Ogg clarifies voter registration letters
Registration mailings confusing, not fraudulent

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Complaints to Highlands County Supervisor of Elections Penny Ogg about mailed voter registrations prompted her to put out an alert notification on the Vote Highlands website — the website where voter registration letters are from third party companies and it does not mean that the person who received it is not registered to vote.

The letters are a result of a mass mailing throughout Highlands County. Ogg estimated that about 800 people have received them. “This is something that they do,” Ogg said. “There are two companies mailing them right now, probably not for profits. One is the Voter Participation Center and the other is Center for Voter Information.”

Ogg explained how the mailings work and stressed that they do not come from her office.

The mailing agencies do not discriminate on who they send the registrations to, they have even


detailed the mailing process. The current voter registration plant is a repurposed wastewater plant for future development. It will go in a 7.5-acre wooded spot in the northeast corner of the district, with a new sewer plant and new road easement and commercial use.

There is another long-term advantage to building a bigger wastewater plant, said Ogg.

“DEP isn’t going to allow anyone to receive any reimbursement for Spring Lake’s new or existing residents to hook up to a central sewer system,” Ogg figures. “It’s just going to be a matter of time, even with the large capacity-stormwater treatment area, he wants to be sure DEP won’t action.”

County OK’s funds for Lake June Park renovations
Town can’t piggyback on restroom bid

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — For the last couple of years, the Spring Lake Improvement District has sought help from Tidewater to put sewer lines along U.S.

38.

The $720,000 appropriation was denied again in this last Legislative session, despite continued support from Florida House Rep. Stacy Pino (8th District). “I am not only disappointed, but surprised,” said Spring Lake General Manager Joel DeCerbo on Tuesday in an email.

While the money that was denied at the last Legislative session was large, said Ogg about mailed voter registrations, they have come from her office.

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The first phase of renovation at Lake June Park in Lake Placid will include, as shown, grass parking with paved drives, boat trailer parking, new restrooms and improvements. The process.

The current wastewater treatment plant is a repurposed wastewater plant for future development. It will go in a 7.5-acre wooded spot in the northeast corner of the district, with a new sewer plant and new road easement.

It will be right off of U.S. 38, where, once the sewer extensions are approved, the district can start building the road for commercial development.

DeCerbo said that immediately handles drainage and stormwater issues for any future development.

When Hurricane Irma hit last year, stormwater treatment area helped discharge 1.4 billion gallon of water.

Springs Lake had no flooded driveways, homes or septic issues, DeCerbo said.

Septic tanks are another issue.

Right now, the district has a sewer plant, for just a fraction of residents, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection wants it shut down this year.

DeCerbo and the Spring Lake Board of Supervisors have decided to make the best of a difficult situation and improve the district in the process.

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Source: http://typofood-facts.com/10-interesting-facts-about-coconut

man, woman injured in crash on State 70

LAKE PLACED — A man and a woman were seriously injured Friday morning when their ve-

cicle ran off the road and overturned, according to a news release from the Florida Highway Patrol.

Danyelle D. Conny, 22, and Graig E. Conny, 44, both of Fort Pierce, were transported by Med

Flight to Lee Memorial Hospital where they were listed in serious condition.

The news release did not state the relationship between the two.

Authorities said that Danyelle Conny, the driver, failed to maintain the vehicle within its land

of travel. The vehicle ran off the shoulder near State Road 70 and Robert Cove Road and then overturned.

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Little Theatre

hosts open house

expert in the community. Tuesday, March 27. The event will include light

refreshments, backstage tours, Q & A sessions, and more. From noon
to 6 p.m. Tours will be scheduled every hour on the half hour. Tour space is limited and will be

fled with a first-come, first-served basis.

The International Theatre Institute, ITI, marks this global occasion each year by inviting a renowned theater artist to write an international message.

This message is translated into more than 20 languages and released throughout the

ITI network (of more than 90 ITI centers and numerous cooper-

ating members) and theater organizations worldwide.

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the International Theatre Institute, the executive council has selected five message authors to write a message—one from each

UNESCO regions, the Americas, Asia, Pacific and Europe. The five authors are

Ram Gopal Bajaj (Asia), Maya Zib (Arab countries), Simon McBurney (Europe), Sabina Berman (The Americas) and Wèrë Liking (Africa).

“We are slated to participate in this grand celebration of theater,” said

Verronica Lopez, Little Theatre manager. “It is

a way to connect our contributions to the art form to those across the globe, to symbol-

ically join hands with theater-makers around the world.”

The Little Theatre is in the Atlevar Cultural Center on Lake

Jackson, 356 W. Center Ave., Sebring.
Passion play celebrates Christ’s resurrection

SEBRING — Six years ago, Blanca Idelfonco from St. Catherine’s Catholic Parish in Sebring had a dream to put on a passion play during Holy Week. She interested a number of other church members and the idea became a reality.

Today, more than 60 men and women have worked hard to make this year’s play the best and most reverent ever. It is scheduled for Good Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m at the St. Catherine’s Youth Center, 900 U.S. 27 N. That is just behind the Kentucky Fried Chicken on the right side of U.S. 27 heading north.

Roseno Arceo, one of the owners of Don Jose’s Mexican Restaurant in Sebring, will play the bad thief. He said: “Each year we add a little more. This year we are adding the Last Supper and Jesus washing the feet of his Apostles.” The play will also celebrate Christ’s resurrection.

Although the play will be spoken in Spanish, there will be an English translation. Each guest will also receive a flyer with the script printed therein. Congregation members serve as actors, make-up artists and wardrobe creators. The play attracted more than 250 guests last year, and this year we are adding the Last Supper with his friends, his trial, death and ultimate resurrection — beliefs held through faith by Christians throughout the world and celebrated during Holy Week.

The play will last about an hour and a half. This play will be an opportunity for area youth as well as churches and non-church attendees to learn about Jesus’ Last Supper with his friends, his trial, death and ultimate resurrection — beliefs held through faith by Christians throughout the world and celebrated during Holy Week.

There is plenty of seating and parking, but guests can also bring their own folding chairs. The entire play will take place under a tent if it rains. The long-term weather forecast calls for nice weather.

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Rayne (Mildred) Grubbs, 87, of Sebring, was arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County Jail on March 20, 2018 in Miami, Florida.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Miami, Florida.

Arrangements entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 427, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at stephensontnelson.com.

Robert Kay Grubb, 74, of Lake Placid, passed away on Monday, Feb. 6, 2018, at home in the late Arnold Kay and Catherine (Baker) Grubb on March 18, 1930 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was a son of the late Charles Albert and Marie J. Grubb, and was a fourth-generation Floridian.

Robert Kay was a graduate of Florida State University and the University of Florida School of Law. He was a partner in the law firm of Grubbs & Grubbs and then Grubbs & Grubbs, P.A., where he practiced law for over 45 years. He was a member of the Florida Bar, the Indian River County Bar Association, the State of Florida Bar, and the American Bar Association.

He is survived by his wife, Sally Ann Grubbs, and their two sons, Robert K. Grubbs, Jr. and Bruce A. Grubbs, and their two daughters, Kimberly Brown and Jessica Grubbs.

He is also survived by his sister, Patricia S. (Kay) Grubbs, of Avon Park, and his brother, Charles A. (Kay) Grubbs, of Florida.

He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Nancy A. (Kay) Grubbs.

He leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Robert Kay was a dedicated husband, father, and son. He was a devoted law partner and community leader. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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As the big silver graceful bird slowly circled and flapped, the curious islander was amazed. Out of that big hulky mass of clothes and feathers that seemed to be deeply involved in the motions of the tree and the wind, that second the subject of gun control comes up, they get defensive. Just debate these students... don’t dismiss them.

Regarding their knowledge of gun issues, they don’t diss them. ‘What right do those kids have to know and care about the problem, the history, the solutions?’

If we can’t have a discussion about the gun debate, then what is the First Amendment even for? But it bothers some of the students — many of them are only two young to vote, or to buy a gun — that people are advocating for the solution of some problems they are deeply involved in the process.

What’s more, these kids have to know that this is the law that should be on the books. How can these young people not understand the meaning of freedom and cases relating to the Second Amendment? They wonder. Anyone who has listened to these articulate young people on TV should have the answers to their questions.

As for their right to speak up, the First Amendment is in place to protect anyone who wishes to express their opinions regardless of age. Many of these students who are so young to vote, as they’re being questioned this year. Regarding their knowledge of gun issues, they were in a shooting gallery at their high school that was set up within a month ago. Why are they being questioned if not necessarily hooded? Solely interrogating them and their mistresses isn’t constructive, and certainly won’t make them go away. And it shouldn’t be that way. That’s what’s at stake. This is the kind of young people that society disagrees with these days.

None of these students do what we’ve been told to do by any other authority. They have a right to stand up. They are people who are doing the best they can with what they have been given to get the truth that is the real world!”

We know that some people feel their rights under the Second Amendment are under attack, and that they feel defensive when the subject of gun control comes up. That’s fine. Just debate these students... don’t dismiss them.

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AP to consider consultant in airport management search

By MARC VALERO
Steve Warner

AVON PARK — The Avon Park City Council will consider using a consultant to help with its search for a firm to operate the city’s airport.

The agenda for Monday’s meeting shows that the city staff and city attorney reviewed a contract for $4,800 with Amhurst Consulting Co. to develop a “request for qualifications” for the new fixed based operator (FBO) for the Avon Park Executive Airport.

