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A fighter from the very start

Cancer survivor Marlow Rivera, who turned 3 on Dec. 17, is the informal poster boy for the Avon Park Relay for Life team Century Link. The relay is April 21, at Joe Franza Stadium APTS

He nearly died during birth and was born with cancer, but Marlow Rivera is going strong

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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AVON PARK — After a troubled, at-risk pregnancy, something went terribly wrong the day Marlow Rivera was born on Dec. 17, 2008.

Still inside his mother's womb, Marlow's heart rate dropped to 7. Normal is 140 to 160.

The doctor frantically told Callie Decker her baby had to be born immediately, that she should push hard because there was no time for a C-section. But her body wasn't ready, she wasn't dilated enough — only 8 centimeters when she should have been 10. Even so, she pushed with all her might, and Marlow emerged on her second effort ... with his umbilical cord wound twice around his neck and knotted.

He was being strangled to death.

Immediately attended to, Marlow recovered quickly. He and his mother rested with his father, Raymond Rivera, always at their side.

"You should be thanking God that he's here today," Decker said a nurse told her when Marlow was brought to her. "He shouldn't have made it."

"That totally freaked me out," Decker said.

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

The youngest of three boys, Marlow Rivera is a Hot Wheels fanatic who loves to dance and sing. Surviving testicular cancer at six weeks of age, his family think he is meant for special things.

Sebring begins celebration of 100th year

By **SAMANTHA GHOLAR**
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SEBRING — Perfect weather made for a larger than expected turnout at the kick off to the Sebring Centennial Celebration Friday evening.

Hundreds of people filled the Downtown Circle and its spoke streets to mix and mingle with their fellow residents. The Sebring High School marching band led the walking parade of Sebring police and fire department members and city dignitaries both past and present.

Sebring Mayor George Hensley wore a smile the entire evening after he read a proclamation to the audience declaring Friday the official first day of the year-long Centennial celebration.

Ridgewood Drive served as an open air restaurant serving up barbecue plates pro-



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Cheryl Harmon and Jerry Dewind sit together and watch old home videos from Sebring's early days Friday evening during the Centennial Celebration. 'I fell in love with Sebring and moved here two years ago,' Harmon said. Dewind, a Sebring High School teacher, has been in the area since 1978.

vided by the Sebring Firemen, which everyone seemed to enjoy.

"We eventually had to start turning people away," said City Clerk Kathy Haley. "That is the only complaint we had. We had

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Program teaches fishing, life lessons

By **SUSAN COCKING**
The Miami Herald

MIAMI — A back injury suffered by former Palm Beach County building contractor Richard Brochu five years ago is indirectly responsible for more than 3,000 kids and teens learning how to fish.

Out of work and bored, Brochu — an avid angler — asked his young daughter, a student at Poinciana Elementary School in Boynton Beach, if there were a program where kids could learn how to become responsible anglers.

"She was like, 'No, would you like to start one?'" Brochu said.

Poinciana became the launch pad for the Florida Fishing Academy — a non-profit, after-school program that teaches life skills and ethical angling to at-risk youth ages 8 through early 20s.

"We want to raise the next generation of ethical anglers and captains," Brochu said. "I want people to realize that there's more to it than catching fish and throwing them on the dock."

Brochu, a licensed charter captain, and colleague Bob Cawood have created an after-school and weekend program targeted to every

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Scribe's Night Out one year anniversary

SEBRING — Scribe's Night Out has been going strong for the last year. Scribe's Night Out is a gathering of local writers at Brewster's Coffee House in Sebring on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Today, they will be celebrating their one-year anniversary, featuring readers from 2011 as well as open mike for anyone who wishes to share their original work. Facilitators Sherry Carlson-Williams and Chris Williams will be handing the reins over to Larry and Elaine Levey for 2012.

Scribe's Night Out is sponsored by the Heartland Cultural Alliance and Bruce Rogers of Brewster's. For more information or to schedule a date for reading as a featured author call Larry Levey at 385-8618.

Mantini Sisters at Tanglewood

SEBRING — Tanglewood Special Events will present The Mantini Sisters Show today. Known for their harmonic blend and versatility, the dynamic, award-winning Mantini Sister trio of Sandra, Barbara and Ann have been captivating audiences across Canada and the United States for more than 25 years. The Mantini Sisters toured Canada and the United States in their first production, "Moments to Remember," a salute to the wonderful singers and

singing groups of the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s, as seen through the eyes and ears of the Mantini Sisters.

Doors and snack bar opens at 6:15 p.m.; show at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10. Tanglewood is one-half mile north of Walmart on U.S. 27. For more information, call 402-0763.

Parkinson's support group meets Monday

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

The program this month will be from Faye Kern, coordinator of the American Parkinson's Disease Association, with the latest updates on Parkinson's treatments.

All persons with Parkinson's disease and their families are welcome to attend. There is no charge.

For more information, call 453-6589 or 453-6419.

The Highlands County Parkinson's Support Group is part of the national network of support groups affiliated with the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

Gem and Mineral Club meets Tuesday

SEBRING — The Highlands Gem and Mineral Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Church of Christ, 3800

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Lemon Street are two of many streets that law enforcement will be patrolling for speeding violations after complaints to the Sebring City Council about dangerous driving in the area.

Excessive speeding worries Washington Heights resident

Police Department to do speed study in area

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Concerned Washington Heights resident Rev. Robert Walker addressed the Sebring City Council during Tuesday's meeting about what he describes as a "raceway" in that community.

"I sit in my patio or sometimes under the pecan tree in my backyard and watch the raceway on Martin Luther King Boulevard. E.O. Douglas and Martin Luther King are 35 miles per hour. The rest of those limits are 25 mile per hour," Walker said.

There are no sidewalks in most of the neighborhood and Walker is concerned with the safety of those in his community.

"If you are driving 25 miles an hour on any of those streets, you're driving too fast. If you are driving 35 miles an hour on Martin Luther King, you're driving too fast. Nobody drives 25 or 35 miles an hour. They use it as a raceway," said Walker.

'I sit in my patio or sometimes under the pecan tree in my backyard and watch the raceway on Martin Luther King Boulevard.'

REV. ROBERT WALKER
Washington Heights resident

"The streets are narrow throughout Washington Heights, inadequate, and the limit is 25 miles an hour. The streets are used by children playing, people walking — children playing basketball, running up and down the street riding their bicycles. All the senior citizens now how have their scooters and their little chairs and they use them. They go all the way up Ridgewood to the Circle," Walker said.

"We need to stop it before

it happens," said Walker. "I heard your discussion about not having money for sidewalks and I know you have a plan, but you need to expedite whatever it is."

Walker said speeding in the area increases on weekends, making it even more potentially dangerous for residents, children and senior citizens.

"I just don't want that accident to happen," Walker said.

Police Chief Tom Dettman addressed Walker's concerns.

"I will offer Rev. Walker something on your (the council's) behalf. What I'd like to do with your direction is go ahead and initiate a couple speed studies in the areas

Rev. Walker is most concerned about," Dettman said.

The speed studies will track the speed of all vehicles in specific areas down to the minute, allowing law enforcement to know if the area is prone to speeding.

Dettman also said he would offer additional enforcement in the Washington Heights area after the results of the speed study are collected.

Probe on Florida AG employee firings comes to end

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — A five-month probe into the forced resignation of two lawyers who led a crack-down on foreclosure fraud has concluded that no one in the office of Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi broke any laws or rules.

But the findings contained in the 84-page report did not appear to silence critics who questioned the independence of the investigation since it was done by the inspector general working for Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater. Atwater and Bondi are both Republicans.

Theresa Edwards and her colleague June Clarkson were forced out of their jobs in late May despite positive job reviews. Both women had been involved with investigations into law firms handling foreclosures on behalf of banks. The firings set off a firestorm against Bondi because she also had opposed a settlement with banks that would have proposed cutting the principal owed by homeowners.

Bondi said the report should end any questions

over the firings.

"I think it clearly shows in no way it was politically motivated," Bondi said on Friday.

Bondi said that she had gone over the report numerous times on Friday and said that even she was "taken aback by the utter lack of professionalism and performance by these two staff attorneys. Sloppy work will not be tolerated in this office," she said.

The lengthy report details numerous instances of finger-pointing and complaints between attorneys and investigators who work in Bondi's office as well as disagreements over legal theories. It also details a handful of previously publicized incidents that supervisors in Bondi's office used to justify the firings, including the accidental release of a draft subpoena against a foreclosure firm.

The dismissals of Edwards and Clarkson came months after an attorney representing one of the companies under investigation complained that both had made "irresponsible" statements.

Clarification

An article that appeared in Wednesday's edition of the News-Sun regarding new flood maps should have read that about 1,000 notices have already been sent by the Southwest Florida Water Management District to inform county residents of the new flood plan maps. There will be around 12,000 notices in total that will be sent.

Preliminary flood maps will eventually be available for viewing online at www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/.

Frefighter falls from ladder, dies

POMPANO BEACH (AP) — A veteran South Florida firefighter has died after falling nearly 100 feet from the top of a ladder truck during a training exercise.

William "Bill" Elliott was climbing up and down the ladder in a training exercise with four other firefighters Friday.

Pompano Beach Fire Rescue Chief Harry Small said it was a new truck, but similar to other trucks they've had and that Elliott and been on nearly identical ladders repeatedly. Firefighters wear a harness going up and down ladders but are only hooked in at certain points.

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Centennial celebration gets under way

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600 tickets, so we had to serve those who bought pretickets first, of course, to make sure they got theirs. We had many people purchase on site."

Ridgewood also served up hot homemade kettle corn, old fashioned root beer and the very popular strawberry shortcake and fried Oreos.

Kids, seniors and everyone in between found something yummy to snack on throughout the evening.

Just one street over on Center Avenue, the Sebring Public Library set up an inflatable jumbo screen for spectators, showing historic videos and photo slides of the earliest years of the City of Sebring.

The videos also depicted this city's founder, George Sebring, as well as the transformation of the vast, vacant area into downtown Sebring.

Found in one of Sebring's historic homes a few years ago by current city councilmen John Griffin and Greg Harris, the collection of 16 millimeter film and

photos were transformed into a video that allowed spectators to see the city's progression over the first few decades.

The Circle was filled with entertainment from the Sebring High School marching band, Wings of Faith Praise and Worship band, the Mountain Dew Cloggers and many other musicians and groups.

"It greatly exceeded our expectations. It was a lot of work but it paid off. Everything came together like we planned and it's been a good night and a great turnout," Haley said.

The Sebring Centennial will continue with various events throughout the remainder of 2012. The special emphasis week will take place Oct. 13-21.

Events will be added by the planning committee as the year progresses.

For more information about the events, visit www.sebring100.com or www.facebook.com/CelebrateSebringCentennial/.



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Sebring dignitaries, past and present, greet spectators as they walk the streets of Downtown Sebring Friday evening. Current city councilman John Griffin (left) and county commission member Greg Harris (center) were two of the many dignitaries that were a part of the event.

County to talk about grants Tuesday

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been made and you have not contacted these entities," Stewart pointed out.

"We need to move forward as quickly as we can, and I think we need to get the applications in here and make sure that things have not changed from last year that they will have difficulty meeting," Stewart said in December.

Stewart also had problems with provisions in the new contract that did not make practical sense, such as the county needing to approve the services.



Helms

"With all due respect, I don't think the county knows anything about dentists. We don't know how to fill teeth. We don't know anything about doing these things," Stewart said.



Macbeth

Richie directed County Administrator Ricky Helms to get involved with the drafting and distribution of the contracts.

Helms assured the board that county staff would move forward "as quickly as possible" once the final form of the documents were agreed upon.

The commission is scheduled to meet on Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. in the Government Center at 600 S. Commerce.



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The Backporch Revival band entertains guests Friday evening during the Sebring Centennial kickoff celebration.



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Dalton Percy, 7, and little sister Leighton Percy, 3, play on the Sebring Firemen's antique fire truck during Sebring's Centennial kickoff event Friday night.

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Lake Placid High sets the standard

We are thrilled with the 2010-2011 school year results at Lake Placid High School. Improving a school grade from a D to a B in a single year is truly impressive.

We congratulate all the students, parents, teachers and school support personnel who worked together to make this happen.

While we also recognize real improvements at Avon Park and Sebring high schools, we doubt anyone will be insulted if we point out there is still work to be done.

Fortunately, we have just entered the heart of the school year — the exact moment to do what we need to do.

From now on all attention will be on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Tests — the main instrument upon which school grades are calculated.

Obviously, we expect district educators to make their best efforts in teaching students and in supporting the teacher. We all must remember, however, that learning does not just occur in the classroom, and that students must be prepared when they are there.

If we want to see school grades improve, the work has to start at home and begin now.

Parents, expect your children to do their best.

Set an early bedtime.

Be sure they eat breakfast.

Be sure your children do not miss any school and arrive on time in the morning.

Talk to teachers. Learn your children's strengths and weaknesses.

Have a quiet hour in the evening (or afternoon) when your children can practice reading, math and writing.

Support teachers. Don't undermine the importance of education.

Explain that homework is important. That improvement only comes with experience, and that takes practice.

Being professionals, teachers must set an example, working longer and harder for no other reward than doing a difficult job well. Now is not the time for them to be shy. They should ask for new ideas or extra help if needed.

Administrators, now is the time to be there for teachers. The goal is educating students — everything else is secondary.

As for the rest of us, we have to understand the process of determining school grades is esoteric, arbitrary and based on statistics. Some expectations are unrealistic, particularly within the No Child Left Behind laws — for example, raising the test results of the most struggling and disengaged students by 50 percent every year.

Learning takes time. Sometimes it takes several years for improvements to show.

Educators in Highlands County are painfully aware improvements are needed.

Avon Park's D grade after so many years, is unacceptable and Sebring's C a disappointment.

Lake Placid has shown real strides can be made. It is a matter of believing and getting down to hard work.

So ... students, your job is to practice and focus; parents, your job is to set the tone and create a structure; teachers, your job is to reach as many students in as many ways as you can; administrators, your job is to help the teachers be successful; the rest of us have the job of paying attention, giving support and volunteering whenever we can.

It takes a village to raise a school grade. And the days are ticking by.



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And they're off

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

Finally. After all the debates, all the ads, and all the news focused on them, the voting for the Republican nominee for president has begun.

For some this couldn't come soon enough. We spent 2011 watching candidates rise and fall in the polls. We've endured numerous debates and heard charges and countercharges. It has seemed to last forever and sometimes it was hard to tell the players apart.

No longer. There is light at the end of the tunnel. From now on the field gets narrower as voters actually have a say at long last — assuming they aren't so sick of the whole process by now they want nothing more to do with it.

As I type this, the Iowa caucus is now history. And in its own way it's made history, by being possibly the closest caucus ever. Mitt Romney managed to eke out a win with only eight votes separating him from second place finisher Rick Santorum. Ron Paul trailed third, with the other candidates following.

The race has seen at least one casualty. Michelle Bachmann, who finished sixth out of seventh in the caucuses, gracefully bowed out of the race on Wednesday without endorsing anyone else. Time will tell where her voters will go.

Wednesday also saw Mitt Romney pick up an interesting endorsement — Senator John McCain, who ran against President Obama in 2008 and lost. I call it interesting not just because Senator McCain lost as the presidential candidate, but because McCain appears to reinforce what many conservatives suspect — that Mitt Romney is more moderate than they would like.

This could prove to be a problem for the former Massachusetts governor. There is a reason that a number of others have risen and fallen in the polls over the past few months. There is a large group of voters who want anyone except Romney — and they keep trying out alternatives.

Rick Santorum is the latest alternative. He is very much a conservative, more so than Romney or Gingrich for that matter. Now that he's managed to

get into the national spotlight, he will be subject to close scrutiny, and probably a few attacks. Time will tell whether he will survive or, like the other candidates before him, will wind up falling in the polls.

Gingrich, who finished fourth, is behaving in such a manner as to keep things entertaining. He appears to be taking some of Mitt Romney's ads against him personally and has lashed out, calling the former governor a liar. Attacks like that make me shake my head. Assume that Romney actually gets the nomination. Will Gingrich swallow his words and say nice things about his opponent at the convention? Or did he hand the president's team some lovely ammunition?

And I'm not saying Romney is a shoo-in for the nomination. Ron Paul is still in the mix, and will endure no matter how he does in the primaries. Santorum could well continue to garner support and prove able to endure. Gingrich shouldn't be counted out yet, though watching the former Speaker I wonder if he will shoot himself in the foot in his quest to take out Romney.

Someone else could even jump in, though that gets less likely as time goes by. Donald Trump won't rule out an independent run, which could spell doom for whoever the Republican nominee turns out to be. So surprises still lay ahead for those of us who follow this kind of thing.

However it turns out, we can all breathe a sigh of relief that the process has finally begun. That means it will finally end at some point. Here's to surviving the primaries and bracing for the presidential election later this year. Hang in there. There's light at the end of the election tunnel.

