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New to the FACA Hall of Fame



Photo courtesy of former News-Sun Sports Editor Lucy Derkman
Legendary Avon Park High School football coach Joe Franza, who passed away in 2005, is being inducted Saturday in the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Franza's induction is Saturday

By DAN HOEHNE
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Avon Park coaching legend Joe Franza will take his place among the greats in the annals of Florida athletics tomorrow as he will be inducted into the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort.

Franza will be among seven that were nominated by their peers, reviewed by the FACA Awards Committee and voted on by the FACA Board of Directors.

The seven inductees are George Coffey, Kissimmee-Osceola, Softball; David Frantz, Lakewood Ranch, Golf; Phil Hayford, St. Pete-Shorecrest Prep/Canterbury School,

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News-Sun file photo
A young Coach Joe Franza at Memorial Field where he started his coaching career at Avon Park High School.

Woman charged in baby's death

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — Sandra Michelle Jackson, 25, was taken into custody by the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Tuesday.

Jackson lives on Hal Mcrae Loop.

Late on the night of June 6 and early morning of June 7, a 911 medical call for assistance came from the residence.

Avon Park police and the county Emergency Medical Service arrived at the two-story townhouse apartment to find a dead infant, just under 10 months of age. There was no sign of blunt force trauma. Cause of death was not immediately apparent. Because the baby was in full rigor and cold, the boy had probably been dead several hours before the 911 call was made, according to reports. Jackson was allegedly visiting a friend and not at home at the time.

Jackson's other three children aged 4, 3 and 2 were present.



Jackson

According to the probable cause report from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, first responders found the apartment in near total disarray — clothes strewn everywhere, filthy bedding, cigarette butts and ashes ground into the carpet, food encrusted plates and spoiled food left all over, including on the floor. A baby bottle was found in the playpen filled with applesauce. The kitchen was filthy.

In addition, the house was infested with cockroaches. The report states, "The infestation was so pronounced that within the refrigerator, where uncovered food was stored, both live and dead cockroaches were observed."

The children all showed signs of insect feeding. According to the report, "These areas are best described 'stripping' the outer layer of skin from the body.

The 10-month-old baby was found to have dirt in skin folds of his neck and armpit areas. According to the report, his arms and legs did not appear to be as developed as they should have been. He was underweight for his age, appearing emaciated. The report indicates his body weight at death was only slightly higher than his birth weight. The autopsy showed the

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2013 Heartland Idol kicks off Feb. 7

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — As the *News-Sun* reported last October, the Heartland Idol has a new home at the Highlands Family YMCA.

"The Y contacted us. Once we saw the place we went, 'Wow,'" said Diana Walker, the founder of the Heartland Idol talent contest. Performances will be held in the basketball pavilion.

This is the third venue for the popular talent show that attracts local singers and those from outside the county.

Born on the Historic Circle, the multiple day event dealt with problems in scheduling and bad weather from its beginning. Reluctantly, organizers quit the park as a venue.

In 2011, Idol was held at the Highlands County Convention Center as part of the county fair. People, however, were disappointed it was only a two-day event.

This year the fair and Heartland Idol had conflicting dates, Walker said, besides, the Idol really wanted a perma-

nent home.

"This is why the agreement with the Y is such a relief. We're not homeless anymore," Walker said.

The organizers decided on another change and moved the event to February and March. "There will be no rain delays," Walker said, "and it might not be as hot."

"We're still sticking to Thursday evenings," Walker added. "The Idol Cafe will remain open, and it's still bring-your-own-lawn-chair," she said.

Idol will start accepting participant applications on Monday. Go to Keiber Law Offices at 129 S. Commerce Ave. in Sebring, and ask for Debbie Latimer. There is a \$10 entrance fee.

The contest itself begins Feb. 7.

A phone line will be opened soon. In the meantime, contact Walker by email at diana_party4U@live.com.

There are three age divisions: adult, 18 and up; teen, 13-17; and junior, 12 and younger.

A one-day senior contest is held for those 60 and older.



News-Sun file photo
Applications can be picked up Monday for the 2013 Heartland Idol competition, which will take place at the Highlands Family YMCA. This year's contest begins Feb. 7 and will have three age divisions. A one-day senior contest is planned for those 60 and older.

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Avon Park's MLK Festival bigger, better

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK – The commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. has become a tradition throughout America with many cities and communities celebrating King's life and legacy.

The city of Avon Park and its residents are gearing up for another year of celebration and servanthood for its week long 2013 MLK Festival.

The five-day event runs Jan. 17-21 and is packed with numerous events and activities to recognize the life and hard work of MLK and focuses solely on bringing together people of all different backgrounds.

The Avon Park Southside Community Redevelopment Agency Chairman Gerald Snell is excited about heading the event for the second year.

"We want to continue to move forward," Snell said. "He (MLK) wasn't just about equal rights for blacks; he was about equality for all."

With a full schedule of events, this year's MLK Festival has become the biggest in the city's history. The festival was started many



News-Sun file photo

The approaching Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, brings citizens throughout Highlands County of all colors and creeds together. Residents will once again celebrate the life of MLK Jr. throughout the county and the city of Avon Park. The MLK Festival events will take place from January 18-21. For more information contact the Southside CRA District Chairman Gerald Snell at 873-6698.

years ago by Beatrice Peterson. Originally taking shape as a memorial walk, the MLK event grew over the years and was coordinated under multiple individuals and organizations. After the Heritage Committee took up the task of coordination, the walk turned into more of a parade, according to Snell.

For the past two years however, the Southside CRA has headed the festival and is planning to take it to new heights.

First up on the festival agenda is the networking banquet. The banquet will be held Thursday throughout the day at the newly opened Super Chicken at 123 W.

Main St.

Day two of the festival provides local students an opportunity to showcase their writing and speaking skills at the oratorical contest on Friday, Jan. 18. The contest will feature Avon Park Middle and High School

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Soldier's selfless spirit comes home

Jennifer Clarke was busy managing a Michigan grocery store when she got a phone call from her husband. He told her she needed to come home from work.

"I said 'I can't leave, I'm in charge of the store,'" Jennifer told The Unknown Soldiers. "Then I remember plain as day, my husband said 'Jennifer, there are two men here in military uniforms.'"

Jennifer's heart dropped as she let go of the phone and ran out the door. Her son, Pfc. Shane Cantu, was in Afghanistan, and all that the military mom wanted was for him to come home alive.

"Please, let my son only be injured," the tearful mother said as she drove home in a panic.

When she walked into her Corunna, Mich., home, a young soldier tried to maintain his composure while delivering an official casualty notification from the U.S. Army.

"Not my boy," Jennifer replied. "He's coming home, right?"

"No ma'am," the solemn soldier replied. "He was killed in action in Afghanistan on Aug. 28, 2012."

Jennifer, hoping she would soon wake from a nightmare, collapsed on the floor.

"You just don't think things like this will hit close to your community," she said.

According to the Department of Defense, Pfc. Cantu, 20, died after he was wounded by shrapnel in eastern Afghanistan. He was serving with the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, based in Vicenza, Italy.

As the grieving mother reflected less than five months after her only son's death, Jennifer spoke of the last time she corresponded with Shane, who knew his young life was in peril.

"It's getting crazy over here, mom," the soldier said. "I can't promise you I'll be home."

Those difficult words will always be with Jennifer, who knows her son's last days were filled with anguish. On Aug. 15, less than two weeks before Shane's death, his close friend and fellow soldier, Pfc. Andrew Keller, 22,



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Clarke

Jennifer Clarke embraces her son, U.S. Army Pfc. Shane Cantu, 20, of Corunna, Mich. The soldier died in Afghanistan on Aug. 28, 2012, of wounds suffered when he was struck by shrapnel.



was killed by enemy small arms fire, according to the Pentagon. Shane, who wrote a stirring eulogy in Afghanistan that his mom would later deliver to Pfc. Keller's family, blamed himself.

"I told him you have to stay strong," Jennifer said.

Shane, a former high school football star, joined the Army to better his country. But as he told his mother after boot camp, he also wanted to better himself.

"He hugged me, told me he loved me, and said 'Mom, this was the best thing I ever could have done for myself,'" Jennifer said.

The soldier's mother said that Shane, who was known for his smile and sense of humor, wanted to serve in Afghanistan so badly that he broke down and cried after a prior deployment was cancelled.

"I didn't join the Army to sit back and watch," Shane said. "I joined to be a leader."

Instead of waiting for a future opportunity, Shane pleaded his case to an Army officer. The First Lieutenant, who immediately saw the

young soldier's potential, would later tell Jennifer how much Shane impressed him.

"It's men like him that make our country strong," the officer said.

When Shane eventually left for Afghanistan in July 2012, Jennifer, like any caring mother, was deeply concerned.

"I was heartbroken, but I knew that's where he needed to be," she said. "As his mother, I stood behind him and I stood proud."

Jennifer will always stand behind her son, who hoped to become a U.S. marshal when his military career concluded. To honor Shane's memory, Jennifer has set up a scholarship fund through the Shiawassee Community Foundation to assist students pursuing law enforcement careers.

Pfc. Shane Cantu was 9 years old when America was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001. Yet while growing from boy to man, he developed a devotion to family and freedom that's inspired Americans

Correction

Due to a typographical error in Wednesday's editorial, the per diem amount a state legislator receives while attending the session was incorrect.

The correct per diem amount is \$133.

The amount reported for a 60-day legislative session, \$7,980, is correct.

The News-Sun regrets the error and appreciates the opportunity to set the record straight.

across all walks of life.

"I get notes saying, 'Thank you for your sacrifices,'" the fallen hero's mom said. "I walk into stores and people hug me and say 'God bless your family.'"

On Sept. 6, Jennifer Clarke watched in awe as hundreds lined Michigan streets to honor the arrival of Shane's flag-draped casket. While her son didn't come home alive, Shane's proud mother realized that his selfless spirit most certainly did.

"This is for my boy," she said.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown Sebring hosts U.S. Aviation Expo Kick Off party

SEBRING — Destination Downtown Sebring celebrates the January theme "Flying High Health & Wellness" with a special U.S. Aviation Expo Kick-off party from 5-8 p.m. today that is free for the public to attend.

Aircraft will invade Downtown Sebring and be on display during the party. Come see light aircraft on display, enjoy wine tasting, food vendors, live musical performances by Free 4AM and The Flying Musicians Association, model aircraft assembly demonstration by Michael's and a 5 p.m.

Downtown Sebring Flyover. Join us in Downtown Sebring to review some of the exciting things you will see at the Expo. Discounted tickets to the Expo will be available for purchase. For information, visit the event's Facebook Event Page.

East and West Center Avenue will be closed from Wall Street to Circle Park Drive at 5 p.m., in conjunction with the event. All road closures will be reopened by 9 p.m.

Questions pertaining to the kick-off event may be directed to Lora Todd of Plan B Promotions at 381-6467. Questions relating to the road closure may be directed to Karl Hoglund of the Sebring Police Department by telephone at 471-5108 or by e-mail at karlhoglund@mysebring.com.

American Legion plan oratorical

AVON PARK — The American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park will be having an oratorical at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, in the auditorium of Avon Park High School. The subject of the oratorical will be on the Constitution of the United States.

This will consist of two parts; first, an eight to 10-minute presentation on emphasis to the duties and obligations of a citizen to

our government. The second part is a three to five-minute presentation on a topic drawn on one of the four topics. Article II, section 1, paragraph 5, No person except a natural born citizen can be president. Amendment 22, First sentence No person shall be elected to the office of President more than twice. Amendment 2, A well regulated Militia being necessary. Amendment 24, the right of A Citizen of the United States to vote in any primary election for President.

The community is invited to attend.

Red Neck Joe plays at Moose Lodge

SEBRING — The Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 on U.S. 98 are having an evening of music with Red Neck Joe from 6 to 10 p.m. today. The standard menu is offered from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and a corned beef and cabbage dinner is the special for \$8. Members and guests are welcome.

Happy Days play at Reflections

AVON PARK — Reflections on Silver Lake will host a dance featuring Happy Days, a band specializing in the music of the '50s and '60s. The dance will be held from 7:30-10:30 p.m. today. Cost is \$5.

Take your own drinks and snacks; ice will be provided. For more information, call 452-5037.

Golden Era Band at dance club

SEBRING — The Highlands Social Dance Club will host the music of the Golden Era, a 14-piece orchestra, from 7-9:30 p.m. today at the Senior Center, 3400 Sebring Parkway. Snacks and sandwiches will be available; bring your own beverage.

Admission for members is \$5; for non-members, \$7. Dress is smart casual. Everyone is welcome.

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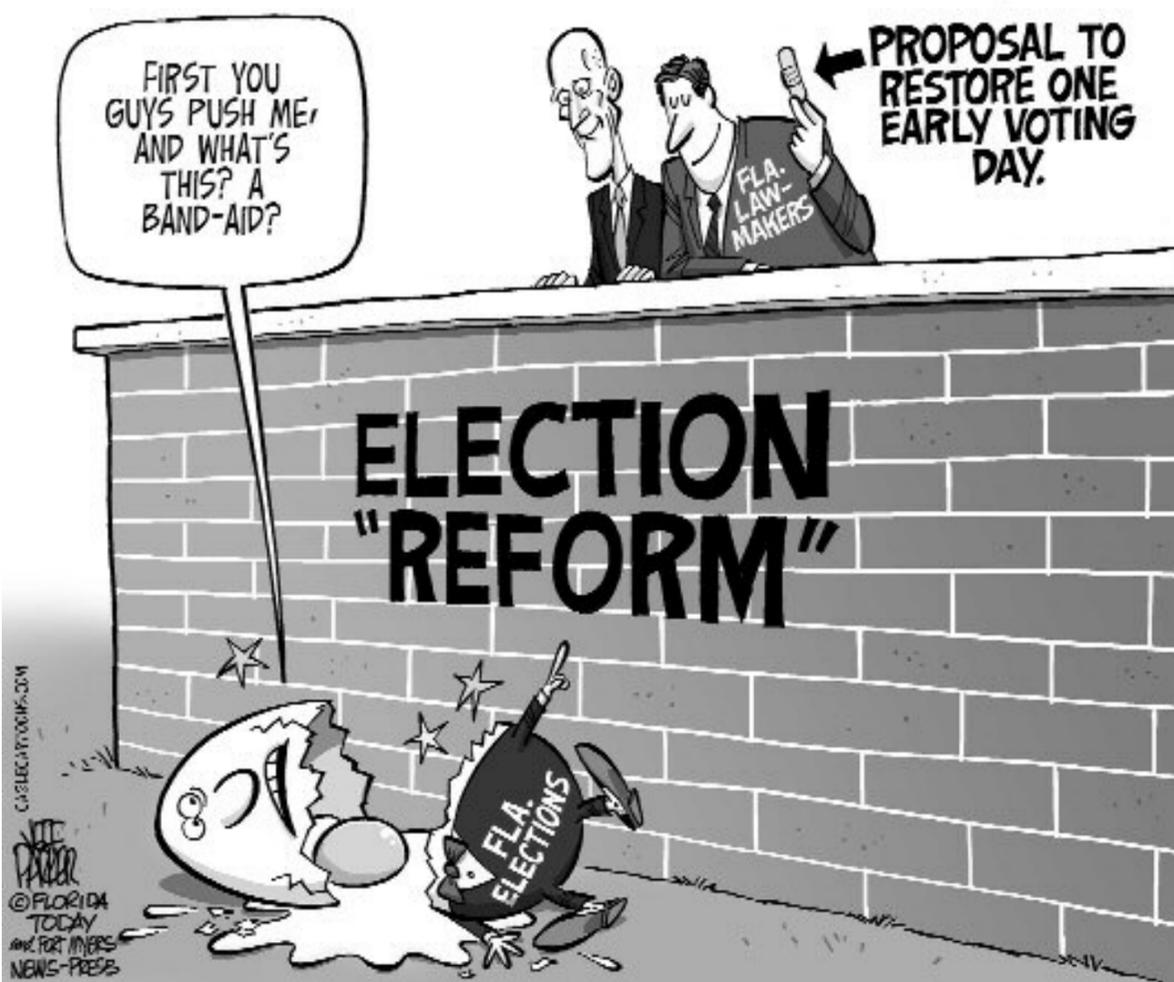
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EDITORIAL & OPINION



TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Right to know vs good judgment

We are first to promote access to public records, but a newspaper also has to use good judgment with that freedom.

