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# Flu season mild so far in Highlands

By **BARRY FOSTER**  
*News-Sun correspondent*

SEBRING — Although the influenza season has been raging across the state of Florida as well as the rest of the nation, local officials say it does not appear to be too bad here as of yet.

"We really haven't had that many cases," said Highlands County Health Department

public information officer Tom Moran.

While flu season generally peaks during the months of January and February, Moran said it actually got an early start. While it has been termed "mild" here, across the Sunshine State authorities report the flu has been widespread.

The Florida Department of

Health's latest numbers were released in their online publication, titled "The Florida Flu Review." The last report came from late last month and Moran said Highlands has continued to be relatively flu-free.

"The numbers haven't really increased that much, and that's a good thing," he said.

Moran attributed the high-

er numbers in other areas of the state to denser populations, where people are closer together for greater periods of time

The predominate virus this year has been designated as H3N2 but that's not the only one making the rounds.

"Every year you also get the previous strains as well — that includes the H1N1," he

said.

The H1N1 is better known as the "swine flu," but Moran said it does not pose the same threat as it did several years ago when it claimed several lives — including a couple here in Highlands County.

The most recent incarnation of the flu is much the

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## Bill Ross remembered with dedication

**Honored by LPHS Class of 1978**

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**  
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LAKE PLACID — Malcolm "Bill" Ross, a legend in Lake Placid High School's basketball history, was honored Friday night when the never-named gymnasium was dedicated in his memory — appropriately during the half-time break during the Fort Meade/Green Dragon game. Ross's wife, Joanie Ross, and his son Dylan were at the dedication

Number 54 was an amazing athlete, fun to watch and a natural leader.

He was killed in a car crash in June 2012, wearing his seat belt and sitting at a stop light on his way to work. A car hit his from behind, causing a five-car accident. He was the only fatality.

Ross, who graduated from Lake Placid High School in 1978, went on to become a stand-out player for Clemson University. In 1980 he was a part of the team that played in the Elite Eight NCAA Tournament. He was so good he could have played professional ball.

Instead, he chose to put his electrical engineering degree to use working for the power industry, most recently Duke Energy, a right-of-way manager for Progress Energy. After living in other cities for a time, Ross returned home where he worked, raised a family and took part in the community and his church.

Remembered as a good and Godly man, and spoken of with respect and affection, it is Ross's athletic legacy

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News-Sun photo by **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**  
Coach Steve Bullock introduces Bill Ross's wife, Joanie Ross, and son, Dylan Ross, during the LPHS gym dedication in basketball legend Ross's honor.



News-Sun photo by **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**  
Lake Placid High School dedicated its gymnasium to 1978 alumni and basketball legend Bill Ross Friday night.

## Father also arrested in neglect case

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**  
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AVON PARK —

Following up on the Tuesday arrest of Sandra Michelle Jackson, 25, the Highlands County Sheriff's Office took Kyle Rupert, 22, into custody on the same



Rupert

charges: child neglect causing great harm, and three counts of child neglect without great harm.

A 911 call was received at about 1:20 a.m. July 7, 2012, requesting assistance for a child who was unresponsive.

Upon arrival the responders found a filthy, cockroach infested residence. There were four children in the home, ages 4, 3, 2 and 10 months. The infant was dead. There were no signs of trauma. Reports indicate all of the children were dirty, poorly clothed and malnourished. The baby appeared emaciated, according to deputies.

At the time of the 911 call Jackson was not home. She told investigators she'd gone

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## Plans are under way for Faith on Fire event

By **ROMONA WASHINGTON**  
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Candace Cameron Bure. Dennis Swanberg. Jonny Diaz. Sanctus Real. Big Daddy Weave.

Two things they all have in common: They are inspirational artists and speakers, and they are all contracted to perform in the Faith on Fire event, a Christian music festival, planned for later this year at Westgate River Ranch Resorts in Lake Wales.

Candice Anderson, one of the event organizers, grew up hearing her parents talk about the Jesus Festivals they attended.

"We felt like God was

telling us to do this. We've always felt that we needed revivals back in this country. Faith on Fire will be like a revised version of the Jesus Festivals. There are a lot of people who are Christians but they're just not excited about it anymore. We want them to get excited again, and it's also for those who have never known what being a Christian is all about. We want them to get to know what it is," she said.

The three-day event is scheduled for Nov. 8-11. Tickets, ranging from \$15-\$65, are now on sale.

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Courtesy photo  
Sanctus Real is one of the many Christian artists that have already committed to perform at Faith on Fire, a Christian concert to take place in November at Westgate River Ranch Resorts in Lake Wales.

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# Council to readdress old items

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SEBRING – The upcoming Sebring City Council meeting will feature mostly items that have been tabled from previous meetings to be rehashed Tuesday during the first meeting of 2013.

Council members will discuss the possible adoption and implementation of the long awaited “Sebring Trails, Trailheads & Blueways Plan”. The plan has been in the works for nearly a year and focuses on the improvement of the city’s bikeways and walking trails. The plan also sets up a proposed idea to connect the existing trails throughout Highlands County with other trailways in neighboring counties and areas.

The trails plan was brought to the city under the belief that the implementation of the plan would “help improve the quality of life in neighborhoods, increase economic development active and economic development, increase tourism, and assist with improving the physical health of the residents and trial users.”

If council adopts the plan, a number of small changes will take place throughout the area before any large ones. Small changes include an increase in bike racks, rest areas along trails and water fountains. Other changes that could be expected to come include partnerships with local agencies such as the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency).

City Attorney Bob Swaine will address the council regarding two items, one being a first reading of a reworked ordinance. The council passed to re-implement the A-frame sign ordinance (which expired in 1996), which will allow businesses to place the signs outside their doors on city property. If the first reading is approved, a second and final reading will be scheduled. The approval of the ordinance will allow businesses a six-month time period to place A-frame signs outside their property.

City Administrator Scott Noethlich will present the council with an updated Fire Assessment Program agenda item. The item was tabled during the Nov. 6 meeting after council members voiced concerns about the necessity of the data updates that were brought up and suggested by city staff.

Council members will discuss the need for the assessment update and evaluate their options before rendering a vote on the item.

The Sebring City Council meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at City Hall.

# SFSC Lifetime Learners Institute honors member

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – South Florida State College’s Lifetime Learners Institute presenter Barry Smith was recently selected as an honorary lifetime member of SFSC’s Lifetime Learners Institute. “The Lifetime Learners committee wanted to recognize Barry for her dedication to the program, the many hours she’s spent creating presentations for the program, and her willingness to step in when needed,” said Lorrie Key, director, SFSC Corporate and Continuing Education.

Smith’s Lifetime Learners presentations feature her time as a Women’s Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) during World War II. “No one knew about women pilots during World War II,” Smith said. “We flew every type of aircraft the military had at the time, including the B29 bomber. I was a test pilot for the AT-10. I flew them to make sure they were safe for the men to fly.”

“There were 25,000 women interviewed for the service, 1,830 were accepted, and 1,074 of us got our wings,” Smith said. “When I received my wings, I asked what my rank would be. They said, ‘Pretend you’re an officer. No one knows you’re a civilian flying military aircraft. Don’t tell anyone.’ It wasn’t until 35 years later that we finally received veteran’s status, and in 2010, I was awarded the Congressional Medal of



Courtesy photo

Barry Smith, a presenter for South Florida State College’s Lifetime Learners Institute, has been selected as an honorary lifetime member of the group. Her presentations feature her time as a Women’s Airforce Service Pilot during World War II.

Honor. The Lifetime Learners Institute is important to me because it allows me the opportunity to talk about a part of history many people aren’t aware of.”

SFSC’s Lifetime Learners Institute presents opportunities for intellectual and cultural exploration. Educational sessions and field trips provide a relaxed environment for adults to develop new interests and an opportu-

nity for personal growth and social interaction. A variety of topics are covered including travel, science and technology, and art and culture.

For more information about the Lifetime Learners Institute, call Key at 784-7033. Visit at [www.southflorida.edu](http://www.southflorida.edu). Like on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/sfscpanthers>.

# Door-to-door salespeople on the streets this time of year

Special to the News-Sun

The Highlands County Sheriff’s Office is warning local residents about the rise in number of door-to-door salespeople in the area.

“Everything from vacuum cleaners to meat to floor cleaners and water treatments, people are coming around offering to sell you the best product ever. Door-to-door salespeople do not have to be licensed in Highlands County, so unless they give you background information it’s not going to be on file at the county and they have not been verified,” said HCSO public information officer Nell Hayes.

“Fortunately over the years we are seeing the number of victims decreasing, likely due to the vigilance of our Neighborhood Watch groups and a concentrated effort on the parts of the Crime Prevention Unit, Road Patrol and Criminal Investigations, but we still have people that make deals they wish they hadn’t made.”

Hayes urges residents to understand that when salespeople are invited in to a home, a product or service is bought and that product does not live up to the hype, the majority of the cases are civil in nature and not subject to action by law enforcement.

“Unfortunately you have the right to make a poor decision. Our advice is to refrain from doing business with door-to-door salespeople unless you have verified their product or service through the Better Business Bureau or unless you have already established a good relationship with them. Please remember the three elements of a scam: If it’s too good to be true, there’s an element of secrecy and there’s an element of urgency ... it’s a scam?”

Hayes gives another thought to consider. “By allowing someone that you don’t know to come into your home, you let them see what valuables are there, if you have an alarm system or pet, if you live alone, what your routines are and maybe even if you have medications that could have street value. Good salespeople can find out a lot about you simply by asking a few pointed questions and asking to use your bathroom. Please be cautious about who gets to enter your home and your life”

Questions on door-to-door salespeople may be directed to the Crime Prevention Unit (Nell Hays) at 402-7369 or call Central Dispatch at 402-7200 and request law enforcement response.

*‘Good salespeople can find out a lot about you simply by asking a few pointed questions and asking to use your bathroom. Please be cautious about who gets to enter your home and your life.’*

Nell Hayes, HCSO public information officer

# BP seeks judge’s ruling on size of Gulf oil spill

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — BP urged a federal judge Friday to rule the company can’t be penalized for millions of gallons of oil that spewed from its blown-out well but was captured before it could spill into the Gulf of Mexico in 2010.

A court filing by London-based BP PLC says workers captured more than 34 million gallons — 810,000 barrels — of crude and either burned it or shipped it to shore before it could enter the Gulf waters.

