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County going smoke-free

By **ED BALDRIDGE**
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SEBRING — Commissioners voted 3-1 to ban smoking on county campuses on Tuesday.

The county currently prohibits the use of tobacco products in vehicles and buildings, but wanted to

include the grounds around most county-owned office buildings.

Commissioner Don Elwell voted against the motion, stating that he wished to just restrict smoking around entrances.

"You've sold me," said Commissioner Greg Harris

who made the motion after hearing a presentation from Health Department Tobacco Coordinator Georgeann Singletary.

"There are 70 chemicals in cigarettes that cause cancer," said Singletary. "More than

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Former SNL board member arrested for fraud, larceny

HCSO: Severino collected money and wrote bad checks

By **ED BALDRIDGE**
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SEBRING — Robert Ernest Severino, 62, was arrested by Highlands County Sheriff's Deputies for grand larceny, according to a press release on Wednesday.

The former Sun 'N Lake of Sebring board of supervisors member, who lives at 4218 Columbus Blvd. in Sebring, was arrested on a warrant following a "lengthy investigation into allegations that Mr. Severino collected monies from residents and promised to clear up their bond issues with Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District," the release stated.

The fraudulent checks paid to Sun 'N Lake, 13 in all, bounced, according to the release. The amount was in excess of \$100,000, which created a grand larceny in the first degree charge.

The amounts of the worthless checks ranged from \$5,445.53 to \$28,738.43, according to the HCSO.

Severino was charged with 13 counts of fraud each with a \$1,000 bond and one count of grand larceny with a \$16,000 bond. The total bond is \$28,000. Severino was booked into the Highlands County Jail without incident, the release stated. He was booked at 4:52 p.m. and was released on bond at 7:53 p.m., according to HCSO records.

Severino served six years as a member of the district's board but did not seek re-election in January of 2010.

Severino's attorney, Michael Keiber, was in Lakeland on Tuesday and not reachable by press time.



Severino

'We are the future'



News-Sun photo by **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
Fifth graders from Fred Wild Elementary School, under the direction of Michelle Baxter, rehearse their musical tribute to 'Commitment' outside the school district office Tuesday evening. They were waiting to sing in front of the school board. The students performed with energy and enthusiasm, receiving warm applause. 'We are the future,' they sang. 'We are the instruments of change.'

School board OKs evaluation system, picks Bryan to lead it

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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SEBRING — By a vote of 3-2, members of the school board voted to put a new teacher evaluation system into effect and hire Dr. Derrell Bryan, former principal of Lake Placid Middle School, to oversee its creation, including the training program necessary for it.

The new approach to evaluating teachers and school-based administrators is different from what has come before.

Traditionally, teachers were observed and evaluated by their administrators. No formal protocol existed, and each principal went about evaluating in her or his own way.

Vivianne Waldron, director of human resources for the school district, explained it is that haphazard approach which is about to change, partly due to pressure from the state legislature and partly because a better method is expected to be an improvement, helping everyone.

Waldron said the new evaluation system, based on the Danielson Framework for Teaching, will result in a four-tier rating for teachers.

Each rating — highly effective, effective, needs improvement, unsatisfactory — is reached by observing an individual in four areas: planning and preparation, classroom management, instruction and professional responsibility.

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Truth is what they remember

Stories of Lake Placid's early settlers recalled

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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LAKE PLACID — There are people in other parts of the country and the world who think because their neighborhood's history runs back 200, 1,000 or 4,000 years their story is the more interesting or valuable — ever talked to a Bostonian, a Virginian, an Egyptian or a Greek?

But the descendants of Lake Placid's early settlers who gathered at the Masonic Lodge Saturday showed just how fascinating and essential even recent history is.

The special occasion was the Centennial Celebration of the Homesteading Family of Lake Steams, presented by the Lake Placid Historical Society and the Mural Society.

The earliest settlers to arrive in Highlands County — most in the years after the Civil War and turn of the century — came as a result of the state homestead policy, designed to bring people into the area.

Families were given 40 acres to work, and the land became theirs after 10 years

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News-Sun photo by **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
Roy Henderson spoke at the centennial celebration for early lake Placid settlers Saturday. He was a member of Lake Placid High School's first basketball team in 1938, and is the tall boy to the left in the Decades of Green Dragon Baskell mural at 307 E. Interlake Blvd.

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The Unknown Soldiers
By Tom Sileo

The day he tried to live

When Spc. Jameson Lindskog desperately tried to stay alive during a chaotic firefight in eastern Afghanistan on Mar. 29, it wasn't for personal reasons. It was his job.

"When I found out he'd be a medic in the Army, I wasn't surprised," Lindskog's mother, Donna Walker, told The Unknown Soldiers. "He had endless compassion for anyone or anything that was helpless or in need."

Shot while caring for a wounded fellow 101st Airborne Division paratrooper, Lindskog simply kept going. Life was precious to this soldier of empathy, especially when it was someone else's.

"He was just incredible," his mom said. "Every time our dog had a seizure, he'd be right there to help."

While helping a sick family pet is different than caring for a wounded soldier on the battlefield, Lindskog's lifesaving instincts kicked in amid the hellish violence of Afghanistan's Konar province.

"It was his first time in combat," Walker said. "I find it even more amazing that even though he had never experienced combat, he never hesitated."

Instead of celebrating his sister Candace's 27th birthday at home in Pleasanton, Calif., Lindskog found himself covered in the blood of a brother in arms, not to mention his own. But if he was going to make the ultimate sacrifice, he wanted it to be this way. According to his mother, the medic had a recurring nightmare of stepping on an improvised explosive device, without getting the chance to care for his fellow wounded warriors in the aftermath.

"When I first heard something had happened, I thought, 'Oh, my gosh, he must have been blown up, and his own worst fear came true,'" Walker said. "I was completely shocked to later find out the circumstances."

Those circumstances are tragic, but also the stuff of legend.

"He was so weak," the soldier's mom said, breaking down in tears. "He told the other guy who was there, 'I'm sorry I can't help you anymore, but I can't continue.'"

As Lindskog succumbed to his devastating injuries, he thought of the wounded comrade in his care.

"He asked another soldier to help before he died," Walker said.

The murder of Lindskog is an outrage. Shooting at a medic on the battlefield is not only a blatant violation of international law, but a despicable act of cowardice.

In the almost 10 years since the terrorist atrocities of Sept. 11, 2001, we have come to expect only the lowest from our ene-

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News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Fifth grader, Josue Sanchez, shows off his recycled miniature house at his science class's Trash to Treasure Museum. The fifth graders all created unique projects using only things that are usually thrown away and competed against one another last Thursday.

Fifth graders participate in Trash to Treasure project

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Woodlawn Elementary School fifth graders spent two weeks creating a unique project to participate in the Trash to Treasure Museum. Instructor Keranis Noble used the science unit to integrate it to everyday use.

"All the students were assigned this project. They were to create or construct something from everyday trash. The trick, though, was to turn it into something that could actually be used," said Noble.

Everything from plant waterers to miniature houses were on display in Noble's class. The students were happy to show off the things they had created for the guests that day.

The projects were displayed as well as an info card revealing all the data about each students' creation.



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Mrs. Nobles fifth grade science class showed off their Trash to Treasure Museum projects at Woodlawn last Thursday. The students all created projects using things that would normally be thrown away.

"They weren't just making something and that was it. They had to fill out these sheets — it tells what the project is, the use, how many pounds of trash was used to make it, and how many pounds of trash they can save from going into the landfill," explained Noble.

The class also received a visit from Highlands County Recycling Center manager Christy Reed, who spoke to

the students about recycling and how they each can do their parts to make less trash in our county.

Reed showed the students some recycled items that can also be used on an everyday basis. The students then voted on their favorite creation among their classmates. The winner was awarded one of the recycled items donated by the recycling center.

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 25:

◆ Octavio Adalberto Bamaca, 31, of Lake Wales, was sentenced to 10 days for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

◆ Kristeena Sadler Bozeman, 33, of Lorida, was charged with two counts of fraud-insufficient funds.

◆ Guillermo Luis Cruz, 40, of Sebring, was sentenced to 30 days for driving while license suspended.

◆ Timothy Allen Fanning, 46, of Sebring, was charged with violation of probation reference DUI.

◆ Romelio Santiago Garcia, 64, of Sebring, was charged

with possession and or use of drug equipment, trafficking marijuana and producing marijuana.

◆ Angel Gabriel Gonzalez, 18, of Avon Park, was sentenced to 10 days for DUI.

◆ Marquis Charmaine Hendricks, 33, of Leesburg, was sentenced to 15 days for failure to appear reference failure to comply with court order for driving with license suspended/revoked.

◆ James Royce Hicks, 40, of Lorida, was sentenced to 180 days for DUI.

◆ Anita Marie Hollybrook, 36, of St. Petersburg, was charged with violation of probation reference vehicular homicide.

◆ Renee L. Mullenax, 21, of Sebring, was charged with violation of probation reference petit theft.

◆ Timothy Howard Neese, 51, of Sebring, was charged with cruelty toward a child.

◆ Samuel Jose Osorio, 30, of Avon Park, was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

◆ Robert Ernest Severino, 62, of Sebring, was charged with grand larceny and fraud-insufficient funds.

◆ Marvalius Laclut Swift, 37, of Sneads, was charged with violation of a municipal ordi-

nance.

◆ Marie Franklin Tomblin, 34, of Avon Park, was charged with violation of probation.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Boil water notice in effect

AVON PARK
— Residents along both sides of Hal McRae Boulevard from South Lake Boulevard up to Florida Avenue and over to W.L. Kirkland Street are under a precautionary boil water notice due to a break in a six-inch water main.

It is advised that all water used for drinking, cooking, making ice, brushing teeth or washing dishes be boiled for one minute or that bottled water be used as an alternative.

The precautionary boil water notice will remain in effect until the problem has been corrected and bacteriological survey shows that water is safe to drink.

Call Public Works at 452-4427.

County Memorial Day ceremony set

LAKE PLACID — Highlands County Memorial Day ceremony will be hosted by Placid Post 25 of the Lake Placid American Legion Post on the traditional Memorial Day, May 30 at 2 p.m.

The new 35-foot flag pole will be dedicated to a recently deceased World War II veteran, Gordon Spade, with the presentation of the flag to Nick and Jan Swanson. The presentation will be highlighted by a 21-gun salute and Taps by the Honor Guard from VFW Post 4300 from Sebring.

The flag will then be raised to full staff with a pledge of allegiance and salute directed by Fred Arbelo, commander of the area Purple Heart organization.

Following the ceremony, the attendees will gather in the Post hall for a presentation conducted by Ceasar Pinzon, president of the Highlands County Veterans Service Office, also featuring Jack Richie, Highlands County commissioner.

For further information, call Commander J.P. Plunkett at 441-4103 or 465-0975.

"What's Up Downtown?" meeting is Tuesday

SEBRING — The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will host its next "What's Up Downtown?" meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Still Chic Boutique (112 N. Ridgewood Drive). Agenda items include: Centennial activities, themed events, updates on the proposed entertainment district and updates on the CRA's programs and marketing initiatives.

"We encourage anyone who has an interest in Downtown Sebring to attend these informative meetings," said Pete Pollard, CRA executive director. "If you have an idea for Downtown Sebring, we want to hear it."

The mission of the CRA is to bring about the economic revitalization of an established target area. To create a re-investment environment that attracts private investors into the area. To promote improvements within the redevelopment area through renovation and restoration of buildings, as well as to encourage new construction. To acquire the funding necessary to make the infrastructure improvements necessary to attract investment dollars and improve the assessed taxable value of district properties and to assist the chamber of commerce and Downtown Merchants in their efforts to market the downtown businesses.

Events at local lodges, posts

AVON PARK
Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will host music by Uptown Country from 5-7 p.m. today. The U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club will have its annual barbecue on Saturday. Karaoke will be by Peg and Perry from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 452-9853.

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Istokpoga Canal dredging under way

Special to the News-Sun

LORIDA — Residents of Mallard Mobile Home Park and Palms Estates have something to smile about these days. The long-awaited Istokpoga canal maintenance dredging project is under way and residents that live along the canals that are being dredged couldn't be happier.

When Mark Colarusso and Paul Lawry of Adventure Environmental, the contractors that are performing the work, began dredging at Mallard Park, the residents came out and started clapping.

"They were so excited that they can get to the lake via the canal now," Colarusso said.

The work crew was busy Tuesday dredging the longest canal located in Palms Estates. According to Colarusso, if all goes well, the canal should be completed in about a week.

"We really have to take our time and scrape the layers off; keep everything organized and neat. We certainly don't want to do any damage to homeowner's



Courtesy photo

Residents watch as crews dredge a canal leading into Lake Istokpoga. The project will improve access to the lake.

docks or property. We took about 80 trips yesterday. It is slow going, but will be worth it when it is done."

The process includes two track hoes — one very large machine located on land and one smaller machine located on a barge at the other side of the canal. The smaller track hoe digs the muck off the bottom of the canal and scoops it into a huge container, which is then transported to the larger machine, which scoops it

out and dumps it on land to dry out. The process begins at the lake and moves through the canals.

"The residents are tickled," Rich Appenzellar, executive director of Palms Estates, said. "Before this project the boats couldn't get out to the lake because the canals had become too shallow.

"The residents that are still here are very excited and come out to watch the crews work."

DeVane Park vandalized

By ED BALDRIDGE

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LAKE PLACID — Just days after the finishing touches were put on the gazebo at DeVane Park in Lake Placid, vandals struck and damaged the American flag.

"Today we had to take the flag down. Someone had taken down the flag and cut out four of the stars. I cannot believe someone would do something like this," Town Clerk Arlene Tuck wrote in an e-mail on Thursday.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Saturday, and the flag was a gift from a congressman, according to Tuck.

"Saturday we put up a brand new American flag that was bought from Congressman Tom Rooney, which had flown over the Nation's Capitol," Tuck wrote.

During the renovations, the gazebo received a new roof and brick pavers were laid around the structure to serve as a memorial for Lake

Placid citizens who wish to purchase a brick with an inscription.

A new 12-foot-wide sidewalk was installed through the park and the has 6-foot spokes radiating to the outside of the circle park.

New lights were installed to assist in night events and the new flag pole was christened over the weekend.

The \$750,000 project was funded by the Florida Department of Transportation through a grant.

County to ban smoking on its property

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18 percent of all deaths are attributable to smoking."

Although cautious about others' right to smoke, Commissioner Jack Richie, a former smoker himself, agreed with the ban.

"Quite frankly, I don't like walking into this building and have to walk through two or three people who are smoking. It annoys me," Richie said.

"I am leery of going too far and doing with their bodies what they wish, but I have no problem with restricting smoking," said

Richie.

Board Chair Barbara Stewart agreed that smoking was a hazard, stating that she lost her father and several friends to health complications from smoking.

Stewart directed staff to return with an appropriate ordinance or policy that would implement the tobacco ban, and to look at providing cessation programs to the county employees who wish to kick the habit.

The ban would not prohibit smoking on the sidewalks or the right-of-ways surrounding county buildings.

Sheriff Susan Benton, who

was at the meeting to discuss a grant application, took the podium in support of a county campus ban.

"Setting up a smoking area doesn't work. We restrict employee smoking to the roof, and employees take longer breaks to smoke," Benton said.

"These are your buildings, so you can restrict the smoking if you want," Benton added.

Florida Hospital has already implemented a tobacco free campus policy, and South Florida Community College has plans to become smoke-free later in the year.

Schools to start evaluation system

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To arrive at a rating, the observed evaluation result is combined with the results of the standardized test scores measuring a student's academic progress — each weighted 50 percent.

Students and parents may contribute to the observed evaluation, as may the teacher.

Qualified classroom teachers, after intensive training, will act as the peer evaluators.

The division in the board vote had nothing to do with evaluating teachers or hiring Bryan, who received strong

words of support from everyone on the board.

Instead, Donna Howerton, the chairperson, and Andrew Tuck were opposed to the plan as presented because they worried about future continuity, lack of precedent and the expense, especially because the outside funding runs out in four years.