Recently, a New York state newspaper, the *Journal News*, stirred more controversy last month by publishing the names and addresses, complete with map, of handgun permit owners. All the records were public and accessible to anyone who wished to retrieve it.

But the question is why?

The information did not really serve any purpose other than to increase the controversy. Publishing that information was ill advised and could even lead to more problems in the future. It definitely widened the gap between

the opposing sides of gun control.

In fact, several of the names were law enforcement, prison guards, first responders and others of those who put their lives on the line everyday to serve and protect.

Nice to know that the inmate you are guarding read your home address during library privileges.

Just because you can, and the information is available, it is not always advisable to lay it out there.

The information about sex is readily available to anyone who has a TV or computer, but do you go about

showing explicit pictures to first-graders? Certainly not.

When all the yelling happens, it is the media's job to report and record. It is responsible to ask each side for their opinion and facts. Not hand the mob rocks then report the mob threw the rocks.

When a news agency seeks to enflame rather than enlighten, then it has truly over-stepped the bounds of good taste and ethical consideration. Even if the information is public.

Information is power, but all power must be tempered with good judgment.

We at the *News-Sun* believe you can support the public's right to know without endangering the public.

Is it time to repeal Presidential Term Limits?

The experts are giving it little chance of passage, but H.J. Resolution 15 is stirring a lot of talk.

U.S. Rep. Jose Serrano (D-NY) has (once again) introduced a resolution to repeal the 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. If the resolution is approved by Congress and ratified by the states, it would once again allow a president to serve more than two four-year terms.

Doomsayers are already up in arms about the possibilities of an American monarchy. They fear an individual would become permanently entrenched in the office, either by clever abuse of power or by our just getting used to him, like that irregularly shaped mole on your back that you keep meaning to do something about. ("I swear, I'm voting that guy out of office next time — ooo, there's a Three Stooges marathon on cable!")

Yeah, right. The freedom to run multiple grueling reelection campaigns is Number One on the wish list of would-be tyrants in Third World nations. ("Let's see...I could pump millions into a never-ending series of campaign ads — or I could pump hot lead into my predecessor and any opposition. *Sigh* Decisions, decisions.")

Other voters fear that even the most honorable chief executive would inevitably outlive his "sell-by" date.

Tyrades!

Danny Tyree

Instead of traveling everywhere with Air Force One, he'd travel everywhere with Fiber One. He'd have to get his grandkids to help him figure out how to press the launch-the-nukes button. When he sought to buy our votes with goodies, he'd do it in a trench coat, near the playground.

Of course some of the behind-the-scenes manipulators would never be satisfied. ("Y'know, if we replaced his blood with that stuff they used to put in Twinkies, he'd probably have another two or three terms of shelf life.")

Perhaps those squeamish about the resolution would be pacified if it provided for a gradual decline of presidential perks each time a

president was re-elected. Besides reductions in salary and medical care, this could include changing the Lincoln bedroom linens only once every fourscore and seven years or secretly replacing one random Secret Service agent's gun with a Super Soaker.

We could also find ways to handicap the incumbent each time he sought reelection. Maybe all the "photo ops" would require the chief of staff to make devil horns behind the president's head, or "Hail To The Chief" could be altered to sound more like "The Chicken Dance."

Some citizens are satisfied that a president would eventually "jump the shark" in TV terms and ruin his own immortality. ("Instead of a new White House cat, we're adopting a cute British kid. And wait'll you see the zany new neighbors moving into

1601 Pennsylvania Avenue!")

Repealing the 22nd Amendment is not a priority for me, but it's certainly a fascinating topic that cries out for discussion.

Whatever your political leanings, the various "what if?" scenarios show just how complex the whole issue is. If Ronald Reagan had served extra terms, would there have been a Clinton presidency? If Bill had hung around longer, would there have been a Barack Obama White House? It's enough to make Marty McFly jump into the DeLorean with Doc Brown and yell "C'mon, Doc, we're going back to the days of wooden teeth!"

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Junk laws

We have junk food, junk mail and junk bonds.

Now, thanks to our dysfunctional and devious Congress, we have junk laws like the "Taxpayer Relief Act."

Junk laws are really nothing new. The people we send to Washington to represent us have been passing legislation larded with pork or special privileges for their friends in business, agriculture and labor since the country was born.

Insiders have always known how this cynical bipartisan game is played. But now, thanks to the failure of Congress to deal with the government debt crisis it in large part created, the average American is starting to become aware of these junk bills.

Even the liberal media were outraged by what went on when Congress passed the "American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012" — which, ironically, raised the taxes of every working American by 2 percent by returning the Social Security tax to its usual 6.2 percent level.

The "Fiscal Cliff Bill" did virtually nothing to solve the federal government's money problems or create a single job. But it was junked up with nearly \$70 billion of pure pork — including tax credits for the owners of NASCAR race-tracks, wind turbine makers, Hollywood moviemakers and rum-makers in Puerto Rico.

While President Obama was promising to raise taxes on the rich but really shafting the working poor, congressional folk were so busy loading up the "Fiscal Cliff Bill" with presents for their friends that they forgot to pass the relief bill to benefit victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Members of Congress are grandmasters of deceit and dishonesty. Taking maximum advantage of every crisis or disaster that comes along, they attach their favorite pieces of pork to dishonestly named bills such as the "American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012" and the "Affordable Healthcare Act."

Members know these big important super-bills have to pass to avert a crisis, so they junk them up with their \$200 million "Bridges to Nowhere" and their \$59 million tax credits for the algae-growing industry.

A perfect example of how Congress gets its junk bills passed has to do with the way it funds FEMA. Congress always under-funds the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Why?

Because Congress knows each year there will always be a natural disaster like Hurricane Sandy that FEMA will need billions of



Making Sense

Michael Reagan

federal dollars to address.

And when FEMA comes asking for emergency funding, members of Congress will clean out their closets and throw every piece of junk legislation they have into the relief bill, which they know will automatically pass without scrutiny.

Another reason we get junk laws is that few members of Congress actually read these monster bills before they vote for them. Nancy Pelosi's career quote is going to be her comment on the healthcare bill, "But we have to pass the bill so you can find out what is in it."

Law-making is not supposed to work that way. There's a rule in Congress that a bill has to be posted for 48 hours before it can be voted on. But that rule has become a joke.

Just watch C-SPAN the next time a vote is being taken in the House. You'll probably hear someone say something like, "Under suspension of the rule, we'll now vote."

What arcane parliamentary rule are they talking about? The 48-hour rule. No wonder Congress is always finding out after they vote what they just voted for. If members of Congress don't read the damn bill, they shouldn't vote on it.

I'm getting real tired of people saying, "My guy's a good guy and your guy's a bad guy." They're all acting like bad guys.

We need to start holding every member of Congress accountable. And we need more up-and-down votes in Congress, so that the next important piece of legislation doesn't become another "Fiscal Cliff Junk Bill."

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Rowan's civil suit against AP scheduled for court

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AVON PARK — Former police chief Michael Rowan's civil case against the city is active once more.

Judge David Langford ordered the case to proceed to trial. "The court finds that in addition to legal issues to be decided, there are disputes over genuine issues of material fact that should be decided by a jury," he wrote. A provisional date for the trial was set for April 8.

Before then, however, Rowan and the city have agreed to sit for a mediation session scheduled for Jan. 22. Should an agreement be reached, there will be no need for a trial.

Should mediation be unsuccessful, the trial pro-

ceeds, but there is a complication. Brian Koji, the city's labor attorney, is scheduled to be in court on another case April 8. If the timing conflict can't be resolved, the trial would be postponed.

Rowan's suit stems back a year and a half, when Avon Park City Manager Julian Deleon suspended Rowan without pay on June 13, 2011 after Rowan could not come to terms with the city on a separation agreement.

Rowan had come under fire after it was learned he had investigated a number of city council members, including Mayor Sharon



Rowan

Schuler and Deputy Mayor Brenda Gray, regarding citizen complaints about corruption and Sunshine Law violations.

A major issue in the case is whether Rowan was put on administrative leave, then suspended, then fired in response to his investigation.

Rowan is asking for his job back, back wages and damages in one count of contract violation and one count of a "whistleblower" allegation. A whistleblower lawsuit is when employees allege they were punished for reporting possible wrong doings about their employers.

The News-Sun was unable to reach Brian Koji or Robert Grizzard, Rowan's attorney, by press time.

Cruise-in Classic Car Show is Jan. 27



Courtesy photo

Adelaide Shores RV Resort will host its fifth annual Cruise-in Classic Car Show from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 at the resort, 2881 U.S. 27 North in Avon Park. The show will feature a variety of classic, antique and muscle cars, ice cream social, 50/50 raffle, food, entertainment and lots of fun. The show is free and open to the public. If interested in displaying a car or need additional information, contact Dave Greenslade at 453-2226 or Bill Pigg at (987) 250-1077.

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Coach Joe Franza recognized for work

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Football; Ed McPadden, Marion County Schools, Baseball/AD; Marcia Pinder, Ft. Lauderdale-Dillard, Basketball; John Wilkinson, Cocoa, Football; and Joe Franza, Avon Park, Football.

Franza and Hayford are being honored posthumously.

To be eligible for induction, a minimum of 20 years of service in the coaching profession, in Florida, and/or participation in FACA is required.

Criteria for selection are based on coaching record, championships won, head coaching tenure, FACA service and awards.

Franza's induction came after an exhaustive, three-year effort by former Red Devil quarterback Reggie Butler.

"I played for him from 1956-58, and my two brothers also played for him," Butler said in a phone interview Thursday. "Not only was he a great football coach, he was a leader of young men.

"He wasn't one to scream and holler, but he was a Marine Corps guy, who was tough and no-nonsense. He was worshiped by all of us that played for him," he continued. "A few years ago we had a party at his ranch, and there were hundreds, if not more than a thousand people who showed up. It was heartwarming to see all those people who had played for him over the years."

According to his biography on the Avon Park Champions Club webpage, Joe Franza was born on Dec. 29, 1924 in Murphysboro, Ill.

At Murphysboro High School he was, ironically enough, a Red Devil, and a multi-sport star, lettering in football and baseball, as well as a state champion pole vaulter.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942, serving in the South Pacific as a communications specialist until the end of the World War II.

He returned to marry his high school sweetheart and earned an athletic scholarship first at the nearby University of Southern Illinois in Carbondale, and then Erskine College, where he graduated in 1949.

He was inducted into the Erskine College Hall of Fame in 1985 for his prowess in basketball, track and football during the two years he was there.

Franza then came down to Florida and began what would be a distinguished career at Avon Park High School which spanned 31 years.

He coached from 1949 until 1972, during which time the Red Devil football team had 138 wins, 68 losses and 10 ties.

During this time they reached nine title games, earned five Ridge Conference titles, three district titles and one regional title.

He was named Coach of the Year in 1962.

During his tenure, teams were known for their physicality and toughness.

Franza also concentrated a great deal of effort on fielding as many players as possible during a game.

Even the most unlikely athlete found his way into a game if he was willing to work hard and follow instructions.

He also served as the athletic director and worked in the community with an athletic association for fund raising.

Due to personal illness in 1972, he retired from coaching but continued on as athletic director and served as a Dean of Students until 1980.

In 1984, Franza was elected to his first of two terms on the Highlands County School Board, serving as chairman for one of those years.

One of his proudest moments was the dedication of the Avon Park High School stadium to him.

Throughout his life he was an active man and an avid outdoorsman, during retirement he took up golf, the guitar and wood crafting.

He was a Past Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge, a Rotarian, and a member of Union Congregational Church.



News-Sun file photo
An Avon Park High School football player gets some coaching from one of the local sport's favorite coaches, Joe Franza.

He was a man of honor, a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, friend and patriot.

One great innovation Franza began was the Avon Park Circus, which ran from 1951-60.

"That really evolved from the short football season," Butler said. "There was a lot of time until baseball season, which a lot of the guys also played, but this gave us a chance to stay in shape.

"We were also a bunch of kids from blue collar homes, and the circus really opened our eyes to other things, opened our minds," he con-

tinued. "So much of what he did, his leadership, becoming a family and opening us up to new things, he really helped set us on a path to greatness."

The Florida Athletic Coaches Association is comprised of more than 5,000 member coaches, both high school and college, in the state of Florida.

The FACA sponsors 10 High School All-Star Classics in nine sports, conducts four coaching clinics each year and recognizes coaches for the exemplary efforts supporting the youth of this state.

County heads to biennial budgeting

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – This is generally the time that Highlands County staff members begin plotting their budget for the upcoming fiscal year. However, this time it appears they will have an eye toward planning for two.

At their meeting Tuesday, Highlands County Administrator June Fisher told commissioners she had been working on a timeline for biennial budgeting and a plan of action for implementation should commissioner approve the concept.

The idea of biennial budgeting has been a part of the commissioner's short term goals list for over a year. There was a presentation on such a policy last February and it was again discussed at the commission's last meeting of the year.

At that time, Highlands County Administrative Project Manager Chris Benson gave commissioners a powerpoint presentation on the budget process. The idea is to plan for budgeting and

fiscal projections for two consecutive fiscal years.

Just like current one-year budgeting, allocations and other adjustments may be made as the process goes along throughout the year. The hope is that by planning for two fiscal years, there will be less of a workload by employees planning for their budget each spring.

Calling it an "extremely valuable planning tool," Fisher noted that although it would be time-consuming up front, there would be efficiencies as the years progressed.

"I thing there may be some growing pains in this," echoed commissioner Don Elwell.

During the presentation, Highlands County Commission Chairman Jack Richie told Fisher there was a consensus of the board to continue with the process, noting that he would like to see budget planning begin by the end of January.

Fisher told commissioners they could expect a full report at their next regular meeting on Jan. 15.

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Baby malnourished, dies

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child had not eaten for several days, according to reports.

The other children suffered all the same symptoms and signs of neglect, reports indicate.

Jackson has been charged with child neglect causing great harm in the case of her infant son. She has also been charged with negligence without great harm regarding the condition of her other children.

Jackson is currently in the county jail. Her first court date is Feb. 18.

Aviation Expo sails into Sebring for 9th year

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
sgholar@newssun.com

SEBRING — Aviation enthusiasts are gearing up to flock to Sebring for the ninth annual U.S. Sport Aviation Expo.