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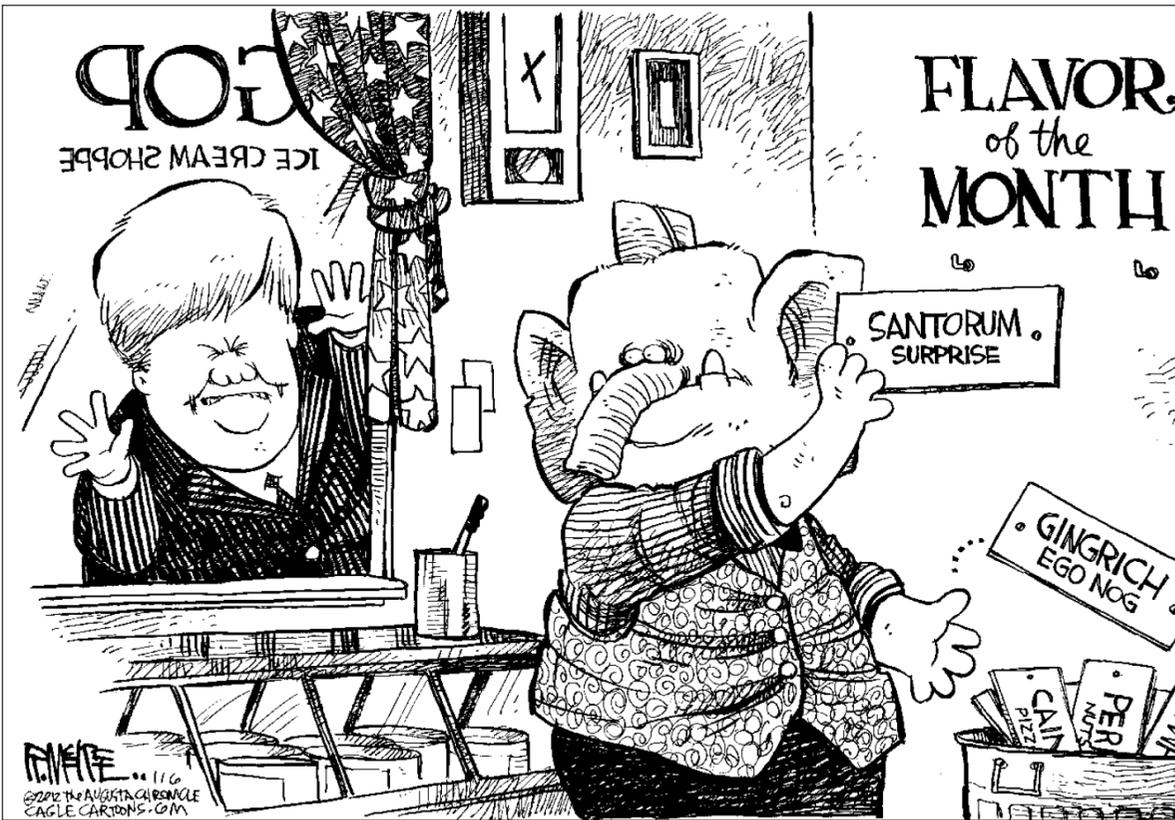
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TODAY'S LETTERS

Tobacco and tobacco products

Editor:

No drug has been so widely accepted worldwide as tobacco and tobacco products.

Yet, no drug has affected the human race worldwide as much as this single drug.

It has affected every nation on earth, both financially and healthwise. It has caused more deaths and injury than all wars combined. No one has been left untouched by the use of this drug.

The careless use of this product has caused the destruction of millions of homes and those that occupied them. Trillions of acres of forest has also been destroyed.

There is no correct way to figure the cost in lives and property from the use of this drug.

All nations must take a look at the cost to human life and property from its use.

Highlands County, Florida should move forward with its tobacco issue.

Billie E. Jewett
Sebring

Pension funds should be untouched

Editor:

A recent press release disclosed that Gov. Scott and his legislative coterie have embarked on a plan to invade the state's pension fund to invest millions in high tech

start ups and growth companies to serve as a source of venture capital for companies which are consonant with the governor's philosophy of job creation through investment.

Never mind the fiduciary principal nor the rules of prudent investment. This same group, recently so concerned with the underfunding of state pensions and the supposed lack of contribution by public employees now regard the fund as their own slush fund with which to play the market and forward their own political agenda without regard for the safety of pensioners, letting a Philadelphia brokerage house manage their investment. And isn't this the same bunch that were so critical of Obama for using TARP funds to save a moribund U.S. auto industry? Where was Florida's Attorney General and the chief financial officers in all of this?

What is needed now is an amendment to the Florida Constitution providing a recall mechanism for the Governor and legislators who feel their authority is without limits and can play fast and loose with what should be treated as trust funds.

Randy Ludacer
Lake Placid

Is this a safer country?

Editor:

The revelation that crime has decreased was proclaimed recently. The news was intended to soothe the



aches and pain, the utter frustration of millions of Americans, caught in the awful web of a severe recession. "It is now safer to walk the streets, even at night!" Really?

The recent slew of attacks on shoppers in the malls across this nation is supposedly a blip on the crime charts. Women and old men being harmed (a few even killed) for the food and other commodities "are relatively few in number." But, emotional and mental wounds are usually worse than physical ones. Read on.

Did those news reports include the millions of home owners victimized by the horrific rash of toxic mortgages and the hasty and wrongful foreclosure fiasco? Did they include the sudden explosion of ID thefts and subsequent mangling of innocent people's financial status,

or the explosion of false social security claims? I think not. The powers-that-be sought extra benefits for themselves, ignoring the destructive consequences to tens of millions American homeowners and workers.

The lesson learned here is no one can be trusted, not even family members and especially government officials and business leaders. Rather harsh, yes? But true. Law abiding people especially must be constantly alert to preclude financial harm because they are more vulnerable. May God have mercy on those most innocent victims.

Who comes to the aid of the victims noted above? Their fellow "ordinary" Americans, the American Spirit! Hopefully, we'll be more alert in 2012.

Gabriel Read
Avon Park

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Sebring Parkway, in the rear fellowship hall. The public is invited and there are no membership dues.

The club meets the second Tuesday each month except July, August and September. The purpose of the club is to further the education and scientific pursuit of gems, minerals and fossils.

Attendees are encouraged to bring in their gems, minerals or other artifacts to the meeting for identification and show and tell.

Don Rhodes, resident historian and museum curator will talk on Earth sciences and the making of our caves.

The birthstone for January is the garnet, which is found in shades of red, black and green (the rarest). If you have garnet in any form, bring it in.

For more information, call 453-7054.

Coalition for the Homeless seeks volunteers

SEBRING — The Highlands County Coalition for the Homeless Inc. is seeking volunteers to assist in conducting the annual Point-In-Time Survey of the homeless population in Highlands County. The annual count will take place Jan. 24-31. Collecting good data on the number, characteristics, and service needs of the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population is a critical component of local homeless planning and program development.

Like many local communities, we believe that understanding the size and characteristics of the entire homeless population in a community – not just people using shelters – is essential to the effective planning and provision of homeless assistance and prevention services. In particular, understanding the needs and characteristics of homeless people who do not use shelters, many of whom are chronically homeless, will help communities improve their outreach to this under-served population. In fact, conducting a point-in-time count is often the first step in engaging unsheltered homeless people in communities without established outreach services.

If you or your organization wishes to learn more

and assist with the Point-in-Time count, please attend one, or both, of the next meetings on Jan. 17 and 24. Volunteer training will be provided at these meetings. The meetings will be held at Visions ADT at 4141 U.S. 27 North, Suite 15, Sebring, at 9:30 a.m. If you cannot attend, but are interested in assisting in some way please contact HCCH Inc. at 452-1086.

WSVFD board meeting Tuesday

SEBRING — The West Sebring Volunteer Fire Department will be holding its annual board meeting on Tuesday, at 7 p.m. at Station No. 10, 3517 Hammock Road in Sebring. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a volunteer, call 386-6052.

Highlands Organ Society holding membership drive

SEBRING — A membership drive will be held in January 2012 for the exclusive Highlands Organ Society. If you play an organ or a piano at home, you may qualify, professional or not. There are no dues but the club wants those who love beautiful music from the last century. Members all play the Grand Royale Lowry Organ and play all instruments with 3,000 sounds and 17 pianos.

The club meets at the Iron Horse Ranch, the director's contemporary home at 2034 Lake Josephine Drive, two and a half miles west of U.S. 27. For more information, call Frank Hutchins, director, at 655-0259. Meetings are 7-9 p.m., every other week on Thursdays (the next one is Jan. 12). Guests are invited.

MARSP meets Tuesday

SEBRING — The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday in the conference room of the Sebring Public Library.

The speaker will be Mary Alexander of the Good Shepherd Hospice of Sebring and her topic will be "Have you had the

Talk?" a conversation with people you love about the kind of care you would want when faced with a medical event where someone else has to make or help make decisions for you.

All Michigan school retirees from the area are welcome. Call Dianne at 655-6825 if you have questions.

Events at local lodges, posts & clubs

AVON PARK — The American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park will have its Auxiliary E-Board meeting at 6 p.m. followed by the Legion/Auxiliary meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9.

For more information, call 453-4553.

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

Today - Music with Wild Bill (call for time).

Monday - Legion meeting at 6 p.m.

Call the Lodge at 465-0131 for details.

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661, will host the following events:

Monday - BPOE board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, - BPOE meeting at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, will be a Sweetheart Dinner/Dance. Social hour is 5:30 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m. Get tickets early for \$15 each.

Any questions, call 465-2661.

LAKE PLACID — The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 in Lake Placid, will host the following events:

Tuesday - Ladies Auxiliary meeting 10 a.m.

For details, call the Lodge at 699-5444.

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

Today - Just Country with Judy and Dave entertainment with refreshments from 2-4 p.m.

Monday - Membership meeting 7 p.m.

Tuesday - County shuffleboard tournament in Avon Park at 9 a.m.

Call 385-2966.

City settles informant death suit for \$2.6M

By JAMES L. ROSICA
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Tallahassee city commissioners approved a \$2.6 million settlement Friday in the wrongful-death suit of a police informant who was fatally shot during a 2008 drug sting.

The parents of Rachel Hoffman, 23, sued after her death, claiming police were negligent in setting up the Florida State graduate as an undercover informant after she was caught with marijuana and pills without a prescription.

Jury selection for the lawsuit began this week and the trial was scheduled to begin Monday.

After a closed door session with attorneys Friday, com-

missioners voted 3-2 to approve the settlement, the first \$200,000 of which will be paid by the city in the next few weeks, City Attorney Jim English said.

The rest will be paid after the Florida Legislature passes what is known as a "claims bill," which could take years. Nonetheless, Irv Hoffman, Rachel's father, said he was "just grateful for this part of it to be over."

Rachel Hoffman was shot five times after police lost track of her during a purported drug deal in a rural area

north of Tallahassee. Her body was found 36 hours later in a roadside ditch in Taylor County, roughly 50 miles away.

Deneilo Bradshaw, 26, from St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and his stepbrother-in-law Andrea Green, 29, are serving life sentences for Hoffman's murder.

Hoffman, of Safety Harbor, was working for police in a "buy-bust" operation and had been sent alone with \$13,000 in marked bills to buy Ecstasy, cocaine and a gun, according to records.

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM MILLER



William Francis Miller, age 88, died at home on Dec. 31, 2011. He was born on July 15, 1923 in Baltimore, Md. He was raised in Atlantic City, N.J. and lived many years in Philadelphia, Pa. He moved to Avon Park/Sebring area in the early 1980's.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; three sons, Donald, Richard and Steven Miller; and two daughters, Linda Descalso and Sandra Miller. He had six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was a veteran serving in the army during World War II.

There will be a memorial service at the graveside at the Hillside Cemetery in Roselyn, Pa., on Saturday, Jan. 14.

EILEEN SEXTON

Eileen Sexton, 93, died Jan. 5, 2012 in Sebring. She was born in Akron, Ohio, retiring in 1972 moving to



Sexton

Lorida. She was a member of Lorida Church of the Brethren and volunteer at The Palms of Sebring.

She is survived by her daughters, Edna Sexton Johnson and husband, Richard, Holden, Mass. and Miriam Sexton, Ft. Myers; grandson, Tyler Johnson.

A memorial service will be

2 p.m. Tuesday at Lorida Church of the Brethren. Memorials are requested to her church for Heifer International. She will be buried next to late husband, Cliff, at New Haven Church Cemetery, Sparta, N.C. Morris Funeral Chapel, morrisfuneralchapel.com.

EDWARD HAROLD WILLIAMS



Edward Harold Williams, 89 of Sebring, died, Friday, Jan. 6, 2012. He was born in Centertown, Ky. and a veteran of W.W. II, U.S. Navy. He retired from Chrysler Corp. in 1980 after 30 years. He wintered in Sebring since 1981 from Fenton, Mo. and was a member of the Sebring Recreational Club First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife

Ada, whom he married on April 15, 1947; sons, Edward A. (Donna) Williams, Pacific, Mo., Timothy R. (Christine) Williams, Orlando, and Christopher D. Williams, Sebring; sisters, Iona Hendrix, and Charlotte Bevins all residing out of state; grandchildren, Dina Spies, Derek Williams, Dan Williams, Adam Williams and great grandchildren, Ally Spies and Sarah Williams.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012 at First Baptist Church with Dr. David Richardson officiating. Military Honors to follow. V.F.W. Post 4300.

Burial will be at Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota. Memorials are requested to Hope Hospice. Morris Funeral Chapel, Sebring. Condolences may be expressed at www.morrisfuneralchapel.com.

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International buyers in town this week and ready to stimulate economy!

By David Morgan
STAFF WRITER

If you have a jewelry box with bling from an old fling or a coffee can full of old coins, you may want to haul it down to the **Ohio Valley Refinery** this week. "The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years" said Dennis Kouts Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat, gold and silver markets soar. "That's good news if you are sitting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring" says Kouts.

Starting Tuesday at 9am and every day this week through Saturday, the Ohio Valley Refinery is setting up a satellite refinery right here in **Riverview, Temple Terrace, Tampa, Zephyrhills**. During their 5 day stay, anyone can bring gold, silver, pre-1970 coins and turn them into cash on the spot explains Dennis Kouts. "Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and this week anybody can sell theirs



Above: Refinery representatives will be on hand starting Tuesday through Saturday to purchase all gold, silver, pre-1970 coins and platinum items. Public welcome!

direct to our refinery. Typically selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops and laboratories" says Kouts. "We are changing how business is done," he explains "we want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets". "Our teams visit various cities around the country hosting 5 day events and allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. "The turnout has been overwhelming" says Kouts. "Usually each day is busier than the previous day. It seems once people come to us and sell something, they are so amazed what an old ring or gold coin is worth, they go home and start digging around for more and telling relatives, friends and neighbors. It's like a feeding frenzy by the third day. People line up with everything from gold jewelry to sterling silver flatware sets to old coins. I think during this bad economy everybody can use extra money, but most people say they are taking advantage of selling direct to our refinery because of the higher prices we pay".

During this special event, anyone is welcome to bring all types of gold, silver and platinum to the refinery and turn it in for instant payment. The types of items

they will accept include all gold jewelry, gold coins, gold ounces, dental gold, old coins made before 1970 including silver dollars, halves, quarters and dimes, anything marked "sterling" including flatware sets, tea pots, silver bars, silver ounces and all industrial precious metals.

What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/or silver? Just gather up all gold, silver and platinum in any form. If you are not sure if it's gold or silver, bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested and sorted. This only takes a few minutes, using their expertise and specialized equipment. Items will be counted and/or weighed. The value of the items will be determined based on up to the minute market prices. Live feeds will be available at the event displaying current market prices of all precious metals. If you choose to sell your items, they will be bagged and tagged and you will be escorted to the cashier to collect

your payment. Waiting time to sell your items may range from just a few minutes to 1 hour, so bring something to read. If you are the owner of a jewelry store, pawn shop, dentist office or a dealer you are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment with the smelt master to discuss their special dealer programs. They can be reached during Refinery hours at **(217) 787-7767**.

Ohio Valley Refinery will open for business Tuesday from 9am-6pm. The event continues every day through Saturday. No appointment is needed for the general public.

INFORMATION

- WHO:** Ohio Valley Refinery
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- WHAT:** Open to the public to sell their gold and silver
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Local records reveal to our research department that recent vintage guitar sold for \$2400.00 and another for \$12,000.00 to a collector that will be tied into the event this week via live database feed.



Above: Refinery representatives will be on hand starting Tuesday through Saturday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

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EXPRESS PASS

Marlow's story of survival inspiring Relay for Life team

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"Sometimes I don't even remember it happening, though, so much has happened since."

Later in the day Marlow was taken for the routine post-birth physical exam.

The nurses found something — a mass right at the place where the baby's testicles would drop. Only hours old, there should have been nothing to feel. Doctors thought Marlow might have a tumor. They were so concerned they insisted an appointment be made immediately for an ultra-sound test.

Decker gave birth in her hometown of Ocala, with the same doctor who had delivered her two older boys, Ray Jr. (called R.J.), who is 11, and Kaden, 6.

She and her fiancé lived in Wauchula at the time. All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg was the most convenient. An appointment made for the end of January.

On Jan. 27, the ultra-sound confirmed the existence of a tumor.

Doctors insisted on immediate surgery, no later than the next day.

"I thought — we can't do this tomorrow. How am I going to get my mother



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Marlow Rivera continues to be cancer free. His story of survival is inspiring people to get involved in the Relay for Life in Avon Park.

down from Ocala to watch the boys?" Decker said.

She and Riveras found a way and delivered Marlow to All Children's for exploratory surgery the next day. He was six weeks old.

"The hardest thing I've ever had to do," Decker said, "was hand him over to the doctors. It was awful."

Worse happened next.

The surgeon came out to tell Rivera and Decker a biopsy showed the tumor was malignant. It had attached to the right testicle and was taking it over. The doctor recommended removing it along with the tumor and to do it right then. The parents agreed.

Decker says her memories of seeing Marlow after the operation are vague. She was

in his room and Rivera was holding him close. But Marlow had been given an epidural, Decker said, and couldn't move.

"He was basically lifeless," she said, choking up at the memory.

Fortunately, the news soon got better, and then improved to a happy ending.

The doctor said the operation was successful. All the cancer had been removed. There would be no need for chemo-therapy or radiation treatments.

Yearly check-ups and blood work since then continue to show Marlow, now 3, as cancer free.

"He's been through a lot, but he's good," Decker said, with a relieved smile.

Becoming thoughtful again, she added, "I'm glad he was six weeks old when it happened, and not six years old. He didn't know what was going on, and he has no memory. If he had been screaming for me and his dad (when they took him into surgery), I'd have been

done."

Marlow, who has charisma by the gallon, is the unofficial poster boy for the Century Link team in the Avon Park Relay for Life (www.relayforlife.org/) planned for April 21 at Avon Park High School. Kelli Jackson, a member of the team, has been walking relays in the memory of loved ones for years is a friend of Decker's. She added Marlow to her list.

Recently, Jackson said that R. J. and Kaden had come to her to donate \$5 apiece to the cause.

"They had taken the money from their piggy banks. They thanked me for walking for their brother," she said, with deep feeling. "It's one thing for an adult to give money, but for a six-year-old and a 10-year-old to raid their piggy-banks do it ... it inspires me."

Inspiration is an essential part of Relay for Life.

Which is why Decker told her story.

Fishing program gives lessons on more than just catching fish

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grade level. Classroom sessions cover basic fish biology, boating safety, tying knots, and casting practice. Intertwined in the angling instruction programs are life lessons with anti-drug, alcohol and tobacco themes.

Older students with potential interest in a seafaring career learn about charter and commercial fishing businesses, fisheries laws, and advanced skills, such as rod building. The graduates of that program are encouraged to become mentors to youngsters entering the academy.

Students get to put their classroom knowledge to work on board Brochu's 38-foot custom-built catamaran powerboat.

