through this, because they're on the hook," Zandi added. "And they're not going to be able to get off the hook."

It's not just young adults who are saddled.

See STUDENT, page 2C

Using comic books to teach financial literacy

For decades, millions of kids have faithfully followed the adventures of their favorite comic book superheroes like Spider-Man and the X-Men — sometimes well into adulthood. Although often considered pure escapism, comic

books also can serve an educational role — whether it's teaching the principles of science, demonstrating right vs. wrong or even helping kids learn how to read.

Personal financial management is one of those important, yet admittedly dull, subjects parents want to teach their kids, but sometimes avoid — maybe they feel they don't know enough about it, or are afraid family financial secrets will be shared on the playground. As I learned firsthand growing up in a household where finances were never discussed, learning about money through the school of hard knocks is mighty unproductive — and expensive.

That's where comic books can help. As Marvel Comics editor Bill Rosemann explained, "In an uncertain world, understanding how to save and properly budget your hard-earned money is one of the keys to personal success.

my employer, Visa Inc., recently collaborated on a new comic book called *Avengers: Saving the Day*. The plot follows the world's most popular superheroes, including Spider-Man, Iron Man, Thor, Hulk and Black Widow, as they learn valuable

lessons about managing personal finances while foiling an attempted bank heist by the arch villain, Mole Man.

Ideally, children develop financial skills they'll need in adulthood while still in school — things like balancing a checkbook, filing taxes and managing credit cards. But in reality, despite the increasing number and complexity of financial decisions today's consumers face, only a handful of states mandate financial literacy courses as a condition for graduating high school.

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BUSINESS**Comics can teach lessons**

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The Avengers are not only the world's greatest heroes, but they also know a thing or three about financial health. After all, Iron Man hasn't managed his vast wealth of Stark Enterprises by accident, and as Spider-Man learns in this story, you don't have to be a millionaire to be a saving hero."

Avengers: Saving the Day was created by a renowned team of Marvel storytellers and is available for free, in both print and online editions, at Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management program run by Visa (www.practical-moneyskills.com/avengers). It's available in Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. A free teacher's guide with lesson plans suitable for grades 2 to 7 is also available at the site.

Comic books aren't the only kid-friendly way to teach financial literacy. Studies have shown that the key components of good video games – including immediate feedback, rewards, motivation and goal-setting – may do a better job of preparing today's kids for the modern, high-technology, global world in which they live than the more traditional types of learning often found in the classroom. A good example is Financial Football, which combines the NFL's structure and rules with hundreds of questions of varying difficulty designed to test students' financial knowledge (www.practical-moneyskills.com/football).

Bottom line: Kids learn more when their imagination is engaged, so look for well-designed educational comic books, video games and toys to supplement more traditional learning tools.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Kent earns Registered Tax Return Preparer status

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Alan Kent of Kent's Tax Service, Sebring, has reached a personal and professional milestone in his career by passing the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Registered Tax Return Preparer (RTRP) competency exam. The award of the RTRP designation recognizes demonstrated knowledge of all aspects of federal individual taxation and assures clients that the preparer is up-to-date on the latest tax law changes and ethics requirements.

To retain the status of a registered tax preparer, individuals must complete a minimum of 15 continuing education credits (CPEs) per year. RTRPs are also governed under stringent rules set forth by the IRS.

If you need assistance with any taxation issue, you should seek the help of a tax professional. As a professional tax preparer and member of the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP), Kent can assist with a review of tax history and answer

questions on how taxation issues may impact your future.

Members of the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP) work at offices that assist more than 11 million taxpayers with tax preparation and planning. The average NATP member has been in the tax

business for more than 20 years and holds a tax financial designation and/or a college degree. NATP has more than 22,000 members nationwide. Members include individual tax preparers, enrolled agents, certified public accountants, accountants, attorneys and financial planners. As a non-profit profes-

sional association, NATP serves professionals working in all areas of tax practice through professional tax education, tax research and tax office supplies. The national headquarters, located in Appleton, Wis., employs more than 50 staff members. Learn more at www.natptax.com.

Topics covered in this seminar are Soil and Water Management (8 a.m.-1 p.m.), and Crop Management (1-6 p.m.). A total of 10 contact hours will be awarded to those attending the full day or five contact hours in each of the two educational areas.

Participants can register for the full day or a half day if credits are only needed in one of the educational areas. Lunch will be provided. Register by no later than Friday, May 11 to guarantee your meal.

To register or for more information, contact Lorrie Key, director, Corporate and Community Education at 784-7033 or by emailing CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu.

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LPHS receives National Student Government Award

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — For its exemplary record of leadership, service and activities that serve to improve the school and community, Lake Placid High School has been awarded 2012 National Gold Council of Excellence Award by the National Association

of Student Councils.

Lake Placid High School is one of only 163 high schools nationwide to receive the highly-esteemed honor of being named a National Gold Council of Excellence.

The students are extremely proud of earning this award for two consecutive years.

To meet the requirements for the NASC National Councils of Excellence Award, a student council must demonstrate that it meets a variety of criteria. Those councils named to the Gold level have successfully met a greater number of the criterion.

In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings, a democratic election process and membership in NASC, schools that qualify for the award demonstrate such as leadership trainings, teacher appreciation activities, student recognition,

school and community service projects, spirit activities, goal setting, financial planning and active participation in their state and national associations.

Receiving the National Gold Council of Excellence Award reflects the highest dedication on the part of the

local school to provide a strong, well-rounded student program.

Lake Placid High School Student Government Association should be applauded and challenged to continue their leadership and service to the school and local community.

Avon Park FFA thanks supporters



Courtesy photo

The Avon Park FFA would like to thank Mr. Stanley Wells and his staff at Wells Motor Company for providing the meat for the alumni barbecue that was held on Feb. 4. (From left) Shelby Ball, Wyatt Bennett, Caylie Wall, Brooke Jackson, Stanley Wells, Zack Farr, Norma Badillo and Avon Park High School FFA Advisor Gary Dressel. Other contributors that helped make this event a success were Walmart, Sonny's Bar-B-Q, Yiannis Steak House and the Olympic Restaurant. The FFA thanks these businesses and all the public who supported the FFA.

Apply online for a Community Education Grant to help fund project

Special to the News-Sun

Community members who want to help protect the water resources in their area may apply online for a Community Education Grant from the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

The overall goal of the Community Education Grant program is to actively engage and educate adults about water conservation, protection and preservation.

The program is intended to motivate communities to get involved in protecting their water resources through various educational activities. These grants offer reimbursement up to \$7,500 to

help fund projects that provide communities an opportunity to learn about water resources.

To apply, visit the district's website at WaterMatters.org/communitygrants/. The electronic application allows applicants to save, review and change portions of their proposals before submitting. Grant applications are due May 31. Project funding is subject to District Governing Board budget approval.

Individuals, service groups, volunteers, government agencies, nongovernment organizations and others are encouraged to apply.

Potential projects should provide edu-

cation on any or all of the following topics: water quality, water conservation, flood protection, natural systems and watersheds.

Examples of past projects include pond restorations, cleanups, watershed education events, workshops and exhibits.

Projects must take place between Nov. 1, 2012 and July 31, 2013.

To discuss project ideas, call Robin Grantham at (800) 423-1476, ext. 4779.

In addition to grant funding, a variety of free materials is available and can be ordered on the District's website at WaterMatters.org/publications/.

Studies show young Americans less likely to drive

By JOAN LOWY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Driving is becoming so last century.