The annual event draws in thousands from all over the United States and the world. Last year's Expo drew more than 16,000 guests during its four-day run.

This year's Expo is also spread out over four days beginning Thursday and will highlight hundreds of aircraft and related items from throughout the country and world.

Exhibitors pile into to the Sebring Regional Airport to showcase their items for aviation enthusiasts, pilots and the general public.

"We're deep into our final preparations. The extended forecast looks like we will have great weather, and our vendors and exhibitors are excited to present their wares. It's all shaping up to be a great weekend of aviation activities," Expo director Jana Filip said.

The 80 indoor and 80 outdoor displays will feature some of the most up-to-date aviation-related items and equipment, and enables attendees to view and test out a number of different planes and items throughout the week.

The many well-loved flight



News-Sun file photo

The U.S. Sport Aviation Expo drew more than 16,000 guests during its four-day run last year. This year's event opens Thursday.

demonstrations, fly-bys, plane rides and forums are just a handful of things taking place at the Sebring Regional Airport next week during this year's Expo. The event will also house a few keynote speakers on aviation.

Buzzing with plenty of activity for aviation enthusiasts, new and old, the Expo provides more than just thrills for plane lovers. History lovers will have the opportunity to tour, and may

be even take a flight in, three historic World War II aircraft provided by the Wings of Freedom Tour at the Expo.

The newest addition to the Expo will be the Twilight Air Shows. The shows will offer precision flying exhibitions plus a comedy flying routine showcased by some famous names in the flying world: Hall of Famer aerobatic pilot Patty Wagstaff, Tiger Air Shows "Hotwire Harry" and "Sheriff Roscoe" along with

the world's largest flying team the 12-member Team AeroDynamix. The Twilight Air Shows are sponsored by the Jarrett Automotive Group Foundation and will take place Friday, Jan. 18 and Saturday, Jan. 19 at 5 p.m.

Returning for its second year are the gourmet wine and cheese experiences. The food events were a big hit in its first appearance at last year's Expo so coordinators decided to bring it back for a second run. The Wine and Food Experience will be held Jan. 18-19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tullius Hangar.

Opening ceremonies for the Aviation Expo will kick off at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Sebring Regional Airport main stage.

For more information visit www.sport-aviation-expo.com/.

Publix, Dunkin Donuts and especially John Shoop at Highlands Independent Bank — have made this possible; we are so thankful for him."

Any questions regarding parade entries, volunteer positions, vendor booths and more can be directed to Snell. For more information contact Snell at 873-6698. Parade registration entries and more information may be picked up at the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce, 28 E. Main St.

Theologe and more. The concert will be held at Memorial Field; admission is \$10 (or free when wearing official MLK Fest T-shirt).

The fun culminates Monday, Jan. 21 at noon with the annual MLK Day Parade. "We have two grand marshals this year, Tealy Williams and retired NASA engineer L.C. Sumbry," Snell said.

The parade also comes with big changes this year; in a new location and starting point. This year's parade will wind its way through Downtown Avon Park beginning at the Depot Museum. (Walkers and floats will line up here). The parade will travel down onto Main Street eastbound, turn onto Delaney Avenue and end at Memorial Field where the fun festival will continue. Food vendors, arts and crafts, music and much more will fill the field following the parade.

The deadline for parade entries is Thursday. Any organization, business or individual of all races/ethnicities are welcome to join and be a part of the parade.

"I'm excited to get it (parade) downtown," Snell said. "Before, it was just not enough. We want everyone to come out and be a part of this because we have had so much support from the community. All of our local sponsors —

Festival becomes 4-day event

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writers who will share their thoughts about MLK and their ideas of service. Winners will be chosen after the contest at the Avon Park City Council chambers.

Saturday, Jan. 19 kicks off the start of the all day events for the weekend. Music, food, drinks, games, bounce houses, pony rides and entertainment are slated for Saturday through Monday, Jan. 19-21. Saturday also brings the second annual Peace Rally & Block Party hosted by Royston "Spanky" Daley.

Music will be provided by local DJ Mike P. A candlelight vigil will close out the evening with three guests speakers. Shari Lewis of Lake Placid, mother of Quentin Pope; Pam Ramsay of Sebring, mother of Clinton Fletcher; and Jackie Moore-Oliver of Avon Park, mother of Courtney Moore are all mothers who have each lost their son to violent crimes. The mothers of past victims of violence will share their testimonies and stories with the public. Daley will close out the day with an address following the three women.

A Jazz and Gospel Day awaits attendees on Sunday, Jan. 20 featuring local and up and coming artists such as Javis Mays, J L Cash, Pearl,

No wrongdoing found in several Florida voting cases

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida law enforcement authorities are closing several voter fraud investigations, although there are major cases from the 2012 election still pending.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement has found no wrongdoing with the registration of 20 people who signed up through the Rock

the Vote website. FDLE agents interviewed the people and said the information they gave was accurate.

Additionally, FDLE has closed one case against a person accused of voting in the states of Florida and Rhode Island due to a lack of evidence that the person existed. The case was initiated by a group called True the Vote.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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For more information, call 386-0855.

Pancake breakfast planned for Saturday

SEBRING — Drive-in or fly-in pancake breakfast is held the second Saturday of the month from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Sebring Regional Airport (SEF).

The menu includes pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, bacon and sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, orange juice, coffee, or tea. Cost is \$6 once through or \$8 all-you-can-eat.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Highlands County Senior Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol serving three missions: Emergency Services, Aerospace Education and Cadet programs.

EAA supports the Young Eagles program, ages 8-17, offering opportunities to fly in a general aviation airplane, free of charge. These flights are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers.

Sebring Village hosts Country Western dance

SEBRING — Sebring Village will host a Country Western dance featuring the Long Shot Band from 7-10 p.m. Saturday in the clubhouse, one mile behind Walmart off Schumacher Road.

Cost is \$5 per person. Coffee and ice will be provided.

For more information, call 386-0045 or 273-0875.

DSAC to meet Monday

SEBRING — The Highlands County School District Advisory Council (DSAC) will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday in the Garland Boggus Board Room, at the School Board of Highlands County, 426 School St. The agenda topic for this meeting is the 2008-2013 District Strategic Plan.

If you are a person with a disability who requires reasonable accommodations in order to attend a District School Advisory Council meeting, call 471-5608 three days prior to the scheduled meeting date and time.

Humane Society plans Paw Prints event

SEBRING — The Humane Society of Highlands County will have the third annual Paw Prints Sale-A-Thon from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Ag Center. Support the homeless animals who need to find new forever homes.

All proceeds go to caring for the animals.

Sebring Hills hosts pancake breakfast

SEBRING — There will be a pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Saturday at the Sebring Hills Clubhouse, 200 Lark Ave. (just two streets south of Thunderbird Road). All the pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee or tea wanted for only \$3 for members and \$3.50 for non-members.

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 CASE NO.: 11-795 GCS
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., a national banking association, successor-by-merger to WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 SHERROD CONTRACTING, INC., a Florida corporation; CURTIS P. SHERROD; and MARGARET L. SHERROD, if alive, or if dead, their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against a defendant named in this action, and all persons having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described, and all known or unknown sub-contractors, sub-sub-contractors, and materialmen who may claim a right to file a claim of lien, and XYZ CORPORATION, Unknown Tenant, and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, Unknown Tenants, Defendants.

1050 Legals
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 11000836GCS
 LPP MORTGAGE LTD, PLAINTIFF,
 vs.
 RONALD C. RAUCH, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 3, 2013, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Highlands, Florida, on January 31, 2013, at 11:00 AM, at Basement of courthouse in Jury Assembly Room - 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 for the following described property:
 LOT 10, BLOCK K, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE VI, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 21, 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 sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
 DATED: January 4, 2013.
 By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
 Deputy Clerk of the Court

1050 Legals
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 12702GCS
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-16, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOSE T. GAIPO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSE T. GAIPO; ELLEN J. GAIPO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELLEN J. GAIPO; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); SUN 'N LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s).
 NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: JOSE T. GAIPO;
 Whose residence(s) is/are unknown.
 YOU ARE HERBY required to file your answer or written defenses, in any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:
 LOT 89, BLOCK 19, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.
 DATED at HIGHLANDS County this 20th day of December, 2012.
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk

1050 Legals
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000997
 SEC.: CIVIL
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,
 v.
 BENJAMIN E. CLARK, et al Defendant(s).
 NOTICE OF ACTION
 FOR FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING-PROPERTY TO:
 Benjamin E. Clark, ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 311 East Walnut Street Avon Park, FL 33825
 Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendant(s) are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant(s) as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.
 YOU ARE HERBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:
 LOT 16 AND 17, BLOCK D, CRESCENT VIEW, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 54, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 16, BLOCK D OF CRESCENT VIEW SUBDIVISION, SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, AND RUNNING NORTH 135 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 16, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE EAST 60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 135 FEET; THENCE WEST 60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND SAID LAND BEING FORMERLY LOT 15, BLOCK D OF CRESCENT VIEW SUBDIVISION AFORESAID RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 54 AND NOW A REPLAT OF LOTS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, AND 14, BLOCK C AND LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, AND 15, BLOCK D OF CRESCENT VIEW SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 80, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH WAS A SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 3 & 4, BLOCK 3, IN SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, AVON PARK, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 311 EAST WALNUT STREET, AVON PARK, FL 33825
 This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, such as Morris Hardwick Schneider, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 5110 Eisenhower Blvd., Suite 120, Tampa, FL 33634 on or before February 12, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 3rd day of January, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk

1050 Legals
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000754
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
 v.
 YOLANDA AGUILA; ET AL. Defendants.
 NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: YOLANDA AGUILA; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendant, who is not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants Current Residence Unknown, but whose last known address was:
 2335 N. DUNWOODIE ROAD, AVON PARK, FL 33825
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:
 LOTS 3264, 3265, 3266 AND LOT 3267, OF AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 11, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 4, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before February 13, 2013 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition.
 WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 26th day of December, 2012.
 ROBERT GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Noelle Sims
 Deputy Clerk

1050 Legals
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 Case No.: 09-1421-GCS
 HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOHN S. HAILE REVOCABLE TRUST, under Agreement dated July 18, 1991; JOHN S. HAILE; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1, TENANT #2, TENANT #3 AND TENANT #4, THE NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS TO ACCOUNT FOR PARTIES IN POSSESSION, Defendants.
 NOTICE OF ACTION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint and Counterclaim" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on November 13, 2012, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on January 31, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.:
 Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, REPLAT OF A PORTION OF DRIGGERS GROVE RESUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 26, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 Property Tax ID No. P31-36-30-031-0010-0040
 Property Address: 220 Dal Hall Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida 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.
 BOB GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 /s/ Lisa Tantillo
 Deputy Clerk
 January 11, 18, 2013

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 3rd day of January, 2013, and entered in Civil Action Number: 11-795 GCS in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Highlands County, Florida, BOB GERMAINE, Clerk of the above-entitled Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder, or bidders, for cash, on January 31, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., in the Basement of the Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, located at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870-3867, the real and personal property described as follows and as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure situate in Highlands County, Florida:
 To secure payment and performance of obligations under an Unconditional Guaranty (the "Guaranty") dated January 31, 2006, pursuant to which Curtis P. Sherrod and Margaret L. Sherrod have guaranteed certain obligations payable to Wachovia Bank, National Association, this Mortgage, any present or future Letters of Credit issued by Wachovia Bank, National Association for the account of Curtis P. Sherrod and Margaret L. Sherrod, all other indebtedness of Curtis P. Sherrod and Margaret L. Sherrod to Wachovia Bank, National Association whenever borrowed or incurred, and any renewals, extensions, novations, or modifications of the foregoing (collectively the "Obligations"), and in consideration of these premises and for other consideration, Curtis P. Sherrod and Margaret L. Sherrod do mortgage, grant and convey unto Wachovia Bank, National Association (for itself and its affiliates), its successors and assigns, all of Curtis P. Sherrod and Margaret L. Sherrod's right, title and interest now owned or hereafter acquired in and to each of the following (collectively, the "Property"): (i) all those certain tracts of land in the City of Lake Placid, County of Highlands, State of Florida described as follows:
 Lots 4, 5, 6, and 7, inclusive, Block 199 of PLACID LAKES INDUSTRIAL PARK, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page(s) 63, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 (the "Land"); (ii) all buildings and improvements now or hereafter erected on the land; (iii) all fixtures attached to the Land or any buildings or improvements situated thereon; and (iv) all estates, rights, tenements, hereditaments, privileges, rents, issues, profits, easements, and appurtenances of any kind benefitting the Land; all means of access to and from the Land, whether public or private; and all water and mineral rights.
 AND
 In the event that Curtis P. Sherrod and Margaret L. Sherrod are the owners of a leasehold estate with respect to any portion of the Property and Curtis P. Sherrod and Margaret L. Sherrod obtain a fee estate in such portions of the Property, then, such fee estate shall automatically, and without further action of any kind on the part of Wachovia Bank, National Association, be and become subject to the security title and lien of the Mortgage.
 AND
 Curtis P. Sherrod and Margaret L. Sherrod hereby grant a security interest in any personal property included in the Property.
 Curtis P. Sherrod and Margaret L. Sherrod hereby absolutely assign and transfer to Wachovia Bank, National Association all the leases, rents, issues and profits of the Property (collectively "Rents").
 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 official seal of this Court at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida this 4th day of January, 2013.
 (COURT SEAL)

Prepared by:
 Gladstone Law Group, P.A.
 1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300
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 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Office of the Court Administrator at 863-534-4686, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
 January 11, 18, 2013

Motorola Solutions, Inc. proposes to construct a 250 foot self-support public safety communications tower located at 41 Venus Clubhouse Rd in Venus, Highlands County, Florida (27 13' 32.09" N, 81 23' 28.53" W). Anticipated tower lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. Interested persons may review the application for this project at HYPERLINK "http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications" www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file No. A0812142. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at HYPERLINK "http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest" www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 Notice is hereby given that 2/5/13 at 10:30 am, the following vehicle will be sold for towing & storage charges pursuant to F.S. 713.78 - 2005 FORD #1ZV7R5H455161828. Sale will be held at Alan Jay Chevrolet Oldsmobile Cadillac 441 US 27, Sebring FL 33870 863-402-4210. Lienor reserves the right to bid.
 January 11, 18, 2013
 October 5, 12, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: GC-12-000277
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MARK NOVATKA; LARA F. NOVATKA; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.
 AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 29th day of January, 2013, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Highlands County, Florida:
 LOT 7, IN BLOCK 59, OF SEBRING COUNTY ESTATES SECTION THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.
 Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.
 WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 2nd day of January, 2013.
 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863)534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 January 11, 18, 2013

Invitation to Bid
 13-022: Sale of Property Known as Harder Hall
 The City of Sebring is accepting offers to purchase City-owned property commonly referred to as Harder Hall. The property consists of a historic hotel on approximately 12.63 acres of property. All offer must be submitted on the contract prepared by the City Attorney's Office and must be received not later than Monday, February 4, 2013 @ 2:00 p.m. Offers must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked as "Harder Hall Offer".
 Upon executive of a contract by the City, the Purchaser will deposit \$100,000 in the City Attorney's Escrow Account. The successful bidder will have a 90 day Due Diligence Period. The deposit money will "go hard" on a gradual scale as follows:
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 Inquiries may be directed to Bob Hoffman or Scott Noethlich at 863-471-5100.
 January 4, 11, 2013

