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Recall effort in Avon Park hits a technical snag

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Supervisor of Elections Joe Campbell invited the Avon Park city clerk Cheryl Tietjen and members of the Avon Park recall committee to a meeting Thursday morning to discuss problems with some of the recall petitions.

Four representatives of the committee seeking to recall

Dates on signed petitions cause question about when mandated 30-day window opened

council members Brenda Gray, Terry Heston and Paul Miller were present, and Jack Agard, another member of the recall committee, took part in the meeting via speakerphone.

According to state statute, a recall effort has 30 days to

collect signatures and deliver them, in this case to the City of Avon Park.

Registered voters who sign recall sheets must date them when they sign. The 30-day delivery deadline begins with the earliest signed sheet.

Because the signatures

were delivered to city hall on Monday, May 16, the earliest valid date would be April 16.

The problem is that 16 of the signatures predate April 16 — a few of them dated as early as Feb. 21, a few others dated April 3.

“That’s our problem. I

don’t know where to start (the deadline time clock),” Campbell told everyone, explaining he was under time pressure as well, having only 30 days by statute to verify and count the signatures.

Calling the state division of elections for direction, Campbell said he was told it was the responsibility of the

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Teaching tactics



News Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Joseph Garcia, Director of Special Operations with the US Corrections Group, explains the Sport Chassis vehicle. The truck is used as a high-risk inmate transporter and allows the combat control system to provide safety to corrections officers and the public.

Advanced training tour makes a stop at SFCC

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AVON PARK — More than 40 agencies representatives throughout central and south Florida were at South Florida Community College Thursday morning participating in the U.S. Corrections Special Operations Group Training seminar.

Director of Special Operations Joseph Garcia was especially enthusiastic about the training of these individuals and making correction facilities safer and correctional officers more efficient.

“The tour travels all over the country. We got an invite to come to Miami and to Tampa, but we came here. We like to go to smaller cities and specifically look for offices that may be under tight budget constraints so that they can benefit from this high quality of training,” said Garcia.

The US-CSOG is sponsored by Woolrich, MSA Peraclete, Draeger, Ontario Knife Company and the National Sheriff’s Association.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Law enforcement agents listen to a presentation at South Florida Community College on Thursday.

“All these sponsors underwrite the cost of the tour, which allows us to train these people free of charge,” Garcia explained.

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County discusses livestock zoning

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SEBRING — Commissioners decided Tuesday that when it comes to hogs, sheep, chickens and goats, the staff needs another look at zoning.

In a public hearing, proposed changes to County Ordinance Chapter 12 proposed by Zoning Supervisor Linda Conrad were sent back and County Planning and Zoning.

The changes proposed would allow more animals on smaller

parcels and lower, in some cases, the set-backs for farm structures that are involved in commercial production.

Additionally, the changes would have eliminated the need for a special exemptions to raise an unlimited number of hogs, sheep, chickens and goats on parcels of larger than 10 acres.

“While there are some limitations for under 10 acres, there are not limitations for over 10 acres. Anyone who wants to set up a feed lot in our county could buy

10.1 acres and put as many animals on there as they can feed. That could be a huge, huge environmental disaster,” said County Attorney Ross Macbeth.

County Extension Director Mike Jensen pointed out that raising goats and locally grown food were the two fastest growing sectors in agriculture in Highlands County.

“An issue came up a couple of years ago. There were four goats

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Entertainment district gets approval this time around

Will be back on agenda for June 7

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SEBRING — The controversial alcohol ordinance and downtown entertainment district issue was once again addressed at the Sebring City Council meeting Tuesday evening. With a full council and a room full of mumbling, concerned citizens, the meeting became a bit heated at times.

Clark and Whitlock were absent from the April 19 meeting when the issue was defeated by a 2-1 vote, with Fells and Stanley voting against. But the two who missed out on the first vote requested the issue be put back on the agenda. This time around, Clark, Griffin and Whitlock voted in favor, while Fells and Council Stanley voting no for the ordinance once again.

The ordinance will allow the ban on alco-

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Clark



Whitlock

Lake Placid to be busy place on Saturday

5K race, Devane Park dedication, early settlers presentation planned

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Saturday promises to be exciting, fun-filled, and educational in Lake Placid, with the day full of different events.

The Chamber of Commerce’s 5K race begins the day at 7:30 a.m. Registration has been good, Eileen May, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said, so expect a competitive event. Runners are welcome to register Saturday morning. Race officials will be on site by 6:15 a.m., and 6:45 a.m. is the registration cutoff.

At 10 a.m., the newly renovated Devane Park will be dedicated and reopened to the public.

At 2 p.m., the Lake Placid Historical

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The Unknown Soldiers
By Tom Sileo

Stairway to Heaven

*"There's a lady who's sure all that glitters is gold
And she's buying the stairway to heaven"*

The opening lyrics and chords of Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" are among the most iconic in the history of rock. As a prolific amateur guitarist, Sgt. Sean Callahan loved the famous song and particularly enjoyed playing it with his dad and Cpl. Daniel Callahan, his big brother and fellow Marine.

"Their friends would come over, and we'd all have a barbecue, play the guitar and sing," proud father Patrick Callahan told The Unknown Soldiers. "(Sean) enjoyed playing music with his friends — that interaction with other people is what made it fun."

After Sean graduated from his Prince William County, Va., high school, he planned to spend a few years in northern Virginia, figuring out the best way to strum life's complicated strings. The one-year lease on his first apartment hadn't even run out when he enthusiastically joined the Marines. Four months later, Sean's brother made the decision to become his brother in arms.

"Honestly, Dan and Sean are two very different people," their dad explained. "But when Dan made the decision to join, he purposely set his entrance so he could see Sean graduate from boot camp."

Sean's first deployment with the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment was to Iraq in 2009. After about two months, Sean and his fellow Marines made an early return to North Carolina's Camp Lejeune to train for a new mission to Afghanistan. Sean's father said the two deployments were vastly different, especially as far as communication back home was concerned.

"The base he was on in Iraq had frequent Internet access, and we could connect with him on Skype," Patrick said. "As bad as the connection would sometimes wind up being, seeing your kid and talking to him face to face is just wonderful."

"In Afghanistan, we got a satellite phone call maybe every three or four weeks, and they were usually short," he added.

In mid-April, Patrick's wife, Janet Callahan, spoke to her youngest child for about 45 minutes, one of their longest conversations during Sean's time in Afghanistan.

"He always sounded calm and very comfortable," Patrick said. "He basically just called to say he loved us."

About a week later, Patrick was cooking dinner for one of his two daughters, who, like Sean, loved to have friends over to the house. There was a knock, causing the family dog to rush toward the front door.

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Bicyclist taken to hospital



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

An unidentified bicyclist from Avon Park is transported to a local hospital Thursday after he sustained back injuries during an accident along Memorial Drive near College Drive in Avon Park. According to Florida Highway Patrol Trooper John Paikai, details about the accident were still unclear as of press time. It seems the cyclist was traveling south on Memorial in close proximity to traffic, when two vehicles collided. Paikai was unsure if the cyclist had been hit by a car or may have hit a pot hole and fallen off of his bike during the collision. The cyclist believed a car had hit him, but his bike showed very little damage.

Commission wants Canaday, but doesn't want to give him a raise

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SEBRING

Commissioners voted 3-1 against the confirmation of Interim Emergency Services Director Scott Canaday to full status.

Canaday was unwilling to take the position without a 5 percent pay raise, bringing his salary to \$52,624 per year, and commissioners were unwilling to budge on the additional \$3,200.

Commissioner Greg Harris supported Canaday's raise, and made the motion, but was out-voted by those who felt that Canaday's last raise of 10 percent, when he was promoted to the interim post, was enough for now.

"It is a sad, sad, sad day when we won't invest \$3,200

in one of our own but we will give \$15,000 to a consultant for about seven minutes worth of work for recycling," Harris said.

"To bring someone else in and put a search committee together would be costly. I don't think that we could bring anyone else in for the same money," said Harris.

But Commissioners Jack Richie and Don Elwell would not budge.

"I can think of no one else I would rather see in that role. It is not a question of ability or how much he is worth. What was relevant was that we sort of draw the line, if you will. We are trying to stop (pay raises) until after the budget process," Elwell said.

"He is the man we want for

the job. If he is able to hold on and maintain the 10 percent has already gotten until after the budget season, maybe we can work something out," Elwell said. "I am disappointed that he is unwilling to maintain his current salary until after the budget process is settled."

"We have asked for a very short amount of time, a few months to work out this budget," said Commissioner Jack Richie said. "I cannot live with someone putting me in a corner and putting a gun to my head and saying this or else."

Elwell asked Helms to have another conversation with Canaday, and to see if he could "hold on."

Scott throws down challenge to Texas' Perry

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — First, Florida Gov. Rick Scott congratulates Texas Gov. Rick Perry on his state's top ranking for being business friendly.

Then, Scott issues a challenge to his fellow Republican in a letter Thursday.

Scott wrote: "Florida will not settle for third place."

He was responding to an annual survey of CEOs by Chief Executive Magazine.

Scott, a former hospital chain CEO, was elected on a platform of creating jobs by making Florida friendlier to business.

In his letter Scott notes Texas has finished No. 1 in the survey for seven years in a row and acknowledges to Perry "you have done it in a BIG way."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Plat Directories available

The 2011 Highlands County Plat Directories are available for distribution. The updated directory replaces the 2008 edition. The directories, being distributed by Sebring FFA Alumni, may be purchased from Highlands County Farm Bureau Office, 6419 US 27 S. or from South Ridge Abstract offices located in Sebring and Lake Placid. The price of the books are \$45.

Contact Gary Lee at 863-214-6748.

Poppy distribution today, Saturday

LAKE PLACID — The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 25, Lake Placid, will be

holding their annual Poppy distribution on Friday and Saturday at the following locations: Gate Service Station, Publix, Sweet Bay and Winn Dixie.

The monies received, as always will help to assist the more than 17,000 veterans of Highlands County.

Temporary road closures in LP Saturday

LAKE PLACID — There will be temporary road closures around Lake Placid around Lake Placid on Saturday. The Chamber 5K race is scheduled to start at 7:30 a.m. and will proceed on parts of Dal Hall Boulevard, Heartland Boulevard, Tangerine Drive

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Avon Park looks at lower property taxes

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AVON PARK — Avon Park's city council took a look at lowering their ad valorem tax rates at their meeting on May 9.

"I think we need to be competitive with Lake Placid and Sebring, it always helps with businesses. When businesses see that Avon Park has a higher ad valorem rate, they choose to go to the lower rates," said Interim City Manager Julian Deleon during his presentation.

"When seriously large businesses look for a location they look at the millage," Deleon said.

The property tax rates are 3.81 mills for Lake Placid, 5.43 mills for Sebring and 5.87 mills for Avon Park.

Deleon had no solid numbers prepared, and thought that lowering the property tax millage to Lake Placid's levels was too drastic of a

cut, but suggested cutting the millage rate from the current rate of 5.85 to 5.0.

That percentage would make Avon Park more competitive with the rates in other municipalities across the county.

"If you lower your millage to 5.0, you would have to lower your budget by \$190,000. I will start with department heads and try to find that savings," Deleon said.

Council agreed that a cut in ad valorem was the direction they wanted to take, but were cautious about how that would effect the city's over all budget.

"Have staff bring something back to us for the projected 'what ifs' and what that would mean to us," Deputy Mayor Brenda Gray said.

"I will work with department heads and find the savings," Deleon said.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Wednesday, May 18:

◆ Rene Veles Fuentes, 34, of Sebring, was charged with grand theft and burglary of an unoccupied dwelling.

◆ Angela Denise Hall, 31, of Ellenton, was arrested on an out-of-county warrant reference scheme to defraud.

◆ Michael Joseph Hinsley, 22, of Sebring, was charged with a DUI.

◆ Daniel James Hodge, 26, of Orlando, was charged with possession of cocaine and possession and or use of drug equipment.

◆ Thomas Andrew Hodge,

23, of Avon Park, was charged with battery/touch or strike, battery/commit domestic battery by stangle, and kidnapping imprisonment of an adult.

◆ Noe Luna-Gomez, 28, of Miami, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.

◆ Janheil Shawn McDade, 20, of Sebring, was charged with violation of a conditional release reference knowingly driving with license suspended or revoked, and possession and or use of drug equipment.

◆ Marka Domic Meabon, 34, of Tampa, was charged with fraud-impersonation attempt to use ID of another person, two counts of grand theft, forgery of public record/certificate, fraud utter false instrument, fraud utter false bank bill, forgery of bank bill and fraud-impersonation/use or possess ID of another person.

◆ Ann Marie Phillips, 48, of Sebring, was charged with DUI.

◆ Rachele Lynn Pruneau, 23, of Sebring, was charged with grand theft and burglary of an unoccupied dwelling.

◆ Edniel Soto, 20, of Avon

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Avon Park vs.

Rowan: No one wins

A lot of the folks in Avon Park are still not sure why Chief Mike Rowan is sitting at home on paid administrative leave. But one thing is for certain, no one wins if his negotiations go to court.

No formal charges have been filed, and it seems that Rowan acted within his rights when he investigated the Avon Park City Council for violations of Florida's open meeting laws, doing business with one's own agency and possibly falsifying documents.

Recordings from those investigations show that he may have been right in doing the investigations, even if they didn't lead to arrests. What one wonders is why he is still on paid administrative leave after it was discovered he committed no wrong? That he was apparently doing his duty as a sworn officer of the law?

What do the citizens of Avon Park gain by having their top law enforcement officer sitting on the sidelines?

Nothing. Council has questioned Rowan's contract in public but has made no move to terminate him. Could it be fear of triggering the terms of the contract that would dip deeply into city coffers in lawsuits and pay-outs?

Could it be that the suspension was premature and

not well investigated? Again, we ask, who wins in this situation?

No one.

Do the citizens win? No. They are paying for service they are not getting, and they are not getting the whole story. They face having their tax dollars spent on avoidable lawsuits, not for services.

Does Rowan win? No. His reputation has been impinged and it seems he may have to sue the city he served for 14 years to get justice, or at least a settlement.

Does the county as a whole win? No, recently interim City Manager Julian DeLeon wrote Sheriff Susan Benton to request an out-of-county sheriff to take a look into the situation. It is not a criminal investigation, mind you, but an administrative one, and no agency locally wants to touch it.

Even if an outside agency finds an administrative problem, after whatever time it takes to investigate, we are still in the same spot since apparently no criminal act was done.

Leaving the taxpayer from another county footing the bill for a Highlands County issue.

Does City Hall win? No. From this point on, City Hall will have to pay something to make Rowan go away, and they will eventually have to answer to the citizens as to why they placed the taxpayers in this situation.

It is a bad spot for everyone to be in. One in which no one wins.

GOP on health care: twist and shout



Guest Column Tina Dupuy

The best thing about the upcoming 2012 election is that the ominous "Obamacare" was a Republican idea. But now since this alternative to Hillarycare

was signed into law by a (gasp) Democratic president the GOP has been trying to peg as a radical socialist Kenyan – Republicans now have to be against their own ideas.

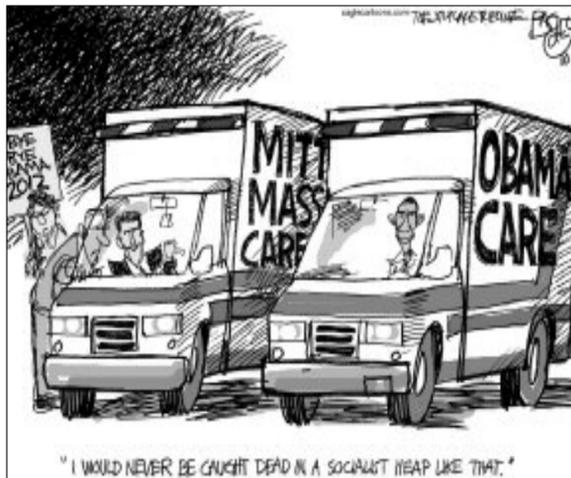
Politicians who are already adept wafflers and wrigglers are shadowboxing with their pre-Obama-Administration-selves. It's a very avant garde off-off-Broadway production sponsored by Koch Industries and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Yes. Weird, but totally worth watching.

In 2009 Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich merrily made the talk show rounds denouncing Obamacare as "rationing." During the health care reform debate he warned Americans of those "death panels."

Yet what about the conservative-maligned individual mandate? Turns out Newt touted it as a shiny Republican idea – the gleaming hope of the nation – a superior proposal to anything the Clintons could ever come up with in 1994.

But now he's against it. Well, kind of against it. This week on Meet The Press, David Gregory pressed Gingrich on this very issue. The politician said, "Well, I agree that all of us have a responsibility to pay -- help



pay for health care...I've said consistently we ought to have some requirement that you either have health insurance or you post a bond..." Gregory then asked, "But that is the individual mandate, is it not?"

Gingrich's answer, "It's a variation on it."

So Newt agrees with Obamacare unless it's called Obamacare. Then he's against it. Because it's Obamacare...and that's secular socialism according to the thrice-married author.

Then there's former Governor of Massachusetts and current resident of San Diego Mitt Romney, who last week went to the University of Michigan and opened with how his brother attended their rival Michigan State. This is akin to going to New Jersey and starting with, "Trenton is great! My sister lives in Manhattan!" Romney should have quit while he was ahead.

As governor, Romney signed a bill in Massachusetts for what ended up being the model for Obamacare. But now he strangely must denounce Obamacare, so he says he'd

repeal and replace it...presumably with a similar version of Obamacare he'll then be for. It's indeed a difficult stance to take. His speech became a game of Semantic Twister where he sprinkled in words like, "freedom," "dreams" and "innovation" into a lesson about the GOP's BFF, the Tenth Amendment. This coincided with the fifth anniversary of Romneycare in Massachusetts.

Romney's law is popular in his state. People who live under the dreaded Obamacare model – like it. It's not perfect, but neither is the highway system, and we don't talk about repealing and replacing that.

"It's difficult to see how an acknowledged success in Massachusetts can become a presumptive failure nationally," said Duvall Patrick, the state's current governor.

"But you know, this is more about politics than policy."

Speaking of policy: What is the new Republican idea on health care? Is their new idea to kill their old idea? That's not actually an idea. And "leave it up to the states" is a plan like "it's

there" is an atlas.

But perhaps the most tone-deaf unapologetically obtuse thing said by a Republican politician on health care comes from newbie Senator Rand Paul who, at a hearing of the Senate HELP Subcommittee on Primary Health, announced anyone who believes in universal health care is advocating slavery. Yes. Slavery. Because a right to health care would mean poor U.S. doctors (the highest paid doctors in the world) would be conscripted along with (according to Paul)...janitors.

Really? Slavery?

Ask anyone who's ever been middle-class under age 65 and found themselves sick if they feel free. Ask anyone who's ever stared at a pile of medical bills wondering if bankruptcy is the only answer if that isn't a form of indentured serfdom.

Senator Paul's namesake Ayn Rand collected Social Security and Medicare. She knew her medical expenses could cost more than she made writing books. So for all the bloviating about the evils of government – the fantasy fiction writer who inspired selfishness and elitism had a deathbed conversion to socialized medicine.

I believe there are atheists in foxholes. And, apparently, libertarians on Medicare.

But they're playing Semantic Twister. Now, right hand red.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Absence shouldn't change the vote

Editor:

Say what? Let's get real here Mr. Clark and Mr. Whitlock.