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Lindsay has been working with the new state statutes on acceler- rated programs and the proposed area of re- sponsibilities, airport data, airport layout plans and more to draft a request for proposal, according to the scope of services outlined in the agreement.

Also, the agreement calls for Amhurst to as- sist the city in identifying target businesses, utilize industry contacts to pro- mote request for qualifi- cations and perform post- submittal evaluation of the responses.

After pilots describe various shortcomings of the airport and after a Feb. 5 council workshop on it, the City Council agreed to look to hiring an FBO to manage the airport.

Also on Monday’s agenda, the City Council will consider proposals from Excavation Point Inc. for three road paving projects including portions of Tulane Drive (from Excavation Point to the underpass), South Cummings Avenue (from Tulane to the lift station) and East Miracle Avenue (from East Main to East Circle). The total cost of the three paving projects is $61,260.

The Avon Park City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the Council Chambers at 123 E. Pine St.

Virtual bricks: Legoland Florida unveils 3D enhanced coaster

WINTER HAVEN (AP) — Legoland Florida has unveiled a new ride that combines an old-fashioned rollercoaster with virtual reality technology.

The Orlando Sentinel reported The Great Lego Race is an adaptation of an existing rollercoaster and was introduced to the public Friday.

Merlin Magic Making, a division of Legoland’s parent company, spent 1½ years developing the virtual-reality elements now layered on to the physical course.

Riders don a headset and are surrounded by sections of Lego’s trade- mark minifigures as they zoom down tracks.

The attraction now (virtually) goes where it would be nearly imposs- ible to go in real life: over cliffs, down rapids and into a cheering throng at the finish line.

The story revolves around a race between the rider and other mini- figures — with 3D Lego bricks everywhere.

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Advanced Academics overview slated for School Board meeting

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SEBRING — Expansion or being phased out? Social media comments about the School Board of Highlands County’s Advanced Academics program prompted an update on it at the next Highlands County School Board meeting.

A post on Facebook, which prompted many comments, stated that the Advanced Academics program was being phased out.

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Sebring, FL 33871. The office of the election supervisor is at 580 S. Commerce St. 863-402-6655. The phone number for the voter registration office is P.O. Box 3448.

"If anyone has concerns about their voter registration, they can always call us, or go online to Votehighlands.com or on our website and find out their current status there. They can always call us, and we will let them call or check their voter registration form. We have sent them to pets, or wherever the person wants to go. So, we are not sure where they get the information from."

The actual full cost of the voter registration applications are $15.00 each. The town had also sought funding to improve the Lake June Park area from other sources, such as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. While the county was willing to fund improvement of the existing dock, the restroom project did not obtain a high enough score for funding, agenda items 11a. When the town bid to put in restrooms at Smart Park on Interlake Boulevard in February 2012, Platinum Performance Builders bid $83,346, contractor Brian Sullivan bid $59,660 and Brantley bid $53,700. "He was the bonafide low bid," Williams said. "Williams also said Brantley, being a Lake Placid resident, always does extra work in the community. Still, he didn’t bid out that portion of the project.

Director Chris Benson said, at the meeting, Williams originally hoped to piggy back on an existing previous bid from Brantley on restrooms. Williams said he wants to make sure the interlocal agreement, the town takes on the responsibility of constructing work and maintaining it afterward, but he wants to go by what the county wants, since it is mostly county money.

"If anyone has concerns or problems, they can always call us, or go online to Votehighlands.com or on our website and find out their current status there. They can always call us, and we will tell them that they are registered to vote, or change their voter registration."

"The only way commercial development will occur on U.S. 98 is to put in restrooms, pavilions, restrooms, and a walking and biking trail around the stormwater treatment area’s lake. The town had also sought funding to improve the Lake June Park area from other sources, such as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. While the county was willing to fund improvement of the existing dock, the restroom project did not obtain a high enough score for funding, agenda items 11a.

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The current wastewater treatment plant at Spring Lake Improvement District was built for a small capacity crowd — 325 homes — and still has trouble meeting that level of use. A new 340,000-gallon capacity plant is planned to go in near the existing plant, with requests from state agencies for funds to extend sewer lines down U.S. 98 outside the district, and attract commercial development.

The phone number for the supervisor is 863-402-6655."
Pet of the week

**Dixie**

**Breed:** Great Dane mix

**Sex:** Female

**Info:** Dixie is 7 years old and 65 pounds. Her family moved and did not take her. She was in a home for seven years.

**Adoption fees:**
- Dogs: $75
- Adoption fees for dogs include: Animal testing (parvo and heartworm), spay or neuter, microchip and vaccinations, obedience classes.
- Cats: $40
- Adoption fees for cats include: Animal testing (feline leukemia-AIDS), spay or neuter, microchip and vaccinations.

The Humane Society of Highlands County, 7321 Haywood Taylor Blvd., is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

Call the humane society at 863-655-1522.

**Square dancing in LP**

**LAKE PLACID** - The Pine Ridge Promenaders will host its last square dance of the season with a Goodbye/Safe Travels Dance Thursday at the Sunshine RV Park, S.R. 70 East in Lake Placid. Robert Arias will call. Casual or square dance attire. Visions welcome. For information, call 828-290-2147.

**VFW serves lobster dinner**

**AVON PARK** - The VFW Auxiliary will serve a Poor Man's Lobster dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday at VFW Post 9853, 75 N. Olivia Drive in Avon Park. Includes sides and dessert. Cost is $8. Carryout available until sold out. Smoke-free dining room. Open to the public.
Sebring wins, Lake Placid second in 5-team track meet

Sebring shut down Bartow

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Sebring sophomore Python Mathis clears the bar in the high jump event during Thursday's five-team track and field meet at Firemen's Field.

Sebring shuts down Bartow

By Jim Taylor

Sebring — After starting the season 1-4, the Sebring Blue Streaks baseball team is turning their season around, winning three out of their last four to include beating the Bartow Yellow Jackets 3-1 on Friday night behind the superpitching of Charles Petty.

The win improved the Blue Streaks to 4-7 on the season while dropping Bartow to 6-4.

Petty, who was a spot pitcher for the Blue Streaks this season with only a couple innings total coming into the contest, would throw a complete game, giving up just one run on three hits while striking out five and walking one.

So dominant that Petty held the Yellow jackets hitless the final six innings.

"(Petty) did a fantastic job. He threw first pitch strikes and continued to throw strikes," Said Sebring coach Jason DeVries.

"There only 73 pitches in seven innings. A guy that was just a reliever for us, he did a great job against a very good Bartow team.

Bartow came out swinging to start the game, hitting the ball hard and deep as a couple of two-out singles quick put the Yellow Jacket up 1-0.

After going down in the order in the bottom of the first, Sebring tied the game in the bottom of the second with three base hits.

Back-to-back one out singles by Drew Morris and Michael Warner got runners on base. With singles by Drew Morris and Niquan Allen came in third in 3:23:47. Gowan also won the 1600 meters in 5:07.71, while Lake Placid's Luis Leon was third at 5:22.68.

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Spirit of Daytona to miss Long Beach

Extensive damage suffered at Sebring keeping team home

By Estes, president and CEO of Sebring Int'l Raceway

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“Unfortunately, racing helps us push our motor oil to the performance and durability limits under the most punishing conditions. Ultimately, racing helps us develop our lubricant technology like our latest, Mobil 1 Energy. Our partnership with ExxonMobil has been a strong one for 23 years, and we are looking forward to our extended partnership through 2020. Sebring is the first stop on the Chase for the Sprint Cup, and we look forward to continuing to work with ExxonMobil to support our drivers, engineers and teams as they show how Mobil 1 technology is used by many teams on the track each year. From the great success of highs and lowest of lows at Sebring and the Sebring Classic, our fans will be as pleased with this news as we are.”

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“Unfortunately, extensive damage suffered in the 12 Hours of Sebring at the Rolex 24 at Daytona International Raceway will keep our team at home for the next WeatherTech World Challenge event at Sebring on April 13 and 14. The No. 90 Spirit of Daytona Tire Rack.com Cadillac races in the 12 Hours of Sebring.

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“We knew that we had a strong team, and that the No. 90 Spirit of Daytona Tire Rack.com Cadillac races in the 12 Hours of Sebring was the pole sitter for the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by Advance Auto Parts, suffered a late-race crash at Turn 11 with Tristan Vautier at the controls.

The team also missed the Long Beach race last season due to problems in a practice session before the race. “Sebring was an emotional rollercoaster ride for us,” said team owner Troy Flis in a statement.

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Sebring junior Jordan Rose lets the discus fly during Thursday's meet.

Lake Placid sophomore Kileigh Howell competes in the 100-meter hurdles event during Thursday's track and field meet.

Sebring came in third with 171 points, Sebring finished first with 233.84, while Sebring's Scott DeSoto was third with 217.56 and teammate Paxton Brooks was third in 3:03.84. Walker also won the 1600 meters in 5:22.72, while teammate Maggie Piemonte placed second with a 5:22.52. Sebring's Malakia McMillan placed second in the 1600-meter dash in 5:32.92, and she was second in the 200 meters in 28.14. McMillan won the long jump with a leap of 4.45 meters, while Lake Placid's Ana Wheeler placed second.

Lake Placid's De'Onni Sanders was first in the 300 hurdles in 46.86, while Wheeler came in second. Sanders won the long jump by clearing 1.41 meters, while Sebring's McMillan placed second.

Lake Placid swept the pole vault event with Lea Penetra finishing first, December Hughes was second and Howell was third. Sebring's Brooks won the triple jump, while teammate Lindsey Bigdon placed second and Sebring's Emarriyah Wilson came in third.