Motorola Solutions, Inc. proposes to construct a 280 foot self-support public safety communications tower located at 24393 SR 70 East in Lake Placid, Highlands County, Florida (27 13' 31.26" N, 81 05' 47.44" W). Anticipated tower lighting application is medium intensity white strobes. Interested persons may review the application for this project at HYPERLINK "http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications" www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file No. A0812142. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at HYPERLINK "http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest" www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest
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Motorola Solutions, Inc. proposes to collocate public safety telecommunications antennae on the existing 250 foot self-support public safety telecommunications tower located at 800 Sheriff's Tower Rd, Sebring, Highlands County, Florida. In accordance with regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Motorola Solutions, Inc. hereby solicits public comment concerning the effect of its proposal on historic properties. Any comments should be made within 30 days of the date of this notice and be directed to Ligita Kravchuk, AMEC E&I, Inc. at 1075 Big Shanty Rd NW, Suite 100, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Please include the tower location and the location of the historic resource that you believe might be affected.
 January 11, 2013

Motorola Solutions, Inc. proposes to collocate public safety telecommunications antennae on the existing 340 foot self-support public safety telecommunications tower located at 2502 US 27 South, Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida. In accordance with regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Motorola Solutions, Inc. hereby solicits public comment concerning the effect of its proposal on historic properties. Any comments should be made within 30 days of the date of this notice and be directed to Ligita Kravchuk, AMEC E&I, Inc. at 1075 Big Shanty Rd NW, Suite 100, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Please include the tower location and the location of the historic resource that you believe might be affected.
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Fog in the a.m.; partly sunny, warm	Fog in the morning; mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny and warm
81° / 61°	81° / 62°	82° / 59°	80° / 61°	81° / 59°
Winds: SE at 6-12 mph	Winds: ESE at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SE at 6-12 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Hill

High Sunday	84°
Low Sunday	61°
High Monday	77°
Low Monday	62°
High Tuesday	84°
Low Tuesday	64°
High Wednesday	85°
Low Wednesday	60°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	55%
Expected air temperature	81°
Makes it feel like	83°

Barometer

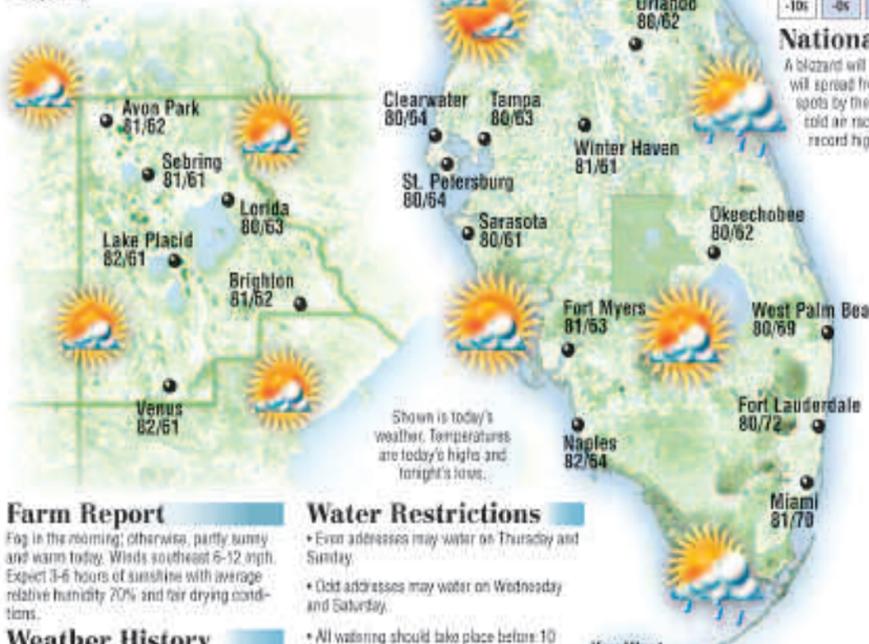
Monday	30.23
Tuesday	30.11
Wednesday	30.21

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.03"
Year to date	0.03"

Regional Summary

Patchy fog in the morning; otherwise, warm with some sun today. Partly cloudy tonight; patchy late-night fog. Patchy fog tomorrow morning; otherwise, mostly sunny. Sunday, mostly sunny.



Farm Report

Fog in the morning; otherwise, partly sunny and warm today. Winds southeast 6-12 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 70% and fair drying conditions.

Weather History

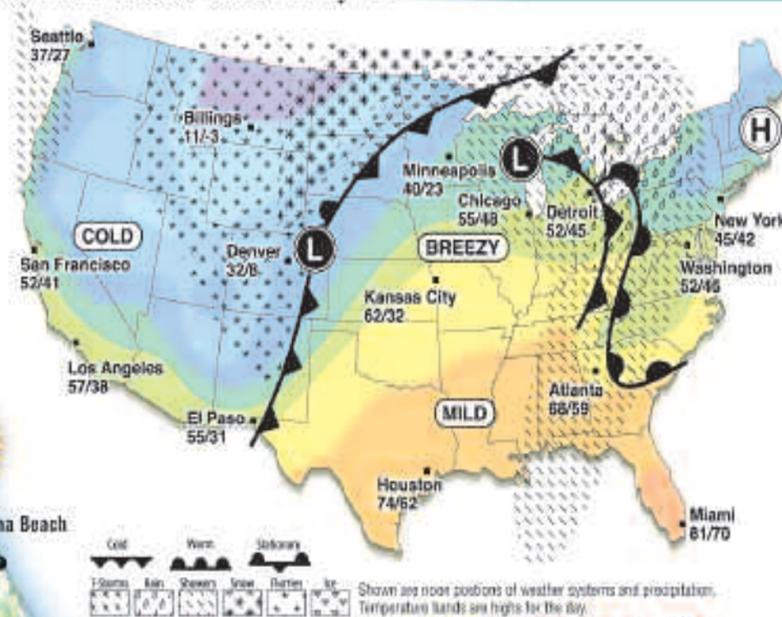
A surge of extreme cold began in the Dakotas on Jan. 11, 1836. Landon, N.D., failed to reach zero all day. Readings remained below zero for the next 41 days.

Sun and Moon

Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:15 a.m.
Sunset	5:54 p.m.
Moonrise	8:51 a.m.
Moonset	7:10 p.m.

Rise	First	Full	Last
Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 26	Feb 3

National Forecast for January 11



National Summary

A blizzard will unfold today across Wyoming and the Dakotas as arctic air plunges southward into the Rockies. Snow will spread from the Great Basin northeastward across the northern Plains. Over a foot of snow is likely in some spots by the weekend. Farther east, freezing rain will cause icy spots in northern Minnesota this morning. As the cold air races southward, winds will gust to 20 mph across the Front Range and into western Texas. Near-record high temperatures are on tap for the central and southern Plains.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	41/17c	30/14c	32/18c	Los Angeles	57/36c	56/30c	54/37c
Atlanta	68/19c	72/57c	70/57c	Louisville	68/54c	70/57c	69/51c
Baltimore	59/42c	61/45c	64/60c	Memphis	73/45c	73/40c	56/33c
Birmingham	73/45c	74/51c	73/48c	Minneapolis	48/42c	48/24c	20/15c
Boston	44/27c	48/30c	54/65c	Mississippi	48/23c	27/51c	13/1c
Charlotte	56/55c	71/57c	73/53c	Nashville	70/51c	74/62c	69/57c
Chicago	38/51c	16/31c	21/31c	New Orleans	78/66c	78/66c	77/52c
Chicago	55/48c	58/29c	31/55c	New York City	45/42c	58/44c	58/48c
Cleveland	54/48c	58/51c	57/28c	Portland, ME	38/50c	45/34c	49/40c
Columbus	58/53c	66/50c	61/37c	Portland, OR	39/27c	40/25c	38/24c
Dallas	72/53c	69/34c	47/29c	Raleigh	58/54c	74/55c	75/46c
Denver	32/18c	25/71c	24/21c	Rochester	48/22c	57/47c	69/56c
Denver	32/45c	58/40c	43/27c	St. Louis	66/53c	59/50c	36/22c
Harrisburg	45/37c	54/41c	63/50c	San Francisco	52/41c	58/40c	51/37c
Honolulu	80/65c	81/68c	81/64c	Seattle	37/27c	39/25c	38/25c
Houston	74/52c	76/50c	56/45c	Wash., DC	58/46c	64/50c	68/55c
Indianapolis	60/50c	63/41c	48/24c				
Jackson, MS	73/45c	76/62c	70/43c				
Kansas City	62/32c	40/19c	31/16c				
Las Vegas	66/55c	68/54c	63/31c				
Little Rock	79/57c	69/45c	51/31c				

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	80/71c	80/72c	91/70c	London	43/27c	38/34c	38/31c
Athens	57/52c	61/45c	57/45c	Mumbai	34/33c	41/39c	41/21c
Bahia	58/50c	63/51c	64/53c	Moscow	18/11c	17/50c	13/7c
Beijing	37/20c	28/23c	27/17c	Nice	46/47c	57/59c	65/40c
Bermuda	68/61c	67/62c	70/64c	Osaka	48/37c	52/38c	43/18c
Calgary	13/51c	15/51c	11/51c	Quebec	27/26c	42/41c	43/21c
Chennai	41/27c	41/34c	37/32c	Rio de Janeiro	27/28c	30/27c	32/24c
Edmonton	7/45c	8/45c	6/45c	Sao Paulo	30/27c	35/23c	37/23c
Freeport	78/66c	79/65c	77/67c	Singapore	30/26c	36/26c	37/26c
Geneva	39/26c	38/32c	38/32c	Sydney	97/72c	97/69c	84/65c
Havana	33/33c	32/36c	34/31c	Toronto	30/47c	32/37c	31/23c
Hong Kong	65/56c	67/53c	71/53c	Vancouver	34/24c	34/26c	32/22c
Jakarta	47/29c	52/29c	53/28c	Varna	36/25c	33/22c	33/27c
Johannesburg	75/57c	76/55c	76/54c	Warsaw	34/23c	26/14c	20/13c
Kiwi	31/02c	27/17c	23/9c	Winnipeg	18/14c	-1/21c	-4/31c

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Darlene Satine is not about to let this Lady Bolt get to the ball in Tuesday's Senior Night contest in Avon Park.

Lady Devils give Ridge Senior Night scare

By DAN HOEHNE
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AVON PARK – A sure sign of progression is getting under another team's skin.

In the ongoing uptick that the season has been for Avon Park Lady Devils soccer, Tuesday's Senior Night celebration was evidence of that progression in a 4-0 loss to visiting Ridge.

The Lady Bolts came into the contest with a strong 11-7-6 overall record, and might have been forgiven if they looked at the Devils 1-12-1 mark and didn't expect much resistance.

But if that were the case, then they weren't paying much attention to the turnaround the program is in the midst of under first-year head coach Chris Sbotto.

Ridge
4
Avon Park
0

From the start, Ridge was the stronger and more precise team, controlling the early action on the Avon Park side of the field.

But they sure didn't out hustle the Lady Devils who made nothing easy for them.

And sure, sophomore keeper Rosa Cuellar made a number of saves, but she wasn't exactly diving all over

and fending off rocket shots from the Bolts.

The Devil defense clamored, clawed and contested Ridge all over the place, and those shots on goal were much more in quantity than in quality.

And though most of the first half was spent on the Devils end, they were able to clear the ball out and send it deep toward Georgi Biberstein and Josianna Fils.

And so it went for the first 40 minutes as Avon Park stayed strong and saw a 0-0 tie at the half.

"Looking at us from the beginning of the season, we have improved a lot," senior

Tiffany Card said. "Even though we didn't win this one, we played our hearts out and it really showed because the (Ridge) coach was mad and telling his girls that we shouldn't be playing at their level."

At halftime, the Devils paid homage for the last home game for a host of outgoing seniors, including Card, Biberstein, Fils, Esther Arnold, Darlene Satine, Alexis Queen and Noemi Secundino, who have played key roles in getting the programs turnaround going.

Sure, the Bolts regrouped

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Devils cut down late by Crusaders

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – In what has been an up and down season for Avon Park basketball, Tuesday night was definitely one that would go in the up column, even if the result was a bit of a downer.

But that's because an 81-73 loss to visiting Tampa Catholic had so many positive signs.

For it was six weeks and 10 games ago that the Devils went on the road to Tampa and were demolished by the Crusaders by a 77-34 margin.

From a 43-point loss to an eight-point difference, one glaring improvement.

Not to mention that it was Avon Park controlling things early, wreaking havoc defensively and getting inside for scores on the other end.

"Our defense works from the paint out," first-year head coach Marty O'Hora said. "We will give up a three any day over letting their bigs get inside."

And it was working, as forays toward the hoop in the half court were defended well and saw Travis Lawton swatting one Will Kenyon lay-up attempt away emphatically.

That defense held Tampa Catholic to just 13 first-quarter points, and helped get the offense going to the tune of 20 for a seven-point margin after one.

The second and third quarters saw the Crusaders begin to heat up from the three-point line, but the Devils stayed with them, getting a flurry of second-quarter points from Gus Owens on a variety of short jumpers, floaters and leaners, with Alfred Brown connecting from downtown as well.

Tampa chipped into the lead, however, and were down one at the half, 36-35, and were able to nudge into the lead after a high-scoring third, 61-60,



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Alfred Brown fires up one of two three pointers he would connect on Tuesday night as Avon Park hung tough but fell to a strong Tampa Catholic squad.

heading into the final eight minutes.

But that's where the old adage of "you can win by the three, or lose by the three" worked out to the Crusaders advantage.

While the Devils had by now cordoned off the key with a virtual "No Entry" sign, Tampa got hot from long

range.

"The problem (with our defense) is when you play a team that is shooting three's like they are layups," O'Hora said. "That second half, I think they only missed one three out of the 10 or

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Streaks succumb to Devil payback

By ERIKA CORD

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – Tuesday night's loss against Kathleen left the Lady Blue Streak basketball players a little down.

With a final score of 58-44 in Kathleen's favor, the well fought game had come to an end and the Lady Devils had exacted a bit of revenge.

Sporting an 11-4 overall record coming in, one of those losses was a 55-49 Sebring win on Tuesday, Dec. 11, on Kathleen's home court.

And so the visiting Devils had a bit of atonement on their minds.

Kathleen showed their skills in the first quarter with a total of

13 points, most as part of an early scoring run, but Sebring didn't let them get that far ahead with Alexxis Harris and Rondaja Williams putting points on the board with a couple of layups.

Christacia Dawkins kicked it into gear in the last seconds of the first with a three pointer, catching the game back up to a score of 13-8 at the end of the quarter.

In the second quarter, the Streaks kept up the intensity, and made it a three-point game with the opening score of those eight minutes.

But Kathleen gave it right back to Sebring with a seven-point run to open it up to 10.

Sebring's Shalontay Rose stole the ball and ran it down the court and finished with a layup, followed by a Jazmin House layup at the end of the first half, keeping them in the game.

The third quarter was filled with excitement as both

teams kept a constant back and forth.

With Kathleen getting the first two points of the quarter, Sebring replied with a three pointer by Williams.

Kathleen scored another two points and Williams responded again with another trey, making the home fans quite cheery.

House quickly followed her teammate with two jumpers adding four points to the board.