Since the end of World War II, getting a driver's license has been a rite of passage for teens, but that's less and less the case. The share of people in their teens, 20s and 30s with driver's licenses has dropped significantly over the past three decades, not only the United States, but also in some other wealthy nations with a high proportion of Internet users, transportation researchers have found.

One possible explanation: Virtual contact through the Internet and other electronic means is reducing the need for face-to-face visits among young people, researchers say.

From 1983 to 2008, the share of 16- to 39-year-olds with driver's licenses declined markedly, with the greatest decreases among drivers in their late teens and early 20s, according to a study at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute in Ann Arbor. About 69 percent of 17-year-olds had a driver's license in 1983. By 2008,

that had dropped to 50 percent. Among Americans ages 20 to 24 in 1983, nearly 92 percent had driver's licenses. Twenty-five years later, it was 82 percent.

The older the age group, the less dramatic the declines, the Michigan study found. But even among 35- to 39-year-olds, there was a 3.2 percent decline in the share of licensed drivers.

More recent data from the Federal Highway Administration indicates the trend has continued, according to a report released Thursday by the Frontier Group, an environmental organization, and the consumer-oriented U.S. PIRG Education Fund. The share of 20- to 34-year-olds without a driver's license decreased from 89.6 percent in 2000 to 84.3 percent in 2010, the report said.

Michael Sivak, co-author of the Michigan studies, also confirmed the continuing decline.

There are likely several factors behind the trend: a difficult economy for young workers, the high cost of buying and maintaining a car and a migration of young adults toward large cities, where there are more alter-

natives to driving, Sivak said. There also is evidence that social networking may be reducing the need to for face-to-face contacts, he said.

In countries where "more people use the Internet, there is a lower proportion of drivers," Sivak said.

A recent study in 14 countries found seven of them had experienced a similar decrease in the share of young people with driver's licenses: Sweden, Norway, Great Britain, Canada, Japan, South Korea and Germany.

Compared to the other countries that didn't experi-

ence a decline, the study found four characteristics common to the countries where young people are driving less: They are wealthier, a high share of the population is older, a high share of the population lives in very large cities and a high share of the population uses the Internet.

There isn't enough information to say for certain that teens and younger adults are replacing trips with social networking and other Internet usage, but "there is strong data supporting this hypothesis," Sivak said. The institute's research is paid for with federal, state and

auto industry contributions.

Carmakers have been aware of the trend for about five years, said Gloria Bergquist, vice president of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers. It's one reason the industry is looking toward markets in Asia for growth, rather than in the U.S. and Europe, she said.

"For generations, the automobile has typified freedom," Bergquist said. "At 16, many people wanted to get their driver's license because that was the way people connected with their friends." Now, she said, "We're seeing people connect through their iPhones."

That's their primary motivation — they want to be in touch with their friends, so they are less focused on buying a vehicle."

Not surprisingly, the number of miles young Americans drive every year has also been declining as measured by the Transportation Department's National Household Travel Survey.

From 2001 to 2009, the annual number of vehicle miles traveled by drivers 16 to 34 years old decreased from 10,300 miles to 7,900 miles per capita — a drop of 23 percent, Thursday's report said.

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CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000703
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP./FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.
Plaintiff,
vs.

RACHEL WELLER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RACHEL WELLER IF ANY; 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; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION
Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated March 28, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000703 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP./FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff and RACHEL WELLER are defendants), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., April 26, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000941
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.

STEPHANIE V. GILLOTTI A/K/A STEPHANIE ELAINE GILLOTTI A/K/A STEPHANIE GILLOTTI; DARIO DANIEL GILLOTTI A/K/A DARIO D. GILLOTTI; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A CAPITAL ONE BANK; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000941 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff and STEPHANIE V. GILLOTTI A/K/A STEPHANIE ELAINE GILLOTTI A/K/A STEPHANIE GILLOTTI; DARIO DANIEL GILLOTTI A/K/A DARIO D. GILLOTTI; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A CAPITAL ONE BANK; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000513
SEC.: Civil
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE
HOLDERS OF THE CREDIT SUISSE FIRST
BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES
CORP., HOME EQUITY PASS THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1
Plaintiff,
v.
RONALD F. KELLY A/K/A RONALD KELLY; KEISHA
SMITH; 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; BANK OF
AMERICA, N.A.; SEAN W. FIELDER; DAWN
FIELDER; AND FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE SERV-
ICES, CO
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated March 14, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2010-CA-000513 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 25th day of April, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

THE SOUTHERLY 1/2 OF LOT 6, ALL OF LOT 5, AND ALL OF LOT 4, LESS AND EXCEPT THE SOUTHERLY 15 FEET THEREOF, LYING IN BLOCK 270, LAKE SEBRING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 16, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE WHERE THE COMMON LINE OF LOTS 3 AND 4 INTERSECTS CLEVELAND ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG CLEVELAND ROAD A DISTANCE OF 15 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL TO THE COMMON LINE OF LOTS 3 AND 4

TO THE REAR LOT LINE OF LOT 4; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE REAR OF LOTS 4, 5 AND 6 A DISTANCE OF 130.50 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF LOT 6 TO POINT ON CLEVELAND ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG CLEVELAND ROAD A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:

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or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid of service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
April 1, 2012

IN THE CIRUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-001077

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.

vs.

DEBRA RAE AMES A/K/A DEBRA R. AMES A/K/A DEBRA AMES F/K/A DEBRA R. STONE A/K/A DEBBIE R. STONE; JOHN TIMOTHY AMES A/K/A JOHN AMES; SEBRING HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC D/B/A HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
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LOT 41, BLOCK 10, HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES, SECTION K, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk of Court

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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Tyrone Perry belted another home run and had a strong outing on the mound, but Avon Park didn't have quite enough to get past Frostproof Thursday.

Devils chilled by Frostproof

By DAN HOEHNE

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It was an extraordinary pitcher's duel Thursday night, as Avon Park's Tyrone Perry locked horns with Frostproof hurler Josh Baber – with Baber getting the better of the matchup in the Bulldogs' 3-1 win.

The Devils had some chances, getting a runner in scoring position in every inning from the third through the sixth, but couldn't come up with the

timely hit when needed.

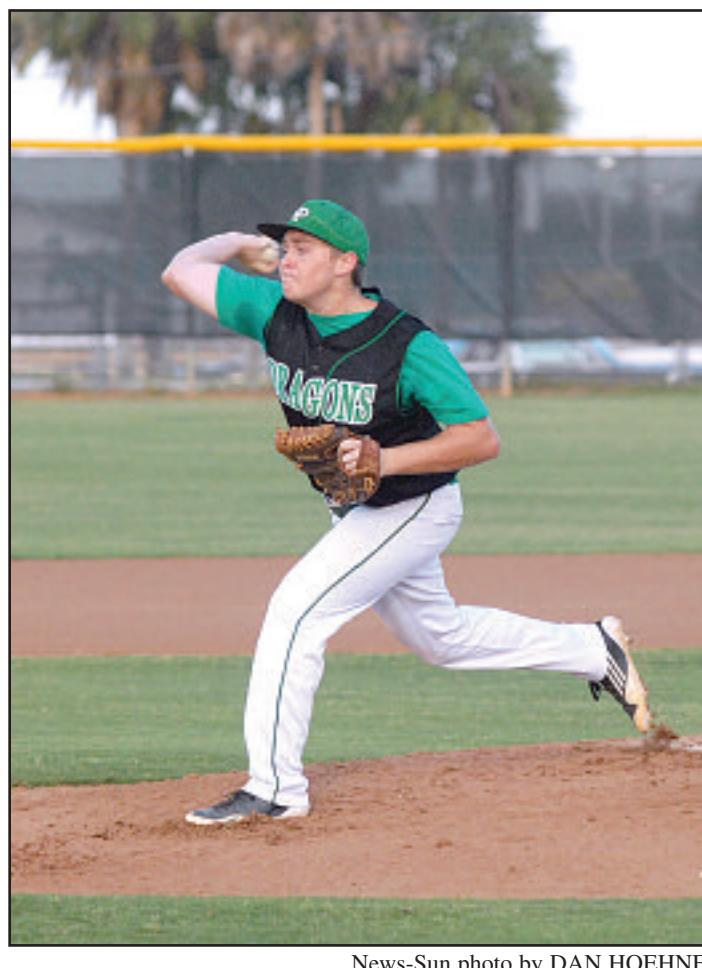
Frostproof also had its' share of chances, one in the second was thwarted on an Avon Park triple play.