The company asked U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier to rule that the collected oil can’t be counted in calculating the company’s Clean Water Act penalties, which could amount to billions of dollars.

A criminal settlement with the Justice Department in November didn’t resolve the government’s civil claims against BP.

In Friday’s filing, BP lawyers also vowed to prove at trial that the federal government overestimated the size of the spill.

“Today’s motion is the first step for BP in making that case,” BP spokesman Scott Dean said in a statement.

A team of scientists working for the government estimated that more than 200

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### J. Michaels has book signing at Brewsters

SEBRING — Author J. Michaels will have a book signing event will be from 1-3 p.m. today at Brewsters, 2191 U.S. 27 N.

Michaels, a resident of Sebring, will be available to sign copies of his book, “Preston’s Prickly Adventure.” Preston the pig is about to leave the pen for the first time. Excited and ready to explore, he runs into other farm animals like horses, goats, sheep, and chickens. Unfortunately, they aren’t very nice to Preston.

After hearing unkind words from his fellow barnyard animals, Preston decides he’s going to run

away. When he does, he discovers something prickly.

### Garden Club to host Fashion Show & Luncheon

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Garden Club’s Annual Scholarship Fund presents “Flower Power” fashion show and luncheon on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661, 200 County Road 621 East.

Doors open at 11 a.m. Models will represent Beall’s Department Store, Chic Chick Boutique, Dress Barn, Lake Placid Feed & Western Wear, Steve & Company and Sue’s Cubby Hole Boutique.

Entertainment will be by Shannon Reed, 2010 Heartland Idol.

Tickets are \$25. There will be door prizes and an opportunity table.

For tickets, call Diane at 465-5425.

### Highlands Park Estates plans annual meeting

LAKE PLACID — The annual meeting of Highlands Park Estates Association will be at 2 p.m. today at the clubhouse. The clubhouse is in the Beachpark on Lake Istokpoga at the end of Nichel, which became Deer Glen.

Election of officers and

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The Destination Downtown Sebring event also serves as the U.S. Sport Aviation Expo kick-off party on Friday evening at the Circle in Sebring. Live music was provided by Free 4M and the Flying Musicians Association.

## Downtown Sebring buzzes with Aviation Expo activity



Courtesy Photo by Mountain Top Productions

The U.S. Sport Aviation Light Air Craft Fly Over Team makes their way over the Circle on Friday evening during Destination Downtown Sebring and U.S. Sport Aviation Expo kickoff party. The opening ceremony for the aviation expo is Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at the Sebring Regional Airport.

## Human remains found in missing Florida boy's yard

By KELLI KENNEDY  
Associated Press

HALLANDALE BEACH — Investigators found human remains Friday in the former backyard of a South Florida couple whose baby hasn't been seen in more than a year.

Calvin Melvin and Britney Sierra were arrested Friday on neglect charges after a child-welfare worker acting on a tip from an abuse hotline went to their new home and found only two of their three known children.

Police said Dontrelle Melvin was 5 months old

when he was last seen more than a year ago and his father has given detectives conflicting statements on where he is.

The state Department of Children and Families said Calvin Melvin and Sierra aren't married and have an on-and-off relationship. Melvin is the father of Dontrelle and one of Sierra's other children, but not the third.

Child welfare officials said they have been involved with the family several times over the past few years, but declined to give details. The

other two children, whose ages weren't known, were taken in DCF care this week.

Police say Melvin, 27, told them early this week that Dontrelle was living with his parents nearby but when investigators went to the parents' home, they said that was untrue. When investigators went back to Melvin's home, he had disappeared. He went to the police station Thursday to be interviewed and was later arrested. Police said he has changed his story several times, including that the baby was in New Jersey with relatives.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

Members of the LPHS class of 1978 gather to dedicate the school gym to an old friend and classmate.

## Ross remembered by team, classmates

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that still thrills those who saw him play.

No one dared challenge him in the free throw lane, his coach Steve Bullock told the audience filling the bleachers; a blocked shot could end up in the fifth row.

"He was pinpoint accurate on a dead run," Bullock said. "He used two hands and shot from his hip. He had a thunderous slam dunk. He was a McDonald's All American.

"It was always packed, absolutely packed, when he played."

Former Avon Park Coach Ronnie Jackson was at the

dedication ceremony. He never had a chance to meet Ross but said, "I was teaching in the '70s when Bill played ball here and in Avon Park, so I did have the opportunity to see him play. I've heard he was a tremendous person as well."

It was because Ross was the kind of man people go out of their way to celebrate, Bullock said, not just his awesome talent, that led to dedicating the gym to him. He added that the recognition "is quite an honor for Bill. Lake Placid has a rich basketball history." Stat books are filled with the records of

excellent players and coaches, for example, the first Green Dragon Team, 1939, is remembered with a mural of their own at 307 E. Interlake Blvd.

"Repeat after me," Bullock told the mostly Class of 1978 audience, "On this day, Jan. 11, 2013, we proclaim this gym be named in honor of Bill Ross."

The audience repeated him enthusiastically, then went into a prolonged "LP!" chant.

It was Ross's son Dylan who had the last word, "Thank you," he said, "for loving, honoring and caring about my father."

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## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

# Planner could help retain charming name

**I**t may be time for Avon Park to have its own city planner.

Recently, tension between citizens, city staff and the county's planning department, who is contracted to handle the city's planning, showed that deciding how a city develops should be handled by someone invested with the community. Someone vested in how the city grows.

With three CRA's, historical properties, a municipal airport, state and Federal properties all in and around the City of Charm,

development and redevelopment can create very unique questions from property owners. In the recent case, a business owner's plans are put on hold because it was not clear what were the proper rules that effect parking for apartments.

Although county staff is certainly competent, this recent incident frustrated both the landowner and city staff. That is apparent by the e-mails and public banter, but it just points out fact that a community's planning effects lives in a personal way. A small mistake can cause delays and problems with future development and cost a developer thousands of dollars.

Since design is one of the four legs used to judge the success of a community, it definitely warrants care and close attention. Only possible with an in-house staffer.

The city already pays \$20,000 a year for the service to the county; it takes very little, and would be simple to put the work out for bid to see what can be done. We encourage the city leaders to take a close look at retaining a planner for the Avon Park, and help retain the title City of Charm.

## Laura's Look

Laura Ware

# 30 years and counting

1983. Ronald Reagan was President. Facebook wasn't even a gleam in anyone's eye. Gary Trudeau began a 20-month break from the cartoon series "Doodlesbury." The world was quite a different place back then.

And on Jan. 9 of that year a young man and woman stood up before God, family, and friends and promised to stay together till death do they part. For better, for worse, richer, poorer ... you get the idea.

Don and me. We were a lot younger then we are now. Probably had a lot more stars in our eyes before reality brushed some of them away. But here we are. 30 years older and still together.

We've outlasted appliances, pets, and the economy's ups and downs. We've laughed together, grieved together, and occasionally yelled at each other. Yet even through the latter we've managed to keep it, and ourselves, together.

In this land of easy divorce, this feels like some kind of achievement. Especially since we're both still happy about being together and not just enduring. I'm not saying it's always sunshine and roses between us, but the good has far outweighed the bad over the years.

We compliment each other in our gifts. Don is the level-headed one, the one who can keep us in budget and on the right track. He's the organized one that plans our trips and makes sure things more or less run well in the house. I'm the emotional one, the diplomat, the one who leads us to fun. I'm also the tech person of the house, who Don turns to when the electronics inevitably act up.

We've put the relationship to the test. We endured five moves in approximately five and a half years - believe me, that was a challenge and in my book fits into the "for worse" part of the marriage. We've had our sorrows. We've had our fights.

But at the same time we've had our joys. We've had the privilege of raising two wonderful sons. We have shared a lot of fun times, a lot of smiles and jokes.

How do we manage to stay together? I have to admit that we've been fortunate in that while we've had our bad times, they have never descended into the way of nightmares. We've always had God in sight, and I know that this has helped us during the darker times. We agreed a long time ago that no matter what, we would find a way to work together through the good times and bad.

It's meant putting up with each other's flaws. We've also had to learn to work around our differences. Don is a morning person; I'm a night owl. He's organized to a fault; my office looks like it was hit by a tornado. My temper is shorter than his, but when Don's temper is ignited, look out.

The world has changed over the past 30 years. Don and I have changed as well. We're older now, with two grown sons. We are hopefully wiser than that starry-eyed couple from 30 years ago, and have a better understanding on what our vows mean than we ever did.

One thing that has remained constant and growing is our love for each other. I am grateful for that and know that it will only get better over the next 30 years.

Happy anniversary, Don. Thank you for 30 wonderful years. It will be a joy to walk the next three decades at your side.

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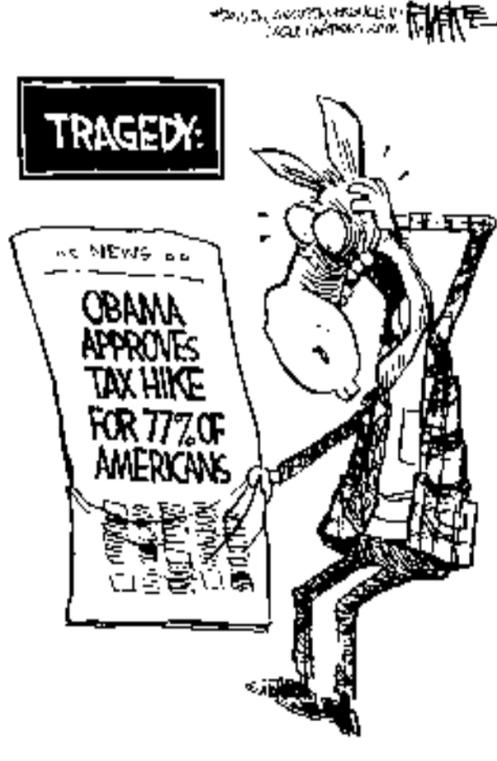
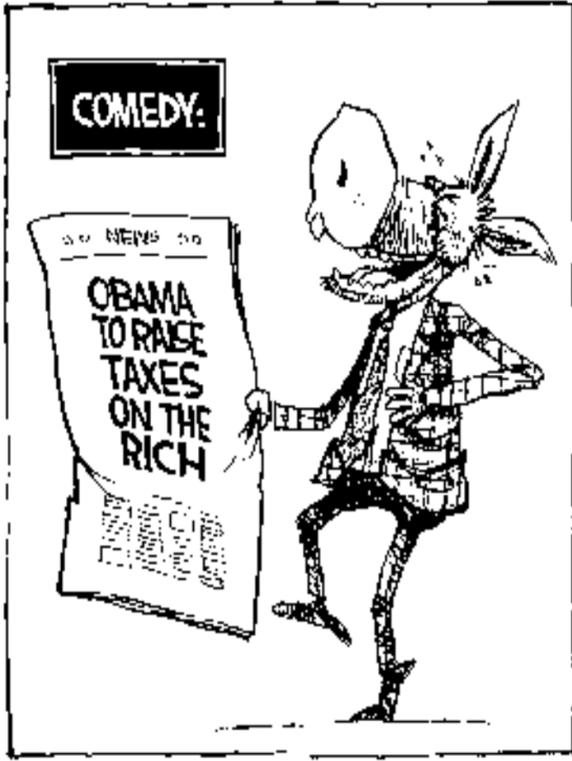
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## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Tragedy should not be used for agenda

Editor:

Letter in response to Mr. Upchurch's letter in Dec. 26th issue:

Our absent shame, Mr. Upchurch, is well displayed in you, whom instead of being in mourning with the rest of us find it necessary to use our nation's dead children as an opportunity to write in to a newspaper and promulgate your leftist, anti-second amendment rhetoric.