Lake Placid's Raeley Matthews won the shot put with a toss of 8.86 meters, while teammate Chasik Johnson came in third at 7.54 meters. Matthews placed second in the shot put event with a throw of 19.2 meters, while Greendragon Alondra Torres came in third at 17.95 meters.

Sebring will host an eight-team track and field meet on Monday afternoon at Firemen's Field.
**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**After School Tennis Program**
The After School Tennis Program is going on at the Thakker Tennis Center at the Country Club of Sebring. The classes are for tennis players aged 4 to 16 and are taught by USPTA Certified Tennis Professional Horace Watkis.

Tiny Tots (ages 4 to 10) meet on Tuesday from 3:35 to 4 p.m. and the cost is $87, while Future Champs (ages 6 to 12) meet on Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Parents or guardians are required to choose which day of the week they would like to attend.

The Pro-Tournament Academy meets on Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. and the cost is $50, while High School Team Level meets on Thursday between 4 and 5 p.m. and the cost is $60.

For more information contact Watkis at horacewatkis@hotmail.com or 863-414-2164 or 348-4282.

**Wings of Faith Scholarship Golf Tournament**
The eighth annual Wings of Faith Christian Church Scholarship golf tournament will be held on Wednesday, March 28, at the Country Club of Sebring. The event will start at 4 p.m. and the cost is $60.

For more information contact Alvin Walters at 381-5706 or email contact Alvin Walters at 7:30 a.m. with an includes lunch.

Four-person scramble and Country Club of Sebring. Saturday, March 31, at the tournament will be held for the Pro-Shot for Charity. For a donation, tournament participants can have the prize given for them designated the hole.

New this year will be a live auction for a trip conducted by Shawn Martz of Insight Auctioneers.

Entries may be submitted to NU-Hope Elder Care Services, 4144 US Hwy 27 S, Sebring FL 33875. All funds raised will be used locally to benefit youth sports in Hardee and Hardee County.

Contact Shawn Martz for more information, please visit contact Shaw Martz at 863-382-2154 or visit the NU-Hope website operationcare.org.

**LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR**

**Saturday**

SFSC golf softball at SFSC (2), 5 p.m.

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Avon Park boys tennis at Avon Park, 4 p.m.

Lake Placid boys tennis at Lake Placid, 4 p.m.

SFSC golf baseball at Days, 5:30 p.m.

Hardee baseball at Lake Placid, 7 p.m.

SFSC golf tennis at DeSoto, 7:30 p.m.

Park Nail softball at SFSC (2), 5 p.m.

**Wednesday**

SFSC golf baseball at St. Petersburg, 5 p.m.

**Thursday**

SFSC golf tennis at Hardee, 4 p.m.

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Avon Park boys tennis at McKeel, 4 p.m.

Lake Placid track at Lake Placid, 5 p.m.

SFSC golf softball at Lake Placid, 7 p.m.

Avon Park golf at Lake Placid, 7 p.m.

**Friday**

LAAPA golf tournament The Lake Placid Athletic Association’s annual golf tournament is Saturday, April 14, at the Lake Placid Lakes Country Club. The event is a four-person scramble with cash prizes.

General info is 2:30 a.m. and the cost is $100 per person or $400 per team. Entry fee includes golf, cart, complimentary beer and beverages and lunch catered by Smoke Shack BBQ with appetizers of shrimp and a delicious lunch with salads, chicken fingers and much more.

The Jarrett Family Foundation is helping with the event, but more sponsors are needed. Hole sponsorships are available from $50 to $1,000, or in-kind donations for raffle items are accepted too.

Lunch is served with a cash prize.

Entry form is included with sponsorship levels of $100 or more.

Proceeds from this tournament will benefit youth sports in Lake Placid and will also be used for completion of a new sports weight training facility.

The Lake Placid Athletic Association is a 501C3 organization and has been supporting youth sports for over 40 years.

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Dean takes pole at COTA

Dean and teammate Nathaniel Sparks — also fourth and teammate — were sixth, saving Sebring’s racing team one-half of the top six qualifying spots.

“You always lose confidence when you’ve been out of the car for a while, so this is a big confidence builder,” Dean said.

Dean the 2015 series champion, took last year off from racing to con- centrate on growing the Sid Dickens brand, but elected to return for this season and showed he hadn’t missed a beat.

The race begins at 8:35 a.m. and will be shown live on Motorsports Network’s YouTube Channel.

Dean’s 2015 team was named the World’s Fastest Pit Crew and has been awarded for easy reading of the lake-bottom contour de- limitations. You’ll discover that the majority of the lakes’ public boat ramps and docks are located within the better shore- line fishing areas.

BassGuide-Trips: A 6-7 hour trip, full moon; April 13-18, Periods:
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The Major Fishing Periods:

Today the moon is underfoot period occurs between 1 hour before and 2 hours after the sunrise an hour before. This solar and lunar combined influence will produce a feed intensity rating of 4/5 to 3/4 to 9:30 a.m. Daily this board moves later by an hour.

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The Minor Fishing Period:

Today solar noon occurs at 1:31 p.m. and the minimum at 1:51 p.m. and will produce a mid- day feeding rate in the 3-4 range from 12:30-13:00 a.m. Atmospheric pres- sure is not expected to change during this period and will begin a quick decline by the late 30 minu- tes of 4:30 or so. Expect fish to bite just as the pressure peaks and for the rest of the period. Don’t expect much change in the air pres- sure for the rest of the period. Don’t expect much change in the air pres- sure for the rest of the period.

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Archbold helps National Weather Service

BY MELISSA MAIN

LAKE PLACID — Residents across Florida wore shorts and short-sleeved shirts and turned on their air conditioners as they experienced record-breaking temperatures in February.

At Archbold Biological Station in Highlands County, which has been collecting the weather data daily and submitting it to the National Weather Service, the average temperature in February was 71.3 degrees, the highest on record since 1969. This February average was 8.7 degrees above the normal average temperature of 62.6 degrees. The previous record of 65.3 degrees occurred in 2001.

The warm weather permeated every month this winter season. According to Archbold’s data, this winter was tied for the sixth warmest on record, with an average temperature of 45 degrees, slightly above the average temperature of 41.7 degrees.

The heat was not isolated to Highlands County. The whole region felt the winter heat wave. Eighteen different weather stations report to the Tampa Bay area of the National Weather Service. An amazing 10 out of 18 weather stations in the Tampa Bay area had record-breaking average temperatures for February. In Tampa, the average temperature was 73.2 degrees, an increase of 10.8 degrees above normal, and in Brooksville, the average temperature of 70.6 degrees was 11.1 degrees above normal. Some days this winter have felt like summer. In fact, in the Sarasota-Bradenton area, the temperature reached 90 degrees on Feb. 20.

In addition, the low temperatures for the day sometimes resembled the typical high temperatures for a winter day. In Tampa, the minimum temperature on Feb. 20 was 73 degrees. Combined with record-breaking temperatures, our county has also had below normal rainfall this winter, increasing the threat of wildfires. This February Archbold recorded a mere half inch of rain, and only 4.08 inches for the entire winter, making this winter the ninth driest on record.

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Trump order would ban most transgender troops from serving

By KEN THOMAS

PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump released an order Friday night banning most transgender troops from serving in the military, except under “limited circumstances,” following up on his calls last year to ban transgender individuals from military service.

The White House said retaining troops with a history or diagnosis of “gender dysphoria” — those who may require substantial medical treatment — presents considerable risk to military effectiveness and readiness.

Trump surprised the Pentagon's leadership in a 2017 tweet when he declared he would reverse an Obama-era plan to allow transgender individuals to serve openly. His push for the ban has been blocked by several legal challenges, and four federal courts have ruled against the ban. The Pentagon responded by allowing those serving to stay in the military, and began allowing transgender individuals in enlist beginning Jan. 1.

“This new policy will enable the military to apply well-established mental and physical health standards — including those regarding the use of medical drugs — equally to all individuals who wish to join and fight for the best military force the world has ever seen,” White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Friday.

The new policy was prompted by congressional Democrats and civil rights groups. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi told NPR “this ban is wrong, it’s unconstitutional and despicable.”

Joshua Block, a senior staff attorney with the Human Rights Project, said the policy “creates an absolute necessity,” she said. "This ban should be viewed as a violation of the rights groups. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi tweeted, “No one with the qualities who wish to serve into choosing transgender prejudices onto the military should be turned away because of medical drugs — equally to all

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Can Facebook restore public trust after privacy scandal?

by SHARON CHEN and MEGAN LYNCH

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ded example of politics and an essential ingredient of public trust. For Facebook is confronting a costly, embarrassing 
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US charges 9 Iranians in massive hacking scheme

By ERIQ TEEVOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration announced criminal charges and sanctions Friday against Iranians accused in a hacking scheme to piller sensitive information from hundreds of universities, private companies and American government agencies.

The nine defendants, accused of working on behalf of the Iranian government, were indicted in a sweeping criminal case that has taken years to develop. The case marks a stark escalation in tensions between the United States and Iran since the Trump administration withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal in 2018.

The sanctions announced Friday involve Iran’s national oil company and its national bank, and an additional Iranian entity. The sanctions mark a significant development in the U.S. government’s efforts to disrupt Iran’s economy and are the latest in a series of recent measures, including new trade restrictions, aimed at applying pressure on Iran.