But a fateful fourth saw Marcus Bobb reach on an error and come home when Baber solved Perry for a home run, making it a 2-0 game.

Then, a combination of a dropped third strike, a hit batter and an error

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Heath Harris threw another gem Thursday, blanking visiting Mulberry 6-0 to get Lake Placid back to .500 in District 10-4A play.

Small ball pays off for Dragons

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID – Green Dragon head coach Dan Coomes emphasized the practice time put in on bunting after Thursday's win over visiting Mulberry.

"It's a good thing, since we're not hitting," Coomes was quoted as saying.

That was the case as neither Lake Placid nor the Panthers could get much going early on.

Starter Heath Harris was having another strong outing, holding Mulberry at bay, but with the Dragon offense stagnated as well, this one stayed scoreless enough to get the home crowd, and head coach, restless.

Which is, perhaps, why in the fourth, when Lake Placid finally got some runners in

scoring position, Coomes went small.

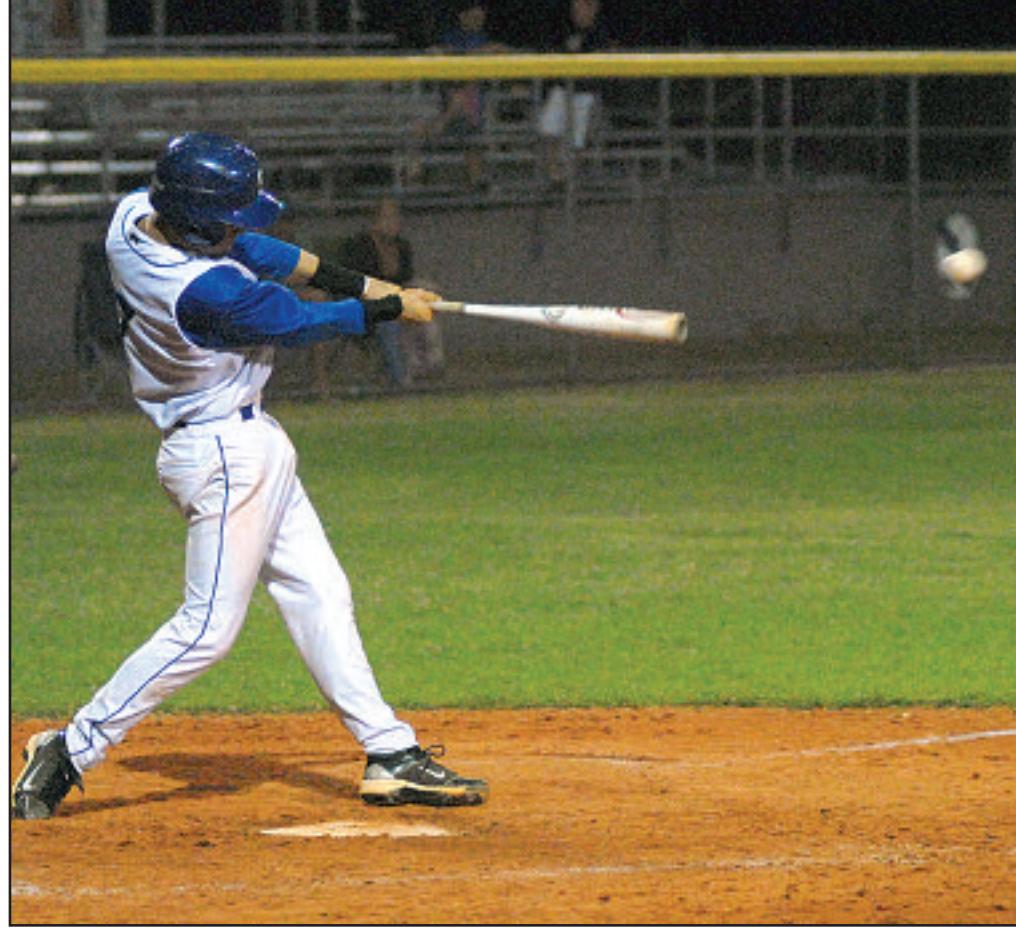
Consecutive suicide squeezes were executed perfectly, breaking the ice and paving the way to the 6-0 win.

The victory atones for a loss at Mulberry on March 20, and brings the Dragons back to the .500 mark in district play at 3-3.

And they'll have the chance to make some more noise in the District 10-4A

standings with a Tuesday date at Frostproof and a visit from DeSoto Friday, and possibly shake up the seedings for the district tournament.

Lake Placid closes out regular season play against Clewiston and Westwood next week before heading to tournament play at Avon Park, beginning Monday, April 23.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Wyatt Johnson came through with the big hit Friday night, lacing this two-run, two-out, full-count single to left in the fifth inning against Lake Gibson.

Zach Osha drawing a walk with two outs.

But that, too, would go for naught, as everything actually did over the first four-and-a-half innings.

Each time Lake Gibson would get a runner on, Hart would work out of it, and Sebring was having a hard time getting to Brave starter Cory Plasky.

But the Streaks would break into the scoring column in the bottom of the

fifth when, with one out, Seth Abel single to center, stole second and moved to third one out later when Greene beat out an infield hit.

Another Osha walk, after a lengthy battle with numerous foul balls, loaded the bases.

Wyatt Johnson had a similar battle at the plate, laying off the ones out of the zone and fouling off the good ones, to bring it to a

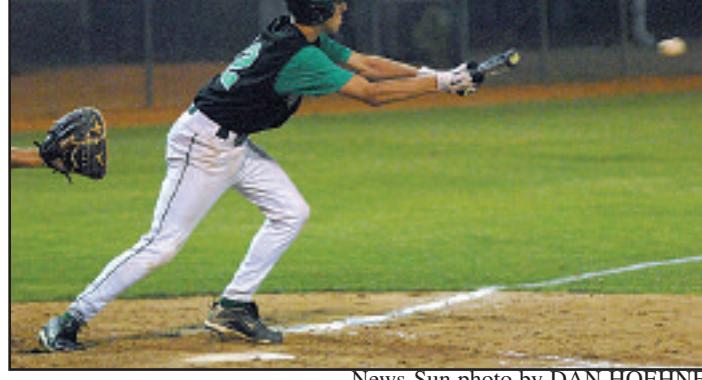
full count.

Johnson then turned on a fastball and laced it on a line into left to bring in the opening two runs.

"We always tell the guys, it's those two-out RBI that are key," Rapp said. "That was a great piece of hitting, working the count and coming through with the big hit."