The three board members — J. Ned Hancock, Bill Brantley and Ronnie Jackson — in favor of the new plan all spoke of the need to help teachers and schools improve.

Hancock said success of the new system depended on

leadership.

"I do think this is so dramatic, so different, you've got to have someone with the respect of his peers and who can wear a variety of hats," said Hancock, referring to Bryan possessing the qualities needed to turn an idea into reality.

"The success of this program is essential for our staff," he said.

Brantley and Jackson agreed.

With something this important it was imperative, Jackson said, that "we start out and do the very best we can do."

SWFWMD head Moore resigns

Special to the News-Sun

Southwest Florida Water Management District executive director David L. Moore resigned Thursday but has offered to continue temporarily in the role to help facilitate the successful transition of the next executive director.

Moore, who was appointed executive director in March 2003, says he feels he is leaving the District at the right time.

"The past eight years have been extremely rewarding," said Moore. "From developing large-scale alternative water supplies and reclaimed

water to dealing with droughts, hurricanes and an unprecedented freeze, I'm extremely proud of what the District has been able to accomplish. Now I'm ready to transition into the next chapter of my life, which will include spending more time with my family."

Moore began his career at the District in 1984 as a

hydrologist, working his way up through the leadership ranks as a project manager, manager, director and deputy executive director.

During Moore's tenure he has played a key role in restoration and preservation of water bodies, establishment of minimum flows and levels and watershed assessments.

POLICE BLOTTER

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The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Tuesday, May 24:

◆ Gerardo Ascencion-Galin, 34, of Lake Placid, was charged with violation of municipal ordinance.

◆ Jessica Lane Gavagni, 26, of Lake Placid, was charged with driving while license sus-

pending.

◆ Jonathan Christopher Green, 18, of Avon Park, was charged with battery.

◆ James Whitfield Grover, 28, of Avon Park, was charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, dealing in stolen property, grand theft, possession and or use of drug equipment and possession of a controlled sub-

stance without a prescription.

◆ Rickie Lee Massey, 30, of Sebring, was charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

◆ Joel Allen Nichols, 42, of Nokomis, was charged with withholding support.

◆ Samantha Marie Townsend, 22, of Naples, was charged with violation of pro-

bation reference possession of oxycodone with intent to sell/deliver.

◆ Susan Willis Trammell, 48, of Lake Placid, was charged with violation of condition of release reference possession of a controlled substance without prescription.

◆ Joseph Daniel Williams, 37, of Lake Wales, was charged with battery.

Medic died trying to give aid to others

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mies, who, until the historic events of May 1, were led by Osama bin Laden. True to form, bin Laden acted "cowardly" at the moment of his demise, according to news reports quoting senior U.S. officials.

"I imagine I feel the same way that most Americans feel: completely ecstatic and jubilant at the thought," Walker said the week bin Laden was brought to justice by U.S. Navy SEALs. "When I heard he was living in that million-dollar compound, I hoped it would demoralize the people fighting for him."

Sgt. 1st Class Ofren Arrechaga, 28, and Staff Sgt. Frank Adamski III, 26, died in the same Mar. 29 battle as Lindskog, 23. Three more "Screaming Eagles" serving with the 2nd Battalion, 327th Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat team were also killed the same day in a separate battle nearby. Many of these fallen heroes, including Lindskog, were just weeks away from coming home.

In war, men and women who would have lived even longer lives of consequence are taken from us, a possibility his mother said Lindskog acknowledged when he made his "first adult decision" to join the military.

"He had a strong sense of right and wrong and what's fair," Walker said. "But of course, the world is never fair."

As Walker embarks on a lifetime of remembrance, she worries about remarkable human beings like her son being forgotten.

"Usually, the kind-hearted people are the ones who are unappreciated," she said.

Not today.

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Storm warning

Do you find Christmas arriving quicker with every passing year?

How about the start of the hurricane season?

Did you know it begins in less than a week, on Wednesday, June 1.

According to our "Your Voice" question in Wednesday's paper, 46.2 percent of you are not ready yet, while 53.8 percent say they are ready for what ever comes their way.

With the Earth in an active phase, the ground moving, weather patterns shifting and records for devastation being set left and right, the 46.2 percent may regret their procrastination.

Not that we are predicting a more than active season, or long for the excitement of Charlie, Frances and Jeanne, but the most important lesson we've learned over the last decade is to take nature seriously.

It's all well and good for author Carl Hiaasen to have one of his characters tie himself to a bridge and ride out a hurricane in the open, its another thing to face a real hurricane.

If we have learned anything over the last several

years it's that there is no magic wand to be waved after disaster has struck.

When trees block roads, cell towers collapse, and waters rise, it takes time for emergency workers to get to the devastation.

This means being prepared to fend for yourself for at least three days.

Start now to store canned or packaged food that can be eaten without cooking.

Have gallons of water on hand. Any veterans of 2004 will tell you living without electricity is hot and uncomfortable. Hydration is essential.

Now is the time to think ahead, not when a storm is less than 24 hours away and anxious people have formed into long, uncomfortable lines.

For example, now is the time to call the doctor to make arrangements for extra medications when the time comes.

Now is the time to figure out what you will do with your pets.

Now is the time to find a safe, dry place to store important papers.

Now is the time to make sure your home insurance is in order, or to purchase some.

Now is the time to create an evacuation plan, or make arrangements if you'll want

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to leave before the storm.

Someone recently said that disasters are God's way of bringing people together, so why not introduce yourself to your neighbors now.

One thing is for sure, if a major hurricane does strike, we will have to be our own first responders. It will help to know one another.

Baseball's alcohol problem

Last season, fans may recall, many baseball telecasts began with announcers reading the commercial line: "Grab an ice cold Bud." This season, the pitch reads: "Grab some Buds."

Whether the purpose of the new blurb is to cleverly link friends – "buds" – with consuming multiple beers – "Buds" – during games is something only the folks at Anheuser-Busch and its ad agency know for sure. What is certain is that baseball, along with other pro sports, has a drinking problem.

Beer has long been baseball's beverage of choice. As a kid I listened to Yankee games and sang along with the jingle: "Baseball and Ballantine...what a combination, all across the nation..." The announcer, Mel Allen, referred to home runs as "Ballantine Blasts."

With due respect to apple pie, nothing is more American than watching a baseball game with a hot dog and a beer. But lately things have gotten out hand.

The problem's epicenter this season is Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, where on Opening Day two unidentified Dodger supporters attacked a fan of the visiting Giants, Bryan Stow, leaving him sprawled in the parking lot with critical injuries from which he has yet to recover. One suspect has now been charged, and while it's not clear what role alcohol may have played, the Dodgers saw a direct link and immediately revised the stadium's alcohol policies.

In recent years the Dodgers have been baseball's most cavalier franchise when it comes to pushing alcohol sales and tolerating the rowdy behavior that resulted. Patrons were allowed to purchase two 24-ounce beers at a time – the equivalent of four "normal" beers – and

the Dodgers began selling hard liquor as well. Following the Stow incident, the Dodgers cancelled plans for six half-price beer days.

Rules regarding alcohol sales vary widely among the 30 Major League teams and at the hundreds of minor league venues. Some stadiums, such as AT&T Park in San Francisco, do not permit beer sales by vendors in the stands. At other locations, such as Miller Park in Milwaukee – named after a beer company – vendors do hawk beer.

Many minor league teams, such as the Fresno Grizzlies in California, have special "one dollar beer nights." At a stadium I visited in New Jersey this month they call it Thirsty Thursday – an invitation to over-indulgence.

Research published recently by the University of Minnesota indicates that roughly 40 percent of fans leaving pro baseball and football games have measurable alcohol levels in their systems, and 8 percent of fans are legally drunk. The proportion of drunken fans rises dramatically among two groups: those under age 35, and those who have tailgated before the game.

At Boston's Fenway Park, an increase in beer sales a few years back led to complaints about intoxicated fans. This season, the Sox declared that alcohol-related problems had subsided and obtained permission to sell hard liquor, but only after agreeing to keep it away from the bleachers. Many teams seem to believe that the best way to deal with alcohol abuse is to sell mixed drinks only in the "luxury" boxes and "premium" seats.

This approach is part of a larger trend to aggressively segregate fans according to economic considerations. True, box seats have always cost more than the bleach-

ers. But at newer parks the higher-priced sections are built in such a way that fans with less expensive tickets can't so much as set foot there, meaning they can't access the elite concession stands.

Such policies may make wealthy fans feel safer, but they often lead to unrestricted rowdiness in the cheap seats, which, at Dodger Stadium were overtaken by beer-guzzling thugs.

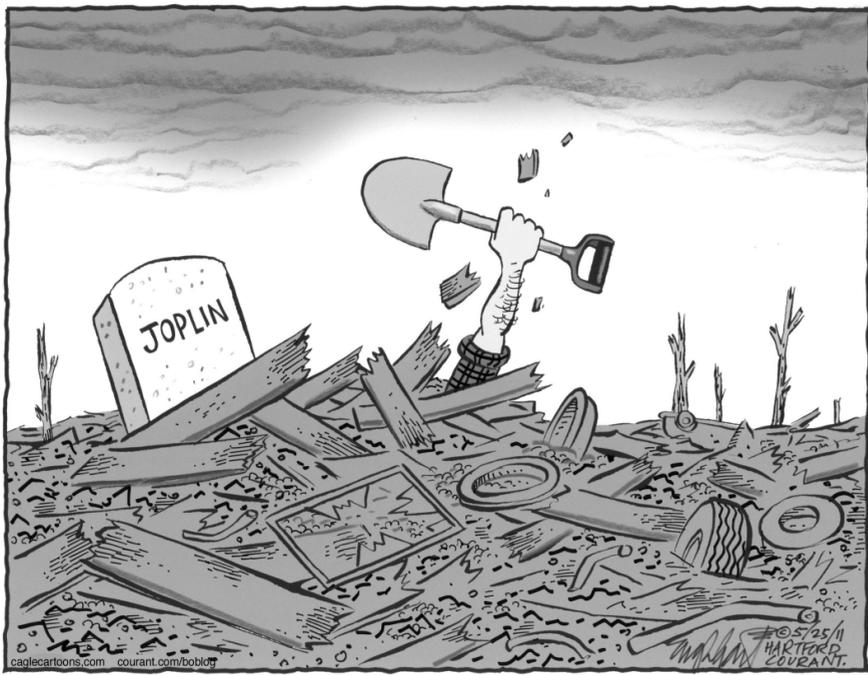
Baseball's drinking problem extends to the players as well. Already this year six Major Leaguers from five different teams have been arrested for drunk driving. The issue of drinking by ballplayers has been of concern since the 2007 death of St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Josh Hancock, who was legally drunk when he crashed his car following a game.

Major League baseball, still attempting to recover from the scandal involving performance-enhancing drugs, is now said to be working on an alcohol policy for players. But Commissioner Bud Selig needs to create an overarching alcohol policy for fans as well.

Tailgating should be eliminated, as should beer sales by roving stadium vendors. Sales of alcohol should be halted after six innings, and reduced-price beer banned entirely. Hard liquor policies need reevaluation.

Rather than leaving alcohol controls to individual owners, Major League baseball should acknowledge its responsibility to act before there are other serious incidents. In other words, Commissioner Selig, this Bud's for you.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Avon Park needs a reset

Editor:

Avon Park has become crazy politics; the council and the city manager need to take a step back and reset the atmosphere. This means bringing the police chief back to full duty so we get what we are paying for. Of course, this will mean council members and Chief Rowen will have an uncomfortable relationship, but it just needs to be kept professional.

Technically, the city manager is the only city employee that works directly for the council, which means no city employee needs to come to the council meetings. The only reason the city manager needs any department head at the council meeting is to explain a situation and/or request in detail.

I really believe it is important for the council, city employees and citizens of Avon Park to understand how our city government works. In reality the city is operated by the city manager and the department heads, the city council is responsible for financial and policy decisions (I simplified this). Do I think that some city council members have interfered with city operations and my answer is yes and this needs to be changed.

One of the areas that concerns me the most is the situation of Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland; I believe it is totally unethical for Parke Sutherland to be on the council and Maria Sutherland to work directly for the city manager. Parke Sutherland has the responsibility to

approve or disapprove Maria's projects and being married does not make ethical sense. I also do not see how Parke can hire and supervise the city manager when his wife is supervised directly by the city manager. To make this right, one of them needs to change from their positions. My take would be Parke Sutherland should resign from council because Maria Sutherland can offer a lot to the city, which helps the city grow.

The last thing I would like to comment on is contracts for city employees; why do we have them? I do see where maybe the city manager should have a contract, but why does the city need contracts for other city employees, this makes no sense to me. An employee's contract should be you get paid, you do your job, if you do a good job you continue to be employed, if not you get terminated. I also believe that the probation period should be one year, not six months.

It's important for city employees to be able to do their job and not worry about political issues.

*Ed Dickerson
Avon Park*

Chief's supporters should speak up

Editor:

Avon Park's Nancy Pitcher had it right in her letter to News-Sun editors in the May 20 edition of the paper. The chief (of police) does have more supporters than he knows, and it's time they stopped being silent. Thanks, Nancy, for

your courage in speaking out.

It is also time for the State Attorney's office to do the investigating of those determined to get rid of the chief. It seems to me that what we have read about one in particular is not all she's hiding and that there is, at least, a little "fire from all that smoke." She seems to look upon her financial and political indiscretion as an accident or mistake. Oh, yeah. That's what we hear whenever a politician is caught playing that game. It would appear that for the present that game has been nipped in the bud.

But the ugly facts prove that those who get away with it just become more clever with how they play the game. Washington is full of those who have gotten away with it and have gotten rich on it.

The truth is that Avon Park has tremendous potential in so many ways, but it needs the interest and forthright determination of its finest to do the job. I know you're there. Come out, come out wherever you are.

*Cathy Fallows
Sebring*

Impeach Obama

Editor:

Impeach Obama for:
1. Violating the American Tax Code, and
2. Aiding criminal acts against America.

There is class war in America. The rest of the world has wised up to the fact that "all" nations worldwide, the rich are making serfs of

their middle class. They are rising up and demanding change.

The President of these United States should be wearing a striped suit for the abuse of the American tax system and misuse of America's trust funds such as Social Security and all of our social programs. All career politicians and top CEOs of American companies should also be wearing striped suits.

Examples: The hiring of illegals and guest workers who have overstayed their visas. There are 20 million plus jobs held by illegals. They, the illegals, are also destroying our electoral process. The giving of and rewarding the illegal is a criminal act. "No amnesty." Ronald Reagan's criminal act, with the help of many career politicians, has promoted the invasion of millions more illegal Mexicans asking for amnesty. The raising the tax at the gas pump to pay for the military protection to nations worldwide is a criminal act against all Americans.

Of all items being considered by our leaders in Washington, the illegal immigration amnesty plan being hatched by the Obama Administration still presents the greatest threat to Social Security. Just five years ago, the U.S. Senate voted 50 to 49 "in favor" of making sure illegal aliens could collect their "illegally earned" Social Security benefits "after" they are given legal status.

But if that isn't dangerous enough, there's this second plan: The so-called "Social Security Totalization Agreement" with Mexico.

Because of a loophole in Social Security law, if this Social Security Treaty goes into effect, illegal workers would be able to count all of their earnings toward Social Security benefits, even for jobs worked without legal authorizations. And since a totalization agreement would cover not just Mexican workers, but also their spouses and their dependents, it is highly likely that, over time, "millions" of people would begin receiving U.S. Social Security benefits and the cost would be in the billions of dollars a year.

Transparency? We tried to obtain copies of the totalization agreement that the government signed with Mexico and documents explaining the effect that agreement would have on Social Security. Finally we were forced to file lawsuits under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) because the government simply "refused" to turn over what they have. After two and a half years, the federal government finally released to TSCL the first known public copy of the "Agreement with Mexico," with all these serious challenges to the stability of Social Security, none are more dangerous than an amnesty or the U.S./Mexico Social Security Treaty – both of which award benefits to millions of Mexican nationals who worked here illegally.