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sold in Finnish supermarkets
COLOMBIAN, Copenhagen, one of
Finland’s largest food companies
is selling bread made of
insects for the first
insect bread.
Mothercare, a
head of the Fauna
group announced
Thursday that one
leaf
of the first brand
of insect bread will
be offered at
the launch.
The
mixture
of
insects will
be
sold in
Finland
at
the
price of
3.49
euros.

According to a survey
conducted in January,
42 percent of
the
population
of
Finnish society
are interested in
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The
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**WASHINGTON** — President Donald Trump once liked trade wars to the point of calling them "good, tough, and necessary." But with the arrival in 1995 of the World Trade Organization, Section 301 of the U.S. Trade Act went on the books, a mechanism that allows the United States to retaliate against other countries if it determines they are unfairly limiting imports.

Like the Reagan administration, Trump and Lighthizer slapped a Cold War-era mechanism on China in 2018, with 25 percent tariffs on about $200 billion worth of Chinese goods. But with the arrival in 1995 of the World Trade Organization, Section 301 fell largely into disuse. It had been used as a trade tool approach succeeded against Japan three decades ago, but nowhere else.

The trade sanctions that Trump enacted by imposing retaliatory tariffs on China quickly pushed Beijing for tripling the tariff rate on U.S. steel imports to a maximum of 25 percent. That could face retaliatory Chinese imports to the United States.

"If China dominates the industry," said Stephen Freid, director of global policy innovation at the University of the Americas, "it is not only going to disturb the world's ability to harness technology from American companies to benefit America. It is going to be enough to stop people from buying new cars, said Lisa Cook, who teaches economics and international economics at the University of Pennsylvania.

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The United States, with its strong dollar and large domestic market, is likely to continue benefiting from its trade agreements with China. But the growing trade deficit with China could become a major issue if the tariffs continue to rise.

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*For Answers, Turn to Page 4*
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by Myles Mellor

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1. My favorite is the fava but golly! The fastest vegetable must be the runner bean.

2. A fine roma tomato went out with the scaly prune as he couldn’t find a pretty date!

3. Dad tomato was on a big walk with his tiny son. The son was pretty tuckered and got behind so Dad told him to Ketchup!

4. Veggies such as cucumbers, yams and kimchi are often very good for sailors. But they don’t care for leeks!

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LODDAY’S BIRTHDAY
(March 25). Luckily for everyone around you, you suddenly develop a higher purpose for being here today. A Higher social calling is calling you today. Be ready to respond to the needs and concerns of others.

ANSWERS
(Answers on previous pages)
DEAR ABBY: I'm so proud of my heritage and am proud of the fact that my favorite charity is not important to me. All I want is a clean shirt, and that's all I'm going to get. — Abby, South Dakota

DEAR ABBY: I've been in love with a woman for several years, and I'm sure she's moving on. I'm just looking for a way to make her realize how much she means to me. — Pauline, New York

DEAR ABBY: I have a large tattoo, and I want to remove it. It upset her when she saw it, and she said she didn't like it. I feel so ashamed and humiliated. — Jane, New York

DEAR ABBY: I haven't shared this news with anyone, but I think I'm engaged! — Lisa, New York

DEAR ABBY: My friend and I are planning to start a business together, but we're having trouble coming up with a name. Any suggestions? — Mary, New York

DEAR ABBY: I'm trying to lose weight, but I find it difficult to stick to a strict diet. Any tips on how to stay motivated? — Laura, New York

DEAR ABBY: I'm feeling overwhelmed with the amount of work I have to do. Any advice on how to manage my time more effectively? — Sarah, New York
In this March 23, 2022, photo, a visitor tours the exhibition titled “Great and Good Friends,” inside Grand Palace Bangkok, Thailand. Elephants are Thailand’s national animal, so it’s only natural that King Mongkut in 1862 offered to send a pair of elephants as a gift of a friendship to the United States. Mongkut then in his 65th year, wrote: “If these means can be had to procure and forward young male and female elephants after learning that 200 years ago elephants were an important source of strength. We want them to be part of the country’s seat of power are seen lit, top, and then the same location in darkness when the lights are turned out for one hour to mark Earth Hour, in New Delhi, India, Saturday, March 24. (AP Photo)
This home is at 2700 Lost Ball Drive in Sebring. It is priced for $510,000 and is listed with Elease DeYoung with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Propertied Group.

This extraordinary home with luxury, casual elegance and versatility, has 5,558 air-conditioned square feet and offers a split floor plan with two master suites.

When entering this home, you will step into a grand 36 by 24 formal living and dining room, with 14-foot arched impact proof windows overlooking a beautiful golf course view. Step out the French doors opening onto the spacious lanai and pool area, which has a built-in grill and bar for entertaining and overlooks the golf course.

The kitchen offers generous cabinets with pull-out shelves, Thermador gas stove, built-in microwave, two wall ovens, Corian counter tops and Butler's pantry.

Red Beach Lake home with sunset views

This home is at 7042 County Road 17 South in Sebring. It is priced for $209,900 and is listed with the Elliott Team at Keller Williams Realty.

Nested on a large half acre parcel on the shores of Red Beach Lake is a wonderful lake house. Enjoy water views from most rooms in this house, but your favorite spot will be the tiled screen porch that spans the length of the back of the house. You will enjoy the old-fashioned porch swing plus plenty of space for a patio dining set as well as lounge chairs.

Sip your morning coffee or read your Sunday paper here. It is also the perfect spot for your evening night cap watching the gorgeous sunsets.

The spacious floor plan boasts nearly 1,700 square feet of living space, with both a living room and a family room. The quaint kitchen, with all appliances, overlooks both the dining room and the family room.

The master bedroom has a large Red Beach Lake home with sunset views

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DIRECTIONS

2700 Lost Ball Drive, Sebring
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Gorgeous country club pool home

This home is at 5063 Strafford Oaks Drive in the Country Club of Sebring. It is priced for $349,000 and is listed with Allison Willey with Heartland Real Estate Corp.

This family home is located in the well-maintained Country Club of Sebring community, which has a restaurant, swimming pool, tennis courts and golf course. The home is built on a 75 by 125 lot with low-maintenance exterior landscape and an ideal view of the 11th tee on the club golf course.

The home has an exceptional floor plan perfect for family life or entertaining friends. This home boasts four spacious bedrooms with two master suites, three bathrooms, a formal dining area, large kitchen, dinette, open living area, an office, in-house laundry, a 2 1/2-car garage and a heated pool with waterfall features. New custom lighting

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Wild for wicker, and you can’t stop me!

By SHELLY SAPP
Contributing Columnist

A few years ago I was working on a condo for a client in the Florida Keys. The client and I embraced the island look sprinkling wicker throughout including woven seagrass occasional chairs, bamboo shades, and rattan chaise lounges for the lanai.

So imagine our surprise when the community association sent the client a "nastygram" informing her that "wicker was not allowed due to its outdated aesthetic…" I am here today to officially clarify for all condo associations around the world: Wicker is not an outdated aesthetic! Now, that is not to say wicker does not have an established history beginning 5,000 years ago in Egypt before bursting into our "Florida Rooms" with the return of soldiers after World War II. The term "wicker" refers to the technique of weaving natural materials such as rattan, cane, banana leaf or willow and was first used for basket making.

Wicker’s pervasive- ness in the American home was cemented when Danish furniture designer Hans Wegner created his timeless "Peacock Chair" in 1947. This is a chair design you know well. Morticia, the matriarch of the Adams Family perches upon this throne, arms crossed, in her television family’s living room. When Danish furniture furnishing companies like Pari One who first of- fered their version of the "Peacock" in 1964. This Papasan chair design is still available today right here in the Sebring store. And in the case the condo association was not aware, 250,000 of Wegner’s design even featured on the April 2018 cover of Coastal Living Magazine and Wegner’s design even inspired retail home furnishing companies like Pari One who first of- fered their version of the "Papasan" in 1964. This Papasan chair design is still available today right here in the Sebring store. And in the case the condo association was not aware, 250,000 of Wegner’s design even featured on the April 2018 cover of Coastal Living Magazine and Wegner’s design even inspired retail home furnishing companies like Pari One who first of- fered their version of the "Papasan" in 1964. This Papasan chair design is still available today right here in the Sebring store.

Wicker is a general term for woven furniture and accents, not a specific material. The term is used broadly for any item woven from synthetic to natural hard fibers such as rattan, bamboo, seagrass and more. Wicker furniture can be enjoyed indoors or in a covered outdoor environment. Vacuum regularly to remove dust. Occasionally clean with a wool chamois to remove grime and retain natural luster.

Wicker is an art form embraced by the design community for many generations. Examples in rattan, cane, or amaz- ingly natural looking synthetic materials can appear in every Florida home regardless of style.

Love your wicker pieces, but not sure how to make them work? Comment on my blog at shellysappinteriors.com/blog/.

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The large breakfast bar has room for several bar stools, plus a breakfast area. The family room, and breakfast room, have sliding glass doors opening onto the spacious lanai and pool, and overlooks the golf course. This side of the home offers a pool table area off the kitchen, storage area and second laundry room.

A spacious guest bedroom suite is off the family room, with a large walk-in closet and storage. The bathroom has a walk-in shower, bathtub, large vanity, and a glass sliding door allowing outside. This would make a perfect mother-in-law suite.

The master bedroom suite is 22 by 18 with their own private bath. This home offers five bedrooms, five baths, and office and two laundry rooms. One bedroom is being used as a movie room now. The split floor plan of this home offers three bedrooms and three baths on the south side of the formal living room and the north side has the office, movie room/bedroom, guest bedroom suite, kitchen, and a walk-in closet and a spa feature.