Money to keep the academy going comes from private donations, charter fishing and snorkeling trips, cruises, and grants from community organizations such as the United Way. Brochu recently won a three-year, \$30,000 contract from the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency to teach boating safety, swimming, fishing, snorkeling and rowing to kids in 3rd through 11th grades. Marine artist/fisheries scientist Guy Harvey donated \$10,000



Susan Cocking/Miami Herald/MCT
The Florida Fishing Academy is a non-profit, after-school program that teaches life skills and ethical angling to at-risk youth ages 8 through early 20s.

through his Ocean Foundation to purchase equipment for the program.

"The Florida Fishing Academy is one of the finest community outreach programs in the state, and one of our foundation's favorite educational initiatives," foundation president Steve Stock said.

On a recent rainy Friday morning, Brochu and Cawood escorted five students — ranging in age from 15 to 21 — and two teachers from Riviera Beach's Seagull Academy of Independent Living on a half-day fishing excursion on the Intracoastal Waterway in Boynton Beach.

Blustery winds precluded venturing into the ocean, so the group trolled and bottom-fished in the calmer inshore waters. After catching a blue runner and a small sand perch and going fishless for quite awhile, Brochu decided to head back to the dock to see if their luck might improve.

It did. Fishing on the bottom of the boat basin with cut bait, the students caught and released a mangrove snapper, a couple of jacks and a blue runner.

Brochu promised to take them out again when the weather improves.

Said student Shenae Singh, 18: "That was fun!"

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

All interested parties within Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties are hereby advised that the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board will hold a public hearing during their regular Board meeting on January 25, 2012 at the Hardee County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room, 412 W. Orange Street, Courthouse Annex, Wauchula, FL 33873. This public hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving input on the Transportation Disadvantaged program coordinated by Veolia Transportation Services, Inc. Transportation to the public hearing will be provided on a first come first served basis to eligible persons who call to make transportation reservations. To make transportation reservations call:

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BUSINESS/MONEY

Nation adds 200,000 jobs in December hiring surge

By PAUL WISEMAN
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Four painful years after the Great Recession struck and wiped out 8.7 million jobs, the United States may finally be at the start of a virtuous cycle — an escalating loop of robust job growth, healthier spending and higher demand.

The nation added 200,000 jobs in December in a burst of hiring that drove the unemployment rate down two ticks to 8.5 percent, its lowest in almost three years, and led economists to conclude that the improvement in the job market might just last.

“There is more horsepower to this economy than most believe,” said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at California State University, Channel Islands. “The stars are aligned right for a meaningful economic recovery.”

It was the sixth month in a row that the economy added at least 100,000 jobs, the longest streak since 2006. The economy added jobs every month last year, the first time that has happened since 2005.

And the unemployment rate, which peaked at 10.1 percent in October 2009 and stood at 9.1 percent at the start of last year, has fallen four months straight.

If economics textbooks and the best hopes of millions of unemployed Americans are confirmed, the virtuous cycle may be under way, which would suggest the job market will get stronger yet.

When more Americans are hired, they have more money to spend. When more money courses through the economy, businesses can justify hiring more people. That means more jobs, more spending and more demand for businesses. Which leads to still more hiring, spending and demand.

That would be the reverse of the vicious cycle that took hold during the Great Recession. People lost jobs and spent less money, so businesses rang up less sales and were forced to lay off more people. That led to even less spending and more layoffs.

“The labor market is healing,” said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial. She cautioned that “we still have a long way to go — years — to recoup the losses we have endured.”

Indeed, the economy added 1.6 million jobs for all of 2011. That is better than the 940,000 it added during 2010. In 2009, the most

bruising year of the Great Recession, the nation lost more than 5 million.

But it will take 6 million more jobs to get the United States back to what it had in December 2007, when the recession began.

Economists forecast the nation will add 2.1 million this year.

The unemployment report was the first to be released since Republicans across the country began voting to determine a candidate to face President Barack Obama this fall in an election that will turn on the economy.

Obama appears bound to face voters with the highest unemployment rate of any president running for re-election since

‘There is more horsepower to this economy than most believe. The stars are aligned right for a meaningful economic recovery.’

SUNG WON SOHN
economics professor

World War II. Unemployment was 7.8 percent when Obama took office.

But the president’s re-election chances may hinge more on the direction of the unemployment rate than on what the rate is come Election Day. The rate was 7.2 percent when Ronald Reagan beat Walter Mondale in 1984, but it had fallen from 10.8 percent two years before the election.

Obama, visiting the new Consumer Protection Bureau, said: “We have made real progress. Now is not the time to stop.” He called on Congress to extend a tax Social Security payroll tax cut that is due to expire at the end of next month.

Campaigning in New Hampshire for Obama’s job, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum claimed credit for Republicans, suggesting the gains were tied to voter optimism that a Republican would take the White House.

“There’s a lot of concern still,” added Santorum, who finished in a virtual tie with Mitt Romney in the Iowa caucuses earlier this week. Another candidate, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, dismissed the job gains as inadequate.

The report painted a picture of a broadly improving job market. Average hourly pay rose by 4 cents. The average workweek lengthened by six minutes, a sign that business is picking up and companies may soon need to hire.

The private sector added 212,000 jobs in December. That gain was offset by 12,000 layoffs by governments.

Hiring increased across industries. Manufacturing added 23,000 jobs, as did the health care industry. Transportation and warehousing added 50,000.

Easing student loan repayments

College costs are out of control. Total outstanding student loans hover around \$1 trillion, second only to home mortgages.

Student loan repayment takes a hefty toll on starting salaries even during good economic times. But with so many recent graduates unable to find a decent job — or any job — repayment can be a nightmare.

You can’t walk away from student loan debt. It’s practically impossible to get it discharged through bankruptcy and there’s no statute of limitations on how long lenders can pursue you through collections. Indeed, the government can withhold tax refunds and garnish wages indefinitely.

The Obama administration recently accelerated improvements to a readily available, yet underused, student loan repayment plan called Income-Based Repayment (IBR) that had been slated to begin in 2014.

IBR is available for many federally guaranteed student loans and can be particularly beneficial for low-income families, the unemployed and people with lower-paying, “public service” jobs in education, government or non-profit organizations.

Under IBR, monthly payments are capped at an affordable level relative to your adjusted gross income, family size and state of residence. For example, if you earn less than 150 percent of the government’s poverty level for your family size, you would pay zero. You still owe the money, but are not required to begin making payments until your income increases. As your income increases, so will your monthly payment — but up to no more than 15 percent of



Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

income that exceeds that same 150 percent of poverty level.

In addition, the government will forgive debt still owed after 25 years of consistent repayment. And those with qualifying public service jobs must only repay for 10 years before the balance is discharged.

Under the recent IBR enhancements, for students who took out their first loan during or after 2008 and open at least one additional loan during or after 2012, the cap will drop from 15 to 10 percent and the forgiveness period drop to 20 years.

Those with older loans can still benefit from the original IBR terms.

Other IBR features include:

All Stafford, PLUS and Consolidation Loans made under either the Direct Loan program or the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program qualify for IBR, except loans in default, Parent PLUS Loans or Consolidation Loans containing Parent PLUS Loans.

You must submit updated income documentation each year. If your income rises, so will your payment amount, although never above what you’d otherwise pay under a standard 10-year repayment schedule.

Because IBR will likely extend the term of your loan, you’ll probably accrue more interest than under a standard 10-year payoff.

Private student loans don’t qualify for IBR.

Borrowers with two different types of federal loans — at least one each issued

under the Direct Loan and FFEL programs — may consolidate their loans under a new Special Direct Consolidations Loans program between January 1, 2012, and June 30, 2012.

This will lower FFEL loan rates by 0.25 percent, plus an additional 0.25 percent discount if you sign up for automatic payments. Visit www.studentaid.ed.gov/specialconsolidation for details.

If you expect your financial hardship to be temporary, other loan repayment options, including economic hardship deferment, forbearance and extended repayment, may be better options.

For details, visit the Federal Student Aid site, www.studentaid.ed.gov and search “Postponing Repayment.” Other good resources include www.finaid.org and the Project on Student Debt (www.projectonstudentdebt.org).

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000970
 BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JONATHAN M. ADAMS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 21, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000970 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and JONATHAN M. ADAMS; REBEKAH J. ADAMS; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 18th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 21, IN BLOCK 64, OF SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES, SECTION THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 914 COUGAR BOULEVARD, SEBRING, FL 33872

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on December 21, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

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January 1, 8, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000023
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICIA ANN HAHS A/K/A PATRICIA A. HAHS F/K/A PATRICIA A. HARRIS, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 18, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000023 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICIA ANN HAHS A/K/A PATRICIA A. HAHS F/K/A PATRICIA A. HARRIS, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; LORI M. ARENA, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN HAHS A/K/A PATRICIA A. HAHS F/K/A PATRICIA A. HARRIS, DECEASED; LORI M. ARENA A/K/A LORI ARENA, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN HAHS A/K/A PATRICIA A. HAHS F/K/A PATRICIA A. HARRIS, DECEASED; ANTHONY LEE GLODD A/K/A ANTHONY L. GLODD, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN HAHS A/K/A PATRICIA A. HAHS F/K/A PATRICIA A. HARRIS, DECEASED; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 18th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 7, BLOCK 14, OF AVOCADO PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 62, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1902 ANDALUSIA STREET, SEBRING, FL 33875

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on October 19, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

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January 8, 15, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001665
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JEFFOERY SCOTT KEITH A/K/A JEFFOERY S. KEITH A/K/A JEFFOERY KEITH, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 19, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001665 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and JEFFOERY SCOTT KEITH A/K/A JEFFOERY S. KEITH A/K/A JEFFOERY KEITH; SUNTRUST BANK; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 22nd day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 7, BLOCK 6, ORANGE BLOSSOM COUNTRY CLUB COMMUNITY, UNIT 14, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 6, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2227 PLEASANT DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33875

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on December 20, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

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January 8, 15, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000270
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 FAYE L. EVANS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 21, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000276 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and FAYE L. EVANS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 18th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 55, IN BLOCK D, OF HILLSIDE LAKE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, AT PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, SIDE 1 SERIAL N. HMLCY28040912273A, SIDE 2 SERIAL NO. HMLCY28040912273B

A/K/A 300 RIVER DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33875

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on December 21, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk

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January 1, 8, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000096
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 PHILIP OSTRANDER; LINDA M. OSTRANDER; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescinding Foreclosure Sale dated the 22nd day of December, 2011, and entered in Case No. 282008CA000624A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and LINDA M. OSTRANDER, PHILIP OSTRANDER, JANE DOE and JOHN DOE IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will 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 18th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 22 AND 23, BLOCK 3, LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 6, 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 22nd day of December, 2011.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
 Deputy Clerk
 January 1, 8, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000096
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 PHILIP OSTRANDER; LINDA M. OSTRANDER; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescinding Foreclosure Sale dated the 22nd day of December, 2011, and entered in Case No. 282008CA000624A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and LINDA M. OSTRANDER, PHILIP OSTRANDER, JANE DOE and JOHN DOE IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will 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 18th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 22 AND 23, BLOCK 3, LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 6, 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 22nd day of December, 2011.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
 Deputy Clerk
 January 1, 8, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-327GCS
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 KOSTAS VASSILAKOPOULOS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 15, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-327GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and KOSTAS VASSILAKOPOULOS; CAROLINE VASSILAKOPOULOS; SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; TENANT #1 N/A/KA DEAN COLFAY N/A/KA DEAN COLFAY are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 45, IN BLOCK 281, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 5616-5620 GRANADA BOULEVARD, SEBRING, FL 33872

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on December 30, 2011.

BOB GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 January 8, 15, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000300
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 PANAGIOTIS NIKOLAKAKIS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 18, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000300 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and PANAGIOTIS NIKOLAKAKIS; CHARLENE NIKOLAKAKIS; SEBRING HILLS ASSOCIATION, INC.; TENANT #1 N/A/KA GARY WARREN are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 18th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 219, SEBRING HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 228 LARK AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33872

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on October 19, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

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January 1, 8, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000549
 US BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CASEY N. SCOVILLE A/K/A CASEY SCOVILLE; BETTY A. LOCKER; BRIAN E. SCOVILLE A/K/A BRIAN SCOVILLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BETTY A. LOCKER; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses or other claimants; LAKE HAVEN ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 18, 2011, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:

LOT 9, BLOCK 4, LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, SECTION ONE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 4406 LEWIS AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33875-5135

at public sale on January 18, 2012, to the highest bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, in accordance with section 45.031, Florida Statutes, beginning at eleven o'clock a.m.

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 at Sebring, Florida, this 18th day of October, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 January 1, 8, 2012

1050 Legals

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of CHARLIE BOWEN TRACTOR SERVICE located at 1049 N. Lake Dr., in the County of Highlands, in the City of Lorida, Florida 33857 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 6th day of January, 2012.

Charlie Bowen Tractor Service
 January 8, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000270
 JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOYCE YVONNE MCMAHON, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 21, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000270 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY is the Plaintiff and JOYCE YVONNE MCMAHON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 18th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 12, BLOCK C, SEVENTH ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF SEBRING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 729 LEMON AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on December 21, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 January 1, 8, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000096
 DIVISION:
 AJURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 HENRY BARRY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 8, 2011, and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000096 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which AJURORA Loan Services, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Henry Barry, Joanne M. Barry, are the defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 7th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 4, BLOCK 50, OF PLACID LAKES SECTION SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 228 CUMQUAT ROAD N.E., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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 in Highlands County, Florida this 15th day of December, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 January 8, 15, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000096
 DIVISION:
 AJURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 HENRY BARRY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 8, 2011, and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000096 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which AJURORA Loan Services, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Henry Barry, Joanne M. Barry, are the defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 7th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 4, BLOCK 50, OF PLACID LAKES SECTION SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 228 CUMQUAT ROAD N.E., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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 in Highlands County, Florida this 15th day of December, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 January 8, 15, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000096
 DIVISION:
 AJURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 HENRY BARRY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 8, 2011, and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000096 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which AJURORA Loan Services, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Henry Barry, Joanne M. Barry, are the defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 7th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 4, BLOCK 50, OF PLACID LAKES SECTION SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 228 CUMQUAT ROAD N.E., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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 in Highlands County, Florida this 15th day of December, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 January 8, 15, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000096
 DIVISION:
 AJURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 HENRY BARRY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 8, 2011, and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000096 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which AJURORA Loan Services, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Henry Barry, Joanne M. Barry, are the defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 7th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 4, BLOCK 50, OF PLACID LAKES SECTION SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 228 CUMQUAT ROAD N.E., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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 in Highlands County, Florida this 15th day of December, 2011.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 282011CA000381XXXXX
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, FKA COUN-
TRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DAVID A. BLAND; AMANDA BLAND; HIGHLANDS
COUNTY; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN
TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES
CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR
AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION,
OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT,
TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN
DESCRIBED,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Or-
der or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure
dated December 22, 2011 and entered in Case
No. 282011CA000381XXXXX of the Circuit
Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for High-
lands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING, LP, FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS SERVICING, LP, is Plaintiff and DAVID A.
BLAND; AMANDA BLAND; HIGHLANDS COUNTY;
UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT
NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING
INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST
A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAV-
ING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE
OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DE-
SCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest
and best bidder for cash at in the Jury Assembly
Room in the basement of the Highlands County
Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring,
Florida 33870, at Highlands County, Florida, at
11:00 a.m. on the 18th day of January, 2012, the
following described property as set forth in said
Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:
THE NORTH 45 FEET OF LOT 1092 AND THE
SOUTH 30 FEET OF LOT 1093, OF SEBRING
HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RE-
CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUB-
LIC 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.

In accordance with the Americans with Dis-
abilities Act of 1990, persons needing special ac-
commodation to participate in this proceeding
should contact the Clerk of the Court not later
than five business days prior to the proceeding at
the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone
863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida
Relay Service.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on December 22,
2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
As Deputy Clerk
January 1, 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE No.: 11-380-GCS
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS
TRUSTEE NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING
TRUST, SERIES 2006-5 NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY
LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2006-5,
Plaintiff,
vs.
VINCENT J. ASBURY, LAWANA BROWN AND DE-
VON BUTLER,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Sum-
mary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated No-
vember 1, 2011, and entered in Case No.
11-380-GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10th Ju-
dicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida,
wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY AS TRUSTEE NOVASTAR MORTGAGE
FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-5 NOVASTAR
HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFI-
CATES, SERIES 2006-5, is Plaintiff and VINCENT
J. ASBURY, LAWANA BROWN AND DEVON BUT-
LER, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and
best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room,
Basement 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring,
FL at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 1st day of Febru-
ary, 2012, the following described property as set
forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 8 BLOCK 7 AND THAT PART OF LOT 9
BLOCK 7 DESCRIBED AS:

BEGIN AT THE NE CORNER OF SAID LOT 9;
RUN SOUTH WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH
BOUNDARY OF LOT 9 A DISTANCE OF 126.89
FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE
WEST BOUNDARY OF LOT 9 A DISTANCE OF 27
FEET; THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION
PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LOT
9 TO A POINT ON THE EAST BOUNDARY OF LOT
9, 27 FEET SOUTH OF THE NE CORNER OF LOT
9; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EAST
BOUNDARY OF LOT AND ALONG WESTERLY
ROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO THE POINT OF BEGIN-
NING ALL IN SOUTHSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION AC-
CORDING TO AN UNRECORDED PLAT OF SOUTH-
SIDE PARK SUBDIVISION BY C.E. HAWKINS
DATED 02/10/1948 BEING A SUBDIVISION OF
ALL THE NW QUARTER AND WEST 193.0 FEET
OF THE SW QUARTER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 7
SECTION 26 LYING WEST OF THE ACL R/W AND
ALL OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE GOVERNMENT
LOT 8 OF SECTION 27 ACCORDING TO THE GOV-
ERNMENT SURVEY LYING EAST OF SAL R/W OF
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LANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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and all fixtures and personal property located
therein or thereon, which are included as security
in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus
funds 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 at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida,
this 2nd day of November, 2011.

Bob Germaine
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
January 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-000569 GCS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as trustee,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LUZ M. VARGAS, et al.,
Defendant(s).

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the
Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September
28, 2011, in the above-styled cause, the Clerk of
Circuit Court shall sell the subject property at pub-
lic sale on the 24th day of January, 2012 at
11:00 a.m. to the highest and best bidder for
cash, at the Highlands County Courthouse, in the
Basement, Jury Assembly Room, 430 S. Com-
merce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 on the fol-
lowing described property:

Lot 15, Block 1, Harder Hall Country Club II,
according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat
Book 13, at Page 46, of the Public Records of
Highlands County, Florida.
Property Address: 4059 Santa Barbara Drive, Se-
bring, Florida 33875.
Dated: December 27, 2011.