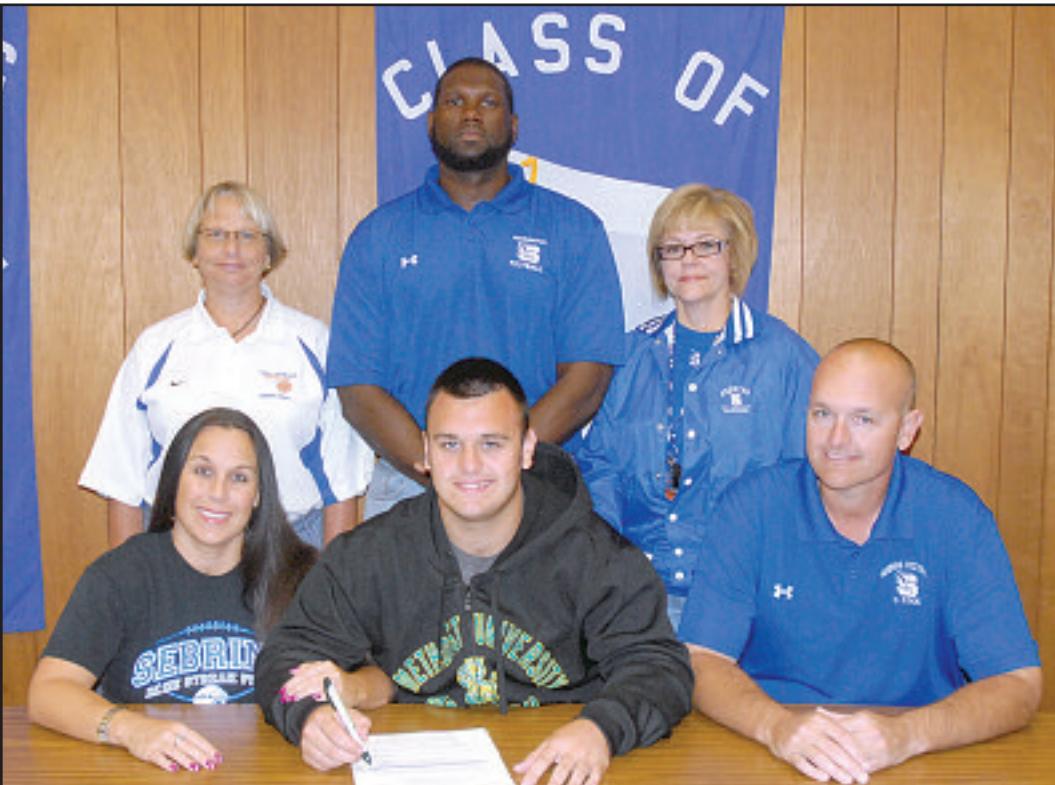
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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Jacob Cram squares around for the second of two straight suicide squeezes that propelled Lake Placid to Thursday's win.



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Along the back row, outgoing Sebring AD Terry Quarles, Blue Streak head coach LaVaar Scott and principal Anne Lindsay joined in with Cody Cook and parents Jennifer and Chris Thursday at Cook's signing to attend and play football at Methodist University.

Cook has Carolina on his mind

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – Blue Streak Cody Cook's years of hard work and dedication paid off as he signed on the dotted line to commit to being a Monarch at Methodist University last Thursday.

After visiting his fitting, future new home in Fayetteville, NC, Cook was convinced it was the place for him.

"It's the closest one I got to home," he said. "I went up there and it's a really nice campus and the coaches are just the nicest coaches."

Cook even got the chance to meet some of his future teammates and says they got along very well.

"He's gives great effort, that's something we've always liked about him," said Sebring head coach LaVaar

Scott.

"He didn't get a lot of chances to snap with us but he can do it, and that's one thing they're going to ask him to do."

'Against Moore Haven, half of his highlight film was

blocking the big 300-pound guy.'

LAVAAR SCOTT

Sebring head coach

And indeed they have.

Cook was recruited to fill a newly opened position as a long and short snapper for the Monarchs.

Of course, the recruiting

process for linemen can be a little tough as colleges often seek the biggest of the bunch – the guys that can be up to 6'4" and 300 pounds, Scott explains.

"Even though our guys are 5'11 and 230 pounds, they're able to block because it's about leverage and effort and all the little things that help get it done at the end of the day."

A talent that Scott highlighted in Cook, along with Cook's intensity and work ethic..

"He would get off the football and get his hand placement and most times he would win."

"Against Moore Haven, half of his highlight film was blocking the big 300 pound guy. That just proves it's

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THE SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	30	24	.556	—
Philadelphia	29	25	.537	1
New York	28	27	.509	2½
Toronto	20	36	.357	11
New Jersey	20	37	.351	11½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	39	15	.722	—
Atlanta	33	23	.589	7
Orlando	32	23	.582	7½
Washington	12	44	.214	28
Charlotte	7	46	.132	31½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	43	13	.768	—
Indiana	34	21	.618	8½
Milwaukee	27	28	.491	15½
Detroit	21	34	.382	21½
Cleveland	18	35	.340	23½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	39	14	.736	—
Memphis	31	23	.574	8½
Dallas	31	25	.554	9½
Houston	30	25	.545	10
New Orleans	14	41	.255	26

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	40	15	.727	—
Denver	30	25	.545	10
Utah	29	27	.518	11½
Portland	27	29	.482	13½
Minnesota	25	31	.446	15½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	35	21	.625	—
L.A. Clippers	33	22	.600	1½
Phoenix	28	27	.509	6½
Golden State	21	33	.389	13
Sacramento	19	36	.345	15½

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Thursday's Games

New York 96, Orlando 80

Detroit 99, Washington 94

Chicago 93, Boston 86

L.A. Clippers 93, Sacramento 85

Friday's Games

Indiana 103, Oklahoma City 98

Atlanta 101, Detroit 96

Memphis 97, Miami 82

New Jersey 110, Washington 98

Cleveland 84, Toronto 80

Portland 99, Dallas 97, OT

San Antonio 128, New Orleans 103

Milwaukee 95, Charlotte 90

Denver 105, Phoenix 99

Utah 104, Golden State 98

Houston 112, L.A. Lakers 107

Saturday's Games

Boston at Indiana, late

Minnesota at New Orleans, late

Dallas at Memphis, late

Atlanta at Charlotte, late

Orlando at Philadelphia, late

Portland at Milwaukee, late

L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, late

Denver at Golden State, late

Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, late

Sunday's Games

Chicago at New York, 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Boston, 6 p.m.

Detroit at Miami, 6 p.m.

Cleveland at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Toronto at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

Utah at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

Houston at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-N.Y. Rangers	51	23	7	109225	183	
x-Pittsburgh	50	25	6	106278	219	
x-Philadelphia	47	25	9	103262	228	
x-New Jersey	47	28	6	100224	207	
N.Y. Islanders	34	36	11	79	200	248

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Boston	48	29	4	100265	199	
x-Ottawa	41	30	10	92	247	236
Buffalo	39	32	10	88	215	226
Toronto	35	36	10	80	230	260
Montreal	30	35	16	76	208	225

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Florida	37	26	18	92	199	226
x-Washington	41	32	8	90	218	229
Winnipeg	37	35	9	83	222	242
Carolina	33	32	16	82	212	239
Tampa Bay	37	36	8	82	231	278

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-St. Louis	48	22	11	107207	163	
x-Nashville	47	26	8	102231	209	
x-Detroit	48	28	5	101246	200	
x-Chicago	44	26	11	99	245	236
Columbus	28	46	7	63	195	259

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA

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AP loss draws district race closer

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allowed another run to come in and extend it to a 3-0 Frostproof lead.

