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## Four charged in burglary spree

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SEBRING — Four Sebring men were arrested in connection to more than 20 burglaries that occurred over the past several months, according to Nell Hays, Highlands County Sheriff's Office public information officer on Friday.

Rolando Josue Lopez, 18, Jonathon Alan Miller, 52, and Britten Lane Miller, 18, all of 1426 Nancesowee Ave., and James Levi Meredith, 17, of 1330 Fernvale Ave., are facing multiple counts of burglary, according to Hays.

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J. Miller



B. Miller



Lopez



Meredith

## 46th Lake Placid Country Fair



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Lou Quigley (center) answers questions about the bromeliads he is selling Saturday during the Country Fair.

## Big crowd shows up for opening day

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LAKE PLACID — A large crowd put a smile on the faces of food vendors as well as the many art enthusiasts that roamed DeVane Park Saturday morning amongst hundreds of vendors showing off their yummy food, beautiful art and unique toys and crafts.

The 46th annual Lake Placid Country Fair offered everything from fresh, candied almonds to plant holders. Vendors were thrilled at the large number of attendees on the first day and at such an

early hour as the festival returned to DeVane Park after being moved due to renovations last year.

"I've been doing this for 10 years. This is my fifth year here. I missed last year and I'm sort of glad I did because I heard they had moved it out of the park and held it over there somewhere. There's a lot of people here. Great turnout," said vendor Lou Quigley.

Quigley is the owner of Q-Garden, an exotic plant business. A resident of Dade City,

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Celia Mathews of Georgia hands out candied almonds Saturday morning and said she has been a vendor at the Lake Placid Country Fair for the past 10 years.

## Book comes to life at WES Living Wax Museum

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SEBRING — "Beware Mortals" read the signs spread along the edge of sidewalk at Woodlawn Elementary Thursday evening. Another warned visitors to "turn back now."

Parents and friends braved past the signs and spooky music and made their way to the open hallways were mythological creatures —

good and evil — lurked in every corner.

The Living Wax Museum at Woodlawn featured many characters quite a few of which most people already know — Zeus, Poseidon, Aphrodite, Hades to name a few — but also featured characters that are special to a book third graders at Woodlawn recently just finished reading.

"The students read 'The

Lightning Thief.' It took them about two months to read the book with all the other curriculum things we had going on," said instructor Candice Dickens.

Dickens, along with fellow third grade teacher John Spencer, decided that the students needed more than just a regular reading experience. The duo wanted the students

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News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Zeus waits patiently to come to life during Woodlawn's Living Wax Museum. Mythical characters were portrayed by two third grade classes who recently finished reading "The Lightning Thief".

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Centennial Notebook

# Another Centennial party is planned

By JEN BROWN  
Special to the News-Sun  
We're having another Centennial party.

Yes! It's free and open to the public to celebrate our 100-Year Young Downtown.

The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency is thrilled to host the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce February Mixer. Come network and enjoy the kick-off event for Downtown Sebring's newest campaign, "I Love Downtown Sebring," which coincides with the city's 100th birthday and celebrates the wonderful things both residents and visitors love about our historic and charming downtown. It's a terrific setting for all to enjoy with wine, beverages, food, door prizes, great conversation and more and being located just south of The Circle, it's a great way for the community to come together and celebrate the past 100 years and look toward the future of our beautiful city.

This event will take place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 located in beautiful historic downtown Sebring at the Circle Professional Suites (entrance at 102 S. Ridgewood Drive). This little known, indoor and outdoor venue will provide an intimate and special social event. The indoor area is a loft apartment with hardwood floors and original brick walls that are amazing. The outdoor courtyard is complete with seating area, twinkling lights and is a delight.

This will be fun and we need support for the Centennial events planned.

A reminder of a few upcoming events:

- Lakeshore Mall is having its Senior Expo during the mall's 20th Anniversary Year from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8;
- The Highlands County Fair Association is celebrating 75 Years of Heritage, with the fair dates of Feb. 10-18 at 781 Magnolia Ave.;
- The 29th Annual Roaring '20s Arts & Crafts Festival is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 in historic downtown Sebring with crafts, food and entertainment to enjoy;
- The Women's Club of Sebring and the Highlands Social Singles Club is hosting the "One and Only Centennial Sweetheart Dance" on Valentine's Day from 7-10 p.m., at the Women's Club, 4260 Lakeview Drive, the exciting big band sounds of the 10-piece orchestra The Skylarks will provide a full night's entertainment, as well as other pleasures, such as a "Love Photo Booth XOXO", artist James R. Hahn and more.

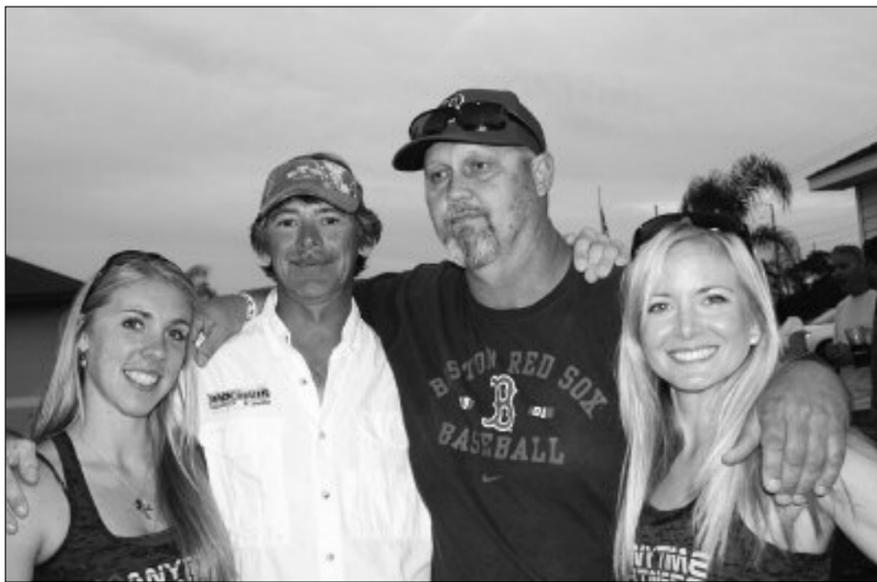
Mayor George Hensley urges all citizens, groups, clubs, societies and busi-

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# Cornhole for Cancer



Anytime Fitness of Avon Park hosted a 'Cornhole For Cancer' event Jan. 28 at the Blue Lagoon Saloon. All proceeds, more than \$2,000, went to Relay for Life. The tournament had 26 teams. The winning team of Shane Lillpop and Jeff Brock, both from Avon Park, were undefeated going into the championship. They lost the first round but came back and shut out their opponent, 23-0. Second place were Troy Maloyed and Darren Townsend from Sebring. Sponsors were The Blue Lagoon Saloon, Bernie Little Distributing, AP Gunsmoke, Chen Dental, Carlson Accounting, Harrell's Fertilizer and Anytime Fitness of Avon Park owners Ricky and Heidi Hayes. Pictured are (from left) Tammy Needham, event coordinator and manager of Anytime Fitness, Lillpop, Brock and Heidi Hayes.

# Progress being made on elections building issues

But what is stored there isn't known

By ED BALDRIDGE  
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SEBRING — County staff made some advances on getting the proper permits on the Kenilworth building this week, but could not say what county records are already stored in the building, which has no working fire suppression.

Gloria Rybinski, public information officer and records custodian for the county, answered an e-mail request sent to County Administrator Ricky Helms on Wednesday for an update on the building.

"The signed and sealed plans have been provided to Ron McClure," Rybinski wrote.

McClure works as a carpenter for the County Parks and Recreation Department.

A stop work order was issued for the new Supervisor of Elections Office on Dec. 29 by the city of Sebring because the building was not properly permitted.

"He (McClure) has dropped off a one page application for the Commercial Building Permit to the Engineering Department for it to be completed; the Engineering Department has consulted with the Building

Department to ensure all aspects of the application process are covered. Following this process the county submitted the application to the city of Sebring. We anticipate to have the permit on hand within a week. Work in the building will resume once permit has been issued," Rybinski said in her e-mail response.

Questions about what was stored at the incomplete facility brought a less sure from Rybinski.

"I don't have an inventory, but there are records from different BCC (Board of County Commission) departments and the Clerk of Court," Rybinski replied.

County staff accountability on the Kenilworth project has come into question by several county commissioners in the past months, and several deficiencies in due diligence have been pointed out by the board.

"You think that when a project is being conceived you would put down and justify what your needs are," Commissioner Barbara Stewart said in a December meeting.

Several citizens showed concern over the past few months about what commissioners were calling "mis-

takes in handling" the purchase and renovations of the buildings at 4500 Kenilworth Blvd., and the purchase price of \$1.2 million for what County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete called a "shell of a building."

Estimates from county staff have reached as high as \$2.2 million before the building is completed.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Avon Park's 'What's Up?' meeting is Tuesday

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Community Redevelopment Agency - Main Street District will host its next "What's Up Main Street?" meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Jacaranda Hotel, 19 E. Main St.

These monthly meetings provide a discussion forum and place for ideas to be exchanged that relate to Avon Park's Main Street District. Anyone who has a business, residence or is interested in the Main Street area is encouraged to attend. This meeting will also serve as the launch for the new "Buy Main Street Avon Park" program.

For more information, visit [www.AvonParkCRA.com](http://www.AvonParkCRA.com) or call 224-6326.

### AP Friends celebrate Brusha's life

AVON PARK — The Friends of the Avon Park Library invites the public to attend a celebration of life for Don Brusha in the library from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Catered heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Reservations are not required. Lucy Derkman, a president of the Friends for many years, will be the speaker.

Brusha served as Avon Park's public librarian for more than six years. He was an erudite, jovial man who was always ready to help or give advice to the Friends of the Library or to the public. He was a world traveler, a great cook and

held a law degree as well as a master's degree in information and library science.

A beautiful, colored glass art chandelier, named "Wonders of the Sea" and given by an anonymous donor to honor Brusha's memory, already hangs from the ceiling of the library's central reading room for the public to enjoy.

This remarkable piece of hanging art is similar to the huge Dale Chihuly chandelier that hangs in the Rotunda of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, but is on a smaller scale.

The library's chandelier was made in individual pieces by the Viz Art Glass Inc., California and was shipped for assembly to Gene Brenner, a well-known artist in Sebring.

### Stop Smoking classes set up

If you're ready to quit smoking now, register today for free. This is a five-week program to become tobacco-free and includes free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) patches at no cost. Meetings are available on the following dates, at the following times and locations:

- Program meets weekly from 3-4 p.m. Mondays, through March 5, at Central Florida Health Care Inc., 950 C.R. 17-A W., Avon Park;
- From 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays, through March 6, at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Conference Room 3, sec-

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# Sign ordinance reaches final reading in Sebring

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING — City Attorney Bob Swaine will present the Sebring City Council will the second and final reading of the residential and lighted sign ordinances during Tuesday evening's meeting.

The ongoing sign dispute has caused a little shuffling around of zoning classifications for certain buildings

The residential ordinance is mainly being put into place to regulate the abundance of home occupation signs that have been placed in yards and to clear up the regulations regarding identifying signs.

The lighted sign issue has been discussed numerous times by the council and

Swaine. The ordinance refers to a lighted sign as "any sign that is illuminated by a light source located within or on the sign ... a sign that is illuminated by an external light source directed or aimed towards the sign."

The illuminated sign issue was brought to the forefront after the Highlands County Fair Association expressed interest in installing a scrolling marquee sign at the fairgrounds.

Council member John Clark was initially put off by the idea and worried that the sign would cause an issue for area residents.

Both the residential sign ordinance and lighted sign ordinance will be put into place following Tuesday's meeting if council approves.

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# Country Fair continues today at DeVane Park in Lake Placid



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Quigley sells unique plants such as bromeliads, at his business and frequents events similar the Country Fair regularly.

Local vendors also were impressed with the surprisingly large crowd at the first day of the fair Saturday.

Former Highlands County School Board Member Rev. Richard Norris was busy serving up bratwurst Saturday mid-morning near the center of DeVane Park.

"Great turnout and it's really early," said Norris. "This is our youth group. We've been doing this for about 20 years."

Funnel cakes, hot dogs, burgers and turkey legs were just a few of the other items available at the fair, which

continues today until 4 p.m. Toby the Clown and friends will be present along with more face painting, balloon animals, kids station, pet vendors, safety demonstrations and much more.

Today's fair schedule will highlight many of the local artists and crafters.

Beginning at 2 p.m. today, awards will be handed out at the DeVane Park Gazebo for winners of the Best in Show and Best in Class in the student and People's Choice divisions.

Displays of artists' and crafters' work and live demonstrations will take place at Lake Placid Elementary School today. Vans and shuttles are available for transport from DeVane Park to the school.

The Lake Placid Country Fair is packed with people Saturday morning at DeVane Circle. The event features about 200 vendors as well as local clubs/organizations and ends today at 4 p.m.

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Kayla Ragucci of Ft. Lauderdale has her portrait sketched by artist David Schmitzer on Saturday during the country fair.

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Yulia Rohwedee of Lake Placid engages her five-month-old son Donovan with a puppet Saturday in Lake Placid.

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The Rev. Richard Norris, Bob Sesko and Susan Norris sell bratwursts Saturday to help raise money for Trinity Lutheran youth group.

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## EDITORIAL &amp; OPINION

## ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

## Don't turn public waters into private lands

For much of Florida's modern history, developers have been turning water into land — draining and filling swamps and marshes to build subdivisions and shopping centers.

Now the Florida Legislature seems ready to try a new trick: turning public waters into private lands.

What legally defines public and private ownership along thousands of miles of navigable rivers and lakes in Florida is something called the "ordinary high water" mark. Basically it means that all land that's submerged during the "high water season" is sovereign and accessible to the public.

Pending legislation would change the definition to set the "ordinary high water" mark much lower. In effect, it

would turn thousands of acres of what are now submerged public lands over to adjacent private property owners.

"This legislation could lead to barbed wire and 'no trespassing' signs keeping Florida kayakers, canoeists, boaters, birdwatchers, hunters and sports fishermen away from their favorite places at the edge of our lakes and rivers," warns the Florida Audubon Society.

The legislation, HB 1103 and SB 1362, is being pushed by agricultural interests and large property owners who stand to see their holdings increase

under a lower water mark definition.

Not surprisingly, opposing the measure are hunters, fishermen, hikers, boaters and others who enjoy Florida's rivers and lakes.

"Boaters could be arrested for standing on the shore fishing," Charles Pattison, of 1,000 Friends of Florida, told the Tampa Bay Times. "Hunters could get arrested for hunting in marshes that are dry in the low water season."

Florida's definition of the "ordinary high water" mark that separates public from private lands has stood legal muster for decades. Lawmakers who now want to turn public waters into private lands do a disservice to Floridians who want access to their state's greatest natural treasures.

*An editorial from the Gainesville Sun.*

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## Eating their own

## Laura's Look

Laura Ware

There is a general sigh of relief that swept Florida on Wednesday of last week. Relief that the primary was now over, and we would no longer be subject to the barrage of negative advertising that blanketed the state.

Those of you living in the remaining 46 states to hold primaries, brace yourselves. The race has entered an ugly stage and it's likely to stay that way for the foreseeable future.

The two main adversaries in this storm of negativity are Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich.

Romney managed to take Florida on Tuesday after spending \$16-17 million on negative ads. Newt didn't spend quite as much but still had a good number of jabs directed at the former Massachusetts governor.

The sad thing about negative campaigning is that though a lot of us decry it as dirty and wrong, it often accomplishes its goals.

Mitt Romney probably figures the millions of dollars he's spent on ads against Gingrich money well spent. They probably helped him secure his win.

But these negative shots at each other come at a price. You can't look at Romney and Gingrich without thinking that they probably can't stand each other. They might still be able to be polite to each other in public, but it's probably safe to say they are not best buds.

Of course, there are those who say this is part of the process, that when it's all over the party will kiss and make up and get behind whomever the nominee winds up being. Others will remind me that it's always like this — remember Clinton and Obama in '08?

Maybe I have a woefully short memory (what was I talking about?), but it seems to me that it's gotten a lot more personal this time out. Or maybe it seems that the participants are taking it more personally. I'm not sure.

And, in my opinion, it will be very difficult for Romney and Gingrich to work together after all this mudslinging. I wonder how the loser will cope. Will he

be able to stand up at the convention this summer and praise his opponent, taking back everything they said during the campaign? That's how it usually works, but can the party pull off this magic trick yet another time?