I understood it, the government was run by "we the people" not we the two absent council members. A quorum is the minimum number of members who must be present for a deliberative assembly to legally transact business. That's both Federal standards and Florida Statutes.

Stanley, Wells and Griffin did just that. The majority is five council members and there were three present therefore a legal quorum to vote was accomplished. Stanley and Wells were voting the will of the majority of people, which the room was full of at that meeting. (Maybe 30-40 in the No section). The majority said No to the entertainment district and only two-thirds said Yes and even if you add two more votes to the Yes column that does not add up to the room full of No votes. Majority rules here.

Council members Stanley and Wells heard the majority loud and clear.

It is about time we had council members who stood up for the majority and not special interest of a few. I do not attend any of the local churches, nor do I have any children in the local schools or children-type establishments however. I would cringe and object greatly to having any alcohol establishments next to either; and as I said before, if it's not broke don't fix it, don't change it or make it worse than it already is on the Circle.

Be more creative, like the establishment of the children's theatre, and stop trying to tap into the very, very successful businesses that are thriving down the road a couple of blocks who serve alcohol. They are doing alcohol-related business correct under the existing and current rules, I might add, without changing anything. They must be doing something right, in the right way for our community or they would not be a viable and thriving business in the downtown district area that serves alcohol.

There are plenty of drinking establishments and food businesses that serve alcohol to accommodate the CRA district and surrounding downtown area.

They don't interfere with churches or children's schools or establishments. Unless of course you want to ruin them too, for the sake of the struggling Circle businesses.

Just my opinion.

*Gingerlee Mitchellindo
Sebring*

Names in the news ring bell

Editor:

For weeks we've read about and seen on TV the names Benghazi, Tripoli, Tobruk, Tunisia, Egypt and so on. To a World War II history buff, the names are familiar. In the early days of the war, fighting raged across North Africa. On March 12, 1941, Ervin Rommel, commander of the newly-formed German Afrika Korps held a parade in Tripoli that was quite impressive ... Panzer tanks, etal. Meanwhile British forces in Africa were depleted to help a British force flight Germany's invasion of Greece.

Rommel moved on March 24 against direct orders of the German High Command. He had a knack for deception, employing many tanks incapable of firing a shot, Volkswagen dummies, known as the Cardboard Division. They suggested to the Brits a formidable force. The British quickly withdrew. Rommel soon became known as the Desert Fox. There was a 50-mile week-long British retreat. Some Brits dubbed it the "Benghazi Handicap," others the "Tobruk Derby."

On April 8 at Tobruk Gen. Wavell, the Brit, decided to take a grand "Lili Marlene" was heard on radios of both the German and British forces.

To make a long story short, Rommel was repulsed but after many months he went on the offensive again, taking Tobruk. Churchill called it a "shattering and grievous loss." British generals were replaced and arriving was Lt. Gen. Bernard Montgomery. Then followed the battle of El Alamein in Egypt. Monty defeated the Germans and Rommel started a 1,400-mile retreat across North Africa. Meanwhile Gen. Eisenhower, with Lt. Gen. George Patton, landed in the west, Morocco and marched eastward.

Rommel could read the handwriting on the wall. He flew home to try to persuade Hitler to give up Africa and save

Rommel's troops. Hitler refused and told the Desert Fox to take sick leave. The Afrika Korps soon surrendered, out of gas, ammunition, supplies. Location: Tunisia.

So the names in the news ring a bell with history buffs.

*Robert Hummel
Sebring*

Children deserve better care

Editor:

I recently had my grandchild (less than two years of age) admitted into an area hospital. The physician (which will remain anonymous) attending to the child's care made not just an inaccurate but bold face untrue statement to my grandchild's parent. This physician's statement was concerning the treatment of the child.

Ten minutes prior to the physician's visit, the child had blood drawn. The child had been through blood drawings, IV, a catheterization and a deep suppository implantation in the last 36 hours while admitted in this hospital. A very young child of this age will make generalizations of people and show fear under this circumstance. While the physician was speaking to the parent during the in-hospital room visit, not once was the child acknowledged or physically examined. The child expressed visible and audible agitation to the very-near proximity of the medical personnel. The physician showed no empathy towards the child's emotional state during the visit. It was as if the child was not present. When asked politely to move away from the child to the other side of the bed to continue the consultation with parent, the physician denied the request and directly confronted the request as ridiculous.

This physician is a pediatric specialist and the primary physician every child is admitted into this hospital and will be assigned to. This should be a serious concern to every parent admitting a child to this hospital.

The families with children in Highlands County should take note of this letter. My reason for this letter was simply to share an unfortunate experience. Our children deserve better than this.

*Amy G. Campbell
Sebring*



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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and Interlake Boulevard. Police and citizen escorts will be controlling traffic for the race.

Starting at 8 a.m., the Boy Scouts will be holding their event on Main Avenue at Heartland Boulevard and the road will be closed accordingly until noon.

Democratic Women's Club meets Saturday

SEBRING — The Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County will have their General Meeting on Saturday at Democratic Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway (next to Ruby Tuesday's). Continental breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m. Jodi James, renowned public speaker and former candidate for the Florida legislature from Brevard County will be speaking at 9 a.m. about critical and current legislative issues. The monthly business meeting will follow her presentation.

There will be drawings and a DWC baby photo contest will be unveiled. Like-minded guests are welcome to attend. For more information call 214-4680.

Tea Party to salute veterans

LAKE PLACID — The Highlands Tea Party will hold a Salute to Veterans event from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday at Stuart Park in Lake Placid. The park is located on Interlake Boulevard and Stuart Street in Lake Placid.

Barry Smith, World War II WASP and former test pilot, will be a speaker along with Col. Mike McCalister, candidate for U.S. Senate, and Denise Williams of the Highlands County Veterans Administration. Included also will be Highlands County Commissioners Don Elwell and Jack Richie.

This is not a political event and veterans and those present serving in all branches of service are invited to attend and be honored. Entertainment provided by Aisia Gilroy.

Blood Mobile in LP

LAKE PLACID — The Blood Mobile will be at Walgreens from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. on Saturday and at First Baptist Church of Lake Placid from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Your donation saves three lives. If you have any questions about donating blood, please call 382-4499.

Church to host garage sale, barbecue

SEBRING — New Covenant United Methodist Church at 5535 U.S. 27 South will be holding a garage sale today and Saturday and a barbecue on Saturday. Hours for both days are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Chicken dinners will be \$6 and a country style rib dinner will be \$7. Dinners will be served with rice, macaroni or green salad and bread.

Call 385-2400 for more information.

G2G chapter meets in Sebring

SEBRING — Grandparent to Grandparent (G2G) is a support group for grandparents raising grandchildren who need support with challenges they face such as maneuvering the legal, educational and health systems.

The group gathers from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the One Hope United office, 7195 S. George Blvd. (in the Liberty Star Plaza, just off U.S. 27). Refreshments will be served at each meeting and each group participant will receive a binder to collect resources, take notes and obtain information from other group participants.

One Hope United is a private, human service organization dedicated to protecting children and strengthening families. For more information on One Hope United or G2G, contact Sarah Tunning at 214-9009 or by e-mail at stunning@one-hopeunited.org.

Lake Placid Historical Society happenings

LAKE PLACID — In observance of Memorial Day, members of the Lake Placid Historical Society have gathered artifacts for an expanded patriotic exhibit that will be on display from May 16-31 to honor the millions of brave men and women of past and present

armed forces and their reserve components. The display also honor the families, friends, and other loved ones who made their service possible. Visit the Depot Museum at 12 Park Ave or call 465-1771. Please call for groups of five or more or for more information. The museum will be closed May 30 except by reservation.

Boys and Girls Club to host car wash

SEBRING — The Highlands County Boys and Girls Clubs will be holding a fundraising car wash at the Auto Ranch U.S.A. car lot on U.S. 27 South from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Come, let us remove your love bugs!

CPR classes set in LP

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Police Department will be holding CPR classes at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and Wednesday June 22.

Further details on how to register can be found at www.lppd.com.

Events at lodges, posts

AVON PARK — Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 in Avon Park will host the following events this week:

Today - Fish and shrimp dinner for \$7 served from 5-7 p.m. Music by Big Freddie from 5-7 p.m.

Saturday - Karaoke by Peg and Perry from 5-8 p.m. Bar menu served from 4-7 p.m. NASCAR at 7 p.m.

For details, call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Moose 2374 will host the following events this week:

Today - Shrimp, fish and wings served at 6 p.m. Music with Fireman from 6-9 p.m.

Saturday - Bingo bango 2 p.m. WOTM pork loin 6 p.m. Music with Big Freddie from 6-9 p.m.

For details, call the lodge at 465-0131.

Dance revue today

AVON PARK — Amy's School of Dance will present its 15th annual dance revue at 7 p.m. today at South

Florida Community College Theatre for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$6 each.

Call the studio at 465-7640 for information or tickets may be purchased at the door as long as space allows.

Sons of the American Revolution meet Saturday

LAKE PLACID — Sons of the American Revolution - Highlands Chapter meets on the third Saturday (May 21) of the month at noon at the Heartland Bank in Lake Placid. Visitors are welcome.

Membership in the SAR is open to men who can demonstrate that their ancestor provided active service in the cause of American independence either by serving in the military or in some other significant role.

Goals of the 118-year-old patriotic organization include promoting patriotism and building respect for American history and the founding fathers. For more information, call 465-7345.

Bakers for Barkers fundraiser

SEBRING — Buddy's Buddies Animal Rescue, a non-profit charity group, will be holding a bake sale and adoption event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at Petco in Sebring. There will be plenty of freshly baked goodies to choose from and plenty of doggies that are looking for new homes.

If interested in becoming a foster home, applications will be available at the end of the event.

For more details or to volunteer, call Buddy's Buddies Animal Rescue at 257-4228.

Allen to perform at Duffer's

SEBRING — Todd Allen will rock 'n roll at Duffer's during dinner hour from 6-9 p.m. today at Duffer's Sports Grille.

Allen, of Sebring, sings a variety of old time rock and Top 40 songs. He will start it off soft for those who are dining and then kick it up a notch to get people up and dancing. There is no charge for the entertainment.

After Allen, Billy Griffis with Southern Style Karaoke will be playing songs to sing

and dance. They will be at Duffer's from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

On Saturday, the He Said She Said duet of Todd Fulcher and Mernie Moore will be on stage with their powerful music and light show. They play rock, Top 40 and a variety of music that everyone can get out

from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Bob Weed is still doing oldies and country music from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays. Billy Glades sings from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays.

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RICHARD CLARK

Richard "Dick" Wayne Clark, 84, of Thomasville, Ga., died at home May 14, 2011. Richard was a native of Avon Park, Fla. and a long-time resident of Monticello, Fla. He retired from Florida Power Corporation and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict.

He is survived by his wife, the former Gwen Kinsey of Madison, Fla.; sons, Richard (Susan) of Stansbury Park, Utah and Bill (Cindy) of Boca Raton, Fla.; sister, Bobbie Godwin of Lake City, Fla.; and four grandsons.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

MONSIGNOR LAURENCE CONWAY

Conway, Monsignor Laurence, 77, of Davie entered eternal life May 13, 2011. He grew up and attended schools in Sebring, Fla. and started his studies at the seminary of St. Charles and St. Mary in Baltimore. In 1955, Archbishop Hurley of the Diocese of St. Augustine appointed him to further theological studies at the American College, University of Louvain in Belgium. He was the first priest to be ordained Bishop Coleman Carroll at the Cathedral of St. Mary's for

the new Diocese of Miami on June 20, 1959. Served as assistant pastor at St. John the Apostle, St. Brendan, and St. Mary Cathedral. He served as pastor and oversaw the building of St. George Parish in Fort Lauderdale. He also served as pastor of St. Ann Parish, the Mission of Marco Island, St. Anthony Church, Fort Lauderdale, and retired in 1999 from St. Mary Magdalene in Sunny Isles. For 27 years he served as moderator for the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, and served as Diocesan consultants, Dean, and on many boards

and committees for the Diocese. Pope John Paul II conferred Father Conway as a Prelate of Honor (Monsignor) in 1999. He continued to assist at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Pembroke Pines.

He is survived by his sisters, Mary Vorisek and Margaret Mercure; brother, Charles (Shirley) Conway; sister-in-law, Lillian Conway; and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary; sister, Carole; brother, George; brothers-in-law, Charles and Arthur; and his niece, Pamela Watson.

Visitation will be held Sunday, 5-7 p.m. at Morris Funeral Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Monday, 1 p.m. at St. Catherine Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Pinecrest Cemetery. In his memory family suggests donations to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 3580, Sebring, FL 33871. Condolences may be expressed at www.morrisfuneralchapel.com.

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County talks ag zoning

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on 20 acres and that was a violation. That is part of what brought this issue to the zoning board," Jensen told commissioners.

But the board was not happy with the sweeping changes, and asked for a more gradual approach.

"We are an agricultural county, and we have to be extremely careful here. We have to reach a balance," said Commissioner Jack Richie.

"We do not want to destroy the ability for people to raise sheep, hogs and goats on their property," Richie added.

"This is not residence versus ag, we need to continue to allow agriculturist to use their property but in a protective type manner," said Board Chairperson Barbara Stewart.

Stewart directed Conrad to revisit the changes to the ordinance and to bring future issues like this back as a workshop, not a public hearing.

"I think that in the future before you start scheduling these, you could have workshopped this with the commissioner and could have saved the cost of a public hearing," Stewart said.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Director of Special Operations, Joseph Garcia, explains what the mobile tactical lab is all about. The trailer is used throughout the country for high risk tasks including riots and hostage situations. The lab is the most advanced in the United States.

Tour stop at SFCC give local law enforcement valuable training

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The two-day training gives officers a leg up on all the advancements in the correctional world.

"We teach the latest techniques and tactics. We offer them the most advanced mobile tactical operation in the U.S.," said Garcia.

The trailer is basically a very high-tech command center that allows officers to be anywhere in the country

for almost any type of occurrence.

"We would use this for something like a riot," said Garcia.

Inside the Mobile Tactical Lab is everything from pocket knives to a sound-proof impenetrable prep room. The room is hidden within the trailer, which allows officers adequate safety and privacy when prepping for a task.

Also on the site is the Sport Chassis, a high-risk

inmate transport vehicle that feels as threatening as it looks. The truck is equipped with radar, geo-thermal detection and numerous other advancements.

"It's force protection detail; it allows us to follow the trailer safely and keep everyone safe," said Garcia.

The US-CSOG will continue training through this afternoon at SFCC before moving on to its next destination

Saturday to be bustling in Lake Placid

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Society and The Mural Society join forces at the Masonic Lodge to honor descendants of the earliest homesteading settlers in the area.

Six families plan to share their histories with the public, including old photographs and period artifacts.

Many of the families are referred to in the murals depicting Lake Placid's history. With blow-ups of the murals at hand, descendants will fill in the back stories and add additional details — some perhaps slightly embroidered.

The Historical Society plans an old

fashioned ice cream social to top off the event.

At 4 p.m. the party will move to the Depot Museum.

There are no admission fees for the historical discussion or the ice cream, although Fay Tarr, director of the museum, said donations are always welcome.

She said the museum has an interesting collection of war memorabilia, including items from the Civil War and she hopes people stop by.

In between these activities, the Clown Museum will be selling barbecue and desserts in a fundraiser for the museum.

May invites everyone to come and stroll Devane Park's new walkways, shaded by stately oaks and accented with palms, all while getting a taste of good food and history.

She also wants people to know the park will have dedicated bricks and benches. If a family wants to honor a loved one, or a business wants to show its support for the town, a memorial with a printed brick or named bench is a good way to do it.

For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at 465-4331 or The Depot Museum at 465-1771.

Recall petition dates raise legal questions

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city to decide the next step. So far, checking the dates is the only work he has done with he petitions. He has not yet begun verifying signatures because the recall committee has to pay for the cost of the verification process and he didn't want to cost the recall committee money if the recall petitions were going to be thrown out.

If the earliest date — Feb. 21 — is accepted as the trigger for the 30-day deadline, it means hardly any of the petitions would be valid, Campbell said, adding he didn't want to throw out all the signatures on a technicality, especially as there was some evidence the February date was actually a birth date entered on the wrong line.

Agard said the petition forms hadn't existed before April 16, which is when the custom printed forms were ready at the printers. He had a receipt for the date, he said.

Tietjen said she would talk to the city attorney, Gerald Buhr, immediately. "He's going to do the right thing," she said. "He has to go by state statute."

Everyone agreed they would all be happiest if the issue went before a disinterested third party, ideally a judge.

"Trust me, we would want to turn it over to (a third party)," Tietjen said. "I certainly don't want to make the

decision, trust me."

Members of the committee expressed dismay that the city attorney would be the one to decide what happens next.

"There are two polarized parties," Agard said. "I don't think one party should decide. Let a judge decide."

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Two rides at Universal to get makeovers

Associated Press
ORLANDO

Universal Orlando says Spidey will soon go high-def, and lots of "minions" will be up to no good in a new attraction themed on the animated movie "Despicable Me."

The theme park announced plans Thursday to reanimate the iconic Spider-Man ride in digital high-definition. Universal also said it will close its Jimmy Neutron-themed ride this summer and replace it with a 3-D attraction based on "Despicable Me," which features minions as not-so-smart sidekicks to the villain Gru.

Both revamped attractions will open at the park sometime in 2012, but specific dates have not been announced.

"The Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man," whose combination of 3-D animation, roving motion vehicles and special effects has made it a crowd favorite for more than a decade, will be updated

with the highest-quality HD resolution available, special effects and new details in the film, which is projected onto a towering screen. The cars hurtle riders along ravaged city streets as Spider-Man battles his archenemies, protecting innocent citizens from the likes of Doc Ock and Electro.

"A big part of it is bringing it to a point where the imaging, the characters, the animation, the clarity, the details will be at a point where it's larger than life," said Thierry Coup, senior vice president of Universal Creative. "You'll feel even more like you're in that world."

Springing from the pages of Marvel Comics, Spider-Man has carried three successful feature films with Tobey Maguire as the superhero and his alter ego, Peter Parker.

A Broadway version, though, has stumbled a few times on the way to the stage. "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" has been fraught with problems,.

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Sebring city council approves entertainment district on first reading

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hol sales within 300 feet of a church or school to be lifted in the overlay district (the Circle and certain spokes off of it) as well as exempting pre-schools, daycares, and kindergarten from the state's statute of the definition of a school, allowing alcohol to be sold near these entities.

"The ordinance that was voted down at the first reading established an overlay district," explained city manager, Scott Noethlich. However with the first reading's approval on Tuesday opened the door to a number of questions, not only from the public, but from members of the council as well.

"If the existing ordinance is stifling the economic development of our city, if that is the case, then why is it only changing the overlay district and not the entire city?" council president Scott Stanley asked.

"Who requested the new ordinance to be drawn up?" Stanley asked city attorney Bob Swaine.

"Mr. Griffin requested the new ordinance," Swaine said.

The room became anxious and the public, as well as board members, were stunned and began asking even more questions.

'Consider the future, economic and cultural, of this county ... the talents that are here are dying or they are leaving.'

FRED LEAVITT
HCA president

"Now I am questioning the procedures of all this. Who is benefiting from this?" Stanley said.

Fells echoed Stanley.