All Americans should contact their Congress and Senate. Impeach Obama. Social Security must not become a global welfare system.

*Billie E. Jewett
Sebring*

History of Lake Placid recalled

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if they stayed and made improvements.

Representatives of six homesteading families — all of whom settled in the area at least 100 years ago — long before Melvil Dewey renamed the town Lake Placid and dreamt of creating an upscale winter resort — told stories passed down over the generations, some still in living memory, some commemorated on murals around town.

In general, the stories dealt with the primitive hardships men and women endured in an isolated world without telephones or refrigeration, but plenty of mosquitoes and wild bears.

They spoke of how everyone knew everyone else and how the only responders in emergencies were the neighbors, none immediately next door.

Kelsey Payne, whose family moved into the area from western Tennessee in the early 1900s, said, "They came by horse and wagon, leading cows. Think about what they did and what they did it with."

"They needed strong backs, intelligence and a strong will. They had to plan ahead to live off the land."

In an example of how individuals had to rise to the challenges, Jerry Pendarvis said no one wanted to shake hands with his grandmother, Georgia Pendarvis. "Men would turn white and fall to their knees," he said, her grip was so strong.

Betty Ray Roberts' great-grandfather, Joshua Lastinger, was the first to arrive into the then Lake Stearns area. He came from Arcadia, having crossed the plain with an ox and wagon. The trip took the better part of two days.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Betty Ray Roberts (left) is descended from Joshua and Louisa Lastinger, the first homesteaders to settle in the area.

Lastinger had been a Confederate soldier who left Georgia for Florida in the 1890s. He arrived with his wife, Louisa, and six little girls. They settled on the eastern shore of the lake, camping out under the trees until they built their house. Of course there was no indoor plumbing and no electricity — nor any easy shopping, Arcadia being the two day trip away.

Not every homesteader succeeded.

School was held under a tree at first. In later years Lake Placid students boarded in Sebring for the week, attended school there and came home on the weekends.

Nancy Holland Lewis told how her grandmother, Edith Lewis, was new to homesteading and nature.

One night when she first arrived she was chilled to hear a woman screaming in the woods, and not at all comforted to learn it was actually the sound of a panther cry.

Don Bates, whose family have grown Easter lilies and then caladiums for generations, said his mother, Florence Nowling Booker,

had two brothers.

One of them, Earl Booker, was in the hospital with a ruptured appendix in September of 1931. Not a particularly historical moment outside the family, except that Earl Booker had a roommate in the hospital — the wounded robber whose attempted hold-up of the Tropical State Bank is depicted on the mural at North Main Avenue and West Interlake Boulevard.

Caught, "he came to see the error of his ways," Bates said of the robber.

Pendarvis, whose great-grandfather came to Florida in 1835, told a story about Russell Hartsfield who was chief of police in Lake Placid from 1979 to 1988.

A domestic disturbance was reported, Pendarvis said. When Hartsfield arrived he found the husband covered in blood claiming his wife had shot him.

Come to find out the husband had killed a chicken and smeared its blood over his chest.

"I'd better smell fried chicken the next time I stop by," Pendarvis said Hartsfield told the man.



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SFCC offers Computer Science workshops

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – South Florida Community College's Corporate and Continuing Education is offering computer science workshops at the SFCC Highlands Campus.

The Cloud Computing with Google Docs workshop will teach students how to create and save word processing documents, spreadsheets, online forms, and slide presentations on the Internet. The workshop meets 12:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, June 3.

The Cloud Graphics with Sumo Paint will teach students about photos, create graphic art work, crop and resize photos, and create backgrounds. The workshop meets 12:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, June 10.

Both classes cost \$65.

OBITUARY

JOHN HIMLER

John A. Himler, 75, of Bucyrus, Ohio died Monday, May 23, 2011 at his residence following a brief battle with cancer. He was born April 15, 1936 in Bucyrus to the late Erma Gertrude (Shull) Himler and Harold John Himler. He was married Sept. 6, 1956 to Susan Miller, who also preceded him in death on Nov. 19, 1957.

John graduated from Bucyrus High School in 1954 and attended both The Ohio State University and Tiffin University. He worked many years with his father in the Smooth Kool Dairy. He then attended Ohio Northern University, graduating in 1966 with a degree in Education. He was a teacher and coach for seven years at Allen East Local Schools near Lima and at Bucyrus City Schools for 23 years retiring June 1995.



Himler

John enjoyed playing cards and socializing with his friends in the AHPC. For the past 13 years, John enjoyed spending the winters in Sebring, Fla. where he was a member of Harder Hall Golf Club. While there, he enjoyed golfing with his friends and coordinating the men's league, as well as working for the Harder Hall Women's Invitational Golf Tournament as a starter.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Joyce (Welge) Himler, whom he married June 12, 1971; three daughters, Allison (Lon) McKeehen of Bucyrus, Pamela (John) Givens of Cambridge, Ohio, and Patricia Eicher of Bucyrus; five grandchildren, Chris Eicher of Bucyrus, Shannon McKeehen of Bowling Green, Ohio, Erica McKeehen of Chicago, Ill., Janelle and Michael Givens of Cambridge, Ohio. In addition, John leaves many good friends in Bucyrus and Sebring.

His family will receive friends for a memorial gathering from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 27 at Wise Funeral Service, 129 W. Warren St., Bucyrus, Ohio 44820. Masonic services will be held that evening at 5:45 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Hope Lutheran Church with Pastor Dave Bliss officiating and burial of cremated remains will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be given to HomeCare Matters; Good Hope Lutheran Church or Shriners Hospitals for Children through the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may be left at www.wise-funeral.com.



Courtesy photo
Local singer Billy Hamilton (left), of Sebring, joins Lee Allcorn, of Longshot Band, on stage at Duffer's a couple weeks ago to sing a song. Longshot Band will be performing from 6-9 p.m. Friday at Duffer's.

Black & White Night planned

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – It will be a Black & White Night Celebration at Duffer's Sports Grille on Friday.

The party will kick off from 6-9 p.m. with Longshot Band playing music during dinner hour. Lee Allcorn's four-piece group will provide music to dine by and then later step it up a notch for everyone to dance. Allcorn has been known to bring some local celebrities up on stage to sing a long with them. A couple weeks ago, Billy Hamilton, of Sebring, joined them to sing "Sweet Home Alabama."

Later on Friday, Billy "Griff" Griffis of Southern Style Karaoke, of Hardee County, will be playing some tunes at 9 p.m. for everyone to sing until 1 a.m.

Everyone is encouraged to dress in black and white attire. There will be black and white drink specials and party decorations. Everyone can sing songs related to black and white such as "Back In Black" by AC/DC or how about "White Wedding" by Billy Idol.

On Saturday, the Loose Change Band will be performing at Duffer's. They play a variety of rock, country and dance music that even a few line dances can be done to for those who like to step it up. The band plays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

There is no cover charge for any musical entertainment at Duffer's. The club is at 6940 U.S. 27 North, Sebring. For details, call 382-6339.

STIHL recalls yard power products

Special to the News-Sun

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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2374 will host a Texas Hold'em game at 2 p.m. today. Music with Big Freddie from 6-9 p.m. Bingo-bango is set for 2 p.m. Saturday. Music with Written in Red from 6-9 p.m. For details, call the lodge at 465-0131.

LAKE PLACID — The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 will host music with LT today. Bingo is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday with horse races at 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, a memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Music with Tom. For details, call the lodge at 699-5444.

SEBRING
 AMVETS Post 21 will have karaoke at 7 p.m. Saturday with Dan Musselman. The Post will also have a Memorial Day service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Post, 2029 U.S. 27 South. After the service, a traditional picnic lunch will be provided.

Singing Under the Oaks is today

SEBRING – Singing Under the Oaks with Dave and Judy with country music and southern gospel is every second and fourth Friday of

the month at 7 p.m. at 3414 Beck Ave. There is a \$5 donation at the door. There will be door prizes.

For more information, call 253-0771.

Historical Society honors WWII veteran

LAKE PLACID – There will be an open house reception at the Depot Museum from 3-5 p.m. today. Floyd Rider, retired U.S. Navy World War II veteran and long-time member and frequent host, will be honored at a reception.

He was a participant of the recent "Honor Flight" to Washington, DC.

Members of the Lake Placid High School ROTC have been invited to attend. Plan to enjoy light refreshments and good conversation.

The museum is at 12 Park Ave. W. near the train mural. Several new displays honor all veterans as well as ancestors. Call 465-1771 for details. Regular museum hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. The museum will be closed Monday.

A patriotic salute at Crown Pointe

SEBRING — Highlands Bagpiper David H. Batty will join the residents of Crown Pointe in celebrating a tribute to America's Memorial Day 2011. Batty will appear in Highland regalia and is a nationally recognized Piper giving numerous performances and gaining recognition as the official Highland Bagpiper of Beltrami County, Minn. and Cumberland County, Tenn.

The event will include patriotic melodies that Batty has selected for this special occasion including "This is My Country," "God Bless America" and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Red Hatters lunch canceled

SEBRING – The Red Hatters Queen of Abundance luncheon meeting has been canceled for Monday, June 13. On Aug. 8 they will meet for lunch at Dot's Restaurant meeting room at 11:30 a.m.

For information call 465-0161.

Memorial Day to be observed

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – The American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid will host the County's Memorial Day program at the 1490 U.S. Highway 27 Post on Monday.

The program is to begin at 2 p.m. with a dedication of a flag. VFW Honor Guard from 4300 will assist. Cesar Pinzon is one of the featured speakers. Mark Manley is slated to be the bagpiper.

The American Legion Riders Association members are working with the American Legion Post 25 to make this a memorable program. Commander J.P. Plunkett can be contacted for more details at 441-4103.

Lake Placid Elks will

hold a Memorial Day program at 11 a.m., with Lt. Col. Buck MacLaughlin from the Avon Park Air Force Range as speaker. The Lake Placid High School Junior ROTC will assist with the program. Bagpiper Bob Campbell, known with his work with the Highlands County Sheriff's Department, will play the bagpipe at the program for the Elks. For more information contact Bud Wallen or Suzanne Krueger.

VFW Post 3880 in Lake Placid will hold their annual Poppy Drive on today and Saturday. The members are also holding a "Boys Are Back" chicken barbecue on Sunday. A small Memorial Day program for the members will be held. Call 699-5444.

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC-11-216 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF AUDRE P. SCHMIDT a/k/a AUDRE SCHMIDT Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Audre P. Schmidt a/k/a Audre Schmidt, deceased, File Number PC-11-216, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870; that the decedent's date of death was March 24th 2011; that the total value of the estate is \$20,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:
Name and Address
Edward C. Schmidt, Successor Trustee
1600 S. Meridian Road
Mason, MI 48854

Theresa Schmidt Mori
3985 NW Walnut Place
Corvallis, OR 97230

Eric Schmidt
5793 Sandalwood Drive, #3B
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Kevin Schmidt
2719 SE 65th Avenue
Portland, OR 97206

Jeff Schmidt
1205 Cambridge Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

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

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is May 27, 2011.

Person Giving Notice:
Edward C. Schmidt, Successor Trustee
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BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative:
325 NORTH COMMERCE AVENUE
SEBRING, FL 33870
Telephone: (863) 382-3154
By: /s/ E. Mark Breed III
Florida Bar No. 338702
E-Mail Address: breednunn@bnpalaw.com
May 27, June 3, 2011

1050 Legals

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

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 case, 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

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-231

IN RE: ESTATE OF BONNIE BONEY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of BONNIE BONEY, deceased, whose date of death was May 3, 2011, and whose social security number 263-58-4950, 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 27, 2011.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Sara Etta Johns
3621 Cowhouse Road
Lorita, FL 33857

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)385-5156
May 27, June 3, 2011

1050 Legals

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 PROC 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

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-232

IN RE: ESTATE OF MAUREEN C. JODELL a/k/a MAUREEN LORRAINE JODELL a/k/a MAUREEN CLARK JODELL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of MAUREEN C. JODELL a/k/a MAUREEN LORRAINE JODELL a/k/a MAUREEN CLARK JODELL, deceased, whose date of death was October 1, 2010, and whose social security number 469-22-2327, 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 27, 2011.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Patricia M. Evans
5305 15th Avenue S.
Minneapolis, MN 55417-1811

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)385-5156
May 27, June 3, 2011

1050 Legals

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 L. Karlson
Florida Bar Number: 0017957
301 Dal Hall Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863)465-5033
Fax: (863) 465-6022
E-Mail: info@KarlsonLaw.com
May 20, 2011

1050 Legals

ST. JOHN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Demolition and Site Restoration of 1326 Corvette Ave., Sebring, Fl

INVITATION TO BIDDERS
The St John UMC, Sebring, from hereon referred to as "Owner" will receive bids until 2:00 p.m. on June 22, 2011 for demolition and removal of all structure(s), an in-ground swimming pool, septic tank(s), any fences/gates and all concrete and/or asphalt at 1326 Corvette Ave., Sebring, FL. The building(s) may/may not have asbestos materials inside. The existence, quantity and location of any materials made from asbestos are unknown to the Owner. However, the age of the structure is approximately 53 years, and it is known that asbestos was commonly used in building materials during that time. If asbestos is found, removal and disposal of asbestos material(s) must meet all federal, state, and local requirements. The Contractor is responsible for all notifications and fees for the demolition and asbestos removal, if applicable.

Scope of Work
Demolition includes removal of the following: all structures on property, miscellaneous debris associated with the structure, septic system(s), an in-ground swimming pool, all foundations and slabs, sidewalks, driveways, fences and gates. Contractor shall be responsible for emptying the swimming pool and septic tank(s) and properly and legally disposing of materials. Materials from swimming pool and septic tank(s) shall not be disposed of on Owner's property or within the neighborhood. Any costs for landfill tipping fees are the responsibility of the Contractor and shall meet all federal, state, and local requirements. The property is to be graded to a level condition and any clean soil/fill shall be supplied by contractor. Any existing trees on the property are to remain and shall not be damaged or removed. Property shall be reseeded with Bahia grass upon completion of backfilling and grading.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting, followed by a mandatory site visit, is scheduled for 1:00 pm on June 8, 2011 to be held in the Owner's Fellowship building. Only Contractors that have attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit, signed the sign-in sheet and submitted a bid on the appropriate forms shall be considered a responsive bidder and will have their bid evaluated for possible award.

All project related questions/requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing and forwarded to the Owner's office as noted below. All answers/clarifications shall be provided to all planholders of record as addenda to the project documents. Only questions answered by formal written addenda shall be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications shall be without legal effect. Requests for additional information shall be accepted until June 10th at 12:00 pm.

The Contractor shall have proper licenses and certification for the project. The Contractor shall be responsible for any permits and all utility disconnections.

Bids are to be addressed to the Owner and mailed or delivered to ST. JOHN UMC, 3214 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33870. Bids shall be privately reviewed and there will not be a public opening of the bids.

Project documents may be obtained from the Owner's Office, 3214 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33870, telephone (863) 382-1736.

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1055 Highlands County Legals

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/K/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/K/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

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

ITB 11-018: Curroto Cans
Specifications & General Terms and Conditions may be obtained from our website at: mysbring.com or by contacting Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB by phone 863-471-5110, Fax 863-471-5168, or e-mail: kirkzimmerman@mysbring.com at the City purchasing office located at 368 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. If obtaining documents via the website, it shall be the bidders responsibility to check for amendments/changes made to the document.
Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bids. Bids must be delivered to the City of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than **2:00 PM, Monday, June 13, 2011 of the official time clock in the purchasing office.** Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, or any other type of delivery service.
The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinance of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. 287.133, et seq. as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat 287.134, et seq. as amended, regarding discrimination.
The Sebring City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof, and the award; if an award is made, will be made to the most responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of the City of Sebring. The council reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid.