There are people out there trying to put a positive spin on all this vitriol. They say it's strengthening the candidates. That it's preparing them for the upcoming contest with President Obama. That it means there will be no surprises when it's all over.

Frankly, I am troubled about all this. We're supposed to be opposed to the politics of personal destruction, aren't we? But now it's all right to trash your opponent if he stands in your way? To do what you can to destroy his personal reputation?

Republicans can be very hard on their own. Sometimes harder on fellow Republicans than on their Democratic opponents. It seems to me they are playing especially rough now, and I wish there was a way to get them to cut it out before irreparable harm is done — if that hasn't happened already.

Perhaps it is naïve of me to think that these politicians might play nice this late in the game. Especially when playing dirty gets you what you want.

But is it really too much to ask that the men who want my vote rise above this kind of nonsense? Two of them — Santorum and Paul — have more or less stayed out of the muck. So it can be done.

Calm it down. Focus. Be the kind of candidate I will want to vote for — instead of a lesser of two evils. For everyone's sake, including your own.

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## TODAY'S LETTERS

## Most who manage debt have been fired

Editor:

Last August, Time magazine reported that the entire top management of the Treasury Department is virtually vacant. More than a dozen important positions remain vacant because the Senate has not confirmed President Obama's appointees. This does not mean that the whole Senate voted to reject these appointees. It means that Senate Republicans have been able to abuse Senate rules to bottle these nominations up in committee.

The Treasury isn't the only department affected. There are hundreds of officially vacant posts in the Executive Branch for the same reason.

The Founding Fathers took no account of legislative committees when they wrote the Constitution. Committees were supposed to be workshops, not blocked arteries leading to a legislative stroke. I believe that the Senate has a responsibility to act on a Presidential appointment within a reasonable time, perhaps three months. An extraordinary controversy over a nomination might justify longer debate but partisan bickering does not.

Treasury vacancies do matter. In the last several years the Treasury has had to administer bailouts for the auto and insurance industries. The Treasury has had to deal with reorganizing insolvent banks, with the European financial crisis and the mortgage meltdown. In addition, the Treasury is the Department charged with juggling the national debt.

Where did this debt come

from? Under a Republican President, Congress voted the U.S. into the Iraq War and the Afghan War. The Republican Speaker, John Boehner and Majority Leader Eric Cantor, will not raise taxes to pay for either of these wars, although they voted for military action.

In the past few years, Republicans have run up an enormous debt, refused to raise taxes and ignored their Constitutional responsibility to confirm Presidential appointees. Bogged down in debt, they have essentially fired the professionals who manage that debt.

Dale L. Gillis  
Sebring

## Fleeing by the oil industry

Editor:

The Keystone XL Pipeline "is not" in the interest of the American taxpayers or of the American security, or will it make America self-independent on oil.

The American taxpayers are again being fleeced by global powers. As for the jobs it will produce, most of the jobs will be outsourced to foreign companies. Canada has made a deal with Russia, India and China on the 1,700 miles of steel pipe, ignoring the American steel companies. Most of the American steel mills are now silent due to the outsourcing of all American industry. This caused widespread hardship on all Americans. My own relationship with the steel industry was cut short. I had more than 28 years in the steel industry when my plant was shut down. It was a top-of-the-line steel plant. It about destroyed my hometown. It also destroyed the pensions



and health insurance of thousands of steel workers. It also cost the American taxpayers millions of dollars.

As for the oil that Keystone would produce, global powers control America's oil; it would be put on the world market, going to the highest bidder.

The Republican Party and Global Powers are in harmony with each other regarding outsourcing of the work on the Keystone XL Pipeline and the oil would be exported and not used in these United States; therefore, there will be "no taxes paid on this oil."

Brings to mind another very serious oil problem, America's emergency oil supply. Is America's emergency oil supply being put in danger by the high price of oil? Where is the transparency or accounting of all transactions of the emergency oil supply being bought with the American tax dollars?

The reason I question the

security of this emergency oil supply is that several years back, oil companies slant drilled into the emergency oil supply stealing millions of barrels of the taxpayers' oil. In today's world, that theft could all just be on paper transactions, where the oil was never delivered.

I would ask and the American taxpayer would ask for a complete investigation on this matter on our emergency reserves of oil.

Our Alaska pipelines diverts most of our oil to foreign markets. America is competing with the world market for its' own oil.

The American taxpayer must demand that companies which outsource our jobs, get no tax breaks and are not allowed to dump their products on the American market. Our tax laws should not be controlled by global powers.

Billie E. Jewett  
Sebring

## 100th day of school celebrated at KLC



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Mrs. Drury Kindergarten's class enjoys sno-cones after plenty of fun on bounce houses and inflatables during the KLC's annual 100th Day Celebration.

News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Aliana Barrera leads the pack of climbers on the bounce slide inflatable during the Kindergarten Learning Center's annual 100th Day Celebration.



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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ond floor, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring; - From 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays, through March 6, at Better Living Community Center, 24 E. Phoenix St., Lake Placid.

For more information about attending any of the classes or to register, call toll-free (877) 252-6094. These classes are based on a curriculum developed by ex-smokers for those who want to become ex-smokers themselves.

### Shuffleboard games set at Recreation Club

SEBRING — The Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., will host the following events this week:

- Monday – Shuffleboard Scrambles, 1:15 p.m.; membership meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday – County Shuffleboard Tournament, 9 a.m.
- Wednesday – Line dancing, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday – Pro only, Draw Doubles, Two Balls Shuffleboard in Avon Park at 9 a.m.
- Friday – Mini Shuffleboard tournament, 1:15 p.m.

For details, call 385-2966.

### Washington County Day is Tuesday

SEBRING — Residents and former residents of Washington County, Ohio, will meet for a luncheon at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Homer's in Sebring.

For more information, call Betty Hurte at 452-0364.

### CAT offers Session One of classes

AVON PARK — The Children's Academy of Theatre Inc. will offer Session One (Feb. 7 through March 22) of the following courses for children ages kindergarten through fifth grade:

- "Choir and Acting" course on Tuesdays; cost \$60.
- "Art of Impressions" (Impression Art and Etiquette) course on Thursdays; cost \$60.

Session Two is for children ages sixth grade through 12th grade: - "Commercial Production" course on

Tuesdays; cost \$70.

- "Modeling and Photography" course on Thursdays; cost \$70.

- "Dance Lyrical/Hip Hop" course on Tuesdays and Thursdays; cost \$70.

The courses will be at the Avon Park Community Center, 310 W. Main St. Some full or partial scholarships available upon application approval.

Contact Krista Flores for more information by calling 212-0800 or Michelle Cathey at 449-0191.

### Thrivent Financial plans seminar

SEBRING — Thrivent Financial is hosting a financial seminar from noon to 1 p.m.

Tuesday at the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce, 227 U.S. 27 North. Learn how to identify what is important in your life and set goals. Make sharing, saving and spending decisions that align with your values. Apply basic money management tools to help you budget, reduce debt and find money to save.

A complimentary lunch will be served. RSVP required; call 863-395-8448.

### Highlands YMCA looking for cars

SEBRING — Got a car and not sure what to do with it? How about donating it to the Highlands County Family YMCA. Your donation will help out a child in the community learn how to swim or par-

ticipate in a sports program.

All proceeds will benefit the Strong Kids Campaign. The Y is a non-profit 5013C business. Questions? Call 382-9622.

### Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK  
The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will host a Super Bowl party today; \$25 per person. Call for more details. The Ladies Auxiliary meets at 4 p.m. Wednesday; Men's Auxiliary at 6 p.m. and the Post meeting is at 7 p.m. Music by Tom McGannon from 5-8 p.m. Friday, and karaoke by Cowbell from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. For details, call 453-9853.

LAKE PLACID  
The VFW Post 3880 Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Music with Mike Claxton on Friday; call for time. Any questions, call 699-5444.

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 Ladies will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday. A Sweetheart Dinner/Dance is set for Saturday, with social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. Call 465-5707.

SEBRING  
The Sebring Elks 1529 will offer golf at Golf Hammock at 8 a.m. Monday. The board meets at 7 p.m. Dance to the music of Frank E. from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. For the dance only, cost is \$5. There will be a dinner/dance set for Friday; call for details. For information, call 471-3557.

# Sheriff's building on county commission agenda

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Church at \$2 million, leaving about \$3 million for renovations to fit the sheriff's needs.

His brief overview of the Restoration Church showed that cost components would include parking reconfiguration and reconstruction, "extensive" demolition and connection to Sebring's sewer system.

Benson also stated that the mechanical equipment was "approaching useful life cycle."

The church was built in 2001.

The Bank of America Building cost components included structural engineering, environmental survey, parking reconfiguration and reconstruction, demolition of the exiting drive thru and a significant amount of the interior of the building and the replacement of all mechanical equipment.

The 33,621-square-foot, two-story bank was built in 1961 and the estimated purchase price was \$2.65 million, according to Benson.

The commission meeting is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Government Center on 600 S. Commerce Ave.

# 100th year celebration continues to grow in Sebring

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nesses to join in the year-long celebration. The Centennial Planning Committee meets the first Thursday of each month and the public is invited and encouraged to attend; it's at 4 p.m. at the Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center. The Centennial board and Mayor Hensley hope that all people in the community get

involved to help make this a great Centennial year.

Thank you to all the terrific sponsors that are joining in our Centennial year. They are helping to move Sebring into the next 100 years.

Go to the website, www.Sebring100.com, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CelebrateSebringCentennial, call 655-5554 or email events@sebring100.com to

get involved.

Special thanks to the News-Sun for the opportunity to keep everyone up to date and informed on Sebring's Centennial Celebration.

Reference this article every Sunday for details and upcoming events and you won't miss a thing.

Jen Brown is a member of the Sebring Centennial Committee.

# Girl's killer gets life in prison

GREEN COVE SPRINGS (AP) — Minutes after a man pleaded guilty to kidnapping, raping and murdering 7-year-old Somer Thompson, who was dumped in a trash bin and later found in a landfill, the little girl's twin brother addressed his sister's killer.

"You know you did this, and now you're going to jail," 9-year-old Samuel Thompson said to Jarred Harrell.

In a deal sparing Harrell the death penalty, the 26-year-old Harrell was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"Your punishment does absolutely not fit your crime," said Somer's mother, Dena Thompson.

"Remember now, there is no safe place for you. You do not have an impenetrable cell. There will be no peace

in the afterlife."

Somer was a second-grader living in Orange Park, a suburb south of Jacksonville.

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A map provided by the Highlands County Sheriff's Office showing the locations hit by the burglary spree.

## Four jailed on burglary charges

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"These suspects are currently being held in the Highlands County Jail with the exception of Britten Lane Miller who was released after posting \$17,000 bond on Jan. 7. All are or will be facing numerous counts of burglary and theft," Hays said.

Britten Lane Miller and Meredith each have felony juvenile charges against them, which makes their names and pictures public record, Hays said on Friday.

"Over a period of several months Highlands County was hit with a series of random burglaries from one end of the county to the other. As crime analysts worked to find links and extra patrol was conducted, sheriff's deputies were able to connect the

dots," Hays wrote in a press release on Friday.

"This was a real team effort between patrol, the safe neighborhood team and detectives," Sheriff Susan Benton said.

Hays also stated, "The city of Sebring Police Department caught some of these same suspects in the act of committing car burglaries in the city. Between the information gathered with the city police, the crime analysis and numerous interviews, sheriff's office detectives have now cleared as many as 20 burglary cases throughout the county."

Five firearms, a riding lawn mower, car titles, a flat screen television and two golf carts have been recovered and returned to the vic-

tims, Hays said.

"Detectives are still working to locate additional stolen property from these burglaries. Further, evidence from other unsolved burglaries during the same time frame continues to be evaluated and processed in attempts to solve more cases," Hays said.

The investigation is ongoing and Hays requested that anyone with information on these or any other residential burglaries to contact the sheriff's office at 402-7250.

Anyone with information who wants to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward is asked to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS(8477), or contact Heartland Crime Stoppers at www.heartland-crimestoppers.com/.

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# School board to discuss several new rules Tuesday

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**  
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SEBRING — Members of The School Board of Highlands County will be discussing proposed changes to several rules during their scheduled workshop Tuesday afternoon.

Two of the rules pertain to students.

With new rule 5.18, the district will recognize the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children, which addresses the needs of educational transition issues faced by military families. Those issues include enrollment and eligibility, educational records, placement, attendance and graduation.

The rule will direct the superintendent to develop procedures to assist students of military families and remove barriers to their educational success.

Rule 5.341 deals with the management of disruptive classroom behavior among students with disabilities, especially when students pose a threat to themselves or others. The focus shall be on the use of the least restrictive, but effective intervention for each student.

Only three methods of intervention are allowed — time out, seclusion and physical restraint.

Time outs come in two forms. A student able to observe classroom activities, but not participate in them; or not allowed to participate or observe.

Seclusion means a student is removed from the class to another “non-stimulating” room for a predetermined time. The rule would require that students be under constant observation by trained

personnel. Students may not be locked or closed into a room that is unlit. Any space used must meet the rules of the State Fire Marshall.

Physical restraint refers only to manual techniques that involve physical force to restrict the student’s free movement.

“It is a method to prevent a student from harming himself/herself or others,” the rule reads. “Physical restraint should only be used in an emergency situation when an immediate and significant threat to the student or others exists.”

No mechanical restraints, or manual restraint restricting a student’s breathing are allowed.

The rule requires restraint to be used only by “trained, qualified” school personnel. Those individuals must have annual refresher training.

In addition, all instances of time outs, seclusion and restraint shall be documented and reported. The use of physical restraint and seclusion shall be monitored and analyzed at the school and district level, as well as in the classroom.

The district must identify the staff members to be trained in physical restraint, and develop the training for those individuals.

In a new component of the rule, the superintendent will be required to develop a plan for reducing the use of restraint and seclusion.

## Advanced academics to expand

In new school board rule 4.15, advanced academics will extend to the elementary and middle schools. Classifications will be used

to determine placement, with priority given to those students identified as gifted.

All fifth-grade classes will participate in a school level science fair.

All advanced academic teachers shall have a gifted endorsement or be working toward an endorsement by taking one class a year.

The same methods will be used in selecting and placing students in middle school advanced academic programs. Teachers will have to meet the same requirements as those at the elementary level. In addition, they will participate in staff development activities at the district level.

Middle school advanced academic classes will be offered in the four content areas: language arts, mathematics, social studies and science.

Every student in the advanced academic program will participate in a school level science fair.

## Allowing private school students to play sports

The school board will also discuss extending participation in extracurricular activities to private school students. Students schooled by their families at home already have that opportunity.

Private school students would be eligible to take part in an interscholastic or intrascholastic sport at the middle or high school zoned for their residence. The students must meet all Florida statutes, requirements and rules established by the school board and FHSAA bylaws.



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
Spectators watch characters from ‘The Lightning Thief’ come to life Thursday evening at Woodlawn Elementary School. Zeus, played by Aiden Maunuel and Chance Oakes, is one of many mythological characters from the book.

# Students make book come to life

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to engage themselves in the story as well as master the skills that are set up by the state Department of Education.

“We’re not just reading a book and doing the old school book report and teaching a skill. We want to get them hooked to learning and hooked to reading, especially,” said Dickens.

Greek gods and goddesses filled one room, shouting at spectators after they dropped in change at each station to see the “wax” characters come to life.

“There are jars at each station. You drop in a penny or any amount of change you want and the characters come to life and recite their lines. Some of these characters are really nice and some had bad attitude problems. Don’t take it personal, it’s just from the book,” warned Spencer.

The money collected from

each of the jars will be donated to a worthy cause.

“The money goes to a charity called Charity Water. The charity builds wells for people and communities that don’t have running water,” explained Spencer.

As the parents and family members made their way from Mount Olympus to the Underworld to Camp Half Blood and to Monsters and Mortals, they found some very unusual characters along the way.

There was Medusa, who was busy trying to get children to stare into her eyes. Poseidon complained about his siblings, Ares was as mean as could be in Mount Olympus and Hades warned mortals to steer clear of the Underworld.

Other characters were also present, like Hephaestus and, of course, Percy Jackson himself, the book’s main character.

The Living Wax Museum was quite impressive and

took the work of many students and teachers and parents to pull it all together.

“They worked so hard and they got a lot of help. We had former students come back and help. We had some of the high school’s IB students come do some painting and art students, parents, faculty members. So many people worked to pull this off,” said Dickens.

The event was a huge success and dozens of family members and friends came out to show support of not only students, but the teachers who have gone out of their way and thought out of the box to help students gain a love of reading.