"I was extremely disappointed. I think it was an attempt to evoke a passing of this reading. I thought the CRA requested to draw up the ordinance," Fells said.

"I don't like to see one of us go to the city attorney and spend tax payers money on a personal whim," Stanley said. "Otherwise the rest of us can go home and we can have just one of us up here."

Eight concerned citizens, both opposed and for the creation of the entertainment district, addressed the council members for nearly an hour following the members' discussion.

Merchants, ministers and residents all pleaded with the

council, The overall feeling of the room was "vote wisely and consider the future of the city".

Marge Jernniagan, a retired Highlands County administrator; Fred Leavitt, president of the Heartland Cultural Alliance; and Rev. George Miller of Emmanuel United Church of Christ were just a few of the people who addressed the council.

"Consider the future, economic and cultural, of this county ... the talents that are here are dying or they are leaving," said Leavitt.

Some citizens are more concerned with what will be to come if the district does open.

"What will be next, a strip joint?" asked Jernnigan.

Even Mayor George Hensley had a strong opinion of what the future may hold if the entertainment district comes to be.

"I'm not so much against alcohol, it's just the issue of the future. Do we want to take that chance of this becoming an unwelcome thing?" Hensley asked.

The council members will have a second reading of the entertainment district proposal and new ordinance at the next council meeting, scheduled for June 7.



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Lake County Elementary students rush to high-five Tampa Bay Buccaneers receiver Arrelious Benn. Benn made an appearance at LCE Wednesday speaking to the third and fourth graders about good nutrition, education, and being good leaders. Benn also spent time before his speech visiting the first and second graders along with the special needs students.

Buccaneers receiver a hit for students, staff at Lake Country

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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LAKE PLACID — Tampa Bay Buccaneers receiver Arrelious Benn got students extra enthusiastic Wednesday when he made a special appearance at Lake Country Elementary.

The appearance was a part of the Sweetbay Support Schools campaign. The corporate Sweetbay office awarded LCE a \$10,000 check back in January, but the students and staff at the school have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of their promised football player.

Many of the students knew right away what Benn did for a living when asked, and many smiles and cheers of "Go Bucs!" could be heard in the hallways.

Benn addressed the older students in the cafeteria just

after 1 p.m. speaking to them about everything from his childhood to what he does in his free time.

"I got into football because of my brothers," Benn said. "They all played and I didn't really play at first because it was so competitive, but then I got in it because they were."

The kids all listened and actively participated in the talk as Benn began asking questions about nutrition.

"Do you think you can eat McDonlad's and Burger King and Pizza Hut and then go play a whole football game?" asked Benn.

The kids of course answered "no." Benn further explained his question.

"I like to think of myself as a machine. So we are in Florida right? Do you think you can drive from Florida all the way to California on

an empty tank? No," Benn said. "Your body is the same way. You have to fill up on good things to make it and the be a good athlete or student."

Benn finished up his speech by sharing a secret ritual from the Bucs special teams locker room; the kids were thrilled to be a part of it.

"He's done visits with schools before in D.C., but this is his first one here in Florida. He loves to see the kids and is always giving back," said Benn's longtime girlfriend, Chelsea Gordon.

After a number of photos with faculty and staff, Benn prepared to head back to Tampa, but not before promising Principal Majel Bowerman one last thing: "I'll be back and I'll bring more guys with me next time," Benn said.

Soldier climbs stairway to heaven

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Sean's dad was down on one knee tending to his pet when he saw two sets of polished black shoes in front of him. Something was wrong.

"I got up and I saw the service outfit greens," Patrick said. "It's like having your world transformed in an absolute instant."

According to the Pentagon, Sgt. Sean Callahan, 23, and Lance Cpl. Dominic Ciaramitaro, 19, were killed conducting combat operations in Afghanistan's volatile Helmand province on April 23. Nine days later, just hours after U.S. forces killed Osama bin Laden, the Callahans laid Sean to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

"We've never felt like we're alone because there are so many other people who love Sean," Patrick said. "It's a horrible thing to bury a child, but if you look at the positive side, we've had the benefit and privilege as parents to see through other people's eyes what an impact he had on the world around him."

Molly's, an Irish pub in Warrenton, chartered a bus



Sgt. Sean Callahan, right, (seen here with friend Zach Basham) was killed in Afghanistan on April 23, 2011. Photo courtesy Auction in Honor of Sean Callahan to raise money for Guitars 4 Troops Facebook page.

to bring a large group of veterans to Sean's funeral. Virginia Tire & Auto, where Sean once worked, is accepting donations in his memory to support Any Soldier, which sends care packages to American troops overseas.

"It's really amazing stuff," the grateful father said.

When I arrived at Sean's grave on May 17, one of his favorite songs echoed through my headphones. Above his grave marker, I pictured the stairway to heaven. At the top, Sean strummed his guitar while

laughing and singing with his newest friends: a decade of men and women who have sacrificed everything in Afghanistan and Iraq.

*"And if you listen very hard
The tune will come to you
at last
When all are one and one
is all."*

To find out more about Tom Sileo, or to read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

POLICE BLOTTER

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Park, was charged with failure to appear reference petit theft.

◆ Anuel Vertus, 45, of Sebring, was charged with violation of municipal ordinance.

◆ Tara Charline Weeks, 24, of Sebring, was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and violation of probation reference possession of methamphetamine.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Tuesday, May 17:

◆ Taryn Grace Barnes, 34, of Sebring, was charged with petit theft.

◆ Travis Roy Bass, 20, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of marijuana, possession and or use of drug equipment, and violation of probation reference knowingly driving with

license suspended.

◆ William Christopher Butler, 52, of Sebring was charged with aggravated assault with deadly weapon without intent to kill.

◆ Andrea Michelle Simmons, 25, of Sebring, was charged with petit theft.

◆ Frankie Smith, 33, of Avon Park, was charged with two counts of failure to appear reference battery and false imprisonment.

◆ Roy Shenandoah Weeks, 29, of Avon Park, was charged with failure to register as a career offender, three counts of failure to appear reference leaving the scene of an accident without giving information, knowingly driving with license suspended or revoked, and battery, and violation of probation reference petit theft.

◆ Dexter Darnell Williams, 25, of Miami, was charged with failure to appear reference leaving the scene of an accident without giving informa-

with the International Space Station on Wednesday. The shuttle did a slow backflip so space station cameras could capture any signs of launch damage.

NASA official LeRoy Cain says there's no cause for concern. He says they will con-

tinue to assess the damage. If needed, the astronauts will use a boom to make a closer inspection this weekend.

The space agency has checked for damage to the shuttle's delicate heat shield ever since the 2003 Columbia disaster.

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 11000119GCS
 SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff,
 v.
 DELMAR R. RUNNER a/k/a DELMA R. RUNNER if living and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, beneficiaries, or other persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against DELMAR R. RUNNER a/k/a DELMA R. RUNNER; et al. Defendants.
 NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: DELMAR R. RUNNER a/k/a DELMA R. RUNNER if living and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, beneficiaries, or other persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against DELMAR R. RUNNER a/k/a DELMA R. RUNNER("Ms. Runner");
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose the mortgage existing on property which you may have an interest has been filed against you. The real property address is commonly known as 324 East Canfield Street, Avon Park, Florida 33825, and more particularly described as:
 LOT F OF LOT 11, BLOCK 3, IN SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 131, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Stovash, Case & Tingley, P.A., c/o Rachel E. Scherwin, Esquire, whose address is SunTrust Center, 200 S. Orange Ave, Suite 1220 , Orlando, Florida 32801, within thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication, which was on May 20, 2011, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Verified Complaint.
 DATED this 2nd day of May 2011.
 CLERK OF THE COURT
 By: /s/ Annette Daff
 Deputy Clerk
 May 20, 27, 2011

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 10-254 GCS
 R. WILLIAM CLEMENTS, Plaintiff,
 v.
 CHERYL THOMAS, et al., Defendants
 CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 31, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the public sale at the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00A.M. on June 8, 2011, the following described property:
 LOTS 6, 7 AND 8, BLOCK 30, DESOTO CITY SECOND SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A 1977 ALLA MOBILE HOME WITH IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 2891A AND 2891B.
 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 sixty (60) days after the sale.
 Dated: May 10, 2011
 ROBERT GERMAINE
 Clerk of Court
 Highlands County
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 May 20, 27, 2011
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 11-211
 IN RE: ESTATE OF
 MORALES, MIGUEL A.
 Deceased.
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of MIGUEL A. MORALES, deceased, whose date of death was April 18, 2011, and whose social security number 351-24-6942, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to

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 be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is May 13, 2011.
 Personal Representative:
 /s/ Robert E. Livingston
 Florida Bar No. 0031259
 445 S. Commerce Avenue
 Sebring, FL 33870
 Telephone: (863)385-5156
 May 13, 2011
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO. 10000836GCS
 RBC CENTURA BANK N/A/RBC BANK (USA), Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JAMES C. ANDERSON A/K/A JAMES C. ANDERSON, JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES C. ANDERSON A/K/A JAMES C. ANDERSON, JR., Defendant.
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Uniform Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 9, 2011, entered in Civil Case NO.: 10000836GCS of the Circuit Court in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SEBRING, FL 33870, at 11:00 a.m. on the 7th day of June, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
 LOT 9, BLOCK 50, PLACID LAKES, SECTION

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 SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, AT PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 DATED this 10th day of May, 2011.
 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 sixty (60) days after the sale.
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 May 20, 27, 2011
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 28-2009-CA-000912
 US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2007KS3,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 LONGSTREET, CELESTINE, et al.,
 Defendants.
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-000912 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein, Plaintiff, and LONGSTREET, CELESTINE, et al., are Defendants. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11 A.M. on the 6th day of June, 2011, the following described property:
 LOT 7, BLOCK "B", OF A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 5 OF BLOCK "F" IN PROCE AND GORHAMS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 DATED this 6th day of May, 2011.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Annette Daff
 May 20, 27, 2011
 STATE OF FLORIDA
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT
 The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue an Environmental

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 Resource Permit (File No.: 0272794-003 E) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Kissimmee River Restoration - Reaches 2 and 3 Oxbow Excavation Project, Contract 10A. The project involves the excavation of three oxbow sections (Reach 2 Oxbow, Reach 3 North Oxbow, and Reach 3 South Oxbow) through the existing spoil mounds on the east side of the C-38 canal, Class III Waters. Approximately 774,309 cubic yards of material will be excavated and placed on existing spoil mounds created from the original C-38 canal dredging project. Unsatisfactory organic material will be placed in two separate disposal areas adjacent to the spoil piles on the uplands. This project also authorizes the filing of two smaller oxbows within the Reach 3 South Oxbow section. An estimated 39,000 cubic yards of spoil from the Reach 3 South Oxbow section excavation will be utilized to backfill the smaller oxbow segments within the same area. The project will permanently impact approximately 77.14 acres of wetlands and other surface waters and restore over 6,280 acres of Kissimmee River floodplain in Pool D.
 The activities are located within the historic Kissimmee River on the east bank of the C-38 canal, Class III Waters of the State pursuant to Section 62-302.400, F.A.C. east of the intersection of County Road 721 and U.S. Highway 98 (Sections 4,5,6,7,8,9, Township 36 South, Range 33 East) in Okeechobee and Highlands Counties.
 The application is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast District Office, 400 North Congress Avenue, Suite 200, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33401, telephone (561) 681-6604.
 The Department will issue the permit with attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes, before the deadline for filing a petition. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.
 A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

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 Petitions by the applicant or any of the parties listed below must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice or receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.
 The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition or request for mediation within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code.
 A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:
 a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
 b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;
 c) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
 d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
 e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, as well as the rules or statutes which entitle the petitioner to relief; and
 f) A demand for relief.
 A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by rule 28-106.301.
 Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position

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taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above. Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

Any party to this order has the right to seek judicial review of it under section 120.68 of the Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of appeal under rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, Mail Station 35, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within thirty days after this order is filed with the clerk of the Department.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-215
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF
BERTA L. SAGER, A/K/A
BERTA G. SAGER
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BERTA L. SAGER, a/k/a BERTA G. SAGER, deceased, whose date of death was January 11, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is May 20, 2011.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Lynette A. Kordos
5127 Corvette Drive
Tampa, Florida 33624

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Pamela T. Karlson
Florida Bar Number: 0017957

301 Dal Hall Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863)465-5033
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May 20, 27, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 10-602-GCS
WALKHAMPTON CAPITAL CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST WILLIAM COLE; COLE; PAULA LAMAR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAULA LAMAR N/A MIKE LAMAR, and CITY OF SEBRING,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated May 9, 2011, entered in Case No.: 10-602-GCS of the Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein ANY UNKNOWN PARTY WHO MAY CLAIM AS HEIR, DEVISEE, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEE, LIENOR, CREDITOR, TRUSTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANT, BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST WILLIAM COLE; COLE; PAULA LAMAR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAULA LAMAR N/A MIKE LAMAR, and CITY OF SEBRING, are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, on the front steps of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3867 on June 7th 2011, at 11:00 a.m., the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment: Legal: LOT 5, BLOCK 122, LA PALOMA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 44, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

DATED this 10th day of May 2011.

CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
May 20, 27, 2011

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

The following legal notices are from the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners and are being published in the font, size, and leading as per their specifications.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SERVICES & PURCHASING NOTICE OF INTERNET AUCTION

START DATE: Friday May 13, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. END DATE: Monday May 23, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

through 10:00 P.M.
LOCATION / WEBSITE: GOVDEALS.COM Pursuant to Florida Statutes and Board adopted policies, the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (HCBC), Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, has declared various items as surplus property and have therefore authorized an Internet Auction to be conducted for the purpose of disposing of all said property. A list of specific surplus items may be obtained from the following locations and/or by requesting a list by fax (863)402-6735 or email to sbutler@hcbcc.org or kbaker@hcbcc.org 1) HC Purchasing Department; 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875-5803. Contacts: Sandra Butler at (863)402-6527 or Kelley Baker at (863)402-6511.2) HC Government Center, 600 S. Commerce Ave., 2nd Floor BCC Receptionist; Sebring, FL 33870 at (863)402-6500. Additional information can be obtained Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. about the County's Internet Auction process by contacting Highlands County BCC's General Services/Purchasing Department at the following numbers: (863)402-6527 or (863) 402-6528. Note: All property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis. The HCBC reserves the right to add or delete items from GovDeals' Website at anytime during the Internet bidding dates above. Board of County Commissioners/Purchasing Department/Highlands County, Florida

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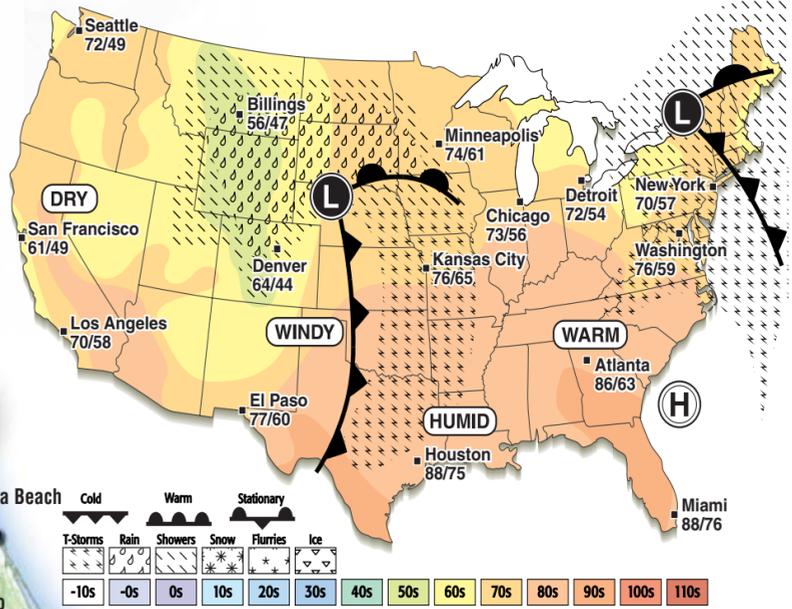
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A thunderstorm in the afternoon	An afternoon thunderstorm	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	Sunny to partly cloudy	A full day of sunshine
92° / 69°	91° / 70°	92° / 70°	91° / 70°	90° / 69°
Winds: ESE at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 4-8 mph	Winds: E at 7-14 mph	Winds: ESE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ESE at 8-16 mph

National Forecast for May 20

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



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	87°
Low Sunday	55°
High Monday	84°
Low Monday	57°
High Tuesday	86°
Low Tuesday	51°
High Wednesday	87°
Low Wednesday	48°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	39%
Expected air temperature	90°
Makes it feel like	91°

Barometer

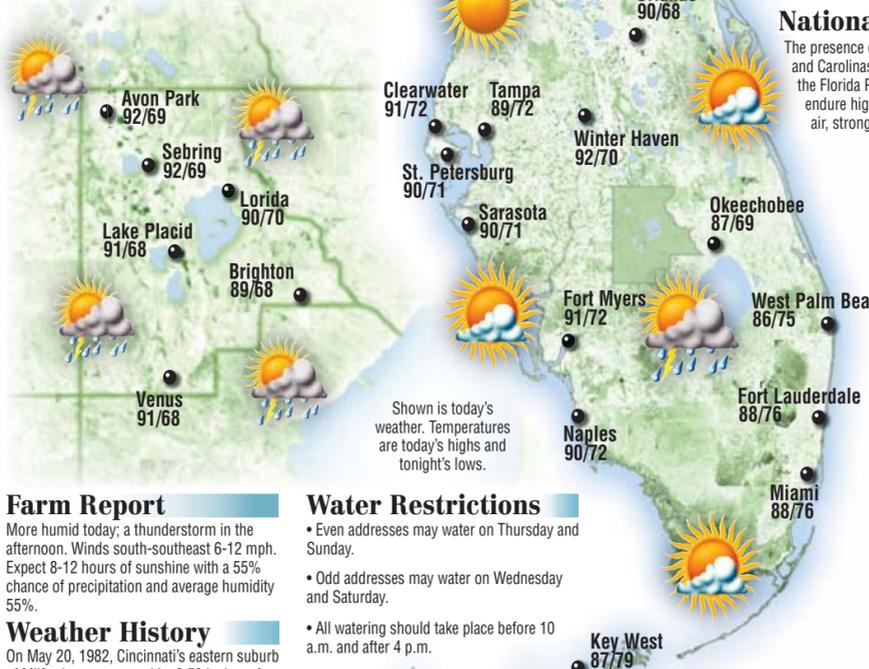
Monday	29.79
Tuesday	29.83
Wednesday	30.00

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	3.55"
Year to date	13.58"

Regional Summary

More humid with sunshine mixing with some clouds today; a thunderstorm during the afternoon. Chance for a thunderstorm this evening. A thunderstorm tomorrow afternoon. Sunday: an afternoon thunderstorm possible.



Farm Report

More humid today; a thunderstorm in the afternoon. Winds south-southeast 6-12 mph. Expect 8-12 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average humidity 55%.

Weather History

On May 20, 1982, Cincinnati's eastern suburb of Milford was swamped by 2.50 inches of rain in just a half of an hour. Cincinnati's average May rainfall is 4.07 inches.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:38 a.m.	6:37 a.m.
Sunset	8:08 p.m.	8:08 p.m.
Moonrise	11:30 p.m.	none
Moonset	9:32 a.m.	10:32 a.m.