The Devils would finally get on the board with one out

in the seventh, when Perry returned the favor and took a Baber offering out of the yard.

But it was too little, too late, as the saying goes, and Avon Park took its' second

district loss of the season.

At 6-2, the Devils still hold the top spot in the District 10-4A standings, but the lead slimmed to one game ahead of Frostproof and two games ahead of both Lake Placid and Mulberry Friday.

and DeSoto.

Avon Park has one district game left, at DeSoto Tuesday, while Frostproof faces Lake Placid Tuesday and Mulberry Friday.

Grizzlies snap Miami's 17-game home streak

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade knew during pregame warmups that the Miami Heat were going to have a long night.

By the end of the first quarter, the Memphis Grizzlies let everyone else know that Wade was right.

Rudy Gay scored 17 points, Zach Randolph had 14 points and 14 rebounds off the bench, and the Grizzlies put seven players in double figures to snap Miami's 17-game home winning streak by beating the Heat 97-82 on Friday night.

Memphis led wire-to-wire, the first team to do that on Miami's home floor since Boston on Nov. 11, 2010.

"A great team win from the beginning to the end," said Memphis guard Gilbert Arenas, who scored 12 points. "We played hard. We outplayed them. They missed shots they normally make but we were there for every single one of them."

Mike Conley and Marreese Speights each scored 15, and Marc Gasol and O.J. Mayo added 10 apiece for the Grizzlies, who have won six of eight.

LeBron James finished with 21 points, six assists and six rebounds for the Heat, who failed in a bid to match the franchise's longest home win streak, set in the 2004-05 season.

Miami committed 11 turnovers in the first quarter — its most in any period since Feb. 14, 2006 — and never recovered.

"When we turn the ball over, we're not that good," James said. "We understand that. We know that. We don't care when we have attack turnovers, guys getting into the lane and trying to make plays for others and make a turnover. We had a few careless ones. We had easy layups, a few crosscourt passes. Just careless."

Wade scored 20 points, Chris Bosh added 19 and Terrel Harris scored 10 for Miami, which last lost at home on Jan. 22 to Milwaukee.

Miami (39-15) fell three games behind Chicago (43-13) in the race for the No. 1 seed in the Eastern



From left, the Miami Heat's LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh ponder the closing moments of a 97-82 loss to the Memphis Grizzlies at AmericanAirlines Arena on Friday in Miami.

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Conference.

The Heat have 12 games left, the Bulls have 10, and the teams go head-to-head twice more before the post-season begins.

"They just beat us," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Really, the tale was that first quarter. ... The lack of concentration and focus in that first quarter, we couldn't make up for that."

The Heat struggled shooting the ball again, finishing at 40 percent.

It was the second time in two weeks that Memphis got seven players into double figures.

Another good sign for the Grizzlies: Arenas had been 3 for 13 from 3-point range in his first six games with Memphis, but was 4 for 5 on Friday.

Memphis came into the night only two games out of fourth in the Western Conference, and coach Lionel Hollins talked beforehand about the importance of getting sharper heading into the postseason.

His team must have listened, because it came out flying.

"The first time I looked up at the scoreboard we were up 15 points," Hollins said. "We

were playing well and we had a lot of people do a lot of good things."

The Grizzlies led 25-12 after the first quarter behind nine points from Gay.

By halftime, the lead was 48-32, the second-lowest scoring first half for the Heat since the first game of the Big Three era, the opener at Boston last season.

"They did a great job," said Wade, who noted he feared even during the pregame layup line that energy was going to be lacking. "We beat ourselves as well. ... Just one of those nights."

Just about every number imaginable for the Heat in the early going was bad.

Wade missed two dunks in the first half, shooting 1 for 7.

Midway through the second quarter, Bosh was shooting 4 for 5 and Harris 2 for 2 off the bench — while everyone else in a Miami uniform was shooting 1 for 17 at that point.

There were chances in the third for Miami to get the lead into single digits, all of them thwarted.

The first one came when Conley stole the ball from Mario Chalmers, a sequence capped by Quincy Pondexter

getting a dunk.

And then about 3 minutes later, Miami endured maybe its most frustrating possession of the night.

James spun and tried a left-handed layup with 4:25 left in the third, the ball rimming out but Miami's possession extended when Joel Anthony was fouled going for the rebound.

James then attacked the lane for a jumper that missed, with the Heat getting that rebound as well and Harris finding James underneath the rim.

His layup — his third shot of the possession — came up short, a microcosm of Miami's night.

"I just absolutely missed it," James said. "It was a (tale) of what type of game we were playing."

Arenas' fourth 3-pointer of the night came with 9:40 left, giving the Grizzlies an 81-64 lead.

Mayo stretched the lead to 86-66 with another 3-pointer midway through the fourth, and the Grizzlies soon finished it off.

"We knew they were going to make a run but we withstood it," Randolph said. "We kept playing and got stops."

FIU fires Isiah Thomas after 3 seasons

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida International has fired men's basketball coach Isiah Thomas, after the Hall of Fame player went 26-65 in three seasons.

Thomas took over at FIU in a surprising move in 2009, one that gave the former New York Knicks coach and president a chance to restore the reputation he tarnished through a series of embarrassments in New York.

Under Thomas, FIU never won more than 11 games in a season.

Thomas did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In a statement released by the university, FIU director of sports and entertainment Pete Garcia said the school has "decided to take the program in a different direction."

Thomas signed a five-year deal with FIU, taking nothing in base salary for his first season and agreeing to a deal where he would receive nearly half of any gross revenues from ticket sales, commissions collected on food and beverage concessions and sponsorships.

But FIU never generated the buzz that both it and Thomas envisioned.

The Panthers averaged 1,071 fans at home this sea-

son, nearly four times that many on the road.

"We just needed a break here or a break there, and it's not happening for us," Thomas said last month, shortly after FIU's 8-21 season ended with a loss to eventual Sun Belt tournament champion Western Kentucky. "I know we're getting there. We've had so many close games. If we keep working, good things will happen."

A month later, FIU made the call to go another way.

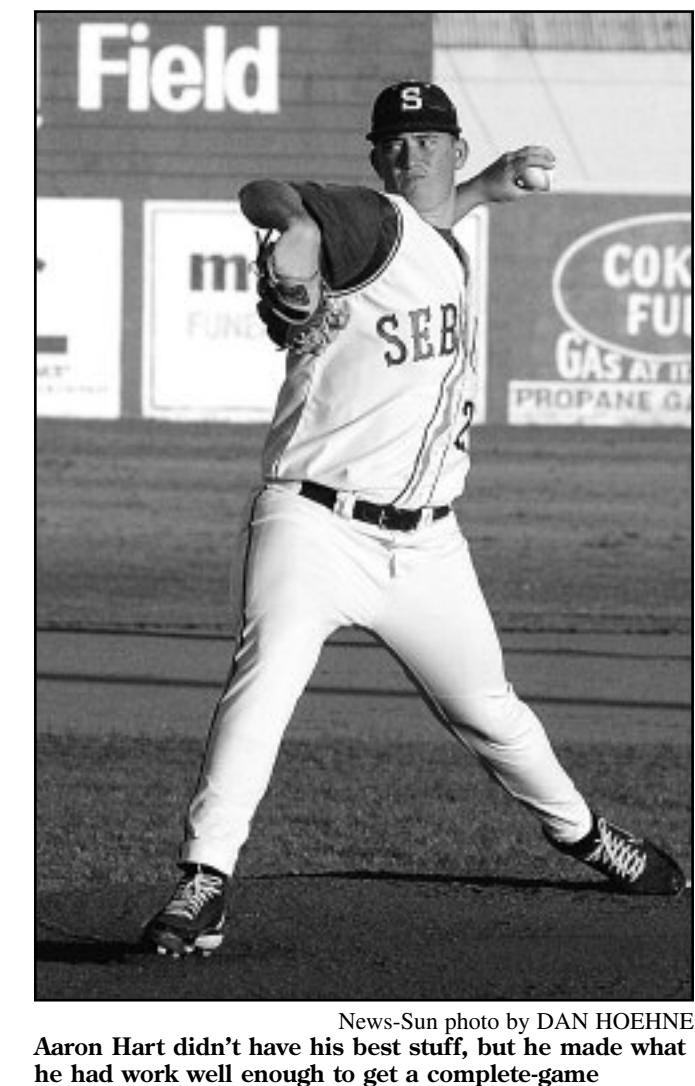
Garcia and Thomas met Friday morning, and the coach was told of the school's decision.