“We’ve had some kids who have already finished the whole book series in just a couple of months because of this book and this project,” Spencer said.

Each of “The Lightning Thief” series books is on a fifth-grade reading level.

# Contract rules to be updated to match state statutes

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**  
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SEBRING — Several revisions to school board rules regarding teachers and administrators will be considered by the school board Tuesday.

As of July 1, 2011 new state statutes eliminated continuing contracts, also known as tenure. The revision to rule 6.18 reflects that change.

Now when new teachers, or experienced teachers new to Highlands County, enter the district they will receive a one-school-year probationary contract. During that year, a teacher may be dismissed without cause or may resign without a breach of contract.

A probationary contract may not be awarded more than once to same employee “unless the employee was rehired after a break in service for which an authorized leave of absence was not granted.”

Once teachers have completed the probationary contract and been re-appointed for the subsequent school year, an annual contract will be awarded.

Members of the adminis-

trative staff will be given contracts of no more than three years on the condition that “renewal of the contract from year to year will be based on an annual review ... and renewed only when acceptable and satisfactory service has been rendered.”

The first 97 days of the initial contract will serve as a probationary period.

After serving three years satisfactorily, administrative staff may have fixed contracts of up to three years at a time, again based on successful reviews and evaluations.

A proposed change to Rule 6.37, which deals with suspension and dismissal, would change the time allowed for requesting a hearing in answer to a petition of dis-

missal. Employees under annual or professional service contracts would have 15 days to respond. Employees under a continuing contract would have 30 days.

Rule 6.40, which deals with assessment of employees, reflects the new state statutes requiring teacher and administrator annual evaluations. “Evaluation of instructional personnel and school administrators shall include indicators of student learning growth.”

Student learning growth is determined by a formula and based on student test scores. The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test is the primary, but not exclusive, source of student growth data.



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**BUSINESS**

# Former MasterCuts manager opens Flipping Out Salon

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING – Shannon Dunn thought the time was just right to finally venture out on her own and fulfill one of her lifelong dreams.

“I’ve been a stylist for 12 years,” Dunn said. “I’ve been in the corporate world for 10 and have managed two corporate salons.”

Dunn is formerly the manager of MasterCuts in the Lakeshore Mall.

Through Dunn’s expertise and creative thinking, Lakeshore Mall saw its very first hair show.

Dunn has had a loyal clientele and feels that leaving the corporate world to pursue her own small business is the best decision for her.

“It was just the right time,” Dunn said when asked why she decided to venture out in a recovering economy.

“I love the location, my landlord is great and it was just right,” Dunn said.

The newest addition to Highlands County’s salon business is Dunn’s Flipping Out Salon. Located at 3605 Sebring Parkway next to Goin’ Postal, Dunn is happy with the decision she made to pursue her own salon.

“I opened up on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. I thought ‘what a wonderful day to open up.’ Everyone has a dream right,” Dunn stated.

The salon currently offers hair, waxing and massage services. Dunn is working on service expansion; nail services will be offered in the future. Currently Flipping Out offers a licensed massage therapist and barber services. “I just don’t want this to



(From left to right) Salon owner/cosmetologist Shannon Dunn stands proudly in the recently opened Flipping Out Salon. Dunn and her team, massage therapist Christal Snider and stylist Kim Hart-Elder, welcome customers new and old to the establishment.

News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

grow for me I want to give other people the chance to grow with me. I hope this will expand to help everyone broaden in their own fields,” Dunn said.

Dunn hopes to continue to bring affordable, good services to her clientele with her new salon.

The uniqueness of Dunn’s style is certainly enough to keep the old clients and have new ones come through the door.

“I like to play with different colors. I always do things for breast cancer awareness, especially during that month, and Locks of Love,” Dunn said.

All in all, Dunn plans to continue her style and

sophisticated services to the old and new alike.

“My clients just have so much faith in me. I’ve been pleasantly humbled,” Dunn said. “I really love my job and my customers. I’m 12 years into it and I still love it just as much, if not more, than I did on the first day.”

Dunn specializes in color, cuts, highlights, up-do’s and bridal and wedding parties.

Flipping Out Salon offers discount days including \$10 Tuesdays (hair cuts).

Flipping Out Salon is opened Monday (appointment only) from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for massages. Hair and other services are available from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For appointments or more information regarding salon packages and services call 402-4605.

# Century 21 Compton recognizes its top producing associates

Special to the News-Sun  
LAKE PLACID – Jeanne Warner and Wes Tanner, sales associates with CENTURY 21 Compton Realty, were recognized as the top agents for the fourth quarter.

Warner was named the office’s top producing sales associate with a total of \$976,800 in sales volume with more than 35 years of experience in the real estate industry. She holds a broker associate license.

Warner was a sales manager for two successful real estate companies for many years before returning to sales.

She brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and professionalism to the office. She is well versed in all areas of real estate.

Tanner was named the top producing listing associate with a total of \$1,356,900 in listing vol-

ume. Tanner is a native Floridian; he relocated from Naples to Lake Placid in 2005.

As an executive for APAC and an area manager he generated the company multi-million dollars annually. He acquired his real Estate license in 2008. Tanner offers full service real estate assistance specializing in commercial, development and real estate investments.

“Century 21 Compton Realty is pleased to recognize both Jeanne Warner and Wes Tanner with this honor.

“They are leaders and innovators, empowering local homebuyers and sellers with valuable information, helping them to make informed real estate decisions,” said Susan Compton, Broker of Century 21 Compton Realty.

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# Couture’s Art Gallery closing Sebring location

Moving sale planned to wrap up 15 years of site

Special to the News-Sun  
SEBRING – Couture’s Discount, Inc., parent corporation of Couture’s Art Gallery & Frame Shop recently sold the commercial property housing the gallery and frame shop and announced the closing of the Sebring store. The store will hold a gigantic moving sale to clear its substantial inventory of art and home decor rather than move it to the Sarasota location.

Custom framing operations will cease in Sebring with last orders taken on Feb 20.

All framing equipment will be moved after that date, and the store will continue to liquidate the art and decor inventory until March 15

when the store will close and all remaining inventory will be moved to Sarasota.

Couture’s will continue to operate their online and mobile art and gallery operations from their Sarasota location.

“We struggled with this decision, but the sluggish economy in Highlands County and the cultural and art opportunities in Sarasota, where we have a good customer base, make it a good business decision for us.

“We have been in business in Sebring for 15 years and have so many wonderful friends and customers here that the decision was indeed a difficult one,” Dick Couture said.

Dick and Allora Couture will maintain their Lake Istokpoga home for return visits to Highlands County, but will relocate their primary residence to their Sarasota home.

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**BUSINESS**

# Thakkar, Patel give back to giving community

By NEIL SIMPSON  
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Two of Sebring's more prominent doctors are major sponsors of the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit again this year. Dr. Vinod Thakkar and Dr. P.J. Patel have been amazed by Tanglewood's ability to raise so much money each year for cancer research and are thrilled to help out.

Thakkar was raised in India and moved to New Jersey in 1973 where he spent five years in medical school before discovering Sebring in 1979 with its great weather, abundance of cattle and oranges and only one traffic light. When Thakkar, a gastroenterologist, and his wife, an anesthetist, arrived in Sebring there weren't many doctors and there was a real need for specialists with the skills this young couple possessed.

The Thankkars raised their son and daughter in Sebring. Taking the kids to Lakeland for gymnastics was too much, so Thakkar joined with the YMCA to build the gymnastics centre. Lacking theater opportunities for the children led to the Thakkar Pavilion at the Highlands Little Theatre. Their daughter now practices law in Tampa and their son is a cancer specialist in Charlotte, N.C. The Thakkars have two grandsons, one granddaughter and a fourth grandchild on its way.

The community focus has continued with the Thakkar Foundation, which was established in 1984-85. The foundation distributes its



Courtesy photo  
Dr. Vinod Thakkar (seated) and Dr. P.J. Patel are quite involved with the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit. This year the duo is offering a special raffle for the Feb. 21 event.

areas: sports, natural disasters, international aid, education in Sebring and miscellaneous events. As a supporter of the American Cancer Society, Tanglewood's Cancer Benefit was a natural fit.

Patel was also born in India but soon moved to Ocala where he attended high school. He graduated from University of South Florida and went to Columbia Medical School where he earned his Gastroenterology Fellowship. In 2003 Patel brought his advanced skills

to Sebring, looking to settle in a small town close to home. Thakkar's excellent reputation made it an even easier decision to locate here.

Patel's wife is a biochemist in cancer research. They have two boys, ages 9 and 6.

Patel is following Dr. Thakkar's example of giving back to the community. He is proud to be helping with funding for the International Baccalaureate program at Sebring High School, is a board member of NUHOPE Hospice as well as being a supporter of the cultural programs at South Florida Community College.

Patel was asked to be the guest speaker at Tanglewood's Luminary event in 2009. That led to the doctors' ongoing support for the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit.

Thakkar and Patel have been joined in their practice by Dr. Avalos and have opened a satellite office on U.S. 27 North, close to Tanglewood.

Their practice serves an aging population and they want everyone to be proactive about all aspects of their health with a special focus on diet and exercise. Prevention is key and they urge seniors to continue having colonoscopies.

To emphasize this message, there will be a special raffle at the Feb. 21 Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit. The doctors will offer two free colonoscopies and dinner out on the town. They suggest that wives buy a ticket so they may give the gift of healthy

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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001370  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
FICHOT; ESTATE OF ROSE M.; DOE; JOHN; DOE; JANE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE; HEIRS; DEVISEES; GRANTEES; ASSIGNEES; LIENOR; CREDITORS; TRUSTEES; ALL OTHER WHO CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ROSE M. FICHOT; DECEASED, ET AL  
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE  
TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE; HEIRS; DEVISEES; GRANTEES; ASSIGNEES; LIENORS; CREDITORS; TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ROSE M. FICHOT whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:  
LOT 412, SECTION "D", SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 3010 North Military Trail, Suite 300, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 on or before February 28, 2012 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 23rd day of January, 2012.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
DEPUTY CLERK  
January 29; February 5, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. GC-11-170  
MARK E. GOSE,  
Plaintiff  
Vs  
AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT, INC.  
a Florida corporation, and JERE D. CREED,  
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO: Jere Creed  
1755 SE 7th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for a receivership and an audit and to dissolve a corporation has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on THOMAS L. NUNNALLEE, of BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 325 North Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, on or before March 12, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.  
Dated this 31st day of January, 2012.  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
Deputy Clerk  
(SEAL)  
February 5, 12, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Avon Park Air Force Range  
Restoration Advisory Board  
Meeting Notice  
The next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting for the Avon Park Air Force Range (AFR) Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at the Jacaranda Hotel, 19 East Main Street, Avon Park, Florida 33825. The purpose of the RAB is to update the public on the environmental cleanup progress at the Range and allow the public the opportunity to provide input for the Program. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Erik Swanson at (863) 452-4137 or via e-mail at erik.swanson3.ctr@us.af.mil.  
February 5, 2012

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 07001067 GCS  
Division:  
LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2006 GSAMP TRUST 2006-HE3,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
YOEL R. PEREZ A/K/A YOEL RAFAEL PEREZ; JANY MANEIRO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR THE SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC; AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION TENANT #1 N/A/MELINA PANTOJA, AND TENANT #2 N/A/MARCOS PANTOJA  
Defendants.

AMENDED RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 5, 2012, and entered in Case No. 07001067 GCS, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2006 GSAMP TRUST 2006-HE3 is Plaintiff and YOEL R. PEREZ A/K/A YOEL RAFAEL PEREZ; JANY MANEIRO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR THE SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC; AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION TENANT #1 N/A/MELINA PANTOJA, AND TENANT #2 N/A/MARCOS PANTOJA; are defendants. The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL IN THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT at 11:00 A.M. on the 22nd day of February, 2012; the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
LOTS 920 AND 921, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 90, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS DESCRIBED IN MORTGAGE BOOK 1914 PAGE 1983

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
DATED this 30th day of January, 2012.  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk of said Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
As Deputy Clerk  
February 5, 12, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 282009CA001136A000XX  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR HOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JULIE M. WHITNEY; CHRISTOPHER C. WHITNEY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 19th day of December, 2011, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001136A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR HOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5, is the Plaintiff and JULIE M. WHITNEY; CHRISTOPHER C. WHITNEY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
LOT 36, BLOCK EE, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE VII, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
DATED this 31st day of January, 2012.  
Robert W. Germaine  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
February 5, 12, 2012

## 1050 Legals

IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. PC 12-19  
Division Probate  
IN RE: ESTATE OF LAWRENCE E. WOEHLERT  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of LAWRENCE E. WOEHLERT, deceased, whose date of death was December 10, 2011, and the last four digits of whose social security number is 7291, is pending in the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this Notice is January 29, 2012.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Goebel Kent Reece  
16 Century Boulevard  
Avon Park, Florida 33825  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ Michael T. Heider, CPA  
Attorney for Petitioner, Goebel K. Reece  
Michael T. Heider, P.A.  
Florida Bar Number: 30364  
10300 49th Street North  
Clearwater, Florida 33762  
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January 29; February 5, 2012

Spring Lake Improvement District  
Notice of Intent to Apply  
For Federal Assistance

Spring Lake Improvement District is complying with the requirements of 7CFR 1780.19(a) by publishing this Notice of Intent to Apply for a loan/grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service. This project will consist of implementation of an updated Storm Water Management Plan, in conformance with the requirements of the South Florida Water Management District. The project will include excavation of lakes and canals, construction of water management areas for improving water quality and overall storm water improvements.  
Any written questions or comments may be directed to:  
Mr. Joe DeCerto, District Manager  
Spring Lake Improvement District  
115 Spring Lake Blvd.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: FC-12-24  
VICKY ANN SIKES AGUILERA  
Petitioner,  
and,  
JOSE REFUGIO SIKES AGUILERA,  
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO: Jose Refugio Sikes Aguilera  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to: Vicky Ann Sikes Aguilera, Petitioner, 5601 N. Key, Sebring, Florida 33875, on or before February 14, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of Court, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, either before service on Petitioner, or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.  
DATED: January 11, 2012

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Kathy Whitlock  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 11000652GCS  
 TCM FLORIDA IX, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 FREEDOM LAND TRUST LLC, a foreign limited liability company,  
 GEORGE A. BECKHAM, and  
 GLENDA J. BECKHAM,  
 Defendants.  
 NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE  
 PURSUANT TO §45.031, FLA. STAT.  
 TO ALL DEFENDANTS AND  
 ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 23, 2012, in Case No.: 11000652GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, in which TCM FLORIDA IX, LLC is the Plaintiff, and FREEDOM LAND TRUST LLC, et al., are the Defendants, I, Bob Germaine, the Highlands County Clerk of the Court, will sell at public sale the following described real property:  
 Lots 9 and 10 in Block 18, and Lot 3, Block 19, of Town of Avon Park, in Section 22, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, according to the official plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 58, of the Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida (of which Highlands County was formerly a part).  
 The sale will be held on February 16, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., or soon thereafter, to the highest bidder for cash, except as set forth in this Final Judgment, in the Highlands County Court House, Jury Assembly Room, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, in accordance with §45.031, Fla. Stat. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on the 23rd day of January, 2012.