	Last	New	First	Full
	May 24	June 1	June 8	June 15

Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	91/71/s	91/71/s	92/71/s	Miami	88/76/s	88/77/s	87/76/s
Clearwater	91/72/s	90/74/s	91/73/s	Okeechobee	87/69/t	87/69/t	87/69/t
Coral Springs	87/73/s	86/75/s	88/75/s	Orlando	90/68/t	92/69/t	92/69/t
Daytona Beach	84/66/s	88/69/s	89/69/s	Pembroke Pines	88/73/s	88/75/s	88/75/s
Ft. Laud. Bch	88/76/s	86/77/s	87/77/s	St. Augustine	84/67/s	86/69/s	88/69/s
Fort Myers	91/72/s	92/72/s	92/72/s	St. Petersburg	90/71/s	91/74/s	91/73/s
Gainesville	90/63/s	90/66/t	91/68/s	Sarasota	90/71/s	89/72/s	89/71/s
Hollywood	88/73/s	88/75/s	88/75/s	Tallahassee	90/61/s	93/65/s	94/67/s
Homestead AFB	85/73/s	85/74/s	85/74/s	Tampa	89/72/s	90/73/s	90/72/s
Jacksonville	90/65/s	90/66/s	92/66/s	W. Palm Bch	86/75/s	86/75/s	87/75/s
Key West	87/79/s	88/79/s	87/78/s	Winter Haven	92/70/t	92/71/t	91/71/t

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

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	73/51/s	76/53/s	80/54/pc	Los Angeles	70/58/pc	71/57/pc	69/57/pc
Atlanta	86/63/s	90/66/s	90/66/s	Louisville	84/64/pc	89/67/t	86/69/pc
Baltimore	76/56/t	80/58/pc	83/62/pc	Memphis	86/70/pc	87/69/t	86/70/pc
Birmingham	88/65/s	91/65/pc	88/67/s	Milwaukee	68/52/pc	71/57/t	77/60/pc
Boston	65/53/sh	67/49/t	57/49/pc	Minneapolis	74/61/c	77/61/t	79/58/c
Charlotte	84/58/pc	87/62/t	92/65/pc	Nashville	86/64/pc	89/65/t	87/67/pc
Cheyenne	57/42/t	65/42/t	72/44/pc	New Orleans	87/73/s	88/73/s	88/72/pc
Chicago	73/56/pc	75/62/t	80/62/pc	New York City	70/57/t	76/60/t	70/58/pc
Cleveland	72/50/pc	74/58/pc	77/60/pc	Norfolk	76/62/t	78/63/pc	81/67/s
Columbus	78/55/pc	81/63/pc	83/65/pc	Oklahoma City	84/61/t	89/65/s	87/68/pc
Dallas	85/69/t	88/72/t	88/73/t	Philadelphia	75/58/t	77/58/t	73/62/pc
Denver	64/44/t	72/46/pc	78/48/pc	Phoenix	86/67/s	90/71/s	93/70/s
Detroit	72/54/pc	75/60/pc	78/64/pc	Pittsburgh	70/52/pc	78/58/pc	82/62/pc
Harrisburg	76/55/t	81/57/pc	79/60/pc	Portland, ME	64/51/sh	64/45/t	58/47/pc
Honolulu	87/74/s	88/74/s	89/75/s	Portland, OR	76/50/s	67/50/c	63/49/pc
Houston	88/75/t	91/73/pc	89/73/pc	Raleigh	83/58/pc	85/62/pc	89/65/s
Indianapolis	80/61/pc	83/63/t	84/67/pc	Rochester	66/57/sh	75/54/pc	79/58/pc
Jackson, MS	88/69/pc	89/67/pc	89/69/pc	St. Louis	82/67/t	83/68/t	86/69/pc
Kansas City	76/65/t	81/62/t	82/65/t	San Francisco	61/49/s	61/49/pc	59/50/pc
Lexington	82/59/pc	85/62/t	86/64/pc	Seattle	72/49/s	63/49/c	60/48/pc
Little Rock	84/69/t	84/68/t	85/68/t	Wash., DC	76/59/t	81/64/pc	84/66/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	91/77/s	91/79/pc	89/77/pc	London	64/48/pc	66/54/pc	64/49/pc
Athens	71/63/s	79/63/pc	78/64/pc	Montreal	72/59/sh	72/55/pc	72/59/pc
Beirut	72/59/s	74/62/s	76/65/s	Moscow	72/53/pc	70/55/r	68/53/r
Berlin	72/55/sh	72/59/sh	75/51/sh	Nice	74/63/s	75/63/sh	79/65/s
Bermuda	75/68/s	74/66/t	75/65/s	Ottawa	70/59/sh	76/51/pc	69/59/pc
Calgary	68/46/c	69/53/sh	60/46/pc	Quebec	68/55/sh	64/48/pc	66/50/pc
Dublin	55/46/pc	55/43/r	57/45/pc	Rio de Janeiro	74/67/s	75/67/s	80/69/s
Edmonton	72/48/s	79/50/sh	74/46/pc	Seoul	69/59/r	66/48/sh	77/55/pc
Freeport	86/72/s	87/72/s	87/71/s	Singapore	86/78/t	87/77/t	89/78/t
Geneva	72/57/r	75/59/r	67/53/sh	Sydney	71/48/s	72/49/s	71/52/pc
Havana	90/70/pc	91/69/t	91/70/t	Toronto	68/55/sh	72/53/pc	70/57/pc
Hong Kong	85/76/r	82/78/r	84/77/t	Vancouver	65/51/s	61/50/pc	63/50/pc
Jerusalem	73/49/s	72/52/s	74/55/s	Vienna	74/62/sh	77/60/t	78/61/t
Johannesburg	64/46/pc	68/45/s	69/49/s	Warsaw	75/57/sh	70/54/t	74/58/sh
Kiev	74/55/pc	77/56/c	76/58/c	Winnipeg	79/57/pc	75/55/r	63/46/sh

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Heartland Triathlon on the horizon

By DAN HOEHNE
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 EBRING – It's less than a month away and preparations are in full gear for the 11th Annual Heartland Triathlon to take place Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19.

And even with the recent news that two-time Ironman World Champion Chris McCormack won't be on hand in person, the event will still make an appearance via a video conference to address the gathered crowd of triathlon participants.

You would think since we have McCormack (McCormack) coming to the event that the entries would have been in the thousands," event director Cherie Starr said, perhaps not realiz-

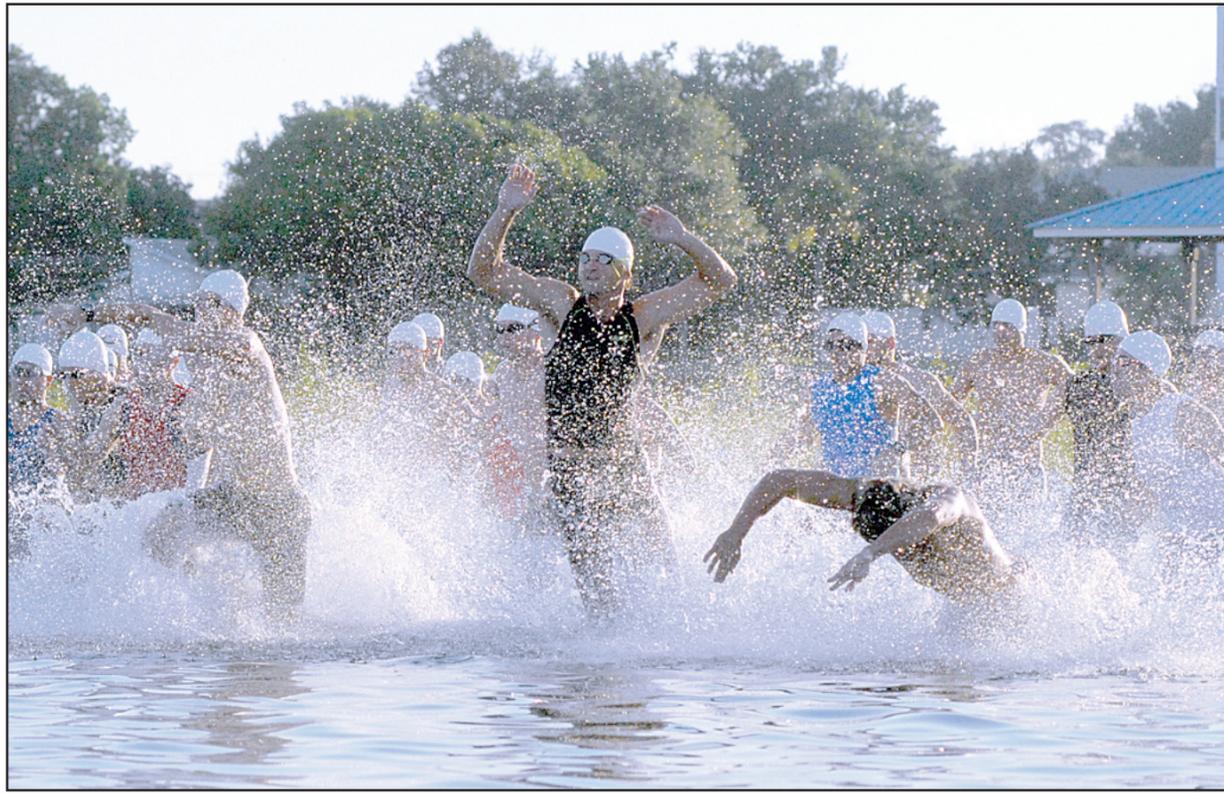
ing that from a competitive standpoint, his presence might have pushed a few away. "We are scooting right along with our numbers and will exceed last year. We recently just had 45 entries in one day."

And while the ever-growing number of racers will be treated to a great competition under the summer sun of south Florida, there will be plenty more than just the race to be a part of.

"Friday night we'll have a get together at Kenilworth Lodge, from 5-10 p.m., with live music, chips and dip, drinks, popcorn and race packet pick up," Starr said.

The Kids Race then kicks off at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, fol-

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Less than one month away, the Heartland Triathlon is gearing up for another standout event with a weekend full of activities. News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Elks break out for first win

By DAN HOEHNE
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 EBRING – Getting that win of the year can be a tough process, but when it happens, the elation is let loose.

We're the youngest team in the league, so it's tough to compete," Elks head coach Cesar Martinez said. "But all about improvement and this shows we're improving."

It was after his young pitcher kept battling back for a win over J.R. State Farm Tuesday night.

State Farm had just come out extending the potent Pool Paradise team the farthest they had been all year Tuesday night and took the early lead in this Dixie League contest.

Logan Doty got plunked early in the inning, and Cesar then stole second and soon stole second.

Logan Colon then came through with an RBI single to tie the early 1-0 lead.

Colon then took to the mound and worked around a walk-off walk to Trevor Thomas to retire the side.

Thomas then kept the Elks in the game with his turn on the mound, going one, two, three in the second.

But the orange-clad youngsters then looked to get back in the game in the bottom

of the second as Gus Lawrence singled to left and Nick Jones took a painful pitch in the foot to put two on with one out.

But Colon got out of it, getting the next two batters out.

Lawrence then came on in relief in the third and escaped a two on with one out jam of his own, getting a strike out and having catcher Gabe Gomez fire behind the runner at first for an inning-ending pick-off.

The momentum of the momentous inning-ender carried over as Thomas singled with one out in the bottom of the third and Logan Gregis drew a walk with Doty now on the bump.

Some pitches got away, with Doty battling control early in the inning, and Thomas came around to tie the game.

Gregis was erased on a fielder's choice, but an alert Hunter Martinez got himself into scoring position by high-tailing it to second while the rundown ensued.

Gomez then belted one off the left-field fence to score Martinez before stealing second and third.

When the throw attempt to get him at third got away, Gomez kept on going to home to put the Elks up 3-1.

But State Farm showed



Dahlin Stanton gets the tag down on this JR State Farm runner as the Elks notched their first win of the season Tuesday night in Dixie League Ozone play. News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

they'd stick around Monday night and did so again as Jose Rivera walked to start the fourth.

He then stole second and came in on Danny Cardoso's single.

With Cardoso soon on third, a pick-off attempt got away and brought him in for a 3-3 tie.

The Elks went scoreless in the bottom of the fourth and State Farm added one more in the top of the fifth when

Doty was hit by a pitch for the second time in the game.

He soon stole second and when the throw got away, advanced to third, allowing him to come in on Colon's ground-out to the right side for a 4-3 lead.

But the Elks had one last rally in them, just in the nick of time, as it would turn out.

Thomas lead off the bottom of the fifth, beating out an infield single and stealing second.

He soon advanced to third on a wild pitch, and one out later, came in on a wild pitch as Martinez was drawing a walk, to re-tie the game.

Gomez then came through with the game-winner, ripping a double into the left-center field gap to bring Martinez in, before soon coming in himself on a Lawrence grounder.

And at that point, the time limit had been reached and

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Red Devil Grill 'n Chill

Special to the News-Sun
 AVON PARK – Avon Park High School Football Booster Club and sponsor White Chevrolet will be having their first annual Pitchfork Grill 'n Chill event at the Avon Park Community Center on Saturday, May 21, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 for a couple for appetizers, rib-eye steak, shrimp, with a drink package available for an additional \$10.

Live entertainment will be provided by Shady Creek Outdoors with Don Elwell singing as the Master of Ceremonies.

Throughout the night, drawings will be made for \$100 giveaways, with the evening culminating in a drawing for \$1,000.

Checks can be mailed out to the Avon Park High School Football Booster Club.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Red Devil football program.

For further information call Avon Park football coach Art Bonjokian at 781-781-7811.

James owns crunch time as Heat top Bulls in Game 2

By ANDREW SELIGSON
 Associated Press
 CHICAGO — Right from the start, LeBron James made it clear he was going to attack and no one was going to stop him from taking a point taken.

James came up big down the stretch with nine of his 29 points in the final 4:27, and Dwyane Wade added 24 and Miami Heat beat the Chicago Bulls 85-75 Wednesday night to tie the Eastern Conference finals at one game apiece.

It was a big game," James said. "We felt like it was a must win for us going back to Chicago."

The Heat can breathe a little easier after a 1-1 tie in Game 1.

Coming off a lopsided loss in Game 1, they recovered in crunch time — thanks in large part to James — after blowing an 11-point lead.

Game 3 is Sunday in Miami.

James shook off a brutal opener and took over late in the fourth, starting with a 3-pointer that put Miami ahead for good at 76-73.

He also had 10 rebounds despite a head cold, and Miami outrebounded the Bulls 45-41 after getting pounded 45-33 on the glass in the opener.

"That fourth quarter is going to epitomize this entire series," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It's an absolute street fight for both teams."

15 points on 5-for-15 shooting while being harassed by Luol Deng in Game 1.

Wade, coming off an 18-point performance in the opener, also had nine rebounds for Miami.

Miami reserve Udonis Haslem, whom Spoelstra called "an absolute championship warrior," provided a spark with 13 points, and the Heat beat the Bulls for the first time this season even though Chris Bosh scored just 10 points after pouring in 30 in the opener.

"We got that one that we needed," Wade said. "Now, we go home and we've got to take care of business. This team right here is like us. They can win at home and on



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Today in Baseball History

- May 20
 - 1919 – Babe Ruth won a game on the mound and at the plate. He hit his first career grand slam as the Boston Red Sox beat the St. Louis Browns 4-0.
 - 1962 – Chicago Cubs rookie Ken Hubbs hit eight singles in eight trips to the plate. Cubs swept Philadelphia Phillies 6-4 and 11-2.
 - 1999 – Roberto Ventura became the first major league pitcher to hit grand slams in two games of a doubleheader.

THE SCOREBOARD

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7) (x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
 Chicago 4, Indiana 1
 Miami 4, Philadelphia 1
 Boston 4, New York 0
 Atlanta 4, Orlando 2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
 Memphis 4, San Antonio 2
 L.A. Lakers 4, New Orleans 2
 Dallas 4, Portland 2
 Oklahoma City 4, Denver 1

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
 Chicago 4, Atlanta 2
 Miami 4, Boston 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE
 Dallas 4, L.A. Lakers 0
 Oklahoma City 4, Memphis 3

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
 Chicago 1, Miami 1
 Chicago 103, Miami 82
 Wednesday: Miami 85, Chicago 75
 Sunday: Chicago at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 24: Chicago at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
 x-Thursday, May 26: Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 x-Saturday, May 28: Chicago at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
 x-Monday, May 30: Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
 Dallas 1, Oklahoma City 0
 Dallas 121, Oklahoma City 112
 Thursday: Oklahoma City at Dallas, late Saturday: Dallas at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
 Monday, May 23: Dallas at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, May 25: Oklahoma City at Dallas, 9 p.m.
 x-Friday, May 27: Dallas at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
 x-Sunday, May 29: Oklahoma City at Dallas, 9 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7) (x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
 Washington 4, New York Rangers 1
 Philadelphia 4, Buffalo 3
 Boston 4, Montreal 3
 Tampa Bay 4, Pittsburgh 3

WESTERN CONFERENCE
 Vancouver 4, Chicago 3
 San Jose 4, Los Angeles 2
 Detroit 4, Phoenix 0
 Nashville 4, Anaheim 2

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
 Tampa Bay 4, Washington 0
 Boston 4, Philadelphia 0

WESTERN CONFERENCE
 Vancouver 4, Nashville 2
 San Jose 4, Detroit 3

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
 Tampa Bay 1, Boston 1
 Tampa Bay 5, Boston 2
 Tuesday: Boston 6, Tampa Bay 5
 Thursday: Boston at Tampa Bay, late Saturday: Boston at Tampa Bay, 1:30 p.m.
 x-Monday, May 23: Tampa Bay at Boston, 8 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, May 25: Boston at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
 x-Friday, May 27: Tampa Bay at Boston, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
 Vancouver 2, San Jose 0
 Vancouver 3, San Jose 2
 Wednesday: Vancouver 7, San Jose 3
 Friday: Vancouver at San Jose, 9 p.m.
 Sunday, May 22: Vancouver at San Jose, 3 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, May 24: San Jose at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
 x-Thursday, May 26: Vancouver at San Jose, 9 p.m.
 x-Saturday, May 28: San Jose at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	25	18	.581	—
New York	22	19	.537	2
Boston	22	20	.524	2½
Toronto	21	21	.500	3½
Baltimore	19	22	.463	5
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	25	18	.581	—
St. Louis	25	19	.568	½
Milwaukee	21	22	.488	4
Pittsburgh	19	23	.452	5½
Chicago	18	23	.439	6
Houston	15	28	.349	10
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	23	19	.548	—
Colorado	22	19	.537	½
Los Angeles	20	24	.455	4
Arizona	19	23	.452	4
San Diego	18	25	.419	5½

Tuesday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 2
 Toronto at Detroit, p.p.d., rain
 Baltimore at Boston, p.p.d., rain
 Cleveland 7, Kansas City 3
 Chicago White Sox 4, Texas 3
 Oakland 14, L.A. Angels 0
 Minnesota 2, Seattle 1

Wednesday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 1, 15 innings
 Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 5
 Boston 1, Detroit 0
 Chicago White Sox 1, Cleveland 0
 Texas 5, Kansas City 4, 11 innings
 Minnesota 4, Oakland 3, 10 innings
 Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 0

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

Friday's Games
 Cincinnati at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
 Detroit at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Texas at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Washington at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Houston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

5:30 p.m. NHRA – Summer Nationals, Qualifying **ESPN2**
7:30 p.m. Global Rallycross Championship **ESPN2**