God bless those children's families and give them comfort in this sad time! Lord forgive those who would use this tragedy to proliferate their own well intentioned, albeit misguided political agenda.

Joe Schirck III  
Sebring

### From the outside looking in on Washington

Editor:

I, Billie E. Jewett, charge Obama, the sitting President of these United States, with treason against the American people.

I also charge the United Nations with interfering with the laws of a sovereign nation people by trying to re-write our Constitution and promoting a take-over by foreign powers of a free democratic nation and its people. Treason and the crime of aiding and abetting a criminal act against the American people by two Presidents.

President Ronald Reagan rewarded an invading nation, Mexico, and its people with citizenship for violating American laws on immigration; thus destroying the wage scale in America, thus bringing about the financial collapse of institutions, completely destroying the middle class and working class Americans.

It created a magnet for even more of the illegal invasion of Mexicans, a foreign power to violate American sovereignty and its borders. To make matters more unstable, our elected officials sent thousands of AK-47s and assault rifles to Mexico. Our own citizens were killed with these weapons.

The United Nations, made up of many foreign nations, stood idly by

doing nothing while a foreign nation invaded and occupied America replacing American workers in the workplace. To a point where, without jobs, millions of Americans lost their properties and destroyed the ability of the family to exist, putting our entire economy into complete collapse.

Obama is promoting the same criminal act against the American people.

Obama wants to create another "super magnet" to completely destroy what is left of America's ability to defend itself and border and our Constitution.

As for the near future, the United Nations is wanting to push a small arms act, re-writing our Constitution. This is being promoted by Obama and many elected public officials, thus committing treason against the American people.

The time is short. We must demand term limits for all public officials; put it into the Constitution in writing so there will be no mistake. An addition to the 22nd amendment.

Billie E. Jewett  
Sebring

### Do not be frightened and cover up lawlessness

Editor:

This is a time in history when I believe all Americans are watching "the greatest show on earth" as it unfolds in Washington. Since World War II when my husband and children's father, along with other members of the community were sent off to war, "I've had my ear to the ground," so to speak.

I'm interested in seeing how our governmental issues over money will be resolved this time, if indeed, that happens.

We have all watched the Republicans stonewall President Obama in prolonged "offers of compromise" with the cliff hovering threateningly in the background.

Did anyone ask why the stonewalling?

It appears well within reason the Republicans are hog-tied - so indebted to lobbyists, they dare not do contrary to the mob's orders. It

isn't the NRA only.

We need to understand members of both the Republicans and some Democrats are being gifted by pharmaceuticals, Food and Drug Administration, corporations and a host of big businesses, all looking for a vote that will help to enhance their prefects. It's all about money. Who wants to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs?

Many of our government officials and employees came to Washington to get rich.

The gifts and perks from the lobby by far has exceeded honest money. Think about the billions of dollars that became lost or stolen by the George W. administration. Halliburton construction still on the payroll.

Our Medicare fraud, doctors, medicines and therapies, electric chairs, many kinds of expensive equipment ordered for patients that don't need them.

It is easier to count Americans who are not on unnecessary drugs than those who are.

Shortly after World War II, Russia's Stalin, who headed their country, was quoted as saying, "Give me one year and I can bring the Americans to their knees without firing one shot." He may have been right.

The Constitution, as written, more than 200 years ago, is no doubt a remarkable document of antiquity. The faithful labor of men who were dedicated to God's teaching of honesty and compassion for mankind and country, leaves us with sobering thoughts. While there is no doubt it was fitting exactly to the needs of the country and people 200 years ago, we today (I believe) have outgrown or grown out of the traits and decency of our founding fathers.

For instance, how can we sit back and watch Congress take advantage of employment and at the same time steal from us, the personal use of government aircraft, make

sneaky deals with lobbies to vote as the lobbyists say, for huge sums of money? Or how can we know what they are doing and yet allow them to work a lifetime, some having to be helped in to work, due to old age or sickness. All government employees should have limited terms of employment.

Where are the punitive measures to apply at a time like this, when outsiders have taken over our government. Our President is openly insulted by Senators and Representatives.

The Republicans have continued to accept their paychecks though they no longer take orders from the American people who pay them.

We should not allow ourselves to be hobbled by the reverence for the Constitution. Adding several rules that take back the control of our country will not make the document of less value.

Any changes in our Constitution would have to be made by ballot.

Finally, I think many of us recall when R.J. Reynolds, Phillip Morris and other tobacco companies were adding chemicals in cigarettes to cause smokers to become more addicted.

They eventually admitted the secret that made them multi-multi-billionaires selling products they knew would cause death. We need to read food labels carefully. The public is being misled about sugar content, fructose, corn syrup and some items that are not on the labels though should have been.

People are turning to holistic healing with herbs, therapies, etc.

Natural cures they don't want you to know about.

It has been suggested some medicines are treated with chemical additives to increase appetites of the obese.

We need to blow the whistle, not be frightened and cover up lawlessness.

Una V. McLaughlin  
Sebring

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Troop 156 Boy Scout Erik Parker, 17, of Avon Park, and Eagle Scout Joseph Colangelo, 19, of Sebring, meet Thunder, an American bald eagle from Wrede's Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday during a Scout Expo and paper shredding event. Parker is currently working to become an Eagle Scout, as well. A shred truck was on site from Crown Shredding and had shred 11,000 pounds of documents before noon.



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### Plenty to explore at Scout Expo

Billy Curtis, 7, of Sebring meets Highlands County Sheriff's Office K-9 Billy the blood hound Saturday morning during the Gulf Ridge Council Boy Scouts of America 'shred event' and Scout Expo behind Lakeshore Mall in Sebring. The Highlands County Sheriff's Office attended the event with other local organizations such as Heartland Horses for the Handicapped, Amateur Radio Club, the American Red Cross and more. Shred truck was sponsored by Highlands Regional Medical Center, expo was sponsored by Florida Hospital Heartland, Heacock Insurance and Financial Services and Alan Jay Automotive Network.

# Sheriff warns residents to lock their cars - even in driveways

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – As the economy continues to dwindle, Highlands County Sheriff's officials are reporting an increase in car burglaries. They say many of these incidents are crimes of opportunity – so they are urging residents to remember and make certain they lock their vehicles.

Highlands County Sheriff's Office public information officer Nell Hayes said that many of the incidents had occurred in the north end of the county, but that there had been no specific pattern or trend. She said thieves usually went "car fishing", meaning that thieves go checking for open doors in search of small objects of high value such as GPS units, cell phones, iPods and the like. Other items many times left in vehicles include cash, credit cards and personal identification.

"They just open the vehicle doors and help themselves," Hayes said.

The burglaries generally come in "clusters", taking place in residential neighborhoods often with multiple occurrences and victims in the same night on the same streets.

"There's seldom one incident – it's typically two or more in any given location. We had a case the other night where there were three car burglaries on one street, then another just one street over," she said.

She said there generally was no vandalism and the thieves don't go to the effort of removing radios or other

equipment, but items do go missing.

"Sometimes they can tell there are things moved around in the car, but nothing was taken," she said. "That's because they apparently didn't find what they were looking for."

Sheriff's officials have released a list of things residents can do to keep from becoming a victim;

- Lock your car – take your keys. Statewide, statistics indicate that almost 25 percent of vehicles stolen in Florida have the keys left in them. In addition, the vast majority of the car burglaries reported in Highlands County have no sign of forced entry – meaning the vehicles were not locked at the time of the burglary.

- Do not make your vehicle a desirable target by leaving personal items such as purse, wallet, coins, CD player, etc., in plain view in your vehicle. Take these items with you or store them in the trunk so that they are out of sight even when your car is parked at your home

- Instead of carrying your Social Security card in your wallet, it is recommended to keep it in a safe place at home, or in a safety deposit box.

- GPS devices, cell phones and iPods/Pads are some of the most popular items for thieves. If you have these items, do not leave them in the car when you park, even in your own driveway. Engraving an identifying number on the GPS unit, cell phone or computer will also make it easier to identify the unit if it is stolen and subsequently recovered. Use a unique number but not your

Social Security or driver license number.

- Turn on the light in your driveway or car port. Statistics indicate that more than 50 percent of vehicle thefts occur at night and thieves usually prefer to work in the cover of darkness.

Highlands County Sheriff Susan Benton reminds residents to always lock their vehicles and put valuables out of sight, even if they are on their own property or plan to be gone just a few minutes.

"These crimes are occurring in residential neighborhoods. Please, take your valuables inside and lock your car, even in your own driveway. Don't let yourself be a victim of crime!" she said

To assist deputies in solving crimes and to prevent further occurrences, sheriff's officials urge residents to call Central Dispatch at 402-7200 to report any suspicious activity that residents observe in their respective neighborhoods.

## OBITUARY

### HALLIE KENNEDY

Hallie Wenner Long Kennedy was born Sept. 16, 1910, daughter of Clara E. Morehead and John Chapman Wenner. They lived in the northeast corner of Perry Township, Ohio at that time.