Bob Germaine  
 Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 Deputy Clerk  
 January 29; February 5, 2012

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION  
 ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT THE FOLLOWING STORAGE UNITS LOCATED AT THE STORAGE PLACE OF AVON PARK, 395 CR 17A WEST, AVON PARK, FL 33825 WILL BE DISPOSED OF ON FEBRUARY 22, 2012, AT 10:00AM. ALL UNITS ARE SAID TO CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Names and unit numbers are as follows:  

NAME	UNIT NUMBER
Lorimar Cuencas	207
Tori Trinder	232
Linda Switzer	356

 DISPOSITION BEING MADE TO SATISFY LANDLORD'S LIEN, MANAGEMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS, UNDER FLORIDA LAW, ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE IN CASH.  
 January 29; February 5, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL DIVISION  
 Case No.: 10-000621-GCS  
 SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 JOSHUA DIEDRICH and  
 ANGELA DAWN FAULKNER,  
 Defendants.  
 NOTICE OF SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Summary Judgment entered in the above-styled action, the property described below will be sold by the Clerk of this Court at a Public Sale, at 11:00 a.m. on February 22, 2012, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870-3867.  
 Lot 11, Block 10, of Highland Park Estates, Section H, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 24, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
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 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Highlands County, Florida  
 /s/ Toni Kopp  
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Partly sunny with a shower	Variable clouds with a shower	Times of clouds and sun	Partly sunny with a shower possible	Cloudy with thunderstorms possible
81° / 62°	81° / 59°	79° / 58°	79° / 59°	79° / 62°
Winds: S at 4-8 mph	Winds: N at 4-8 mph	Winds: NE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ESE at 8-16 mph

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**Temperature**  
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	80°
Low Tuesday	46°
High Wednesday	81°
Low Wednesday	50°
High Thursday	83°
Low Thursday	58°

**Heat Index**  
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	58%
Expected air temperature	79°
Makes it feel like	81°

**Barometer**

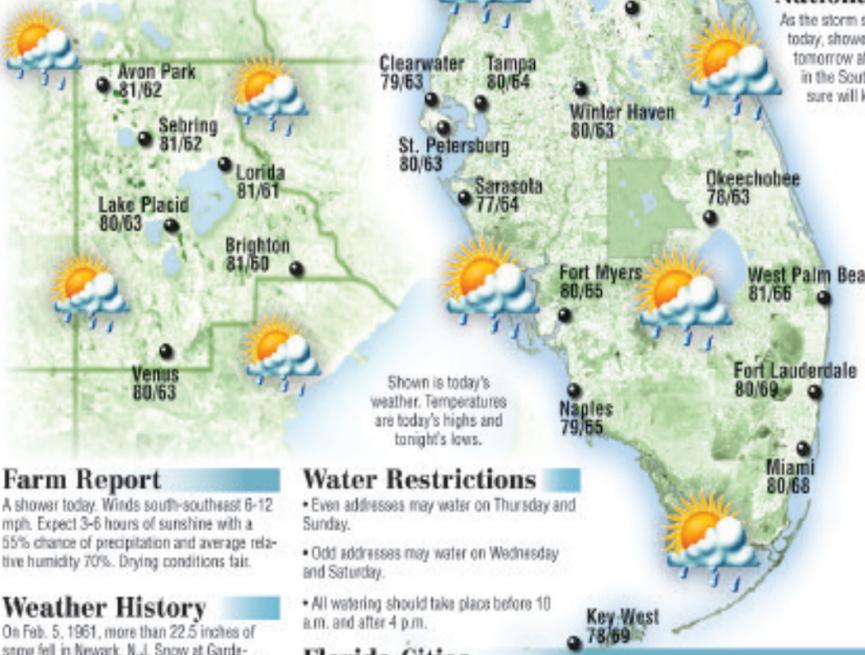
Tuesday	30.24
Wednesday	30.15
Thursday	30.14

**Precipitation**

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Year to date	0.29"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny today with a shower. Partly cloudy and mild tonight. Variable cloudiness tomorrow with a passing shower. Tuesday: clouds and sun. Wednesday: a shower possible. Thursday: chance for a couple of showers and thunderstorms.



Farm Report

A shower today. Winds south-southeast 6-12 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%. Drying conditions fair.

Weather History

On Feb. 5, 1961, more than 22.5 inches of snow fell in Newark, N.J. Snow at Gardenville, N.Y., piled up 61 inches deep by the storm's end.

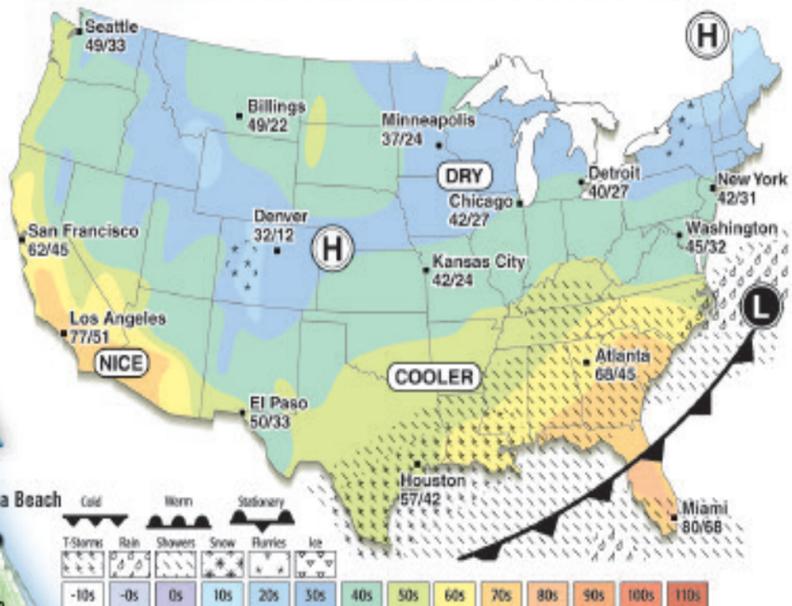
Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	7:09 a.m.	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	6:12 p.m.	6:12 p.m.
Moonrise	4:16 p.m.	5:16 p.m.
Moonset	5:11 a.m.	5:56 a.m.



National Forecast for February 5

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



National Summary

As the storm system that brought heavy snow to the central Plains earlier this week slides off the mid-Atlantic coast today, showers will bring wet weather to much of the mid-Atlantic and Tennessee Valley before tapering off during tomorrow afternoon. Closer to the cold front associated with the system, showers will be likely throughout the day in the Southeast. Rain and thunderstorms will drench southern Louisiana and the Texas Gulf Coast. High pressure will keep much of the Northeast and Great Lakes cool and dry.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	45/29/pc	48/28/pc	49/28/pc	Los Angeles	77/51/pc	75/54/pc	69/51/pc
Atlanta	68/45/c	60/39/c	60/41/c	Louisville	50/33/pc	52/33/pc	53/35/pc
Baltimore	47/28/pc	52/32/pc	52/28/pc	Memphis	52/35/pc	54/35/pc	58/41/pc
Birmingham	63/42/c	58/35/c	58/39/c	Minneapolis	38/27/c	43/25/c	33/21/c
Boston	37/30/pc	47/33/pc	44/23/c	Missouri	37/24/c	36/15/c	23/13/c
Charlotte	63/47/sh	55/34/c	64/43/c	Nashville	55/34/c	54/31/c	55/35/c
Chicago	42/27/c	42/27/c	34/25/pc	New Orleans	68/49/pc	61/45/c	64/46/pc
Cleveland	42/27/pc	43/29/pc	34/21/pc	New York City	42/31/pc	49/36/pc	47/28/c
Columbus	44/28/pc	47/30/pc	44/27/pc	Norfolk	49/40/pc	56/36/pc	59/37/pc
Dallas	54/35/pc	55/38/pc	56/37/c	Oklahoma City	48/27/pc	55/34/c	54/32/c
Denver	32/12/c	38/12/pc	30/17/sh	Philadelphia	48/30/pc	49/33/pc	49/28/c
Detroit	40/27/c	44/27/c	35/21/pc	Phoenix	71/50/c	73/50/pc	75/52/pc
Harrisburg	48/28/pc	49/29/pc	46/24/c	Pittsburgh	42/26/pc	46/29/pc	41/22/pc
Honolulu	80/67/pc	79/68/pc	79/67/sh	Portland, ME	31/20/pc	42/26/pc	37/12/pc
Houston	57/42/c	62/44/c	64/43/c	Portland, OR	59/33/pc	59/33/pc	48/35/pc
Indianapolis	43/28/pc	46/30/c	44/29/c	Raleigh	57/42/c	52/35/c	65/37/c
Jackson, MS	60/40/sh	58/44/c	60/37/pc	Rochester	38/28/pc	47/28/pc	30/15/c
Kansas City	42/24/c	48/27/c	40/24/c	St. Louis	46/31/pc	49/32/c	49/30/pc
Lexington	50/29/c	47/32/pc	50/32/c	San Francisco	62/45/pc	61/49/c	56/46/c
Little Rock	55/33/pc	54/31/pc	56/37/pc	Seattle	49/33/pc	49/34/c	45/37/pc
				Wash., DC	45/32/c	49/36/pc	53/32/c

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Aspen	88/73/c	89/75/pc	87/74/c	London	37/34/c	41/34/sh	37/28/pc
Athens	60/52/sh	58/47/c	57/42/sh	Montreal	23/18/c	34/14/sh	25/2/pc
Beirut	68/57/c	70/51/c	69/52/sh	Moscow	10/6/c	12/0/c	8/7/c
Berlin	21/3/c	16/3/pc	21/16/c	Nice	46/33/pc	43/36/c	52/38/sh
Bermuda	67/82/c	68/82/sh	74/64/c	Ottawa	24/15/c	33/10/pc	20/1/pc
Calgary	40/17/pc	24/17/pc	43/28/pc	Quebec	18/10/pc	28/5/sh	15/-8/pc
Dublin	48/44/sh	47/32/sh	42/37/c	Rio de Janeiro	90/74/c	92/75/c	92/76/c
Edmonton	24/14/c	22/10/c	24/12/c	Seoul	37/21/pc	39/12/c	23/10/c
Fredericton	77/68/pc	74/68/pc	76/68/c	Singapore	86/77/c	88/77/c	88/77/c
Geneva	23/8/c	27/8/c	24/10/pc	Sydney	82/68/c	84/70/c	77/66/pc
Havana	79/86/c	78/83/sh	83/83/pc	Toronto	33/26/pc	38/15/pc	27/12/pc
Hong Kong	70/66/c	75/66/sh	70/57/c	Vancouver	47/32/pc	47/41/pc	49/35/pc
Jerusalem	58/43/c	61/54/c	60/41/sh	Vienna	18/10/pc	21/15/sh	22/17/c
Johannesburg	77/61/c	76/61/c	76/59/c	Warsaw	3/3/c	9/6/pc	16/6/c
Kiev	21/14/sh	19/7/c	13/2/c	Winnipeg	34/14/c	20/-19/c	16/-3/c

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	2:14 p.m.
Low	7:02 a.m.
High	11:55 p.m.
Low	5:41 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	6:42 a.m.
Low	12:01 a.m.
High	6:50 p.m.
Low	12:30 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	13.24'
Normal	14.51'

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Krohn Racing and its Ferrari F458 GT will be one of a slew of teams at Sebring International Raceway this week for winter testing.

## Winter testing this week at SIR

By BARRY FOSTER

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – It looks to be an epic Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida with both the American Le Mans Series and the World Endurance Championship boasting all-star line-ups.

Officials of the new FIA World Endurance

Championship have released their roster with the new Audi R-18 Le Mans Prototypes to be challenged at Sebring by the Rebellion Toyota.

Also in the mix are LMPs from Lola, Pescarolo and Honda.

Meanwhile, the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patron gets underway

in earnest next week with four days of test and tune sessions.

Monday and Tuesday will see support series cars including IMSA Lites and the GT3 series.

Wednesday and Thursday the 12 Hour contenders will take to the track with nearly two dozen teams on the roster.

Le Mans Prototypes signed up include the Muscle Milk entry of Pickett Racing plus a pair of cars from Level 5 motorsports – both teams will field Honda Performance Development cars.

Also slated to run is Pecora Racing's Oreca.

A wide range of GT entries

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## Lady Devils, District Champs

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – The stands were packed, the energy was high and the intensity palpable as the Lady Devils and Green Dragons squared off in Friday's District 10-4A tournament championship.

And it was the intensity provided by the Avon Park defense, along with perhaps a little bit of nerves, that helped the ladies in red claim the district crown with a 54-36 win over new rival Lake Placid.

Not a new rival, in the literal sense, as the county competitors have been familiar foes over the years.

But it was this season, for the first time in a long time, that the Lady Dragons had joined the battle – forcing a narrow two-point Devil win in December before knocking them for a loop in a 24-point win in January.

But with that loss still a recent memory, Avon Park came out with a heightened energy and a more focused plan.

"We came out determined to defend our home court," head coach Paulette Daley said. "We made some changes defensively and the girls were really focused."

Stalwart senior guard Brekayla English got the ball rolling with a drive to start the scoring, with Johntavia Perry soon adding a pair of free throws surrounding a K'unshé Wilson score for Lake Placid for a 4-2 Lady Devil lead.

Standout junior Alex Coyne would even it up on a drive from the left, but Connie Dewberry rattled in a three to put Avon Park back on top.

The Dragons, however, would put together a run, with a Coyne steal and score and two inside buckets from



Above: Connie Dewberry leads the celebration of the Lady Red Devils after Friday's win clinched the District 10-4A title. Below: Coach Paulette Daley and senior Brekayla English embrace to savor the moment of their first district championship.

News-Sun photos by DAN HOEHNE

Jamacia Gayle, while the Devils would muster just one English free throw for a 10-8 Lake Placid lead after one.

The back-and-forth battle continued into the second period, with each side of the gym erupting with each team's score.

Toryana Jones rained in a three to start the quarter, with another English free throw making it a 12-10 Avon Park lead.

But the Dragons got it back with an Arnetia Gobourne score, off a dish from Coyne, and a Gayle put-back.

At this point, however, the Devil defense would tighten the screws, intensifying their box-and-one to limit Coyne's opportunities and limiting Lake Placid to plenty of forced shots that were missing badly.

This helped a run that saw Avon Park roll off the next 15 points.

Jones drained another three and Perry worked inside for two scores.

Kayla Wilson put back an offensive rebound, English drove the lane for two and Jones capped the run with a fast break lay-up that had the lead at a now commanding 27-14.

Coyne would answer with a buzzer-beating three pointer, to cut the lead to an even 10 at the half.

Lake Placid head coach Jackie Coyne had mentioned after Tuesday's win over DeSoto that her squad was a second-half team, and that a deficit at the break was almost a bonus.

But that 10-point hole was a deep one and was made



even deeper with six straight Lady Devil points began the third.

Perry followed her own missed jumper and put it in,

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## Six Streaks move on



Courtesy photo

Vicente Moore lead six Blue Streaks out of their wrestling district tournament to qualify for regionals next week. Moore took first in the 182-pound weight class, Josh Figur won at 170 and Chris DeJesus placed second at 160. Also finishing in the top four to advance were Dalton Helvey, Nathan Franklin and Dakota Slade.

## Sebring 60s still slugging'

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – The heavy hitting continued in Sebring 60-plus Softball League action this past week, as the Cubs topped the White Sox, 14-13, and the Red Sox doubled up the Angels, 22-11, on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Tallying three hits each for the victorious Cubs were Larry Ambuhl, Don Dobbert, Robert Fanstock and John Buja.

Ambuhl drove in the difference maker in the bottom of the eighth, to help Rudy Pribble get the win on the mound.

Chuck Fluharty nearly hit for the cycle for the Pale Hose, getting two singles, a double and a triple, while George Laviorie also collected four hits in the losing effort.

In the other contest, the Red Sox got four hits from Dick Ostreck and Bob Poulin, with Jim

Radcliffe, Todd Martin, Fred Knell, Mel Gross and Harry Bell each totaled three hits.

Spider McMinn and Russ Moody had four hits apiece for the Angels, with Woody Woodward, Gene Phillips, Brian Balcombe, Larry Lane and Brian Pluta each collecting three base-knocks.

And those scores were actually tame compared to the action Monday, Jan. 30, with the Red Sox edging the Cubs by a 27-26 score.

Earl Richardson paced the Sox attack with a grand slam home run, with Jesse Hathaway also going deep and adding a single and double.

Billy Todd had four hits, as did winning pitcher Dick Ostreck, with Fred Knell also adding three hits.

The Cubs got five hits from John Buja, four each

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## Toney now a Tiger

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – Blue Streak Benji Toney is now a Tiger.

The senior was a part of Wednesday's national signing day, inking his name to accept a scholarship to attend Benedict College in Columbia, SC, with his family on hand.

"(Former Blue Streak) Jamaa Massaline went there, so he was a good source," Toney said. "I went for a visit and the coaches were real receptive and it felt like the place I wanted to go."

Toney battled back from a late-season knee injury that kept him out of post-season all-star showcases, but his play on the field was hard to

deny as he was a consistent and explosive force on defense.

Looking to major in criminal justice, Toney is anxious for the next chapter of his life.

"I'm ready to go as soon as possible," he said. "Not everyone gets this chance and I want to make the most of it."

Primarily a defensive lineman for the Streaks, Toney also saw some time standing upright as a linebacker, utilizing his speed, as well as on the offensive side of the ball as a fullback when those tough, crucial yards were needed.

"I know I will need to get bigger, faster and stronger,"

he said. "But I want to play my first year, so I'm going to put in the work."

And while his head coach, LaVaar Scott, knows Toney will do his part on the field, he knows the importance of other aspects.