BOXING

9 p.m. Joel Julio vs. Antoine Smith **ESPN2**
9 p.m. Bernard Hopkins vs. Jean Pascal **HBO**

COLLEGE LACROSSE

Noon NCAA Tournament **ESPN2**
2:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament **ESPN2**

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

5:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament **ESPN2**
8 p.m. NCAA Tournament **ESPN**

Noon NCAA Tournament **ESPN2**
2:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament **ESPN**
5 p.m. NCAA Tournament **ESPN**

GOLF

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Volvo World Match Play **GOLF**
1 p.m. PGA – BMW Charity Pro-Am **GOLF**
3 p.m. PGA – Crowne Plaza Invitational **GOLF**
6:30 p.m. LPGA – Sybase Match Play **GOLF**

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Volvo World Match Play **GOLF**
1 p.m. PGA – BMW Charity Pro-Am **GOLF**
3 p.m. PGA – Crowne Plaza Invitational **CBS**
4:30 p.m. LPGA – Sybase Match Play **GOLF**

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Florida **SUN**
7 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Boston **WGN**

4 p.m. Tampa Bay at Florida **SUN**
7 p.m. Regional – N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, Chicago Cubs at Boston or Oakland at San Francisco **FOX**

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

10 p.m. Chivas USA at L.A. Galaxy **ESPN2**

NBA PLAYOFFS

9 p.m. Dallas at Oklahoma City **ESPN**
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Chicago Cubs at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 Atlanta at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
 Seattle at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
 Oakland at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:10 p.m.
 Colorado at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 Atlanta at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
 Seattle at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
 Oakland at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	T	Pts GF GA
New York	4	2	3	15 13 6
Philadelphia	4	3	2	14 6 6
Houston	3	3	4	13 13 10
Columbus	3	2	4	13 8 9
New England	3	3	4	13 9 12
D.C.	3	4	3	12 13 18
Toronto FC	2	4	5	11 11 17
Chicago	1	3	5	8 12 15
Sporting K.C.	1	5	1	4 11 17
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	T	Pts GF GA
Los Angeles	5	2	5	20 17 12
FC Dallas	5	3	2	17 13 10
Real Salt Lake	5	1	1	16 9 2
Colorado	4	3	3	15 12 10
Seattle	3	3	5	14 13 11
Portland	4	3	2	14 12 14
Chivas USA	3	3	3	12 11 9
San Jose	2	4	3	9 10 11
Vancouver	1	5	5	8 12 16

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Games
 Chicago at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
 New York at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Chivas USA, 10 p.m.
 Sporting Kansas City at Seattle FC, 10 p.m.
 New England at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
 Columbus at Portland, 11 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Toronto FC at Colorado, 7 p.m.
 Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25
 Colorado at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 FC Dallas at Seattle FC, 10 p.m.
 Houston at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed INF Cesar Izturis on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 13. Recalled INF Brandon Snyder from Norfolk (IL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
 MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Matt Winston Southwest Region area scout. Promoted Adam Howe Northeast Region area scout.

AP Project Graduation

AVON PARK – The APHS Project Graduation 2011 Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m. at River Greens Golf Course. The flighted, four-person scramble costs \$60 per person and includes greens fee, cart, lunch and prizes. In addition to the action, there will be mulligans, a 50/50 and raffles for purchase the day of the tournament. The grand prize raffle is for a round of golf for two at Doral Golf Resort and Spa. Tee sign sponsorships are going for \$50, for a sign and player, it is \$100. For more information, contact Suzie Gentry at 446-7368.

SFCC Summer Youth Camps

AVON PARK – South Florida Panther Baseball will be holding Summer Youth Camps from June 13-16 and June 20-23 for children aged 6-13. Each camp runs from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and costs \$80 per camp or \$150 for both. Registration and sign-in begin at 8 a.m. with the camp to follow, including baseball fundamentals, position instruction, station rotation, games, swimming pool time and a camp T-shirt. SFCC head coach Rick Hitt will serve as camp director with Panther assistant coach Andy Polk and members of the Panther baseball team will be on hand as instructors. Campers should bring their individual baseball attire as well as a bathing suit and towel. The camps will be held at the SFCC Panther field at the Highlands County campus in Avon Park. For more information, call Coach Hitt at the following campus phone numbers at extension 7036: Avon Park/Sebring, 453-6661; Lake Placid, 465-5300; Arcadia, 494-7500; Wauchula, 773-2252.

SFCC Fun Camps

AVON PARK – SFCC Athletics will host a Two Day Fun Sport Selection camp on Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10 for girls and boys aged 6-16. Each day the camp runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with campers choosing their own sport, whether Beach Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball or Soccer. During the morning portion each day, campers will stretch, do plyometrics, agility drills, work on strength and flexibility, learn arm and body care and get introduced to the Fitness Center. Lunch is then provided with the campers then delving into the sport they chose and wrapping it up with activities in the SFCC pool. Registration and check-in from 8:15-8:55 a.m., and pre-registration is not necessary as walk-ups are accepted. The rate for one day is \$50 and \$95 for both days. The camp will be amistered by SFCC head and assistant coaches, with help from SFCC student-athletes. For questions or more information, contact Camp Director and SFCC Athletic Director Rick Hitt at 784-7036.

Sebring Summer Swim

SEBRING – The summer season for swimming is upon us as the Sebring High School pool is open to the public. Pool hours for open swim will be 6-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday's and Sunday's – additional hours will be added once school is out. Cost is \$2 per swimmer with big savings for frequent swimmers. A family pass can be bought for \$50 for the first swimmer and \$15 for each additional family member. Swimming lessons will also be available with four separate sessions throughout the summer for eight different levels of instruction, ranging from Adult Beginner, Parent and Tot, Fundamentals, Introduction to Water Skills, Pre-School Aquatics, Fundamental Aquatic Skills, Stroke Development, Improvement and Refinement, Personal Water Safety and Diving Fundamentals and Fitness. Session I runs from June 13-24, session II from June 27-July 8, session III from July 11-22 and session IV from July 25-August 5. Water aerobics return as well, with certified instructor Ricki Albritton, Tuesday's and Thursday's from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is just \$2 per workout, or just \$1 if you have the Summer Swim Pass – the first class is Thursday, May 5. Summer swim lesson sign up will be Monday May 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday, May 28 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the front office at Sebring High School. For questions call 471-5500 ext. 228 and leave a message for Pat Caton.

Sebring Spring Game, BBQ

SEBRING – The Blue Streaks will be holding their annual spring Blue and White game Friday, May 20, at Firemen's Field, marking the first on-field action under new head coach LaVaar Scott. Along with the hits on the gridiron, there will also be a fundraising BBQ with pork and chicken dinners or a pork sandwich dinner, including beans and coleslaw, for \$8 each. Also, any businesses, classes or groups with five or more orders, meals will be delivered for lunch the day of the game. Meals can be pre-ordered with pick-up between 4-6 p.m. on game day. Cost for the game itself is just \$2, with no charge for parking.

A.P. Fishing Derby

AVON PARK – The Avon Park Air Force Range Fish, Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Program and the Winter Haven Kiwanis Club are having their 7th Annual Fishing Derby Saturday, June 4 for boys and girls aged 16 and under, accompanied by parent or legal guardian. Registration will be from 7-8:30 a.m., at the Outdoor Recreation office in building 600, with fishing from 9-11 a.m. with weigh-in, contests, lunch and awards immediately following. Trophies will be awarded in four age classes with hot dogs, chips and soda provided by the Breakfast Rotary of Avon Park and the Winter Haven Kiwanis Club. For more information, call 452-4254 or visit www.avonparkafr.net.

Lake Placid High School Gymnasium for boys and girls in grades 2-8. Camp will run each day from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., with the final day ending at Noon. Cost of the camp is \$65 and all campers will receive a Dragon Basketball camp T-shirt. Campers can bring lunch or purchase lunch items at camp concessions each day. Drinks and other snacks will be available at a reasonable cost. Half-day options are also available. Call or text Linda Veley for details and other information at 441-0299, or email veley131@comcast.net.

Help for Haiti 5K

SEBRING – A 5K run/walk to support Haiti Bible Mission's outreach to provide educational support, orphan care and humanitarian assistance in Haiti will be held Saturday, May 28 at Highlands Hammock State Park. Entry fee is \$20 through May 22 and \$25 the day of the race. The run will start at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Tim Baker at 381-0701 or Chet Brojek at 385-4736, or cbrojek@comcast.net to pre-register.

Lake Placid Youth Bowling

LAKE PLACID – The Royal Palms Youth Bowling League, for ages 7 and up, begins its' new season Saturday, Sept. 3. The sign-up fee is \$25, which includes a shirt, and new bowlers are welcome. Bowling is every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. through December 10. Weekly cost is \$11 and includes three games of bowling, shoes and the prize fund. All Youth Bowlers are also eligible for reduced rate open bowling, though some restrictions may apply, and free bowling with instruction on Friday's from 4-6 p.m. – must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Frank Peterson at 382-9541, or Donna Stanley at 441-4897.

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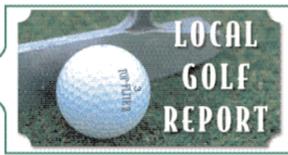
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Firecracker 5K

SEBRING – The 17th Annual Firecracker 5K Run/Walk is set for Monday, July 4 at the Highlands Hammock State Park at 7:30 a.m. The annual run to celebrate the nation's birthday will feature plaques for overall, master and grand master male and female winners, age group awards in 5-year age divisions, technical tee shirts and plenty of ice-cold watermelon and other refreshments for runners. Entry fee is \$20 thru June 27 and \$25 from June 28 thru race day registration. Tee shirts guaranteed to only the first 200 entrants, so sign up early! Those desiring an entry form may email cbrojek@comcast.net or call Chet Brojek at 385-4736. Mail your checks made payable to Central Florida Striders, along with the signed application, to Chet Brojek, 3310 Par Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Each year we urge runners and walkers to wear red, white and blue on race day and to entry early as we always have a large turnout for our nation's birthday celebration. The race benefits the boys' and girls' cross country teams at Avon Park High School.



Golf Hammock

Last Monday the Mezza Group played individual golf at Golf Hammock Country Club.

Joe Hyzny scored a plus 2 for first place in A group and Jim Gulick and Pat Dell tied for second place.

Joe Martini had a plus one that was good for first place in B group while Doug Haire and Billy Parr tied at minus 1 for second place.

Larry Holzwarth scored a plus 4 in C group to take first place with Larry Lamparski taking second place with a plus 2 and Gerry Geouque had a plus 1 for third place.

Ed Northrup made plus 4 in D group that was good for first place and Sal Sboto with plus 2 for second place.

In E group John Tyner had a plus 4 for first place while Ralph Scharff had a plus 3 for second.

Bob Colandria and Larry Spry tied for third place with plus 2.

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

This is a co-ed group and is open to the public.

Call Pete Mezza at 382-1280 for more information.

Lake June West

A mixed scramble was played on Friday, May 12.

Winning first place was the team of Ron Hesson, John and Sue Ruffo, Norma Colyer and Gloria Huggett with 51.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 8, Gloria Huggett, 9-feet-2-inches. (Men), No. 4, Doyan Eades, 16-feet-10-inches.

The men's association played a Men's League event on Thursday, May 11.

Winning first place was the team of Claude Cash, Doyan Eades, Don Boulton and John Ruffo with 37; second place, Richard Loomis, Dick Denhart, Jack Maginnis and Bill Brouhle with 42; and third place, Ron Hesson, Joe Swartz, Dave Colyer and Bob Williams with 43.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Dave Colvin, 7-feet; No. 4, Don Boulton, 7-feet-6-inches; and No. 8, Bill Brouhle, 5-feet-8-inches.

A Scramble was played Friday, May 5, with Ron Hesson, Joe and Joyce Swartz and John and Sue Ruffo coming out on top with a 51, one shot ahead the 52 posted by Ken Rowen, John Haworth, Norma Colyer, Betty Billen and Don Boulton for second.

Jo McCall was closest to the pin on #2 at 7-feet, 6-inches, Billen was closest on #8 at 3-feet, 10-inches and John

Byron was closest at #4 at 15-feet, 7-inches.

The Men's Association played on Thursday, May 4 with Claude Cash, Frank Gallagher, Jack Maginnis and Bill Brouhle teaming up to score a 40 for the win.

Rich Loomis, Dick Denhart, Fred Neer and Dick Reaney came in second with a 42.

Getting closest to the pin were Ron Hesson at 14-feet, 3-inches from #2, Dave Calvin to 9-feet, 1-inch from #4 and Hesson again at 5-feet, 4-inches from #8.

Pinecrest

The Men's Association played Team and Individual Pro-Am Points Wednesday, May 18.

Larry Lamparski, Vern Gates and J.W.McCamic teamed up to total +10 for the win in the team competition, while Jim Gulick topped A Division with a +3.

Gates posted a whopping +10 to win B Division and Bill Ringo's +4 held up to win C Division.

The Men's Association played Team and Individual Pro-Am Points Wednesday, May 11, with Jim Peters, Jack Litalien and Vern Gates teaming up for the win with +9.

Joe Martini won A Division with +6, Larry Halzworth won B Division with +2 and Gates, Chuck Primeau and Bill Ringo tied for the lead in C Division with +4 apiece.

Placid Lakes

The Men's Golf Association played a One Best Ball on Even Holes and Two Best Balls on Odd Holes event Wednesday, May 11.

Ed Bartusch, Bob McMillian, Cliff Moore and Gene Ransom came in with a -26 for the win.

A two-way tie for second saw Bud Snyder, Bruce Miseno, Chuck Fortunato and Howard Ticknor card a -21, only to be matched by Jim Hays, Darrell Horney, John Goble and David Raciti.

Horney was closest to the hole on #13, getting to within 17-feet, 1-inch.

River Greens

The Morrison Group played an event

SENIOR TIP

MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANK WITH TOP BRIGGS INSTRUCTIONS

Jim McLean - BASIC TRAINING 101

Ball Position

Ball position is where you place the ball in relation to your feet and swing center. It's vital for solid contact, the right trajectory, direction and distance.

It's ludicrous to think you can play all shots from one ball position in your stance. With a driver, the ball should be teed up opposite the inside of your left heel or instep so you catch it just after the bottom of your swing arc. Fairway woods are played slightly farther back in your stance. For long and middle irons, place the ball another inch farther back. Short irons and wedges should be played in the middle or slightly back of the middle of your stance. This positioning makes it easier to hit down on all iron shots and easier to hit from the inside, producing the desirable slight draw (right-to-left ball flight).

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

on Saturday, May 14. Winning first place was the team of Len Westdale, Tim Thomas, Gil Heier and Bill Mountford with minus-26.

A Friday evening scramble was played on May 13.

Winning first place was the team of Tony Lankford, Dee Paul, Phil and Annie Kozak with minus-13. Tying for second/third places were the teams of Linda Therrien, Jim Sisemore, Jo and Dick Sherman; Len and Rhonda Westdale, Dick and Carol Long with minus-9 each.

The ladies association played a pro am tournament on Thursday, May 12.

Winning first place was the team of Kay Conkle, Fran Neil, Jo Sherman and Michele Koon with plus-12.5.

Individual winners were: First place, Carole McClay with plus-7; and second place, Fran Neil with plus-5.5.

The Morrison Group played an event on Thursday, May 12.

The winners were: First place, Lefty St. Pierre and G.L. Heier with 57; and second place, Ed Mosser and Jim Cercy with 58. Tying for third/fourth places were Harold Kline and Jim Cercy (draw); Harold Plagens and Don McDonald with 59 each.

The men's association played a pro am tournament on Wednesday, May 11.

Winning first place was the team of Peter March, Gil Heier, Keith Kincer and Brian Vanslooten with plus-11; and second place, Terry Lewis, Ed Mosser and John Van Slooten with

plus-2. The Golfettes played an event on Tuesday, May 10.

Winning first place was the team of Pat Kincer, Karen Speaker, Peggy Nicholson and Helen Ochala with minus-23; and second place, Frances Neil, Kay Conkle, Sally Dworak and Annie Kozak with minus-22.

The Morrison Group played an event on Tuesday, May 10.

Winning first place was the team of Harold Kline, Cliff Steele, Tim Thomas and Keith Kincer with minus-36.

The Morrison Group played an event on Monday, May 9.

Winning first place was the team of Cecil Lemons, Jim Cercy and Fred Evans with minus-22.

The men's association played a Men's Day Flights event on Saturday, May 7.

The winners were: Flight 1 - Tying for first/second places were Russ Rudd and Vince Boever with 66 each. Flight 2 - First place, Gil Heier with 63; and second place, Harold Plagens with 67. Flight 3 - First place, Keith Kincer with 62; and second place, Neil Purcell with 65. Flight 4 - Tying for first/second places were Al Farrell and Harold Kline with 65 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Gil Heier, 5-feet-3.5-inches; No. 5, Lefty St. Pierre, 5-feet-4-inches; No. 12, Lefty St. Pierre, 8-feet-8-inches; and No. 17, Cliff Aubin, 26-feet-10-inches.

SpringLake

The SpringLake Women's Golf Association played a Pick Your Team - 2 Person Best Ball Tournament on Wednesday, May 18.

Winners of first place were Teri Swisher, Margaret Mazzola, Jean Donahue and a blind draw with net 117.

Second Place, with 119, were Mary Cebula, Carole Frederick, Julia Starr and Ruth Ann Payne.

On Tuesday, May 17, the Spring Lake Men's Golf Association held an Individual Points competition.

In the A Flight, Bob Hinde took First Place with 48 points and Jan Hard took second with 44 points.

Tied for third Place at 43 points

were Joe Austin and Ken Kirby. Richie Eastep took first place in the B Flight with 54 points.

Second Place went to Joe Smith with 51 points and Larry Miesner took third with 48 points.

The weather was great and the Love Bugs are almost gone!

Wednesday, May 11, found the SpringLake Women's Association playing an Individual Low Net tournament with only a few of our summer members.

There was a tie for first place in Flight A between Mary Cebula and Teri Swisher, who both had 63.

Flight C was won by Rosie Foote with 69.

Margaret Mazzola and Jean Donahue both had 70 but Margaret won second place on the tiebreaker hole.

On Tuesday, May 10, the Spring Lake Men's Golf Association held a Two Man Team Best Ball competition on the Cougar Trail course.

In the A Flight, Jan Hard and Richie Eastep won with a net 55 strokes.

Gene Hearn and Charlie Keniston were second with 59 strokes.

In the B Flight, Gale Monda and John Schroeder came in first with a net 53; aided bigtime by Mr. Schroeder's own net 53; the best game of his life, according to him.

Another hot game by Ed Clay (net 62) put himself and Jim Foote in second place with a net 56.

On Thursday, May 5, the Spring Lake Men's Golf Association finished a Two Day Pick Your Partner event on the Panther Creek course with a Two-Man Total Net Score format.

The Day 1 format was a net 1 Best Ball on Cougar.

The overall winner of A Flight was Joe Austin and Jay Payne with 56 + 144 = 200 strokes for the two days.

Tied for second place in A at 202 strokes was Dwight Demitz and Bo Bohanon (coming from last on Day 1 - 64 strokes to add 138 strokes on Day 2) and the team of Jan Hard and Jack Hoerner with 60 + 142 = 202.