Thomas helped the Detroit Pistons win two NBA cham-

pionships as one of the all-time great point guards, then coached the Indiana Pacers before taking over in New York, where he found hard times both on and off the court — he endured legal and personal troubles off the court, and "Fire Isiah" chants were common at Madison Square Garden.

The Knicks never won a playoff game in his tenure as president or coach, but he saw FIU as a chance to turn his fortunes around.

"I've had my ups and downs," Thomas said when FIU hired him in 2009. "But don't expect me to just stay down, because that's not happening."



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Aaron Hart didn't have his best stuff, but he made what he had work well enough to get a complete-game shutout Friday night.

Sebring stays on top in district

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Lake Gibson might answer right back when Atkinson drew a lead-off walk to start the sixth and Travis Alderman sent a screamer to shallow left.

But Gunnar Westergom made a mad dash and last-second slide to snare the shot.

A fly to right made for the second out, but a single kept the inning alive and put runners on the corners.

Hart, however, reached back and got a key strike out to end the inning and keep his shutout intact.

"Once we got the two runs, I feel like the guys relaxed," Rapp said. "And once we got their starter out of the game, it was like a riot at the bat rack."

That was because now that they had the lead, Sebring went to put the finishing touches on it.

Gomez reached to start the bottom of the sixth and moved up a base when Kyle Cunningham walked and sent Plasky out of the game.

With Atkinson now on, consecutive singles from Westergom and Abeln brought two runs in, before a sacrifice fly from Dane

Maddox and an RBI ground out from Jake Bryan, off reliever Austin Mountjoy, closed out the scoring.

Of course, it would end easy, as two singles sandwiched the first out of the seventh.

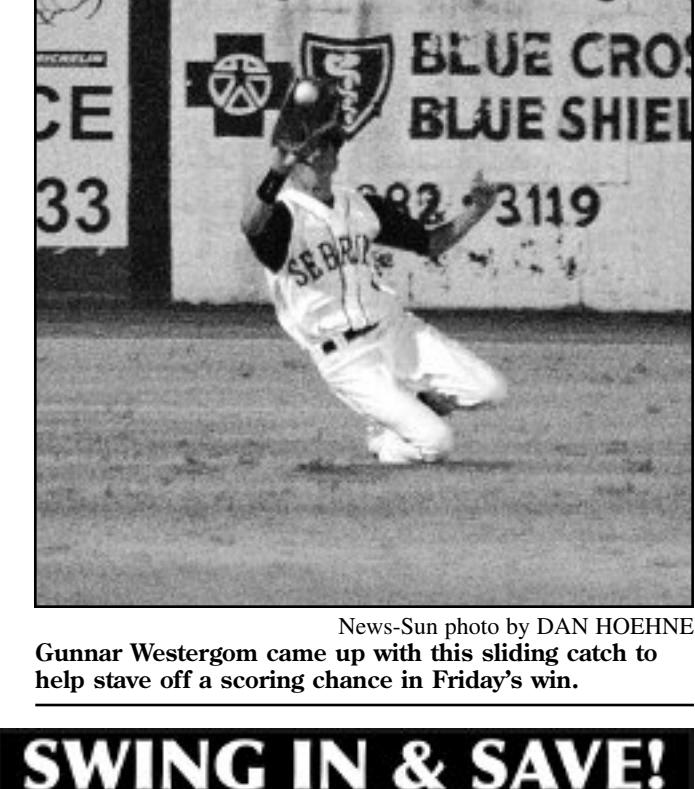
But, again, Hart rose to the challenge and got the final two outs to cap his night and get the win.

"He's really turned it around," Rapp said. "I think that's four wins in a row for him now. And it was a real good week for us. Three wins over some quality competition, Bartow, Kathleen and Lake Gibson. We're really playing well right now."

Well enough, after toppling Kathleen and Winter Haven the week before, to move to 4-0 in district play and control their own destiny.

"If we win out, then we've got it," Rapp said. "Even if we just beat Winter Haven, that will give them two losses and get us the number one seed for the tournament."

The district slate closes out this week on the road at the Blue Devils Tuesday and a re-match with Lake Gibson Friday.



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Gunnar Westergom came up with this sliding catch to help stave off a scoring chance in Friday's win.

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Cook ready to work

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about leverage and getting off the ball and just driving and having a big heart, which he always had."

This same big heart and love for the game has Cook already working hard to prepare himself for the upcoming season.

"I'm always working on something, but I've got to start doing it more," he said.

"I definitely need to get stronger. I've got to get a little bit faster and get my snap time to a minimum."

Cook explained that he often meets his friend and teammate, Tyler Baker, to practice the fundamentals.

"Snapping is a lot of technique; not everybody can do it. It looks easy but it's very challenging."

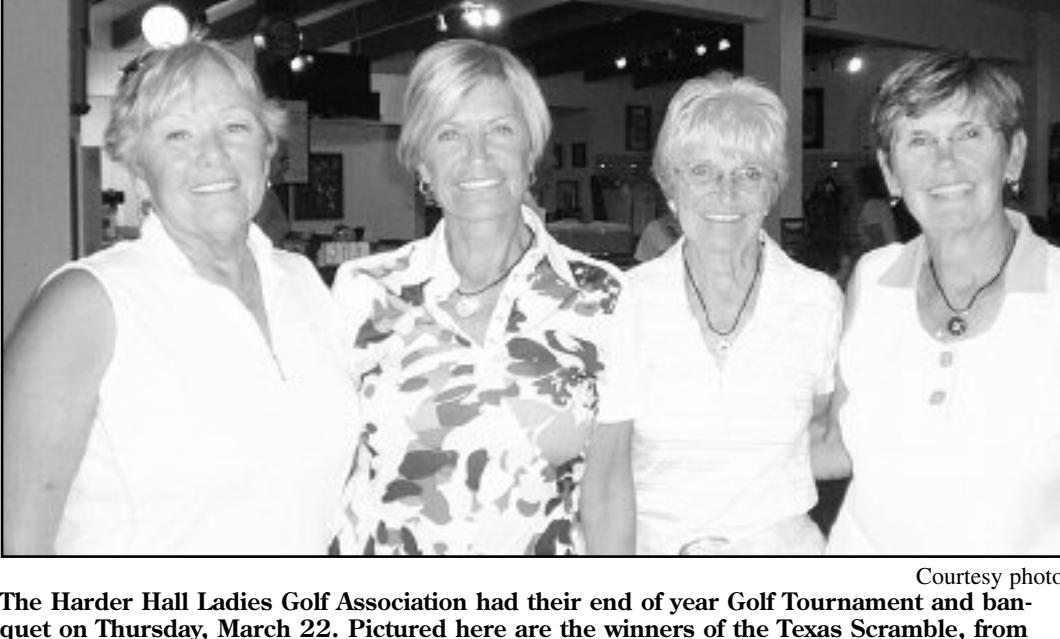
Cook works hard both on and off the field, noting his

4.0 unweighted grade point average has helped him in the college journey.