"It was good to have had someone there, in Jamaa," he said. "Someone who knew the school, knew the coaches. And someone who graduated. You get a kid that goes there, plays and graduates, it makes it easier for the next kids."

"And that's what my job is all about, getting them this opportunity," Scott continued. "Wins and losses keep my job, but this is, to me, the most important part."



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Benji Toney, with parents Arnold and Mary by his side, signs his letter of intent to attend Benedict College and play for the Tigers. Also on hand for the special moment were, left to right, sisters Teara Hunter, Ardaje Toney and brother Arnold Toney Jr.

# THE SCOREBOARD



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### National Football League

#### WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 7

Houston 31, Cincinnati 10  
New Orleans 45, Detroit 28

Sunday, Jan. 8

New York Giants 24, Atlanta 2  
Denver 29, Pittsburgh 23, OT

#### DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 14

San Francisco 36, New Orleans 32  
New England 45, Denver 10

Sunday, Jan. 15

Baltimore 20, Houston 13  
N.Y. Giants 37, Green Bay 20

#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 22

New England 23, Baltimore 20  
N.Y. Giants 20, San Francisco 17, OT

#### PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 29

At Honolulu

AFC 59, NFC 41

#### SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 5

At Indianapolis

New England vs. N.Y. Giants, 6:20 p.m.

### NBA

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	16	7	.696	—
Boston	12	10	.545	3½
New York	8	15	.348	8
New Jersey	8	16	.333	8½
Toronto	8	16	.333	8½

##### Southeast Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	17	6	.739	—
Atlanta	16	7	.696	1
Orlando	14	9	.609	3
Washington	4	19	.174	13
Charlotte	3	20	.130	14

##### Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	19	6	.760	—
Indiana	16	6	.727	1½
Milwaukee	10	12	.455	7½
Cleveland	8	13	.381	9
Detroit	5	20	.200	14

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	15	9	.625	—
Dallas	14	10	.583	1
Houston	13	10	.565	1½
Memphis	12	11	.522	2½
New Orleans	4	19	.174	10½

##### Northwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	18	4	.818	—
Denver	15	8	.652	3½
Utah	12	9	.571	5½
Portland	13	10	.565	5½
Minnesota	11	12	.478	7½

##### Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	13	7	.650	—
L.A. Lakers	14	9	.609	½
Golden State	8	12	.400	5
Phoenix	8	14	.364	6
Sacramento	7	15	.318	7

#### Thursday's Games

Memphis 96, Atlanta 77  
Chicago 105, New York 102  
San Antonio 93, New Orleans 81  
Sacramento 95, Portland 92  
Golden State 119, Utah 101  
Denver 112, L.A. Clippers 91

#### Friday's Games

Toronto 106, Washington 89  
Miami 99, Philadelphia 79  
Orlando 102, Cleveland 94  
Minnesota 108, New Jersey 105  
Detroit 88, Milwaukee 80  
Houston 99, Phoenix 81  
Oklahoma City 101, Memphis 94  
Boston 91, New York 89  
Indiana 98, Dallas 87  
L.A. Lakers 93, Denver 89

#### Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Atlanta, late  
Orlando at Indiana, late  
L.A. Clippers at Washington, late  
Dallas at Cleveland, late  
New Orleans at Detroit, late  
New Jersey at New York, late  
Houston at Minnesota, late  
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, late  
Chicago at Milwaukee, late  
Charlotte at Phoenix, late  
L.A. Lakers at Utah, late  
Golden State at Sacramento, late  
Denver at Portland, late

#### Sunday's Games

Memphis at Boston, 12 p.m.  
Toronto at Miami, 1 p.m.

#### LEAGUE LEADERS

##### Scoring

Player	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	250	148	679	29.5
James, MIA	233	159	642	29.2
Durant, OKC	212	136	594	27.0
Love, MIN	183	169	576	25.0
Anthony, NYK	161	130	478	23.9
Rose, CHI	166	110	470	23.5
Aldridge, POR	213	98	525	22.8
Westbrook, OKC	181	104	480	21.8
Ellis, GOL	152	83	408	21.5

##### Rebounds

Player	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, ORL	83	272	355	15.4
Love, MIN	93	217	310	13.5
Bynum, LAL	58	170	228	12.0
Varejao, CLE	96	148	244	11.6
Griffin, LAC	64	154	218	10.9
Cousins, SAC	89	138	227	10.8
Gasol, MEM	51	190	241	10.5
Humphries, NJ	85	144	229	10.4

##### Assists

Player	GAMES	AST	AVG
Nash, PHX	20	198	9.9
Rondo, BOS	14	129	9.2
Paul, LAC	15	136	9.1
Rubio, MIN	23	202	8.8
Calderon, TOR	24	210	8.8
D. Williams, NJ	23	200	8.7
Rose, CHI	20	160	8.0
Lowry, HOU	21	168	8.0
Parker, SAN	24	183	7.6
Miller, DEN	23	166	7.2

##### Steals

Player	GAMES	STL	AVG
Conley, MEM	21	54	2.57
Paul, LAC	15	36	2.40
Rubio, MIN	23	53	2.30
Shumpert, NYK	19	39	2.05
Westbrook, OKC	22	45	2.05
Lowry, HOU	21	42	2.00
Teague, ATL	23	45	1.96
Iguodala, PHL	23	44	1.91

##### Blocked Shots

Player	GAMES	BLK	AVG
McGee, WAS	23	70	3.04
Jordan, LAC	20	60	3.00
Ibaka, OKC	22	61	2.77
Gasol, MEM	23	52	2.26

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### SUNDAY

Noon West Virginia at Providence . . . . . ABC  
1 p.m. Michigan at Michigan State . . . . . CBS  
2 p.m. Villanova at Pittsburgh . . . . . ESPN  
10 p.m. Georgia at Tennessee . . . . . SUN

#### MONDAY

7 p.m. Connecticut at Louisville . . . . . ESPN  
9 p.m. Texas at Texas A&M . . . . . ESPN  
10 p.m. Clemson at Virginia Tech . . . . . SUN

#### TUESDAY

7 p.m. Florida at Kentucky . . . . . ESPN  
7 p.m. Iowa State at Oklahoma . . . . . ESPN2  
9 p.m. Purdue at Ohio State . . . . . ESPN

### GOLF

#### SUNDAY

1 p.m. PGA – Phoenix Open . . . . . GOLF  
3 p.m. PGA – Phoenix Open . . . . . CBS

### NBA

#### MONDAY

7 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Orlando . . . . . SUN

### NFL

#### SUNDAY

6 p.m. Super Bowl XLVI . . . . . NBC

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### SUNDAY

Noon Texas-El Paso at Rice . . . . . SUN  
2 p.m. Auburn at Tennessee . . . . . 38  
2 p.m. Missouri at Texas Tech . . . . . SUN  
4 p.m. Washington at USC . . . . . SUN

#### MONDAY

7 p.m. North Carolina at Duke . . . . . ESPN2  
9 p.m. Oklahoma at Baylor . . . . . ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

### National Hockey League

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	32	12	5	69	136	100
Philadelphia	30	14	6	66	167	145
Pittsburgh	29	18	4	62	157	132
New Jersey	28	19	3	59	138	142
N.Y. Islanders	21	22	7	49	122	146

##### Northeast Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	32	15	2	66	175	108
Ottawa	27	20	7	61	161	166
Toronto	26	19	6	58	156	152
Buffalo	21	24	6	48	122	151
Montreal	19	23	9	47	134	142

##### Southeast Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	24	15	11	59	128	139
Washington	26	20	4	56	141	145
Winnipeg	24	23	6	54	129	147
Tampa Bay	22	23	5	49	141	170
Carolina	19	25	9	47	135	164

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Central Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	35	16	1	71	167	121
St. Louis	30	13	7	67	125	102
Nashville	31	17	4	66	146	135
Chicago	29	17	7	65	169	158
Columbus	14	32	6	34	120	174

##### Northwest Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	31	15	5	67	164	128
Minnesota	25	19	7	57	120	131
Calgary	24	22	6	54	124	141
Colorado	26	25	2	54	133	148
Edmonton	20	26	5	45	133	148

##### Pacific Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	29	14	6	64	142	112
Los Angeles	25	17	10	60	114	114
Dallas	26	22	2	54	134	143
Phoenix	22	21	8	52	131	138
Anaheim	19	24	8	46	132	154

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

#### Thursday's Games

Detroit 4, Vancouver 3, SO  
Carolina 3, Boston 0  
New Jersey 5, Montreal 3  
Philadelphia 4, Nashville 1  
Winnipeg 2, Tampa Bay 1, OT  
St. Louis 1, Colorado 0  
Edmonton 8, Chicago 4  
San Jose 5, Dallas 2

#### Friday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 2, Ottawa 1, OT  
St. Louis 2, Winnipeg 1  
St. Louis 1, Los Angeles 0  
Calgary 3, Chicago 1  
Columbus 3, Anaheim 2, OT

#### Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh at Boston, late  
New Jersey at Philadelphia, late  
Washington at Montreal, late  
Vancouver at Colorado, late  
Toronto at Ottawa, late  
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, late  
Los Angeles at Carolina, late  
Florida at Tampa Bay, late  
St. Louis at Nashville, late  
Minnesota at Dallas, late  
San Jose at Phoenix, late  
Detroit at Edmonton, late

#### Sunday's Games

Boston at Washington, 12:30 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 1 p.m.  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Montreal, 2 p.m.

#### SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
Malikin	PIT	27	32	59
Giroux	PHI	19	38	57

#### Transactions

#### BASEBALL

##### American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Promoted Kevin Cummings to director of ballpark operations.  
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with 1B Dan Johnson on a minor league contract.  
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with 1B Casey Kotchman on a one-year contract.

##### National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Garza on a one-year contract.  
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Belisle on a two-year contract.  
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Todd Correy on a one-year contract.  
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Shaun Marcum on a one-year contract.

#### BASKETBALL

##### National Basketball Association

NBA—Fined Dallas owner Mark Cuban \$75,000 for his criticism of NBA officiating following a 95-86 loss to Oklahoma City on Feb. 1 and fined Dallas coach Rick Carlisle \$35,000 for kicking a ball into the stands with 9:34 remaining in the game.  
HOUSTON ROCKETS—Assigned F Marcus Morris to Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).  
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Agreed to terms with F Kenyon Martin on a one-year contract.  
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Placed G Darrington Hobson on waivers.

#### FOOTBALL

##### National Football League

DENVER BRONCOS—Named Mike Sullivan director of football administration.  
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named Steve Hoffman special teams coordinator.

#### HOCKEY

##### National Hockey League

NHL—Fined New Jersey F Patrik Elias \$2,500 for boarding Montreal F Mike Blunden in a Feb. 2 game.  
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned C Andrew Joudrey to Springfield (AHL).  
DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled G Joey MacDonald from Grand Rapids (AHL).  
MINNESOTA WILD—Traded F Casey Wellman to the N.Y. Rangers for C Erik Christensen and a conditional 2013 seventh-round draft pick. Reassigned F Chad Rau to Houston (AHL).  
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled RW Aaron Palushaj from Hamilton (AHL).  
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Placed C Adam Henrique on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 24.  
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled F Jim O'Brien from Binghamton (AHL).  
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Signed C Joe Vitale to a two-year contract extension.  
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Reassigned F Pierre-Cedric Labrie to Norfolk (AHL).

#### COLLEGE

CONNECTICUT—Announced men's basketball coach Jim Calhoun is taking an indefinite medical leave of absence.

# LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

MONDAY: Baseball hosts Bill Jarrett Tournament, TBD; Boys Tennis at DeSoto, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis vs. DeSoto, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY: Boys Basketball at District Tournament, Mulberry, TBD; Baseball hosts Bill Jarrett Tournament, TBD

WEDNESDAY: Baseball hosts Bill Jarrett Tournament, TBD



Lake Placid

# AP claims crown, hosts Academy of the Holy Names Thursday

Continued from 1B

English drove for two and Imani Tate muscled one in underneath.

Coyne the canned a trey and K'unshe Wilson stopped-and-popped a short jumper on the break to breath a little life into the Dragons.

English answered with a three-pointer of her own, however, but Coyne was starting to heat up.

A floater and two more three pointers got the visiting crowd going with visions of a comeback.

But the Devils mixed in a Jones drive, inside scores from English and Perry, and a free throw from Dewberry to hold off any runs and push the lead back to 43-30 heading into the final eight minutes.

Having given the home crowd a sense of both relief and excitement at what was seeming like the inevitable, Avon Park held on in a somewhat sloppy fourth.

With both teams in the bonus, free throw chances

were at a premium, though neither team took much advantage, with Lake Placid going 4-of-9 in the fourth and the Devils hitting 3-of-8.

But, though Coyne would score on a nice drive to cap off her game-high 22 points, the Lad Devils would get an English drive and inside scores from Perry and Tate in the waning moments that soon lead to celebration and added another title for the City of Champions.

"Wow," was the first word for a while from a drained Daley afterward. "I've been trying every year for this. I've been here five years and this is my first district championship. We've had our ups and downs all year, but these girls really responded tonight."

And though the competition was fierce, Daley had nothing but praise for the heights Lake Placid reached this season.

"(Coach Coyne) has done a remarkable job there, she has turned that program around," she said. "For us, I was dig-

ging to find the last district championship we won and had a really hard time. So we told the girls that this was their chance to do something that hasn't been done in years."

Which they did with a balanced scoring effort that saw three in double figures.

English lead the way with 16, followed closely by Jones' 13 and Perry's 12.

Outside the other locker room, coach Coyne accepted her teams' fate.

"You'll have nights like this," she said. "We had an off night and they played a great game. It wasn't a matter of effort, the girls played their hearts out, but it was a game where the ball just wasn't going in the basket. (Coach Daley) made some great adjustments and I give them a lot of credit. It was a great match-up, but we will just take a day off and make a new goal, which is region-als."

With both teams qualifying for the state playoffs by reaching the district title



This battle under the boards between, from left, Imani Tate, K'unshe Wilson, Jamacia Gayle and Johntavia Perry, was but one example of the intensity with which Friday's district title game was played.

game, Avon Park will host District 9-4A runner up, Academy of the Holy Names, Thursday at 7 p.m.

Lake Placid will head to Tampa to face the Lady Crusaders Thursday. Tampa Catholic trailed the

Jaguars at the half Friday night, but rode a 27-point third quarter to a 62-45 win.

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Far left: Toryana Jones hit two three pointers among her 13 points in helping the Lady Devils to Fridays win. Near left: Alex Coyne dishes off a no-look pass and would score a game-high 22 points, but it wasn't nearly enough to overcome Avon Park.



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# Super matchups everywhere with Patriots-Giants

By BARRY WILNER  
Associated Press  
INDIANAPOLIS — MVP quarterbacks on marquee franchises.

A rematch of a nail-biter from four years ago, featuring many of the same key characters.

Madonna and plenty of Manning — Eli, and Peyton, too.

This Super Bowl certainly has all the makings of another thriller, the perfect finish to a season that began in turmoil and wound up the most successful in league history.

The NFL couldn't have planned it any better.

"It's actually been a very fun week here," said Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, seeking his fourth Super Bowl ring in 11 seasons, and doing it in the city where archrival Peyton Manning has worked for 13 years — if not for much longer, given his health issues and disagreements with Colts management. "It's a bit surreal to be playing in Indy's home stadium and to be practicing at their facility."

It's been even weirder for Eli Manning to have led the Giants here, only to find his superb season and chase for a second championship overshadowed by big brother.

The most popular storyline this week has been Peyton's pain in his neck.

Or, rather, his status following three neck surgeries in 19 months; whether the Colts will keep him around, at the cost of a \$28 million roster bonus due in March; and whether he's truly feuding with owner Jim Irsay's rebuilding organization.

Eli, who will surpass his brother for NFL titles with a victory Sunday at Lucas Oil Stadium — yes, Peyton's Place — claims his sibling's

issues are irrelevant to this game, in which New York (12-7) is a 3-point underdog.

"I'm proud of Peyton. I've talked to him this week. None of that comes up," Eli said. "When I talk to Peyton, he does a great job of trying to keep me relaxed. (We) talk a little football and talk about New England some. He's supported me this week. I know he's just working hard trying to get healthy and I'm going to support him on that."

While Eli would own two championships with a victory, to one for Peyton, Brady could tie his childhood quarterbacking hero, Joe Montana, and Terry Bradshaw with four.

Coach Bill Belichick would equal Chuck Noll with the same number.

To get it, the Patriots (15-3) must protect their crown jewel.

Four years ago, Brady was banged around so much by New York that it turned the Super Bowl in the Giants' favor.