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Sebring, Florida
May 25, 27, 2011

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

You are hereby notified that the County Commission has just abated nuisances in the County of Highlands, and has determined the amount to be assessed against each of the lots, tracts or parcels of land to defray the cost thereof. A list of said nuisances and amount to be assessed against each of said properties is on file and open for inspection during regular business hours in the office of the County Administrator, Highlands County Government Center, 600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida. You are further notified that the County Commission of Highlands County will hold a public hearing on the 7th day of June, A.D., 2011, beginning at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, at the County Commissioners' Board Room, Highlands County Government Center Building, 600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, for the purpose of hearing any complaints or protests that any affected party may wish to offer why said assessments should not be made final.

Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners in public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that he or she will need a record of the proceedings; and for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26 Florida Statutes should contact Mr. John Minor, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6510 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: jminor@hcbcc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service.

Board of County Commissioners
of Highlands County, Florida
Barbara A. Stewart, Chairperson

ATTEST:
Robert W. Germaine, Clerk
May 27, 2011

1100 Announcements

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	A couple of afternoon thunderstorms	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	A t-storm possible in the afternoon	A t-storm possible in the afternoon
91° / 70°	91° / 70°	91° / 69°	91° / 68°	91° / 69°
Winds: SSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: ESE at 4-8 mph	Winds: E at 10-20 mph	Winds: ENE at 15-25 mph	Winds: ENE at 15-25 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	94°
Low Sunday	63°
High Monday	88°
Low Monday	59°
High Tuesday	93°
Low Tuesday	62°
High Wednesday	92°
Low Wednesday	58°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	47%
Expected air temperature	90°
Makes it feel like	94°

Barometer

Monday	30.00
Tuesday	29.96
Wednesday	29.97

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	4.11"
Year to date	14.14"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny today with a shower or thunderstorm around. A shower or thunderstorm around this evening. A couple of showers and a thunderstorm tomorrow afternoon. Sunday: an afternoon thunderstorm possible.

Tides
Readings at St. Petersburg

High	11:06 a.m.
Low	4:31 a.m.
High	none
Low	6:13 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	5:05 a.m.
Low	11:23 a.m.
High	5:49 p.m.
Low	11:50 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	10.31'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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

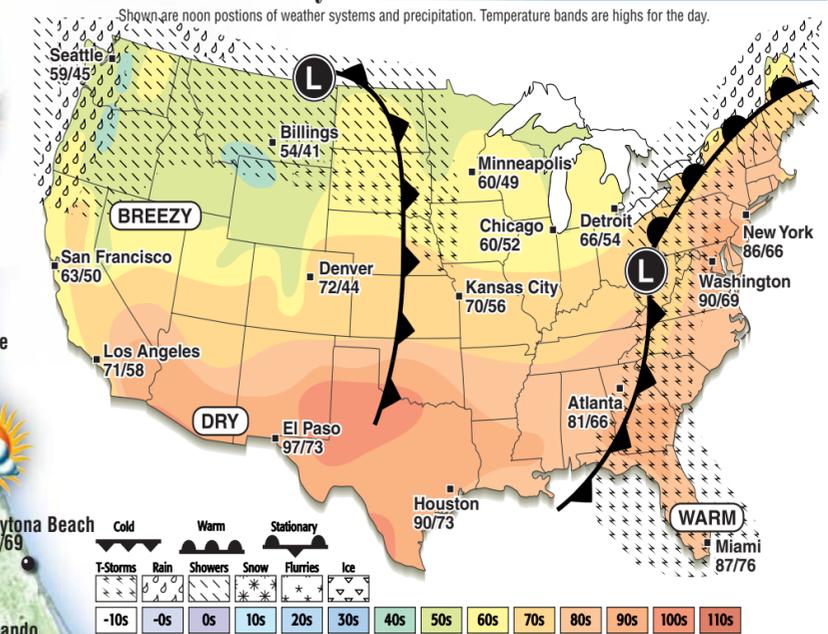


Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:35 a.m.	6:35 a.m.
Sunset	8:11 p.m.	8:12 p.m.
Moonrise	3:00 a.m.	3:32 a.m.
Moonset	3:49 p.m.	4:41 p.m.



National Forecast for May 27



National Summary

A storm system pushing east will bring more thunderstorms to the Eastern Seaboard today. A few of the storms could become severe in parts of the mid-Atlantic and Northeast. Farther south, more scattered storms will rumble from Virginia and the Carolinas to Florida. Behind the storms, drier air will filter across the Mississippi and Ohio valleys, while warm, humid air across the southern Plains could fuel more gusty thunderstorms late in the day from Oklahoma to Missouri. Unsettled weather will continue over much of the Northwest.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	89/60/s	87/59/s	84/56/s
Atlanta	81/66/t	88/68/pc	89/68/s
Baltimore	91/64/t	87/66/t	89/66/pc
Birmingham	83/61/pc	91/68/pc	90/69/s
Boston	80/63/pc	79/63/pc	79/64/c
Charlotte	82/63/t	86/64/pc	88/66/pc
Cheyenne	72/40/pc	60/37/t	56/43/sh
Chicago	60/52/pc	74/58/t	77/60/t
Cleveland	70/55/c	76/62/pc	83/66/pc
Columbus	72/57/c	84/66/pc	91/67/pc
Dallas	92/74/pc	93/74/s	91/73/pc
Denver	72/44/s	65/42/t	65/45/pc
Detroit	66/54/c	76/63/pc	84/67/c
Harrisburg	90/63/t	85/64/pc	86/65/pc
Honolulu	88/74/s	88/74/s	89/74/s
Houston	90/73/pc	90/74/pc	91/74/pc
Indianapolis	68/56/pc	82/65/pc	90/69/pc
Jackson, MS	85/63/pc	91/70/pc	91/68/s
Kansas City	70/56/t	75/65/t	80/67/pc
Lexington	74/56/c	85/65/pc	92/67/pc
Little Rock	81/65/pc	88/69/pc	88/71/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	93/77/pc	93/77/s	88/75/s
Athens	74/65/sh	78/66/sh	79/67/sh
Beirut	80/72/c	75/65/sh	74/63/s
Berlin	66/47/sh	66/53/c	70/57/sh
Bermuda	76/70/sh	76/70/s	76/70/s
Calgary	52/46/r	52/39/r	52/39/c
Dublin	55/46/sh	54/48/pc	57/45/pc
Edmonton	69/42/c	63/41/pc	61/41/pc
Freeport	87/73/t	86/72/sh	86/72/pc
Geneva	63/47/sh	71/51/pc	76/53/sh
Havana	90/69/t	90/71/t	89/71/t
Hong Kong	88/77/s	93/78/s	89/77/s
Jerusalem	85/66/pc	76/58/c	75/55/s
Johannesburg	58/40/s	57/42/s	63/42/s
Kiev	74/54/s	80/58/s	83/59/pc

Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	89/70/t	91/70/t	91/69/t
Clearwater	89/72/t	89/73/t	90/74/t
Coral Springs	87/73/t	88/75/t	86/75/pc
Daytona Beach	85/69/pc	85/70/pc	86/70/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	86/77/t	87/77/t	86/77/pc
Fort Myers	89/71/t	91/71/t	90/70/t
Gainesville	89/65/t	89/66/t	89/66/pc
Hollywood	88/73/t	88/75/t	88/75/pc
Homestead AFB	86/74/t	86/74/t	85/74/t
Jacksonville	88/66/t	88/67/t	86/66/pc
Key West	87/77/t	87/79/pc	88/78/pc

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

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After 25 years, Oprah Winfrey has ended her popular syndicated talk show. Here's a look back on her rise to fame

1990

"Having bought, designed and taken charge of her own studio, Winfrey can now rightfully consider herself a mogul. She is certainly big enough that newspapers and magazines across the country would fly their writers here to get the first peek at Harpo Studios, despite a ban on photographers and limiting the writers to a news conference instead of interviews."

— Mark Caro, March 18, 1990

1992

"Oprah Winfrey has announced her engagement to longtime companion Stedman Graham, whom she has dated for six years."

— Tribune wire services, Nov. 8, 1992

1997

"What began as Winfrey's effort to promote reading with a once-a-month segment on her talk show has become a double-edged sword for public libraries and bookstores nationwide. They're delighted with the influx of readers. But they often can't supply the books after Winfrey makes her announcements."

— Carolyn Starks, May 1, 1997

1998

"Legally, Oprah Winfrey cleaned the cattlemen's clocks in their own feedlot. But does last week's jury verdict exonerating the talk show host of defamation charges give lasting comfort that free speech, as Winfrey declared Thursday, 'not only lives, it rocks'? Probably not."

— Tim Jones, March 1, 1998

"The variable-weight champion of daytime talk is undergoing a rare period of public repudiation. Her beloved big-screen movie project is getting the cold shoulder from audiences, despite a fairly positive critical reception. More starkly, her daily daytime talk show — her power and popularity base — seems to be alienating not only the predictably dyspeptic critics but even some longtime fans. They decry its new resemblance to a New Age revival tent, with Herself as the charismatic leader and a smug little coterie of self-help authors passing the collection plates and pocketing much of the proceeds."

"This is strange turf for Winfrey, who has enjoyed almost unchecked exaltation from public and press alike."

— Steve Johnson, Nov. 23, 1998

2000

"But free speech doesn't rock for everyone, notably employees at Chicago-based Harpo Inc., the corporate parent of Winfrey's production studio operation. To work at Harpo, all employees must sign an agreement prohibiting them from talking or writing about Winfrey's personal or business life and the affairs of her company — for the rest of their lives."

— Tim Jones, April 16, 2000

"With so much of O, the person, on hand, O, the magazine, makes Martha Stewart look like a shrinking violet, which may be part of the plan. The magazine adds power to Winfrey's challenge of Stewart for dominance in the field of personality-driven lifestyle guidance."

— Steve Johnson, April 19, 2000

2007

"One of America's best-known faces put her fame on the line in a rare dip into partisan politics Saturday, as Oprah Winfrey brought her brand name and credibility to Sen. Barack Obama's presidential bid. ... The one-woman media empire denied she is trying to do for Obama what her book club has done for authors."

— John McCormick, Dec. 9, 2007

2009

"Although she began Tuesday's show by shouting 'Greatest city in the world,' Winfrey became so big, so fast, that she transcended place. (Chicago's) celebrities are athletes and newsreaders, the occasional musician. Our celebrities have two names. Winfrey is something else, the global brand that you forget is also a company with a headquarters somewhere specific. It was interesting to have her on our big street for a day, but come Wednesday morning — except on her true home, television — there'll be little trace of her."

— Steve Johnson, Sept. 9, 2009

"Winfrey plans to tell viewers on Friday's show that she will retire the Chicago-based syndicated gabfest at the end of her current contract, which runs through the 2010-11 season, her 25th on national TV. It's going to be a long goodbye."

— Phil Rosenthal, Nov. 20, 2009

1983

"Despite the fact that ('A.M. Chicago') has been doing better with a host than it did with Robb Weller, Oprah Winfrey was named Thursday as the show's host."

— INC. column, Dec. 2, 1983

1984

"Oprah Winfrey, who succeeded Robb Weller as the host of 'A.M. Chicago' on WLS, has pulled the show into a virtual dead heat with WBBM's Phil Donahue on the strength of several phenomenally popular episodes."

— Eric Zorn, March 5, 1984

"Winfrey is about as spontaneous as, say, a charge up San Juan Hill. ... On- and off-screen, her presence is undeniable, despite her short Chicago track record: three months. She is greeted by strangers on the street, recognized in restaurants and once was driven to work by a policeman when she was late and couldn't get a cab."

— Jon Anderson, March 13, 1984

1985

"Pulling off her first national TV outing with aplomb, WLS-TV's morning tornado Oprah Winfrey swept onto NBC's 'The Tonight Show' and challenged 'designated guest host' Joan Rivers to a duel. She'll lose 30 pounds if Joan loses 5."

— Jon Anderson, Jan. 31, 1985

"Saying Oprah Winfrey is hot is like saying Refrigerator Perry is big. Everyone wants her, from Life magazine to 'Entertainment Tonight.' And everything she wants, from her part in 'The Color Purple' to a pair of shoes, comes her way."

"Channel 7 may be surprised at Winfrey's phenomenal success, Phil Donahue may be in shock, but Winfrey? Not her. Her self-confidence is as big as her, uh, heart. 'I was like a hit album waiting to be released,' she says. 'I knew my day would come.'"

— Cheryl Lavin, Dec. 19, 1985



COURTESY OF WARNER BROS.
Winfrey as "Sofia" in the 1985 film "The Color Purple."

1986

"When I have children, I want to teach them: That you are responsible for your life."

"A really great evening to me is: Ordering in some pasta, opening up a great bottle of wine and then getting into bed with a terrific book."

"If I could change one thing about myself, it would be: My hips."

"People who knew me in high school thought I was: An Oreo. It was 'in' to hate white people, but to me, color never mattered."

"I knew I was a grown-up when I: Started to pay my bills on time."

"The best time of my life: Now. I'm comfortable with myself, and life is good and getting better."

— Winfrey's responses in "Vital Statistics" column, Tribune Sunday magazine, Sept. 7, 1986

1987

"She can exhibit a giddy tendency towards shameless self-promotion; she is her own best fan. On a recent show featuring actor Danny Glover, Winfrey showed a film clip from 'The Color Purple.' The clip featured Glover approximately 20 percent of the time; Winfrey the other 80 percent. And during a show on which short men talked about how insensitively they are treated by society, Winfrey just happened to drop the information that her current beau is 6-foot-6."

— Marcia F. Coburn, March 22, 1987

1988

"The new Oprah is authoritative rather than fun-loving. She still is loud and self-involved and overweight, but now gives the impression she has worked that out, and will interrupt almost any guest to tell us how much she has learned in the process. ..."

"Of course, the new Oprah is as much an exhibitionist as the old, though her parading is now more high-toned, replacing talk of diets with how she sent Phil Donahue cham-

It would be a fool's errand to count the words the Chicago Tribune has devoted to Oprah Winfrey over the years. There have been many, as the woman shot from talk show host hired from Baltimore to one-name superstar. What follows is merely a selection from the paper's Oprah chronicles, and what is clear is that those at the paper were kind of shocked by her meteoric ascent too.

— Compiled by Steve Johnson, Chicago Tribune



CHICAGO TRIBUNE/MCT

Oprah Winfrey, then host of "AM Chicago," in 1984.



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"O, The Oprah Magazine" debuted in April 2000.



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Then Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama addresses a crowd of 29,000 people with special guests, Michelle Obama and Oprah Winfrey, at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, S.C., in 2007.

1989

"The history of Harpo Productions waits to be written."

Now it exists in blueprints of the handsome production facility on West

Washington Boulevard, which also will house a new studio for her TV show."

— Rick Kogan, March 19, 1989

pagne or bought her mother a fur coat. Somebody probably told her she is a role model. So, instead of being 'natural,' Oprah is being 'successful,' and, my, she does let us know."