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

(Court Seal)

January 8, 15, 2012

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 282009CA001376A000XX

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS D. AST; TRUDY L. AST; CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; 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 17th day of October, 2011, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001376A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, is the Plaintiff and THOMAS D. AST; TRUDY L. AST; CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS 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 18th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE EAST 100 FEET OF THE SOUTH 15 FEET OF LOT 5 AND THE EAST 100 FEET OF LOT 6, IN BLOCK 223, OF DENISE COURT A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF TRACT 13 OF THE LAKE-VIEW-PARK-LANDS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 83, 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 17th day of October, 2011.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
January 1, 8, 2012

1055 Highlands County Legals

HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (HCBC)

GENERAL SERVICES & PURCHASING INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC), Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, will receive sealed bids in the County Purchasing Department for:

ITB 12-023 ADVERTISING "2011" DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES - NIGP COMMODITY/ SERVICES CODE: 915-71

ITB 12-024 ADVERTISING "2011" DELINQUENT TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - NIGP COMMODITY / SERVICES CODE: 915-71

Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website: www.hcboz.net or by contacting: Danielle Gilbert, Interim Purchasing Manager/Highlands County General Services/Purchasing Department 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, Florida 33875-5803 Phone: 863-402-6524 Fax: 863-402-6735; or E-Mail: to: dgilbert@hcboz.org. Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name so as to identify the enclosed bid submittal. Bids must be delivered to Highlands County Purchasing Department, 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875-5803 so as to reach said office no later than 2:00 P.M., Thursday, February 16, 2012, at which time they will be opened. Bids received later than the date and time as specified will be rejected. The Board will not be responsible for the late deliveries of bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail or any other type of delivery service.

1055 Highlands County Legals

One or more County Commissioners may be in attendance at the above bid opening.

Highlands County Local Preference Policy will apply to the award of this ITB.

The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (HCBC/COUNTY) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof, and the award, if an award is made, will be made to the most responsive and responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of Highlands County. The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid.

The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the BCC's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26 Florida Statutes should contact Mrs. Melissa Bruns, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: mbruns@hcboz.org. Requests for Computer-Assisted Realtime Technology services or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service.

Board of County Commissioners
Purchasing Department
Highlands County, Florida
Website: www.hcboz.net

January 8, 15, 2012

CITY OF SEBRING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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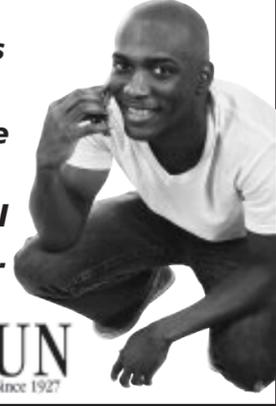
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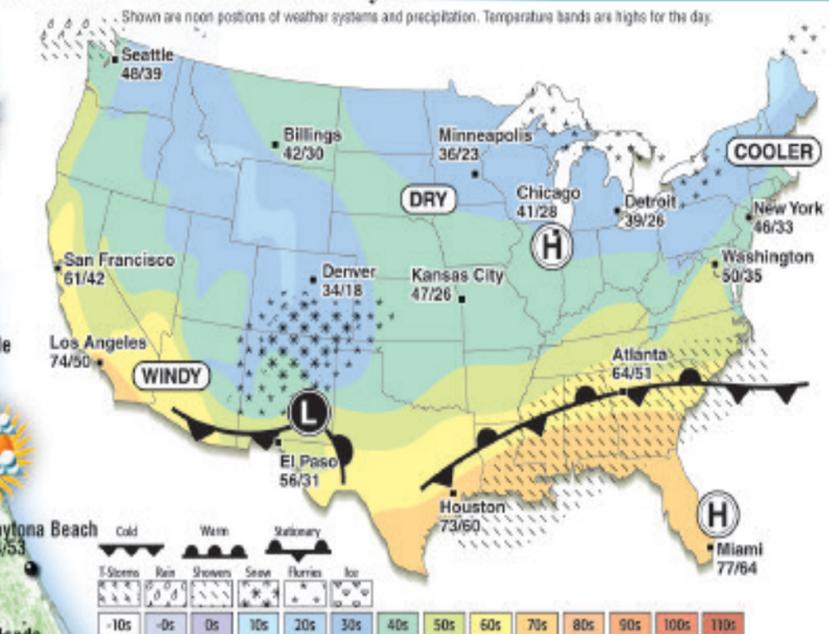
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TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Partly sunny and nice	Times of clouds and sun	Partly sunny and nice	Mostly cloudy, a t-storm possible	Partly sunny and beautiful
76° / 54°	78° / 57°	78° / 63°	76° / 58°	75° / 51°
Winds: ESE at 4-8 mph	Winds: ESE at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 7-14 mph	Winds: SW at 10-20 mph	Winds: WNW at 7-14 mph

National Forecast for January 8



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	52°
Low Tuesday	16°
High Wednesday	52°
Low Wednesday	15°
High Thursday	69°
Low Thursday	24°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	40%
Expected air temperature	76°
Makes it feel like	76°

Barometer

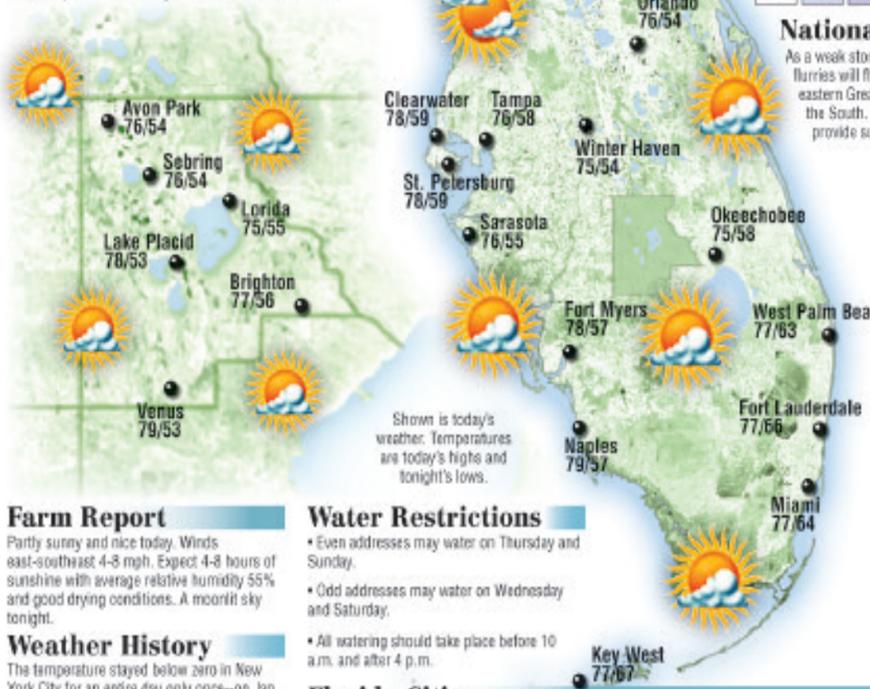
Tuesday	30.31
Wednesday	30.26
Thursday	30.21

Precipitation

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

Regional Summary

Partly sunny and nice today. A moonlit sky tonight. Times of clouds and sun tomorrow. Tuesday: partly sunny and nice. Wednesday: mostly cloudy and breezy with a shower or thunderstorm possible. Thursday: more sunshine than clouds.



National Summary

As a weak storm moves eastward across Quebec, cooler air will invade the Great Lakes and Northeast today. A few flurries will fly over the northern Great Lakes and northern New England, with spotty rain showers in part of the eastern Great Lakes. Another weak storm over eastern Texas will produce an expanding area of rain showers over the South. Fog will linger into the afternoon hours in some locations along the Gulf Coast. High pressure will provide sunny, dry weather over much of the Plains.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	40/25c	43/26c	50/31c	Las Vegas	74/50c	81/52c	89/51c
Atlanta	64/51c	65/53c	65/50c	Los Angeles	48/33c	51/34c	56/48c
Baltimore	49/28c	46/28c	52/34c	Memphis	56/43c	56/46c	61/45c
Birmingham	68/54c	68/55c	68/48c	Minneapolis	38/27c	44/31c	42/31c
Boston	43/26c	38/31c	44/32c	Missouri	30/23c	40/25c	39/24c
Charlotte	54/44c	56/41c	63/49c	Nashville	56/40c	57/43c	60/47c
Chicago	41/28c	43/30c	45/30c	New Orleans	75/58c	74/60c	70/47c
Cleveland	38/28c	41/30c	45/33c	New York City	45/33c	43/34c	49/37c
Columbus	40/30c	45/31c	50/37c	Norfolk	48/38c	48/36c	63/43c
Dallas	60/42c	48/38c	54/36c	Oklahoma City	47/34c	46/34c	59/34c
Denver	34/18c	53/28c	56/24c	Philadelphia	46/32c	44/30c	50/34c
Detroit	39/26c	42/28c	42/30c	Phoenix	66/42c	68/42c	67/42c
Harrisburg	44/28c	45/27c	50/31c	Pittsburgh	39/26c	40/28c	45/31c
Honolulu	79/67c	80/67c	80/67c	Portland, ME	38/15c	34/21c	43/24c
Houston	73/60c	67/52c	58/43c	Portland, OR	60/30c	48/36c	45/29c
Indianapolis	44/29c	45/30c	49/37c	Raleigh	54/40c	51/41c	63/49c
Jackson, MS	70/56c	66/55c	66/42c	Rochester	34/27c	37/32c	43/34c
Kansas City	41/28c	47/28c	51/28c	St. Louis	48/31c	49/34c	55/35c
Lexington	48/30c	48/34c	56/45c	San Francisco	61/42c	61/45c	58/42c
Little Rock	54/40c	53/40c	55/41c	Seattle	48/35c	48/36c	45/31c
				Wash., DC	60/35c	47/34c	55/37c

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	89/71c	89/70c	88/70c	London	46/43c	50/43c	48/43c
Athens	52/43c	51/46c	51/42c	Montreal	19/7c	21/20c	32/25c
Beirut	57/53c	58/51c	63/52c	Moscow	28/25c	28/26c	27/21c
Berlin	41/34c	38/35c	43/37c	Nairobi	64/48c	61/44c	62/48c
Bermuda	71/64c	68/63c	69/63c	Ottawa	18/6c	26/19c	32/24c
Calgary	49/33c	51/23c	25/15c	Quebec	16/3c	13/12c	25/21c
Dublin	52/39c	49/37c	50/41c	Rio de Janeiro	89/73c	83/74c	83/74c
Edmonton	42/33c	38/14c	22/5c	Seoul	32/19c	34/15c	30/7c
Fredericton	74/57c	76/58c	77/63c	Singapore	83/74c	83/75c	84/77c
Geneva	40/32c	38/31c	43/32c	Sydney	89/70c	84/64c	82/54c
Havana	80/58c	83/61c	83/63c	Toronto	32/23c	34/26c	40/36c
Hong Kong	69/59c	70/61c	70/61c	Vancouver	47/42c	47/35c	45/30c
Jerusalem	54/40c	50/41c	60/38c	Vienna	36/32c	36/29c	36/29c
Johannesburg	78/61c	78/59c	74/59c	Warsaw	36/29c	34/28c	31/28c
Kiev	32/31c	32/32c	33/28c	Winnipeg	32/26c	40/24c	30/6c

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	12:00 a.m.
Low	8:01 a.m.
High	3:16 p.m.
Low	6:22 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	7:55 a.m.
Low	1:12 a.m.
High	8:00 p.m.
Low	1:40 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okechobee	13.54'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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Farm Report

Partly sunny and nice today. Winds east-southeast 4-8 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 55% and good drying conditions. A moonlit sky tonight.

Water Restrictions

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

Weather History

The temperature stayed below zero in New York City for an entire day only once—on Jan. 8, 1859. During the same cold snap, Toronto had its coldest January temperature ever.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
Sunset	5:50 p.m.	5:51 p.m.
Moonrise	5:31 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Moonset	8:32 a.m.	7:19 a.m.

Full Jan 9, Last Jan 16, New Jan 23, First Jan 30

Florida Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Cape Coral	78/56c	80/58c	81/64c	Miami	77/64c	78/67c	79/70c
Clearwater	78/59c	78/61c	80/64c	Okechobee	75/58c	76/59c	77/65c
Coral Springs	76/62c	78/64c	78/69c	Orlando	76/54c	77/57c	77/60c
Daytona Beach	74/53c	75/57c	75/62c	Pembroke Pines	77/62c	78/63c	78/67c
Fl. Laad. Bch	77/66c	77/68c	78/72c	St. Augustine	70/63c	70/67c	72/60c
Fort Myers	78/57c	80/59c	81/64c	St. Petersburg	78/59c	77/61c	80/62c
Gainesville	74/52c	76/52c	74/58c	Sarasota	76/55c	77/57c	79/65c
Hollywood	77/62c	78/63c	78/67c	Tallahassee	75/50c	76/54c	71/59c
Homestead AFB	75/63c	76/64c	77/68c	Tampa	76/58c	78/60c	78/60c
Jacksonville	72/51c	75/53c	74/57c	W. Palm Bch	77/63c	78/65c	78/70c
Key West	77/67c	78/68c	79/71c	Winter Haven	75/54c	77/58c	76/62c

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

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Racers take their marks at 8:00am for the 5k Run/Walk! Day registration will begin at 7:00am. All proceeds benefit the Alex Barajas Foundation.

Race Location: Lake Placid Christian School.
Entry: 5k Race with cotton t-shirt \$20. **Deadline for registration is 1/13/12.** Late Registrants pay \$30 and not guaranteed a shirt.

Awards: Award ceremony following run/walk. Overall winners in each group and masters will receive an award. Top three in each age/gender group will receive medals.
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Sunday, January 8, 2012

Lady Devils nip Blue Streaks

 By LAUREN WELBORN
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Nothing makes for a better Friday night than watching a game with a little small-town rivalry.

Add in a little down-to-the-wire, neck-and-neck action and its inevitably going to be interesting.

And as the Sebring and Avon Park girls' basketball teams went head to head, the game was nothing short of expectations, with the Lady Devils holding on for a 39-38 win.

The Blue Streaks started off strong to defend their

home turf, taking the lead 9-6 after the first eight minutes of play.

The girls were able to hold tight and keep the Red Devil offensive threats to a minimum again during the next quarter, seeing the score now at 21-19.

After the half, however, Avon Park found their groove and quickly started closing the gap.

Brekayla English led this drive for Avon Park, continually increasing to her total of 17 for the night.

With this, the Lady Red Devils added 15 points on the board to take the lead 34-27. Sebring was more success-

ful during the final quarter, but Avon Park still held the lead over their heads.

The Blue Streak defense only allowed five more points for Avon Park.

One of those five points put the win in Avon Park's favor.

With less than two seconds remaining, Takesha Williams approached the free throw line.

Within her view was the scoreboard, which showed a tie game at 38 points apiece.

It was one of those moments you usually see in movies—where the gym is rumbling with the excitement of the crowd as it all comes down to this moment.

Williams would score her seventh and final point for Avon Park with the first shot, now putting her team ahead 39-38.

Sebring took the rebound of her second shot and sailed the ball across the court, but would not be able to get it to the basket before the final buzzer sounded.

"It was a great game, definitely a nail biter," said Lady Devil's head coach Paullette Daley. "Sebring had a tough defense. It is hard playing man-to-man, but we pulled it off."

"We were better on the rebound, but we weren't

See AP, Page 3B



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Jamiese Wiley got a hand on this Brekayla English shot as Sebring's defense kept things close. But English would score 17 points on the night and Avon Park eked out a one-point win Friday.

Does Tide have advantage over Tigers in rematch?

By PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — From Florida State's Sugar Bowl meltdown 16 years ago to New England's stunning Super Bowl loss, history suggests that it's tough to beat an opponent the second time around.

Top-ranked LSU is looking to write a new chapter in its Big Easy do-over with Alabama.

"The opportunity to play them again is something we're going to embrace," Tigers star Tyrann Mathieu insisted Friday.

Not that they have much of a choice.

The Tigers (13-0) already beat the Crimson Tide once this season — on Alabama's home field, no less. But they'll have to do it all over again to claim the national championship, even if that seems a bit unfair.

Bobby Bowden can certainly sympathize with LSU.

Back in 1996, Bowden was coaching Florida State when the Seminoles knocked off Florida 24-21 in the season finale and took over the No. 1 spot in the rankings.

Then, through an unexpected turn of events in the conference championship games, the teams wound up paired again in the Sugar Bowl.

The rematch was all Florida as the Gators romped 52-20 to take their first national crown.

"I didn't like it," Bowden said. "The team that lost, I would think they love it. The team that won, it's just hard to get your boys as inspired as the other team can get inspired."

New England ran up against the same thing in the NFL four seasons ago.

The Patriots finished off a perfect 16-0 regular season with a thrilling 38-35 win over the Giants in New York.

Lo and behold, the Giants still made the playoffs and stunningly won three straight postseason games on the road, earning another shot at heavily favored New England — now 18-0 — in the Super Bowl.

Well, we all know what happened in the Arizona desert.

Actually emboldened by that earlier loss to the Patriots — "it did give us a sense of confidence that we

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

First-round leader Charley Hull heads into Saturday's final round two shots out of the lead at the Harder Hall Women's Invitational.

Youth movement leads Harder

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — The Harder Hall Women's Invitational may be in its 57th year, but it is as crisp and energetic as ever.

And this edition's fight to the finish will certainly keep it fresh — fresh-faced that is.

Those battling it out in Saturday's final foursome will feature three teenagers — 16-year old Ariya Jutanugarn, her 17-year old sister Mariya and 15-year old Charley Hull.

Those three combined ages, 48, don't add up to the age of the tournament they're competing in.

Though the foursome is complimented with some age in University of Arizona senior Isabelle Boineau, at the ripe old age of 21.

This group makes it an all-international final group as well, with the Jutanugarn's from Thailand, Hull an England native and Boineau

hailing from France.

Hull had taken the first-round lead Wednesday as the newly expanded greens of Harder Hall wreaked havoc on most of the field — Hull had the only under-par round of the first day.

But things tightened up Thursday as Hull fell back with a 74, and Ariya Jutanugarn and 2010 champion Kyle Roig staying consistent with consecutive rounds of 72 each to even things at even-par for the top three spots.