After her mother's death in 1912, Hallie lived with an uncle and aunt, Ed and Eva Wenner, who lived their entire life in Perry Township. Hallie was blessed with their kindness and influence and remained close to them until their deaths.

Hallie joined the United Brethren Church in Perrysville at an early age and has always been active in any church where she was a member.

After graduating from Perrysville High School, she attended Mount Union College and graduated from Wilcox College of Commerce in Cleveland, Ohio, taking advanced math and commercial law. She spent some time

at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio taking preferred courses while working at the college.

Hallie was employed at Babcock and Wilcox Research Center in Alliance, Ohio as a statistician, retiring in 1975 after 25 years with the company.

Hallie married George Long on Feb. 6, 1937, who lost his life in an auto accident in 1943. Hallie married David Kennedy in 1953 and he died in 1978 after a short illness.

Hallie was extremely active in Perry Township Grange and was Master at one time. She was also a member of the Eastern Star. She and Dave Kennedy were Matron and Patron in 1964. Hallie was also Deputy Grand Matron of District 13



Kennedy

in 1971.

After retirement she spent 20 winters in Florida and moved there permanently in 1996. Hallie taught 55-Alive Driving for AARP for 12 years in Ohio and Florida. She has worked with "Guardian Ad Litem" since moving to Sebring in 1996. In her retirement, Hallie was an avid gardener and she worked in her greenhouse at The Palms of Sebring Retirement Community.

Hallie has traveled abroad, reaching most foreign countries since retiring. She spent a month in Russia with the Peace Corps in 1986 at the time Reagan and Gorbachev had their first Peace Conference. Special mention, Reagan's statement "This

wall must go."

Hallie is a life member of the Carroll County Historical Society in Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory to Perrysville United Methodist Church c/o Paul Logan, Treasurer, 17 Amsterdam Road SW, Scio, OH 43988.

Sweeney Dodds Funeral Home in Carrollton, Ohio will handle the arrangements. Burial is in UB Cemetery in Perrysville, Ohio. Phone 330-627-5505.

There will be a memorial service for Hallie at The Palms of Sebring, 725 S. Pine St., Sebring on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m.

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Big Daddy Weave performed recently in downtown Sebring but will be among the big names at Faith on Fire.

## Faith on Fire attracts big names

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Overnight accommodations at the resort are available.

A portion of the proceeds will go to local charities and ministries.

Although there are some big names already committed to the November event, Anderson said negotiations continue with other performers and speakers. Of those that are booked, the names are familiar with inspirational speaker and musician fans.

Candace Cameron Bure may be best known for her television role as D.J. Tanner on Full House for eight years. She is also the sister of actor Kirk Cameron. After a 10-year hiatus to throw herself into the role of being a wife and mother, she has re-emerged on the viewing screen for a number of movies and television sitcoms. She has also become an author and has recently launched an online magazine for women. She travels the country speaking at women's conferences and churches sharing her Christian faith.

Dr. Dennis Swanberg, affectionately known to his TV audience as "The Swan," is a "seasoned and solid communicator whose sly wit delivers life-enriching truths to the heart on wings of laughter." He is a teacher, speaker, author, counselor, preacher and TV host. He has been called "America's Minister of Encouragement" because of his constant work at lifting hearts and leading people to a richer life through his humor.

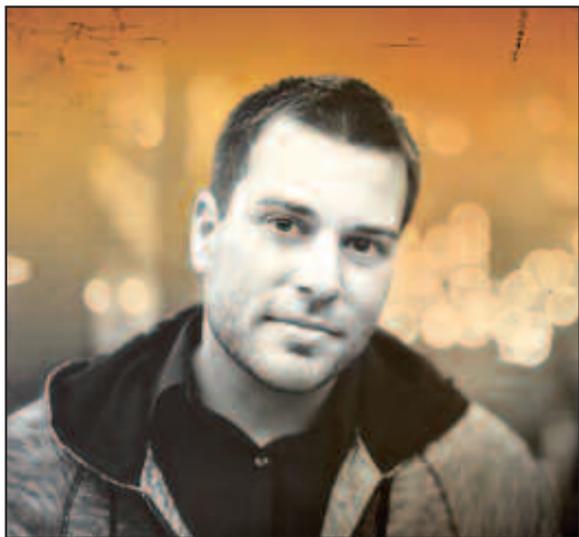
Jonny Diaz hails from Lakeland. He is an American contemporary Christian pop artist whose song "More Beautiful You" has charted on American Christian music charts. His desire has been to write songs that entertain, encourage and challenge fellow believers, according to his website, [www.jonnydiaz.com](http://www.jonnydiaz.com).

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Courtesy photo

Dr. Dennis Swanberg is affectionately known to his TV audience as 'The Swan'. He will be one of the featured speakers at Faith on Fire in November.



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Recording Christian music artist Jonny Diaz is originally from Lakeland. His song 'More Beautiful You' has charged on American Christian music charts.

Christian rock band that strives to live up to the meaning of its name: to be Holy (Latin meaning of "sanctus") in all that they do. They're hit song, "Lead Me," spent nine weeks at the top of the charts. The sixth studio album by the band is expected to be released next month.

Big Daddy Weave is another hugely popular band among Christian music fans. They received a 2010 Dove Award for the album Christ Has Come, have been honored at ASCAP's Christian Music Awards, were chosen for the WOW Hits

Compilations in five of the last six years and are one of the 10 most played artists at Christian radio over the past decade, according to their website, [bigdaddyweave.com](http://bigdaddyweave.com).

The band also performed in downtown Sebring recently in a concert at Circle Park.

For more information about Faith on Fire or to purchase tickets early, visit [faithonfireinc.com](http://faithonfireinc.com).

"We want to see the lost found, the wavering strengthened and the stale Christian get on fire for God," Anderson said.



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Actress, author and online magazine founder Candace Cameron Bure will be another of the featured inspirational speakers at the Westgate River Ranch Resorts event in November.

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## Delta Sigma Theta celebrates centennial

By STACY A. ANDERSON  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's capital is swarming with women wearing crimson and white, as one of the country's largest African-American sororities gathers to celebrate 100 years of sisterhood.

More than 12,000 members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. are convening to mark the organization's centennial this weekend with activities including community service, a rededication and an awards ceremony.

"We want people to understand that we are still called to serve," said Gwendolyn Boyd, chair of the sorority's centennial events. "When we gather, we gather not to just socialize, but also to render service in every community."

Members from across the country participated in 22 projects throughout the District of Columbia on Friday in honor of their 22 founders.

Boyd said the sorority was also using the weekend to thank those who have collaborated with them in service.

## Flu cases reported to be mild

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same as past seasons with symptoms including:

- a 100-degree F or higher fever or feeling feverish (not everyone with the flu has a fever)
- a cough and/or sore throat
- a runny or stuffy nose
- headaches and/or body aches
- chills
- fatigue
- nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea (most common in children)

When it comes to warding off illness, Moran said residents should go to the old standbys — regular washing of hands with soap and water, covering one's mouth when they sneeze or cough and most importantly, if people do get the flu — stay home and don't infect

people at work.

"Hopefully if they do those things we can get through the season without any serious problems," he said.

In the meantime, Moran said health officials continue to encourage people to get flu shots. He warned that it still takes about two weeks to build up immunity to the virus. He noted that getting a shot should not pose any big problem.

"There hasn't been a big run and there's no shortage reported as there has been in some other states," he said.

Nevertheless, Moran had no numbers on how many shots have been administered locally, noting that reports to local health departments by physicians or others administering the vaccine are not required.

According to the Center for Disease Control, influenza activity is increasing nationwide and is most elevated in the eastern half of the country. In Florida, Division of Health officials said they had found that influenza-like illness, or ILI was most prevalent in the Panhandle, Central, and South Florida regions which showed higher than expected activity in emergency departments.

He indicates he is in the process of trying to facilitate a press conference featuring local health officials as well as representatives of Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center and Highland Regional Medical Center — but such a gathering remains in the planning stages.

## Parents charged with neglect after baby's death

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to a friend's house to watch a movie after work and had fallen asleep.

The last time she saw her infant son, she told investigators, was about 1 p.m. Friday when she left for work.



Jackson

Rupert, allegedly Jackson's boyfriend and the father of the dead baby, told police he was at the residence that night and morning.

According to his statement to law enforcement officials, Rupert put the baby in the

playpen at about 9 p.m. Friday and played video games until he went to take the baby a bottle filled with applesauce and found him dead at about 1 a.m. Saturday.

Rupert told investigators

there was no supervision of the children during the gaming sessions.

It is not clear who made the 911 call.

Both Jackson and Rupert are being held at the county jail.

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## BP seeks ruling

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million gallons of oil spewed from BP's blown-out Macondo well. That estimate included oil that was collected.

Justice Department spokesman Wyn Hornbuckle declined to comment to BP's filing, which says the government already has admitted that roughly 833,000 barrels of oil were "recovered" during the spill response.

The first phase of a trial scheduled to start Feb. 25 is designed to determine the causes of BP's blowout and assign percentages of fault to the companies involved in the Deepwater Horizon drilling project. The second phase will address efforts to stop the flow of oil from the well.

Also on Friday, Barbier gave his final approval to the portion of a class-action settlement that calls for BP to pay medical claims by cleanup workers and others who say they suffered illnesses from exposure to oil or chemicals used to disperse it. BP also agreed to spend \$105 million over five years to set up a Gulf Coast health outreach program and pay for medical examinations.

Last month, Barbier gave final approval to a separate but related economic settlement between BP and a team of lawyers for businesses and individuals who claim the spill cost them money.

BP, which has estimated it will pay \$7.8 billion to resolve both the economic and medical claims, said the settlements are "historic resolutions that avoid years of lengthy litigation."

Steve Herman and Jim Roy, two of the lead plaintiffs' attorneys, said in a statement that Gulf Coast residents who become sick will have the opportunity to be diagnosed early, while the region's health care infrastructure "will be made stronger for years to come."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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directors for the next year takes place during this meeting. The board is developing plans for enlarging the clubhouse. Share input with help and ideas. Take part in the decision making by attending meetings.

Stories from the Christmas Bird Count will be told. If you have seen any interesting birds or animals in the yard or neighborhood, share the information with neighbors.