Yes, they needed David Tyree's miracle pin-the-ball-against-the-helmet catch, then Plaxico Burress' touchdown reception to shatter New England's perfect season.

But that victory was built on the relentless pressure applied to Brady.

The formula hasn't changed.

"We feel that we certainly have a very strong group of men in the front," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "It's just the way we play and prefer to play. It's a pressure group, and we have played better in the back end as well, probably as a result of the ball having to come out faster than it has at certain times during the year."

Brady certainly remembers the pain, physically and emo-

tionally, from the beating he took on the field and the scoreboard.

"Any time you lose, it's a tough thing," Brady said. "We've lost one Super Bowl. I remember waking up in Arizona the next morning after an hour of sleep thinking, 'That was a nightmare, that didn't happen.' After time, you learn to move on and get over it."

The Giants got all over Brady again during their regular season 24-20 win at Foxborough, the last time the Patriots lost.

That victory preceded a four-game slide, and New York eventually slipped to 7-7 before turning it around.

Adding to the juicy potential of a down-to-the-wire reprise of 2008, both teams barely made it to Indy.

The Patriots needed backup cornerback Sterling Moore stripping the ball from Baltimore receiver Lee Evans in the end zone in the final seconds, then for Billy Cundiff to miss a 32-yard field goal that would have forced overtime.

The Giants went into overtime in San Francisco, using two botched punt returns by the 49ers to advance.

"We feel very fortunate to be here, and I'm pretty sure they do, too," Patriots Pro Bowl nose tackle Vince Wilfork. "But we also know we deserve to be here, and they know they deserve it. We are two very good and very confident teams."

Teams owned by two of the key figures in solving the 4 1/2-month lockout of the players last year.

New England's Robert Kraft shuttled back and forth from the meetings to his dying wife's bedside late in the negotiating process.

## SIR to fill up, heat up this week

**Continued from 1B** will take to the track including Corvette Racing, the Porsches of Team Falken Tire and Flying Lizards, Extreme Speed Motorsports, and Krohn Racing will field their new Ferrari F458s while BMW Motorsports will be working out a pair of their cars as well. For star power, Dempsey Racing will attend the test session with their Hewlett Packard/Future Electronics Oreca FLM09. It was unclear if team owner and Hollywood celebrity Patrick Dempsey would be in for this week's test. Fans wishing to watch can purchase tickets for \$10 per day. Track officials say there will be no paddock admission or overnight camping for this event.

## 60s softball slugfests

**Continued from 1B** winning pitcher J.C. Brown, Craig Sutcliff and Curt Brown added three each. For the Angels, Charlie Quinn belted five base hits, Brian Pluta tatered one over the fence among his four hits and Les Osbeck, Ross McMinn and Russ Moody all added three hits.

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## Top QB Winston chooses Florida St

By JAY REEVES  
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — One of the nation's top high school quarterbacks is bound for Florida State.

Hueytown's Jameis Winston signed to play for the Seminoles on Friday at an indoor sports complex in Birmingham before teammates, family, friends and a handful of Florida State fans. "I'm ready to get this started," Winston said.

ESPN and Rivals.com both rate Winston as the nation's top quarterback and among the 15 best overall prospects.

The 6-foot-4, 200-pound dual threat quarterback was MVP of the Under Armour All-American Game after going 8-of-9 passing for 178 yards and two touchdowns.

He committed to the Seminoles in August but was

at an all-star game on signing day and waited to make it official.

Winston's decision is a big boost for a Florida State class that ESPNU had already rated No. 2 nationally behind Alabama, which also heavily pursued Winston.

He said that getting admitted to Stanford was an honor that made him think, but "it's been decided for a while" that he would go to Florida State.

Winston is also an outfielder and pitcher who could be a high draft pick in pro baseball.

Baseball America rates him as the No. 64 prospect in the upcoming draft.

"I want to be in the top round," Winston said. He wouldn't say whether he

would still go to Florida State if he were drafted that high.

Being able to play both sports in college was a deciding factor for him.

"If I wasn't going to be able to play baseball, I wasn't going to go to that school," Winston said.

Winston passed for 2,424 yards, ran for 1,065 and accounted for 44 touchdowns as a senior.

He was second behind Alabama signee T.J. Yeldon in the voting for Alabama's Mr. Football.

Hueytown coach Matt Scott said Winston's "phenomenal" football knowledge and competitiveness set him apart.

"He's the most vicious player on Friday night I've ever been around," Scott said.

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Local musicians making up the ever-popular California Toe Jam Band will be bringing music to Highlands Hammock State Park on Saturday, Feb. 25.

## California Toe Jam Band playing at Hammock Feb. 25

SEBRING — The Friends of Highlands Hammock present the popular California Toe Jam Band in concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. Always one of our Heartland favorites, California Toe Jam plays well loved Oldies. Their family-friendly shows have brought smiles to countless faces over the last three decades.

California Toe Jam was formed in 1984 by Harry Havery and Rodney Hollinger. A senior at Sebring High School, Havery put together a band for homecoming. Rodney Hollinger, the school's guidance counselor, joined in as did band director Roger Nubern. Other students — Jay Grubb, Richie Shepard, and Mike McElfresh — rounded out the band, while a student disc jockey, Sean Szoka, took care of soundman duties.

“Roger Nubern had a penchant for wearing flip flops to practice, and he had, shall we say, unattractive feet,” shares Havery. “Some might even call them offensive.” When it came time to name the band, those feet became the inspiration for the band name. Since the theme for homecoming that



### Guest Column

Dorothy L. Harris

year was “Back to the Beach,” they added California to the name in reference to songs they would play from the Beach Boys. Thus the California Toe Jam Band was born. The faces have changed over the years, but the founding members remain. Currently the band is comprised of Harry Havery on vocals and guitar, Rodney Hollinger on keys, sax, trumpet, guitar and vocals, TJ Kinyon on bass, and Rodney Havery on the drums. Bil Kovacs serves as the official sound and lights guy. Bil has worked sound and lights for some of the best known musical acts in the country and is currently the technical director for South Florida State College's Theatre of the Performing Arts.

Until recently, this good time rock and roll band was in retirement mode. On Saturday, Feb. 25, they

return to Highlands Hammock State Park for Music in the Park. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Picnic baskets are welcome or plan to enjoy delicious barbecue from Rollin' Smoke BBQ. They will have their huge barbecue sandwiches and amazing hand cut fries, along with other great things to eat. Paradise hotdogs will also be here with hot dogs and all the trimmings.

Concert admission is \$5 per person (accompanied children 12 & under admitted free of charge.). Proceeds benefit park improvements. Park entrance fee of \$6 per vehicle (up to eight people per car) is waived after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Call 386-6094 for more information or [www.FloridaStateParks.org/highlandshammock](http://www.FloridaStateParks.org/highlandshammock).

### Did you know?

On Saturday, Feb. 11 there will be a 5K walk/run to benefit Junior Achievement. The event begins at 8 a.m. and entry forms are available at the Ranger Station or at the event on race day.

Dorothy L. Harris is a Park Services Specialist with Highlands Hammock State Park.

## Thatcher film panned in Argentina

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Meryl Streep may have been nominated for an Oscar for her portrayal of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in “The Iron Lady,” but Argentine critics panned the film during its premiere in Buenos Aires on Thursday.

The film opened in Argentine theaters amid a furor over the Falkland Islands, which Thatcher's Britain and Argentina fought a brief and bloody war over 30 years ago.

In the movie, Thatcher is shown ordering Britain's military to sink the Argentine warship Belgrano, which killed 323 Argentine sailors and remains controversial because the ship was considered to be outside the war zone.

She also dismisses the entreaties of the American ambassador to settle the dispute peacefully, suggesting that as a woman, she's had to “go to war every day” to maintain her hold on power.

Reducing the war to a question of feminism “is absurd, to say the least,” the daily Clarin wrote in Thursday's review.

Others praised Streep's acting, but panned the script

as being just mediocre.

“A character so controversial for her own citizens, the citizens of the world and especially for Argentines, Thatcher deserves a better movie,” huffed La Nacion.

Buenos Aires and London have escalated a war of words ahead of the anniversary of Argentina's ill-fated invasion of the islands on April 2, 1982. More than 900 were killed in the war.

Britain has sent its most advanced warship, the HMS Dauntless, to the islands, as well as Prince William, an Air Force helicopter pilot, ahead of the anniversary.



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Paul has composed theme songs for the Make A Wish Foundation recorded by Crystal Gayle, “Christmas is for Children” for the Toys for Tots program and “Men in Mission” for the Men in Mission.

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## Folk trio to perform at SFCC Matinee Series on Feb. 14

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — The Chenille Sisters, a folk trio, performs during South Florida Community College's Matinee Series at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts.

A Chenille Sisters performance is a blending of three uniquely gifted souls into a musical phenomenon that is more poignant, funny and entertaining than any single performer anywhere. What these three women have in common are heavenly voices, a lot of witty wisdom and a passion for connecting with their audiences. Each sister shines her own particular kind of light.

Cheryl Dawdy draws on her background as a balladeer to tell stories with human emotion, from sorrow to wonder to tenderness, all delivered with a smile.

With her broad vocal range, Grace Morand can project a powerful note. Her performance is as much musical theater as it is singing, with one reviewer inviting the audience to relish the experience of her “silly putty face.”

Connie Huber's musical acumen is as varied as it is powerful. Her deft guitar playing is a strong element in the musical mix, as well as her rich vocal presence.

So while these are very different women with very different histories and experiences, it's the union of the three that makes them a force. Their paths first



Courtesy photo

The Chenille Sisters will be on stage at SFCC Feb. 14.

merged on the small stage of an Ann Arbor bistro in 1985. Over the years they've crisscrossed the map, amassing tens of thousands of fans.

The 2012 Matinee Series is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Bassetti, Lampe and Kiefer Hearing Aid Center, Inc., and The Palms of Sebring Retirement Community.

Tickets range from \$14 to

\$19 and may be purchased online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at <http://performances.southflorida.edu>. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the SFCC Box Office at 863-784-7178 or by visiting the SFCC Box Office Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., located in the front of the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 West College Drive, Avon Park.

## Maya Angelou hosts Black History Month special

WASHINGTON (AP) — Author and activist Maya Angelou hopes for a time when Black History Month will no longer be needed to explain the contributions of African-Americans.

“We want to reach a time when there won't be Black History Month, when black history will be so integrated into American history that we study it along with every other history,” she said in an interview from her home in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Wednesday. “That's the hope, and we have to continue to work until that is true, until that becomes a fact.”

In the meantime, she said, she will continue to put the history out there.

Angelou is hosting an hour-long syndicated radio special on the civil rights era that will air throughout this month on about 200 public radio stations across the country. Her special features Grammy award-winning singer Mary J. Blige, Democratic Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, economist and Bennett College President Julianne Malveaux, and professor Nikky Finney, winner of the 2011 National Book Award for poetry.

Angelou, 83, said she hopes the program sends a message that “the work of making our country more than it is today” is unfinished.

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### Inspirational Thoughts

by Patricia Valentine

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it dies, it bringeth forth

much fruit.” John 12:24. One thing we must learn about a seed is that it must die in order to bring life. If it dies, it will resurrect and bear much fruit, but it will not reproduce until it dies. In nature, when a seed dies it produces fruit. Life comes by death. This principle is true not only in nature, but it is also true spiritually. In the above scripture Jesus was speaking first and foremost of himself. The grain of wheat in this scripture represents Jesus. His death would produce much fruit and would result in many living for God. What we hold onto will never multiply. If we let it go and allow the seed to die, it will multiply abundantly. **Be Encouraged!**

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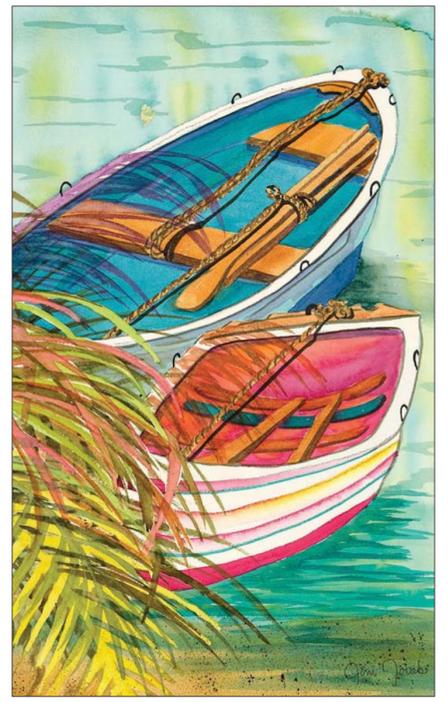
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## Jeni Novak's work featured in HCA Gallery of Fine Art

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**SEBRING** – The Heartland Cultural Alliance will present the Art of Jeni Novak in a one-person show at the HCA Gallery of Fine Art in the Sebring Regional Airport. The artists reception will take place at the Sebring Airport from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Wine, refreshments and snacks will be available. Classical guitar will be played by Kenny Summers. This event is free to the public.



The Art of Jeni Novak is on display in a one-person show at the Heartland Cultural Alliance Gallery of Fine Art in the Sebring Regional Airport.

Novak is a native Floridian, and raised in the Tampa Bay area. Her artistic abilities became apparent at a very young age and she developed a unique style in various mediums of the arts. She attended Sierra College in Northern California acquiring her degree in Art. Her outstanding abilities became apparent to the college staff and Dean of Humanities, and she was asked to become an art instructor upon completion of her degree. Novak chose to return to Lake Placid in 2000. She has taught art for the past 30 years, following her dream to share the wonders of art with others. Novak's sculptures, paintings and ceramics can be found in private and corporate collections worldwide. She was chosen to act as ambassador for "Fiesta Colors Inc." She traveled the United States teaching the unique ceramic painting technique. Novak has also received

personal training by Terry Madden, and became a certified Terry Madden Teacher. She is passionate about sharing her knowledge and talents with others. For more information con-

tact Fred Leavitt at 402-8238, or email info@heartlandculturalalliance.org. For more information on the Heartland Cultural Alliance, visit [www.heartlandculturalalliance.org](http://www.heartlandculturalalliance.org).

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Courtesy photo Jan Fetters will have some of her watercolor batik paintings on display at South Florida Community College's Theater for the Performing Arts Upper Level Gallery from now through March 9.

## Upper Level Gallery showcases new artist

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**AVON PARK** – Gazing at the walls of South Florida Community College's Theater for the Performing Arts Upper Level Gallery, visitors to its newest exhibition will be captivated by the watercolor batik paintings of Jan Fetters. The artwork is on display for the public now through March 9, on the SFCC Highlands Campus. The upper level gallery is designated as a community artist gallery and showcases exceptional artists from our surrounding area. Fetters' collection features her unique style of using Watercolor Batik, which is a process of layering paint and wax. While describing the process, Fetters said, "The process of layering paint and melted wax is tedious, but I love working on these pieces, sometimes for weeks." The artwork she is featuring at SFCC shows her wide range of talent and interest in painting a variety of landscapes and objects. "Recently, I've been really drawn to painting images with a Japanese influence," she said. "I'm really enjoying exploring that region's influence on art." She is mostly a self-taught artist, but has attended several workshops by nationally known artists such as Frank Webb, Jan Kunz, and Rose Edin. Recently, she attended La Romita Art School in Terni, Italy where she painted and sketched on location. "I have been painting in watercolor and oils for over 20 years, but only after retirement in 1992 could I devote all my time and energy to becoming a professional artist," Fetters said. "Painting is something I've always loved to do and I am truly enjoying my second career." Fetters has had her art showcased in Ohio and locally at the Lake Wales Art Center, Lake Wales Public Library, Watercolor Magic Magazine and most recently in the Florida Watercolor Society Online Show for 2012. Fetters is also a Yellow House Studio Artist in Sebring and an associate member of the Florida Watercolor Society. The upper level gallery is open to the public before and after all theatre performances or by appointment with the Art Department. Contact the SFCC Art Department at 784-7195. The SFCC Museum of Florida Art and Culture (MOFAC) is open from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday for additional public viewings of the gallery.