And Allie Mann finished it up with a 15-foot jump shot, but the Devils were doing some scoring of their own and were able to add to the lead, leaving the third with a 43-30 lead.

To finish up the game, Rose, Jasmiese Wiley and Williams each added to the point total in the fourth quarter, and Dawkins had yet another three pointer to virtually match the Devils for the period.

But they would get no closer and when the final buzzer sounded, Kathleen had gotten its' payback.

The leading scorers of the game for Sebring were Williams with 10 points, Dawkins with eight, along with Rose and Mann, both totaling seven points.

"We turned the ball over a little too much, and I think that that's what was key to our loss tonight," said Sebring coach Mike Lee. "We played good and really hard tonight though."

The Lady Streaks were back at it Thursday with a road date at Lake Placid before getting back into the district schedule tonight at Lake Gibson.

Kathleen
58
Sebring
44

LP Seniors open spring season

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID – Lake Placid Senior Softball kicked off its 21st season this week with four teams playing on Mondays and Wednesdays at Lake June Ballfield at 11 a.m.

Managers draft the players, then draw to find out which team they are managing.

Thus the playing field is as level as possible.

Of the four games opening week, three were decided by one run and the fourth by three.

The idea is to keep the games and standings as close as possible.

On Monday, defending champion Yates Insurance knocked off Schooni's Restaurant 26-23.

Schooni's, down 17 at one point, rallied to pull close

and ended the game with the tying run on first base.

For Yates, Ron Hanish, Paul Brand and manager Dick Cook (triple, HR) had five hits each.

Larry Oser (double) and Cliff Bluml (double) had four hits each.

Woody Hoffman hit two key triples to ignite rallies.

For Schooni's, Richard Rucker (HR), Denis Cuillerier, manager Doran Quigg and Brian Heaphy had four hits each.

Central Security outlasted Seminole Tire 29-28.

Seminole, like Schooni's, staged a furious rally from 15 down to tie the game before the Securitymen pulled it out.

For Central, Tom Walsh, Paul Stephenson and Chet Johnson had five hits each.

The 'Noles were paced by

Skip Raller (HR) and Mike Kratt with four hits each.

Darrel Richards chipped in with three hits (two doubles).

On Wednesday, Yates Insurance (2-0) squeaked by Central Security (1-1) 21-20.

Yates rallied from six down to take the lead in the last inning, then kept Central from scoring to preserve the win.

For Yates, venerable Al Chipps, who soon turns 95, had three hits and three RBI, including the game winner.

Dick Cook (two doubles, triple) had five hits, while Ed Engler hit for the cycle.

Paul Brand (double, triple) and Woody Hoffman had four hits apiece.

Pitched Jeff Stanley aided his own cause with a home run.

Manager Joe Hedges led Central with five hits (double, triple) and Tom Walsh had four singles.

Seminole Tire (1-1) topped Schooni's (0-2) 24-23.

For Seminole, Howard Carney and Jim Hensley combined for nine singles and were one base often for home runs off the bats of Darrel Richards, Norm Grubbs, Gary Pixley and Bill Card.

For Schooni's, home run power came from Richard Rucker and Denis Cuillerier.

Tom Ashley (double, triple) and pitcher Victor Rodriguez had four hits each.

After the games, the players gathered for a huge cake to celebrate the 70th birthday of longtime league president Ray Hensley.



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Rondaja Williams lead Sebring's scoring with 10 points Tuesday, but it wasn't enough to hold off visiting Kathleen.

THE SCOREBOARD

NFL Playoffs

Playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 5

Houston 19, Cincinnati 13
Green Bay 24, Minnesota 10

Sunday, Jan. 6

Baltimore 24, Indianapolis 9
Seattle 24, Washington 14

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 12

Baltimore at Denver, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 13

Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Houston at New England, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 20

AFC, TBA (CBS)
NFC, TBA (FOX)

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 27

At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m. (NBC)

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 3

At New Orleans
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m. (CBS)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	23	11	.676	—
Brooklyn	20	15	.571	3.5
Boston	18	17	.514	5.5
Philadelphia	15	22	.405	9.5
Toronto	13	22	.371	10.5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	23	10	.697	—
Atlanta	20	14	.588	3.5
Orlando	12	23	.343	12
Charlotte	9	25	.265	14.5
Washington	5	28	.152	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	21	14	.600	—
Chicago	19	14	.576	1
Milwaukee	18	16	.529	2.5
Detroit	13	23	.361	8.5
Cleveland	9	28	.243	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	28	10	.737	—
Memphis	23	10	.697	2.5
Houston	21	15	.583	6
Dallas	13	23	.361	14
New Orleans	10	25	.286	16.5

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	27	8	.771	—
Denver	21	16	.568	7
Portland	19	15	.559	7.5
Utah	19	18	.514	9
Minnesota	16	16	.500	9.5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	28	8	.778	—
Golden State	22	12	.647	5
L.A. Lakers	15	20	.429	12.5
Sacramento	13	22	.371	14.5
Phoenix	12	25	.324	16.5

Tuesday's Games

Brooklyn 109, Philadelphia 89
Indiana 87, Miami 77
Houston 125, L.A. Lakers 112
Minnesota 108, Atlanta 103
Milwaukee 108, Phoenix 99

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland 99, Atlanta 83
Utah 112, Charlotte 102
Toronto 90, Philadelphia 72
Boston 87, Phoenix 79
Milwaukee 104, Chicago 96
New Orleans 88, Houston 79
Oklahoma City 106, Minnesota 84
San Antonio 108, L.A. Lakers 105
Denver 108, Orlando 105
Memphis 94, Golden State 87
L.A. Clippers 99, Dallas 93

Thursday's Games

New York at Indiana, late
Dallas at Sacramento, late
Miami at Portland, late

Friday's Games
Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

LEADERS

Scoring	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	367	2441	10533	0.1
Anthony, NYK	278	179	812	29.0
Durant, OKC	321	282	984	28.1
Harden, HOU	277	305	928	26.5
James, MIA	333	159	870	26.4
Westbrook, OKC	264	182	762	21.8
Wade, MIA	226	137	602	20.8
Aldridge, POR	268	123	659	20.6
Curry, GOL	240	103	686	20.2
Lee, GOL	278	114	670	19.7

Rebounds

OFF	DEFT	TOT	AVG	
Varejao, CLE	138	223	361	14.4
Howard, LAL	122	288	410	12.4
Randolph, MEM	139	246	385	12.0
Asik, HOU	107	294	401	11.1
Hickson, POR	133	229	362	11.0
Vucevic, ORL	115	266	381	10.9
Lee, GOL	100	269	369	10.9
Chandler, NYK	150	207	357	10.5
Noah, CHI	120	215	335	10.5
Cousins, SAC	105	202	307	10.2
Fariel, DEN	151	225	376	10.2

Assists

G	AST	AVG	
Rondo, BOS	30	337	11.2
Paul, LAC	36	342	9.5
Vasquez, NOR	35	319	9.1
Holiday, PHL	33	289	8.8
Westbrook, OKC	35	297	8.5
Calderon, TOR	35	274	7.8
Williams, Bro	34	261	7.7
Parker, SAN	36	257	7.1
Nelson, ORL	26	183	7.0
James, MIA	33	225	6.8
Lawson, DEN	36	245	6.8

STEALS

G	STL	AVG	
Paul, LAC	36	93	2.58
Conley, MEM	32	77	2.41
Westbrook, OKC	35	74	2.11
Jennings, MIL	34	71	2.09
Lin, HOU	36	73	2.03
Harden, HOU	35	67	1.91



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

BOXING FRIDAY

9 p.m. John Molina vs. Dannie Williams ESPN2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SATURDAY

11 a.m. Georgetown at St. John's ESPN2
Noon Villanova at Syracuse SUN
Noon Duke at North Carolina State ESPN
1 p.m. Tennessee at Alabama ESPN2
1:30 p.m. Mississippi State at Georgia 38
2 p.m. North Carolina at Florida State ESPN
3 p.m. Oklahoma State at Oklahoma ESPN2
4 p.m. Texas A&M at Kentucky 38
4 p.m. Virginia at Wake Forest SUN
6 p.m. Vanderbilt at Arkansas SUN

GOLF FRIDAY

11 a.m. EuroPGA - Volvo Golf Champions GOLF
3 p.m. PGA - Sony Open in Hawaii GOLF

SATURDAY
9 a.m. EuroPGA - Volvo Golf Champions GOLF
3 p.m. PGA - Sony Open in Hawaii GOLF

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SATURDAY

4 p.m. Huntington Prep at Cape Henry ESPN

NBA FRIDAY

8 p.m. Chicago at New York ESPN
10:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers ESPN

SATURDAY
8 p.m. Phoenix at Chicago WGN

NFL PLAYOFFS SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. Baltimore at Denver CBS
8 p.m. Green Bay at San Francisco FOX

TRACK AND FIELD SATURDAY

2:30 p.m. Revolution3 Triathlon CBS-10

SKIING SATURDAY

4 p.m. USSA Freeskiing Grand Prix NBC
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Rondo, BOS	30	56	1.87
Kidd, NYK	30	55	1.83
Walker, CHA	34	62	1.82
World Peace, LAL	35	62	1.77

BLOCKS

	G	BLK	AVG
Sanders, MIL	33	108	3.27
Ibaka, OKC	35	100	2.86
Hibbert, IND	35	93	2.66
Howard, LAL	33	87	2.64
Duncan, SAN	37	96	2.59
Smith, ATL	32	78	2.44
Lopez, Bro	28	61	2.18
Noah, CHI	32	65	2.03
Gortat, PHX	37	73	1.97
McGee, DEN	37	73	1.97

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Chandler, NYK	161	232	.694
Jordan, LAC	142	237	.599
Ibaka, OKC	214	375	.571
Howard, LAL	201	353	.569
McGee, DEN	162	286	.566
Lopez, NOR	174	310	.561
Hickson, POR	173	314	.551
Bosh, MIA	214	391	.547
James, MIA	333	613	.543
Fariel, DEN	183	340	.538
Gortat, PHX	186	346	.538

3-POINT PERCENTAGE

	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Bonner, SAN	27	57	.474
Curry, GOL	103	228	.452
Allen, MIA	56	124	.452
Novak, NYK	71	159	.447
Martin, OKC	76	172	.442
Korver, ATL	79	179	.441
Kidd, NYK	66	150	.440
Irving, CLE	56	130	.431
Mills, SAN	31	72	.431
Ellington, MEM	34	79	.430

Transactions

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE - Suspended Houston 2B Jonathan Singleton 50 games after a second violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program for a drug of abuse.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS-Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Palmer, C Eliezer Alfonzo, C Ramon Castro, INF Alfredo Amezaga, INF Brian Barden, INF Omar Luna, INF Dallas McPherson and OF Jerome (Jeremy) Moore on minor league contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS-Assigned RHP Arcenio Leon outright to Nashville.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES-Traded OF Quincy Latimore to Cleveland for RHP Jeanmar Gomez.

Frontier League

FRONTIER LEAGUE-Declared RHP Jonathan Kountis a free agent.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES-Named Zach Borowiak hitting coach. Signed INF Vladimir Frias to a contract extension.
JOLIET SLAMMERS-Named Eric Coleman pitching coach and Dave Garcia hitting coach.
RIVER CITY RASCALS-Traded RHP Tony Marsala to Wichita (AA) for future considerations. Received 3B Steve

Carrillo from Wichita for a player to be named.
ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS-Signed LHP Andrew Armstrong, RHP Cody Hallahan, C Greg Van Horn and INF Trevor Whyte to contract extensions and RHP Jon Gulbransen.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NBA-Suspended N.Y. Knicks F Carmelo Anthony one game for confronting Kevin Garnett after Monday's game.
MIAMI HEAT-Signed F Jarvis Varnado to a 10-day contract.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS-Recalled G Nolan Smith and G Will Barton from Idaho (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS-Named David Gettleman general manager.
CHICAGO BEARS-Signed TE Brody Eldridge to a reserve/future contract.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS-Signed P T.J. Conley and CB Greg McCoy to reserve/future contracts.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS-Named Tom Telesco general manager.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS-Placed DE Chris Clemons and PK Steven Hauschka on injured reserve. Signed DE Patrick Chukwurah and PK Ryan Longwell.

Canadian Football League

MONTREAL ALOUETTES-Signed PK William Dion to a three-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS-Fired general manager Brian Burke.

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS-Agreed to terms with F Jack Combs and F Chad Costello on contracts through the remainder of the season.
CONNECTICUT WHALE-Signed F Shayne Wiebe.
HERSHEY BEARS-Loaned F Alex Berry and F Matt Pope to Reading (ECHL).
PROVIDENCE BRUINS-Recalled F Justin Courtнал from South Carolina (ECHL). Signed F Tyler McNeely and D Eric Baier to professional tryout agreements.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer
D.C. UNITED-Signed F Rafael.
FC DALLAS-Signed D London Woodberry. Agreed to terms with D Stephen Keel.

COLLEGE

EASTERN WASHINGTON-Announced WR Brandon Kaufman and QB Kyle Padron will enter the NFL draft.
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON-Announced the resignation of assistant baseball coach Enver Lopez. Named Lesleigh Hogg assistant track and field coach.
NEBRASKA-Announced it is adding women's sand volleyball as a varsity sport beginning this year.
PENN STATE-Announced LB Brennan Franklin and RB Curtis Dukes have left the football team.
SYRACUSE-Named Scott Shafer football coach.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

SATURDAY: Boys Soccer at Sebring, 3 p.m.; Girls Soccer at Sebring, 1 p.m.
MONDAY: Boys Basketball vs. Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer at District 10-2A Tournament, at Lake Placid, vs. DeSoto, 5:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Girls Soccer at District 10-2A Tournament, at Lake Placid, if necessary.



Lake Placid

TODAY: Boys Basketball vs. Ft. Meade, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Ft. Meade, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at Clewiston, 5:30/7 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Okeechobee, 7 p.m.
MONDAY: Boys Basketball at Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Girls Soccer hosts District 10-2A Tournament, vs. DeSoto/Avon Park winner, 7:30 p.m.



Sebring

TODAY: Boys Basketball vs. Lake Gibson, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Lake Gibson, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Weightlifting at Subsectionals, LaBelle, 5 p.m.
SATURDAY: Boys Soccer vs. Avon Park, 3 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Avon Park, 1 p.m.; Wrestling at Palmetto Invite, 10 a.m.
MONDAY: Boys Basketball at Southeast, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Okeechobee, 6 p.m.; Girls Soccer at District 13-3A Tournament, Winter Haven, vs. Auburndale, 6 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

AP Chamber Golf Tournament

AVON PARK - On Saturday, Jan. 12, the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce will host the 16th Annual Avon Park Chamber Golf Tournament at River Greens Golf Course.

The golf tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 12:45 p.m.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

All who are interested in attending will need to pre-register with the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce.

The tournament will follow a four-person scramble format with two different hole in one competitions; a \$2,000 hole in one will be offered by Cohan Radio Group, and a win a free car hole in one sponsored by Witham Chevrolet.

Entry fee will be \$60 per person. For more information, visit www.avon-parkcc@gmail.com.

SFSC Opening Day

AVON PARK - South Florida State College baseball hosts Dr. Stephens Day at the Ball Park on Friday, Jan. 25.

Opening ceremonies begin at 12:45 p.m. at SFSC Panther Field.