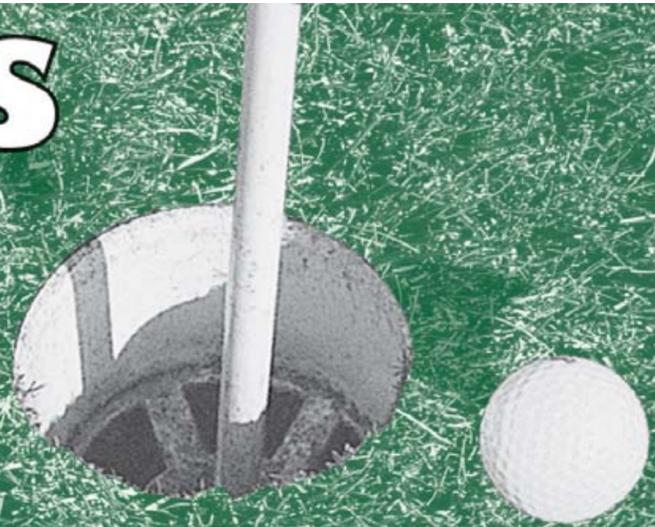
Third place went to Bill Lawens and John Danko - 57 + 148 = 205 strokes.

The two-day winner of B Flight was Ed Clay and John Schroeder who scored 57 + 142 = 199 strokes.

Second place in B Flight went to Harry Lasiter and Bill Robbins with 56 + 145 = 201 strokes.

There was a three-way tie for third place at 204 strokes between Larry Miesner and Red Bohanon (58/146), Wayne Nelson and Jim Foote (58/146) and the team of Charlie Keniston and Gale Monda (61/143).

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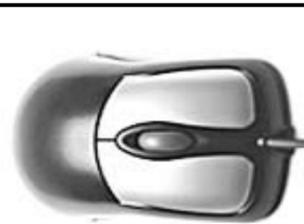
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Brendan Doty reaches down to send this single to right Tuesday, though his JR State Farm squad would come up short against the Elks in Dixie play.

Dixie heads toward tourney time

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 the sixth inning could not start, making that rally the winning one.

“You know me, just keep getting better every game and good things will happen sooner or later,” coach Martinez said. “Gabe and Gus had pretty good games with the bat and our pitchers threw strikes. If we get consistent hitting one-through-nine and our pitchers can do what they did, we’ll be able to compete.”

And that first taste of victory can assuredly build the confidence and lead to more – and it’s coming just at the right time.

“It’s something to build on,” Martinez said. “And I always say you want to be playing your best come tournament time, and it’s almost that time.”

Tri getting bigger and better

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 lowed by a Post-Race Party with awards.

Saturday will also feature an all-day expo with the Grace Bible Youth group cooking up and selling hot dogs, hamburgers and all your traditional picnic type fare.

“We will also have the new paddle board company, Big Board Outfitters doing a demo race with obstacle course where you can stop by and try out paddle boarding for free,” Starr added.

Saturday’s festivities finish up with the carb-loading Pasta Bash, hosted by Olive Garden, at Sebring High School at 6 p.m., where McCormack will talk to those gathered in an online video chat from Austria and have a question and answer session as well.

The Bash is free for those registered to race, \$5 for non-racers.

The big event, the Adult Race, then takes place Sunday morning at 7:30 sharp, when the masses ready to dive into Lake Jackson for the quarter-mile swim, followed by the 14-mile bike ride and then 5K run.

Whether vying for a top finish, or merely just to test yourself in getting to the finish, the Heartland Triathlon promises to again be bigger and better than ever.

And as with all big events, it wouldn’t be possible to pull off without the help of volunteers.

Those wishing to volunteer need to go the www.HeartlandTri.org and fill out the volunteer form.

“No one will be allowed to volunteer without doing this,” Starr explained. “We will have the volunteer meeting on Wednesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Florida Hospital where the volunteers will sign their insurance waiver, get their information and pick up their T-shirts.”

The Heartland Triathlon, growing in size and status – where even when the top athlete in the sport has to cancel his personal appearance, still will make the effort to be as much a part of it as he can.

“It is hard to plan,” Starr said. “So I just aim high.”

As does everyone who takes part.

For more information, visit www.heartlandtri.org, or call Starr at 386-2009.

Panther Volleyball Camps

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Indoor: 25-28 (4 days) Monday-Thursday Morning Session (Grades 5-8) 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$60

Afternoon Session (Grades 9-12) 2-4:30 p.m. \$75

Contact Coach Crawford with any questions at kim.crawford@southflorida.edu, cell: 863-835-2377, or Office: 863-784-7037.



Photo courtesy of www2.triathlon.org
 While not able to be here in person, two-time Ironman World Champion Chris “MACCA” McCormack will be addressing the Heartland Triathlon via video conference call from Austria.

Heat hold off Bulls, tie series

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Derrick Rose led Chicago with 21 points, only two of those coming in the fourth quarter.

Deng, the only other Bulls player in double figures, added 13 but had just four after the opening period.

Joakim Noah had nine points and eight rebounds, and Taj Gibson provided a spark in the fourth with all of his eight points.

Carlos Boozer, however, was a non-factor with seven points and eight rebounds and sat out the final 16:21.

“We let one go, but it’s a tied series,” Deng said. “It’s not the end of the world. These things will happen. We need to bounce back.”

The Bulls missed countless layups and got outshot 47.1 percent to 34.1 percent.

They were 3 of 20 from 3-point range and 16 of 26 at the foul line.

They had no answer for James down the stretch, either, and came up short when it looked as if they might find a way to pull this one out.

“We played a low-energy offense, a low-energy defense and the result was not good,” coach Tom Thibodeau said.

Rose put it this way: “We

can’t afford to go out and play like this. We let them get easy baskets, especially in transition.”

The Heat led by 11 late in the third before the Bulls pulled even in the fourth, but James put Miami ahead for good when he hit a 3 with 4:28 left to break a 73-all tie.

He added a jumper to make it a five-point game with 3:15 remaining.

Gibson delivered a slam over three defenders and got fouled by Wade, the same guy he delivered a poster-worthy dunk on in Game 1, to make it a three-point game with 2:29 left, but missed the free throw.

James put back his own miss and nailed a 20-footer to make it 84-75 with 47 seconds left.

The Heat looked as if they were ready to pull away in the third, going on a 10-0 run after Rose hit two free throws to cut it to 57-56 with 5:14 left.

Haslem blocked Rose and dunked on Keith Bogans for a three-point play to start the run and ended it with a vicious fastbreak dunk.

“I talked to him two days ago, and there was a look in his eye,” Spoelstra said, referring to Haslem, who missed most of the regular season with a foot injury.

“I’ve been through a lot of battles with that warrior, and I knew it was time to put him in.”

Haslem continued to reiterate he was ready but understood he needed to be patient.

When the opportunity came, he wasn’t looking to score.

“I was seeing guys running to the basket without anyone putting a body on them,” he said. “My focus wasn’t on scoring tonight, it was defense and rebounding.”

Notes: Sporting various piercings and tattoos, incoming Hall-of-Famer Dennis Rodman presented the game ball to a loud ovation before the opening tip. ... The Heat stuck with their Game 1 lineup and held out Erick Dampier, Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Dexter Pittman again. ... The Bulls missed their first nine field goals before Bogans nailed a 3 and scored on a fast-break layup. ... Deng sent the crowd into a frenzy when he swished a 41-foot heave at the end of the first quarter.

Webber University Golf Outing

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Webber International University’s Athletic Department will be holding its Second Annual Golf Outing Saturday, May 21, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Sun ‘N Lake.

Cost per player is \$60 and includes cart, 18 holes of golf, lunch, drinks and prizes.

Among those prizes is \$10,000 for a hole in one on either Deer Run No. 8 or Turtle Run No. 12.

Other fun games include a 50/50 drawing, Adidas Closest to the Pin, Long Drive contest, Beat the Webber Golfer and a putting contest to win a flat screen television.

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For more information, contact Bill Heath at 528-3775, or email at HeathWL@webber.edu; Tim Desmarteau at (352) 267-7619, or email at DesmarteauTJ@webber.edu or Steve Rassel at 638-1431, ext. 3114, or email at RasselSE@webber.edu.

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Jon Beck, First Baptist Church of Avon Park, and Jean Lund, Ton and Chad Lund Insurance, help serve during Florida Hospital Foundation's Celebrity Dinner last week. The Foundation raised more than \$18,000 with the dinner.

Florida Hospital Foundation's Celebrity Dinner raises \$18,000

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — The Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center Foundation hosted a knock-out event and raised more than \$18,000 for the Heart & Vascular Center on May 12 at their second annual "Celebrity Dinner." Yianni's Prime Choice Restaurant donated a portion of the proceeds for every entrée and appetizer ordered. Guests were also able to make additional personal contributions.

Several of Highlands County's most extraordinary celebrities served an enthusiastic crowd of more than 180 guests, a new record for this benefit. The fundraiser's theme for the evening highlighted boxing in an effort to promote the Heart & Vascular Center in fighting heart disease. Special thanks go to Yianni's, which was so generous to open their restaurant for this fundraiser.

Local Highlands County celebrities who made the show were Jon Beck, First Baptist Church of Avon Park; Dr. Alan Bennie, FHHMC Hear & Vascular Center; Bill Benton, NCT Group CPA's; Judy Lee Brown, Highlands Independent Bank; Dennis Crews, Bill Jarrett Ford; Don Elwell, Highlands County Board of County Commissioners; Tiger

Gullett, Union Congregational Church of Avon Park; Bill and Lisa Jarrett, Bill Jarrett Ford; Andrew Katsanis, Grace Bible Church of Sebring; Drs. Carmelita and Abe Lim Carmelita Lim, MD and Associates; Jean Lund, Tom and Chad Lund Insurance; Isaac Palmer, FHHMC; Nida Roquiz, Dr. Placido Roquiz; Robin Scheck, SunTrust Bank; FHHMC Foundation board member Peggy Smith; and Dr. Roger Wittum, FHHMC Interventional Cardiologist.

The Heart & Vascular Center aids in saving lives through early detection and intervention against heart disease. The Foundation had pledged \$500,000 over a three-year period to the Heart & Vascular Center.

This pledge has supported the growth and development of the FHHMC Heart & Vascular Center and is used to support the Center's Cardiac Angioplasty Program, or more commonly known as the stent program.

To date, the Foundation has now raised more than \$338,000.

Stay tuned for information regarding next year's Celebrity Dinner.

For additional information on how you can become involved with the Foundation, call 402-5369.

Calcium supplements may raise heart attack risk

Dear Pharmacist: Is it safe for me to take calcium supplements? You said on Facebook that they might increase heart problems. Why is that?

— N.R., Seattle, Washington



Dear Pharmacist

Suzy Cohen

Answer: My post was based on the April 2011 research published in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) that linked cardiovascular events (think heart attack or stroke) increased in older women who took calcium supplements.

Calcium is suggested for post-menopausal women in order to maintain or build bone strength. Recently, researchers looked at data from 16,718 women who were not taking calcium supplements at the start of the famous Women's Health Initiative trial. They poured over the data and found that women who were already taking calcium and vitamin D supplements at the start of the trial did not have any greater risk of heart attack. In contrast, the women who began taking calcium and vitamin d supplements during the trial, had an increased risk of heart attack. The scientists suspect the trouble occurs because of the abrupt change in blood calcium levels, rather than total intake of calcium. That said, high blood levels of calcium have been linked to hardening of the arteries (calcification), which may

partially explain their findings.

Data from 13 different trials (including 29,000 people), consistently points to increased risk of heart attack and stroke, uncannily associated with calcium supplements (with or without vitamin D). This is a hot topic, and some physicians feel strongly that calcium is the master mineral of bone health. I think we need a good study to determine what is going on. For sure, the calcium you get from

food sources is highly bioavailable, and hasn't been shown to cause calcification. The BMJ study refers to supplements and it begs the question, as to what kind of calcium supplements are to blame? Are certain forms better than others? This was not teased out.

For the time being, if you are at risk for cardiovascular complications, or stroke, my suggestion is that you avoid calcium supplements. Get your calcium from food because it is highly bioavailable; food-derived calcium improves estrogen balance which protects bone mass. Eat lots of leafy greens, Swiss Chard, kale, kelp, spinach, lettuce and broccoli. Tahini's good too. I'm not a huge fan of dairy, but this is certainly another option. Don't forget the obvious, weight-bearing exercise, which will reduce your risk of osteoporosis. If

you happen to take a bisphosphonate bone-building medication (Boniva, Actonel or Fosamax), it can reduce levels of calcium so your doctor may suggest this mineral for you, in order to restore levels to normal. Calcium is to be appreciated not feared, but take it only if you are deficient. Refer to my Drug Mugger book to see if you take a medicine that depletes it.

Did You Know?

People with Celiac disease or gluten intolerance are prone to developing osteoporosis because they have trouble absorbing calcium from food.

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FDA panel backs infant doses for kids' Tylenol

Associated Press

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Federal health experts said Wednesday that dosing instructions for children younger than 2 years old should be added to Children's Tylenol and similar products containing acetaminophen, the popular pain reliever and fever reducer.

A panel of Food and Drug Administration advisers voted 21-0 in favor of adding doses for children 6 months to 2 years old to over-the-counter acetaminophen formulas. The FDA has convened a two-day meeting to consider changes that will make the formulas safer and easier to use.

The liquid formulas have never contained dosing information for children under 2 to avoid an overdose and to encourage parents to seek medical attention for sick infants. Fever in children younger than six months can be associated with dangerous infections, like meningitis and pneumonia.

The FDA's panelists said the lack of information contributes to confusion and can lead parents to incorrectly dose children. Acetaminophen-related overdoses are most common among children younger than 2, and have increased over the past decade, according to FDA data.

Acetaminophen is among the mostly widely used drugs in the U.S., sold in hundreds of formulations and combinations with other ingredients. Wednesday's meeting dealt with a small group of single-ingredient products, including J&J's Children and Infants' Tylenol, Novartis' Triaminic, Prestige Brands' Little Fevers and various drugstore brands.

While safe when used as directed, acetaminophen has long been subject to warning labels because it can cause liver damage when overused. Dosing errors with children's acetaminophen products accounted for 2.8 percent, or 7,500, of the 270,165 emergencies reported to poison centers last year, according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

Overdoses can be caused by parents not reading the label, misinterpreting the dosing instructions or using a spoon or other container instead of the cup included with the product.

Panelists supported the FDA and manufacturer's efforts to improve labeling for the products, but some pointed out that the proposed changes have been discussed at FDA meetings since the mid-1990s.



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H.A.L.L.O.'s Passive Exercise Program is open all summer on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and is beneficial to men and women of all ages. The six table-top machines are motorized providing calisthenics and high repetitions to individual muscle groups.

Presentation on Alzheimer's planned Tuesday

SEBRING — Janice Jones, ARNP with Florida Hospital Heartland, will be doing a special presentation on "The Stages of Alzheimer's" Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce.

Lisa Rodriguez, program specialist with the Highlands County Alzheimer Association will be present as well with lots of information on Alzheimer's Disease. Refreshments will be served, and seating is limited. For more information, call Janet Tindell, LPN with Sebring Nursing Services at 443-0747 or Tania Urrellys with Sebring Nursing Services at 832-0761. The Sebring Chamber is located at 227 U.S. 27 North in Sebring.

Hormones workshop set

SEBRING — Dr. L. John Pepper, D.C. is presenting a workshop entitled "Balancing Hormones Naturally" at Beef 'O Brady's in Sebring on Tuesday at 5 p.m. The fee for the class is \$15, which includes the presentation and dinner.

If you or someone you know might benefit from this class, call 386-4325 for your reservation.

Amplified telephones distribution

SEBRING — Hearing Impaired Persons will distribute amplified telephones to Florida residents who have a hearing or speech loss, in the conference room from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Thursday at Nu-Hope Elder Care Services, 6414 U.S. 27 South in Sebring.

Important: By appointment only, call (941) 743-8347.

HALLO offers Passive Exercise Program

SEBRING — H.A.L.L.O.'s Passive Exercise Program is open all summer on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am until 4 pm. This Passive program is beneficial to men and women of all ages and open to every-

Snapshots

one in the community.

The service offers six table-top machines which are motorized providing calisthenics and high repetitions to individual muscle groups. Movements not only help to tone and firm but also facilitate healing, increase flexibility, reduce inches, improve muscle balance and overall physical fitness.

It takes about an hour to complete the passive routine. The recommended use is three times a week, but just twice per week will give you the equivalent of doing two hours per day of calisthenics, without the danger of doing an exercise incorrectly.

Call 385-1196 to schedule an appointment. HALLO is located behind Highlands Regional at 112 Medical Center Ave. in Sebring. For other information about the organization go to www.halloinc.org.

New mental health support group to form

SEBRING — Within the last few months, Balance, Lives In Transition has grown in rapid demand. Therefore, Balance will be starting an additional mental health support group in September at the Emmanuel United Church of Christ, in Sebring, which is located on Hope Street (off Hammock Road).

This group will be held on Tuesdays from 1-2:30 p.m..

Balance is also working with other churches and organizations to expand their services into Lake Placid and Avon Park. Mark Medick, BA, CAP For more information, call 386-5687.

Community outreach events

Monday 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'n Lake Blvd., Sebring.

Tuesday, 9 a.m. Health Fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27, Sebring; 10:30 a.m., Health Fair, Lake Placid Meal Site, Interlake Blvd.

Wednesday, 9 a.m., Health Fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street; 1 p.m., Health Fair, Tanglewood, U.S. 27, Sebring

HRMC to begin using da Vinci Surgical System

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — On June 6, surgeons at Highlands Regional Medical Center will begin using the recently installed da Vinci Robotic Surgical System to perform a variety of surgical procedures for their patients.

The addition of the da Vinci Surgical System is a major investment, a press release from the hospital said. Now patients will have access to the latest in robotic surgery in their own hometown, eliminating the need to travel. This new robotically assisted surgical technology has a proven track record for safety and the surgeon is in control the entire time.

"The future is now. We are proud we are the only hospital in the local community that has the da Vinci Surgical System, as well as surgeons trained and ready to use it. The implementation of the da Vinci is further proof of our commitment to providing patients with the latest and best surgical solutions," said Robert G. Mahaffey, CEO. The benefits to patients who need minimally-invasive surgery are numerous. Use of the da Vinci translates to less

pain, a reduced risk of infection, smaller incisions, a shorter hospital stay and a quicker recovery. This method of surgery decreases the patient's length of stay at the hospital.

"In our area, most patients have experienced traditional open surgery, which has produced large incisions," said Mahaffey. "With da Vinci, traditional open surgery is quickly becoming a choice of the past, as patients desire smaller incisions and a quicker return to life's activities."

At Highlands Regional Medical Center, the da Vinci will initially be utilized for gynecological procedures with future plans to expand into urology, thoracic and a number of other offerings as an alternate to traditional open surgery.

"The da Vinci is a significant advancement for the hospital, the community, and each patient. The System allows us to perform the same delicate and complex operations, but with increased precision and improved dexterity. We can even see the weave of the suture thread we're using

during surgery," said David Guerra, M.D. OB/GYN.

During robotic surgery, the surgeon is seated at a console a few feet away from the patient and views an actual image of the surgical site while operating in real-time, through tiny incisions, using electromechanically-enhanced instruments.

The system provides visualization that is 10 times more powerful than the human eye, including high definition images and 3-D capabilities. The robotic arms can make finer movements than the human hand and the system allows surgeons to operate four robotic arms with unmatched precision and steadiness.