Everyone living in Highlands Park and guests are invited.

Scribes Night Out enters third year

SEBRING — Scribes Night Out (SNO), a gathering of local writers and the general public, meets at 6 p.m. today at Brewster's Coffee House, 2191 U.S. 27 N., just south of the Home Depot. Admission is free. This is the third year SNO has been active.

The featured reader for the evening is Jack Everett, from Liverpool, England, reading from his latest work, a science-fiction thriller titled "To Rule the World." Time will also be devoted to an Open Mike portion.

Scribes Night Out – serving as a platform for local writers, published or not, to read brief selections from their original writings – meets the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 6 p.m. at Brewster's. Those just wanting to listen are also invited.

For more information, call SNO facilitator Art Lefkowitz at 385-1554.

Tanglewood Cancer Benefit has dinner

SEBRING — Heartland National Bank will be sponsoring a terrific lasagna dinner for Tanglewood homeowners again this year. All proceeds from the Feb. 5 dinner will go to the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit, which is raising funds for cancer research.

Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale Monday. Residents are encouraged to get a group of friends together to reserve a table of eight for the meal being served at noon and 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Entertainment will be provided after each sitting by Doug and Bonnie Gould.

Crystal Gage and Rick Starr perform

AVON PARK — Reflections on Silver Lake will present the Crystal Gage & Rick Starr Show from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday. The show is open to the public and tickets are only \$8.

Crystal, the little redheaded country singer from Canada with the magnificent

voice, has won many awards. Rick is a hysterical comedian who's performed in Carnegie Hall, on cruise ships and in Las Vegas casinos. His comedy is different, original, funny and unusual because it's clean.

This is a show not to miss. For more information, call 452-5037.

Kern speaks to Parkinson's support group

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

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

All persons with Parkinson's disease and their families are welcome to attend. There is no charge. For more information, call 453-6589.

Leisure Lakes Homeowners meet

LAKE PLACID — The January meeting of the Leisure Lakes Homeowners Association will be held at 10 a.m. Monday.

All members and their neighbors are invited to attend.

The annual yard sale will take place on Friday and Saturday at the Leisure Lakes Volunteer Fire Dept. Drop off donations from noon until 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Sebring Hills has monthly meeting

SEBRING — The Sebring Hills Association monthly meeting will be Monday at the clubhouse. Board members meet at 7 p.m. and the rest of the members at 7:30 p.m. Membership dues can be paid at that time; \$15 single, \$25 household.

Woman's Club meets Monday

SEBRING — The first meeting of 2013 for the Woman's Club of Sebring will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday. The Public Affairs Committee has invited a guest speaker from the Humane Society. This will be a potluck luncheon.

Members are encouraged to bring a guest and a donation of phone cards to the Safe House.

Dale, Elwell will speak to homeowners

SEBRING — The Highlands County Homeowners Association will hold its monthly meet-

ing at 9 a.m. Monday at 3240 Grand Prix Drive. The speakers will be Dr. Nancy Dale, a nationally known author and educator, and Don Elwell, Highlands County commissioner.

Free coffee, hot tea, donuts and bagels are available. Members and public are welcome. For information, call 633-8094.

Model Railroad Club meets Tuesday

SEBRING — All Sebring Model Railroad Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway.

Members run model railroads on their "HO" Gauge modular layout. For more information, or updates on meeting locations, call Leo Sorel at 699-2796.

NARFE meets Tuesday

SEBRING — NARFE Chapter 288 of Highlands County will meet Tuesday at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring Square. Lunch is at 11 a.m., followed by a noon meeting and speaker. The guest speaker for January will be attorney Jane Hancock, a local lawyer, who will have information on legal matters. Many members have had questions of a legal nature, so this would be a good opportunity to attend.

For more information, call L.R. "Corky" Dabe, president, at 382-9447.

Ace Homecare offers outreach events

Ace Homecare Community Outreach will host the following events this week:

- Monday – 8 a.m., Health Fair at Hammock Estates, Hammock Road, Sebring; 10 a.m., Coping with Transitions at Resthaven

Assisted Living Facility, off U.S. 64, Zolfo Springs; and 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group at Crown Pointe Assisting Living Community, Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

- Tuesday – 7:30 a.m., Health Fair at Lakeside Gardens, U.S. 621, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., Heron's Landing, Heron's Landing Lane, Lake Placid; 10 a.m., Lake Placid Meal Site, Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid; and 12:30 p.m., The Groves behind Sebring Diner.

- Wednesday – 9 a.m., Health Fair at Avon Park Meal Site, Avon Park; and 10:30 a.m., Coping with Transitions, at Crown Pointe Assisted Living facility, Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring.

- Thursday – 9 a.m., Health Fair at Maranatha Village, Arbuckle Creek Road, Sebring; and 10:30 a.m., Caregivers Support Group at Balmoral Assisted Living facility, 93 Balmoral Road, U.S. 621, Lake Placid.

- Friday – 9 a.m., Health Fair at Highlands Village, Villa Road, Sebring.

Dine with the Doctor on Tuesday

SEBRING – The Palms of Sebring (725 S. Pine St.) will have its monthly "Dine with the Docto" series at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The January session will be on "Medicare 101".

For more information, visit [www.PalmsOfSebring.com](http://www.PalmsOfSebring.com) or call 385-0161, ext. 0.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK  
The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have football on the screen at 1 p.m. today. Steak-O is at 2 p.m. Music by Laura Patten on Friday, and karaoke by J.J. on

Saturday; both nights from 5-8 p.m. For more information, call 452-9853.

The American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park will host karaoke by Naomi today; call for time. Legion Riders have dinner from 3-6 p.m. Legion meets at 7 p.m.

Monday. Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. Karaoke by Double D on Thursday and by LT on Friday; call for time. For more information, call 453-4553.

LAKE PLACID

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 House Committee meets at 2 p.m. today. Post meets at 8 p.m. Thursday. Music with Mike King on Saturday; call for time. For more information, call 699-5444.

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host karaoke with Wild Bill from 3-8 p.m. today. Steak-O and football; call for times. Moose Legion meets at 6 p.m. Monday. Karaoke with Wild Bill from on Wednesday. music by Frank E. on Thursday, by Larry Musgrave on Friday and by Red Neck Joe Band on Saturday. All music times from 6-10 p.m. Riders lunch on Saturday; call for time). Women of the Moose dinner; call for time. For more information, call 465-0131.

SEBRING

Moose Riders are hosting a Jam Band Party at 4:30 p.m. today. The Moose Riders Jam Band will be playing and the menu will be a wings basket or bologna steak sandwich basket. Members and guests come join the fun. For more information, 471-3557.

The Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 Women of the Moose will have breakfast from 8:30-10:30 a.m. today. The Moose Lodge will have music by Larry Musgrave from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday; karaoke by Julia from 6-9

p.m. Thursday; Red Neck Joe Band from 6-10 p.m. Friday; and music by Frank E. from 6-10 p.m. Saturday. Save Feb. 2-3 for Super Bowl weekend. Big Board is now available; call for more information. For details, call 655-3920.

The Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., will have Shuffleboard Scrambles at 1:15 p.m. Monday. Shuffleboard league is at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday. Mini Shuffleboard Tournament at 1:15 p.m. Friday. Ice cream shuffleboard at 1:15 p.m. Saturday. Spaghetti dinner from 4-6 p.m. Carol Kline performs at 6 p.m. For more information, call 385-2966.

The Sebring Elks 1529 Wacky Wednesday is from 5-6:30 p.m.; meal is \$6.50. For dancing only, Allen will provide the music from 4:30-7:30 p.m.; cost is \$3. PER meets at 6 p.m., with orientation. Lodge meets at 7 p.m. Friday buffet is from 5-6:30 p.m.; cost is \$12. Dance to Doin' It Right music from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for \$3. Exalted Ruler semi-formal Snowflake Ball is on Saturday. Social hour is at 5 p.m.; dinner at 6 p.m. Dance to Don and Allen from 7-10 p.m. For more information, call 471-3557.

AMVETS Post 21 will have karaoke from 6-9 p.m. Saturday with Peg and Perry. Pizza will be available.

LPPD offers First Aid Class on Tuesday

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Police Department's next First Aid Class will be Tuesday. Call 699-3757 for more information.

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More than 800 ready to hunt pythons in South Florida

Associated Press

MIAMI — More than 800 people have signed up to hunt Burmese pythons on public lands in South Florida.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is holding a month-long "Python Challenge" and offering cash prizes to whoever brings in the longest python and whoever bags the most pythons.

The hunt starts at 1 p.m. Saturday and ends at midnight Feb. 10.

The Burmese python is an invasive species that experts

say is decimating native wildlife in the Florida Everglades. Florida currently prohibits possession or sale of the pythons for use as pets. Federal law bans the importation and interstate sale of this species.

For the first time, the public is joining licensed hunters in the search for the snakes. Officials hope the competition will help rid the Everglades of the invaders.