Moriya Jutanugarn followed her opening 75 with a one-under 71 Thursday to keep her two shots back and Boineau went 75, 73 to stay within range.

Defending champion Ashleigh Albrecht had bounced back from her opening-round 78 to post a 74 and remain with sight of the leaders, along with Meghan Stasi, Holly Clyburn, Perrine

Delacour, Portland Rosen and Regina Plasencia who were all between 148 and 151 after the first two days.

But with Friday's balmy conditions, the lead group began to separate themselves.

Ariya and Boineau came out of the gate hot, both shooting two-under 34s on the front nine, with Mariya and Hull each carding one-under 35s.

That put Ariya in the lead over Hull by one stroke, with Roig (37) and Moriya three back and Boineau four behind.

The Jutanugarn sisters then kicked it up a notch on the back nine, carding 33s, with Hull posting a 34 and Boineau a 35. And when the dust had settled, Ariya was in the lead at 5-under, Hull in second at 3-under and Mariya third at 2-under.

Boineau would join Saturday's final group, still

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Lady Blue Streak Michaela Malisham locks out her 105-pound clean-and-jerk to win her weight class at Thursday's All County meet at Sebring.

Lady lifters pushing through

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — The lady weightlifters of Highlands County gathered at the fieldhouse of Firemen's Field for an All-County meet as a final warm up before this coming Friday's Sub-Sectional Qualifier.

Lake Placid and Avon Park joined the host Blue Streaks, with each school getting their share of wins while pushing toward the next level of competition.

Katie Stoll got a Sebring win in the 101-pound class, coupling a bench press of 75 pounds and a 70-pound

clean-and-jerk for a 145 total.

Avon Park got a win at 110, with Miriam Olupitan going 105 and 100 to be the first to crach the 200-pound barrier.

Lake Placid's Salina Walker didn't quite reach the mark, adding up a pair of 95-pound lifts to win at 119, while Brittany Lockhart breezed past the 200 mark with a bench of 120 and jerk of 115 to win at 129.

Tess Lundy got another Dragon win at 139, pressing 100 and jerking 90,

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Streaks give Blue Devils the boot

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Magicians may pull rabbits out of their hats, but an athlete's definition of a hat trick involves a bit more skill.

This three-goal contribution from Estebinson Joseph along with the ever-persistent effort of the Blue Streak varsity soccer team earned the win as they took on Winter Haven at Fireman's field Friday night.

Sebring put the pressure on early and showed signs that their offense would be the key to the nights 5-1 win.

Marcelo Gori put the first point on the board for Sebring after just seven minutes of play and was soon followed by Joseph minutes later.

Keeping the pace moving, Joseph's next attempt at the goal was a header as he and the Winter Haven goalie nearly collided.

With him being out of the goal, the ball almost trickled in but instead hit the left-side pole and was recovered by the Blue



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Estebinson Joseph scored the hat trick in Sebring's Friday win over Winter Haven.

Devil's defense.

Sebring
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Winter Haven
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able to score their first goal of the night with twenty six minutes still

left before the half.

Sebring was able to continue keeping the ball primarily with their own offense as the team held strong and made good passes to keep Winter Haven goal threats to a

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THE SCOREBOARD

National Football League

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 7

Cincinnati at Houston, late
Detroit at New Orleans, late

Sunday, Jan. 8

Atlanta at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Denver, 4:30 p.m.

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 14

Atlanta, N.Y. Giants or New Orleans at San Francisco, 4:30 p.m.
Cincinnati, Pittsburgh or Denver at New England, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 15

Pittsburgh, Denver or Houston at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Detroit, Atlanta or N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 22

TBD

PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 29

At Honolulu

NFC vs. AFC

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 5

At Indianapolis

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	26	9	4	56	116	82
Philadelphia	23	11	4	50	130	113
Pittsburgh	21	14	4	46	122	103
New Jersey	22	16	2	46	111	116
N.Y. Islanders	14	18	6	34	90	120

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	26	10	1	53	138	69
Ottawa	21	15	5	47	127	136
Toronto	20	15	5	45	129	128
Buffalo	18	18	4	40	106	119
Montreal	15	18	7	37	106	113

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	20	13	8	48	107	115
Washington	21	15	2	44	114	110
Winnipeg	19	16	5	43	107	118
Tampa Bay	17	19	3	37	108	133
Carolina	14	21	7	35	110	141

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	24	13	4	52	132	120
Detroit	25	13	1	51	128	88
St. Louis	23	12	5	51	103	89
Nashville	21	15	4	46	106	112
Columbus	10	24	5	25	94	130

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	25	13	3	53	134	99
Minnesota	21	14	6	48	95	98
Colorado	23	18	1	47	114	116
Calgary	18	19	5	41	100	123
Edmonton	16	21	3	35	110	115

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	22	11	4	48	107	87
Los Angeles	20	14	7	47	88	92
Dallas	22	16	1	45	108	113
Phoenix	19	17	5	43	103	108
Anaheim	11	22	6	28	92	129

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

Thursday's Games

Boston 9, Calgary 0
Toronto 4, Winnipeg 0
N.Y. Rangers 3, Florida 2, OT
Philadelphia 5, Chicago 4
Ottawa 4, Tampa Bay 1
St. Louis 4, Edmonton 3
Dallas 4, Nashville 1
Los Angeles 1, Phoenix 0, OT
San Jose 2, Columbus 1

Friday's Games

New Jersey 5, Florida 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 1
Carolina 4, Buffalo 2
Colorado 4, Chicago 0
Anaheim 4, N.Y. Islanders 2

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Ottawa, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
Giroux	Phi	18	30	48
H. Sedin	Van	10	38	48
Kessel	Tor	23	23	46
D. Sedin	Van	18	28	46
Stamkos	TB	28	17	45
Lupul	Tor	18	27	45
Eberle	Edm	17	26	43
Malkin	Pit	15	28	43
Hossa	Chi	17	25	42
Pominville	Buf	14	28	42
Backstrom	Was	13	29	42
Toews	Chi	22	19	41
Spezza	Ott	15	26	41

2 tied with 40 pts.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	4	2	.667	—
Boston	4	4	.500	1
Toronto	3	4	.429	1½
New York	3	4	.290	1½
New Jersey	2	6	.250	3

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	7	1	.875	—
Orlando	5	3	.625	2
Atlanta	5	3	.625	2
Charlotte	2	5	.286	4½
Washington	0	7	.000	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	7	1	.875	—
Indiana	5	2	.714	1½
Cleveland	4	3	.571	2½
Milwaukee	2	4	.333	4
Detroit	2	5	.286	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	5	2	.714	—
Memphis	3	4	.429	2



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SUNDAY

1:30 p.m. Wisconsin at Michigan CBS

MONDAY

7 p.m. West Virginia at Connecticut ESPN2

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Georgia at Florida ESPN

9 p.m. Ohio State at Illinois ESPN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SUNDAY

9 p.m. GoDaddy.com Bowl – Arkansas State vs. Northern Illinois ESPN

MONDAY

8:30 p.m. BCS Final – Alabama vs. LSU ESPN

GOLF

SUNDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Africa Open GOLF

5:30 p.m. PGA – Hyundai Tourney of Champions . GOLF

MONDAY

4 p.m. PGA – Hyundai Tourney of Champions . GOLF

NBA

SUNDAY

6 p.m. Orlando at Sacramento SUN

NFL

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Atlanta at N.Y. Giants CBS

4:30 p.m. Pittsburgh at Denver CBS

NHL

TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. Vancouver at Tampa Bay SUN

SKATING

SUNDAY

4 p.m. Skating and Gymnastics Spectacular NBC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Maryland at North Carolina SUN

2 p.m. Alabama at LSU 38

3:30 p.m. Mississippi State at Kentucky SUN

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Dallas	3	5	.375	2½
Houston	2	5	.286	3
New Orleans	2	5	.286	3

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	6	2	.750	—
Oklahoma City	6	2	.750	—
Portland	5	2	.714	½
Utah	4	3	.571	1½
Minnesota	2	5	.286	3½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	3	2	.600	—
L.A. Lakers	5	4	.556	—
Phoenix	3	4	.429	1
Sacramento	3	5	.375	1½
Golden State	2	5	.286	2

Thursday's Games

Miami 116, Atlanta 109,3OT
San Antonio 93, Dallas 71
Sacramento 103, Milwaukee 100
Portland 107, L.A. Lakers 96

Friday's Games

Atlanta 102, Charlotte 96, OT
New Jersey 97, Toronto 85
New York 99, Washington 96
Philadelphia 96, Detroit 73
Indiana 87, Boston 74
Oklahoma City 109, Houston 94
Denver 96, New Orleans 88
Cleveland 98, Minnesota 87
Chicago 97, Orlando 83
Utah 94, Memphis 85
L.A. Lakers 97, Golden State 90
Phoenix 102, Portland 77

Saturday's Games

Chicago at Atlanta, late
Charlotte at Indiana, late
Miami at New Jersey, late
New York at Detroit, late
Oklahoma City at Houston, late
Toronto at Philadelphia, late
Denver at San Antonio, late
New Orleans at Dallas, late
Utah at Golden State, late
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, late

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 9 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Promoted Jeff Desjardins to lead assistant athletic trainer. Named Michael Salazar assistant athletic trainer.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with OF Doug Deeds and INF Jorge Cantu on minor league contracts.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Sean Gallagher, LHP Jeremy Horst, RHP Chad Reineke, LHP Clayton Tanner, RHP Kanekoa Teixeira, C Brian Esposito, C Corky Miller and OF Daryl Jones on minor league contracts. Promoted Mack Jenkins to assistant pitching coach.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with C Wilkin Castillo, OF Leonard Davis, RHP Mike Ekstrom and OF

Brandon Roberts on minor league contracts.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Named Derek Lilliquist pitching coach, Dyer Miller bullpen coach, Brent Strom minor league pitching coordinator, Jamie Pogue bullpen catcher, Dan Kantrovitz director of scouting, Cesar Geronimo Jr. international scouting cross checker and Angel Ovalles Dominican Republic scouting supervisor. Promoted Matt Slater to director of player personnel, Tony Ferreira to baseball operations assistant/player development and Jared Odum to baseball operations assistant/scouting.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Acquired RHP Andrew Cashner and OF Kyung-Min Na from the Chicago Cubs for INF Anthony Rizzo and RHP Zach Cates.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Fined San Diego LB Antwan Barnes \$25,000 for unnecessary physical contact with an official and Green Bay LB Erik Walden \$15,000 for roughing the passer in Week 17 games.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed WR David Clowney, LB Robert Eddins, LB Scott McKillop, DB Prince Miller, DE Jay Ross, G Jake Vermiglio and G Keith Williams.
CHICAGO BEARS—Named Mike Tice offensive coordinator. Signed TE Draylen Ross, G Reggie Stephens and CB Donovan Warren.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Announced the resignation of vice president Jason Wied.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Announced they have agreed to terms with Reggie McKenzie to become their general manager.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled C Ryan Russell from Springfield (AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Reassigned LW Tim Kennedy to San Antonio (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Assigned G Anders Lindback and D Jonathon Blum to Milwaukee (AHL). Recalled G Jeremy Smith from Milwaukee.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Acquired D Brendan Mikkelson from Calgary for F Blair Jones. Announced F Brett Connolly returned from Team Canada.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Assigned F Matt Frattin and D Korbinian Holzer to Toronto (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

COLORADO RAPIDS—Signed D Hunter Freeman.
COLUMBUS CREW—Signed F Olman Vargas to a multiyear contract.
NEW YORK RED BULLS—Loaned F Thierry Henry to Arsenal FC (English Premier) until the middle of February.
TORONTO FC—Named Thomas Rongen director of the soccer academy.
VANCOUVER WHITECAPS—Signed C Martin Bonjour.

COLLEGE

ARIZONA STATE—Announced junior QB Brock Osweiler will enter the NFL draft.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

TUESDAY: Boys Basketball at Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY: Boys Basketball at Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.



Lake Placid

MONDAY: Boys Basketball at Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at LaBelle, 6:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Boys Basketball vs. Okeechobee, 7 p.m.; Boys

AP seals it at the line

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moving our feet. When Sebring went box on Brekayla, I reminded the girls that they needed to step up their game—you're part of the team too."

There were no complaints from the Blue Streak side as head coach Mike Lee commended Avon Park on a game well played.

"We played a tough game

'I could be happier, but I couldn't be prouder.'

MIKE LEE

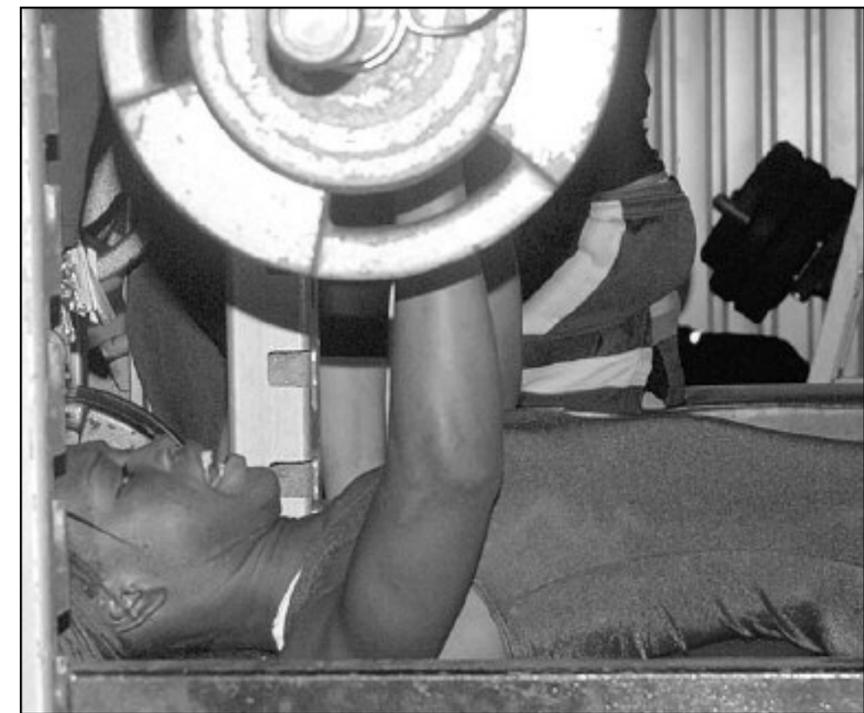
Sebring head coach

against Kathleen last night and were playing without two starters at one point and

we still played hard tonight.

"When they came back in, they were a little too excited. We had some ball handling trouble, but I couldn't be prouder. I could be happier, but I couldn't be prouder."

Sebring was led by April Wallace and Jamiess Wiley, who each contributed 8 points, as did Toryana Jones for Avon Park.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Lady Devil Miriam Olupitan presses up 105 pounds on her way to winning the 110-weight class at Thursday's Highlands County meet.

Lift qualifier at LaBelle

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with Sebring getting back in the win column at 154 with the 195 total of Michelle Volney.

Blue Streak Alexis Wilson had the high mark of the day, totaling 255 with a bench of 135 and jekr of 120

to win the 169 class.

Roenicka Freeman then continued the Sebring sweep of the higher classes, winning at 183 with lifts totaling 230 pounds.

Michaela Malisham won at 199 with lifts of 205 and Angela Dennard went 135 and 105 to total 240 and win

unlimited for the Streaks.

The three teams will be in competition again Friday, Jan. 13, at LaBelle for the Sub-Sectional Qualifying meet at 5 p.m., where they will be joined by the host Cowgirls, along with

DeSoto and Hardee.

Streaks whip up Winter Haven

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minimum.

As the Winter Haven defense grew tired, they allowed an own-goal to increase Sebring's lead back to two, seeing 3-1 as the first half of the game ended.

As play resumed, Winter Haven came out a little fresher and attempted a shot

that would be one of many blocked by starting Sebring goalie Ethan Smith.

With the help of defenders such as the powerful leg of Donavon White, Blue Devil pressure was averted once again.

Joseph would score yet again for the Blue Streaks with ten minutes left of play,

blasting a shot from 30 yards out with his third and final goal of the night.

Filemon Chavez assisted the goal of Josh Bowyer to top Sebring's lead at 5-1.

Sebring was in action at Avon Park for a Saturday matinee before hosting Tenoroc Tuesday at Firemen's Field.

Florida St., Fisher has many players back in 2012

By BRENT KALLESTAD

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Jimbo Fisher heads into his third season at Florida State with the nucleus intact from a team expected to do big things this season, but didn't.

With nearly all of his top playmakers and defenders back along with one of the nation's most reliable place-kickers, it could be now or never for the Seminoles in 2012.

Fisher is 19-8 in two

years since taking over for Bobby Bowden, who put the school on the football map with a pair of national championships in the 1990's.

The Seminoles (9-4, 5-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) slipped slightly in 2011 by failing to get back to the ACC title game a second straight season.

An 18-14 victory over Notre Dame in the Champs Bowl ended the season on a better note.

"We didn't achieve the

wins of which I think we were capable of," Fisher said Friday. "We learned a lot about our guys and handling adversity."

Fisher earned a pair of extensions that has him making \$2.7 million annually through the 2016 season.

University President Eric Barron said after he's proud of the way Fisher has conducted the program and speculated that maybe the team was ranked a bit too high at the beginning of the 2011 season.

Late spurt lifts Rose and Bulls over Magic

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

Associated Press

ORLANDO — At times last season the Chicago Bulls were guilty of leaning on MVP point guard Derrick Rose too much to help them pull out wins in close games.

If the way they closed out Friday night's 97-83 victory over Orlando is any indication, coach Tom Thibodeau's team is well on the way to fixing that problem.

Rose and Luol Deng each scored 21 points and Chicago held off a fourth-quarter surge by the Magic for its sixth straight victory.

Carlos Boozer added 20 points for Chicago, which led by as many as 17 before the lead was trimmed to three.

The Bulls closed the game on a 17-6 run and hung on despite getting just four points from Rose in the final 12 minutes.

"Anything to win," Rose said. "That was the whole mindset. Just try to get out aggressive. Try to get guys going early. That was the whole game plan."

Thibodeau said he liked the way Rose adjusted when the Magic tried to clamp down on him in the second half.

"He's got a quick array of shots and he knows what he has to do," Thibodeau said. "When he needed to score, he scored. He did a really great job of playmaking."

Dwight Howard led the Magic with 28 points and 15 rebounds, and Jason Richardson broke out of scoring slump with 17.