These study habits will prove to be beneficial as Cook plans to major in Biology before going to the University's physician's assistant program.

With his hard work and preparation, it looks like the transition to college, for Cook at least, will be a snap.

Harder Hall Ladies champs



Courtesy photo

The Harder Hall Ladies Golf Association had their end of year Golf Tournament and banquet on Thursday, March 22. Pictured here are the winners of the Texas Scramble, from left, Carol Grimm, Nancy Jankovic, Helen Sayre and Pat Maxcy.

Florida Trail Association - Heartland Chapter April activities

Special to the News-Sun

The Heartland Chapter of the Florida Trail Association has a number of activities planned for next month where participants can enjoy the wondrous nature Central Florida has to offer, while also giving back.

Date: Saturday, April 14

Activity: Day Hike, approx. 6 miles

Location: Arbuckle Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Located east of Avon Park in Polk County, 5 miles south of Frostproof and is part of the Lake Wales Ridge State Forest which was purchased by the state to protect numerous rare and endangered plants and animals.

For this event, Florida State Senator, Paula Dockery, will be at Arbuckle to view the bridge and hike the trail with us.

Bring: Hiking shoes, brimmed hat, water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection.

Contact: Rose or Jim Kellermann at 863-676-2889 for meet-up time, location and other details.

Date: Sunday, April 15

Activity: Nature Walk

Location: Circle B Bar Preserve, SR 540 (Winter Lake Road), Lakeland

Description: Approximately 3-mile walk

to view birds and other wildlife at this scenic wildlife preserve which is home to an oak hammock, freshwater marsh, hardwood swamp and lake shore, a tremendous bird population, including a variety of wading birds, waterfowl, ospreys and bald eagles.

Alligators inhabit Lake Hancock and may be observed from a distance.

Pets are not allowed.

Bring: Walking or hiking shoes, water, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact: Liane Plumhoff 646-2398 or lplum@verizon.net.

Date: Sunday, April 22

Activity: Earth Day – Day Hike

Location: Tiger Creek Preserve

Group will meet at the Mini Mac Convenience Store, 910 N Scenic Hwy, Babson Park

Description: We will hike the new trail to the observation tower.

Tiger Creek Preserve is located east of US 27 between Babson Park and Frostproof.

The trail traverses the rolling hills of the Lake Wales Ridge, including some of the highest hills and oldest land in the Florida peninsula.

Botanical diversity is extensive along this trail.

Bring: Walking or hiking

shoes, water, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact: RSVP David Waldrop at 863-605-3587 for meet-up time and other details.

Date: Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29

Activity: Hiking Trail Maintenance (come for the day or camp (primitive) overnight)

Location: Green Swamp, Lakeland, FL Meet at Rock Ridge Rd. gate.

Directions: From US-98 in north Lakeland turn east on Rock Ridge Rd., at fork bear left and continue 4.2 miles to gate on your left.

From SR-33 in Polk City travel north, turn left (west) on Dean Still Rd., turn left on Rock Ridge Rd., after 2 or 3 miles gate will be on your right.

Bring: Water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection, and camping gear if camping.

Contact: RSVP Bob Yost at 863-644-5448 or bobalinks3@yahoo.com for meet-up time and other information.

Pick any outing or take part in as many as you can to both enjoy the great outdoors at these scenic locations and do your part to help the natural beauty all around us here in the Heartland of Central Florida.

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If Fred wins, 'You'd never see me again'

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Fred Couples floats across Augusta National on a cloud of cool.

At 52, he figures he's in on a free pass.

He's got aches and pains as old as the guy with whom he shares the top of the leaderboard.

Better still, if Couples won the Masters again, 20 years after the first time he did it, he already knows exactly what he'd do next.

"You'd never see me again," he chuckled. "It would be a walkoff."

Don't laugh.

Couples' green jacket in 1992 was almost as improbable.

Not because he wasn't capable of sublime golf back then — or now, for that matter — but because of a single shot that set up the win by defying the laws of gravity.

In the final round, Couples hit an 8-iron into the par-3 12th and tucked his chin into his chest as the shot rode a breeze and began drifting to the right.

The ball hit the bank in front of the green and began sliding down the slippery slope toward Rae's Creek and the watery grave that claimed every similar shot all weekend.

Somehow, he stopped, nestled up against a few blades of grass. Couples chipped up to save par and wound up winning by two.

He called it "the biggest break of my life."

Yet Couples seemed almost as mystified by what happened Friday, when he fought off two early bogeys with seven birdies and carded a 67.

That left him at 5-under for the tournament, tied with 35-year-old Jason Dufner.

"I stand out there and say, 'What the hell?' a lot," he laughed. "Or 'What do I have to lose here?' Or 'Go for the flag on this shot.'"

But the higher he climbed up the leaderboard, the more cautious Couples became — or at least what passes as cautious for him.

"Once you really get cruising around," he added, "then it becomes, 'Play a smart shot.'"

Instead of feeling guilty, Couples took it as a good sign.

He's played hundreds of



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those over the course of 200 rounds here, enough to post 10 career top-10 finishes at the Masters but that's not all.

A moment before he walked into the interview room, someone reminded Couples he owned the best scoring average of anyone with 100 rounds or more at the tournament, including Jack Nicklaus, who won here six times.

Nicklaus was 46 when he won the last time, in 1986, and Couples was on just his fourth go-round.

"I said, 'Well, I don't know the last year he played, but his scores kept going up a little bit and mine will be doing that shortly. But today,' he added, brightening, "was not one of those days."

It's only when Couple doffs his ball cap to reveal a full head of shaggy gray hair, or talks about gulping aspirin to quiet a chronically troublesome back, that you remember he can't do this forever, let alone string together four solid rounds at a major anymore.

Last year, Couples was seventh heading into the weekend, then faded with 72-73 and wound up tied for 15th.

A half-dozen years ago, he was second heading into the final round and shot 71, finishing in a tie for third.

Couples' strategy to conserve energy this time around was vintage Fred: He practiced less. He hit some balls on the range, played in the ceremonial par-3 tournament on

Wednesday and planned to play the back nine before thunderstorms forced him to take the rest of the day off.

Instead of feeling guilty, Couples took it as a good sign.

He never needed an

excuse to play hooky.

"Basically, I feel like I played enough," he said. "I don't need to wear myself out."

Even in his prime, Couples was that way.

His swing is the same, too, long and graceful, with no wasted motion.

He doesn't hit it as far as he used to — the nickname "Boom Boom" fell away years ago — but still plenty far.

Then there's the temperament.

Couples reminds rivals of the guy who just put down a cocktail on the patio, picked up his clubs and wandered into the middle of the tournament.

"He's amazing," said Sergio Garcia, part of a group of five trailing Couples and 35-year-old Jason Dufner by a stroke. "He always manages to do it somehow."

Yet the only thing hard to believe is that Couples will be able to play the last two rounds as well as he did his first two.

The prospect hardly rattles him.

"I don't feel too much stress. Now, obviously there's stress out there and I'm not — what I'm getting at is, when you're playing here, I'm not going to let too many things bother me. It's so beautiful. You can't say it's your favorite place and then break a club on the fourth hole on Saturday.... And if I don't do well, you know, I leave here with the attitude of I'll come back next year and do well."