Online: Python Challenge <http://www.pythonchallenge.org/>



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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO.: 282012CA000494GCAJMMX  
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR YALE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 BERTHA GAIL MOLTZ F/K/A BERTHA GAIL ROTROFF; BRUCE WAYNE MOLTZ; UNKNOWN TENANT, IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 3rd day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282010CA000842A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR YALE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-1 is the Plaintiff and BERTHA GAIL MOLTZ F/K/A BERTHA GAIL ROTROFF; BRUCE WAYNE MOLTZ and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 6th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
 LOT 16, BLOCK 153, OF SEBRING HIGHLANDS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 97, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
 If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.  
 Dated this 4th day of January, 2013.  
 Robert W. Germaine  
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
 Deputy Clerk  
 January 13, 20, 2013

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
 CASE NO. 12-819-GCS  
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR TBW MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 DAWN D. BONECUTTER A/K/A DAWN BONECUTTER AND BILLY R. BONECUTTER A/K/A BILLY BONECUTTER, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 3, 2013, and entered in Case No. 12-819-GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR TBW MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, is the Plaintiff and DAWN D. BONECUTTER A/K/A DAWN BONECUTTER AND BILLY R. BONECUTTER A/K/A BILLY BONECUTTER; HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK; UNKNOWN TENANTS are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on February 6, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
 LOT 21, BLOCK 201, LEISURE LAKES SECTION THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 25, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 Dated this 4th day of January, 2013.  
 Robert Germaine  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo  
 As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT  
 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, (863) 534-4690, 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; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.  
 January 13, 20, 2013

## 1050 Legals

otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
 WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 31st day of December, 2012.  
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 As Clerk of said Court  
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 January 6, 13, 2013

otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
 WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 31st day of December, 2012.  
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 As Clerk of said Court  
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 January 6, 13, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO. 12000845GCAJMMX  
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff  
 vs.  
 GARLAND G. FRAZIER, JR., ET AL Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION  
 TO:  
 GARLAND G. FRAZIER, JR.  
 4610 TROUT AVENUE  
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ANGELA FRAZIER  
 1917 E HOLIDAY DRIVE  
 FLORIDA, FL 33857

AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Highlands County, Florida:  
 LOT 378, SEBRING RIDGE SECTION "A", ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 45, 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 this action, on Greenspoon Marder P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, in the NEWS SUN or on or before February 12, 2013; otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
 WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 2nd day of January, 2013.  
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 As Clerk of said Court  
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 January 6, 13, 2013

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION  
 CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001300  
 DIVISION:  
 CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 JARED ANDERSON, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 07, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001300 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and JARED ANDERSON; THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, A PUBLIC CORPORATION; TENANT #1 N/K/A STANLEY NELSON are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE AT 11:00 AM, on the 7th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:  
 1 Plaintiff name has changed pursuant to order previously entered.  
 LOT 10, IN BLOCK 2, OF HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES, SECTION R, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 A/K/A 360 PERSHING AVENUE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852  
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 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
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 January 13, 20, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000813  
 SEC.:  
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF INDMAC LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-L1 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 1, 2005, Plaintiff,  
 v.  
 LENNY GRANT; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 4, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2011-CA-000813 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 6th day of February, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:  
 TRACT 20 OF AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 16 AND 17, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
 COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 57'46" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 155.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 09'00" EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 1842.70 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 98; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 53'14" EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 237.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 09'00" WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 1837.94 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57'46" WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 236.97 FEET TO THE BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER THE NORTH 30.0 FEET THEREOF.  
 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.  
 ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
 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:  
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 By: /s/ Toni Kopp, Deputy Clerk  
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 January 13, 20, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000647  
 SEC.:  
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-HE1, Plaintiff,  
 v.  
 ARTHUR D. MORSE; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AND AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 4, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2012-CA-000647 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 8th day of February, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:  
 LOT 9 AND 10, BLOCK 46, AVON PARK LAKES RED HILL FARMS ADDITION, UNIT J, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 66, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
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 Phone: (863) 534-4686  
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 DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 8th DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.  
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp, Deputy Clerk  
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 January 13, 20, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001186  
 SEC.:  
 CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,  
 v.  
 LEONARDO SIFONTE HERNANDEZ; MISLEIDYS RODRIGUEZ PEREZ A/K/A MISLEIDYS RODRIGUEZ; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AND SEBRING HILLS ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 3, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2010-CA-001186 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 6th day of February, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:  
 LOT 5, BLOCK 20, SEBRING HILLS SOUTH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 93, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
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 FL  
 Phone: (863) 534-4686  
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 DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.  
 By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo, Deputy Clerk  
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
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 HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-829-GCS  
 NOTICE OF ACTION  
 IN RE: S&P CAPITAL CORPORATION, a Florida corporation, vs. WHITMORE ENTERPRISE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; DEVON WHITMORE and NORMAN WHITMORE

TO: DEVON WHITMORE, IF ALIVE, OR IF DEAD, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR ASSIGNS  
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property located in Highlands County, Florida:  
 Lot 3, Block 28, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES ACRES, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 24, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Said lands situate, lying and being in 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 William G. Shofstall, attorney for Plaintiff, S&P CAPITAL CORPORATION, whose address is P.O. Box 210576, West Palm Beach, Florida 33421, and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled court on or before thirty (30) days after the first date of publication; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for the Complaint.  
 PUBLISH JANUARY 13 AND 20, 2013.  
 WITNESS my hand and the Seal of said Court at Highlands County, Florida on this 7th day of January, 2013.  
 BOB GERMAINE  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 (Circuit Court Seal)  
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 January 13, 20, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO. 12000869GCAJMMX  
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER  
 TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff  
 vs.  
 TRAVIS KELTON HILL, JR.; ET AL Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION  
 TO:  
 TRAVIS KELTON HILL, JR.  
 1728 PALM ST  
 SEBRING, FL 33870  
 TRAVIS KELTON HILL, JR.  
 2544 NORTH ROAD  
 GARDENDALE, AL 35071  
 SUSAN A. HILL  
 1728 PALM ST  
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 SUSAN A. HILL  
 2544 NORTH ROAD  
 GARDENDALE, AL 35071

AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Highlands County, Florida:  
 LOT 17, BLOCK D, LAKE JACKSON HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, AT PAGE 52, 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 this action, on Greenspoon Marder P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, in the NEWS SUN or on or before February 12, 2013;

AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Highlands County, Florida:  
 LOT 378, SEBRING RIDGE SECTION "A", ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 45, 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 this action, on Greenspoon Marder P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, in the NEWS SUN or on or before February 12, 2013; otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
 WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 2nd day of January, 2013.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
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IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 12-821 GCS

SunTrust Bank  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Frank L. Dencklau; Unknown Spouse of Frank L. Dencklau; Unknown Tenant #1; Unknown Tenant #2  
Defendants.  
NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE  
TO: Frank L. Dencklau and Unknown Spouse of Frank L. Dencklau  
Last Known Address: 1058 Jonquil Street, Lake Placid, FL 33852

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:  
LOT 23, IN BLOCK 22, OF LEISURE LAKES SECTION FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT, THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 29, 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 Yashmin Chen-Alexis, Esquire, BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1501 N.W. 49th Street, Suite 200, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on January 3, 2013.

ROBERT GERMAINE  
AS CLERK OF THE COURT  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
AS DEPUTY CLERK  
January 13, 20, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001665  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JEFFOERY SCOTT KEITH A/K/A JEFFOERY S. KEITH A/K/A JEFFOERY KEITH, et al,  
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 4, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001665 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and JEFFOERY SCOTT KEITH A/K/A JEFFOERY S. KEITH A/K/A JEFFOERY KEITH; SUNTRUST BANK; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 8th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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

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

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on January 8, 2013.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000235  
DIVISION:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
GREGG S. FOSTER, et al,  
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 7, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000235 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and GREGG S. FOSTER; BRENDA M. FOSTER A/K/A BRENDA MARIE FOSTER; GSF ENTERPRISE, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 7th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

\*Plaintiff name has changed pursuant to order previously entered.

LOT 62 AND LOT 63, SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES, SECTION E, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 33, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1558 CAMELLIA COURT, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on January 8, 2013.

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By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
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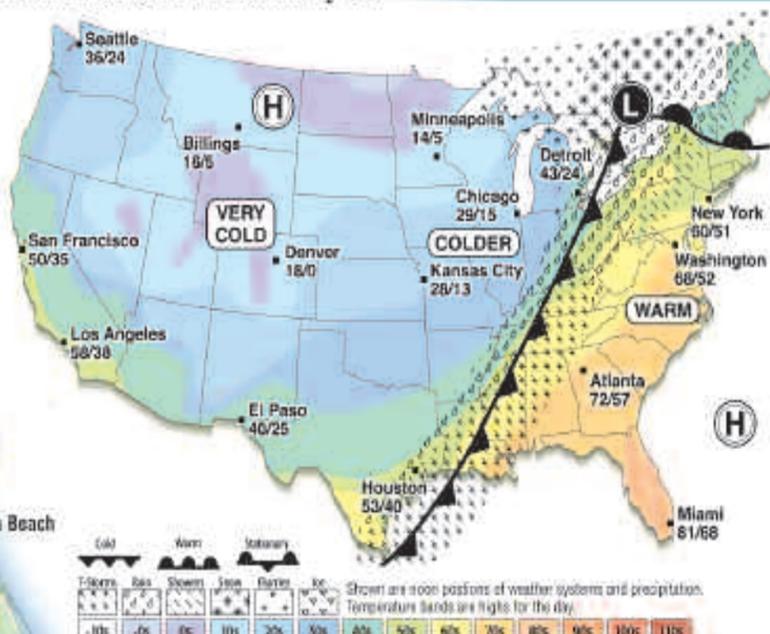
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TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Fog in the a.m., mostly sunny, warm	Partly sunny, warm and humid	Partly sunny and remaining warm	Mosly sunny	Pleasant with sun and some clouds
82° / 60°	80° / 60°	81° / 61°	80° / 58°	74° / 55°
Winds: SE at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSE at 3-6 mph	Winds: WSW at 4-8 mph	Winds: NNE at 5-12 mph

National Forecast for January 13



Almanac

Temperature Readings at Apalachicola Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	64°
Low Tuesday	64°
High Wednesday	65°
Low Wednesday	65°
High Thursday	83°
Low Thursday	54°

Heat Index For 5 p.m. today

Relative humidity	48%
Expected air temperature	82°
Makes it feel like	83°

Barometer

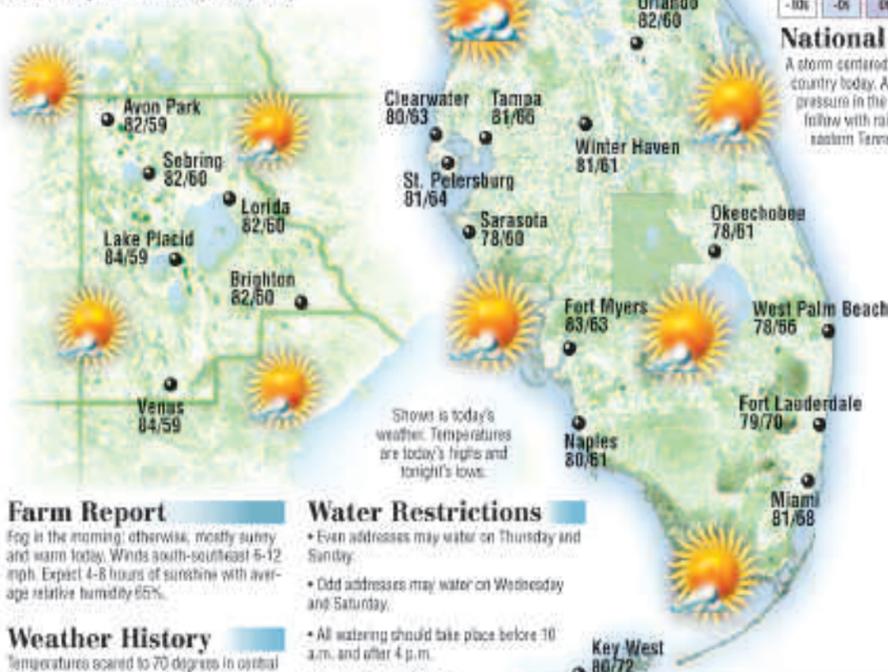
Today	30.14
Wednesday	30.21
Thursday	30.21

Precipitation

Today	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.03"
Year to date	0.03"

Regional Summary

Patchy fog during the morning; otherwise, mostly sunny and warm today. Mainly clear and mild tonight. Partly sunny, warm and humid tomorrow. Tuesday, partly sunny and remaining warm. Wednesday, mostly sunny.