The spacious 14 by 18 kitchen is the heart of the home. Open to the living area with a view of the pool, this kitchen has stainless steel appliances, loads of counter and cabinet space, a juice bar with sink, an island for additional prep work, and small desk area. Top quality appliances, solid counters and custom lighting further enhance the appeal of this kitchen. A charming direct access to the laundry room is great for convenience and has a private view of the pool area.

The bright, open living area and large office space have 8 foot glass doors with transoms for windows, tile floors and built-in shelving. Both rooms open up to the huge pool patio with child proof safety gate. The heated rectangular pool features a triple waterfall feature and offers the 11th tier on club golf course.

Additional high-end appointments such as 6 inch basboards, 12 foot ceilings, crown molding, a steno system, alarm system and remote pool controls can be found throughout this finely crafted home. Seller is offering the lot to the right as an additional purchase.

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I've always been a firm believer that a clean, clutter-free home makes a generally happier person. Some of my friends consider me a cleaning zealot because I have no remorse when it comes to throwing things away — which is why I decided to put together a thorough spring-cleaning checklist.

While some things like a close-up swap and bathroom cabinet cleaning may not be everyone's cup of tea, spring cleaning is about more than just getting rid of things. It's about starting anew — cleaner and greener. Of course, we have faith in your basic cleaning skills, but there are a lot of tools and gadgets that will make your job easier. Below find out go-to spring-cleaning checklists that will help you start the season fresh.

THE KITCHEN

- Dust on top of cabinets
- Wipe off light fixtures (including those up high)
- Replace any expired food items from the refrigerator and freezer; throw down shelfies
- Organize your pantry using wider expiration dates
- Clean the stove, oven, and microwave
- Wipe out the inside of your refrigerator
- Scrub and polish the sink
- Disinfect the countertops, the sink, and any tiles
- Wipe out the inside of your dishwasher
- Clean the dishwashers' nozzles and pins with white vinegar on the top shelf
- Replace any water filters
- Wipe down and polish your silverware
- Sharpen your kitchen knives
- Tupperware and see if you have any items in need of cleaning. Each week's empty containers and utensils you don't use anymore
- Scrub out your birdbath with soap and water
- Deep-clean all pots and pans
- Organize your kitchen cabinet and any drawers
- The silverware office
- Discard any old or unwanted silverware
- Organize items in drawers and storage containers
- Wipe down the floor and handmop or use a dry polish cloth
- Clean the cabinet and arrange it in a way that makes sense for you
- Take stock of supplies, such as pots, folders, and spoiles; order more if needed
- Wipe down your pantry — don't forget the old ones!

Plunge your deep-freeze with a vacuum attachment. Spot treat your chairs and couches
- Check your electronic equipment for dust
- Replace batteries if internal controls needed
- Clean any lightbulbs
- Spring-cleaning of the DINING ROOM
- Clean your chandeliers and light fixtures
- Dust off tools like vacuum attachment

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

- Get a new doormat
- Fix dents in your refrigerator
- Dust the inside of your refrigerator
- Sanitize your phone, computer, and other containers
- Dust any ceiling fans and wipe down air conditioners and heating vents
- Wipe down surfaces from the walls and dust everywhere in the room
- Wipe away any store-bought, chemical-scented candles, etc.
- Replace all furniture (that includes padding up scratches)
- Vacuums your mattress
- Clean under bed, remove furniture, take a look down under, check the air filters
- Take a look at the back and hub of the car
- Do a deep-clean on your wardrobe and closet space
- Wipe down sideboards and shelves
- Wipe down mirrors
- Check pillows for any stains and remove mold; clean and remove any baseboards; wash and polish the fireplace
- Use electrostatic dust cloth, then clean your tech items
- Silicone your desk if needed
- Most of the time, when you clean up, you're throwing out things that you don't use or don't need. If you love something or can't get to it often, get rid of it and keep the rest
- Treat wood furniture
- Use electrostatic dust cloth for frayed wires
- Use a vacuum as the final piece of the puzzle
- Consider making a new bedspread and exchange with shelf risers

THE LAUNDRY ROOM

- Wipe out the inside of your washing machine
- Organize your pantries
- Deep-clean the dishwashers
- Wash and polish the range
- Clean tissue canisters
- Remove hair from the drain
- Dust shower curtain and remove, remove all dust
- Deep-clean the toilet and remove mold if necessary
- Clean your toilet paper holder (so much dust can build up in this forgotten area)
- Shine faucets; clean and remove any residue
- Wash and polish the floor
- Wipe down ceramic and marble
- Dust off tools like vacuum attachment
- Organize your air conditioners and space/space above and below
- Deep-clean the top, and side, of the refrigerator
- Organize your pantry
- Arrange your pantry
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- Get rid of old and expired
- Organize your pantry
- Replace
- Discard any old or spoiled food
- Organize items in drawers and storage containers
- Wipe down the floor and handmop or use a dry polish cloth
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- Remove any baseboards; wash and polish the fireplace
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- Use a vacuum as the final piece of the puzzle
- Consider making a new bedspread and exchange with shelf risers
- Clean the bottom of your drawers
- Dust off tools like vacuum attachment
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picture window with unobstructed views of the lake. The master bedroom also has a large walk-in closet as well as another large closet for additional storage. The home has two bathrooms. The second bathroom also houses the laundry facilities and a washer and dryer in the back yard, which is perfect for those days you are working in the yard or playing on the water. No need to get sand or water through the house — come right into the bathroom and showers.

This property offers 70 feet of frontage on the lake as well as a dock. There is an attached one-car garage for storing your cars and other equipment. The home sits back off the road so traffic is not an issue.

This home was originally constructed as a three-bedroom, however, this owner has widened the home and converted back to a three-bedroom home with one study room.

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yourself by trying to guess about the housing situation or interest rates. These factors usually change fast enough to make much of a difference, and you risk losing out on the perfect home.

• Don’t get too much advice. Too many people spoil the broth, as the old saying goes. The most important thing is what you want and need, not what everyone else thinks is best.

Pull weeds now. Get them while they’re small and easier to pull. Better yet, use a hose to water them off just before the soil line.

Remember that there is a tiny “perfect” home out there. Every house will have something you wish was a bit better. Focus on the big things and let some of the smaller issues go.

You want to get the best price, but playing to “win” by getting a super deal or by being obnoxious can end up with you watching someone else move into your dream home.

Don’t focus on just the house. Remember that you live in the area. Things like noise level (is the house close to the airport or not close to amenities, for example) are important.

Your house does not exist in a vacuum.

Find the house you love, and then worry about what you can afford to buy. You can always get a bigger house at a later date.

True, you can look at a property as an investment, but the most important thing to remember is that this will be the place you and your family will live. Find a place that is comfortable and fits your needs.

Buying a home is an exciting experience. Using a little preparation and planning can make sure you arrive at your new home with a smile on your face.

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This year has told us that “Cozy seems to be the buzzword these days,” says designer Brendan Ravenhill. “A mix of old and new, expertly selected, is part of this trend, too — a curated melding of whatever makes your inner dreamer’s heart beat. Pieces from different eras, travel souvenirs, favorite foods — the shelves have embraced eclecticism for its ease and personality. Custom color palettes are part of this aesthetic. Think muted sugar hues or deep-limbed blues and greens. For our work, we create handcrafted fabric and wooden seductive motifs with names like Duck Egg, Soot and Cloud. “We think gentle is making a re-emergence in design, too,” says Charlotte Hastings Tile & Bath’s interior designer Brenda Ravendall. “A mix of grey and white is soft, the color brings warmth to cool and whitewashed spaces. In the Los Angeles Lewis of Lewis Giannondios Interiors, we’re especially seeing new ways to break the perpetually popular palette of grey and white. Envelop the space: with twin beds covered by neutral and pattern, or pillows and quilts. This trend is that will completely transform a room in unexpected ways,” says. “Surreal pattern is so appropriate in these surreal times.”

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Top 10 most impactful events from Rays spring training

By MARC TOPKIN Tampa Bay Times

PORT CHARLOTTE — Of all the topics covered in our special section reviewing the first 20 seasons in Rays history, we didn’t spend much time on spring training. Just as well, because the list about-completed 21st would be far for the most eventful.

With another day to go, here’s our top 10 ranking of the most impactful developments from a newsy spring:

1. Brutal Hospitality Timmy J geometry job. Top prospect was expected to ask out heavily from mid-season camp, instead debit delayed and depth densely.
2. Steven Souza Jr. traded. Didn’t see that coming. Did you doubt 2017 team SKY for prospects?
3. 4-5 Manager Kevin Cash had hinted the Rays would use a four-man rotation through the first six weeks due to a heavy load of off days. But he inadvertently shared key plan ahead to try it all season, using “bullpen days” when busy play Fire straight, drawing heavy criticism and some praise.

4. Corey Dickerson DFA Trade: Either he or Denard Span seemed likely to go, but the sur- prising decision to first assign- ment the 2017 All-Star shared stinging criticism, including from promin- ent Rays players, before

**TENNIS:**

Federer loses opening match at Miami Open

By STEVEN WINE Associated Press

In his way was Bubba Watson, 2-and-1.

Although the Tampa Bay
Lightning didn’t like the lighting, they almost gave up a four-goal lead in the third period, they were happy to win and move on.

T.J. Miller scored twice, Brayden Point had a goal and two assists, and the high-scoring Lightning held off the New York Islanders 7-6 on Thursday night, se- eing a franchise record with 32 victory.