Guerra is a local OB/GYN with the Highlands Medical Group. He is trained on the da Vinci surgical system and will begin offering this surgery in Highlands County at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

For more information about the da Vinci Surgical System, please visit www.HighlandsRegional.com.

Cornerstone Hospice names Harley Tri-county executive director

Special to the News-Sun

WINTER HAVEN — Deborah J. Harley MSW has been appointed executive Director for the Polk, Highlands and Hardee region serviced by Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care, announced Pat Lehotsky, president and CEO of the central Florida community-based healthcare nonprofit organization.

"Deborah Harley has done a superb job during her first year with us in charge of new business development and we are proud to have her in the executive director position overseeing all operations in Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties" said Lehotsky, adding that "over the past year Deb Harley has been adding value to our hospice mission, complementing the organization's strategic goals and we are sure she will exceed our expectations in the executive director position."

During the past year, Harley has been overseeing the implementation of the Cornerstone SALUTES! program which identifies veterans of the armed forces to be awarded with a pin and a certificate to honor and recognize these men and women for their sacrifice on behalf of our nation.

The program has met with such success that the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization recently recognized Cornerstone Hospice as a Level One Partner in the NHPCO tiered campaign "We Honor Veterans." She also created Cornerstone Hospice's own program



Harley

with our various communities to learn about the needs of our neighbors."

Harley came to Cornerstone Hospice after serving as Chief Operating Officer at Mercy Care of Myrtle Beach, S.C. Her 25-year hospice career includes executive leadership in four other hospices in Florida, including Daytona Beach where she served as executive director of Hospice of Volusia/Flagler.

Harley has a masters of science in social services administration from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and a B.S. in social work from Ohio State University. She lives in Lakeland and has two married daughters.

Nonprofit Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care has provided care and services since 1984 to patients and families facing life-threatening or life-limiting illnesses regardless of age, sex, race, national origin or religion and may be reached at 800-503-5756 or visit www.cornerstonehospice.org

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RELIGION

Christ Fellowship celebrates pastor's 60th wedding anniversary

And a new associate pastor

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SEBRING — On Sunday, May 1 the congregation of Christ Fellowship Church, 2935 New Life Way, celebrated the 60th wedding anniversary of their pastor and his wife, Rev. Eugene R. and Marjorie L Haas. In addition, on that day they welcomed their new associate pastor, Rev. A.J. Steverson and his wife, Lillian.

The Sunday morning service was devoted to this celebration with special singing, speakers, a clown skit and other fun activities. This was followed with a luncheon in the church cafeterium.

Pastor and Margie Haas, originally from Illinois, have served in the ministry all of their married life. Rev. Haas spent many years as an evangelist throughout the United States and in foreign countries. He has pastored a number of churches across the United States. Eighteen years ago, Haas founded Christ Fellowship in Sebring.

Christ Fellowship, an inde-



Courtesy photo
On May 1, the congregation at Christ Fellowship Church celebrated the 60th wedding anniversary of Rev. Eugene R. Haas and Marjorie Haas, as well as welcomed Lillian Steverson and Rev. A.J. Steverson. Rev. Steverson is the church's new associate pastor.

pendent church, is affiliated with the Assembly of God.

The Haas's have been blessed with seven sons, 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Their family is scattered across the nation and only a few family members were able to attend this celebration.

Christ Fellowship's new

associate pastor, the Rev. A.J. Steverson, brings a wealth of experience to his new position. After 22 years pastoring at First Assembly of God in Lake Wales, the Steversons have made Christ Fellowship their home church.

Rev. A.J. Steverson served as the Presbyter for this section of the Peninsular Florida

Assembly of God churches for many years.

His wife, Lillian, is a talented musician and will work alongside her husband in the church. Having been active at Christ Fellowship for the past several years, the Steversons were a most welcome addition to the church staff.

Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — The Fifth Sunday in Easter Celebration will be led by Deacon David Thoresen. Eucharist assistant/lector is Ed Graff.

The Labyrinth Prayer Garden, on the east side of the church, is open to the community as well as the congregation seven days per week. All are welcome to do the walking meditation.

The Labyrinth Prayer Garden is patterned after a very famous Labyrinth in France and is in memory of a former member, Kaitlyn Gossett.

Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — "Peace Covers All the Bases" (Philippians 4:7), will be the message presented by Larry Roberts on Sunday. The Lord's Supper is served every Sunday.

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

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

Christ Lutheran Church

AVON PARK — This Sunday, Pastor Scott McLean will be preaching a sermon entitled "No Way but the Cross of Jesus."

The church is at 1320 C.R. 64, east the Avon Park High School. For more information, call 471-2663 or search the Internet for christlutheranavonpark.org. This is an LCMS congregation.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning

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is titled "Soul and Body." The keynote is from I Corinthians 3:17, "...the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

The church is at 146 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Associate Minister Casey L. Downing will bring the message titled "In Destiny's Way" at the Sunday morning service.

The Wednesday night Bible study will not meet on May 25.

Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — Wednesday evening's adult mid-week Bible study and discussion time is an informal setting with open discussion and some time studying the Scriptures.

The Sunday morning worship celebration features a traditional style of worship music.

Communion is offered weekly.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon "Who Is Our Witness?" with Scripture from Acts 7:54-60 on Sunday.

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

First Baptist Church Avon Park

AVON PARK — Rev. Jon Beck will be speaking at the morning service and

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St. James Parish will host a two-fold celebration

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — It is with great joy that the parishioners of St. James will celebrate their new Catholics. The occasion will be held on June 12, Pentecost Sunday, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Rev. Michael Cannon, pastor of St. James, will welcome the former candidates with their families, Godparents and sponsors, as well as the RCIA Team. Honored guests will include the families of deceased RCIA Team members. This two-fold celebration is the first of its kind in the history of St. James Parish.

The former candidates met in September and started the journey of the Catholic Inquiry Process. Before long they participated in the Rites of

Welcome and Acceptance, which were later followed by the Rites of Signing and Sending and then, the Rite of the Elect, which brought the candidates to the Rite of Christian Initiation. It was at this time, the Easter Vigil Mass, that the "elect of God" received their Sacraments: two received Baptism, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, three received First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation and two received Confirmation only. The Sacrament of Reconciliation had been received a short time prior. In all, Fr. Cannon conferred a total of 19 Sacraments upon this group of either unbaptized or uncatechized Christians who wished to be in full communion with the Catholic Church.

The RCIA Team itself suffered the loss of two team members recently — Deacon Phil Coniglio late last year, as well as Ms. Joanie Wetzell, who died this past year. Coniglio's late wife, Anna, was also an RCIA Team member. These former Team members will be honored in the presence of their respective families, who will be presented with plaques memorializing the untimely service their loved ones devoted to the RCIA.

The women of St. James will provide refreshments for the parish community as it celebrates this occasion.

If interested in the RCIA, do not hesitate to call 699-0466, or call the parish office directly at 465-3215.

An open letter to our pastors

Dear Pastor:

Have you, at times, wondered what to do with all the boundless energy of our young folks who surround you each week?

How often in the homes of our congregation do the parents hear the words, "Well, Pastor says this or Pastor says that?"

I am well aware of the tremendous responsibility our church has asked you to assume in trying to guide the youth in our midst.

It occurs to me that there are bound to be compensations that you may not be aware of until years later, or perhaps never.

I want to tell you a true story that was related to me by a young woman a few years ago. She said when she was 13 years old, she had a younger sister and a brother.

Her mother had run off and left the family. Her father had a job, but much of his wages went for

Guest Column

Floyd Rider

strong drink.

They lived in a dilapidated two-car garage outside town. The building had a dirt floor. The toilet was in the bushes out back. There was no electricity or running water. A bath was almost non-existent and she said to me, "I stunk!"

One day at school, she was approached by two girls in her class and invited to go with them to a young people's party at their church.

She said, "I was ecstatic, no one had ever invited me to anything!" The girls took her to one of their homes and gave her a super bath, fragrance and all.

She had never been in a real bathtub before. They loaned her a nice dress and took her to the party.

As you might imagine,

she soon became involved in that church's youth activities and she eventually learned how she came to be invited to the party.

The youth minister at that church had paired the young people and sent them out "two by two" (this is Scriptural, read Mark 6:7) with these instructions: "Find some unlovely person and do your best to befriend them."

I never got the name of that youth minister, but I've often thought, "What a concept he was teaching those young people!"

Oh, do you want to know what became of that young woman?

Well, at the time she was telling me her story, she was youth minister of a large church in Tallahassee!

Pastors, you just never know!

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

Help! I'm overwhelmed

You had a great career but took a break to be a stay-at-home mom. You wanted to bond with your children and wanted them trained with your standards. You enjoyed it but now they are growing up and you find your career confidence has waned.

During that time a family member developed an illness and you felt compelled to take care of them. Perhaps you were the only one available to do so. It's not that you resent it, but there doesn't seem to be any time for you.

As for your marriage, it seems all you do is argue these days and the kids are beginning to act out in response to all the friction. You feel ready to reserve a padded room. What are you supposed to do?

The Marriage Mentor

Aleta Kay

Here are a few suggestions I hope will help: 1) Talk to a doctor about the ill family member and see what resources are available as far as getting help with their care. There may be someone out of work in the health care field who would be willing to come in for a few hours a week to take care of things like providing a noon meal or read to that person while just making sure they are safe. It is OK for you to take a break. You need time to de-stress.

Secondly, find out what it would take to hone your career skills. Take an online class or go to your local community college and see

what they have to offer. If you cannot afford it, go to the library and see if they have any materials in your field. If not they may be able to borrow from another library. You have not lost your intelligence or ability. It just needs rejuvenation.

Lastly, try to see your husband's point of view. Maybe he just misses the woman he fell in love with who has become less confident, more burdened, less fun-loving, more serious. Take time for yourself. There are inexpensive ways to pamper yourself. Give yourself a confidence boost. Go out to dinner with him, or just share a sundae, and renew that spark. You'll be glad you did.

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the evening service.

Wednesday evening services begin with supper followed by Bible study and prayer meeting, children's choirs, and youth activities, adult choir rehearsal and mission programs (G.A.'s and R.A.'s).

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

First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes

LAKE PLACID — On Sunday, Pastor Darryl George will preach the sermon entitled "Jesus: Love For The Hurting!" with regards to Luke 4:31-37.

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

First Christian Church

AVON PARK — "Believe It Or Not!" is the topic this week and next week too. Take a look at John 12:37-43 in preparations for part 1 of the sermon "Believe It Or Not!"

RELIGION GUIDELINES: The *News-Sun* publishes religion news on Fridays.

The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in the following Friday's paper.

Submit items to the *News-Sun's* from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; fax to 385-2453; send e-mail to editor@newssun.com; or mail to Lifestyle Editor, *News-Sun*, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. For information, call 385-6155, ext. 516.

Where do you stand in your belief?

The church has studies for all ages, from infant through senior adults on Wednesdays.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail us at firstchristianap@embarqmail.com with any questions or to request information. The website is www.firstchristianap.com.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table will be Dick and Sharron Campbell. Communion will be served by Sandra Laufer, Chris Baker, Carol Chandler and Gretchen Ames. The Call to Worship leader will be Walter Coley.

Greeting the congregation will be Clara Moore. Noel and Juanita Roberts will be working with

Children's Church this month.

Lighting the candles during the month of May will be Nina Kunsak. Adrienne Diaz will be with the children in the nursery during the month of May.

The Sunday morning sermon is titled "Jesus Ascends Into Heaven" taken from Luke 24:50-53.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday, the sermon is entitled "Don't Quit Now!" based on Hebrews 12:1-2.

The choir's introit is "How Majestic is Your Name" and the anthem is "Where Will You Find Jesus."

Sunday school is available for all ages. Maxine Johnson, adult teacher, continues the study of David in II Samuel Chapter 12 in which Nathan rebukes David. Wendy Garcia teaches the youth class and discusses issues of today

and how the Bible instructs us.

On Wednesday morning, Pastor Johnson will lead the group in the study of Revelation.

On Thursday, t The Depot for breakfast and then returns to the church for a short Bible study and then to a member's house for a work project.

The church is at 215 E. Circle Street (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). For more information, call the church office at 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "The Promise" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant's message will be "Love Jesus - Feed the Sheep" with Scripture John 21:20-25. This is Confirmation Sunday where youth will be confirmed during the services.

Family fellowship dinner and bible study is on Wednesday evening in the Family Life Center.

Saturday evening at 6 p.m. is Family Movie Night for everyone.

Listen Live on WITS-AM 1340 each Sunday to hear the worship service. Call the church office for information at 385-5184. The church is downtown at 126 South Pine Street. The website is www.sebringfirstumc.com.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this week will be: "God tests our Faith" with Scripture from James 1:2-8. Communion is offered during the service weekly. The service will also include George Kelly singing "O What a Savior."

Tuesday night's adult Bible study will be taught by Pastor Moore.

Wednesday night are the young adult and children's programs taught by George Kelly, Jon and Amanda Armentrout and Toby Cribbs. It features a free meal.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South in Sebring (behind Publix), or call 314-9693. Look for the lighthouse.

Memorial United Methodist Church

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APOSTOLIC

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 5 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45

a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Florida** located right on U.S. 98 in Florida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Florida 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, minister of youth and activities. 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.; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs for children, youth and adults at 7 p.m.

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

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

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

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

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

■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor;

Aaron Snider, Youth Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

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

CATHOLIC

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN

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

■ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; Marco Gallardo, Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men's grief support group, meets at 1 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) 453-5334; on the Web at www.firstchristianap.com. Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Ray Culpepper, Family Life Minister; Jon Carter, Music Director. Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

■ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.;

Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

RELIGION

Church News

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mission trip to Costa Rico will be held at the youth building, the Lighthouse, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Car washes will be offered for a donation of \$5 and pulled pork sandwiches will be available for a donation of \$5, including a beverage.

The mission trip will take place July 8-17. This fundraiser is open to the public. For information, call the church office at 465-2422.

Rev. Fred Ball will preach at the Heritage (traditional) Worship Service and the Celebration (blended) Worship Service.

Children meet at the Celebration service for the children's sermon and then proceed to the Sonshine Club House for the children's service.

Claude Burnett, pastoral assistant, will preach at the New Song contemporary service in Rob Reynolds Hall.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. For infor-

mation, please call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "All Things New" is from Revelation 21 (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the Sunday morning and evening messages. The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and Bible study.

Next Sunday evening, May 29, will be the end-of-the-month-sing and fellowship.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro's sermon will be "What Are We In Christ?" taken from I Peter 2:2-10. Nursery is provided at all three services.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — unday morning, Pastor Keith Simmons will be on vacation and

Britta Copeland will be doing the service.

Sunday school will meet in the Fidelis Room. They will be studying "All Things New." They will also be looking at the Scripture from Revelation 21.

Children's Sunday school "The Kid's Zone" will be in session. There is also a nursery available.

Don't forget "The Kid's Zone" on Wednesday evenings after the meal.

Southside Baptist Church

SEBRING — The high school graduating seniors will be honored in the Sunday morning worship service. Children's church and a nursery are available. The Awana closing program will be in the evening service.

The church is at 379 S. Commerce Ave. For information, call 385-0752.

Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — "Something Worth Dying For" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon

given by the Rev. Dr. Desmond Walker. The Scripture will be taken from Acts 7:55-60.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane. The Rev. Clyde Weaver's sermon will be: "Christians Await Their Home." Fellowship follows the service.

The Way Church

SEBRING — The Word of Life Singers will be ministering in music on Sunday during the worship hour.

A movie will be shown at 6:30 Sunday, May 29.

The Way Church is at 1005 North Ridgewood Drive. Church phone is 471-6140. Pastor's cell phone is 214-6190. For church information and the pastor's messages go to www.thewaychurch.org.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.** Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail redemer1895@aol.com Web site: redemeravon.com. The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

■ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church,** 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. The Rev. Jim Kurtz, rector. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Myers, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Heritage Service, 6:15 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

GRACE BRETHREN

■ **Grace Brethren Church,** 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are 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 congregate 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 christlutheranavonpark.org.

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

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 4348 Schumacher Road, Sebring, one mile west of Wal-Mart. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 9 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 11 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-1163.

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

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA,** 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Early Sunday service, 8 a.m., Sunday school at 9:10 a.m. and the second service at 10:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth

Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Trinity Tots Preschool (3-4years old): 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. License: C14H10020: Visit us online at: www.vchurches.com/trinitylutheranlp.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

■ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.,** on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister: Phone, 314-0482, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister: Phone, 385-8171, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Web site is www.christiantrainingministries.net

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

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

■ **Union Congregational Church,** 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday worship services are at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Millennium Church. Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m. We also offer a Saturday service at 6 p.m. with Pastor Tiger Gullett in the Millennium Church. Nursery/child care is available for all services. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org. All teachings are taken from the Manufacturer's Handbook - The Holy Bible. Come join us.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail

unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

■ **The Way Church,** 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone:471-6140, Church Cell Phone:381-6190. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA),** 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Worship services: Sunday morning worship, informal, 8 a.m.; regular, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Youth Group and Kids Quest, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net. Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

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

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, adult and college age, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday: Youth Group (ages 11-18), 4-7 p.m. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available for Sunday worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Gail Sparks, director of youth ministry.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** www.fpcip.com, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. A variety of Sunday school classes for adults and children are at 9:45 and 11 a.m. in the educational building. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a

special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,** 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 200 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: www.fumcap.org.

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; 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. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. Bible Fellowship Class, 6 p.m. (October-May only). We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that want to know Christ and make Him known. Call the church office at 465-2422 or check out our church Web site at www.memorialumc.com.

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

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ,** where God is still speaking. 3115 Hope Street, Sebring, FL 33875 (1.8 miles west of U.S. 27 and Hammock Road). Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m.; Communion with worship first Sunday of month; Chapel Communion, 8:45 a.m. all other Sundays. All are welcome to receive the sacrament. For more information, call the church office at 471-1999 or e-mail eucc@earthlink.net or check the Web site sebringemmanuelucc.com. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar provides a brief listing of local clubs and organizations who meet on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of the group to update the *News-Sun* on any changes in this listing by calling 385-6155, ext. 516; send any changes by e-mail to editor@newssun.com; or mail them to *News-Sun* Community Calendar, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

FRIDAY

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 314-0891.

■ **American Legion Post 25** hosts a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Cost is \$6. Shrimp also is available for same price. Open to the public. Tickets in the lounge on Friday night. Lounge hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** has karaoke from 7 p.m. until final call at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Post open at noon. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. For details, call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club** meets 7 a.m., Rotary Club building.

■ **Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. For details, call 385-8118.

■ **Buttonwood Bay Squares** meets first and third Friday in recreation hall, Sebring. Early rounds are from 7-7:30 p.m., alternate mainstream/plus/rounds are from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For details, call Larry Gow at 382-6995.

■ **Grand Prix Cloggers** Beginner classes are at 9 a.m., EZ Intermediate classes are at 10 a.m., and Intermediate classes are at 11 a.m. every Friday at Reflection on Silver Lake, Avon Park. Call

Julie for further information at 386-0434.

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** offers a class in Lake Placid at the Sunshine RV Resort from 9-11 a.m. Friday. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at sam-dunn@samdunn.net.