— Alan G. Armer, Jan. 10, 1988

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LIVE SPORTS ON TV

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
 Miami 3, Chicago 1

Chicago 103, Miami 82
 Miami 85, Chicago 75
 Sunday: Miami 96, Chicago 85
 Tuesday: Miami 101, Chicago 93, OT
 Thursday: Miami at Chicago, late
 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 4, Oklahoma City 1

Dallas 121, Oklahoma City 112
 Oklahoma City 106, Dallas 100
 Dallas 93, Oklahoma City 87
 Monday: Dallas 112, Oklahoma City 105, OT
 Wednesday: Dallas 100, Oklahoma City 96

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
 Boston 3, Tampa Bay 3

Tampa Bay 5, Boston 2
 Boston 6, Tampa Bay 5
 Boston 2, Tampa Bay 0
 Tampa Bay 5, Boston 3
 Monday: Boston 3, Tampa Bay 1
 Wednesday: Tampa Bay 5, Boston 4
 Friday: Tampa Bay at Boston, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
 Vancouver 4, San Jose 1

Vancouver 3, San Jose 2
 Vancouver 7, San Jose 3
 San Jose 4, Vancouver 3
 Sunday: Vancouver 4, San Jose 2
 Tuesday: Vancouver 3, San Jose 2, 2OT

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	27	21	.563	—
Boston	27	22	.551	½
Tampa Bay	26	23	.531	1½
Toronto	24	25	.490	3½
Baltimore	23	24	.489	3½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	30	17	.638	—
Detroit	25	23	.521	5½
Kansas City	22	26	.458	8½
Chicago	23	28	.451	9
Minnesota	16	32	.333	14½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	26	24	.520	—
Los Angeles	26	25	.510	½
Seattle	24	25	.490	1½
Oakland	23	27	.460	3

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

Wednesday's Games
 Boston 14, Cleveland 2
 N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 3
 Tampa Bay at Detroit, ppd., rain
 Seattle 3, Minnesota 0
 Texas 2, Chicago White Sox 1
 Baltimore 9, Kansas City 2
 L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 1

Thursday's Games
 Kansas City at Baltimore, late
 Boston at Detroit, late
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, late
 Chicago White Sox at Toronto, late

Friday's Games
 Boston (Wakefield 1-1) at Detroit (Porcello 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 4-3) at Toronto (Drabek 3-3), 7:07 p.m.
 Cleveland (Tomlin 6-1) at Tampa Bay (Price 5-4), 7:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Adcock 1-0) at Texas (C.Lewis 4-5), 8:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Chatwood 3-2) at Minnesota (S.Baker 2-3), 8:10 p.m.
 Baltimore (Tillman 2-3) at Oakland (G.Gonzalez 5-2), 10:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (A.J.Burnett 5-3) at Seattle (Pineda 6-2), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
EAST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	30	19	.612	—
Florida	28	19	.596	1
Atlanta	28	23	.549	3
New York	23	25	.479	6½
Washington	21	28	.429	9
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	30	21	.588	—

AUTO RACING
SATURDAY
 10 a.m. NASCAR – Top Gear 300, Qualifying . . . ESPN2
 2:30 p.m. NASCAR – Top Gear 300 ABC

BOXING
FRIDAY
 9 p.m. Steve Chambers vs. Josesito Lopez . . . ESPN2

COLLEGE BASEBALL
SATURDAY
 10:30 a.m. SEC Tournament SUN
 7:30 p.m. ACC Tournament SUN

COLLEGE LACROSSE
SATURDAY
 4 p.m. NCAA Tournament Semifinal ESPN2
 6:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament Semifinal ESPN2

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
FRIDAY
 7 p.m. NCAA Tournament Super Regional . . . ESPN2
 11:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament ESPN2

SATURDAY
 Noon NCAA Tournament Super Regional . . . ESPN
 2:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament Super Regional . . . ESPN
 5 p.m. NCAA Tournament Super Regional . . . ESPN
 7:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament Super Regional . . . ESPN
 9 p.m. NCAA Tournament Super Regional . . . ESPN2

GOLF
FRIDAY
 9 a.m. EuroPGA – BMW Championship GOLF
 Noon PGA – Senior Championship GOLF
 3 p.m. PGA – Byron Nelson Championship GOLF

SATURDAY
 9 a.m. EuroPGA – BMW Championship GOLF
 3 p.m. PGA – Senior Championship NBC
 3 p.m. PGA – Byron Nelson Championship CBS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
FRIDAY
 2 p.m. Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs WGN
 7 p.m. Cleveland at Tampa Bay SUN

SATURDAY
 1 p.m. Chicago White Sox at Toronto WGN
 4 p.m. Cleveland at Tampa Bay SUN
 7 p.m. Regional – Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, Boston at Detroit or Cincinnati at Atlanta FOX

NBA PLAYOFFS
FRIDAY
 9 p.m. Oklahoma City at Dallas, if necessary . . ESPN

SATURDAY
 8:30 p.m. Chicago at Miami, if necessary TNT

TENNIS
FRIDAY
 Noon French Open, Third Round ESPN2

SATURDAY
 Noon French Open, Third Round NBC

UEFA SOCCER
SATURDAY
 2 p.m. FC Barcelona vs. Manchester United FOX

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Milwaukee	27	23	.540	2½
Cincinnati	26	24	.520	3½
Pittsburgh	22	26	.458	6½
Chicago	21	26	.447	7
Houston	19	31	.380	10½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	27	21	.563	—
Arizona	25	24	.510	2½
Colorado	24	24	.500	3
Los Angeles	22	29	.431	6½
San Diego	20	30	.400	8

Tuesday's Games
 Colorado 12, Arizona 4, 1st game
 Atlanta 2, Pittsburgh 0
 Cincinnati 6, Philadelphia 3
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Houston 4
 Chicago Cubs 11, N.Y. Mets 1
 Milwaukee 7, Washington 6
 Arizona 5, Colorado 2, 2nd game
 St. Louis 3, San Diego 2, 11 innings
 Florida 5, San Francisco 1

Wednesday's Games
 Atlanta 4, Pittsburgh 2, 11 innings
 Milwaukee 6, Washington 4
 Houston 2, L.A. Dodgers 1
 Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 1
 Philadelphia 5, Cincinnati 4, 19 innings
 N.Y. Mets 7, Chicago Cubs 4, 7 innings
 Arizona 2, Colorado 1
 Florida 7, San Francisco 6, 12 innings

Thursday's Games
 Cincinnati at Philadelphia, late
 N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs, late
 Florida at San Francisco, late
 Arizona at Colorado, late

Friday's Games
 Pittsburgh (Correia 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (D.Davis 0-2), 2:20 p.m.
 San Diego (Richard 2-5) at Washington (Lannan 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Oswalt 3-2) at N.Y. Mets (Capuano 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati (LeCure 0-1) at Atlanta (Hanson 5-3), 7:35 p.m.
 Arizona (D.Hudson 5-5) at Houston (Myers 1-4), 8:05 p.m.

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	T	Pts GF GA
Philadelphia	5	3	2	17 8 7
New York	4	2	5	17 17 10
Houston	3	4	5	14 15 13
Columbus	3	3	4	13 8 10
New England	3	4	4	13 10 14
D.C.	3	4	3	12 13 18
Toronto FC	2	4	6	12 11 17
Chicago	1	4	5	8 13 17
Sporting K.C.	1	6	1	4 11 18

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	T	Pts GF GA
Los Angeles	7	2	5	26 19 12
FC Dallas	6	3	3	21 14 10
Portland	5	3	2	17 13 14
Seattle	4	4	5	17 14 12
Real Salt Lake	5	1	2	17 9 2
Colorado	4	3	5	17 14 12
Chivas USA	3	4	3	12 11 10
San Jose	3	4	3	12 12 12
Vancouver	1	5	5	8 12 16

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

Wednesday's Games
 New York 2, Colorado 2, tie
 FC Dallas 1, Seattle FC 0
 Los Angeles 1, Houston 0

Saturday's Games
 Philadelphia at Toronto FC, 12:30 p.m.
 New York at Vancouver, 5:30 p.m.
 Chivas USA at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at New England, 8 p.m.
 FC Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Sporting K.C. at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Seattle FC at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

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.

Camps run from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and cost \$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 administered 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.

Dragon Summer Hoops

LAKE PLACID – Green Dragon Basketball will be holding its' annual summer camp from June 13-17 at the 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 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.

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.

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.

Panther Volleyball Camps

AVON PARK – This summer the South Florida Community College volleyball program has more camps to offer than ever before.

If there is a camp date that you could attend but the age group is different than yours please call and special arrangements could be made.

Individual private sessions for indoor and sand are available year-round.

Call/Email to schedule today!

June 2011
 Sand:13-16 (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. (Grades 9-12) \$60
 Indoor:13- 16 (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 11:30-1:30 p.m. (Grades 5-12) \$60
 –Attend Both Sand and Indoor camps June 13-16: \$100

July 2011
 Sand:11-14 (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 8:30 -10:30 a.m. (Grades 9-12) \$60
 Indoor:11-14 (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 11:30-1:30 p.m. (Grades 5-12) \$60
 –Attend Both Sand and Indoor camps July 11-14: \$100
 Indoor: 25-28 (4 days) Monday-Thursday
 Morning Session (Grades 5-8) 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$60
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 Contact Coach Crawford with any questions at kim.crawford@southflorida.edu, cell: 863-835-2377, or Office: 863-784-7037.

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.

Turtles guided to light by instinct

Continued from 1B August.

Nests incubate in the beach sand from 45 to 60 days during peak nesting season, and hatching season extends through Oct. 31.

As baby sea turtles start to hatch, a depression in the sand forms over the nest.

The young turtles work their way to the surface and almost immediately head for the brightest horizon.

Instinct tells these baby turtles that the sea reflects the greatest amount of light, and their only chance for survival lies in that direction — away from the darker shadows of the dunes that line the back of an undeveloped beach.

Even when clouds obscure the stars and moon, the sea surface provides sufficient reflected light to lure the hatchlings — unless artificial light from beachfront homes and businesses interferes with Mother Nature's grand plan.

The bright light at the front door of people's homes acts as an after-dark guidepost, welcoming them to a place of safety.

But for baby sea turtles, bright, artificial lights splashing from a home or business toward the beach send them a false message — that the safety of the water lies in the direction of the building.

It's usually a deadly piece of misinformation for baby turtles.

Adult female turtles also can suffer from light-disorientation when they come ashore at night to lay their eggs.

Bright, artificial lights can cause adult turtles to head in the direction of a busy highway or toward other land-based dangers.

Fortunately, there's an easy and inexpensive fix to protect sea turtles from the disorienting effects of beach lighting:

Simply shield your lights

from shining toward the beach.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) recommends lights be shielded starting on March 1 in Brevard and Broward counties, and May 1 in all other counties, through Oct. 31 everywhere.

If there is a need to light development landward of the sea turtle nesting beach, special lighting systems are available.

They are designed to eliminate the turtle's confusion as to which way the water really is.

There's still another common habit that can have very serious consequences for baby turtles.

During sea turtle nesting season, furniture should be removed from the beach at night because it acts as a barrier to the hatchlings.

The delay exposes them to a greater risk of predation.

Sometimes furniture proves an impenetrable barrier that hatchlings can't negotiate.

Some of the simple things we do and take for granted on a daily basis can have serious consequences for wildlife.

No matter where you live in Florida, be it on a rural dirt road or on the beachfront where sea turtles and shorebirds nest — take a little time to find out about the wildlife in your area and check local lighting ordinances if you live on the coast.

Visit MyFWC.com or call your nearest FWC regional office for information about the simple and inexpensive things you can do in your daily routine to help conserve and ensure the future for Florida's wildlife.

And to those who already make these minor adjustments to help wildlife survive for future generations, a sincere thank you.

Bolts hang on, face off in clincher tonight

Continued from 1B

awards. He's won the Stanley Cup and he's always been a big part," the Lightning's 21-year-old forward added. "He knows what to do and how to react in those situations. He stepped up before the game and said a few words, and just the respect he has from every single guy on the team, we take it to heart. ... He's been our go-to guy, and he was again."

The Bruins are seeking their first trip to the Stanley Cup finals in 21 years, and the Lightning will try to clinch their first appearance on hockey's biggest stage since they won their only league title in 2004.

The Western Conference champion Vancouver Canucks await the winner.

"We've been able to bounce back, but it's going to be our toughest challenge. We need to put together a full 60 minutes and that's going to be important going into the next game," Boston forward Milan Lucic said.

St. Louis assisted on a third-period goal that put the Lightning up 4-2.

His second goal — and NHL-leading 10th of the playoffs — restored Tampa Bay's two-goal lead after Boston pulled to 4-3 on one of two goals Krejci scored to keep the Bruins close in the

closing minutes.

Roloson, who didn't play in Game 5 after being pulled from two of the previous three games because of ineffectiveness, also gave up a pair of first-period goals and finished with 16 saves.

"It's just one game now, and we've got to focus on what we've got to do and play 60 minutes or 120 or 420, whatever it's going to take to win the game," Roloson said.

Boston's Tim Thomas gave up another early goal, then struggled after Krejci and Milan Lucic scored to give the Bruins a 2-1 lead through one period.

The Lightning took control when St. Louis, Purcell and Stamkos scored power-play goals within a 12-minute span of the second and third periods.

"The fourth win, they don't give it to you, as we learned once again. Not that we were looking for them to give it to us. It's just more proof that's the way it goes," said Thomas, who stopped 21 shots after a superb performance in Game 5 moved the Bruins within one victory of their first Stanley Cup finals appearance since 1991.

Roloson improved to 7-0 in elimination games during his career, including 4-0 this postseason.

The Lightning rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat Pittsburgh in the first round, with their 41-year-old goalie shutting out the Penguins in Game 7 on the road.

"I wasn't aware of it. It's nothing. I don't think it's me. It's the teams that I've played on. ... It's not about individuals," Roloson said. "It takes a whole team to win hockey games, and that's what it's all about in this locker room also."

Bruins coach Claude Julien said his team would need to play its best game of the series to clinch it, and the Bruins certainly had to have some doubt about how the night might go after Teddy Purcell scored the first of his two goals on Tampa Bay's first shot of the game.

Lucic countered for Boston less than 7 minutes later with a wrist shot from the slot that got past Roloson.

Krejci's third goal of the series, after he took a nice backhand pass from Daniel Paille, gave the Bruins a 2-1 lead with 3:30 remaining in the first period.

But an inability to take advantage of three more power plays caught up with Boston in the middle of the second period when Tampa Bay, which hadn't scored in man-advantage situations

since Game 2, converted three within 12 minutes to regain the lead for good.

Despite the loss, the Bruins are confident returning home.

They faced a similar situation in the opening round, losing Game 6 on the road against Montreal before winning Game 7 at TD Garden.

"I think our guys are going to be fine for Game 7," Julien said. "I know our guys will be ready and positive, and our job is to make it happen."

Notes: Krejci's hat trick — giving him 10 goals this postseason to share the league lead with St. Louis — was Boston's first in a playoff game since Cam Neely did it April 25, 1991 against Montreal. ... Tampa Bay's "Big Three" of St. Louis, Stamkos and Lecavalier combined for three goals and five assists after contributing just one goal and two assists in the previous three games. That goal was an empty-netter by St. Louis in Game 4. ... Purcell's quick goal marked the fourth time in the series a team scored less than 2 minutes into a game. ... The Lightning played without injured LW Sean Bergenheim, who missed the last two periods of Game 5 with an undisclosed injury.



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Baby sea turtles instinctually head for the reflected light of the ocean to survive, but can be drawn to other sources of light at their peril.

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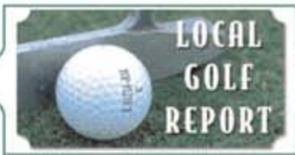
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By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling books "The Slot Swing" and "The 8-Step Swing," illustrated by Phil Franke

Golf Hammock

Last Monday the Mezza group played individual pro-am golf at Golf Hammock CC. Joe Martini shot a 77 for a plus 4 to take first place in A group and Denis Shank was in second place with a plus 2.

Doug Haire also shot a 76 to take first place with a plus 6 in B group and Paul Brown made plus 3 for second place.

Bob Hughes had plus 1, good enough for first place in C group and Sal Sbotto was at even for second place.

Bob Colandrea was on form with a plus 7 to take first place in D group while Terry Yandle made plus 4 for second place.

John Tyner made plus 5 in E group good for first place and Larry Spry was at minus 2 for second place.

Next week the Mezza group will play at Golf Hammock CC beginning at 8 a.m.

Pete Mezza will be on vacation for the next month and Joe Hyzny can be contacted at 318-7960.

Lake June West Golf Club

A Scramble was played on Thursday, May 19.

Winning first place was the team of Ken Rowen, Joe and Joyce Swartz and Margaret Schultz with 51; and second place, John and Shelly Byron, Norma Colyer and Bill Brouhle with 52.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 8, Shelley Byron, 5-feet-5-inches; Men, No. 2, John Byron, 8-feet-6-inches; and No. 4, Don Boulton, 10-feet-10-inches.

The Men's Association played a Men's Best Ball event on Wednesday, May 18.

Winning first place was the team of Claude Cash, Dick Denhart, Don Boulton and Dick Reaney with 35.

Closest to the pin: No. 4, Dick Denhart, 5-feet-10-inches; and No. 8,

Claude Cash, 11-feet-5-inches.