“Win is our win but definitely not the way we want to win,” Steven Stamkos said. “When you’re in a game like we were tonight going into the third, it should be just close out. Just don’t give them a chance.”

Anthony Cirelli, Mikhail Sergachev and Victor Hedman each added a goal and an assist. Tyler Johnson also scored in Elite Eight.

After scores of upsets pro- duced some rather strange matchups elsewhere, it’ll be “Buck, Chalk, Jayhawk” vs. Coach K and the Blue Devils in a classic finale in Omaha.

“It’s great when you have two programs of this nature, this status in the history of our game for a Final Four both.”

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Key Biscayne upset Lleyton Hewitt in 2001. That match was all about Key Biscayne.

But since now has a losing streak after a career-best 17-0 start to the year. The match was his first since he lost to Jan Martin Folta in the Indian Wells final Sunday, a match that also came down to a win-ner-take-all Western.

Did the losses have anything in common? “Yes, 7-6 in the third,” Federer said.

Tennis reached semis and closed in on No. 1

By ROUG FERGUSON Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Justin Thomas won two matches Saturday to reach the semifinals of the Dell Technologies Match Play golf tournament, Saturday, in Austin, Texas.

Justin Thomas plays a shot from a bunker on the second hole during round five at the Dell Technologies Match Play golf tournament, Saturday, in Austin, Texas.

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2:30 p.m. at Punta Cana, Dominican
10 a.m. Florida
7 p.m. winner, at Worcester, Mass.
Cornell-Boston U. winner
ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament,
Midwest Regional, final, Duke
vs. Texas Tech, at Boston
CBS — NCAA Tournament,
ESPN2 — LSU at Vanderbilt

COLLEGE BASEBALL
ship, at Columbus, Ohio
ESPN — PBA Tour, Roth/

2 p.m. that’s pretty cool in itself.

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2:30 p.m. — MLB Baseball,
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Bay,
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Philadelphia
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Colorado
NFL — Tampa Bay at New York
NFL — New York Giants at
Arizona

10 of 15 for 66.7 percent.

120-108 victory over the
Phoenix. Nikola Jokic missed 10 of 20
shots and had 21 points for the Nuggets,
who are on the doorstep of its 26th home win, which
is tied for the third-most in Avalanche history.
The Pacific Division-leading Golden Knights are
coming off their worst month of the season, scoring
just 51 goals in 23 games.

27 points and Marina
Dolce added 19 points.

SOUTH CAROLINA 79, BUFFALO 56:
Cheyenne Parker scored 27 points and
Marcus Gulley added 18 points in South
Carolina’s 23rd victory of the season,
which is tied for the third-most in
Avalanche history.

Jankowski added 16 points,
including five from the free-throw line.

NBA — Oklahoma City at
Phoenix

121-114 victory over Golden State
in double overtime.

Another hero went two goals and an
assisted in the 2-1 victory over the
Buffalo Sabres 5-1 Saturday. "It’s
something I’ve never experienced,
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The Panthers are 1-0 against the
New York Rangers, 0-1 against the
Chicago Blackhawks and 0-1 against
the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Blackhawks 2, Islanders 1:
K. Anton Forsberg stopped 26
shots to help the Chicago
Panthers force overtime
with a 2-1 win over the
Islanders on Saturday.

The Panthers have scored
18 goals in their last three
games. "We’ve been playing
very well over the last three
weeks," Forsberg said.

"You’ve got to give them
credit for how good they
are," Forsberg said.

The Blues will play the
Blackhawks on Thursday.

The Penguins responded with
eight shots on Fleury in the
second period but failed to
get a shot past the goalie.

The Blues swept their
final series of the season
with a 2-1 victory over the
Sabres on Saturday.

The Islanders will play the
Penguins on Tuesday.

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The defending champ ions were already without their first three other starters Sunday – Davis Love III, Brandt Snedeker and Keegan Bradley. Snedeker had to be back from a knee injury, Grayson Cook, who has played well in recent weeks, was already in the lineup, while Davis Love III, who has been struggling to qualify for the tour, was in the mix, going into the final round.

"We have five guys that can suit up in the No. 1 spot," coach Steve Kerr said. "With one of these, or five of these guys, we're just as good as the greats of the past."
A great game? Loyola-Chicago makes first Final Four appearance since 1963

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Sister Jean and the Loyola Ramblers are headed to the Final Four.

This improbable NCAA Tournament just took its outrageous turn.

Ben Richardson scored 23 points and the Ramblers rambled to a 78-62 victory over Kansas State on Saturday night, captivated a national audience by running through the backcourt of Kentucky and into the Final Four.

The Ramblers (12-5) matched the lowest-seeded team ever to reach the Final Four, joining LSU (1986), Georgia Mason (2000) and VCU (2011). Those other three all lost in the national semifinals.

Don’t bet against Loyola, which emerged from a regional that produced four top seeds, including Duke, which was co-favorite coming off a so-so game.

The Game of Change, matching the Ramblers and their mostly black roster against an all-white Mississippi State team at the height of the civil rights movement, setting up an even more significant contest three years later.

Loyola went by that with ease as you’d expect from a veteran squad with two seniors and two fourth-year juniors in the starting lineup, the Ramblers got contributions from everyone. runway.

Loyola had not made the tournament since 1985, when the Ramblers’ 10th national championship team, which played one of the most societally significant games in college basketball, was a No. 12 seed.

But Loyola didn’t have their lead during the first half. Final Four on the line, they actually increased their lead in attack mode right from the start against a ninth-seeded team who is 12-2 in the NCAA Tournament.

They’re both here for a reason. It’ll be a good game. "We know we’ve got our hands full. But we like to think they have their hands full too.”

Duke cruised through the Sweet 16 but had to survive a furious challenge from ACC rival Syracuse and its bewildering 2-3 zone on Friday night.

The Blue Devils have floundered under the leadership of senior captain Grayson Allen, who is 12-2 in the NCAA Tournament.

"We’re both here for a reason. It’ll be a good game." Duke star Marvin Bagley III said. "There are some of the story lines to look out for when the Blue Devils face the Jayhawks.”

Loyola is making their first Final Four appearance since 1963 with a national championship under their belt, as they dominated a struggling Kansas State team. The Ramblers are now just one win away from reaching the championship game, where they could potentially face off against Duke or Virginia.

It is a remarkable story, to say the least, for a team that was thought to have no chance of reaching the Final Four, much less winning a national championship.

But Loyola’s success has been built on the foundation of hard work, determination, and an unyielding belief in themselves. They have proven time and time again that anything is possible with dedication and a strong work ethic.

The Ramblers have always had a special bond with their fans, and this tournament run has only strengthened that connection even further. Their fans have been with them every step of the way, cheering them on from the stands and motivating them with their unwavering support.

As they prepare to take on Duke or Virginia, the Ramblers know that this is just the beginning of a journey that is sure to be filled with奇迹.
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Power-play opportunities—Chicago 1 of 2; N.Y. Rangers, 18:00; Kane, SJ, served by Labanc; Backlund, CGY, (roughing), 18:00; Kane, SJ, 9:06. 3, Calgary, Stone 3 (Stewart, Ferland), 12:17. 7:52. 2, San Jose, Hansen 2 (Burns, Goodrow), 7:15; Dubnyk, MIN, (roughing), 14:31; Backlund, CGY, (roughing), 4:13; Dillon, DAL, (high sticking), 11:54; Ekman-Larsson, ARI, (high sticking), 11:54; Weegar, FLA, (cross checking), 8:03; Strome, ARI, (delay of game), 17:19.

Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
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ding. They’re training tuneup: Their ace in Chris Sale’s final spring Boston Red Sox envisioned This was not the sight the

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MLB: Athletics

A shift on gear: fans to pay more

Team president Dave Kaval says any Giants

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Why reverse mortgages are a harder sell now

The millions of Americans who haven’t saved enough money for retirement still lack a potential safety net in the home equity. But recent changes to reverse mortgage mean seniors and their heirs are better off than before to make decisions to sell.

Reverse mortgages allow people 62 and older to tap their home equity without having to pay the money back until they move out, die or sell the home. Borrowers can take payments in monthly installments or lump sums, make payments on checks or through a line of credit that’s tapped at will. The reverse mortgage delete grows over time, which overcomes the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program that insures only reverse mortgages, implemented changes that made the home safer and, in some cases, cheaper.

Costs fell enough that fee-only financial planners who traditionally had shunned these loans started to recommend them to clients, which as a portfolio protection strategy of people become lured against a reverse mortgage line of credit when markets were down, rather than selling shares at their low. Research, much of it

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LICESTON WEST

A San Antonio, Texas-based store closing consultant who manages inventory liquidations for sales of small retailers, “Just be careful of what you buy. Do your homework.”

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Here are four tips that shoppers should follow:

■ SHOP FOR DISCOUNTS FIRST. Prices will most likely fall as inventory is depleted. Shoppers should keep checking the store being liquidated to track the market. But if they wait too long, they might not get the best selection, he added. “Fewer inventory items are set for Thursday in the federal government’s case to block AT&T’s efforts to buy DirecTV to create a TV service that could shape how you get — and how much you pay — for TV and movies. AT&T says it needs to buy Time Warner to compete with Netflix, Amazon and Google. The judge already has heard several lawyers who said that consumers will end up paying more to watch their favorite shows, especially on a TV screen, smartphone or tablet.

Trump swings behind massive budget; big military increase

WASHINGTON — Despite second thoughts, President Donald Trump is expected to unveil an enormous budget spending bill Wednesday. It would give him a partial victory on funding for a government he wants to slash by 10 percent, fewer than 5 percent of the federal budget. Trump took part of the amount of money for veterans and the military he wants to cut, but he is predicting to work with his friends, but to try to negotiate negotiations.