■ **Highlands Social Dance Club** hosts ballroom dancing every Friday, October through March from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway. Dance the night away to the music of the area's Big Bands. All club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required. Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Call 385-6671.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** has lounge hours beginning at 1 p.m. There is a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$8.50 per person. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** serves wings, fish and burgers at 6 p.m. Music provided from 7-11 p.m. Pool tournament is at 8 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Karaoke from 7-10 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Fridays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves chicken or fish baskets from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring, for a \$4 donation. Blind darts is played at 7 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** serving buffet dinner at 5-7 p.m. Elks and guests invited.

Dance music in ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and dance is \$10 donation. For reservations, call 385-8647 or 471-3557. Smoke-free environment. Lounge is open from 1-10 p.m.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Recreation Club** plays bridge at 12:30 p.m. and table tennis at 4 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave. For details, call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880**, 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. Texas Hold 'em lessons, 2 p.m. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves pizza from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

■ **Volunteers of America of Florida** is a nonprofit organization in Sebring that specializes in assisting person's with mental illness. We are pleased to announce our Drop in Center is open to individuals with a mental illness 6 days a week from 11am to 3 pm. The center offers a welcoming environment where individuals are accepted and feel comfortable. For more information please contact Wendy at 863-382-2022.

SATURDAY

■ **American Association of University Women** meets at 10 a.m. third Saturday at various locations. For details, call 465-2581 or 452-2493.

■ **American Legion Post 25** serves sirloin burgers from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Jam session is from 2-4 p.m. The lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Members and guests invited. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 69** in Avon Park serves dinner at 5 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Lakes Association** has a pancake breakfast on the third Saturday of every month. \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. The clubhouse is at 2714 Nautilus Drive in Avon Park.

■ **Avon Park Public Library** has a free Adult Film Series at noon. For details, call 452-3803.

■ **Heartland Avian Society** meets at 1 p.m. third Saturday at various homes or a restaurant. Pet bird owners meet to share food and fellowship and take occasional field trips. Looking for other bird owners to join us. For details, call Sharol at 465-7350.

■ **Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** provides free assisted riding sessions for adults and children with special needs from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 118 W. College Drive, Avon Park. For details or to volunteer, call Mary McClelland, coordinator, 452-0006.

■ **Highlands Shrine Club**, 2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) has a flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., country store open from 8 a.m. to noon and pancake breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Vendors are welcome. No setup fee is charged for the summer months. Plenty of off road parking. For details, call 382-2208.

■ **Highlands Woodcarvers** meet from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at 825 Sunbird Terr. (Community Center off Thunderbird Road). Call Bob Seybolt at 471-6077.

■ **Historical Society of Greater Lake Placid** meets at noon quarterly on the third Saturday of March, June, September, and December at the Masonic Hall, 106 N. Main for a potluck luncheon.

■ **Hot Rod Nights Cruise In**, meets from 5-8 p.m. every third Saturday at the Home Depot parking lot in Sebring. For details, call 441-3051 or 441-3086.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** has a class in Pastels/Acrylics

taught by Llewellyn Rinald from from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** opens the lounge at 1 p.m. Card games are played at 1 p.m., and Bar Bingo is at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.nafheartland.org.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Oak Street, Lake Placid. For more details, call 382-1821.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves dinner from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Music is from 7-10 p.m. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Moose Club 2259** offers line dancing lessons at 2 p.m. the first and third Saturday for members and guests at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Twelve Step Study Group for Adult Children of Alcoholics** meets at 11 a.m. first and third Saturday, at first building south of Union Congregational Church, 105 N. Forest Ave., Avon Park. Parking available south of old church.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880**, 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. Spaghetti dinner and karaoke at 5:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves a meal for \$6 from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

SUNDAY

■ **American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. For details, call

465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open 1-8 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Post is at 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Call 471-1448.

■ **Inerstate chapter of A.B.A.T.E.** meets the last Sunday of every month at The Blue Crab, 825 Ridgewood Dr., Sebring at 11 a.m.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** lounge is open from 1-7 p.m. Card games start at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** has karaoke in the pavilion. Horseshoes played at 9:30 a.m. Food available at 4 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Cards start at 4 p.m. Music outside Tiki Hut at 3 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**, meets from 4-5 p.m. in second floor conference room No. 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 382-7731. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For details on the organization, go to www.aa.org.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves lunch at 2 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** offers NASCAR racing in the pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Bar open and kitchen open from 2-5 p.m. Lodge is at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880** serves hamburgers from 4-5:30 p.m. and plays poker at 5:30 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** Karaoke is from 5-8 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

ENTERTAINMENT

CBS unveils three new dramas, two new comedies for fall

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — CBS will introduce two brainiac crime shows among its five new series and is shifting "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "The Good Wife" to new nights this fall.

The nation's most popular network said it has more good shows than time slots for next season. CBS is benching "Undercover Boss" until midseason, scheduling a scripted series for Saturday and even giving one of its pilots, "Ringer" starring

Sarah Michelle Gellar, to its sister network the CW.

"We needed another night," said CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler. "We needed 'Schnurday.'"

It's a problem that CBS' rivals would love to have. CBS was the last of the four biggest broadcast networks to unveil its plans for next season to advertisers this week.

"Person of Interest," a thriller from "Lost" creator J.J. Abrams and starring that old show's former cast member Michael Emerson, will

premiere on Thursday nights. Emerson plays a software genius who has invented a program that identifies people about to be involved in violent crimes.

It will displace "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" on the schedule. "CSI," once TV's most popular show but fading slowly, will move to Wednesdays.

The new "Unforgettable" is about a murder investigator who has the unusual ability to recall events from her life, like actress Marilu Henner, who was featured in

a "60 Minutes" feature about this condition and is a consultant to the new drama. The fictional investigator's power of recall, however, doesn't extend to details about the unsolved murder of her sister.

"Unforgettable" will fill the Tuesday time slot currently occupied by "The Good Wife," which moves to Sunday.

Tassler called "The Good Wife" "the best drama on television, hands down."

The drama "A Gifted Man," about a surgeon whose life changes when he starts

getting advice from the after-life from his deceased ex-wife, is also new to CBS' schedule.

CBS will debut two new comedies essentially about odd couples — "2 Broke Girls," about a pair of diner waitresses, and "How to Be a Gentleman," about a refined newspaper columnist and his unrefined personal trainer.

"Two and a Half Men," with Ashton Kutcher replacing Charlie Sheen, stays put on Monday. CBS executives wouldn't give any details about how Kutcher will be

written into the series, or how Sheen will be written out.

CBS also took the unusual step of scheduling the comedy "Rules of Engagement" on Saturday, a once-popular night for TV that broadcast networks have essentially abandoned to reruns and sports to save money.

The network is canceling "The Defenders," "Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior," "Mad Love" and "(Bleep) My Dad Says."

Stars come out to say goodbye to Oprah

By CARYN ROUSSEAU

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Oprah Winfrey wiped away tears as celebrity after celebrity surprised her during a farewell double-episode taping of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that will precede her finale.

"Thank you is not enough, but thank you," Winfrey told the crowd of 13,000 gathered at Chicago's United Center on Tuesday night for "Surprise Oprah! A Farewell Spectacular." "For your love and your support, thank you."

The crowd gave Winfrey a standing ovation when she first walked on the stage. Then the stars came out, with Winfrey's producers making good on their promise of the biggest celebrities of movies, music and television.

Aretha Franklin sang "Amazing Grace." Tom Hanks acted as host for the evening. Michael Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls to

six NBA championships during the 1990s, told Winfrey she inspires him. Tom Cruise, famous for his couch jumping on Winfrey's show, was there. Jerry Seinfeld wore a tuxedo to give a comedy routine. And Madonna said she is among the millions of people who are inspired by Winfrey.

"She fights for things she believes in, even if it makes her unpopular," Madonna said.

Winfrey announced in November 2009 that she would end her popular talk show after 25 years. Tuesday's taping will air May 23 and 24, before Winfrey's final show on May 25.

"You always had the power, and that is the message you brought into our lives," Cruise told Winfrey.

The show highlighted Winfrey's charity efforts over the years.

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Captain Jack (Johnny Depp), center, Angelica (Penelope Cruz), Blackbeard (Ian McShane) and their eerie crew land on an island where they hope to find the fabled Fountain of Youth in "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides," from Disney.

New 'Pirates' sails old familiar, seas

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

At two hours and 16 minutes, "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" — the fourth film in the ridiculously successful Disney franchise — is the shortest in the series. But it still feels overlong and over-stuffed: needlessly convoluted yet, at the same time, phoned-in.

And the fact that this one's in 3-D — because everything's in 3-D, silly thing — does nothing to liven up the action. Those three-dimensional digital effects mainly consist of various swords and snakes and such being flung at our faces.

Boo! Did you jump? That's not to say this summer behemoth doesn't have its thrilling moments. Rob Marshall ("Chicago," "Nine") takes over for Gore Verbinski, who directed the first three "Pirates" movies, and his knack for choreography comes shining through in individual set pieces. An early chase sequence, in which Johnny Depp as the randy Capt. Jack Sparrow escapes the clutches of the puffy, bloviating King George II (Richard Griffiths), is expertly staged. Jack swings from chandeliers and hangs from ropes, straddles moving carriages and steers a cart full of flaming coal, and we're right there alongside him every breathless step of the way.

Similarly, a nighttime attack by mermaids — beautiful, seductive, deadly mermaids with razor-sharp teeth — provides a jolt. Because what's hotter than mermaids, except maybe naughty vampire mermaids? And the first time Jack crosses paths (and swords) with his old flame Angelica, played by a spirited Penelope Cruz, it's in a lengthy, fluid battle across beams and atop barrels. (Oddly, Cruz and Depp, who



Movie Review

'Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides'

Rating: PG-13 (intense sequences of action/adventure violence, some frightening images, sensuality and innuendo)
Running ★▶: 136 minutes

co-starred together in 2001's "Blow," don't have a whole lot of chemistry once they have to actually stop and talk to each other.)

It's everything that happens in between, all the chatter and the exposition, that make the latest "Pirates" such a repetitive bore.

Depp's performance, which seemed like such a free, goofy, inspired bit of work when the first film came out back in 2003, now feels so dialed-down and obvious, it's as if he could do it in his sleep. With the (unexplained) absence of Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley this time around, Depp's Sparrow is now front and center — he's almost the voice of reason — rather than the bejeweled and eyelinered clown riffing in the corner, commenting in the action.

As for the plot — not that it matters, really — this time the script from Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio centers on a search for the fabled Fountain of Youth. Jack has no ship anymore, so when Angelica kidnaps him and



Keith Richards stars as Captain Teague in "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides," from Disney.

drags him aboard the Queen Anne's Revenge, the ship belonging to the fearsome Blackbeard (a constrained Ian McShane), he's stuck going along for the ride.

Blackbeard seeks the fountain after receiving a prophecy that he's going to die in two weeks. But the Spanish are after it, too. And so are the English, led by Jack's deceitful old nemesis Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush).

Did we mention that there are zombie pirates aboard Blackbeard's ship? The fact that they're zombies makes no sense at all — I mean, come on, wouldn't they be trying to eat the brains of the living pirates at every opportunity? — and feels like yet another attempt to inject arbitrary weirdness in the place of genuine inspiration.

Also on board is a hunky man of faith with just the right amount of facial scruff named Philip (Sam Claflin), who falls for one of the mermaids (Astrid Berges-

Frisbey), who's been taken prisoner because her tears are required to activate the Fountain of Youth waters. (Don't ask.) Ostensibly, this relationship is intended to replace the young-people-in-love subplot that Bloom and Knightley provided, but it's so full of banal angst, it feels a little too much like something you'd see in the "Twilight" series.

But surely that's coming in the fifth Pirates movie: sexy werewolves.

Co-ed can't escape shadow of longtime high school rival

Dear Abby: "Maya" and I competed throughout high school. We shared common interests — even friends, who would blow me off to hang out with her.



Dear Abby

We were involved in speech and debate and were nominated for the girls' state team. I was deemed "too qualified," so Maya got the nomination. She ran against me for speech president and I won by a huge margin. Then the coach decided she wanted us to be "co-presidents" and announced to everyone that the vote was tied. I was one-upped constantly.

Later, to my chagrin, I discovered we'd be going to the same college. I was told I'd probably never see her because of the large campus. Well, last semester she joined two activities I'm involved in. We rushed for a prestigious pre-law organization. She was accepted; I wasn't.

As it turns out, we both want to go to the same law school and become corporate attorneys.

Maya is pretty, popular and charming. I am plain and by no means popular. I can't stand to lose one more thing to her. After all these coincidences, we'll probably end up in the same law firm. What can I do to stop feeling so awful about myself as Maya continues to take away all the things I care about most?

— *Tired Of Second Place*

Dear Tired: Your high school speech coach's obvious favoritism for Maya is terrible, and for that I am sorry. But you have allowed your feelings of being constantly one-upped to become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Stop concentrating on Maya and start devoting all of your attention to yourself and your goals. While good looks and charm are powerful assets, so are being brilliant, self-assured and accomplished in one's field.

Let the future take care of itself and you may be pleasantly surprised to find out that she's not in it. Or if she is, that she's no longer the focus of your obsession and you are BOTH successful.

Dear Abby: My 18-year-old son, "Kyle," lives with his mother in a nearby town. I have always tried to be a good father, but despite countless phone calls, visits and vacations together we never really bonded.

Kyle is a smart, nice kid, but he has no hobbies, no friends, no girlfriends or interests that I have ever seen. He rarely leaves the house except for school. I haven't been able to get him to engage in a sport or activity with me or show any type of "normal" kid behavior.

He spent part of last summer with me, and when I asked him questions about his life and wanted to take him for a doctor's exam (he's never had one!), he begged his mom to come "rescue" him, which she did. She refuses to discuss this and says Kyle's just shy.

I feel I must do something, but what? Maybe if my ex reads this she'll listen to someone else. Abby, don't you see a possible problem here?

— *Daddy In The Dark in Texas*

Dear Daddy In The Dark: I certainly do. And had you intervened while your son was still a minor, there might have been some way to have had him medically and psychologically evaluated. But he's an adult now. And unless he is willing to admit there is a problem and seek help for it, there isn't a darn thing you can do at this late date. If there are other male family members Kyle trusts, you might try recruiting their assistance.

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Label sues Tim McGraw for breach of contract

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tim McGraw and Curb Records could be headed to court over an unreleased album.

The independent record label filed a breach-of-contract lawsuit last week against McGraw, claiming the country superstar failed to provide a fifth and final album that met contractual obligations under their deal by an April deadline.

McGraw turned in an album last fall called "Emotional Traffic," and a No. 1 single from those sessions has been released. But the label contends the singer did not record the songs on the album during a contractually stipulated window, thus breaking the deal.

The label asks a judge in the nine-page lawsuit filed in Davidson County Chancery Court not only to force McGraw to turn in new material for a fifth album, but also to revoke an agreement between the two that eliminated a sixth album from the deal. Curb also wants McGraw barred from signing with another label. A spokeswoman for McGraw said in a statement Wednesday that McGraw believes he has met the terms of the contract.

"The label is holding the album hostage from country music fans in an attempt to force Tim McGraw to serve perpetually under a contract that he has already fully and faithfully completed," an email statement from McGraw spokeswoman Ambrosia Healy said.

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Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Are you a morning robot, going through the same tired motions every single day? Or are your mornings rushed and chaotic, making you more of a morning monster? Morning routines don't have to be boring or frustrating — and rebooting your routine can have a positive effect on your entire day.

Getting Started

Analyze your current routine — what's really working and what's not. Is your commute a source of tension? Is getting the kids out the door on time stressful and unpleasant for everyone? Look at what you need to get done and how much time it realistically takes to do those things.

Next, set a goal for the morning routine. Would you like more calm and less chaos? More energy? Would you like to get everyone out the door with everything they need? Be specific. Target one element at a time that needs changing, and then take small steps to make it happen.

Here are some tips for rebooting your routine and getting off to a great start.

Physical

Eat Breakfast. The key to jump-start your metabolism and kick off your day right is to eat breakfast. But according to a survey commissioned by Emerald Breakfast on the go!, less than 43 percent of Americans eat breakfast daily. In addition, 25 percent of Americans who eat breakfast can't remember what they ate in the morning in the last three days, and nearly one in three (32 percent) people sometimes feel remorseful about what they eat for breakfast.

Food That Fuels. Whole grains, fiber and protein provide you with long-lasting energy. Try whole grain English muffins with a little peanut butter; Greek yogurt with fruit, nuts and granola; a fruit smoothie made with non-fat milk and a little protein powder, alongside a 100-calorie pack of almonds and walnuts.

Be Prepared. Keeping convenient breakfast and mid-morning snack foods handy, such as Emerald Breakfast on the go! Nut & Granola Mixes with dried fruit, granola clusters and Emerald nuts, can help with the morning rush and the midday slump.

Get Moving. The American Council on Exercise says that as little as 10 minutes of exercise gets oxygen-rich blood pumping throughout your system, boosting your energy and your mood. Stretching helps wake up tired muscles. Try some simple yoga poses or tai chi moves. You can also wake yourself up with a few full-body stretches by gently pointing your toes and reaching your arms above your head.



Get Some Rays. Sunshine stops the production of melatonin (which helps you sleep) and signals your brain that it's time to wake up, so raise the shades to help you get your day going with more energy.

Mental

Me Time. Set the alarm for 15 minutes earlier than normal. Use that time to do something that energizes you — it could be reading, listening to music, meditating or a short walk. It shouldn't be for work or chores — do something that feeds the inner you.

Re-route Your Commute. Freshen things up by taking a new route to work or school. Doing things the same way all the time puts the brain into automatic pilot. Changing things up a bit forces you to pay attention and stimulates the brain.

Emotional

Calm the Early Morning Chaos. Whether it's because of missing shoes, unpacked backpacks or long commutes, mornings can be stressful.

- To help ease that stress, get everything ready the night before. Lay out all clothing. Sign school papers, pack up backpacks and have them right by the door. Load up your laptop bag with whatever you'll need the next day. Put everything in the same spot near your exit door — don't forget your keys — so your routine is smooth.

- Does your commute make you anxious? Ease the tension with music or audio books.

On the Go Eating Tips

The Emerald Breakfast on the go! survey found:

- 74 percent of Americans have eaten meals "on the go."
- 35 percent of breakfast eaters have consumed the first meal of the day while in a vehicle and 20 percent while getting dressed.
- Close to three in five (56 percent) people spend more time thinking about their outfits than what they're eating for breakfast.
- 43 percent spend four minutes or fewer preparing their breakfast, while 27 percent spend less than a minute on their first meal of the day.

Break bad breakfast habits and get your day off to a good start, even when you're in a hurry.

Plan for it. Create a weekly breakfast plan and grocery list that includes what you need for a healthy on-the-go breakfast. By planning ahead you can skip the drive-thru and the forgettable breakfast bars.

Pack your breakfast. Tuck your on-the-go breakfast right in your lunch bag next to your salad and sandwich. Granola, fruit, dry cereal or yogurt are easy-to-pack options, or try Emerald Breakfast on the go! in any of the three blends — Berry Nut Blend, Breakfast Nut Blend or S'mores Nut Blend.

Breakfast at your desk. Have some good snack options stashed at your desk. Whole-grain crackers or fruit are perfect with some peanut butter. Or, if your company has a refrigerator, store some yogurt or string cheese for the week.

Learn more about Emerald Breakfast on the go! at www.emeraldbreakfastonthego.com.

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