Farm Report

Fog in the morning, otherwise, mostly sunny and warm today. Winds south-southeast 5-12 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 65%.

Water Restrictions

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

Weather History

Temperature soared to 70 degrees in central Pennsylvania on Jan. 10, 1932. In colder regions, the greatest chance of unseasonable warmth is from Jan. 7-10 and from Jan. 20-28.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
Sunset	5:55 p.m.	5:56 p.m.
Moonrise	8:28 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Moonset	8:14 p.m.	8:14 p.m.



U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	29/15/pc	28/9/af	30/14/s	Los Angeles	58/38/pc	58/27/s	60/45/s
Atlanta	72/57/pc	68/48/c	63/39/sb	Louisville	59/28/v	37/25/s	40/24/c
Baltimore	66/51/c	65/36/v	44/30/t	Memphis	48/28/v	37/28/v	45/23/c
Birmingham	70/43/c	48/40/sb	48/31/c	Minneapolis	28/14/c	24/17/pc	32/24/pc
Boston	54/47/c	55/30/sb	40/31/c	Missoula	34/23/pc	38/29/v	44/28/c
Charlotte	74/58/pc	63/45/sb	50/38/t	Nashville	63/30/v	38/29/v	44/28/c
Chicago	13/-3/s	17/0/pc	25/0/pc	New Orleans	78/51/t	57/45/v	52/38/v
Chicago	29/16/sb	28/14/pc	30/22/pc	New York City	60/51/c	58/37/sb	43/33/v
Cleveland	50/25/c	38/23/pc	30/23/c	Portland	79/57/pc	63/43/c	41/37/v
Columbus	61/27/c	34/23/pc	36/21/c	Portland, OH	38/22/pc	40/23/pc	47/29/pc
Dallas	44/26/pc	43/26/pc	47/28/pc	Raleigh	75/59/pc	68/41/sb	44/36/v
Denver	18/0/pc	24/5/pc	34/25/pc	Rochester	60/32/v	36/25/pc	35/24/pc
Denver	43/24/s	31/23/pc	33/24/pc	St. Louis	32/18/v	29/18/pc	35/24/pc
Hammond	59/47/c	49/33/sb	41/28/t	San Francisco	59/39/pc	61/35/s	56/41/s
Houston	81/64/s	81/64/sb	78/61/s	Seattle	36/24/pc	40/25/pc	44/28/s
Indianapolis	43/20/v	38/20/pc	34/20/pc	West, DC	68/52/pc	55/34/v	44/33/v
Jackson, MS	67/38/v	42/36/v	47/30/v				
Kansas City	28/13/s	31/18/pc	38/25/s				
Lexington	63/29/v	38/27/s	40/24/c				
Little Rock	43/27/v	38/27/c	47/25/c				

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	80/71/s	80/65/s	80/70/pc	London	36/22/pc	35/24/sb	37/28/c
Athens	58/47/s	67/52/pc	62/53/pc	Moscow	42/34/v	33/23/c	27/18/pc
Bahia	82/52/s	84/53/s	67/57/s	Moscow	13/0/c	14/0/v	19/11/c
Bahia	30/17/s	25/21/c	28/18/pc	Nice	54/40/v	53/37/v	60/37/pc
Berkeley	70/55/pc	71/52/c	69/50/s	Ottawa	59/27/v	33/19/sf	37/13/pc
Calgary	17/14/pc	40/33/sb	47/30/c	Quebec	41/26/v	36/31/sf	18/7/pc
Dublin	40/37/sb	42/34/sb	42/32/pc	Rio de Janeiro	88/73/t	86/72/s	86/72/s
Edmonton	7/-3/s	39/33/c	42/27/c	Seoul	39/23/pc	37/21/v	32/19/pc
Freeport	77/68/v	78/67/pc	78/66/pc	Singapore	86/77/t	86/75/pc	86/75/s
Havana	39/19/v	34/17/c	34/15/sf	Sydney	62/64/sb	77/64/pc	84/60/pc
Helsinki	65/61/s	64/58/s	63/61/pc	Toronto	34/21/s	31/19/pc	31/24/pc
Hong Kong	72/57/s	63/59/s	65/58/pc	Vancouver	38/28/pc	35/23/pc	42/33/pc
Jakarta	53/40/s	56/42/s	66/43/s	Vermont	32/25/c	31/25/sb	35/33/s
Johannesburg	79/58/pc	84/58/s	81/56/pc	Warsaw	34/14/sf	25/11/s	27/23/c
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**Jamiese Wiley helped Sebring control the boards Thursday, totaling 15 rebounds, in topping Lake Placid Thursday night.**

## County hoops recap

News-Sun staff report

After Tuesday's tough loss to district foe Kathleen, the Lady Blue Streaks got back on track late in the week with a couple of lake trips.

Friday saw another district contest with a visit to Lake Gibson where Sebring won handily by a 57-17 score to move back to an even .500 2-2 in the district standings and 11-3 overall on the season.

This came after Thursday's road game at Lake Placid saw the county rivalry renewed and a

strong effort on the boards lead to a 45-38 win over the Lady Dragons.

Jamiese Wiley powered the Streaks down low with 12 points and 15 rebounds as Sebring broke open a 21-21 halftime deadlock.

But Lake Placid rebounded from the loss to pick up a win at Fort Meade Friday night, righting the ship with a 64-38 win over the Lady Miners.

The Dragons moved to 12-4 overall and remain undefeated in district play. Sebring keeps their dis-

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

**Filemon Chavez flies upfield Thursday night toward the Wildcat goal, but visiting Hardee would get the best of the Blue Streaks.**

## Wildcats slip past the Blue Streaks

By TAYLOR TUBBS

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – The Hardee Wildcats were just able to tame the Streaks on their own home turf Thursday night for the boys soccer match.

In the exciting game at Firemen's Field Hardee came away with the win in a 3-2 victory over Sebring.

"Hardee is typically a pretty strong program," said head coach Keith Bowyer. "We fought hard throughout the entire game."

Hardee was first on the board when they scored at the 30-minute mark.

As the Wildcats approached the Sebring net, keeper Ethan Smith moved forward to block the attempt. The Wildcats were able to slip past Smith and, although he made a lunge back towards the net, he wasn't able to stop the shot in time.

Soon after, Sebring had a number of offensive tries on the Wildcat's goal.

Brian Dixon had a charge on goal at the 26-minute mark that was scooped up by the Hardee keeper.

Directly after, Eric Foster had a shot on goal that was stopped by a Wildcat defender.

At the 24-minute mark, keeper Smith had a sliding save on the slippery field to recover the ball.

The Wildcats took a corner kick at the 21-minute mark that sailed right in front of the goal, but Jared Lang was able to save the day by head-

ing the ball out of Streak territory.

Another Hardee offensive attempt was stopped by the defensive duo of Neil Wilson and Junior Chavez.

In the twelfth minute of the first half, Dixon layed down the thunder on the cats with an astonishing breakaway goal to tie the game at 1-1.

Sebring had another close goal attempt by Carl Dassinger at the 5-minute mark.

The ball skirted across the front of the goal but was a bit over-angled and went out of bounds on the right side.

Going into the halftime break the score remained tied, which would pave the way for an interesting second half.

Hardee came into the second half with a strike at goal, but Smith stopped the attempt in its tracks.

The Wildcats were still able to slip in a goal at the 37-minute mark to send the score 2-1 in their favor.

Riley Watson responded with a 50-yard drive up the field towards a cluster of three Hardee defenders.

Watson was able to juke one of the defenders out and take a shot on goal, which the Wildcat keeper blocked.

Hardee scored again at the 19-minute mark to put the Streaks in a two goal deficit to the Wildcats, at 3-1.

In the final 10 minutes of the game, Watson took a penalty kick against the

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# Streaks escape in OT

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – "We came out on the right side of a rough one," Sebring head coach Princeton Harris said with a beleaguered grin.

Beleaguered because this was indeed a rough one, as the Blue Streaks survived a very physical and unrelenting Lake Gibson squad 69-66 in overtime Friday night.

The visiting Braves had a distinctive height advantage

and made use of it in the first half, controlling the boards and giving themselves extra scoring opportunities.

But the Streaks held their own with an early three from Terrell Williams and an inside score from Luke Ancrum.

Williams would hit another jumper and Josh Austin overcame the height difference with hard-nosed hustle at the hoop for a follow, a baseline drive and a free throw to edge Sebring up 13-10 after one.

But though Ezell Gammage scored inside to open the second and give the Streaks a 15-10 lead, Lake Gibson would answer back with a 12-0 run as their long-limbed defenders wreaked havoc in the passing lanes and lead to a number of breakaway scores.

Down 22-15, Decaris Jones got a steal and score and Conner Cook canned a pair of free throws.

But Joe Sheperd convert-



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

**Terrell Williams hit a key three-pointer in overtime to help Sebring edge Lake Gibson Friday night.**

ed a three-point play and A.J. Brown scored on a drive to re-extend the lead to 27-19.

Gammage would get a key rebound and putback of a missed free throw, but Sheperd got a follow of his own for an answer.

Sebring then made a run to close the gap again as Brion Jones split a pair at the line, Cook had a steal

and score and Jones added a rebound and score to make it 29-26.

Sheperd would score four straight and both squads missed a pair from the line before Jones continued his high-scoring quarter with a drive to take it to halftime with a 33-28 margin.