The celebration begins with the opening ceremony, an appreciation ceremony for Dr. and Mrs. Stephens, followed by Dr. Stephens throwing out the first pitch for the Panthers home opener against the College of Centra Florida.

The fun continues with plenty of great snacks and panther athletic apparel available at the Panther concession stand.

Throughout the game, announcer Hal Graves will award prizes for those who can muster the answers to his famous baseball trivia.

The public is welcome to attend, and admission to the opening day game is free for everyone.

Lady Streak Tennis Camp

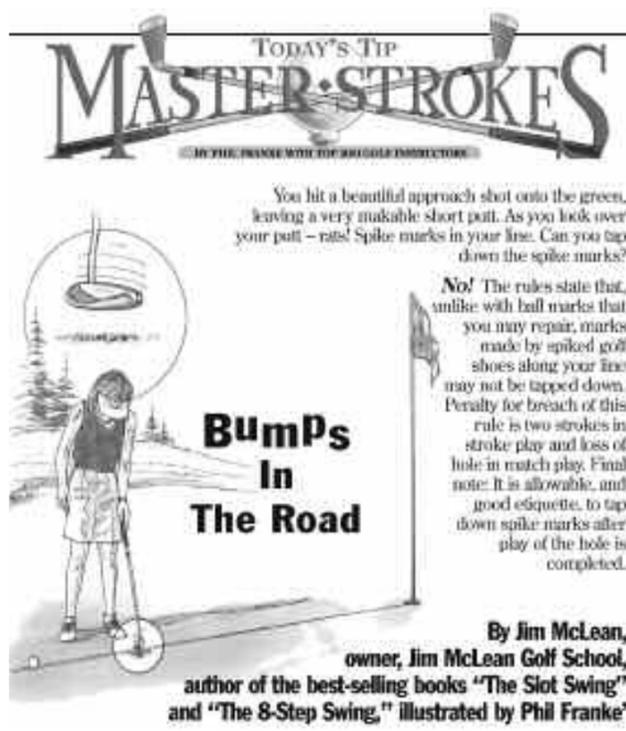
SEBRING - The Sebring High School girls tennis team will be hosting their first annual Tennis Camp on Saturday, Feb. 2.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Thakkar Tennis Center located in the Country Club of Sebring.

The camp is open to girls and boys ages four to 18.

Instruction will be available for all levels of play.

Lunch will be provided



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

McGill, 8-feet-10; No. 4, Verna Knishka, 7-feet-10; and No. 8, Eva Huffman, 9-feet-4.

Placid Lakes

The Men's Association played a Two Best Ball Tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Winning first place was the team of Darrell Gardner, Lane Capp, John Rosettis and Bob McMillian with minus-23; second place, Tom Lacy, John Moss and Wayne Wood with minus-22; and third place, John Goble, Frank Fisher, Larry Kress and Bob Bauman with minus-20.

Closest to the pin: N/A.

A Hangover Scramble was played Tuesday, Jan. 1, with 60 players participating.

Winning first place was the team of John Rosettis, Dave Thomas, Von Lacy and David Raciti with 38.8; second place, Gene Miller, Floyd Beers, Sue Mackey and Tom Bramos with 40.4; and third place, Ron Denbach, Lee Collette, Carol Grimm and Lorain Forcier with 41.3.

Closest to the pin: (Women), No. 2, Beth Weiler, 12-feet. (Men), No. 13, Gary Niehaus, 4-feet-6.

SpringLake

The SpringLake Women's Golf Association played a 2 Person Team-

Best Ball Net Tournament Wednesday, Jan. 9, on the Cougar Trail Course.

There were 17 teams competing and two guests.

The teams were pretty balanced since the scores ranged from 54 to 66. The team of Eleanor Demitz and Ann McWilliams won first place with Net 54.

A Net 55 gave Rita Jaskowski and Barb Stevens a second place finish.

There was a three-way tie (56) for third place involving the teams of Jan Nelson and Dottie Williams; Judy Devries and Sharon Warner and Terrie Austin and Donna Ryan.

The team of Carolyn Irvine and partner Roberta Briggs came in fourth with Net 57.

On Tuesday, Jan. 8, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association conducted Day 1 of a Two Day event - a "4 Man Team / 3 Best Balls" game, played first on the Panther Creek golf course.

Teams were evenly matched, but due to some cancellations, five out of the 10 teams had to use "blinds," where the score of another player with about the same handicap was substituted for the missing player.

The Day 1 results were lead by the team of Charlie Scoven, Charlie Keniston, Ken Willey and a Blind with a score of 196 strokes.

Two teams tied for second place at 200 strokes; one which included Ken Kirby, Will David, Mike Smith and a Blind, and the other composed of Gerry Esty, Bart Rath, Ed Beauchim and Bob Berg.

Running in fourth place at the end of Day 1, with 203 strokes, was the team of Bill Lawens, Dale Stevens, Leon Van and Jim Foote.

The fifth place team, at 204 strokes, included Kirby Gann, Bo Bohanon, Gene Hearn and John Schroeder.

Golf Hammock

The Golf Hammock Ladies played a Par 3s and 5s, Half-Handicap event on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Millie Grime won the First Flight with a 25, while Jean Haig took second with a 27.

The Second Flight saw Marilyn Brewer's 26 hold up for the win and a two-way tie for second with Wanda Hastie and Nancy Senior coming in with dueling 27s.

There was a tie for first in the Third Flight, as both Jo Thornburg and Joan Armbruster scored 28s, with Alma Barefoot one back at 29.

Last Monday, Jan. 7, the Mezza Group played IndividualPro-Am Points at Golf Hammock.

In A group, Mike Winchester took first place with plus 2 and Fred Latshaw came in second with plus 1.

Frank Borgia came in first in B group with plus 4 and Paul Taff Brown was in second place at plus 2.

Danny Geirer came in first place in C group with plus 4 and in second place Stan Griffis made plus 2.

Ned Bauers shot a plus 9 to take first place in D group with Paul Brown II making plus 3 for second place.

There was a tie for first place in E group between Ralph Pickering and Bob Morrison at plus 2.

There was also a tie for first place in F group between Howard Brown and Janet Regan at plus 1.

Jerry Hodges scored plus 7 for first place in G group and Jerry Edwards was in second place with plus 3.

There was a three-way tie for first place in H group between Jimmy Black, Bill Katcher and Karl Mellor at plus 3 and in second place was Ken Granger with plus 2.

In I group Pete Mezza took first place with plus 3 and Don Meitz in sec-

ond place with plus 2.

In J group Jerry Patterson was in first place and a tie for second place between Janet Howland and Ann Freese.

Next Monday the Mezza Group will play at Golf Hammock beginning at 7:45 a.m.

Because of this large group you are asked to come early and register. For more information, call Pete at 382-1280.

Lake June West

A Scramble was played Thursday, Jan. 3.

Winning first place was the team of Ken Rowen, Art Schmeltz, Betty Billau, Larry and Chris Heath with 51.

Tying for second/third places were the teams of John and Shelly Byron and Bob and Elaine Orr; Joy and Joyce Swartz, Ralph and Beth Little and Betty Bevard with 53 each.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 2, Lynn Martin, 3-feet-11; and No. 8, Sylvia West, 3-feet-2. (Men), No. 4, John Givens, 3-feet-7.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Winning first place was the team of Ron West, Mario Cappelletti, Joe Swartz and Larry Heath with 37; second place, John Byron, Sonny Shelton, Don Boulton and John Ruffo with 40; and third place, Ralph Little, Paul

Martin, Jack Maginnis and Boyd York with 41.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Sonny Shelton, 9-feet-8; No. 4, Dick Denhart, 8-feet-8; and No. 8, Sonny Shelton, 3-feet-6.

The Ladies Monday League was played Monday, Dec. 31.

Tying for first/second places were the teams of Joyce Swartz, Margaret Schultz, Betty Bevard and Pat Asmus; Joanne McGill, Eva Huffman, Elaine Orr and Barbara Cash with 36 each. Winning third place was the team of Donna Palmatier, Verna Knishka and Nancy Coon with 38.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Joanne

Lady Devils eye better days ahead

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and got on the board in the early going of the second half, and later added a flurry of scores, showing the Devils that while the progress is evident, there is still a ways to go.

But Card sees the path they are on and is encouraged.

"There are a lot of freshmen who have amazing

potential," she said. "And there are upper classmen who will hold it down when this group of seniors leave."

Avon Park finishes up the regular season with a Saturday matinee visiting Sebring at 1 p.m. and then face off with DeSoto Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the first round of the District 10-2A Tournament at Lake Placid.

AP takes step forward in Tampa loss

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11 they took."

Heating up most was junior guard Isaiah Thomas who would connect on six trey's for the night.

"His last few shots never even touched the rim," O'Hora said.

Catching fire like that late,

'That was a good game for us.'

MARTY O'HORA
Avon Park head coach

the Crusaders stretched out the slim lead and carried it to the win.

"That was a good game for us," O'Hora noted. "They played smart and together to

the very end. But (Tampa) wore us down a little and we got gassed."

Owens lead the Devils with 23 points, Racarus Burley added 16 and Alfred

Brown 14.

Avon Park gets back into district action this week with a home game against Mulberry Monday and a trip to Lake Placid Friday.

Sebring Kayak Tours

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING - If getting out more often is one of your new year resolutions then we have two suggestions for you - take advantage of our (new for 2013) "Frequent Kayaker" program, and start right away.

The "Frequent Kayaker" program is simple: Join us for five trips throughout the year and the sixth one is free.

To get you started right away, here are the trips we have scheduled for the rest of January.

Saturday, Jan. 12
Lake Jackson / Don Jose Mexican Restaurant

We will meet and launch at 11 a.m. from Veterans Park and dock at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant for lunch.

Exact paddling location and time is up to the group.

\$39 per person (includes single or tandem kayak, equipment and lunch).

\$29 per person (for those bringing their own kayak-includes dinner)

Saturday, Jan. 19
Hillsborough River

We will meet at 9 a.m. (launch at 10) from John B Sargeant Memorial Park.

A perfect trip for first-timers, beginners or expert paddlers.

Approximately two hours to Morris Bridge Park where we will break for lunch and then two more hours to Trout Creek Park.

Expect to see plenty of birds and alligators.

\$39 per person (includes single or tandem kayak, equipment and shuttle. Bring your own lunch/snacks).

\$19 per person (for those bringing their own kayak-includes tour fee and shuttle service)

Saturday, Jan. 26
Moonlight Tour / Don Jose

We will meet and launch at 5 p.m. from Veterans Park and dock at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant for dinner.

You will experience a sunset like you've never witnessed before.

After dinner it will be out under the full moon.

Exact paddling location and time is up to the group.

\$39 per person (includes single or tandem kayak, equipment and dinner).

\$29 per person (for those bringing their own kayak-includes dinner)

To reserve a spot call, text or email us as soon as possible.

For trips that include lunch/dinner you will be issued a \$20 voucher/gift card for use at the restaurant.

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Tuesday, January 22nd

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4343 Schumacher Dr.

Monday, February 4th

Prevention Health Screening Center
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Thursday, February 7th

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HEALTHY LIVING

We all shamed ourselves

Dear Pharmacist: I ate like a hog over the holiday, and it was wonderful. To spare my guilt, are there any benefits to holiday foods and spices? – **D. E. Orlando, Fla.**

Answer: Don't worry about it, we all shamed ourselves. Your saving grace is that all those delicious spices have numerous medicinal benefits, and I'd keep sprinkling and cooking with them all year long.

- Nutmeg can ease indigestion, great, since you ate two sweet potato pies in one sitting. Nutmeg kills bacteria that causes bad breath, woo hoo. By killing off some nasty intestinal bacteria, there may be less flatulence. It causes some people to get sleepy, so sprinkle some into a warm cup of almond milk before bed.

- Ginger may help prevent colon and ovarian cancer. It seems to help with morning sickness, motion sickness, chronic fatigue, asthma, erectile dysfunction, heartburn, menstrual cramps, and even the common cold. Ginger is most famous for its anti-nausea effect, as well as its ability to ease arthritis over time because it's a potent anti-inflammatory.

- Cinnamon may improve cholesterol ratios, and in particular, lower LDL cholesterol and help stabilize blood sugar (great for type 2 diabetes). When you balance blood sugar, you control appetite so, of course, this translates to possible weight loss, so long as the rest of your diet is the color of a rainbow. Your brain loves cinnamon as much as your taste buds, meaning your memory and brain function could improve. Cinnamon, like nutmeg, has anti-fungal and anti-bacterial properties.

- Cloves may very well be the strongest antioxidant known to man. In high enough quantities, compounds in cloves reduce iron. This is good if you have hemochromatosis. Cloves may help with diarrhea, intestinal para-



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

sites, thyroid problems, infections and lymphoma. Essential oil of clove oil may relieve pain, if you apply it to a toothache.

- Pumpkin, something that my husband Sam puts in many of his famous smoothies, contains fiber, some antioxidants (like vitamin A, C and E) and B vitamins which improve the appearance of skin, and reduce wrinkles. Nutrients in pumpkin can reduce risk of macular degeneration, thus protecting your eyesight. Pumpkins (and the seeds) are great sex aids. If you think about it, all that zinc supports prostate health, and that's great for men tracking sperm count (for fertility concerns), and men seeking a higher sex drive. I won't mislead you, it doesn't work like Viagra.

- Maple syrup, my favorite, is a great substitute for sugar and it's just natural tree sap. It has fewer calories and it's more nutrient dense than many other sweeteners because it has 54 different antioxidants, including one powerful one called "quebecol" named for where it was discovered. Even though it tastes sweet, some of maple syrup's compound lower blood sugar, and protect our DNA (which could reduce risk of runaway cells and cancer). Honey is another fabulous sweetener loaded with health benefits which is a yummy way to soothe chapped lips.

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

Shoulder pain does not always lead to surgery

Many people worry that by going to an orthopaedic surgeon, they are going to need surgery. Orthopaedics is a specialty that did not split in to two specialties – medicine (think cardiologists) and surgery (think cardiothoracic surgeons) – for treatment of bones, muscles, nerves and joints.

Orthopaedists work with rheumatologists if you have some types of arthritis and physical medicine and rehabilitation doctors for long term rehab. The neurologists help them test nerves. For everything else, the orthopaedist takes care of you whether or not you need surgery.

There are many things that can go wrong with your shoulder. In the older age group, rotator cuff problems are one of the most common. The shoulder socket is very shallow. The rotator cuff muscles work to pull the head of the humerus into the socket and begin the lift. They also, as the name implies, help in rotating your arm.

The tendons are between two bones – the ball of the humerus and the underneath side of the joint. The collarbone (clavicle) makes a joint with a protrusion from the shoulder blade (scapula) called the acromion. Like many joints as you age, this joint can become arthritic and develop spurs. Most of these spurs grow downward making the space for the rotator cuff tendons narrow. The edges of the spurs are rough. First the tendon is irritated by the spur and over time, the spur can make a hole or tear in the rotator cuff.

Acute rotator cuff tears



There are many things that can go wrong with your shoulder and not all of them will require surgery. MCT

occur with injury such as an auto accident or falling from a ladder and catching yourself so that all your weight

goes on one arm. X-rays are taken to make sure the bone has not been broken or the joint dislocated. Because motion is limited by pain, it is difficult to tell if the cuff is torn. Initial treatment is pain medicine and, if you can take them, anti-inflammatories. Physical therapy is also helpful in decreasing the pain and getting your shoulder moving again.