"A lot of the tournaments I play in, at my age now — not 20 years ago — they are just golf tournaments. It's another week of golf. And for me to be tied at this moment, it's a little shocking, but I played a really good round of golf today."

"I have to do that tomorrow," Couples added, "or they will just fly by me."

Catch him if you can.

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SFCC Volleyball Camps

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — Summer is just around the corner and so are the annual Lady Panther Volleyball Camps.

Under the tutelage of head coach Kim Crawford and members of the South Florida team, three indoor camps and two sand camps are being offered throughout the summer.

The indoor camps include a June 25-28 session, another from July 9-12 and finally a July 30-Aug. 2 offering.

For each of these camps,

campers going into grades 6-8 will meet from 9 a.m.-

Noon, going into grades 9-12 will meet from 1-4 p.m., with an open pool for campers from 4-4:45 p.m.

Cost for any of these camps is \$100 per week, or \$30 per daily session.

Out on the sand courts, camps will be offered from June 18-21 as well as July 16-19, running from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$60 per week or \$20 per daily session.

The indoor camps include a June 25-28 session, another from July 9-12 and finally a July 30-Aug. 2 offering.

For each of these camps,

Individual private ses-

sions for both indoor and sand volleyball are available year-round at \$20 per hour.

To register, go to www.southflorida.edu/athletics/volleyball.

Click on "volleyball camp," print out the Application Form, fill out and either mail or bring to the Cashier's Office in Building B.

For more information, contact Coach Crawford at 385-2377, or email kim.crawford@southflorida.edu.

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LP Chamber 5K/10K

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LAKE PLACID — The 2012 Annual Lake Placid Chamber 5K/10K Run Walk Team Challenge will take place Saturday, May 19, at the DeVane Circle Park.

Register by Friday, May 4, to get a Dri-fit T-shirt, guaranteed to the first 150 registrants.

Early entry fees are, for

students \$10, team members

\$15, individuals \$20 - \$25

the day of the race.

Enter as a team and save some off those fees.

Each member of a recognized organization or business team saves \$5 on entry fees.

Teams must consist of at least three members and may be mixed ages and genders.

Team members

11 THINGS TO WATCH AT THE BALLPARK

STORY AND ILLUSTRATIONS BY LEE JUDGE/THE KANSAS CITY STAR

Think baseball is boring? Actually, there are so many things happening on the field it's hard to know where to look. Here are some suggestions.



1. THE WARM-UP PITCHES:

The pitcher gets eight pitches between innings to warm up. He doesn't have to use all of them. He'll signal to the catcher what he intends to throw by moving his glove. For a fastball, he'll flip his glove at the catcher with the palm down. Curve: a glove flip, palm up. Slider: a horizontal sweep of the glove. Change-up: he extends the glove and then pulls it back.



2. THE CATCHER'S MITT:

The pitcher signals slider in warm-ups. How much does the catcher's mitt move to catch the pitch? Small movement equals the pitcher's location is on; big movement equals off. Combine that with which pitch he's throwing in warm-ups and you now have an idea which pitches he can throw for strikes ... and so do the hitters. This can change as the game goes along, so pay attention.

3. THE COUNT: If the pitcher has to throw a strike, and he's only got one pitch he can do that with, the batter now has a pretty good idea what's coming. Counts such as 2-0, 2-1, 3-0, 3-1 (also 0-0 and 3-2 if the pitcher can't control his off-speed stuff) are usually considered "fastball counts." This is because a fastball, being relatively straight, is generally the easiest pitch to throw for a strike. Coincidentally, a fastball, being relatively straight, is the easiest pitch to hit. Put a major-league hitter in a count where he knows what's coming and the pitcher better add ducking to his pitching motion.

4. THE RADAR GUN: Pitch speeds are posted on the scoreboard. Say a pitcher's top speed is 94 mph. Pitches clocked in that range are fastballs. If the speed drops significantly, that's an off-speed pitch. When he gets into a fastball count, can he throw an off-speed pitch for a strike? If a pitcher can throw three or four pitches for strikes, the hitter is constantly guessing. You can also use the gun to measure fatigue. If the starting pitcher's fastball velocity begins to go down, and consistent loss of a few miles an hour is meaningful, it might be time to pull him.



5. RUNNER ON SECOND, NO OUTS:

In this situation, even if he does it while making an out, the hitter's job is to make sure the runner ends up on at least third. He can do this in several ways: drive him all the way in with a hit, bunt him over or at least hit the ball to the right side of the field. The pitcher wants a pop-up, strikeout or a grounder to third or short. This should freeze the runner at second base. This can be one of the most interesting, and important, battles in a ballgame.

6. RUNNER ON THIRD BASE, LESS THAN TWO OUTS:

Now the runner can score without a hit. Sacrifice fly, groundout up the middle, wild pitch, suicide squeeze, balk or infield hit all bring the run home. The pitcher needs to keep the batter from hitting the ball into the outfield and may try for a strikeout or pop-up on the infield. (One extra thing to watch: If the batter does hit a fly ball to the outfield and the runner is tagging up, watch the third baseman ... he'll often try to get in the runner's way so the runner can't see the catch clearly.)



8. BREAKING UP THE DOUBLE PLAY:

On a double-play ball, the runner at first needs to hustle down and slide into the pivot man to disrupt the throw to first. Runners who do this are playing good, hard-nosed baseball. Runners who go at less than full speed and then peel off to get out of the way of the throw are playing something else.

BREAKING UP THE DOUBLE PLAY

7. YOU/ME:

With a runner on first, the middle infielder in charge will use his glove to shield his mouth from the batter and signal to his partner before every pitch. This designates who will cover second if the runner takes off. Open mouth is "you," closed mouth, "me."

9. DEFENSIVE SHIFTS:

Before every new batter, the defense will usually shift. This is based on the hitter's tendencies and how the pitcher plans on throwing to him. For instance: If the pitcher is going to pitch him "away," they'll play him "away," trying to get him to hit the ball where they've placed defenders. Watch the shift and see if they can get him to hit the ball that way.

PITCH COUNT

10. THE PITCH COUNT: Fifteen pitches an inning is about average. If the pitcher throws 15 pitches an inning for seven innings, he'll have a total of 105 pitches. If he's got a lead, this gets him to his setup man and closer, theoretically the two best pitchers in the bullpen. Average more than 15 pitches an inning and the pitcher may fall short of seven innings and the game goes to a middle reliever — theoretically not one of the two best pitchers in the bullpen.



11. THE FIELDER, NOT THE FLY:

The same fans who boo a player for misjudging a slicing, wind-blown pop fly will cheer wildly for a pop-up on the infield, thinking it might go out. If the ball goes up, take your eye off it and check the defenders. If the second baseman is pounding his glove, you can head for the snack bar. If the outfielder is racing full-speed for the fence, you're about to see something interesting.



* One last bit of baseball-watching advice: When you get those great seats behind the dugout, keep your eye on the batter. Pitchers will sometimes intentionally throw something soft and fat inside to the batter, knowing he's going to rip it. It gets the pitcher ahead in the count and disrupts the batter's timing. And a hitter with two strikes will often wait as long as he can and just try to foul a tough pitch off. Either way, those balls can get into the seats in a hurry.



He
has
Risen!

“Do not be afraid.
for I know that you are looking for Jesus,
who was crucified.
He is not here;

He has risen,
Just as He said. Come and see the place
where He lay!”

Matthew 28:5&6

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because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because He lives.

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