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**NEWS RELEASE**  
**SEBRING** - Couture's Art Gallery & Frame Shop is closing the Sebring location. Couture's Discount, Inc. parent corporation of Couture's Art Gallery & Frame Shop recently sold the commercial property housing the gallery and frame shop and announced the closing of the Sebring store. The store will hold a gigantic moving sale to clear it's substantial inventory of art and home decor rather than move it to their Sarasota location. Custom framing operations will cease in Sebring with last orders taken on Feb. 20, 2012. All framing equipment will be moved after that date, and the store will continue to liquidate the art and decor inventory until March 15th when the store will close and all remaining inventory will be moved to Sarasota. Couture's will continue to operate their online and mobile art and gallery operations from their Sarasota location. "We struggled with this decision, but the sluggish economy in Highlands County and the cultural art opportunities in Sarasota, where we have a good customer base, make it a good business decision for us. We have been in business in Sebring for 15 years and have so many wonderful friends and customers here that the decision was indeed a difficult one," said Dick Couture. Dick and Allora Couture will maintain their Lake Istokopga home for return visits to Highlands County, but will relocate their primary residence to their Sarasota home.



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# Air potato: An invader that comes back after the cold weather



## News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

life, the exotic species also begin to thrive.

One of the exotic plants that is very hard to kill is *Dioscorea bulbifera*, which is the scientific name for air potato. This pest is an exotic plant that has caused severe damage to the environment and costs taxpayers millions of dollars a year to control.

Exotic plants and animals are species that have come from other areas and do not belong in the area they are now in. They choke out native vegetation and severely limit the diversity of our natural world. The effects of exotic plants on native species are staggering; of the 958 species listed under the Endangered Species Act as threatened or endangered, approximately 400 are at risk due to invasive species (Wilcove et al 1998).

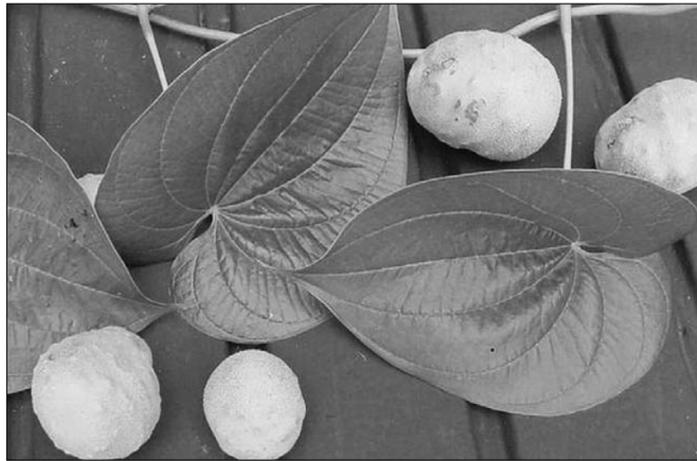
This winter has been fairly mild so far. Most of us Highlands County residents have only had to cover our plants once or twice this year. But, after the cold weather passes by, not only do our landscape plants begin to show signs of

Invasive species cause an estimated \$137 billion per year in losses in the United States alone (Pimental et al 2000). Once they have invaded an area, removal is extremely challenging; therefore the most effective and least expensive way to control invasions is to prevent them. Everyday decisions made by ordinary citizens are critical in the fight against these pests.

One of the exotic plants that is ominous in the Heartland is air potato. This hearty vine is a native of Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. It came to the sunshine state around 1905. Since the early days of its arrival it has spread throughout Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Air potato is actually a member of the yam family. Because it has the ability to displace native species and disrupt the natural processes of nature, it has been listed as one of Florida's most invasive plant species since 1993. It was placed on the Florida Noxious Weed List by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in 1999. It is considered one of the most serious exotic plant invaders in the state. Therefore, it is illegal to propagate, transport or possess.

Air potato invades a variety of natural areas including pinelands and hammocks. It grows roughly



Courtesy photo

**Air potato is easy to recognize. It is a twining herbaceous vine which are round and slightly angled in cross section. They produce a bulb (tuber) that looks similar to a potato, which is generally a tan color and can be small or large. The leaf is green, heart shaped, basally lobed and it quickly tapers to a point at the leaf tip.**

eight inches per day and climbs to the tops of trees and forms a mat that weighs down and shades the native plants in its path. Once it gets a hold of an area, it covers everything in its path. Even though the stems and foliage of the vine die back in the winter, the plant is still dangerous because of the bulbs. Each time the vine drops a "potato" or bulb, another plant grows from it. Once the potatoes fall and are buried under the soil and leaf litter, they are difficult to

see and dig up. Even the potato the size of a pea will start a new plant, which is one of the reasons this invasive exotic is so difficult to control.

In addition to its rapid growth and propagation, air potato has no natural enemies in Florida; therefore it continues to grow out of control with nothing to stop it. As a food and shelter source, it has little or no value to the native wildlife. The Heartland is not immune to this silent invader. Just

drive through any neighborhood with vacant lots and it's plain to see that the vine is taking over. It also thrives on roadsides and in disturbed areas. It has been known to climb up telephone and power poles and do severe damage, even shorting out transformers.

Air potato is easy to recognize. It is a twining herbaceous vine with stems growing as long as 60 feet in length. The vines are round and slightly angled in cross section. They produce a bulb (tuber) that looks similar to a potato, which is generally a tan color and can be small or large. The leaf is green, heart shaped, basally lobed and it quickly tapers to a point at the leaf tip.

Now is the time to fight back. Air potato can be battled by picking up every bulb that hits the ground before it sprouts. Once the bulbs are removed, the vine can be treated with herbicide. Follow up for collecting bulbs that may have been missed is necessary. Each individual can make a difference by facing this invader head on. The native plants and animals are depending on us.

*Corine Burgess is an Environmental Specialist for the Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun.*

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## APOSTOLIC

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## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

## BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

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

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

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■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and

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

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## CATHOLIC

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

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

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## CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

## BOOKS

### HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Taken" by Robert Crais (Putnam)
2. "Private: Number 1 Suspect" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown)
3. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Knopf)
4. "Believing the Lie" by Elizabeth George (Dutton Adult)
5. "Death Comes to Pemberley" by P.D. James (Knopf)
6. "11/22/63" by Stephen King (Scribner)
7. "The Litigators" by John Grisham (Doubleday) "Death Comes to Pemberley" by P.D. James (Knopf)
8. "Raylan: A Novel" by Elmore Leonard (William Morrow)
9. "Death of Kings: A Novel" by Bernard Cornwell (Harper)
10. "Darker After Midnight" by Lara Adrian (Delacorte)
11. "A Dance with Dragons" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)

12. "Pineapple Grenade" by Tim Dorsey (Morrow)

13. "Locked On" by Tom Clancy and Mark Greany (Putnam Adult)

14. "The Best of Me" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)

15. "The Rope: An Anna Pigeon Novel" by Nevada Barr (Minotaur)

### HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Ameritopia: The Unmaking of America" by Mark R. Levin (Threshold Editions)
2. "The End of Illness" by David Agus (Free Press)
3. "American Sniper: The autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History" by Chris Kyle, Jim DeFelice and Scott McEwen (Morrow)
4. "Steve Jobs: A Biography" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)
5. "Taking People with You: The Only Way to Make Big Things Happen" by David Novak (Portfolio)
6. "Quiet" by Susan Cain

## PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST-SELLERS

(Crown)

7. "Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt and Co.)

8. "Deliciously G-Free: Food So Flavorful they'll Never Believe It's Gluten-Free" by Elisabeth Hasselbeck (Ballantine)

9. "The Psychology of Wealth: Understand Your Relationship with Money and Achieve Prosperity" by Charles L. Richards (McGraw-Hill)

10. "Through My Eyes" by Tim Tebow with Nathan Whitaker (Harper)

11. "Fairy Tale Interrupted" by RoseMarie Terenzio (Gallery)

12. "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)

13. "Thinking, Fast and

Slow" by Daniel Kahneman (Ferrar, Straus & Giroux)

14. "Strategic Vision" by Zbigniew Brzezinski (Basic Books)

15. "Strategy for You" by Rich Horwath (Greenleaf)

### MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Bonnie" by Iris Johansen (St. Martin's)

2. "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)

3. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)

4. "A Lady Never Surrenders" by Sabrina Jeffries (Pocket)

5. "The Jefferson Key" by Steve Berry (Ballantine)

6. "Tom Clancy Presents: Act of Valor" by Dick Couch and George Galdorisi (Berkley)

7. "One for the Money" by Janet Evanovich (St. Martin's)

8. "A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)

9. "Skeleton Coast" by Clive Cussler and Jack Du Brul (Berkley)

10. "You...Again" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)

11. "Smokin' Seventeen" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)

12. "The Sentry" by Robert Crais (Berkley)

13. "Toys" by James Patterson & Neil McMahon (Vision)

14. "A Storm of Swords" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)

15. "Mr. and Miss Anonymous" by Fern Michaels (Zebra)

### TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett (Putnam Adult)

2. "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" by Jonathan Safran Foer (Mariner)

3. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)

4. "Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back" by Todd Burpo, Sonja

Burpo, Colton Burpo and Lynn Vincent (Thomas Nelson)

5. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey (Back Bay/Reagan Arthur)

6. "The Tiger's Wife: A Novel" by Tea Obreht (Random House)

7. "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)

8. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot (Broadway)

9. "10th Anniversary" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro (Grand Central Publishing)

10. "Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell (LB/Back Bay)

11. "The Harbinger" by Jonathan Cahn (Frontline)

12. "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander and Cornel West (New Press)

13. "Unlikely Friendships" by Jennifer S. Holland (Workman)

14. "Lethal" by Sandra Brown (Grand Central)

15. "Blood, Bones & Butter" by Gabrielle Hamilton (Random House)

# PLACES TO WORSHIP

## EPISCOPAL

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

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

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

## GRACE BRETHREN

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

## INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

## LUTHERAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

■ **Calvary Church,** 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail [unity@vistanet.net](mailto:unity@vistanet.net). Web site, [www.unityofsebring.org](http://www.unityofsebring.org). 10:30 a.m.

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

## PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA),** 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Informal service, 8 a.m.; traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: [covpres@strato.net](mailto:covpres@strato.net); Web site: [www.cpcsebring.org](http://www.cpcsebring.org). Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday: Grief Support Group, 1 p.m.; Youth Group (middle and high school), 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** [www.fpclp.com](http://www.fpclp.com), 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 8 and 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary; contemporary worship is at 11 a.m. Sunday school classes for adults is at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and for all ages, adults and children, at 9:45 a.m. in the educational building. Wednesday: 6:45 p.m., youth group (middle and high school), and nursery and children's ministry; 7 p.m., adult small group Bible studies. Children/youth music ministry (Thursday): grades 3-5 chimes, 2:30 p.m.; grades 3-5

choir, 3:15 p.m.; grades 6-12 handbells, 3:15 p.m. Bible Counseling available by appointment, 699-0132. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

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

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

## THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

## THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship.** Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Prayer meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday:

Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site [www.salvationarmy-sebring.com](http://www.salvationarmy-sebring.com) or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

## UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

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

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

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ,** Jesus didn't reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you'll be embraced by a compassionate congregation that is all-inclusive. We're at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Choir and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; [sebringemmanuelucc.com](http://sebringemmanuelucc.com).

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LOS ANGELES — Parents have months to get ready for a baby. Experts say the countdown should include prep time for pets too.

A baby changes everything for a pet — from how its home looks, smells and sounds to what the rules are.

Low energy, friendly, social dogs are the most adaptable pets, while independent, excitable, high maintenance, busybody dogs are the least adaptable, said San Francisco veterinarian and animal behaviorist Sophia Yin.

"Little dogs can be more jealous and more snippy," said Lynn Sullivan, community health program manager for The BirthPlace at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital.

When Saya Barrett learned she and husband Jack were going to have a baby, she worried that their 15-pound, 5-year-old poodle, Latte, would be jealous.

Instead, Barrett said, Latte "was curious. He could hear her little noises from the crib but had no idea what they were or where they were coming from. He figured it out pretty soon though. He did what any other confused dog would do — looked around, sniffed, then soon found her in her crib."

Almost immediately, she said, they knew "Latte would be a good big brother" to baby Aila, now 4 months old: "Latte is very good to her. He will lick her hands and feet if we are sitting on the couch together."

While Latte adjusted easily, Yin said making some changes before the baby arrives can help a pet and ease new parent anxieties.

Maybe your dog needs to learn some basic commands like sit, down or stay, she said. If your dog is used to jumping in your lap or up onto furniture, new boundaries should be set before the baby comes home. Maybe you have to

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Bringing a new child home changes things for your pet, who will have to get used to the fact he or she isn't the baby of the family anymore. Metro Services

move the cat's litter box to make way for a crib.

If your dog is uncomfortable around visitors, add some social activities like trips to the dog park.

You can buy CDs or find online recordings of baby sounds, including rattles and cries, Yin said. Pairing noises with treats will make the newness easier to accept.

Use baby powder, shampoo and lotions before the baby is born. While the baby is still at the hospital,

*'Some children are very aggressive with animals and they need to learn early how to treat animals'*

SOPHIA YIN  
veterinarian and animal behaviorist

tal, take a shirt or blanket the baby has used and let your pet get familiar with the scent, Sullivan said.

A trip to the vet will assure that pets don't have fleas, parasites or other problems, but cat owners who are pregnant must also guard against toxoplasmosis, Sullivan

said. The parasite that causes it is most often found in cat feces, so use gloves or get someone else to change litter boxes.

Cats can be an ideal pet for new parents because they

often ignore the baby, but they are also curious and can jump and crawl, Sullivan said, recalling an incident when her son, now grown, was an infant and her cat wouldn't stay out of the crib. "When she scratched the baby, that was it," Sullivan said. She immediately

found a new home for the cat.

"Infants are helpless," Sullivan said. "No matter how good-natured a pet is, never leave any pet alone with a baby."

Yin said when she talks about cats and babies, the same question always comes up — can a cat suck the life out of a baby while trying to lick milk off the infant's face?

Not true, she says: "Cats will not suck the air from a newborn, but they do like to snuggle up to a warm body."

Cats don't like sticky surfaces, so to keep cats away from a crib, cover the outside with sticky paper or double-sided tape.

When babies start moving and crawling, that poses new challenges for pets, especially fearful dogs.

"Their first response is to get away," said Yin. "As long as they can do that, it's OK. But when the object keeps coming after them and corners them, they might become defensive."

Most dogs will accept their new roles as pal and protector, Yin said, but there might be reasons they can't, don't or won't.

Maybe you have an older dog with arthritis. Getting pounced on by a young child could hurt, causing the dog to snap. Dogs may also lash out in response to rough or even mean-spirited behavior from children, like spitting or wrestling. If a dog pants for no reason or won't lean into a child for a hug, that could be a sign that the dog feels stressed by the child's presence, Yin said. "Some children are very aggressive with animals and they need to learn early how to treat animals," she said.

New mothers might also consider a dog walker or even doggie daycare to give everyone a break, Yin said.

Finally, don't take on a baby and a puppy at the same time. "That," said Yin, "would be like having twins."

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Students at Lakeview Christian School conducted many experiments during their True Science Workshop.

## Lakeview Christian students host science workshop

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**LAKE PLACID** – Lakeview Christian School students recently hosted a True Science Workshop presented by Project Creation, a traveling creation education ministry based in Tennessee.

The kindergarten through fifth-grade students participated in hands-on chemistry lab experiences appropriate to each age level as they learned about chemical reactions, viscosity and density, heat transfer, water electrolysis, testing and changing acidity, cross-linking polymers, and changing states of matter.

Third-grader Landon Smoak found out that “Science is fun!”

His classmate, Madyson D’Espies, agreed that science is fun, adding “but it can be hard sometimes”.

Fifth-grader Mitchel Coker said, “I learned that putting two liquids together can make a solid, and that white is heavier than blue because it is more dense.”

Cody Colding, another fifth-grader, said, “I enjoyed combining raisins with water and baking soda causing the



raisins to ‘dance’.” Rebecca Spohn, a fifth-grader, reached this conclusion, “I learned that science is not only what we think happened, but it is what God has done in nature.”

Third-grader Faith Zahn thought the day was great, but she was “freaking out over the test at the end.”

Students learned that science is interesting and fun. Each one had a favorite activity, but all of the second-grade students agreed the projects they enjoyed the

most were making an electric pickle, creating Silly Putty, and mixing and then eating ice cream.

Lakeview Christian School has classes for pre-kindergarten through the fifth-grade. Registration for 2012 - 2013 school year is available by contacting the school office at 465-0313.

The school is holding a prime rib dinner and silent auction on Saturday, Feb. 25, to help with partial scholarships for next year. Tickets are \$25 at the school office.

## Brain Bowl Team advances to national tournament

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**AVON PARK** – South Florida Community College’s Brain Bowl team recently participated in the National Academic Quiz Tournament’s (NAQT) sectional competition and tied for fifth amongst 24 colleges from Florida and Georgia. This placing advances the team to the national tournament, where they will compete against other two-year community and state college teams from around the United States at Gulf Coast State College, Feb. 24 and 25. This is the second time SFCC’s Brain Bowl team has made it to the national tournament.