In those with shoulder

pain that gradually got worse without an accident, x-rays are not predictive of the outcome. A short course of therapy consisting of modalities such as ice, heat and ultrasound and "hands on" mobilization and working out the tight spots in the muscle is the most useful initial treatment. With this therapy, 60-70 percent will begin to get better. This group just needs a little more therapy. Those that are not better after two to three weeks of therapy need further workup either with an MRI or cine.

The cine is a motion picture of your shoulder moving. Because these machines use a computer to form the image, there is very little radiation. The MRI is better for those who do not have a lot of motion even without therapy.

The exception that generally occurs with some type of trauma is if your shoulder hunches when you try to raise it. This is an indicator of a large rotator cuff tear and requires surgery.

If you can move your arm without pain, but feel pain in your shoulder you may have a problem in your neck. The most commonly pinched neck nerve is the one to the shoulder. Surgery and treatment of neck caused shoulder pain are a subject for the next column.

Dr. Diana D. Carr treats patients at The Hand & Shoulder Specialists offering specialty care close to home with a concentration on healing shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand problems. She is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Carr's long list of achievements include being an orthopaedic surgeon certified as a hand specialist. For more information, visit <http://hand-shoulder-specialist.com> or call (863) 382-7777.

New CEO takes helm of Cornerstone Hospice

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Freshly-minted president and CEO of Cornerstone Hospice Charles "Chuck" Lee started his tenure at the helm of the seven-county nonprofit earlier this week with a "Meet 'n Greet" of staff, community and friends at the organization's Highlands County operational center on Sparta Road.

"It is worthy to note that out of an 8,000-plus square mile central Florida service geography, multiple operational centers from Lake and Sumter counties on the north to Highlands and Hardee counties on our south, our new CEO marks the taking of the helm of Cornerstone Hospice at 8:00 a.m. on his first day on the job right here in Sebring!" said Deb Harley,

executive director for the nonprofit's Highlands-Hardee-Polk region.

"Yes, staff here in Sebring is ecstatic that CEO Chuck Lee started his tenure right here at our office, listening to our staff and sharing his vision for the growth of Cornerstone Hospice here in the Highlands and Hardee region," said Sara Taylor, RN and supervisor at the Hospice's Sebring office.

Lee assured everyone that they'll have the physician support, tools and resources required for continued growth in the Highlands and Hardee region. "I am committed for us to have all resources in place to allow us to expand as opportunities arise. I see our census has been growing here and you have my support and encour-

agement so we can manage issues that accompany growth and professional patient care ... Patients and family care always comes first," said the new CEO.

Since 1984, Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care, a nonprofit community-based healthcare organization, has provided care and services to central Florida residents and to American veterans and families experiencing life-limiting illnesses. To learn more, call in Highlands and Hardee counties 382-4563 or toll-free (800) 503-5756 or visit www.cornerstonehospice.org or www.SeriousIllness.org/Cornerstone

Change in meeting schedule for Heartland Amputee Group

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – The meeting day and time has been changed for the The Heartland Amputee Group.

The group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce in the Village Plaza. Refreshments will be available. Post cards will be mailed out to the people on the postcard list as a reminder of the change.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Braimah Saaka, vascular surgeon. The doctor's topic will be announced. Adjust your schedules to visit with the doctor.

The Heartland Amputee Group is an informational type of support group for both recent and experienced amputees of all levels, their family and friends and interested health care professionals. The group's main purpose is to give support, encouragement and exchange information and product knowledge. Anyone

interested in meeting with the group is invited to attend this friendly, informal meeting. Information is exchanged and can be very encouraging and educational.

The Heartland Amputee Group is organized through H.A.L.L.O. (Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization) whose mission statement is "Improving the Quality of Life for Those Meeting the Challenges of Life". The group's regular meetings are scheduled for every second Thursday of the month at noon through April 2013.

For any other information about the group, or if you would like to be on the mailing list for notification of the meetings and guest speakers, call HALLO at 385-1196, email halloinc@embarqmail.com or write to H.A.L.L.O., P.O. Box 7082, Sebring, FL 33872.

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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church - ELCA

SEBRING — This Sunday is the Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. Deacon David Thoresen's sermon will be based on the gospel reading of Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

At 11 a.m. Wednesday, the WELCA ladies will host a meeting for ladies. The program will include guest speakers, quilting projects, adiscussion and then a noon luncheon. Visitors and guests are welcome.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday, Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "Genesis Begun, Genesis Completed." The congregation will also celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord.

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High School. For more information, call 471-2663 or search online at christlutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The sermon

on Sunday morning is titled "Sacrament." The key-note is from II Corinthians 13:14, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all."

The church is at 154 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "The Harvest and War: Part 2" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the Gospel of John.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — The Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "Clouds of Prayer", from the Scriptures in Luke 3:15-22.

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

Faith Baptist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Bill Cole will preach Sunday

on the subject "In Remembrance of Me" from Mark 14. Sunday evening he will preach "A Red-light Motel and a Ready Heart" from the book of Joshua.

Special Bible studies begin in February. Journey of a Lifetime begins Sunday, Feb. 3. This study answers fascinating questions, such as: Who wrote the Bible? What is the theme? Why is there an Old and New Testament? Why did God want Moses to build a tabernacle? Complete this study for a basic understanding of every book in the Bible.

Also, ladies are invited to a Bible study, Kinsman Redeemer, a study of Ruth. If you were a slave, who would buy you freedom? If you had an enemy, who would come to your defense? In the Old Testament, this person was known as a "kinsman-redeemer." If you are a believer, you already have one ... Jesus Christ. This rich study shows how Jesus both bought us (redeemer) and advocates (defends) for us. This four-week study will meet each Tuesday in February from 1-3 p.m.

To have materials on hand

for these studies, pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register, call the church office at 465-0060.

For further information about activities of the Faith Baptist, (A Family of Faith, 660 Holmes Ave.), call the church office at 465-0060 or check out the website, www.faithbaptistchurchlp.com.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, the church celebrates First Sunday after Epiphany, The Baptism of our Lord. Pastor Robert Reinhardt will deliver his sermon, "Who Are You," from the readings of Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 43:6-9, Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-22.

The Florida Blood Centers blood mobile will be at the church from 8-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 20. Call the office at 385-7848 or make reservations in the lobby (Jan. 20). All donors will receive a Fandango Voucher that can be redeemed for a free movie ticket.

Sunday, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m.

will be the 60th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service with a meal to follow. Notify the office or Donna Lobbelstael with plans to attend no later than Wednesday, Jan. 23.

The adult Sunday school class is studying "Blessed Are the Peacemakers."

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message "The Unknown God" with Scripture from Acts 17:22-34.

The United Methodist Women's Circles will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The church is at 126 S. Pine St. Visit the website at www.sebringfirstumc.com. Call the church office for information at 385-5184.

First Christian Church-Avon Park

AVON PARK — A new series of lessons will begin Sunday morning during the Bible study hour on The Glorious Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Wednesday

night Bible study continues the study on what the Bible says about Heaven.

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

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Juanita Roberts and Teresa Williams. Communion will be served by Carol Chandler, Diane Beidler and Franny Goff.

The pastor's sermon is titled "The Fall of Man" from Genesis 3:6-9.

For more information, call the church office at 385-0352. The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave.

First Presbyterian Church - A.R. P.

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

ANGLICAN

■ **New Life Anglican Fellowship**, 10 N. Main Ave. (Woman's Club), Lake Placid, FL 33852. Rev. Susan Rhodes, Deacon in Charge, (863) 243-3191; sthrhodes1020@yahoo.com. Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Teaching, Holy Communion, Music, Fellowship, Healing Prayer. "Pastoral and Spiritual".

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way, Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshiping 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 Catylist 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; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday — Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth 445, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday -

Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children's Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Sunday broadcast on Cable TV Channel 6. Call 453-6681 for details. "In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park."

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

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults, and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. 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 Gardena 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 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 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. Mark McDowell, 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@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Rev. Jose González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Decons, 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. CONFESSION: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.; Or by appointment with any priest. WEEKEND

MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Spanish Mass: noon; Last Sunday of the month: 2 p.m. (Creole/French); Sunday Family Mass 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. and noon; Saturday: 9 a.m.

■ **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

■ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, (Saxon Hall) 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Bill Raymond, Preaching Minister. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-8929 or 449-0203.

■ **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. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

■ **First Christian Church (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**, 154 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: Don Smith. 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.

■ **Lake Placid Church of Christ**, 1069 Hwy 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship is 6 p.m. Bible class 9 a.m. Sundays and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us. For more information, call the church at 863-465-4636 or visit the website <http://www.thelordsway.com/lakeplacid-cofc/>.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. Minister: Kevin Patterson. Times of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Class, 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. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 453-6052.

RELIGION

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Sunday morning, the pastor's sermon is titled "More Abundant Life" based on John 10:1-10.

In the adult Sunday school class, the pastor leads the class in a video series titled "The Life and Ministry of the Messiah" sponsored by Focus on the Family. The lessons are filmed on location in Israel and narrated by historian/teacher Ray Vander Laan. Sunday's film is titled "Galilee - When the Rabbi Says, 'Come'." Matt Sbotto teaches the youth class and they are studying the book of Ephesians.

The choir's introit will be "Emmanuel" and the anthem "The Gift of Love."

Monday through Wednesday, the Women's Ministries will be conducting the Week of Prayer. Continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. The program is at 10 a.m. and the theme is "Prayer: Does It

Make Any Difference?" A DVD presentation featuring Philip Yancey, author of "What's So Amazing About Grace?", will be shown. There will also be devotions, discussion groups and special music each day. The offering each day will go to Outreach North America. Kay Conkle is chairman and Ginger McCracken is co-chairman.

Wednesday's Bible study with Pastor Johnson will be on the topic "How Do We Glorify God?" There will be no children's choir and ministry or adult choir practice, but there will be a family potluck at 6 p.m. A musical program will be presented by Bob and Maxine Johnson.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). For questions, call 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church ARP of Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID – Pastor

Raymond Cameron begins his series on 1 Samuel on Sunday and will continue through Palm Sunday, March 24. The sermon can be heard at all three Sunday worship services.

Call the church office at 465-2742 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday for any questions. The sermon is also available on the church website at www.fpclp.com.

The church is at 117 N. Oak Ave.

Grace Pointe Ministries

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Ministries is at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

Tuesday's home Bible study is a continuing series, Messiah: Shadow To Image. Call (863) 658-2534 for information and directions.

Sunday's morning worship is a new series, "Targets For 2013."

Visit www.gracepointeministries.net for updates.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this Sunday will be "The Revelation" with Scripture from Revelation 1:1-5.

The service will also include Stan Skidmore singing "The Cross" and Victor Anderson with a trumpet solo, "Sunday School Medley."

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South (behind Publix); phone number is 314-9693.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — This week is Missions Sunday at Memorial. The theme this year is "May the Love of Jesus be Seen in 2013."

Seven missions (three in

Lake Placid and four in other countries) are supported monthly by Memorial United Methodist Church. Hear the latest update from those missions Sunday.

Lake Placid Christian School, the Costa Rican missionary, Ray Zirkel, and the Nettles missionary family in Haiti working with YWAM (Youth With a Mission) will be represented at the early Sunday service. The two later services will combine to hear reports from H.O.O.I. (Homeless & Orphan Outreach Incorporated) in the Dominican Republic, Youth for Christ, Lakeview Christian School and Evangelism for Children in Costa Rica.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave., behind the tower. For more information, call the office at 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday

morning Bible lesson, "Reflection The Mind of Christ", is taken from Philippians, chapter 2. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the messages. The Wednesday evening service will continue in the book of James.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Sunday morning, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.'s message will be "The Baptism of Jesus." Biblical reference is from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane. Rev. Clyde Weaver's sermon title is "Joyous Communion."

Garage sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ **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. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Anglican 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. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

■ **The Church of the Way EFCA**, 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: 273-3674. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

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.

INDEPENDENT

■ **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; Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

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 Tuesday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. 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 past the four-way stop sign. 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 (863) 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Reverend Robert Reinhardt, Pastor. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Sunday Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.; 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. 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 Luke Willitz at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife.sebring.com.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., at Memorial Drive, Avon Park. Pastor Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Fragrance Free Service Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Open Communion celebrated at all services. "God's Work, Our Hands."

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 yrs through 5th 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. 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

■ **Crossroads of Life**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long - empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don't speak English - no problema. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

■ **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.

■ **Unity Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weare-unity.org.

■ **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.

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.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. 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. Email: faith@htn.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school and high school ages), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church

office for more information and other classes.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpclp.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday - Traditional Worship, 8 and 9:30 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group - (middle and high school) 7 p.m., RockSolid (kindergarten through fifth grade) 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

■ **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 Deacons meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com. Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com. Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul 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 Nathan Madrid.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army - Center**

for Worship. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmysebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

■ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, Pastor. Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Visit us at our church website: 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

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

RELIGION

Snapshots

Sunridge Baptist Church plans Youth Car Wash

SEBRING — Sunridge Baptist Church youth will have a car wash from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. This event will raise funds for church events with which the youth are participating.

Sunridge Baptist Church is at 3704 Valerie Blvd., at the intersection of U.S. 27 and Valerie Boulevard, directly across the street from Florida Hospital, Heartland Division.

Spring Lake UMC plans garage sale

SEBRING — The annual garage sale at Spring Lake United Methodist Church, 8170 Cozumel Lane (one-quarter mile east of hardware store on U.S. 98), will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Brandt will be in concert in Fort Meade

FORT MEADE — Tommy Brandt will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, 6210 Mount Pisgah Road, Fort Meade.

Resurrection Lutheran plans garage sale

AVON PARK — Resurrection Lutheran Church will hold its annual garage sale at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19. The doors will close at 2 p.m. Everything must go.

The church is at 324 E. Main St., corner of Main and Memorial in Avon Park. Proceeds will go toward the new air-conditioner.

Blackwood Quartet in concert Jan. 20

AVON PARK — On Sunday, Jan. 20 the leg-



Courtesy photo

The McCrays will perform during the Winter In The Word at Community Bible Church, 1400 County Road 17A North in Avon Park. Speakers will also include Dr. Bill Ury (Jan. 13-17) and Dr. Mark Smith (Jan. 18-20). Services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information call 452-5643.

endary Blackwood Quartet will be in concert at 5 p.m. at Union Church, 106 N. Butler Ave. (www.WEARE-UNION.org). The cost is \$10 at the door.

Call 382-0706 for more information.

Doug Day in concert Sunday

SEBRING — Faith Missionary Baptist Church will have Doug Day in concert at 11 a.m. Sunday. He will also preach and share his heart for the Lord.

Day has an amazing voice that the congregation demands back every year. He has a gift of communication that touches his audience.

The church is at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Each service is interpreted for the deaf.

Faith Lutheran hosts blood mobile

SEBRING — Faith Lutheran Church will host the Florida Blood Centers blood mobile from 8-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 20. Call the office, 385-7848, or make reservations in the lobby (day of Jan. 20). It is not too late to make appointments. All donors will receive a Fandango Voucher that can be redeemed for a

free movie ticket.

Sunday, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. will be the 60th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service with a meal to follow. Contact the office or Donna Lobbelstael no later than Wednesday, Jan. 23.