But Ryan Anderson, who coach Stan Van Gundy said "just didn't get in the battle" against the Bulls and had been leading the team in scoring, went cold, along with the Magic's reserves.

Van Gundy said the Magic, who were playing their first playoff opponent from last season since their season-opening loss at Oklahoma City, aren't ready to compete with that caliber of team right now.

"Quite simply we're not at that level. Not close," he said. "And that's OK; I'm not saying that crying or complaining. That's just the way it is. You've got to face reality. We've got to put in the work to reach that level, because right now we're not close to that level of play."

The Bulls (7-1) are off to their best start since winning 12 of 13 to open the 1996-97 season.

The latest victory began a brutal stretch for Chicago that includes seven games in nine nights.

Orlando (5-3) lost at home for the first time this season.

Rose went through some scoring lulls but kept Chicago's offense on schedule, handing out 10 assists and coming within two rebounds of a triple-double.

The Bulls dominated inside and held a 46-37 rebounding edge.

They also had 27 assists.

The Magic bench, which had been playing well this season, was 3 for 15 from the



MCT photo

Derrick Rose was two rebounds shy of a triple-double in the Bulls win over the Magic Friday.

field.

The game featured several momentum shifts in the first three quarters.

The Bulls briefly opened a 17-point lead early in the third before three straight Magic 3-pointers pulled them within 62-54.

That came after Chicago built a 10-point lead at halftime.

The Bulls made their early run even though Rose was held scoreless in the second quarter.

Kyle Korver picked up the slack with nine points and Boozer added eight, including a jumper at the halftime horn.

"They just play hard," Howard said of the Bulls. "Everybody did what they have to do. Guys came off the bench. They know what they had to do in the game. They didn't stay outside of their boundaries. ... We've got to be the same way."

Rose got off to a strong start with 12 first-quarter points.

The Magic jumped out to a 10-2 lead, prompting a quick Bulls timeout.

But Chicago responded with a spurt of its own that included six straight points by Rose to tie it at 17.

Orlando regained its footing, outscoring the Bulls 10-9 the rest of the quarter thanks to six points by Howard, who was 6 for 8 in the period with 14 points and five rebounds.

"We have to understand what our roles are on this team. We have to understand what type of effort it's going to take every night for us to be a good team," Magic guard Chris Duhon said. "And right now we have to decide what type of team we want to be."

With such a tough schedule on tap, Thibodeau said the Bulls won't put too much stock in Friday's outcome or dwell on what's ahead.

"I think if you start looking at all the other stuff that's going on, you become distracted and it takes away from your preparation," he said. "You're seeing that there's a lot of great games out there. ... You just have to keep fighting and find a way to win. That's what it's coming down to."

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BCS rematch likely to see changes

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could play with New England," Giants guard Chris Snee remembered Friday — New York pulled off an epic upset, knocking off Tom Brady and the seemingly unbeatable Patriots 17-14.

"Obviously there was some stuff that year that we used in the Super Bowl that we had seen we could take advantage of in the first game," said another Giants player, defensive lineman Dave Tollefson.

Now, the Tigers face the same predicament as Florida State and New England.

They've already put together a winning game plan against the second-ranked Crimson Tide (11-1), pulling out a 9-6 overtime victory in Tuscaloosa on Nov. 5.

Now, the onus is on the Tigers to counter all the new wrinkles they'll surely see in the rematch, changes that will undoubtedly be embraced by a Crimson Tide team still stinging from its only defeat.

"It may give us a little edge in our minds of what's got to happen, what we've got to do," Alabama linebacker Nico Johnson said.

On the other side, LSU coach Les Miles and his staff must deal with an inevitable human trait: It's tougher to get players to recognize their mistakes — and be willing to go along with any necessary tweaks — when they're coming off a win.

The losing coach has no such issues.

Bowden remembers Florida coach Steve Spurrier changing up his offensive plan after the Seminoles pounded Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel in their initial meeting.

"They made a big adjustment," Bowden said. "They went to the shotgun."

Alabama's changes aren't likely to be that dramatic, but there's little doubt that losing to LSU a couple of months ago provided the Tide with a needed wake-up call.

Coach Nick Saban's team went into that game ranked No. 1, boasting a bruising runner in Trent Richardson and a defense that was being called one of the greatest in college football history.

The Tide certainly didn't look at LSU as a pushover — heck, the Tigers had already beaten the teams that would go on to win the Rose Bowl (Oregon) and Orange Bowl (West Virginia) — but Alabama didn't react well when faced with an opponent that was willing to go toe-to-toe in perhaps the most bruising game of the year.

Throw in an abysmal per-

formance by the special teams (the Tide missed four field goal attempts) and a trick play gone awry (an end-around pass was picked off at the goal line), and it was the Tigers celebrating at the end.

"We learned a lot from that game," Alabama nose guard Josh Chapman said. "That game kind of made our season. We didn't finish in that game. We didn't capitalize. Those guys capitalized on our mistakes. They finished stronger than we did. We learned a lot from that. The coaches showed us: When we're doing things right, it's hard to beat us."

If anything, LSU may be looking to pick up a motivational edge from a common theme coming from the Alabama side, most bluntly expressed by receiver Marquis Maze: "They didn't beat us. We beat ourselves."

Rest assured, the Tigers are listening to every word.

"When people get in front of the cameras, they're going to say what they want to say," Mathieu scoffed. "When you step between those lines, no one can hear you but the team you're playing against. We're going to let our play do the talking and hopefully come out with the W."

Asked if Maze's comments would spur on the Tigers, Mathieu glared back. "Definitely."

In the end, the rematch may be decided by which team has the best case of amnesia.

While tendencies and play-calling can be charted on film, both teams must recognize this isn't early November.

There will be different situations, different moments of adversity.

The team that copes best will likely be hoisting the championship trophy Monday night at the Superdome.

"Learn from the mistakes that you make the last time and know there are going to be adjustments made the second time around," the Giants' Snee advised. "They (Alabama) obviously are not going to sit there and get beat by the same thing they got beat by before in this game. There will be adjustments and then obviously if something works for them defensively, they are going to come back to it."

If anything, LSU lineman T-Bob Hebert expects both teams to much looser than they were the first time — even though much more is on the line in the BCS cham-

Harder set up for young, international finale

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with a shot, at one-over.

Albrecht, while paring the back nine with a 36, saw a front-nine 40 virtually knock her out of contention for a repeat.

Roig, meanwhile, finished with a 38 to put her three-over and needing a big turnaround to get back in the hunt.

Which is why, perhaps, that with as much of a challenge the greens have been, she was looking for more.

"I've got some work to do," Roig said. "I hope the pin placements are really tough."

That of course, coming from the veteran competitor who is in her freshman year at UCLA. Hull, flush with the fresh, young mindset, had a different approach as far as planning for the final round.

"I don't see it so much as what I need to do," she said of her grip-it and rip-it style. "I just want to come out, play

some golf and have fun."

As for the younger of the Jutanugarn sisters, Ariya, a win here would be special.

"It would mean a lot because it would be her first win in a major tournament," older sister Mariya translated.

As for the sister's going head-to-head, while the stakes might be higher, it is nothing new.

"We've played against each other a lot," Mariya said as Ariya nodded with a wry smile.

As for who might have the edge in those meetings, there didn't seem much hint of a sibling rivalry.

"It has been about fifty-fifty as far as who wins," Mariya said. "So we'll just have to play and see."

With a rarely seen nice day forecast for the Harder Hall's final round, with such young, up-and-coming talent battling it out, it, ironically, could well be one for the ages.

News-Sun photos by DAN HOEHNE

Left above: Mariya Jutanugarn found herself three shots behind her younger sister Ariya heading into Saturday's final round of the 57th Harder Hall. Left below: Regina Plasencia of Mexico blasts out of the sand at the 10th hole Friday in the third round of the Harder Hall Women's Invitational.



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pionship game.

"It's weird how that works out," he said. "The two weeks leading up to the last one felt more tense than this one does. We have played before. We feel comfortable, and not only that, but not being in school, being able to relax a little more, and get off our feet.

"I expect to see more scoring," he added. "It's mathematics. How many games have no touchdowns scored? If you play the odds, it's going to be higher scoring than 9-6. I don't think it'll be crazy, but it'll be more than 9-6. Somebody is going to get into the end zone."

AP College Football Writer Ralph Russo and AP Sports Writer Ton Canavan contributed to this report. Follow Paul Newberry on Twitter at www.twitter.com/pnewberry1963

Siena trying to avoid a 'Giants' problem Sunday

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Siena is making an interesting offer to its college basketball fans: Come see the Saints play on Sunday — and watch the New York Giants, too.

Sunday's NFL playoff game between the Giants and the Atlanta Falcons will be shown live on the scoreboard at Siena's home game against Niagara on Sunday.

Both games start at 1 p.m., and Siena officials say they want to keep fans from having to choose one game or the other.

The Giants-Falcons game will be streamed until its conclusion.

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SENIOR SCENE



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Eleven Avon Park Library Bookstore volunteers recently gathered to remember Geraldine "Geri" Caseley.

Volunteers celebrate Caseley's life

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — Eleven Avon Park Library Bookstore volunteers recently attended a Celebration of Life memorial service for Geraldine "Geri" Caseley, 89, at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park.

A tiny, but indefatigable, ex-New Yorker, Caseley volunteered in the Friends' Used Bookstore two days per week for about 25 years. Besides loving the bookstore, Caseley loved sailing, dressing up in costumes for holidays and wearing hats. As she aged, Caseley started calling herself "The Incredible Shrinking Woman."

Caseley loved life and had many friends. She will be missed.

The Avon Park Library Used Bookstore is in the far right side of the

library and has its own entrance. A cadre of loyal volunteers staff the bookstore Tuesdays through Saturdays. The store accepts donations of books and magazines in good condition for resale. Monies made from sales are earmarked for use to benefit the library. In 2006, the Friends of the library donated \$25,000 for the library's Children's Section, now a pleasant, well-lighted area with new computers, books, videos, furniture and carpet.

The bookstore has been fortunate in having years of dedicated service by its leaders: Dorothy Slocum, Lucy Derkman, Anne Hartsfield and Charlene Hogan. The books, magazines, videos, CDs and DVDs for sale are in good condition and have low

prices, from \$2 down.

Snowbirds, visit the Avon Park Public Library. Sit in a cushioned chair in the central reading area and have a cup of coffee as you read the morning's newspapers. Be sure to notice all of the reading room's live green plants provided by the Avon Park Founders Garden Club. Use one of the computers, or use the library's WiFi to access your own laptop. If you need help, ask Linda Carter, the friendly and capable library assistant.

Then mosey on over to the Used Bookstore. If you'd like to join the Friends of the Avon Park Library, complete the form and leave it with a volunteer. For more information, call Charlene Hogan, president, at 453-8289.

Tanglewood sets schedule for cancer fundraiser events

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — Each year the residents of the Tanglewood community come together to raise thousands of dollars for cancer research. Last year, the community raised more than \$68,000.

That makes a total of \$315,000 that the Tanglewood residents have raised through the years for cancer research.

To reach and hopefully beat that goal, several events have been planned throughout the next few months. These events are open to Tanglewood residents only

- Cancer Bingo will be played at 6:15 p.m. Monday.

- A Shuffleboard Tournament is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10.

- A Collectible Coin Sale is set from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 in the clubhouse. Please sign up by Monday to have coins evaluated. See the Cancer Book in the credenza by the front office.

- A special showing of "The Diary of Anne Frank" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 will benefit the Tanglewood project. Tickets for the Highlands Little Theatre performance are \$20; make checks payable to the American Cancer Society. Tickets are on sale from 8-10 a.m. Mondays and from 3-4 p.m. Thursdays.

- A Tennis Tournament is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24.

- A Gold Sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24 in the clubhouse. To book an appointment, sign up by Jan. 23; see the Cancer Book in the credenza by the front office.

- A Walk in the Park is set from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27. The cost is \$5 to walk and \$5 for lunch; make checks payable to the American Cancer Society. Register from 8-10 a.m. Mondays and 3-4 p.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 9. Lunch on Jan. 28 will be provided by Edward Jones/Alan J. Holmes.

- Ride for the Cure takes place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. Cost is \$10 to ride and \$5 for lunch; checks payable to the American

Cancer Society. Register from 8-10 a.m. Mondays and 3-4 p.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 9. Lunch provided by Edward Jones/Alan J. Holmes.

- Golf Fore A Cure begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at Sun 'N Lake Golf Course. Cost is \$50; make checks payable to TGA. Register from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturdays and 2-3:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mirror Room. This event is sponsored by Alan Jay Automotive and Edward Jones/Alan J. Holmes.

- Petanque Tournament is at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4.

- A Lasagna Dinner will be served at 4 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7. Tickets are \$10, and are on sale from 8-10 a.m. Mondays and 3-4 p.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 9. The dinner is sponsored by Heartland National Bank.

- There will be a Bill Jarrett Ford Drive for the Cure from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. Lunch is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register from 8-10 a.m. Mondays and 3-4 p.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 9. There is no charge to drive.

- Cancer Bingo will be played at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13.

- Luminary Speaker and Display will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. Luminaries are \$5 each or three for \$10; checks payable to American Cancer Society. The luminaries, which usually number between 1,200-1,300, will go on sale from 8-10 a.m. Mondays and 3-4 p.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 9. The guest speaker will be Cindi Crisci, with the American Cancer Society. Crisci is a cancer survivor and volunteer patient outreach with American Cancer Society.

- The final event scheduled is the Cancer Benefit from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. There will be lunch, raffles, 50/50 draws, and music by cancer survivor Bob Weed.

This event is sponsored by Hometown America, Heartland National Bank and Drs. Thakkar & Patel.

RV Show motors into Lee Civic Center Jan. 19-22

Special to the News-Sun

FORT MYERS — Promising outdoor traveling adventure and family fun, the Fort Myers Recreation Vehicle Show motors into the new year at the Lee Civic Center this Jan. 19-22, Nelda Iacono, president of Florida RV Trade Association-Region One, announced.

This year's extravaganza promises to continue providing patrons the opportunity to see the latest and best camping products available to local RVers and lovers of the great outdoors, Iacono says. "Attendees can view hundreds of recreation vehicles of all different types, sizes and prices. It also features 100 outdoor and camping supply vendors."

"For many years, the Fort Myers RV Show has been the top RV show in Florida simply because of the high quality products, outstanding displays and cost-saving prices," Iacono explains. "I'm proud to say this emphasis on quality has

enabled the show to grow into the largest dealer show in Florida and one of the largest RV shows in the Southeast."

The 27th Annual Fort Myers RV Show features dealers from throughout Florida displaying a wide selection of new recreation vehicles of all styles, brands and price ranges, including folding campers, gas and diesel motorhomes, travel trailers, toy haulers, 5th wheels, park models and van campers.

Besides RV products, the show offers attendees the chance to browse 100 outdoor and camping vendors displaying equipment and accessories to help outfit RVers or provide information on camping throughout the nation. Items include new braking systems, RV insurance, specialized camping equipment and high-tech engine enhancers for fuel efficiency.

Recent research conducted by Dr. Richard Curtin, RV Industry analyst and

director of consumer surveys at the University of Michigan, reveals 8.5 percent of U.S. households now own RVs, up from 8.0 percent in 2005. RV ownership rates have surged among adults 35-54 and 55 and over, according to Curtin. In the 35-54 demographic, RV ownership rose from 9.0 percent in 2005 to 11.2 percent today. Among those 55 and older, ownership rates grew from 8.6 percent to 9.4 percent. Ownership rates among young people aged 34 years and under fell slightly from 5.0 percent to 4.7 percent.

And, with the economy stretching consumers' budgets, RV travel remains an affordable option. A 2008 PKF Vacation Cost comparison study showed that a family of four can save 27-61 percent on vacation costs by traveling in an RV, even after factoring in ownership costs and fuel. With higher fuel prices, more than 80 percent of RV owners say their RV vacations cost less

than other forms of vacation.

Curtin says the RV growth in younger families seems to be due to the affordability of RVing, a return to simpler pleasures and a desire to get kids outdoors and away from electronic gadgets.

To combat rising fuel price, RV manufacturers have improved fuel economy through the use of plastic composite materials that has reduced the weight of RVs by as much as 25 percent.

The lure of RVing is bearing fruit as the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA), recently reported that year-to-date total shipments rose to 219,100 units through October this year, up 4% from this same 10-month-period last year.

"For the vast majority of RV buyers, the interest on their purchase is deductible at tax time because it qualifies as a second home," Nelda continues. "Now is the time to buy since RV prices have never been lower and the RV lifestyle is surprisingly affordable."



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SENIOR SCENE

Blame it on my mom

At a recent family reunion at my son's house while sitting around under the benign glances of Gandhi and Einstein we were reminiscing about old times and this is a summary of some of what my son said in defense of his eclectic collections.



Pearl's Pearls
Pearl Carter

Blame it on my mom. It's all her fault. When I was only two weeks old she took me to Montauk Point where we camped out in the car with me on the back ledge. She exposed me to bugs and dirt and sand and the Montauk waves. She picked up rocks and put them in my carriage. When there wasn't a suitable dish at the beach she dumped my baby food into a shell.

We picked up stray cats and dogs and even a duck once. So she never scolded when I brought home mice or a snake or a box turtle in a box.

She was not above stopping to pick up what looked like an antique from someone's garbage. As it turned out she had a good eye and it was an antique hand-carved oak table. (Why did they ever throw it out? I still have it in my living room.)

My parents like Early American Furniture and from our camping trips to Pennsylvania we always came home with well-designed, hand-made stuff. Sometimes it was old. We didn't know

enough then to call it antique, and she would mix it right in with the new stuff.

When my father died suddenly she assured us everything was all right; that everything would be the same and then proceeded to change everything, it seemed to my brother and me. All the old couple friends seemed to come less often and a new group of people came into our lives called Parents Without Partners. At first they were all women and when I listened to some of the conversation about visitation and payments or the lack thereof I had the weird thought that I was glad my father was dead and not divorced with some other family.

After awhile she began to go to dinner with a man. He took us to one of the oldest restaurants on Long Island.

Theodore Roosevelt used to dine there and donated one of his trophies to them. There it was, over the back of the bar, a 10-foot wide spread of antlers on the biggest buck head I'd ever seen.

The bartender saw me ogling it and said very seriously, "Want to see the whole body of the buck? Go round to the next room and see the rest of him." At 12 years of age I was gullible and went around the corner through the hall into the next room. There was nothing there, of

course, except some couches and chairs. The trauma of it all hit me. My mother on a date, a missing moose body, the humiliation of being fooled and that's what caused me to buy at auction the moose head with the 12-foot spread of antlers (two feet bigger than the one that tricked me) that sits on my wall in back of the wooden Indian.