Pinecrest

The Men's Association played Team and Individual Pro-Am Points on Wednesday, May 25.

Vern Gates, Jack Litalien and Wayne Courson topped the team competition with +6, while Gates took A Division, individually, with +3.

Larry Holzworth won B Division with +3 and Courson took C Division honors with a +4.

Placid Lakes

The Men's Golf Association played a One Best Ball event Wednesday, May 25 and saw the team of Bill Lockwood, Chuck Fortunato and Taft Green take first with a -17.

One shot behind, at -16, were Bruce Miseno, Wayne Wood and Jim Hays, while there was a two-way tie for third.

The teams of Bob McMillian, Howard Ticknor and Bud Snyder came in with a -15, which was then equaled by Russ Isaacs, Ed Bartusch, David Raciti and Al Verhage.

Isaacs was closest to the pin, getting to 8-feet, 8-inches from No. 6.

The Men's Association played an individual quota points event on Wednesday, May 18.

The winners were: First place, Ken Burnette with plus-12; and second place, Bud Snyder with plus-9. Tying for third/fourth places were Frank Fisher and David Raciti with plus-7 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Frank Fisher, 17-feet-7-inches.

River Greens

The Morrison Group played a game on Monday, May 23.

Tying for first/second/third places were Jim Cercy, Lefty St. Pierre and Cecil Lemons with 68 each.

The Men's Association played a Men's Day event on Friday, May 20.

Winning first place was the team of Butch Smith, Jim Cercy, Dick McClay and Peter March with minus-29; and second place, Ken Koon, Don McDonald, Neil Purcell and Bob Bieber with minus-28.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Ken Koon, 12-feet-6-inches; No. 5, Ken Koon, 7-feet-1-inch; No. 12, Dick Long, 9-feet-6-inches; and No. 17, Jim Cercy, 28-

feet-6-inches.

An Evening Scramble was played Friday, May 20.

Winning first place was the team of Don and Jody Ethan, Charlie Seralde, Tom Stewart and Kay Conkle.

The Ladies Association played a pro am tournament on Thursday, May 19.

Winning first place was the team of Bev Rudd, Kay Conkle, Betty Leblanc and Linda Therrien.

Individual winners were: First place, Linda Therrien with plus-10; second place, Helen Ochala with plus-7.5; and third place, Fran Neil with plus-6.5.

The Morrison Group played a game on Thursday, May 19.

Winning first place were Joe Graf and Lefty St. Pierre with 55. Tying for second/third/fourth places were Gil Heier and Len Westdale; Don McDonald and Jim Cercy; Tim Thomas and Ken Koon with 58 each.

The Men's Association played a pro am tournament on Wednesday, May 18.

Winning first place was the team of Lefty St. Pierre, Brian Vanslooten, Len Westdale and Bob Bieber with plus-12.5; and second place, Jerry Lewis, Tim Thomas, Gil Heier and Cliff Steele with minus-2.

Individual winners were: A Flight - First place, Romy Febre with plus-5.5. B Flight - First place, Ken Koon with plus-5. C Flight - First place, Brian Vanslooten with plus-4. D Flight - Tying for first/second places were Al

Farrell and Lefty St. Pierre with plus-4.5 each.

The Golfettes played a game on Tuesday, May 17.

Winning first place was the team of Betty Leblanc, Kay Conkle, Sally Dworak and Helen Ochala with minus-26; and second place, Pat Kincer, Carole McClay, Bev Rudd and Jo Sherman with minus-21.

The Morrison Group played a game on Tuesday, May 17.

Winning first place was the team of Harold Plagens, Russ Rudd, Cliff Steele and Lefty St. Pierre with minus-18.

The Men's Association played a Men's Day event on Monday, May 16.

Winning first place was the team of Len Westdale, G.L. Heier and Bob Bieber with minus-21; second place, Cecil Lemons, Keith Kincer and John Van Slooten with minus-17; and third place, Bob Streeter, Harold Plagens and Tim Thomas with minus-16.

Closest to the pin: No. 3, Fred Evans, 4-feet-1-inch; No. 5, Ken Koon, 21-feet; No. 12, Cliff Steele, 7-feet-1-inch; and No. 17, Bob Streeter, 17-feet-6-inches.

SpringLake

On Wednesday, May 25, the SpringLake Women's Golf Association played a Low Gross/Low Net Tournament on the Panther Creek Course.

Club Champion, Teri Swisher, won first place in Flight A with a low gross 88.

Second place was won by Linda Pfleger who shot 89.

Flight B low gross was a tie with Sharon Warner winning over Jean Donahue after both shooting 96.

Jean Donahue was the Flight B low net winner with 68.

Low Net, Flight A winner was Debbie Delaney, 66, and Mary Cebula was second with 69.

YMCA Soccer Camp

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING - The Highlands County Family YMCA will be hosting a Youth Soccer Camp for ages 6-14 on Monday, June 13, Wednesday June 15 and

Friday, June 17. The cost \$40 for members and \$ 60 for non-members. Registration fee includes a camp T-shirt. Call 382-9622 for questions.

Sebring Elks Tourney

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING - This month's Elks golf tournament will be held Monday, June 6, at Golf Hammock Country Club (change in venue from Harder Hall to Golf Hammock). Cost for the 8 a.m. shotgun start is \$25 per player.

To register either your team or as an individual player, contact Jack McLaughlin at 471-3295, or by email at jackn-judy33872@gmail.com. Check in no later than 7:40 a.m. in the Harder Hall restaurant area.



Fish gives US 1 man in French Open's 3rd round

Associated Press
PARIS - Mardy Fish of the United States reached the French Open's third round for the first time by beating Robin Haase of the Netherlands 7-6 (1), 6-2, 6-1 Thursday.
Fish, of Tampa, Fla., is seeded 10th at Roland Garros, making him the top American in the field.
It's also his highest seeding at any Grand Slam tournament.
With No. 24 Sam

Querrey's loss earlier Thursday, Fish will be the only U.S. man in the third round at Roland Garros.
Fish saved the only break point he faced, while accumulating 17 break points against Haase and converting five.
The 29-year-old Fish lost his opening match in three of five previous trips to Paris.
Haase, who's ranked 54th, is 5-9 in Grand Slam matches.
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Tampa's Mardy Fish is the only American male left at the French Open.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Medicines and supplements can raise your cholesterol

Dear Pharmacist: I started two new medications a few months ago, and suddenly my cholesterol is too high. It's so bizarre because I had perfect numbers all my life, and I eat well and exercise. Can drugs raise cholesterol?

— J.G. Breckenridge, Colorado

Answer: Yes, hundreds of them can. Nowadays, people are quick to take statins (like Zocor) and fibrates (like Tricor) to lower their cholesterol, but you are spot on. Something you take every day for one condition can cause your cholesterol to creep up. People are always shocked when they find out they are causing their own cholesterol problems (either with low carb diets, or with medications) but it's true. Some dietary supplement can raise it too. Momentarily, I'll list some popular items that cause hypercholesterolemia; some cause slight increases while others really spike it. The type of reaction is very individual and it takes weeks to months to occur. If you think that your medica-

tion is causing high cholesterol, speak to your doctor about discontinuing that medicine, or switching to something that doesn't elevate your numbers quite so badly. I am not suggesting that people stop their medicine, that's up to you and your doctor. Here goes, in no particular order:

— Rosaglitazone (Avandia): Once upon a time, a blockbuster diabetes drug, this can raise cholesterol. That's the least of it's worries, as consistent reports of life-threatening reactions have led the United Kingdom and South Africa to both withdraw this drug from their countries. Hmm.

— Vitamin D: I love this antioxidant, but some people are overdoing it. Excessive D can cause excessive calcium in the blood, and this can cause hypercholesterolemia.

— Diuretics: These 'water pills' help reduce blood pressure. The "thiazide" and "loop" diuretics are known to elevate total

cholesterol, LDL and blood glucose.

Hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ) is sold as a drug itself, and also found in dozens of combo drugs sold under various brand names, usually ending in "HCT." And furosemide (brand name Lasix) is quite possibly the world's most popular loop diuretic. Any med that contains HCTZ or furosemide may contribute to high cholesterol.

— Escitalopram (Lexapro): A popular antidepressant, related to Celexa. The slight elevation was shown in post-market studies.

— Fluoxetine (Prozac): Another popular antidepressant that may raise cholesterol, cause hypoglycemia and trigger gout episodes; it may reduce iron and potassium (sparking cardiac arrhythmias).

— Creatine: A dietary supplement used primarily by sports enthusiasts, bodybuilders and people with muscle disorders and Lou Gehrig's disease. It may cause a slight elevation in cholesterol if you take large



Dear Pharmacist

Suzy Cohen

doses.

— Prednisone: This anti-inflammatory drug and its cousins in the "corticosteroid" class can cause high cholesterol with chronic use; it doesn't matter if you take the steroid orally, inject it or inhale it.

— Olanzapine (Zyprexa): Used to treat schizophrenia, it has caused severe elevations in triglycerides (greater than 500 mg/dL) in some individuals.

Did you know?

New JAMA study finds that a low-salt diet may up your risk for heart attack.

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

3 Days to Health seminar planned

AVON PARK — Most Americans are bombarded with enough information from many sources to know that lots of fruits and vegetables eaten daily provide the underpinnings of good health. Yet, the offerings out there seem to negate positive choices. Television and magazine advertisements, convenience foods and recipes sometimes often point one into high sugar foods, high fat foods and lots of food additives.

If you are interested in learning how to balance meals by adding nutritious, healthy foods for yourself and your family, you are invited to a free event entitled "3 Days to Health" at the Avon Park (formerly Walker) Seventh-day Adventist Church (1410 West Avon Blvd.) from 6:30-8:30 Tuesday through Thursday.

Chet and Bev Cook, director of Hallelujah Acres Lifestyle Center, will present lectures and video clips in addition to preparing recipes which will be sampled by those attending.

Register by e-mail: p7vboling@wildblue.net or call Vicki Boling at (863) 635-6769.

Snapshots

Amplified telephone distribution

SEBRING — Hearing Impaired Persons will distribute amplified telephones to Florida residents who have a hearing or speech loss, in the conference room at Nu-Hope Elder Care Services, 6414 U.S. 27 South in Sebring, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Thursday, June 2.

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

Outreach schedule

Ace Homecare offers the following community outreach events this week:

— Tuesday: 9 a.m. Health Fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27 Sebring.

— Wednesday: 8 a.m. Health Fair, Villa Del Sol, behind Winn Dixie, U.S. 27, Avon Park; 9 a.m. Health Fair, Avon Park Meal Site, Main Street.

— Thursday: 10 a.m. Caregiver training, Balmoral Assisted Living Facility 93 Balmoral Road, C.R. 621, Lake Placid; 10:30 a.m. Caregivers support group, Balmoral Assisted Living Facility.

Sun poses long-term dangers to people who work outdoors

Guest Column

Dr. Donald Bucklin

With the summer and its heat approaching, almost everyone will be out in the sun more than they were during the winter.

For 9 million Americans, being outside and in the sun is not just for summer fun — it's a part of their job.

Workers in farming, landscaping, construction, recreation and even postal workers will spend hours in the sun — and consequently be exposed to potentially harmful levels of ultraviolet radiation.

Ultraviolet radiation, and specifically UVB, is the main environmental hazard to the outdoor worker. Most workers' shifts include the peak intensity hours of UV exposure — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Since this type of radiation — UVB — easily penetrates clouds, it can reach worrisome levels even on days where little sun is visible. It easily passes through glass and can be reflected into areas of apparent shade.

UVB penetrates through the tough, dead outer layers of skin, into the replicating layers. It is there that it interacts with the living tissue, not entirely in a negative fashion — UV radiation on unprotected skin produces Vitamin D. Many believe, and there is some evidence to back it up, that there are anti-cancer properties in this potent antioxidant vitamin.

But radiation on living tissue also has a biologic cost. UVB radiation causes DNA damage and is officially listed as a carcinogen. This damage is cumulative. Ultraviolet radiation and skin cancer share a similar relationship to that of cigarette smoking and lung cancer. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, those who work outside are twice as likely to contract skin cancer as indoor workers.

To protect workers from this hazard, we need to reduce the dose of UVB



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People who make their living outside need to be aware of the dangers of skin cancer.

radiation.

The obvious solution for employers is to instruct workers to avoid sun exposure and seek shade when available. When possible, employers can rotate or stagger work shifts so that employees spend less time working during the sunniest parts of the day.

While the suggestion that people wear long-sleeve shirts during high temperature periods usually is greeted with derision, in fact there are a variety of new fabrics with high Sun Protection Factor values that are light weight, breathable and durable.

One of the oldest fabrics, cotton, has long been recognized for its skin protective value in the hottest climates. Cotton long-sleeved, loose-fitting shirts and pants, and broad-billed hats

are some effective clothing options for outdoor workers. In dry climates, the fabric actually soaks up sweat and is an effective evaporative cooler.

Sunblock provides UV protection, but the level of protection is almost universally overestimated.

The most common error people make is using high Sun Protection Factor, sweat-proof sunblock and applying it only once. Sunblock generally loses effectiveness after about two hours due to sweating, the friction of clothing and deterioration due to sunshine. And too often, too little is applied. An ounce is recommended to get advertised protection. But remember, sunblock isn't "liquid shade."

These common sense protective measures can help

safeguard you and your employees year round, but particularly during the summer months when, in most parts of the country, exposure to UVB radiation is highest. With awareness and a few simple steps, we can help workers avoid the short-term sting of a sunburn and the long-term consequences of too much sun exposure.

Dr. Donald Bucklin is the National Medical Review Officer for the Valencia, Calif.-based U.S. HealthWorks, which has nearly 160 occupational medicine centers in 13 states. For more information, visit www.ushealthworks.com.



Some Risks Are Worth Taking. Your Health Isn't One of Them.

First, 32 people die every day of skin cancer in the USA. Second, most skin cancer deaths are preventable. Therefore, forgiveness is the chance to prevent skin cancer with a Dermatology skin exam. Therefore, forgiveness is the Lord offering you free will to not be a statistic.

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Lawsuit seeks to curb animal feed antibiotic use

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal lawsuit filed in New York is seeking to force the government to reduce the use of antibiotics in animal feed on the grounds it diminishes the effectiveness of the drugs to treat people.

The lawsuit was filed in Manhattan federal court on Wednesday.

It accuses the federal Food and Drug Administration of failing to protect human health after concluding in 1977 that feeding animals low doses of certain antibiotics was potentially harmful to people's health.

The lawsuit says the antibiotics are sometimes given to healthy farm animals to promote faster growth and to protect them in unsanitary living conditions.

It says the danger to humans occurs when the

antibiotics promote antibiotic-resistant bacteria that can infect people.

The FDA did not immediately respond to a message for comment.

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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — The Sixth Sunday in Easter Celebration will be led by Deacon David Thoresen. Eucharist Assistant/Lector will be Ed Graff.

Council meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7 in counting room.

The Labyrinth Prayer Garden, on the east side of the church's premises, is open seven days per week for members as well as the public. It was designed after a famous one in France, in loving memory of a former member-Kaitlyn Gossett.

Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — "In All Things We Commend Ourselves as Ministers of God" (II Corinthians 6:4-10) will be the message presented by Minister Larry Roberts on Sunday. The Lord's Supper is served every Sunday.

The Sunday evening service will be a devotional in the fellowship hall followed by a fingerfood fellowship.

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

Christ Lutheran Church, LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday, Pastor Scott McLean will be

preaching a sermon entitled "By the Grace of God: You're a Keeper!"

The church is at 1320 C.R. 64, east the Avon Park High School. For more information, call 471-2663 or visit www.christluther-anavonpark.org. This is an LCMS congregation.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced." The keynote Psalms 9:6, "The enemy is gone forever. . . the LORD rules forever."

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: Part 2" at the Sunday morning service.

The Wednesday night Bible study will continue the book of Hebrews.

Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — All are invited Sunday to help send-off Stepping Out in Faith on their "Mission For the Master 2011"

Church News

tour. They will be sharing their program during the usual worship time.