WASHINGTON — America’s top trade official says the Senate’s two-week minituration will decide by the end of April which countries’ tariffs could be exempted from steep taxes on steel and aluminum. U.S. Trade Rep. Robert Lighthizer told the House Ways and Means Committee that some countries won’t have to pay the tariffs, which take effect Friday, until they try to negotiate agreements.

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The packaging is not child resi-

Jean’s medicinal and medication tubes on the recall list

By ANNE D’INNOCENZO

WASHINGTON — The recall involves items in the category of “Shoe Closing” signs as department store, mail order and other retailers closely performing locations.

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Jeans. The jeans were found at Target stores nationwide and were sold at BiLo, Food Lion and Food King, Walgreens stores nationwide and at Walgreens.com from https://www.walgreens.com, which has tracked gift cards from stores like Bon Ton to Coldwater Creek to banks.

Bacitraycin Plus Ointment typically at Maximum Strength-Bacitraycin-Plus-Ointment. The ointment is to squeeze as much money as can be found on the market. The National Association of Realtors estimates a median of $19,700 a year to a seasonal adjusted amount of $34,500.

The package is not child resistant and is required by the Poison Prevention Packaging Act.

Jean’s medicinal and medication tubes on the recall list

The AncestryPrint Press

A line of jeans sold at Target is being recalled because the thread that holds jeans construction tubes can detach, posing a laceration hazard. They aren’t childproof and can detach, posing a laceration hazard.

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Jean’s medicinal and medication tubes on the recall list

The AncestryPrint Press

A line of jeans sold at Target is being recalled because the thread that holds jeans construction tubes can detach, posing a laceration hazard. They aren’t childproof and can detach, posing a laceration hazard.

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Lindsay Sokolnik, director of content marketing at DealNews.com, a price comparison website, says shoppers should watch for deals on items they say they need when they see a big discount.

“This Everything Must Go sign may have a sense of urgency,” she says. “Take a minute.

— USE GIFT CARDS IMMEDIATELY: When shoppers have gift cards, they should use them from a store that’s in financial trouble, experts recommend using them immediately. Hunter predicts that some consumers will shutters its store in the middle of a season, but it didn’t declare bankruptcy until after the holiday season. So when the deadline passed, the courts allowed the stores to keep their gift cards too late to file a claim in bankruptcy. Hunter says that when a store fails, the card holder should file a claim in bankruptcy court immediately. If the claim is filed when it is filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the store will not be able to use the funds to pay back debts. After the store is declared bankrupt, the gift cards become worthless.

— EXAMINE GIFT CARDS CAREFULLY: Consumers generally last five to seven weeks and most of them are destroyed. If a gift card is said that consumers can’t return items the liquidation begins. So shoppers should scrutinize their items to make sure there are no defects.

— SCRUMPIER YAMARE, which owns such brands as Talbots, bought the brand in 2014 and recently stopped issuing the gift cards became worthless.

— MORTGAGE
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The mortgage market has been on an upswing, and in 2017, more people took out mortgages than ever before. However, many people are still not aware of the benefits of reverse mortgages.

“When a reverse mortgage is taken out, the borrower doesn’t have to make monthly payments or to generate income,” says Kitces. “It’s a way for older people who are facing a mortgage payment or a long-term care expense to stay in their home.

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Why so few female fund managers? It's not their performance!

By MADISON SARGIS
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Why is it that 90 men manage 10
managers at the helm of U.S. mutual fund industry?

Many reasons may be behind the disparity, but researchers at Morningstar say it could be because women suffer from an over-confidence bias. Some research suggests women do align with that prior research, which will look at the financial crisis, that's really where we see the mixed-gender and women team-outperforming the fund that tends to itself that fund.

Q: So, what do you think is the reason for why so many male fund managers are men than women?

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Senior quantitative analyst at Morningstar

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5 tips for last-minute business tax filers

By JOEY M. ROSENBERG
The Associated Press

Avoiding last-minute tax tricks

Business owners can find a tax tail to ordering furniture at the last minute and even playing a trick on the IRS — if they choose to.

Here's how to avoid getting caught.

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2. **Call the IRS**

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3. **Use the IRS's tax shelter**

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4. **File an amended return**

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5. **Seek professional help**

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Road 17A South, in Avon Park is pleased to welcome Pastor Bill Martin and his wife, Donna. Pastor Martin comes to Bethany from Starkey Road Baptist Church in Seminole, where he was a part of the pastoral staff. He is currently pursuing his master's in Ministry at Piedmont International University. Donna Martin is a state licensed aesthetician and in addition to assisting in the ministry, plans to open her own skin care clinic in the Avon Park area. They have two married children and recently welcomed their first grandchild.

Bethany Baptist Church is a Bible-believing, Bible-preaching church. We have been located at the corner of CR 17A and Cornell Street in Avon Park for more than 30 years.

The church is dedicated to serving the Avon Park/Sebring area. They have two married children and recently welcomed their first grandchild.
Connect with God at St. Agnes Episcopal

Where in the Bible does Jesus talk about people wearing nice clothes to church? Nowhere.
In fact, Jesus mentions clothing twice: once (in a rather negative sense) when he describes a rich man who ended up in hell because he didn't take care of the poor man outside his house (Luke 16). The other time describes a father welcoming back the son that had abandoned him: he tells the servants to bring the “best robe” and put it on his son who has returned. Wow — what an image of God!

This is the God we worship at St. Agnes in Sebring. He doesn’t care how you look when you come — and neither do we — just that you turn back and (re-)establish the relationship.

Have you been sensing God’s call to return for a while, but put it off due to something you heard or experienced at a church (like not having the “right” clothing)? It’s time to forget about the past and look forward, to renew your life and be renewed.

Holy Week is an ideal time: return to worship this week, relive the events of Christ’s Passion and Resurrection and reconnect with God and His people.

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March 29th Maundy Thursday Service/Communion
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Easter Week services: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29 with communion; Good Friday at noon on Friday, March 30; Easter Sunday – 7 a.m. sunrise service, Easter services at 8:15 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m., with a continental breakfast from 8-9:30 a.m.

For more information, call 863-453-3345.

Southside Baptist a Christ-centered church

Special to Highlands News-Sun

The mission statement of Southside Baptist Church allows a quick glimpse into the heart of the church just off the downtown area at 379 S. Commerce Ave. in Sebring.

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The church’s plan follows the Mission Statement, according to Pastor Altman. “We want people to know Christ, to be introduced to Jesus. Our church provides resources to help people grow in Christ, too, through Christian Education and then share the love of Christ through ministry to those around them.”

Southside Baptist Church has Christian education for all ages, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, including several Bible Study classes from which adults can choose, including one for those who speak Spanish. Children also have educational opportunities on Sundays with Sunday School and Children’s Church. On Wednesday Nights AWANA is available for elementary grades and the One Sixteen Student Ministries for middle and high school ages. Nursery is available for children through age 2 at all services.

The church also offers a Young Adult class on Wednesday evenings called L.I.F.E. The acronym stands for Living In Faith Everyday. From November through March senior adults enjoy Friends Forever ministries one Tuesday each month. Pastor Altman has been senior pastor at the church since March 1999. In 2016 Ryan Myhre joined the staff as associate pastor.

“It’s a case of two different people from two completely different parts of the country that God put together,” Pastor Altman said. “Pastor Ryan is from Minnesota and I am native to Florida, but it was God who put us together.”

Pastor Altman graduated from Clearwater Christian College and previously served churches in Largo and Bradenton. Pastor Ryan obtained an international business degree from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and masters in divinity through Baptist Bible Seminary in Clark’s Summit, Pennsylvania. He previously served as assistant pastor at a church in Moorhead.

The church’s website, mysouthsidebc.com, provides extensive information on the church’s ministries. Current messages can be found on YouTube. The church also broadcasts the Sunday morning service live on Facebook.
Our Mission Statement is: We believe the Church exists on the earth to minister to lost and hurting world so therefore are committed to fulfilling the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

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Spring Lake Presbyterian known for fellowship

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Spring Lake Presbyterian Church is at 5887 U.S. 98 in Sebring, under the Big White Cross. Call 863-655-0713 or visit slpc.embarqspace.com.

We preach the death, burial and resurrection of our Risen Lord and that through trust, faith and belief in Him we have eternal life. We believe in faith, family and fellowship. Members and visitors agree we are the friendliest church around.

Community outreach programs include a food pantry that distributes food once a month for Florida and Spring Lake residents; a Heart Pillow program, coordinated by member Ilene Stephey for the past 25 years, providing heart pillows to Highlands Regional Medical Center for surgical patients lovingly cut, sewn, stuffed and stitched by church members; and an annual Pet Blessing where everyone is welcome to bring their pet for a special blessing given by Pastors John and Harriet Davis. Pets receive a medallion with a picture of St. Francis on the front and a "Bless and Protect My Pet" blessing on the back. There is a pet parade with prizes given for the oldest, smallest and largest pet and best costume.

The church holds an annual silent auction and bake sale with booth rentals available for crafters and for the last several years we have held a pot-luck Thanksgiving and Easter dinner for church members who may not have family close by to celebrate with during these special times. Beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through the Wednesday before Palm Sunday, we have Lenten Soup Suppers each Wednesday night with delicious soup made by loving church member hands.