Eventually to make matters worse she met a guy who collected clocks and things, and he helped me select an antique brooch for my mother for Mother's Day. He said I had a good eye for things and on the way home he stopped when I spotted a broken down go-cart. He let me pick it up and put it into the trunk of his car. (I think he thought that this would help him courting my mom.)

She married him and then started collecting things for real. So much so that she had to open a little antique shop for the overflow.

So is it so strange that I bought 12 wax figures, one of them surprisingly of Theodore Roosevelt; circus memorabilia; 12-foot laughing Lena; bumper cars from Coney Island; an original advertising sign of Aunt Jemima? It's all my mother's fault. She raised me that way.

Blame it on Mom!

Pearl Carter is writer, poet and a Lake Placid resident. E-mail her at timely87@comcast.net.

We have come a long way baby!

First of all let me make it clear that I am not deriding the manufacturer and resort towners of today but just trying, in my way, to let you know how things outdoors were back in my pre- and teenage years (1930-1940).

What started all this reminiscing was the arrival by mail of the current catalog from the Fly Shop, a prestigious firm in California. Leafing through the pages took me back about 80 years so you can understand the cause of the differences noted in my article.

As we start, my income at this time was from what lawn cutting and odd jobs in the summer and from snow shoveling in the winter. I used to get from a dime to a quarter (depending on the size of the lawn and the mood of my hirer). I used an old reel type push mower (my dad's) and a good measure of muscle on the work.

When bass season opened in the spring, the work was often swept aside in order that I might get to Sycamore Creek and the Little Miami River with my rod and reel to try for the blue gills in the creek and small mouth bass in the Miami. The river at that time was one of the finest small mouth streams in the country, not crudded up like it is at the present time.

My fishing day would start with hitchhiking from my home in Norwood, Ohio to where Camargo Road crosses Sycamore Creek, about 10 miles, extending my telescoping rod (\$1.50) to which was



Woody's Wisdom
Woody Jackson

attached my fly reel (79 cents) feeding my level flyline (75 cents) through the guides and attaching my leader (79 cents) and then tying one of my four flies that I carried in my hat and had received from various manufacturers for free after returning the coupon found in a sporting magazine of the time. I remember that Weber Company sent me a genuine Mayfly Reel upon return of a coupon from the magazine. Postage for the letter was 2 cents.

Now I was ready to start fishing. I went into the water with my tennis shoes on my feet (79 cents), the pair of Levi's another 79 cents and a shirt that I won't know how much it cost because we bought it at an Army Surplus Store that sold second hand stuff real cheap.

Stripping the line off the reel I started fishing as I waded down the creek, Sycamore Creek at this time was loaded with Sunfish and Bluegill. They must have been hungry because I always took more fish than I wanted. I handed them very carefully while removing the hook and returned them to the water.

The creek ran about a mile in a winding fashion, then emptied into the Miami River just above a fast water rapids in a 90 degree curve just below the bridge at the gravel pits (another one of my fishing spots for largemouths).

I continued down river past the dredging operation (the gravel company at the time

was running a dredge scoop from a shoreside tower out into the river and scrounging up sand and gravel for sale to a local contractor). This was a good factor for fishing because in scooping up the material also stirred up all the food that was created by the underwater life and sent it downriver with the current. Fishing downstream of the dredges in the nooks and crannies formed by slight changes in the course of the river produced many a meal of fine tasting catfish and an occasional smallmouth.

My day ended when I approached the next bridge over the river since this was the only place near the road for miles and since I had to thumb it home, the fishing ended here.

The catalog described many trips into many foreign countries and many resorts in the U.S., but I don't think anyone of them would have given me the pleasure that my little jaunt town, Sycamore Creek and the Miami River gave me those days.

The entire cost of my day on the stream was zero. I realize that things have changed. I now pay \$12 to have my lawn mowed, less in size than the ones I used to mow for a dime. The cheapest reel in the catalog was \$34. That was more than I paid for my whole outfit, clothes, rod reel, line and all.

I guess that is progress though so let it be. I tell you though it's been kind of rough living on a 2011 budget with a 1971 income.

Woody Jackson is a Sebring resident who enjoys writing stories of days gone by.

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Red cockaded woodpecker has unusual preference for old trees



News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

There was a time, in the mid 1980's, that red cockaded woodpeckers were abundant in the pine forests of the southeastern United States. John Audubon reported seeing them in large numbers in his travels. They could be found from Florida to New Jersey, as far west as Texas to Oklahoma and inland to Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee. Today, it is estimated that there are only about 10,000 of these rare birds left. They now range from Florida to Virginia and west to southeast Oklahoma and eastern Texas, representing about one percent of the woodpecker's original range. Red-cockaded woodpeckers are about the size of a cardinal. They are usually about seven inches long with a wing span of about 15 inches. Black and white horizontal stripes decorate the bird's back. The most distinguishing markings on the bird are a black cap and nape that encircle large white cheek patches.

They make their homes in mature pine forests. Their favorite is the long leaf pine trees that average 80 to 120 years old and loblolly pines averaging 70 to 100 years old. Other species of woodpeckers bore out cavities in dead trees where the wood is rotten and soft. The red-cockaded woodpecker is the only species that bores cavities in living pine trees.

Unfortunately, these habits contribute to the beautiful bird's downfall. From the late 1800s to the mid 1900s, the red-cockaded woodpecker rapidly declined as mature pine forest habitats were altered. In 1970, the species was listed as endangered.

The older pines that these woodpeckers favor are sus-

ceptible to a fungus called red heart disease. This tree disorder attacks the center of the trunk, causing the inner wood to become soft. Red heart does not kill the tree and the diseased pines actually attract red cockaded woodpeckers. Pines generally have a few outer inches of soft, sapwood and the majority of the inner portion of the older longleafs is very dense wood called heartwood. The red-cockaded woodpeckers seek out the trees that are suffering from the disease because the inside of the tree is soft and it is easier for them to construct a cavity to live in. This is no quick and easy process however. The disease only attacks older trees and once the mature tree is found by the bird, it takes it anywhere from one to three years to construct a cavity.

Red cockaded woodpeckers are a non-migratory, territorial species. They generally keep the same mate for several years. The female will generally lay from three to four eggs. The young will remain in the nest for about a month. Once they become fledglings, many will remain with their parents and help out with future incubations and raising the young. Each group of woodpeckers has only one breeding pair within it.

Each group needs about

200 acres of old pine forest to support its foraging and nesting habitat needs. The red cockaded woodpeckers eat beetles, ants, roaches, caterpillars, wood-boring insects and spiders. Their main predator is the rat snake, who can climb up trees and devour the eggs and nestlings. They do have a defense though. They chip small holes in the bark of the cavity tree, above and below the cavity. From these holes, resin will ooze down the trunk. When the snake comes in contact with the sap, it sticks to its scales and inhibits the movement, preventing the serpent from climbing any higher. These woodpeckers spend a lot of time and energy every day maintaining these resin wells. If the tree dies, the woodpeckers will move on to another one.

These magnificent birds play a vital role in southern pine forests. Many other creatures use their nest cavities. Larger types of woodpeckers will also utilize the cavities and enlarge them allowing other types of wildlife, such as screech owls, wood ducks and raccoons to move in.

The red cockaded woodpecker once shared its pine forest home with the ivory-billed woodpecker, the largest North American woodpecker. Unfortunately, the ivory-billed woodpecker is now considered extinct. Let us hope that the red cockaded woodpecker will not share the same fate.

Corine Burgess is and 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.

CHALK TALK

Driving classes at SFCC

Special to the News-Sun

South Florida Community College is offering several driver improvement and accident prevention programs.

12-Hour Advanced Basic Driver Improvement Course

South Florida Community College's Community Education Department is offering a 12-hour Advanced Driver Improvement Course for drivers who have a suspended license or who have too many points on their license.

The course will be held Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 24-26, 5:30-9:30 p.m., at the SFCC Hardee Campus, 2968 U.S. 17 N., Bowling Green.

The fee is \$134.

Alcohol Drug Accident Prevention Training

South Florida Community College's Community Education Department is offering a series of Alcohol Drug Accident Prevention Training (ADAPT) courses for first-time driver's license applicants.

The four-hour courses will be held 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14, at the SFCC DeSoto Campus, 2252 N.E. Turner Ave., Arcadia; 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21, at the SFCC Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park; and 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28,

at the SFCC Hardee Campus, 2968 U.S. 17 N., Bowling Green.

The fee is \$35 and may be paid by cash, check, or credit card.

Safe Driving Accident Prevention Program

South Florida Community College's Community Education Department is offering a series of Safe Driving Accident Prevention Program (SPAPP) courses for drivers who have received a traffic citation, were court ordered to attend, or were involved in a traffic accident and issued a ticket.

The four-hour courses will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18, 5:30-9:30 p.m., at the SFCC DeSoto Campus, 2252 N.E. Turner Ave., Arcadia; Saturday, Jan. 21, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the SFCC Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park; and Saturday, Jan. 28, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the SFCC Hardee Campus, 2968 U.S. 17 N., Bowling Green.

The fee is \$40 and may be paid by cash, check, or credit card.

Pre-registration is required for all courses. Participants may register in Building B on the Highlands Campus or at any SFCC campus or center.

For more information, contact the Community Education Department at 453-6661, 465-5300, 494-7500, 773-2252, or 382-6900, ext. 7388.

SFCC offers Parent, Children and Divorce Classes

Special to the News-Sun

South Florida Community College offers Parent, Children, and Divorce Classes for the Spring 2012 Term.

SFCC is the provider of Parent, Children and Divorce (PCD) classes for Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties. This course fulfills the requirement of the administrative order for the Parent Education and Family Stabilization Course as

required in the 10th Judicial Circuit: Section 61.21, Florida Statutes. It is required that both parents complete this course; however, they cannot attend the same class unless both parents sign a written agreement.

The class will be offered Saturday, Jan. 14, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., on the SFCC Highlands Campus, Avon Park; Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., on the SFCC Highlands Campus,

Avon Park; Saturday, March 3, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., on the SFCC Highlands Campus, Avon Park; and Saturday, April 14, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., on the SFCC Hardee Campus, Bowling Green.

The registration fee is \$43. Pre-registration is required 48 hours prior to the class. Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFCC campus or center. For more information, call 863-784-

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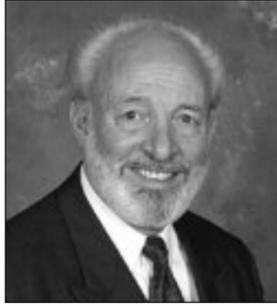
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De Young to speak at Maranatha Bible Conference this week

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Dr. Jimmy De Young will be the guest speaker for the January Bible Conference at Maranatha Baptist Church today through Wednesday. Meetings will be at 6 p.m. each evening and Sunday morning at 9 and 10:15 a.m.

Dr. De Young, best known for his regular appearances on Day of Discovery, has resided in Jerusalem as a journalist much of the past 18 years. He has met with many Middle East leaders, interviewing them concerning current events.

In addition to an active conference ministry, he is heard daily and/or weekly on several radio networks. He holds doctorates from Tennessee Temple University and Louisiana Baptist University and is author of the best selling book



Jimmy DeYoung

Sound the Trumpets. His wife, Judy, will accompany him.

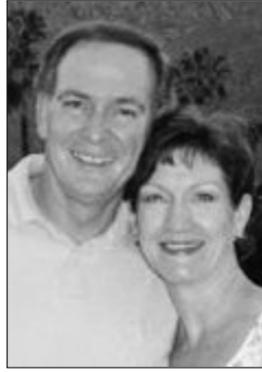
The Maranatha congregation extends a cordial welcome to friends from the community to share in these meetings. The church is in Maranatha Village off Arbuckle Creek Road, two miles east of SR-17N in Sebring. For more information, call 382-4301 or 471-1414.

Gigers in concert at Maranatha Jan. 13

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — The first concert in the Maranatha Baptist Church Winter Concert series will be on Friday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. and will feature the husband and wife duo of John and Mary Giger.

The Gigers serve and encourage their audiences with powerful and skillful singing. They have sung more than 4,000 concerts in churches, universities, crusades, and conventions throughout the United States, Canada, and Great Britain.

The Gigers are accompanied by Colleen Adent, pianist, who is a published arranger and composer and currently maintains a private studio in Vancouver, Wash. where she lives with her husband and three children. She has recently released her first solo CD.



John and Mary Giger

Future concerts will feature the brass ensemble, Artisans in Brass, on Friday, Feb. 24 and the Ditchfield Family Singers on Friday, March 23.

The church is in Maranatha Village off Arbuckle Road, two miles east of SR-17N in Sebring. For more information, call 382-4301 or 382-8594.

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APOSTOLIC

Greater Faith Apostolic Church, 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For information contact (239) 671-0390. Pastor Travis Vanderford.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God), 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Advancing His Coming. "Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

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

BAPTIST

Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. George Hall, Pastor. Christ centered and biblically based. Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available. Bible studies at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Time 6:30 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.

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

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

Fellowship Baptist Church, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax:

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

First Baptist Church of Avon Park, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Scott King, interim youth minister; and Joy Loomis, music director. Regular Sunday schedule: 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Wednesday schedule: 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6:30p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6:00 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. children's mission groups. Call 453-6681 for details. Primera Mision Bautista, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, Johnattan Soltero, Pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 10 a.m., Bible Study; 11 a.m., Worship Service. Wednesday schedule: 7 p.m., Bible study.

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

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

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

First Baptist Church, Sebring, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Bautista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age

6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Southside Baptist Church (GARBC), 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

Spring Lake Baptist Church, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday

School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

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

CATHOLIC

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN

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

Life!" "Alive and Worth the Drive!"

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

First Christian Church, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at www.firstchristianap.com. Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Jon Carter, Music Director. Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

Church of the Brethren, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Gary Lewis and Playboys in concert Feb. 17

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – Gary Lewis and the Playboys will play at the South Florida Community College Theater for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17.

The show is brought to the area by the Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club and is sponsored by Budget Bi Rite Insurance of Avon Park and Nurse On Call of Sebring.

Tickets are available at Heartland Banks, Highland Independent Banks, Wauchula State Banks, Avon Park Chamber of Commerce and Reflections at Silver Lake. Cost is \$30.

Gary brings with him an energetic show featuring some of the classic hits such as “This Diamond Ring,” “Count Me In” and “Save Your Heart For Me.”



Courtesy photo

Gary Lewis and the Playboys are coming to South Florida Community College Theater for the Performing Arts on Feb. 17.

Gary has eight gold single records as well as 17 top 40 hits and 4 gold albums. He was Cash Box Magazine's Male Vocalist of the Year. Call 453-5756.

PMoA curator to lead tour of Hunt Slonem exhibition

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LAKELAND – Polk Museum of Art's curator of Art, Adam Justice, will lead a tour of the exhibition of Hunt Slonem paintings, “An Expressive Nature,” from 12:15-1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20. The tour is free with regular Museum admission.

“An Expressive Nature” will be on exhibition at the Museum through March 24.

For more information on the tour, please call (863) 688-5423, or visit www.PolkMuseumofArt.org/events.

The museum is one of the Top 10 art museums in the state of Florida, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the only art museum accredited by the American Association of Museums serving the 561,000 residents of Polk County. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays

through Saturdays; 1-5 p.m. Sundays; and closed Mondays and major holidays.

Admission is free for Museum members. General admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors (62 and older). Children and students with student IDs are admitted for free. Special exhibition fees may apply. Admission is free to all from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday mornings.

Point-and-shoot photography workshop

LAKELAND – Learn to take better-looking photos and get the most out of your point-and-shoot digital camera at a beginner-level workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Polk Museum of Art. The class will be taught by Gregory Mills, a professional photographer and the Museum's

exhibits and technology manager.

Class participants will learn principles of composition, how to pose a subject and how to avoid common mistakes. The class also will cover how basic photo editing. Students are encouraged to bring examples of their photos that did not turn out well so the class can discuss how to correct those mistakes. Students should bring their cameras and, optionally, a laptop for the photo-editing discussion.

Class is limited to 15 students. The cost is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members, and pre-registration is required. Registration is available online. Students should bring their own lunch.

For more information or to ask the instructor questions, please visit GregoryMills.com.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

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

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

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. 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.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

■ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Rev. Gary Kindel, 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.

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service,

Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

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

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA),** 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. 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; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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

bells, 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. Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship.** Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meet-

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office, 465-2422 or www.memorialumc.com. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313. ■ **St. John United Methodist Church,** 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Kahl presents 'Musical Journey Through Florida'

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – During the first performance of South Florida Community College's Kaleidoscope Series, folk artist Chris Kahl presents his "Musical Journey Through Florida," a program for music and history buffs alike, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20 in the SFCC University Center Auditorium.

Kahl brings his Floridiana style of music to the stage with a blend of acoustic folk and Florida themes. A native of the Space Coast of Florida, Kahl grew up just miles from the NASA launchpads. He started performing steadily around Central Florida during the late 1990s and released his self-titled debut to rave reviews in the press.

After graduating from Rollins College, he continued his musical journey in London for the next few years where he gigged constantly in clubs and busked nightly in the subways of the London Underground. He was met by enthusiastic audi-

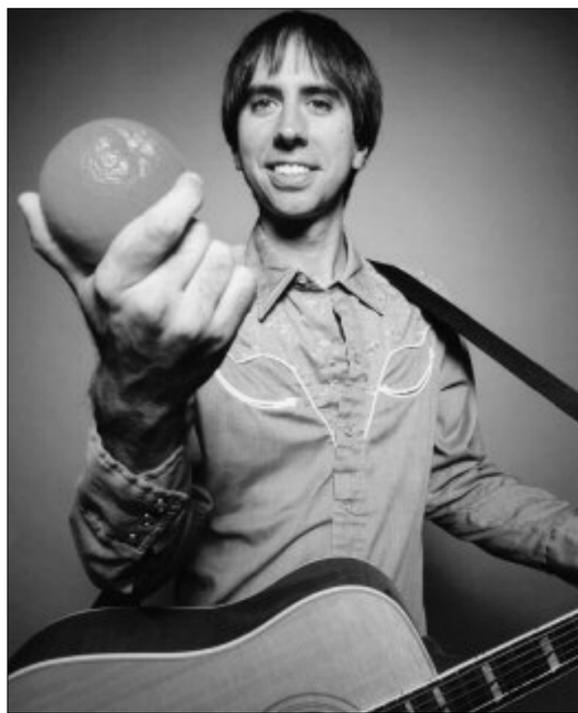
ences while touring the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Germany, and performed live numerous times on British TV and radio, including the BBC.