Skook and Gayle Wright are some of the church's Traveling Music Ministries, and though it is hard to say goodbye, this powerful message with joys, praises, challenges and worship touches so many lives outside of our community. After services, members of the church will join hands in a prayer circle around the RV.

Wednesday evening's mid-week Bible study and discussion time is an informal setting with open discussion.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "Searching for God" with Scripture taken from Acts 17:22-23.

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

First Christian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — "Believe It Or Not!" (Part 2) will take a look at John 12:44-50.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor St.

(behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail firstchristianap@embarqmail.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Dick and Sharron Campbell. Communion will be served by Carol Chandler, Barbara Slinkard, Carol Graves and Mike Graves.

Greeting the congregation will be Charles and Mary Ann Thomas. 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 Rev. Ron's sermon is titled "Love Must Be Sincere" taken from Romans 12:9-17. The church will have a brief memorial remembering loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord since last year.

The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave. Call 385-0352.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday, Pastor Bob Johnson's sermon is entitled "How Will We Finish?"

based on Ecclesiastes 12:1-4.

Special music will be provided by Pastor Bob and Maxine Johnson.

Sunday School is available for all ages. Maxine Johnson, adult teacher, continues the study of David in II Samuel 12 in which Nathan rebukes David.

Wendy Garcia teaches the youth class and discusses issues of today and how the Bible instructs us.

Wednesday morning, Pastor Johnson will conclude the study of Revelation.

There will be no Bible study during the summer months. It will resume in September.

On Thursday, June 2, the Men's Fellowship meets at 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.

On Saturday, June 4 the Women's Ministries will have their quarterly luncheon at noon. Mary Circle is hostess.

The theme is friendship. The devotional "God's Garden" will be given by Ginger Schmidt.

Wendy and April Garcia will provide special music.

Installation of officers will also take place.

The church is at 215 E. Circle Street (with two entrances on Lagrande Street).

For more information, call the church office at 453-3242.

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

Places to Worship is a paid advertisement in the News-Sun that is published Friday and Sunday. To find out more information on how to place a listing in this directory, call the News-Sun at 385-6155, ext. 502.

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.fbclcp.com. Pastor Brett Morey, senior pastor. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Senior Sunday Night and Sunday Evening Bible study at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Adult-LifeSource classes, prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and Kids K-5-MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. Men meet at 8 a.m. every Tuesday for prayer breakfast and women's prayer breakfast is at 8 a.m. every Wednesday, both at the Family Restaurant.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lorida** located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida is the

"Place to discover God's love." For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 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 Bautista 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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First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — “To Live is Christ and to Do is Gain” is the title of Sunday morning’s sermon given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

The church office will be closed Monday.

Grief Support Group meets in the adult classroom on Tuesday. Youth Group (ages 11-18) meets in fellowship hall.

Adult Bible study in Wednesday morning in the adult classroom.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message on Sunday morning with the youth providing the music for the service.

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

Christian Comedy Night is Saturday in the Family Life Center.

Vacation Bible School is June 13-17 for kindergarten through fifth grade from 9 a.m. until noon. Register online.

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 St. The website is www.sebringfirst-tumc.com

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore’s sermon this week will be “Freedom and Forgiveness are Never Free” with Scripture from Luke 7:36-50. Communion is offered during the service weekly

The service will also include Roland Bates singing “This Land is Your Land” and Flossi Moore singing “I am Thankful to be an American.”

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

Wednesday night are the Young Adult and Children’s Programs taught by George Kelly, Jon and Amanda Armentrout and Toby

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.

Cribbs. It features a free meal.

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Claude Burnett, pastoral assistant, will preach at the Heritage Worship Service and the Celebration Worship Service on the Memorial Day theme. The Sanctuary Choir will present music on this theme at the second service.

The children’s sermon will be presented in the Sanctuary and then they will proceed to the Sonshine Club House for their worship service.

Rev. Fred Ball will preach at the New Song contemporary service in Rob Reynolds Hall. Nursery care is available at the Creepy Crawly clubhouse for all morning events.

There will be no Youth Group meeting Sunday and Bible Fellowship is discontinued for the summer. The Church office will be closed on Monday.

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

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, “The Tree of Life,” is from Revelation 22 (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the Sunday morning message.

The evening service will be the

end-of-the-month-sing and fellowship. The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and Bible study continuing in I Timothy.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro’s sermon will be “The Promise of the Spirit” taken from John 14:15-21. Nursery is provided at all three services.

Bible Study is Tuesday. Men’s Fellowship and Prayer Breakfast is Wednesday morning. St. John Youth meet Wednesday evening.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, Pastor Keith Simmons will be preaching on “Make Christ Your Lord!” The Scripture reading will be from I Peter 3:13-22.

Sunday school will meet in the Fidelis Room. They will be studying “Tree of Life,” taken from Revelation 22.

Children’s Sunday school is

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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: redeemeravon.com. The church is at 839 Howe’s Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun ‘N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

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

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

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

■ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Gary Kindel, 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. Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 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). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church,** 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:30 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.bfcspring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church,** 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening 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.fpcpc.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: avonparksebring@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling; and Associate Pastor Kameron DeVasher. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

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RELIGION

Preaching the word highly regarded in scripture

Preaching is highly regarded in the scriptures. Some of Jesus' parting words to the apostles were "preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) The Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul proclaimed, "For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe." (1 Corinthians 1:21) Preaching the gospel is part of the wisdom of God.

Therefore, that great beginning on Pentecost (Acts 2) was centered around the preaching the word. Jesus had previously told the apostles (Luke 24:47) they would preach repentance and remission of sins to all nations beginning at Jerusalem. When their questions regarding the Holy Spirit were

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answered, Peter then declared, "Men of Israel, hear these words..." and proceed to tell of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection...amazing grace. (Acts 2:22-24)

Pause for a moment and recall that the Word of God is identified as a sword (Ephesians 6:17) and even sharper than a two-edged sword. (Hebrews 4:12)

"Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:36) With this "sword," when they heard, they were cut to the heart and asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

As believers, they were instructed by the Spirit via Peter, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (verse 38) Further words of exhortation were given such as "Be saved from this perverse generation." Remember that the audience was challenged to "hear these words" because it was necessary for the following response.

"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them." (verse 41) Wow, preach the Word for it has power to move and save...the foolishness of preaching," not the preaching of foolishness!

However, a "red flag" must be raised as it was in

Second Timothy 4:2-4, "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."

This prophecy is fulfilled before our very eyes, therefore, take heed: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves." (Matthew 7:15)

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Singing Under the Oaks is today

SEBRING — Singing Under the Oaks with Dave and Judy, featuring country music and southern gospel, is every second and fourth Friday (today) of the month at 7 p.m. at 3414 Beck Ave. There is a \$5 donation at the door. There will be door prizes. Come one, come all and enjoy.

For more information, call 253-0771.

New Day Quartet in concert Saturday

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The church is at 707 W. Main St. For more information please call 452-5165.

Rev It Up at Bethany VBS

AVON PARK — Rev It

Church News

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"The Kid's Zone." There is a nursery available. Also, on Wednesday evening, "The Kid's Zone" meets after the meal.

Southside Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Rev. David Altman will speak on "Remember My Chains" from Colossians 4:7-18 in the Sunday morning worship service. Children's church and a nursery are available. The focus on prayer for all nations will be observed in the evening worship service.

Wednesday services include a student ministry and adult Bible study and prayer meeting.

The church is at 379 S. Commerce Ave. Call 385-0752.

Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — The message for Sunday morning is

Snapshots

Up at Bethany Baptist Church Vacation Bible School June 13-17. This race car-themed week will include Bible stories, snacks, games, crafts, singing and a real race car will be on hand for the Friday night closing program.

Times are Monday through Friday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for grades kindergarten through sixth. The church will also Rev It Up on Friday night with barbecue for all who want to come. There is no cost, but any donations will go to Camp Sparta in Sebring.

Bethany Baptist Church is on the corner of S.R. 17 and C-17A in Avon Park. If you have any questions, call the office at 452-1136.

Salute to Armed Forces set

SEBRING — Living Waters Church of God at 4751 Sparta Road will have a special Memorial Day service on Sunday at 10 a.m.

There will be songs and a dramatic battle scene will be presented. After the service, there will be hamburgers and hot dogs served.

"Abraham the Awesome" with Scripture taken from Genesis 12:1-3.

It will be given by the Rev. Don Davis.

The Way Church

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum's message is "Northern Campaign of Israel" with Scripture from the book of Joshua.

On Sunday evening, the Way Church will be showing the film "God of Wonders." Combining exquisite nature footage and scientific insights with Scripture, it examines the size of the universe, the symmetry of snow crystals, the complexity of DNA, and more.

Pastor Buxbaum will be leading another "Evening of Prophecy" at Homer's Restaurant on Monday.

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

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Jerusalem, a 'cup of trembling'

What just happened on Israeli borders on May 15? It was called day of Nakba, or day of Catastrophe. It was the day after Israel took possession of their land and declared it a nation.

Hi, my name is Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum from "The Way", and I like to have a word with you.

God's word is clear that the land belongs to Israel, and that they will return to it from all four directions. "Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back'.... (Isaiah 43:5-6 NIV)

Not only did God promise to bring the Jews back to their homeland, he also promised them that the wasteland would blossom



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Reinhold Buxbaum

again. "The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying in the sight of all who pass through it. They will say, "This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited." (Ezekiel 36:34-35) As foretold, Israel currently exports over 800 million dollars worth of fresh produce each

year!

Even more specific, God tells the Israelites that many types of trees will be planted in the desert. "...the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle and the olive, I will set pines in the wasteland, the fir and the cypress together, so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this...". Since 1900 more than 1 billion trees have been planted in Israel, after 2000 years of wasteland.

And by the way, the one and a half million Arabs who choose to stay behind in Israel have a higher living standard than any other Arabs anywhere in the Middle East with voting rights and representation in the Knesset.

Two months ago, we discussed how the Moslem states around Israel will redirect their anger against Israel.

The in-fighting within the countries will turn against their arch enemy Israel, and on May 15 we saw this anger coming from all sides against Israel. How long until it turns into an all-out war? (Psalm 83)

Egypt is calling to nullify their peace agreement, Libya blames the Jews, Gaza with Hamas wants war, Syria is also looking for a reason to fight, and it will soon have it's chance! Israel will be victorious, because God has more plans with the Jews!

Yes, the stage is set for the second coming of Jesus!

Reinhold Buxbaum is Pastor of The Way Church, he teaches "An Evening in Prophecy at Homer's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month.

What kind of man is your husband?

I've been reading a book about being a help meet. It suggests that there are three types of men. This and the next two columns will deal with those types of men and how to be the best help meet for them. The first type is the leadership, take charge type.

This commanding personality is also one of God's traits. This man tends to dominate and will often end up in a position of leadership. He goes above and beyond the call of duty, may be a workaholic. He needs a wife who is content to wait on him and his every whim. He is strong and resourceful, the protector of his family. He needs strong affirmation from his wife that he is her knight in shining armor. He needs to know she

The Marriage Mentor

Aleta Kay

feels secure with him. He isn't much for small talk and doesn't seem to need anyone. He needs a wife who is patient, loyal and obedient. He will treasure such a wife.

He may need to know your whereabouts every minute of the day. He is interested in your welfare. He worries about you and wants to know you are safe at all times. It may not come across that way, but if you want him to treasure you, learn to be thankful for his care. Let him know you appreciate his concern.

He needs to be the leader of his family. He needs to be in

control. God made him that way. You can end up divorced if you try to change him.

He needs a wife who will share in his glory, be faithful and sit by his side in total admiration. If you do this you will become his closest, perhaps only confidante. Over the years he may become more gentle and less gruff.

Ephesians 5:33 tells the wife to reverence (revere or respect) her husband. It is not an option. It is a command

and will lead to a happy marriage.

Most men of this type are not intentionally cruel or evil. When the wife doesn't treat him as he feels he deserves he reacts badly. He may not live up to all of your expectations, but if you treat him in the manner described above, you'll have a wonderful life together.

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Minn. church with cabin habit scraps Sunday service

Associated Press

DULUTH, Minn. — For hundreds of years, people have gone to church services on Sundays. But at one church in Duluth this summer, Sunday will not be the day to congregate and celebrate the Lord. Instead, that day will be Wednesday.

"You've got to do something bold and different once in a while," said the Rev. Peter Bagley. It started with one member of the congregation who reportedly said, "I like church. I also like going to the cabin."

That sentiment, plus an annual decrease in summer church attendance, got others thinking — until they had a revelation.

"Our solution is to have our regular worship service at a time when our disciples can attend," Bagley said.

While he knows some may question whether changing the day of worship is a biblically correct thing to do, Bagley points to a similar issue raised in the Roman church during the days of the Apostle Paul.

According to Romans 14:5-6, he said, "One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it."

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DIVERSIONS

'Panda 2' is lovely but lacks fresh kick

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

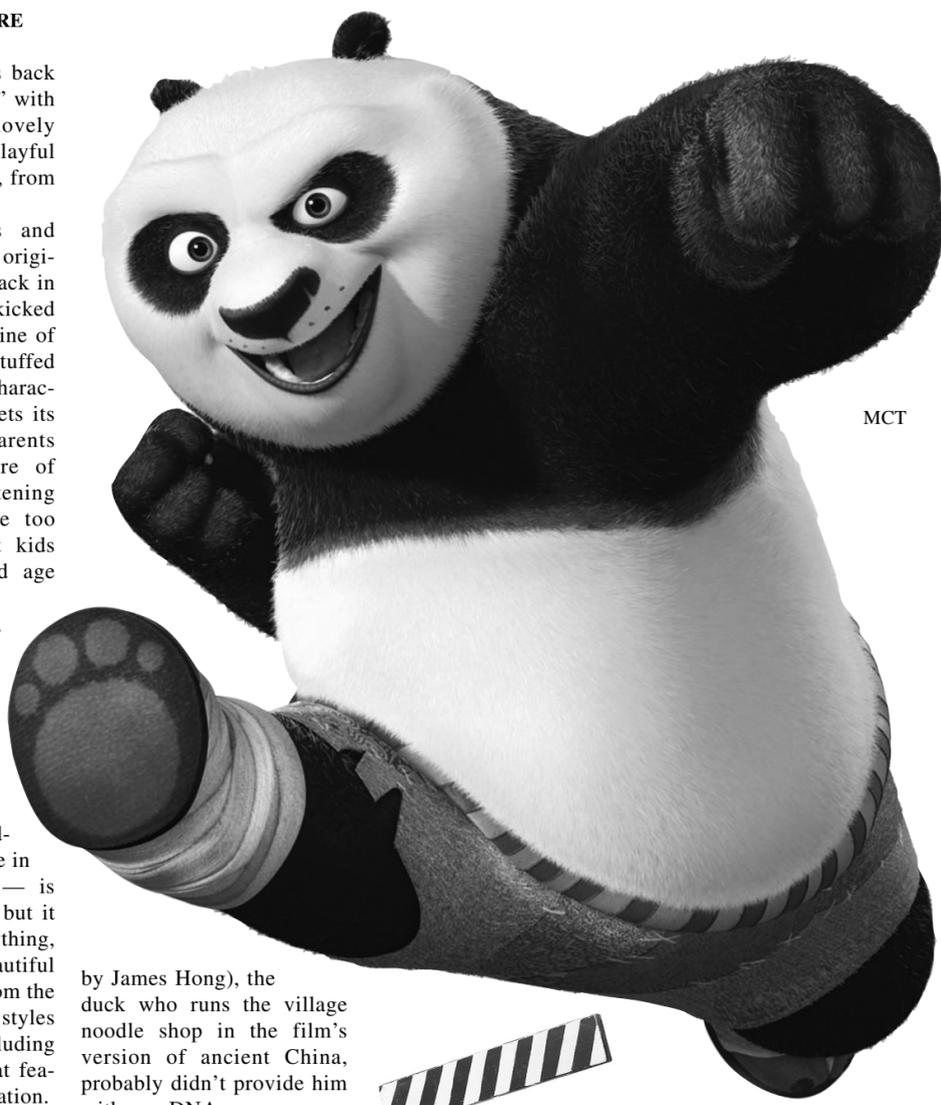
The roly-poly Po is back in "Kung Fu Panda 2," with high energy, some lovely visuals and peppy, playful voice work, as always, from star Jack Black.