“I believe we have a good chance this year,” Dr. Dale McDaniel, SFCC Brain Bowl team advisor said. “Justin Finch, Andria Mass, and Alex Nichols have participated in Brain Bowl the last two years and bring expe-

rience to the team, and Nathan Schwann, a dual-enrollment student from DeSoto High School, ranked second individually in the sectional tournament.”

While the Brain Bowl team participates in NAQT tournaments, the NAQT is not affiliated with Brain Bowl. “The NAQT is an organization that hosts quiz tournaments across the country,” McDaniel said. “Brain Bowl is a state of Florida community college activity. In Brain Bowl competitions, we only compete against other Brain Bowl teams from Florida’s community and state colleges.”

In addition to the NAQT tournament this month, the team will also compete in the Regional Brain Bowl Tournament at Valencia College on Feb. 11. If the team is successful, it will advance to the State Brain Bowl Tournament in March.

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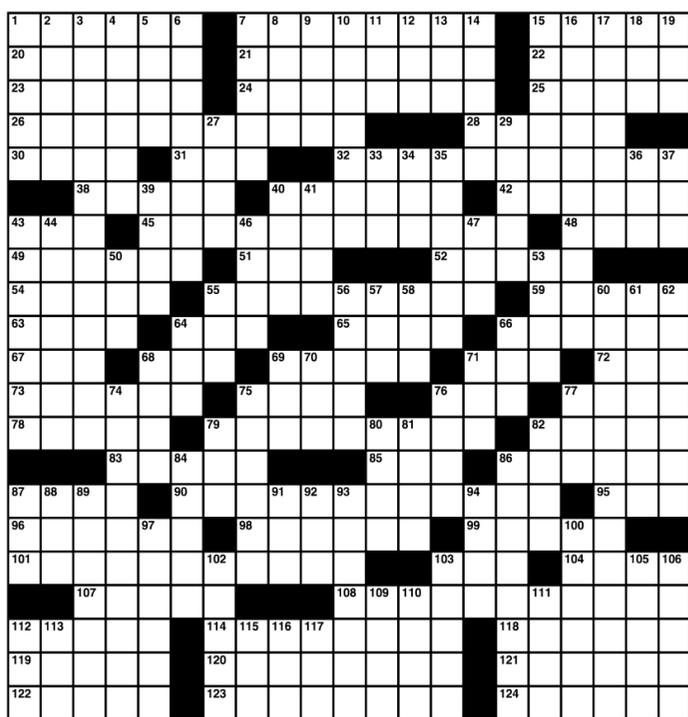
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## 'What about us?'

Along with the usual busyness in 2011, super busyness took over as we helped my parents pack for a move nearer to my brother and his family. This was accomplished the beginning of September followed by a fall car trip to visit family.



Pause And Consider  
 Jan Merop

After Thanksgiving with my parents, we headed to North Carolina to celebrate our grandchildren's birthdays. After being home for a couple of weeks, we accelerated into preparation mode for a surprise Christmas visit to Pennsylvania with Ken's mom and family.

Home at last late New Year's Day, we began catching up, fully expecting to stay put for a long while. But, two surgeries ... one for my daughter-by-love in North Carolina and one for my mom on the East Coast found us in motion again with only one day home between trips.

In the midst of all of this, we realized that our 30th wedding anniversary was approaching. We considered what we might do. Where would we go for a nice dinner? Did we want to walk the beach or should we head up to Orlando?

The practical side of me kicked in as I reminded Ken of the cost of all the recent trips. He looked up at me and said that we had been doing for everyone in the family ... and gladly. "But what about us?"

That stopped me in my tracks. What about us? In the hurried activities of daily living and unexpected situations, how easy to lose the focus of that unique oneness that is "us." And, so, we considered how

we might plan something special that expressed who we are as a couple and still stay within budget.

When God created Eve from one of Adam's ribs, he said in Genesis 2: 23a and 24, NKJV, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh ... Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

Time with family is so important. But, time with one another is, too.

What would we both enjoy that was not too far from home? We didn't want to simply fill the hours. We wanted to experience them ... together.

As we explored the Internet, we found a place in St. Augustine that would help us create a special memory ... a quiet place where we can spend a couple of days reminiscing, dreaming and thanking God for his gracious gift of giving "us" to each other 30 years ago. Selah

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## Taurus, don't worry yourself sick over a situation

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**Aries (March 21-April 20)** — With so many things on your plate, Aries, you just may feel like throwing in the towel early. However, if you give it a little more effort you may be surprised.

**Taurus (April 21-May 21)** — Taurus, don't worry yourself sick over a pressing situation this week. You'll figure out a way to handle it and things will work out for the best.

**Gemini (May 22-June 21)** — Gemini, you only have one person on your mind, but this person may be completely unaware that you are thinking about him or her. Maybe you can drop a few hints.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Cancer, your trusting nature will pay dividends for all those around you this week, including yourself. Friends and family will appreciate your reliability.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)** — Leo, sweating the small stuff could cause you to miss the bigger picture. Don't worry too much about minor inconveniences, and you'll be happier for it.

**Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)** — Virgo, you might not be able to please everyone all of the time, but that doesn't mean you can't try. Friends, family members and coworkers will appreciate the effort.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Libra, confidence when making tough decisions will inspire loyalty in those around you. Make these decisions carefully and explain them clearly to others.

### Horoscope

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Scorpio, make the most of an upcoming opportunity to spend time with loved ones. Reconnecting with friends and family will be just what the doctor ordered.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Lots of people are in your corner this week, Sagittarius. Make the most of that support and remember to thank those supporters along the way.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)** — Capricorn, you're not one for accepting handouts, but when the offer for assistance comes in, it may be too difficult to pass up. Think on it carefully.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)** — Aquarius, unwind from pressures at the office with a little respite. A long weekend and some time spent at a nearby resort are just what you need to recharge the batteries.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Pisces, it has been an uphill battle, but you are finally at the crest of that tall mountain. Now you can coast for a little while.

### Notable birthdays

Feb. 5: Jennifer Jason Leigh, Actress (50); Feb. 6: Axl Rose, Singer (50); Feb. 7: Ashton Kutcher, Actor (34); Feb. 8: John Grisham, Author (57); Feb. 9: Travis Tritt, Singer (49); Feb. 10: Laura Dern, Actress (45); Feb. 11: Taylor Lautner, Actor (20).

## Woman is put out with man who won't fix what's broken

**Dear Abby:** My live-in boyfriend is a total ditz when it comes to challenges. He claims it's because he's a city boy, but I think it's just plain laziness. When something needs to be repaired, he looks the other way and expects me to be "Miss Fix-It." It doesn't matter what's wrong — the car, the washer, plumbing, even issues with bills. It becomes my job.

I want him to challenge himself sometimes. I've never known a man who won't venture into something that's not familiar. Is there anything I can say or do to let him know I want him to help, or am I stuck with a male damsel in distress?

— Role-Reversal in Bridgeport, Conn.

**Dear Role-Reversal:** I'm sure you have told your boyfriend more than once that you want him to help. If he is as lacking in mechanical and organizational ability as you have implied, perhaps it's better that you be the fixer than have him destroy whatever needs to be repaired.

Because you feel you're being taken advantage of, have him call a repairman and pay for the service calls. And while you're at it, start a list of the positive things he adds to your relationship. If you come up with a minus instead of a plus, perhaps you should throw him back and keep fishing.

**Dear Abby:** My niece, "Sara," is considerably overweight at the age of 9. I'm becoming very concerned that she'll become diabetic by the time she's in her teens. She has a horrible habit of literally shoveling food into her mouth as fast as she can, sometimes with



Dear Abby

both hands. She's obviously eating too quickly to stop when she's full. Now that she's no longer a little girl, what was a bad habit has turned into disgusting table manners.

I live far away, so I have few opportunities to suggest that she slow down or "take princess bites." Her mother is very resentful of criticism, and she's allowing Sara her bad habit. I'm worried not only about my niece's poor table manners, but also her health. Any suggestions?

— Worried Aunt, Tupelo, Miss.

**Dear Worried Aunt:** Is Sara's mother obese? If so, the problem may be not only the speed with which your niece is eating but also what kinds of foods she's being served at home.

Be smart and don't make this about disgusting table manners. Because you're

concerned about your niece's health, talk to both parents and ask what Sara's pediatrician says about her weight and what possible solutions have been suggested. But do not make it appear that you're criticizing their parenting or they'll shut you out.

**Dear Abby:** People occasionally tell me I look like a famous person. They can be mere acquaintances, people I don't know or people I don't want to know. I've never seen the resemblance, and since this famous person is known for poor judgment and bad behavior I regard it as an insult.

People seem shocked when I respond with an insult. How do they expect me to respond? I can't imagine walking up to someone and saying, "You look like ..." even if it were true. This is finally starting to bother me. How should I respond?

— Not Villainous — Yet

**Dear Not Villainous (Yet):** People may be shocked when you answer them with an insult because they were not trying to be insulting. Rather than become defensive, try this: Smile and say, "You know, I

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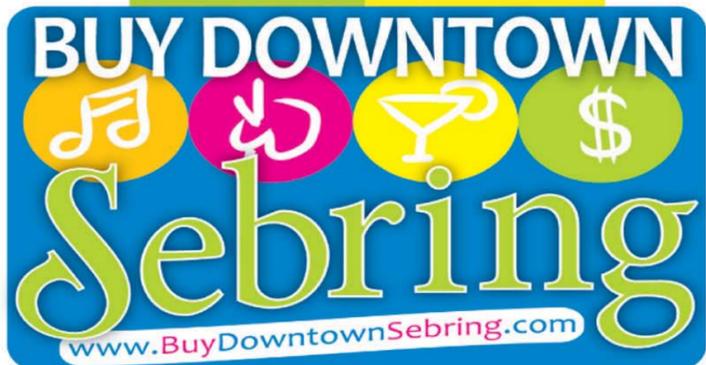
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Get your Buy Downtown Sebring card for free at participating merchants, the CRA office (368 S. Commerce Avenue), the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce offices (227 US Highway 27 North or 309. E Circle Park), the Highlands County CVB (1121 US Highway 27 South) or print one online at [www.BuyDowntownSebring.com](http://www.BuyDowntownSebring.com)

Already have a card? Register it to receive the Downtown Sebring monthly E-Newsletter designed to keep you updated on events, special offers and discounts happening in the Downtown Sebring Area

[www.BuyDowntownSebring.com](http://www.BuyDowntownSebring.com)

## Participating Buy Downtown Sebring Merchants

### Brenner's Pottery

(www.BrennerPottery.com)  
Handmade Stoneware Pottery & Fine Crafts  
104 Circle Park Drive; 385-1333  
Offer: 10% off any purchase

### Capt. Ron's Mercantile

(www.Capt-Rons-Mercantile.com)  
101 Circle Park Drive; 449-1155  
Offer: 10% discount on purchase of \$10 or more

### Children's Museum of the Highlands

(www.ChildrensMuseumHighlands.com)  
Hands-On, Interactive Area for Children & Families to Play & Learn  
219 N. Ridgewood Drive; 385-5437  
Offer: \$1 off admission - limit five people maximum

### Cusworth Arms Pub & Wine Bar at the Kenilworth Lodge

(www.CusworthArms.com)  
Pub & Wine Bar  
1610 Lakeview Drive; 381-5959  
Offer: \$1 off any domestic beer or house wine

### Etcetera Ladies Boutique

113 S Ridgewood Drive; 385-3854  
Offer: 10% discount on any purchase

### Fabulous Finds

Consigned Furniture & Accessories For Home & Garden  
510 Maple Avenue; 382-1140 (inside Scosta Supply & Interiors)  
Offer: 10% discount on any regular priced item

### Floors Direct

(www.FloorsDirectFL.com)  
Flooring Distributor - Laminate, Carpet, Tile, Wood, Vinyl  
204 S. Ridgewood Drive; 382-1179  
Offer: 10% off any flooring purchase PLUS free area rug with purchase

### Frames & Images

(www.FNIAwards.com)  
Custom Picture Framing; Trophies/Awards; Personalized Accessories & Home Decor  
108 Circle Park Drive; 382-6464  
Offer: 10% off on orders of \$25 or more

### Front Porch Dogs

(www.FrontPorchDogs.com)  
Dog Boutique & Bakery  
209 Circle Park Drive; 382-1767  
Offer: 10% off any purchase (excluding dog and cat food)

### Galati's Restaurant

Fresh Pizza; Homemade Italian & American Dishes  
1601 Commerce Avenue; 382-3333  
Offer: 10% of total bill with card

### Happy Owl

Education and Art Supplies, Party Goods & Unique Toys  
227 N. Ridgewood Drive; 385-4544  
Offer: 10% off any purchase

### Highlands Art League

(www.HighlandsArtLeague.org)  
Fine Art & Crafts  
1989 Lakeview Drive; 385-5312  
Offer: 10% discount on any purchase

### Highlands Little Theatre

(www.HighlandsLittleTheatre.org)  
356 W. Center; 385-2175  
Offer: \$1 off drinks in Anthony's Lounge

### Highlands Office Supply

(www.HighlandsOfficeSupply.com)  
Office Supplies and Office Furniture  
121 S. Commerce Avenue; 385-7748  
Offer: 10% off purchase of any re-manufactured inkjet or toner cartridge

### Hobby Hill Florist

(www.HobbyHillFlorist.com)  
Fresh flowers/plants; weddings; invitations; Lenox china & giftware; Arthur Court metalware  
541 N. Ridgewood Drive; 385-8049  
Offer: 10% savings on any purchase

### J&J Barber Shop

Barber Shop & Hair Cuts  
107 Circle Park Drive; 471-2749  
Offer: \$1 off any hair cut

### Kathy's Consignment

New/Gently-Used Designer & Quality Women & Men's Fashions  
659 S. Commerce Avenue; 314-9099  
Offer: 10% discount on any purchase excluding clearance items

### Le Attique

Home Decor & Fine Gifts  
227 N. Ridgewood Dr.; 382-4458  
Offer: 10% off any purchase

### Linda's Books

Books - Used paperbacks & children's hardbacks  
203 N. Ridgewood Drive; 382-2649  
Offer: \$1.50 off any purchase of \$10 or more

### McLane's Country Garden

Retail Garden Center; Custom Planting  
328 Lime Street (corner of Ridgewood & Lime); 471-1468  
Offer: 10% off purchase of \$100 or more

### MaeLee's Deli & Catering

Award-winning Sandwiches, Soups, Desserts, Wings (Dine In or Take Out)  
445 N. Ridgewood Drive; 382-3663  
Offer: 10% off with card

### NetPatrol

(www.NetPatrol.org)  
Website Certification (Open during Gallery Walk & other Downtown Special Events)  
100 Circle Park Drive; 258-1125  
Offer: \$25 off Arkansas Walking Stick

### Scosta Supply & Interiors

(www.ScostaSupply.com)  
Interior and Exterior Home Products & Design Consulting  
510 Maple Avenue; 382-1140  
Offer: 10% off any purchase of any regular priced item

### Sebring Furniture

New & Used Furniture  
325 N. Ridgewood Drive; 386-1119  
Offer: 10% off any regularly-priced purchase

### Sebring Antiques

(www.SebringAntiques.com)  
Antiques & Collectibles  
648 S Commerce Avenue; 385-1010  
Offer: 10% off all items as ticketed

### Steve & Co.

Ladies Fashion Boutique  
113 Circle Park Drive; 382-9888  
Offer: 10% off any regularly-priced pair of "Not Your Daughter's" jeans

### Still Chic Boutique

Selective Ladies Consignment  
112 N. Ridgewood Drive; 402-2442  
Offer: 10% discount on any purchase

### The Palms of Sebring

(www.PalmsOfSebring.com)  
Sunday Brunch 10AM - 2PM  
725 S. Pine Street; 385-0161  
Offer: \$2 off/person Sunday Brunch

### Twin Oaks Tea Room & Gifts

Tea Room, Lunch, Special Events, Antiques & Gifts  
246 N. Commerce Avenue; 386-1955  
Offer: 10% off any food purchase

### Wild Artist Jewelry & Beads

Beads, handmade & vintage jewelry, soaps, perfumes, collectibles  
125 N. Ridgewood Drive; 385-7433  
Offer: 10% off plus free gift to all shoppers

*\*Merchants and offers are subject to change. Updated 11/7/2011  
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