After returning to Florida, Kahl released the album *Orange Blossom Memories* in 2006. In this nostalgic ode to his home state, he includes not only songs about the Florida good life but of the state's history as well.

His song "Floridiana Hotel" was honored as one of the Top 10 New Florida Songs of 2006. He followed that up in 2007 with his songs "Native Land" and "Ballad of Harry Morgan," both placing in the top 10.

His newest Florida-themed album, *Sunshine Kid*, was released in March 2009. This album contains "Out on Cedar Key," which was a winner of the Will McLean Florida Songwriting Contest.

Kahl also works as an Artist in Residence with Brevard County Schools to teach Florida history and songwriting to elementary



Courtesy photo
Chris Kahl will be in concert at SFCC on Jan. 20.

school students, along with the Florida State Touring Roster, and the Scholars in Schools program.

The SFCC Kaleidoscope Series Season sponsors are Sebring Pain Management and Rehabilitation Center Inc., and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Campbell. The performance sponsor is Wells Motor Company.

Ticket prices are \$12 and

\$15 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 784-7178 or by visiting the SFCC Box Office from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday in the front of the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 W. College Drive.

Art, science and conservation come together at Archbold

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – From Jan. 12 through Jan. 29, a selection of the Celebration of the Lake Wales Ridge Art Exhibit, on loan from South Florida Community College's Museum of Florida Arts and Culture, will be on display in the Event Lobby at the Frances Archbold Hufty Learning Center, Archbold Biological Station.

This multi-media exhibit celebrating the one-of-a-kind "Ancient Islands" of the Lake Wales Ridge, includes sculptures by David Price, photographs by Carlton Ward and John Moran, and wood cuts by Mollie Doctrow. Archbold is proud to have two of its program directors, Reed Bowman and Mark Deyrup, among the contributors.

Mollie Doctrow, curator of the Museum of Florida Arts and Culture, explained the entire exhibit was made possible with a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and with the support of South Florida Community College and Archbold Biological Station.

The exhibit will be open on select days and times from Jan. 12-29. The public is welcome. Thursday, Jan. 12 and Tuesday, Jan. 24 the

exhibit will be open from 4-6 p.m., Fridays are from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Sundays are from 2-4 p.m. After closing at Archbold Biological Station, the exhibit will move to Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales.

In conjunction with the Celebration of the Lake Wales Ridge Art Exhibit, Archbold Biological Station plans to inaugurate three new wildflower shrine boxes in the landscape surrounding the Learning Center. These are part of the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail designed and implemented by Doctrow. She was "inspired by several sources in creating this exhibit, from humble wayside shrines found at the base of a tree in India to the fragile beauty of the scrub habitat."

The shrine boxes feature woodcuts of the Scrub Blazing Star, Lake Placid Scrub Balm, and Wedgeleaf Button Snakeroot, three endangered plants found at Archbold.

Archbold Biological Station is eight miles south of Lake Placid on Old State Road 8 (County Road 17).

There is no admission price for the exhibit or the shrine trail but donations to Archbold Biological Station are welcome.

Bokis is Co-op's January Artist of Month

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – William (Bill) Bokis has been named the January 2012 Artist of the Month by the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative.

For more than 20 years Bokis owned and operated two Folk and Rock and Roll saloons in Connecticut. After they were sold in 1981, he and his family moved to South Florida.

Once there, he became part of the family restaurant in Fort Lauderdale, eventually becoming the head chef and creator of an eclectic Italian menu and "specials" for which the restaurant was known. Wife Susan proudly says that "Bill was just as creative in the kitchen as he is with his art."

After 17 years in the kitchen, Bill retired and he and Susan moved to Lake Placid. Once settled here, he finally had time to pursue his love of creating art from wood, wire and found pieces of nature. He is very happy to have the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative available to showcase his work.

Stop by the Caladium Co-op to see Bill's creative artwork at 132 E. Interlake Blvd. For further information call 314-8442 or visit the website at www.caladiumarts.org.



Courtesy photo
William (Bill) Bokis has been named the January 2012 Artist of the Month by the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative.

Novak offers classes

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – Jeni Novak is offering a number of classes at the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative, 132 E. Interlake Blvd., in the coming weeks.

Some of those classes include:

- Terry Madden Watercolor Classes (Novak is a certified Terry Madden teacher) – Beginners from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays; Intermediate from 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays; Advanced from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays; All Levels

from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays. - Drawing from the Right Side of the Brain – This is an eight-week course beginning in January. It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays.

- Clay Puzzling – This class is for all levels and will be held from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Free Form Clay – You must have taken the first clay puzzling class. This class will be held from 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

Call the Co-op at 699-5940 or Jeni Novak at 273-9098.

Attend the Church of Your Choice!



Inspirational Thoughts by Patricia Valentine

Deuteronomy 1:8, "See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give to them and their descendants after them." God explained to the Israelites that

they were about to enter the Promised Land in fulfillment of his promises to their fore-fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Regardless of their actions, however God always keeps his promises in the end. Read God's word and claim his promises for your life. The rainbow stands as a reminder of God's faithfulness, that he will keep his promises. A promise is a guarantee that something will happen. A promise is only as good as the person who makes it. A person who has broken promise after promise cannot be trusted. Most people try to keep their promises, but that doesn't always happen. They may forget or get distracted or change their minds. In a world of broken promises, God's promises are certain. He never forgets, he never makes a promise he does not intend to keep, he never changes his mind. As we enter this New Year, let's stand on God's promises. There may be dark clouds of troubles and trials but remember, God's certain promises give us hope and comfort. Get in the word of God and seek to know the promises which belong to the children of God. The promises are there for you, but you will never walk into your promise if you don't know what they are. Enjoy the promises of God in this New Year. **Be Blessed!**

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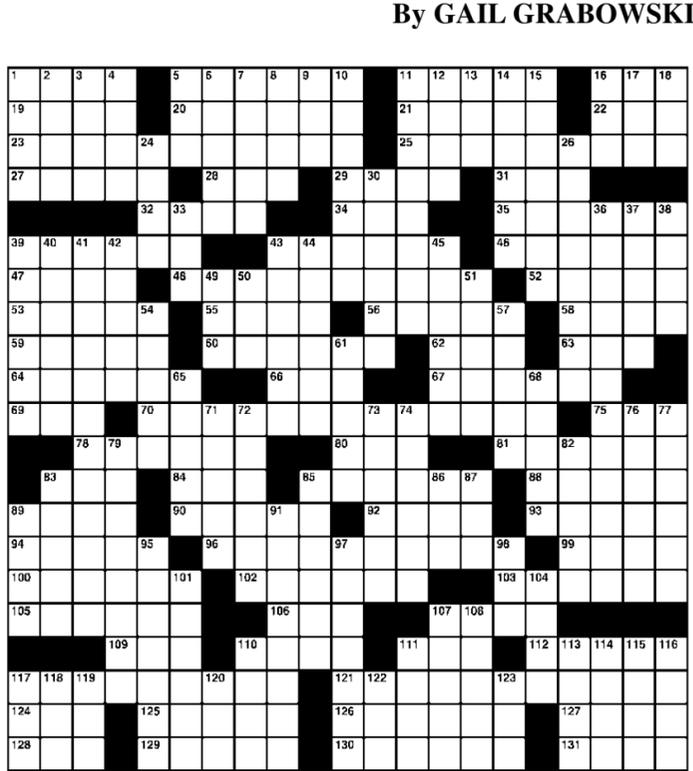
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 - 20 Cause of some droughts
 - 21 Offer one's thoughts
 - 22 Lace (into)
 - 23 Lasagna ingredient
 - 25 Vogue publisher
 - 27 Dogie catcher
 - 28 So yesterday
 - 29 Quaint curse
 - 31 Purpose
 - 32 Field workers?
 - 34 Raymond James Stadium player, familiarly
 - 35 Barely progresses
 - 39 Many a ski house
 - 43 Gulf of Bothnia winter phenomenon
 - 46 More chilling
 - 47 Halifax hold
 - 48 "Beowulf" language
 - 52 Prefix with -frice
 - 53 Leafy recess
 - 55 Late notice?
 - 56 Recorded, in a way
 - 58 Nutritional figs.
 - 59 Good thing to avoid in public
 - 60 How to enjoy some amusement park water rides
 - 62 Somme soul
 - 63 Asian holiday
 - 64 Golfer Garcia
 - 66 Prior to
 - 67 Cell in a network
 - 69 Ideal conclusion?
 - 70 Arrival of royalty, say
 - 75 Place for a peel
 - 78 Words to one on the way out
 - 80 Bygone intl. carrier
 - 81 Relief givers
 - 83 Crunch unit
 - 84 With it
 - 85 Appeared in a big way
 - 88 Marathon measures
 - 89 Scoop holder
 - 90 Where to find a lot of corned beef
 - 92 Marine predator
 - 93 Mosey
 - 94 In ___: stuck
 - 96 "Works for me"
 - 99 Surveyor's drawing
 - 100 Take out, in a way
 - 102 Prepared to eavesdrop
 - 103 Mends, as a bad stitching job
 - 105 Comedian's sidekick
 - 106 Part of a line: Abbr.
 - 107 Port container
 - 109 Flying fig.
 - 110 Haywire
 - 111 Recede
 - 112 WWII torpedo vessel
 - 117 Business identifier
 - 121 Scraps
 - 124 Sharer's word
 - 125 Delta preceder
 - 126 Provided with temporarily
 - 127 Frenzied
 - 128 Comforting companion
 - 129 Game trail
 - 130 Scoundrels
 - 131 Meddle (in)
- DOWN**
- 1 Yuk it up
 - 2 Rossini specialty
 - 3 Watch displays, briefly
 - 4 Hose fillers
 - 5 1906 Runabout, e.g.
 - 6 Unfriendly
 - 7 River near Karachi
 - 8 It builds up in channels
 - 9 Having four sharps
 - 10 Feeder with fodder
 - 11 Italian flatbread
 - 12 It can help you carry a tune
 - 13 "Collages" novelist



Solution on page 8B

- 14 Bring about
- 15 Blows a gasket
- 16 Victorian ___
- 17 PX patrons
- 18 Decline, with "out"
- 24 Par
- 26 Not as far from
- 30 Word often preceding a sentence
- 33 Job ad abbr.
- 36 Concert band
- 37 Sic on
- 38 Hindu honorifics
- 39 2006 tennis retiree
- 40 Some comedies
- 41 "Little Fockers" co-star
- 42 As a companion
- 43 Took by force
- 44 Complete
- 45 Albéniz composition "Cantos de ___"
- 49 Hi-tech titter
- 50 Corp. alias
- 51 Study dudes
- 54 Hold sway
- 57 Court tie
- 61 Slowly, to Mozart
- 65 Grass-B-Gon maker
- 68 Bit of gaucho gear
- 71 Sitting in a cask, say
- 72 "Consider it done"
- 73 Score in a pitcher's duel, perhaps
- 74 Accomplish using force
- 76 Future litigator's study
- 77 Items of value
- 79 Speed demon's delight
- 82 Fools
- 83 Assembly line worker
- 85 Cook that might be cooked
- 86 Old French coin
- 87 Former U.N. leader Hammarskjöld
- 89 Hotel entrance lineup
- 91 "Is that a promise?"
- 95 Angled fairways
- 97 Crème brûlée ingredient
- 98 Time pieces: Abbr.
- 101 Moist towelette
- 104 Barely managed, with "out"
- 107 "The Mentalist" ailer
- 108 Taper off
- 110 Shells and such
- 111 Flamboyant Dame
- 113 Smile from ear to ear
- 114 Tab-grabber's words
- 115 Fusses
- 116 Chiding sounds
- 117 Tank or tee
- 118 Regret
- 119 Display on the wall
- 120 Latin lover's word
- 122 Secret retreat hidden in this puzzle's nine longest answers
- 123 Phone bk. info

Going the wrong way is dangerous



Pause And Consider
Jan Merop

It was early morning, but daylight had already broken through. We were driving north on Highway 27 in the middle lane. Suddenly a police car in the right lane of traffic began moving over with his lights flashing.

As he continued to move left and drive slowly, we wondered what was going on. And then we saw it.

Across the divider in the southbound left lane, a car was slowly driving north!

After a sharp intake of breath, I prayed that a head-on collision be avoided. We watched as car after stunned car noticed the disoriented driver and moved over.

Naturally, we had to continue on our way and we hope the authorities were able to get there, redirect traffic and take care of the problem before an accident occurred.

My husband, Ken and I came up with various ideas of why this lady was driving on the wrong side of the highway. Maybe, we thought, she had exited a store and somehow failed to go fully across the highway. Maybe she didn't have the full capability she once had for driving and had been warned not to. We'll never know.

But, whatever the reason, her actions could have had severe consequences. We wonder if she suffered the revoking of her license and a fine.

In our lives, we are presented with many choices each day. Sometimes we may make some foolish decisions. Other times we may deliberately and stubbornly choose a way that is ill-advised and which we know will hold dire consequences.

In our culture today, we often hear advice that says to do whatever you want to as long as you don't hurt anyone. What syrupy and false advice that is. It plays into our selfish emotions while ignoring the truth.

Our actions do affect other people and the sooner we realize that the better off we and others will be. The problem seems to be that right and wrong have gotten blended together so that some people can't differentiate.

But, the Bible issues many warnings that express a clear line between right and wrong as it paints a picture of contrasts; such as in Isaiah 5:20, NIV, where it says, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."

Thank God for his Word that has been given for our benefit and his glory. Choose the right way. Going the wrong way is dangerous. Selah.

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Watch the lure of shopping, Gemini

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 20) — Aries, you may have trouble connecting with family this week. You are very busy with personal issues and other obligations. It may seem frustrating, but keep your head up.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — Taurus, you have a generous spirit, but sometimes you can be just a little bit too generous. Don't go overboard this week when buying gifts for those close to you.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — Gemini, you have always been very practical when it comes to matters of finance. Sometimes, however, the lure of shopping can try your resolve.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Cancer, you are in a high point in your career, and you don't want to lose the momentum. But you could feel pulled in too many directions this week to impact the job.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) — You have unusually low levels of energy this week, Leo. There isn't much you can do about it other than prioritize your tasks so you can accomplish the most pressing things.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Virgo, any trips that you are planning this week could be delayed by some mechanical difficulties. You'll get there eventually, but it could take a while.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Libra, don't take anything at face value this week and try to avoid gossip as much as possible. This is achieved by surrounding yourself with gracious people.

Snapshots

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You are bound to have a good time this week, Scorpio. It's because you will be spending time with your family. Enjoy as much time together as you can, including a good meal.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — This is the ideal week to stay inside as much as possible and read or get busy work taken care of. Although it may not be exciting, it doesn't require a lot of energy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Capricorn, this week you may have plans to spend some romantic evenings at home with your partner, but things don't always work out as expected. Schedule more time later.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — Aquarius, it may seem like the walls are closing in on you, but that's just because you need a change of scenery. Trade in dull responsibilities for something else.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Pisces, this week you may find it difficult to concentrate. This is out of character for you, but everyone has an off-day.

Notable birthdays

Jan. 8 — David Bowie, singer, 65; Jan. 9 — Dutchess Catherine, royalty, 30; Jan. 10 — Rod Stewart, singer, 66; Jan. 11 — Amanda Peet, actress, 40; Jan. 12 — Andy Lawrence, actor, 24; Jan. 13 — Orlando Bloom, actor, 35; Jan. 14 — Jason Bateman, actor, 43.

Address book names unlock mother-in-law's memories

Dear Abby: Several years ago my mother-in-law had to be placed in a nursing care residence because of dementia. When I visited her, it became more and more difficult to find things to talk about, until one day I came across her old address book. The idea struck me to take it with me each time I visited her, and what a success it was!

I started at the beginning of the "A" section, giving her a name and asking her to tell me about that person. She remembered a lot about most of the people in the book and related wonderful stories of friendships in rural America during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Of course, there were hardships, too. She and my father-in-law worked side-by-side on the farm to support their family.

Our "story time" visits continued until full-blown Alzheimer's disease set in. I only hope she enjoyed our times together as much as I did. They were special to me, and I'd always leave the nursing home with a smile.

— *Found a Way in Kansas*

Dear Found a Way: I'm sure your mother-in-law

enjoyed those visits, and what a treasure trove of family history she must have shared with you. Please write down all the stories you remember for the rest of the family because they are priceless. Your idea was brilliant, and thank you for sharing it with me and my readers.

Dear Abby: I have recently become engaged. I have been planning this day since I was a little girl. My problem is my mother. She's a little bit of a control freak. She plans to pay for the wedding — which is nice and I appreciate it — but at the same time I feel like she's ignoring my plans and substituting hers. Every time I tell her what I'd like, she tries to persuade me to do what she wants.

I even tried once being rude and telling her that she has had four weddings and this one is mine, but she got defensive when I tried to be frank with her. I feel like nothing I suggest is good enough. I don't want to spoil this for her because I'm her



Dear Abby

only daughter, but I don't want her spoiling it for me because hopefully this will be my only wedding.

— *Losing Patience in Louisiana*

Dear Losing Patience: This may not be what you would like me to say, but as long as your mother is footing the bills for your wedding, she will have some say in the planning.

If you prefer to make this a one-woman production — and that's your privilege — thank her warmly for her generous offer and tell her you can't accept it, and that you will be planning and paying for your wedding yourself.

Dear Abby: I work in a small, quiet office. My boss sits at the desk across from me and spends a great deal of time biting his nails. The noise drives me crazy and turns an otherwise pleasant work experience into a stressful one.

I've tried turning up the radio, to no avail. Do you have any suggestions on how

Sheen donates \$25K to Alabama tornado relief

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Actor Charlie Sheen quietly donated \$25,000 to help tornado relief in Alabama, making good on a pledge to help survivors of the deadly twisters even though some had doubted his promises.

The head of Tuscaloosa's tourism agency, Don Staley, said a representative of Sheen recently turned over money that came in

through a fundraising website that the actor set up after tornadoes last spring killed about 250 people in Alabama, including 52 in the west Alabama city.

Sheen wrote a check for about \$15,000 after the website generated just \$10,000 in contributions.

"He said he wanted to raise \$25,000, and he made good on that," said Bob Maron, one of Sheen's managers.

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