But the freshness and novelty that made the original film such a kick back in 2008 has been, well, kicked to bits. And the storyline of this sequel feels overstuffed with plotlines and characters, none of which gets its due individually. Parents also should be aware of some violent, frightening imagery that may be too much for the littlest kids (we're talking around age 4).

Everyone else, though, will probably delight in the animated spectacle from director Jennifer Yuh Nelson, which is bright and tactile, bold and subtle. The 3-D — you didn't think it wouldn't be in 3-D, now did you? — is generally unobtrusive but it doesn't really add anything, either. The most beautiful parts actually come from the other kinds of visual styles that are worked in, including a delicate segment that features paper-style animation.

"Delicate" probably isn't the first word that comes to mind when pondering the portly Po, who's gone from the underdog dreaming of kung-fu greatness all day at his dad's restaurant to the Dragon Warrior himself. He must protect the Valley of Peace with the help of The Furious Five, the various animal species who fight alongside him and happen to come with celebrity voices.

One day, Po begins having flashbacks to long-suppressed childhood memories, and he begins to wonder who his biological parents might have been. As lug-headed as Po can be, even he can figure out that Mr. Ping (lovingly voiced



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by James Hong), the duck who runs the village noodle shop in the film's version of ancient China, probably didn't provide him with any DNA.

And so Po goes on a quest — as so many kung-fu warriors must — in search of his past. At the same time, a megalomaniacal peacock named Lord Shen (Gary Oldman) is hell-bent on dominating the country with some serious firepower. These two story lines run parallel to each other and eventually collide but never truly gel.

It's an admirable attempt to develop the character beyond the usual animated kids' movie hero, but it also results in a crammed narrative that'll make you wish they'd stuck with one story or the other.

In every way, it feels like there's too much going on



Movie Review

'Kung Fu Panda 2'

Rating: PG (sequences of martial arts action and mild violence)

Running time: 90 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

— and that includes having too many characters. This is especially true when it comes to Po's posse, The Furious Five. Except for Angelina Jolie as the fierce

Tigress, the animals who comprise Po's team — Monkey (Jackie Chan), Mantis (Seth Rogen), Viper (Lucy Liu) and Crane (David Cross) — do plenty of fighting but only get a couple of lines here and there, and they're not fleshed out terribly well.

Dustin Hoffman returns in a reduced role as Po's diminutive mentor, Master Shifu (and there's not nearly enough of him), with Jean-Claude Van Damme, Dennis Haysbert and Michelle Yeoh among the other actors joining the supporting cast.

The way to true inner peace comes from knowing that more doesn't necessarily equal better.

Winfrey finale devoted to fans, her 'safe harbor'

By **CARYN ROUSSEAU**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — There were no free cars or vacations. No favorite things or makeovers. No celebrity guests on stage — though there were plenty in the audience.

The finale of Oprah Winfrey's talk show, taped Tuesday and aired Wednesday, was all about the one thing that made her a billion-dollar success: the unique connection she made with millions of viewers for 25 years. In what she called her "love letter" to fans, she made clear that to her, all those TV friendships went both ways.

"Something in me connected with each of you in a way that allowed me to see myself in you and you in me," Winfrey said. "I listened and grew, and I know you grew along with me."

Winfrey was the only person on stage with little background music and short flashback clips. The show went to commercials with "Twenty-Five Years," a soft song that musician Paul Simon wrote and recorded for her.

She called fans her "safe harbor" and became teary eyed when reflecting on her upbringing in rural Mississippi.

"It is no coincidence that a lonely little girl," Winfrey said, choking up, "who felt not a lot of love, even though my parents and grandparents did the best they could, it is no coincidence that I grew up to feel a genuine kindness, affection, trust and validation from millions of you all over the world."

Winfrey told viewers that sometimes she was a teacher, but more often her viewers instructed her.

She called Wednesday's episode her "last class from this stage."

At one point she thanked viewers for sharing her "yellow brick road of blessings"

— something she said back in November 2009, when she announced that she would end her show. The program gave rise to a media empire, including a magazine and Winfrey's own cable network, which she launched in January.

Wednesday's show was the last piece of a months-long sendoff, but as the hour wrapped up, Winfrey stopped short of saying farewell.

"I won't say goodbye. I'll just say, until we meet again," she said.

She hugged and kissed her longtime partner Stedman Graham and shook hands with audience members before walking through the halls of Harpo Studios in Chicago, hugging and crying with her staff. She shouted, "We did it!"

The last shot of the finale showed Winfrey walking away with her cocker spaniel, Sadie.

Some fans across the country had parties for the finale. Sharon Evans, 53, of Chicago had pancakes with her mother and girlfriends.

"She was very subdued today and I appreciated that she was taking that last hour not to showcase any celebrities or favorite things," Evans said.

"It was truly what she said, a love letter to us."

Amy Korin, 32, of Chicago, was in the studio audience when the show taped on Tuesday.

She described Winfrey's monologue as having the feeling of a graduation commencement speech. "It was just amazing to witness," she said.

Celebrities in the audience included Tyler Perry, Maria Shriver, Suze Orman and Cicely Tyson. None of them joined Winfrey on stage.

A week earlier, Hollywood A-listers and 13,000 fans bid Winfrey farewell in a double-episode extravaganza at Chicago's United Center.

Family's southern drawls are not music to California ears

Dear Abby: While I am not from the South, many of my relatives are. They all were raised in medium to large cities, not rural areas. I'm embarrassed when they use crude terms and call their parents "Ma" and "Pa" in public. These are well-educated people, but they come across sounding like hicks and buffoons.

They think it's funny, but no one outside our family does. If someone laughs with them, it's because of embarrassment or discomfort. No one else is willing to speak up and when I try to, they make me feel like I'm a spoiled brat.

If these people were from rural areas or uneducated/uncultured I'd understand, but they're not. The sound of their "fake hickness" is like fingernails on a chalkboard! Please help.

— *Keeping It Real in Laguna Beach, Calif.*

Dear Keeping It Real: I'm sorry that visits from your relatives are so painful for you. However, I see nothing wrong with calling one's parents "Ma" and "Pa" if those are the names they have been called all their lives. Believe me, I have heard parents called much worse.

The best advice I can offer would be for you to grow a thicker skin and, if that doesn't work, spend less time with your relatives. With your attitude, you'll be doing them a favor.

Dear Abby: Should I be a bridesmaid in my best friend "Carla's" ex-husband's wedding? I'm still friends with him, which is fine with Carla. I have also become quite close to his fiancée, "Jenny." We have a lot in common and have been hanging out for some time. Jenny has asked me to be in her wedding.

I haven't talked to Carla yet to see how she'd feel about it. I don't feel like she'll be completely honest with me. Would I be stabbing her in the back if I'm in the wedding? I need advice, and quick — the wedding is soon!

— *Friends With Everybody*

Dear F.W.E.: Because you're concerned about Carla's reaction to your being a part of her ex-husband's wedding, you should address your question to her. My gut reaction is that if it feels to you like it could be stabbing her in the back, it might be perceived that way.

Dear Abby: What is the protocol for office romances? I have seen so many flings and love affairs go on. Sometimes it's fine, but other times it has caused a big distraction.

A supervisor dating a subordinate is probably frowned upon, but what if they're in different departments? Should an office romance be kept secret, or out in the open so rumors won't



Dear Abby

— *Curious In The Cubicle*

Dear Curious: There is no "protocol." Most companies discourage office romances because they're a distraction and make workers less efficient. If they happen between a supervisor and a subordinate and it doesn't work out, it could lead to accusations of sexual harassment and an expensive lawsuit. So while the tempta-

tion may be there, what's "right" is to avoid them and what's "wrong" is to indulge in one because it's risky business.

Dear Abby: When closing window blinds for the night, is it normal or proper to close them with the blades or slats in the upward or downward position? My wife and I disagree on this. I maintain they should be closed in the upward position. What do you or the experts say?

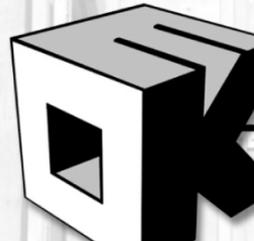
— *In The Dark in Texas*

Dear In The Dark: I have never encountered this question, so my staff and I experimented with the mini-blinds in our office, which has many windows. Tilting the

slats up blocked more light than when we tilted them down.

However, this is not a question of what is "normal" or "proper." It's a matter of what works best for you.

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After 25 years, Oprah Winfrey has ended her popular syndicated talk show. Here's a look back on her rise to fame

1990

"Having bought, designed and taken charge of her own studio, Winfrey can now rightfully consider herself a mogul. She is certainly big enough that newspapers and magazines across the country would fly their writers here to get the first peek at Harpo Studios, despite a ban on photographers and limiting the writers to a news conference instead of interviews."

— Mark Caro, March 18, 1990

1992

"Oprah Winfrey has announced her engagement to longtime companion Stedman Graham, whom she has dated for six years."

— Tribune wire services, Nov. 8, 1992

1997

"What began as Winfrey's effort to promote reading with a once-a-month segment on her talk show has become a double-edged sword for public libraries and bookstores nationwide. They're delighted with the influx of readers. But they often can't supply the books after Winfrey makes her announcements."

— Carolyn Starks, May 1, 1997

1998

"Legally, Oprah Winfrey cleaned the cattlemen's clocks in their own feedlot. But does last week's jury verdict exonerating the talk show host of defamation charges give lasting comfort that free speech, as Winfrey declared Thursday, 'not only lives, it rocks'? Probably not."

— Tim Jones, March 1, 1998

"The variable-weight champion of daytime talk is undergoing a rare period of public repudiation. Her beloved big-screen movie project is getting the cold shoulder from audiences, despite a fairly positive critical reception. More starkly, her daily daytime talk show — her power and popularity base — seems to be alienating not only the predictably dyspeptic critics but even some longtime fans. They decry its new resemblance to a New Age revival tent, with Herself as the charismatic leader and a smug little coterie of self-help authors passing the collection plates and pocketing much of the proceeds."

"This is strange turf for Winfrey, who has enjoyed almost unchecked exaltation from public and press alike."

— Steve Johnson, Nov. 23, 1998

2000

"But free speech doesn't rock for everyone, notably employees at Chicago-based Harpo Inc., the corporate parent of Winfrey's production studio operation. To work at Harpo, all employees must sign an agreement prohibiting them from talking or writing about Winfrey's personal or business life and the affairs of her company — for the rest of their lives."

— Tim Jones, April 16, 2000

"With so much of O, the person, on hand, O, the magazine, makes Martha Stewart look like a shrinking violet, which may be part of the plan. The magazine adds power to Winfrey's challenge of Stewart for dominance in the field of personality-driven lifestyle guidance."

— Steve Johnson, April 19, 2000

2007

"One of America's best-known faces put her fame on the line in a rare dip into partisan politics Saturday, as Oprah Winfrey brought her brand name and credibility to Sen. Barack Obama's presidential bid. ... The one-woman media empire denied she is trying to do for Obama what her book club has done for authors."

— John McCormick, Dec. 9, 2007

2009

"Although she began Tuesday's show by shouting 'Greatest city in the world,' Winfrey became so big, so fast, that she transcended place. (Chicago's) celebrities are athletes and newsreaders, the occasional musician. Our celebrities have two names. Winfrey is something else, the global brand that you forget is also a company with a headquarters somewhere specific. It was interesting to have her on our big street for a day, but come Wednesday morning — except on her true home, television — there'll be little trace of her."

— Steve Johnson, Sept. 9, 2009

"Winfrey plans to tell viewers on Friday's show that she will retire the Chicago-based syndicated gabfest at the end of her current contract, which runs through the 2010-11 season, her 25th on national TV. It's going to be a long goodbye."

— Phil Rosenthal, Nov. 20, 2009

1983

"Despite the fact that ('A.M. Chicago') has been doing better with a host than it did with Robb Weller, Oprah Winfrey was named Thursday as the show's host."

— INC. column, Dec. 2, 1983

1984

"Oprah Winfrey, who succeeded Robb Weller as the host of 'A.M. Chicago' on WLS, has pulled the show into a virtual dead heat with WBBM's Phil Donahue on the strength of several phenomenally popular episodes."

— Eric Zorn, March 5, 1984

"Winfrey is about as spontaneous as, say, a charge up San Juan Hill. ... On- and off-screen, her presence is undeniable, despite her short Chicago track record: three months. She is greeted by strangers on the street, recognized in restaurants and once was driven to work by a policeman when she was late and couldn't get a cab."

— Jon Anderson, March 13, 1984

1985

"Pulling off her first national TV outing with aplomb, WLS-TV's morning tornado Oprah Winfrey swept onto NBC's 'The Tonight Show' and challenged 'designated guest host' Joan Rivers to a duel. She'll lose 30 pounds if Joan loses 5."

— Jon Anderson, Jan. 31, 1985

"Saying Oprah Winfrey is hot is like saying Refrigerator Perry is big. Everyone wants her, from Life magazine to 'Entertainment Tonight.' And everything she wants, from her part in 'The Color Purple' to a pair of shoes, comes her way."

"Channel 7 may be surprised at Winfrey's phenomenal success, Phil Donahue may be in shock, but Winfrey? Not her. Her self-confidence is as big as her, uh, heart. 'I was like a hit album waiting to be released,' she says. 'I knew my day would come.'"

— Cheryl Lavin, Dec. 19, 1985



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Winfrey as "Sofia" in the 1985 film "The Color Purple."

1986

"When I have children, I want to teach them: That you are responsible for your life."

"A really great evening to me is: Ordering in some pasta, opening up a great bottle of wine and then getting into bed with a terrific book."

"If I could change one thing about myself, it would be: My hips."

"People who knew me in high school thought I was: An Oreo. It was 'in' to hate white people, but to me, color never mattered."

"I knew I was a grown-up when I: Started to pay my bills on time."

"The best time of my life: Now. I'm comfortable with myself, and life is good and getting better."

— Winfrey's responses in "Vital Statistics" column, Tribune Sunday magazine, Sept. 7, 1986

1987

"She can exhibit a giddy tendency towards shameless self-promotion; she is her own best fan. On a recent show featuring actor Danny Glover, Winfrey showed a film clip from 'The Color Purple.' The clip featured Glover approximately 20 percent of the time; Winfrey the other 80 percent. And during a show on which short men talked about how insensitively they are treated by society, Winfrey just happened to drop the information that her current beau is 6-foot-6."

— Marcia F. Coburn, March 22, 1987

1988

"The new Oprah is authoritative rather than fun-loving. She still is loud and self-involved and overweight, but now gives the impression she has worked that out, and will interrupt almost any guest to tell us how much she has learned in the process. ..."

"Of course, the new Oprah is as much an exhibitionist as the old, though her parading is now more high-toned, replacing talk of diets with how she sent Phil Donahue cham-

It would be a fool's errand to count the words the Chicago Tribune has devoted to Oprah Winfrey over the years. There have been many, as the woman shot from talk show host hired from Baltimore to one-name superstar. What follows is merely a selection from the paper's Oprah chronicles, and what is clear is that those at the paper were kind of shocked by her meteoric ascent too.

— Compiled by Steve Johnson, Chicago Tribune



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Oprah Winfrey, then host of "AM Chicago," in 1984.



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Then Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama addresses a crowd of 29,000 people with special guests, Michelle Obama and Oprah Winfrey, at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, S.C., in 2007.

1989

"The history of Harpo Productions waits to be written."

Now it exists in blueprints of the handsome production facility on West

Washington Boulevard, which also will house a new studio for her TV show."

— Rick Kogan, March 19, 1989

pagne or bought her mother a fur coat. Somebody probably told her she is a role model. So, instead of being 'natural,' Oprah is being 'successful,' and, my, she does let us know."

— Alan G. Armer, Jan. 10, 1988