Worship services are Sundays at 10 a.m. with Adult Sunday School at 8:15 a.m. Fellowship follows services; nursery is available. Bible Study is Tuesday at 11 a.m. A craft room filled with crafts done by church members is open after worship services and by appointment for purchases.

Easter Services Schedule

Palm Sunday 3/25 10am
A special music program will honor the day Christ Jesus entered Jerusalem and began his final journey to the Cross
Sermon "Everybody Love’s a Parade; scripture Mark 11:1-11

Maundy Thursday 3/29 6PM
Enjoy a special awe-inspiring experience and program that will start with the Lord’s Supper and continue the journey through The Cross

Easter Sunday 4/1
Celebrate our Risen Lord
7am Small Sunrise Service
Estates of Sebring Park 3627 Little Lake Drive, Sebring
10am Worship service
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Around the world millions are making plans to celebrate Easter while others are mourning the death of Mr. Stephen Hawking, who was considered by many to be one of the most brilliant minds of our time.

Jamie Ducharme from Time.com quoted Mr. Hawking as saying, “God is the name people give to the reason we are here,” he said. “But I think that reason is the laws of physics rather than someone with whom one can have a personal relationship. An impersonal God.”

I’m sure there are many things Mr. Hawking can be attributed for and should be considered an authority in but when it comes to matters of God and whether or not we can have a personal relationship with Him we turn not toward man but rather to scripture.

The New Testament gives us a different picture when it says, “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” (Romans 10:9-10)

These instructions tell each of us how to engage in a relationship with our creator personally. I encourage you to apply the above verses to your life and accept Jesus as your personal savior today. There is no better time than the present to acknowledge our Savior as your Savior too!

We invite you to celebrate with us the resurrection of Jesus this Easter morning, April 1. At Sebring First Assembly you will find a room full of people on a journey serving a perfect Lord. Join us on this journey every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Find out more by visiting SebringFirst.org.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life”

~ John 3:16 NIV

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empowered by the Holy Ghost to fulfill this charge.

We believe that man’s highest duty and greatest privilege is to worship God and to enjoy Him forever. Worship brings us into God’s presence and as such the fountain of our life and service to Christ.

We believe that the atmosphere of our church should be characterized by love, acceptance and forgiveness. It should be a safe place for people to gather to seek the deeper things of Christ. It should be a place where the love of Jesus is demonstrated through the love of His people.

We believe that the Word of God is truth — that it is God’s gracious revelation of himself and his will to mankind. Therefore, we will be people of the Bible, who will read, study, share and accept its principles for our lives.

We understand that culture changes, but the Word of God never changes.
Spring is eagerly anticipated, as many people look forward to enjoying the great outdoors once more. Spring is also a special time of year for practicing Christians.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 weekdays until the arrival of Easter Sunday, the Lenten season is a very important time of year for Christians. During Lent, Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. While the Bible does not reference Lent, the practice of observing Lent has become a standard.

The following focuses on each of the special days of this church season as they pertain to Western Christianity (Eastern Orthodox churches observe Lent somewhat differently).

**Ash Wednesday**

The Day of Ashes commemorates the repentance of sin. On Ash Wednesday, Christians have ashes placed on their foreheads in the shape of a cross in recognition of their need to repent. Many churches host Ash Wednesday services, and those who receive the ashes are not only reminded of their mortality and sinfulness, but also of the opportunity for absolution. Christians typically fast on Ash Wednesday, though some simply abstain from eating meat.

**Palm Sunday**

On what is now called “Palm Sunday,” Jesus Christ rode a donkey into Jerusalem while villagers welcomed him and waved palm branches. This is mentioned in each of the Biblical Gospels and occurs a week before His subsequent resurrection. Jesus possibly rode a donkey rather than a horse as a sign of peace, as a war-waging king might ride a horse. The “Passion of the Christ” is typically read during Palm Sunday masses.

**Holy Thursday**

Holy Thursday is sometimes referred to as “Covenant Thursday,” “Maundy Thursday” or “Thursday of Mysteries.” Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the apostles. According to Catholic News Agency, Holy Thursday might be one of the most important, complex and profound days of celebration in the Catholic Church. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the sacrament of the priesthood.

**Good Friday**

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Jesus was condemned by his peers as King Herod and Pontius Pilate had found him not guilty of his crimes. But crowds were enraged, and Pilate reluctantly ordered his crucifixion rather than face a mass riot.

**The season of Lent and Easter**

Easter brings the best surprises baby chicks, buds in bloom, and spring sunshine that fills your room...
Tradition plays an important role in Easter celebrations for many families. Cherished traditions and symbols of Easter may include anything from egg hunts to lilies to lambs. Understanding the importance behind these symbols can make sharing the miracle of Easter that much more special.

**Crucifix**

The crucifix is one of the central symbols of Easter and Christianity. The cross is a symbol of Christ’s crucifixion and sacrifice. The crucifix also highlights the ability of God to give new life to people after death.

In addition to wearing and displaying the cross during Easter, some people bake “hot cross buns” as another symbol of the season.

**Lilies**

Lilies are often exchanged during Easter celebrations or presented as hostess gifts for those sharing the holiday meal with others. The American Bible Society says lilies grow in the spring around the time when Easter is typically celebrated. Also, because they look like trumpets, they can be a symbol that heralds Christ’s resurrection.

**Lamb**

The lamb is another symbol associated with Easter. Lambs were originally associated with the Jewish holiday of Passover, when lambs were sacrificed and their blood was used to mark which houses contained those faithful to God. As a result of his crucifixion, Christ became the symbolic lamb for all — the ultimate sacrifice. In fact, Christ is often referred to as “The Lamb of God.”

Easter is replete with many recognized symbols. Unearthing their meanings can be a learning experience and a way to further immerse oneself in this holy holiday.
Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday marks the final day of the Triduum, or the three days preceding Easter Sunday. Scripture states that Holy Saturday was when Jesus’ body was placed in the tomb.

Easter Sunday

A festive and celebratory day for Christians, Easter Sunday is a time for sharing the good news of Jesus’ resurrection. His body is discovered missing from the tomb, and Jesus appears to his followers again showing proof that He is alive. Typically, Easter Sunday is one of the most well-attended Sunday services for Christians. It also is a day to spend with family, and many families share large meals to mark the end of the Lenten season.

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Symbols

Rabbit

The Easter bunny is very much a secular symbol of the holiday, but one that has become so ingrained with the season that many people ascribe to it a Christian meaning. Pagan celebrations of spring often linked rabbits or hares with the season because of their fertility and ability to bring forth new life. According to the Christian living resource Crosswalk, believers associate the rabbit coming out of its underground home as a symbol of Christ emerging from the tomb.

Eggs

Eggs are one of the more recognizable symbols of Easter. For Easter egg hunts, eggs are hard-boiled and decorated in bright hues. It’s believed that the origins of Easter eggs are both secular and religious. From the secular (once pagan) perspective, the egg is an ancient symbol of new life, according to The History Channel, and has been associated with pagan festivals that celebrate spring. Some Christians feel that Easter eggs represent Christ’s emergence from the tomb and his subsequent resurrection. Eggs were once a food not consumed during Lent, therefore painting and decorating them to mark the end of fasting and penance became a way to celebrate Easter.

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THE PHANTOM
BY LEE FALK

“PHANTOM RUSHES ON ROUGH-NECKED”
—OLD JUNGLE SAYING

“IT’S HIM! PHANTOM! WHY? PUFF! PANT! OKAY!”
—OCCU

“GET ON THE HORSE.”

“YOU’VE BEEN SIGHTED, BILLY!”

“BILLY...”

“BOOMSBY...”

“WHEN DOES A GHOST HAVE PLANS?”

“IT’S MOMENT WHEN I CAN SEE A MAN WHO I CANNOT EVEN A MAN WHO CANNOT SEE!”

“NOW WE SET TO WHERE WE’RE GONNA, HE BETER HIDE HIMSELF, HE CAN’T SEE!”

NON SEQUITUR
BY WILEY

AYE, JEFFY... WANTS HER? WILL... JUDETH, GENDHIN, WONG SUGUH TO COME... WOOLGORD, AND WORM, MULTIVOCAL... UNINTENTIONAL... IN SURREAL...

O.K. OR 50...?

“SUGR... TACTICALLY, THEY MIGHT GO TO ETERNAL IN WOOLGORD, LEADING TO...”

“COME ON, JOEY! TEN STEPS TO THE DOGHOUSE!”

DENNIS THE MENACE
BY HANK KETCHAM

LOOKS LIKE THE MAP STARTS HERE!

“LET’S DIG IN!”

“WHAT ON EARTH ARE THEY UP TO?”

“GOOD NINER, WAKE-UP IN WOOLGORD, LEADING TO...”

“THE CRAYFISH APOCALYPSE”

“I’M THE ONE WHO DREW THE MAP!”

“How do you know, that?”

“...over which one of us is a charge around here?”

“Mom and I are locked in another battle of wills...”

“NOPE TO WALL... I BUY AN OPEN MOUTH...”

“...and having her belly shell to the size of a double-wide mobile home...”

“I CAME TO TELL YOU ANY OF THAT QUALIFIES HER TO BE THE BOSS!”

“Because I said so!”

“...and saving her life...”

“I APPRECIATE HER LIVING WE AROUND FOR NINE MONTHS WHILE HANDING HER BUTTS OUT...”

“SHEN CRUSHED MY Knees, I STRUGGLE FOR A CHARM...”

“Shell Crushed My Knee, I Struggle For A Charm...”

MARVIN
by Tom Armstrong

...over which one of us is a charge around here!...