First Christian Church plans party

AVON PARK — The women of First Christian Church will have their annual Ladies Birthday Party at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. The church is at 1016 W. Camphor St., and would like to invite all women.

Bring your mother, daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother, friend, neighbor, or someone new. There will be entertainment, cake, ice cream, fellowship and fun for all who attend.

The guest speaker will be Mary Beth Smith, a retired missionary from Africa. Tickets for the birthday party are \$3 each and can be purchased at the church office from 8 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, or call 453-5334.

Attention: Husbands and wives



Kevin's Comments

Kevin Patterson

An elderly couple were on an ocean cruise when a storm arose. They were standing near the back of the ship when a giant wave washed up and over the boat, sweeping the old man overboard. The crew searched for days but could not find him. The captain sent the old woman back to shore and promised that he would notify her as soon as something was found.

Three weeks passed when the old woman finally received a message from the captain. It read:

"Ma'am, I am sorry to inform you, but we found your husband's body at the bottom of the ocean. We hauled him up on deck, and an oyster was attached to his backside. Inside the oyster was a pearl worth \$50,000."

The old woman responded with the following message: "Captain, please send me the pearl, and re-bait the trap."

It is easy to poke fun at the relationship between a husband and his wife. It is the substance of many comedy routines and late-night talk shows. However, as funny as some of those jokes are, the institution of marriage is no laughing matter. In fact, with the constant attack that marriage receives from society, the media, and our courts of law, there is little wonder that the divorce rate is so high and that "marriage substitutes" (such as living together outside of the marriage relationship, same-sex marriages, etc.) are on the

rise. The consequences of these types of thinking result in the breakdown of the home and the moral degradation of our nation.

Perhaps, we have allowed others to do our thinking for us for too long. Perhaps, we have allowed our culture to define for us the function of the man and the woman. Perhaps, we have forgotten God's plan for a husband and his wife and the individual role each one is to play. Perhaps, we simply need to go back to the Bible to determine what marriage was designed to be by its original designer.

Read the following instructions from the inspired apostle Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus. Consider the distinctive roles God gave both the man and woman inside the bond of marriage. Then, examine the responsibilities of both husband and wife to love and respect each other. No marriage can achieve greater success than the one functioning in the manner God intended for it to function.

"Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband

is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband." (Ephesians 5:22-33)

Kevin's Comments is presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ assembling at 3800 Sebring Parkway. On the Internet visit www.sebringcoc.com, or e-mail sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com.

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Randy Merrill Evangelistic Team will perform in Maranatha Baptist Church's first concert of its winter series at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18.

Randy Merrill Evangelistic Team kicks off concert series

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — The first concert in the Maranatha Baptist Church Winter Concert series will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18 and will feature the Randy Merrill Evangelistic Team.

The Merrills are a faith-based, family ministry that uses music, drama and multimedia presentations in a diverse approach to bringing people to Christ and serving local churches. Randy Merrill, the leader, is the maternal grandson of the Spurrs, a familiar name in gospel music.

Their program makes use of the trombone, trumpets, flute and keyboard, as well as the "Singing Crystal Glasses." They are based in Greenville, S.C.

Future concerts in the series will feature pianist and vocalist Chris Knoblock on Friday, Feb. 15 and vocalist Robin Noel Jewell on Friday,

March 22.

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DIVERSIONS

'Les Miserables' made passionately, expertly

By **BOB GARVER**

Special to the News-Sun

For the past few months, just about every movie I've seen has been preceded by a short documentary on the making of "Les Miserables". The point most stressed in these previews is that every song in the movie is being sung live; that unprecedented steps have been taken to ensure that we do not have to put up with the phoniness of lip-synching. Needless to say, the task was a tremendous undertaking for everyone from the actors to the film crew to the musicians who recorded the score to match the actors' pace instead of the other way around. Such a tremendous effort cannot go unrewarded, so I made sure to maintain a powerful respect for the film as its two and a half hours slogged along and its music, so painstakingly crafted, became more and more of a nuisance.

The film is based on a wildly successful Broadway musical, itself based on a 19th-century French novel by Victor Hugo. The story centers on Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman), a former prisoner who changes his identity and breaks parole to start a new life free from his label as a criminal. This does not sit well with Javert (Russell Crowe), a prison guard turned police inspector tasked with bringing Valjean to justice. Years later, Valjean's fear of Javert causes him inadvertently ruin the life of a factory worker named Fantine (Anne Hathaway). Desperate to atone, Valjean adopts Fantine's daughter Cosette away from a couple of crooked innkeepers (Sacha Baron Cohen and Helena Bonham Carter) and raises her as his own. Cosette grows up and falls



Courtesy photo
Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman), a former prisoner who changes his identity and breaks parole to start a new life, in doing so inadvertently ruins the life of a factory worker named Fantine (Anne Hathaway) in 'Les Miserables.'



Movie Review

'Les Miserables'

Rating: PG-13

Running time: 157 minutes

Review: ★★☆☆ (of 4)

in love with a fiery revolutionary named Marius (Eddie Redmayne). Valjean struggles to evade Javert and protect Cosette without deviating from his own path to redemption.

The performances are all top-notch, as one would expect in a film made with such rampant dedication. Jackman is everything one could hope for in Jean Valjean: dashing, patient, brave and tortured.

Hathaway absolutely nails "The Impossible Dream" (perhaps the most well-known song of the film) and will almost certainly earn an Academy Award nomination if not a win for her sadly-too-brief performance. I'd also like to bring attention to Samantha Barks, who turns out to be quite the scene-stealer as Eponine, the daughter of the devious innkeepers who harbors a crush on Marius. It's hard to believe that Marius would chase after the sheltered Cosette when he has a tigress like Eponine in his life.

I can't object to the quality of the music in the film, but I do object to its quantity. I can't stand it when musicals insist that every line of dialogue be sung. They should do a big production number and then rest for a minute so we can get excited for the next one. The former approach is the reason why I hated the stage version of "Rent" and the latter is why I loved the 2005 film adaptation. "Les

Miserables" consists of 49 songs, and while none of them are "bad" necessarily, their overabundance makes the greater ones seem less special and the lesser ones downright superfluous.

"Les Miserables" should only be seen by people who are prepared for two and a half straight hours of musical numbers. This is not a movie for people who aren't particularly fond of musicals but think they can tolerate it for the sake of a loved one. That said, the film was made passionately and expertly and the effort has paid off. For better or worse, you'll come out humming your favorite songs. I've got "Master of the House" stuck in my head myself, but I'd love to hear from you and find out which songs are dominating your brain.

'Les Miserables' is rated PG-13 for suggestive and sexual material, violence and thematic elements. Its running time is 157 minutes. Contact Bob Garver at rrg251@nyu.edu.

Perplexed bride ponders how to let bridesmaid gently go

Dear Abby: I used to be close friends with "Colette." We were so close that I asked her



Dear Abby

to be a bridesmaid in my April wedding.

Over the last several years of our friendship, Colette became selfish and domineering. It didn't bother me so much before, because I felt her positive qualities outweighed the negative. However, after several recent incidents, I finally told her I was upset. She offered a cop-out response, and we have not communicated since then. That was a month ago.

How do I let her know that I want to withdraw my request for her to be a bridesmaid? I don't want to hurt her feelings, but my wedding will be a small, private affair, and her presence would be painful and disruptive to me and another bridesmaid who recently had a similar experience with her.

Colette may not be burning with desire to come anyway, given our falling out, and hasn't yet incurred any of the expenses or spent any of the time and effort associated with being a bridesmaid. I don't want to act unkindly, even though I don't plan on rekindling the friendship. — **Needs**

Perspective in Kansas

Dear Needs: Tell Colette politely that your plans have changed and that you have decided to "scale back" the wedding; therefore your wedding party will be smaller and you won't need her after all. It's euphemistic enough that it could be taken to mean that finances have dictated your decision, which would be face-saving for her.

If she feels as you suspect she does, she may be relieved to be let off the hook. And if not, well — you don't plan on continuing your friendship with her in any case. Do not make the conversation anything but polite and brief.

Dear Abby: My mother had to be placed in a nursing home a year and a half ago. It has been a difficult time in our lives. She had two small, adorable dogs that kept her company for many years. I have kept them at

her home and provide daily care and love to them.

I tried to find them a loving home, to no avail. I can't bring them to my home because I'm allergic to dogs. They're accustomed to being indoors, and the elderly one can't stand the extreme heat in our area.

My problem is my brother. He knows I need a good home for Mom's dogs, but he went out and bought another dog for his family. I was hurt and angry when he told me, but tried not to show it. I'm bitter about it because Mom's pets still need a home.

I'm finding it hard to speak to my brother now. I have never had a mean bone in my body or felt this way before, but I don't understand how he could do this. Am I wrong to feel this way? I respect your opinion, so could you advise me? — **Doggone It!**

Dear Doggone It!: Your feelings are understandable. However, before you let them degenerate into lasting antipathy, have a frank talk with your brother. Tell him your feelings and find out why he didn't volunteer to take in your mother's dogs. There is nothing to be gained by stewing in silence, and he may have had a reason.

You might have better luck finding a home for your mother's dogs if you contact no-kill shelters and rescue groups in your area. The dogs might be ideal companions for another senior if they are loving and housebroken. Most shelters offer a "senior for senior" discount where qualified senior citizens can adopt a senior companion animal, usually seven years old or older, with all fees waived.

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Oprah to interview Armstrong for Jan. 17 show

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Lance Armstrong has agreed to an interview with Oprah Winfrey in which he is to address allegations he used performance-enhancing drugs during a career in which he won seven Tour de France titles.

According to Winfrey's website on Tuesday, this will be a "no holds-barred interview." It will be the first with Armstrong since his cycling career crumbled under the weight of a massive report by the U.S. Anti-

Doping Agency. The report detailed accusations of drug use by Armstrong and teammates on his U.S. Postal Service teams.

It's unclear if the interview at Armstrong's home in Austin, Texas, has already been taped. Nicole Nichols, a spokeswoman for Oprah Winfrey Network & Harpo Studios, declined comment.

The show will be broadcast Jan. 17 at 9 p.m. EST on OWN and Oprah.com.

Armstrong has strongly denied the doping charges that led to him being

stripped of his Tour de France titles, but The New York Times reported Friday he has told associates he is considering acknowledging the use of performance enhancers.

The newspaper report cited anonymous sources, and Armstrong lawyer Tim Herman told The Associated Press that night he had no knowledge of Armstrong considering a confession.

Earlier Tuesday, "60 Minutes Sports" reported the head of USADA told the show a representative for Armstrong offered the

agency a "donation" in excess of \$150,000 several years before an investigation by the organization led to the loss of Armstrong's Tour de France titles.

In an interview for the premiere on Showtime on Wednesday night, USADA chief executive Travis Tygart said he was "stunned" when he received the offer in 2004.

"It was a clear conflict of interest for USADA," Tygart said. "We had no hesitation in rejecting that offer."

Herman denied such an offer was made.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like a 9x9 grid, Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fit each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numbers placed already and in the boxes. The more numbers you have, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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TRANSFORMING YOUR BEDROOM Into a Stylish, Functional Retreat

Designer secrets to enhance the master suite

Family Features

In today's busy, on-the-go world, having a haven to come home to is a must. And for many people, that sanctuary is the bedroom.

In fact, a recent study by Leggett & Platt Adjustable Bed Group found that 90 percent of people surveyed want their master suite to be a tranquil retreat.

"Today's bedroom is for more than just sleeping," says Emily Henderson, host of "Secrets from a Stylist" and HGTV's Season 5 "Design Star" winner. "From working and engaging with media to reading, relaxing and watching TV, we are doing more in our bedrooms than before. But that doesn't mean we have to compromise great style and comfort. I like to help create spaces that are comfortable and exude warmth no matter their use."

Henderson recently shared a few of her designer secrets to help anyone create a peaceful and luxurious haven.



Emily Henderson

Choose the Right Color Palette

Color really sets the mood for a room. While soft, cool colors and neutrals create a soothing mood, strong colors add drama.

Henderson says that some colors, such as red, yellow and hot colors like fuchsia and orange, can feel aggressive.

"As much as I love a bold color, I often work with blues, grays and creams as the dominant colors for a bedroom," says Henderson. "Go for a neutral like taupe or ivory if you want it to feel warmer, or a cooler neutral like light blue or grey if you want it to feel more calming. Then you can add hits of a stronger accent color."

A good rule of thumb when choosing colors is 60-30-10. Sixty percent of the room should be the dominant color (walls), 30 percent a secondary color (upholstery) and 10 percent an accent color (accessories.)

When choosing your colors, start with something you love as your inspiration. It can be a painting, a pillow or even your favorite vase. Use that item to build out the perfect color palette for your bedroom.

Beautify Your Bed and Bedding

The Better Sleep Council says that, in general, a mattress set that has been in use for seven years should be replaced in order to give you the best comfort and support possible. "If it's time to replace your mattress, think about upgrading your whole bed," says Henderson. "An adjustable bed can offer not only customizable comfort but a chic look, too. I have one from Leggett & Platt's Designer Series that lets me adjust the head, knees and feet — and I have massage options. It's made a big difference in my life, and it looks great, too!"

She recommends considering an upholstered bed for a look that is softer and more

cozy; a simple platform bed for something more modern; or an ornate iron bed frame for something more antique and old world.

To get the designer look you see in magazines and on websites for your bed, Henderson says you need to choose great bedding, and learn how to layer it.

"Make sure you have tons of textures and layers," she said. "More than any other room, upholstery is important. In your bedroom, you want everything soft. You don't necessarily need a lot of patterns or colors. The key is to contrast textures like wools, linens, cashmeres and knits to make it feel inviting. Remember to keep everything in your color palette to avoid it looking messy or feeling busy."

Here is her step-by-step guide to layering bedding like a pro:

- ◆ Start with sheets — Make sure you have comfortable sheets that feel good against your skin. Sheets with some detailing on the end, such as lace or embroidery, add a nice decorative touch. You can choose a solid color or a pattern that complements your bedspread.
- ◆ Add a blanket — The next layer is a soft blanket. Depending on the season and the climate in your area, you can go with a lighter cotton or fleece blanket, or a heavier wool one.
- ◆ Top it off — A quilt, duvet or bedspread is the top layer of your bedding and has the most visual impact. It needs to pull together all the layers of your bed and complement the colors of your room.
- ◆ Accent each layer — Fold the top layer back about a quarter of the way down the bed. Follow with the blanket and the sheet, leaving each layer visible.
- ◆ Add pillows and accessories — Don't overdo it with layers and layers of pillows. Use larger, European style pillows and shams for a backdrop, your sleeping pillows in front of those, then an accent pillow or two. Add a textured throw or silky quilt folded at the end of the bed for a finishing touch.

Put the Accent on Style

Accent pieces really finish off a room and give it a complete look. Henderson says she likes to use mirrors on the wall instead of big, bold art. "Mirrors expand the space and fill the wall, but they don't add a lot of contrast or busyness. Other ideas for stylish accents include:

- ◆ A tray on the nightstand that holds a dish for jewelry, scented candle and lamp.
- ◆ Small throw rugs for either side of the bed. Rugs add color, texture and a luxurious touch.
- ◆ A collection of small vases or frames in the same color with various shapes.

For more tips from Emily Henderson on creating the perfect bedroom haven, visit: www.lpadjustablebeds.com.