The Braves got on the board first in the third, with Sheperd again working

inside.

But it was the Streaks board work that stepped up and started to make a difference.

"We got on them at halftime and told them if we wanted to win we were going to need to box out and rebound better," Harris said.

And that's what began to happen as Austin scored inside and Ancrum got consecutive putbacks to bring Sebring to within one at 37-36.

They then took the lead with a Cook free throw and Decaris Jones drive, though Lake Gibson evened it back up with a Torrean Hampton jumper.

But Sebring was now working from an advantage and a new sense of physicality as Gammage flipped in a baby hook and made a power move at the hoop to sandwich Ryan Johnson free throw.

Ancrum scored again in the paint to put Sebring up 45-39 before a Johnson three just before the buzzer cut it to 45-42 heading into the final eight minutes – or so it seemed that there would be just eight more minutes.

That's because the Braves charged right back into it and kept it going back and forth through those eight minutes.

Sebring would tie it on an Ancrum free throw, with Gibson getting the lead back with less than one minute left on a Hampton steal and jumper.

The Streaks would miss a  
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## Devil grapplers get past Streaks

News-Sun staff report

SEBRING – With the post-season chase toward state just beyond the horizon, but rapidly approaching, the wrestling season is getting to the point of locking in and clamping down.

Those looking for a return to the state level of competition are refining their moves and readying for the challenges ahead, while those vying for an inaugural trip are just now getting to see the stakes rise toward what lay ahead.

Thursday's dual meet between county rivals was the first time out in competition in a few weeks for both Avon Park and Sebring, and certainly got the juices flowing as the Devils edged the Streaks 37-34.

"I knew it was going to be real close," Avon Park head

coach Blake Germaine said. "Looking at the lineups, there was one double forfeit, and on other forfeit, but the rest of the weight classes were full on each side and it was going to come down to a couple of swing matches in there."

That pivotal match came in the 126-pound class with both wrestlers having moved up.

Normally wrestling at 113, Devil Dre Neely was bumped up two classes, while Nathan Franklin normally goes at 120.

Neely shot out and was able to get a pair of points in both of the first two rounds and was holding steady as the third round was winding down.

Franklin, however, made a move, reversed the flow and got Neely to the mat on his

back.

But while the three points he earned narrowed the gap, the clinching pin could not be gotten and Neely came away with the 4-3 win.

This came after the match had been tied at 10-10 apiece and a forfeit in the 120-pound class had given Jose Torres and Avon Park a win for a 16-10 lead.

Neely's victory made it 19-10 and consecutive pin wins in the next three matches, including one by former state qualifier Johnny Baldrige, blew the lead to an insurmountable 37-10, with four matches to go.

The Devils had gotten out to the early lead with a Delroy Blake pin of Joshua Ladd and a majority decision by Dylan Brown.

Brown, a fifth-place

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

**While it may have looked like the start of a whellbarrow race, Avon Park's Dylan Brown is in the midst of a move to get Sebring's Brandon Fuller to the mat Thursday night.**

# THE SCOREBOARD



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### National Football League

#### 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, late  
Green Bay at San Francisco, late

**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	13	.639	—
Brooklyn	21	15	.583	2
Boston	19	17	.528	4
Philadelphia	15	22	.405	8.5
Toronto	14	22	.389	9

##### Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	23	11	.676	—
Atlanta	21	14	.600	2.5
Orlando	12	23	.343	11.5
Charlotte	9	26	.257	14.5
Washington	5	28	.152	17.5

##### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	22	14	.611	—
Chicago	20	14	.588	1
Milwaukee	18	17	.514	3.5
Detroit	14	23	.378	8.5
Cleveland	9	29	.237	14

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	28	11	.718	—
Memphis	24	10	.706	1.5
Houston	21	16	.568	6
Dallas	14	23	.378	13
New Orleans	11	25	.306	15.5

##### Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	28	8	.778	—
Denver	22	16	.579	7
Portland	20	16	.556	8
Utah	19	19	.500	10
Minnesota	16	17	.485	10.5

##### Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	28	8	.778	—
Golden State	23	12	.657	4.5
L.A. Lakers	15	21	.417	13
Sacramento	13	23	.361	15
Phoenix	12	26	.316	17

#### Thursday's Games

Indiana 81, New York 76  
Dallas 117, Sacramento 112, OT  
Portland 92, Miami 90

#### Friday's Games

Toronto 99, Charlotte 78  
Boston 103, Houston 91  
Atlanta 103, Utah 95  
Brooklyn 99, Phoenix 79  
Memphis 101, San Antonio 98, OT  
New Orleans 104, Minnesota 92  
Chicago 108, New York 101  
Detroit 103, Milwaukee 87  
Denver 98, Cleveland 91  
Golden State 103, Portland 97  
Oklahoma City 116, L.A. Lakers 101

#### Saturday's Games

Orlando at L.A. Clippers, late  
Charlotte at Indiana, late  
Atlanta at Washington, late  
Utah at Detroit, late  
Houston at Philadelphia, late  
Phoenix at Chicago, late  
Memphis at Dallas, late  
Miami at Sacramento, late

#### Sunday's Games

New Orleans at New York, 12 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Toronto, 1 p.m.  
Indiana at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.  
Minnesota at San Antonio, 7 p.m.  
Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Portland, 9 p.m.  
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

#### LEADERS

##### SCORING

	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	375	2541	108130.0	
Anthony, NYK	292	186	851 29.3	
Durant, OKC	337	2881	102628.5	
Harden, HOU	286	309	952 26.4	
James, MIA	339	161	885 26.0	
Westbrook, OKC	274	188	789 21.9	
Wade, MIA	232	143	620 20.7	
Curry, GOL	247	108	708 20.2	
Aldridge, POR	277	132	686 20.2	
Lee, GOL	289	116	694 19.8	

##### REBOUNDS

	OFF	DEFTOT	AVG
Howard, LAL	122	288	410 12.4
Randolph, MEM	144	251	395 12.0
Asik, HOU	111	301	412 11.1
Hickson, POR	139	245	384 11.0
Vucevic, ORL	115	266	381 10.9
Chandler, NYK	166	224	390 10.8
Lee, GOL	101	278	379 10.8
Noah, CHI	122	221	343 10.4
Cousins, SAC	108	208	316 10.2
Fariel, DEN	154	233	387 10.2

##### ASSISTS

	G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	31	345	11.1
Paul, LAC	36	342	9.5
Vasquez, NOR	36	331	9.2
Holiday, PHL	33	289	8.8
Westbrook, OKC	36	307	8.5
Calderon, TOR	36	280	7.8
Williams, BRO	35	267	7.6
Parker, SAN	37	262	7.1
Nelson, ORL	26	183	7.0
James, MIA	34	234	6.9

##### STEALS

	G	STL	AVG
Paul, LAC	36	93	2.58
Conley, MEM	33	80	2.42
Westbrook, OKC	36	76	2.11
Jennings, MIL	35	73	2.09
Lin, HOU	37	76	2.05
Harden, HOU	36	69	1.92
Rondo, BOS	31	58	1.87
Walker, CHA	35	64	1.83
Kidd, NYK	32	56	1.75
World Peace, LAL	36	63	1.75
Allen, MEM	31	54	1.74

### BICYCLING SUNDAY

12:30 p.m. CEO Endurance World Championship. CBS-10

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL SUNDAY

1:30 p.m. Michigan at Ohio State . . . . . CBS

#### MONDAY

7 p.m. Louisville at Connecticut. . . . . ESPN

9 p.m. Baylor at Kansas . . . . . ESPN

#### TUESDAY

7 p.m. Tennessee at Kentucky . . . . . ESPN

7 p.m. Notre Dame at St. John's . . . . . ESPN2

9 p.m. Wisconsin at Indiana . . . . . ESPN

### GOLF SUNDAY

11 a.m. EuroPGA – Volvo Golf Champions . . . . . GOLF

7 p.m. PGA – Sony Open in Hawaii . . . . . GOLF

### NFL PLAYOFFS SUNDAY

1 p.m. Seattle at Atlanta . . . . . FOX

4:30 p.m. Houston at New England . . . . . CBS

### SNOWBOARDING SUNDAY

4 p.m. USSA Grand Prix . . . . . NBC

### TENNIS SUNDAY

6:30 p.m. Australian Open, First Round. . . . . ESPN2

#### MONDAY

Noon Australian Open, First Round. . . . . ESPN2

9 p.m. Australian Open, First Round. . . . . ESPN2

#### TUESDAY

2 p.m. Australian Open, First Round. . . . . ESPN2

9 p.m. Australian Open, Second Round. . . . . ESPN2

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL SUNDAY

12:30 p.m. Oklahoma at Texas. . . . . SUN

2 p.m. Nebraska at Penn State . . . . . ESPN2

2:30 p.m. Alabama at Mississippi . . . . . SUN

4 p.m. California at Stanford. . . . . ESPN2

4:30 p.m. Southern Mississippi at Memphis . . . . . SUN

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

#### BLOCKS

	G	BLK	AVG
Sanders, MIL	34	111	3.26
Ibaka, OKC	36	101	2.81
Hibbert, IND	36	95	2.64
Howard, LAL	33	87	2.64
Duncan, SAN	38	99	2.61
Smith, ATL	33	79	2.39
Lopez, Bro	29	62	2.14
Noah, CHI	33	69	2.09
McGee, DEN	38	76	2.00
Gasol, MEM	34	66	1.94

#### FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Chandler, NYK	169	250	.676
Jordan, LAC	142	237	.599
Howard, LAL	201	353	.569
Ibaka, OKC	217	383	.567
Lopez, NOR	176	313	.562
McGee, DEN	162	290	.559
Bosh, MIA	227	409	.555
Fariel, DEN	189	347	.545
Hickson, POR	178	330	.539
James, MIA	339	629	.539

#### 3-POINT PERCENTAGE

	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Bonner, SAN	27	57	.474
Allen, MIA	58	129	.450
Curry, GOL	106	236	.449
Novak, NYK	74	165	.448
Martin, OKC	79	178	.444
Korver, ATL	80	181	.442
Anthony, NYK	81	189	.429
Ellington, MEM	34	80	.425
Kidd, NYK	68	160	.425
Mills, SAN	31	73	.425

#### FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

	FT	FTA	PCT
Martin, OKC	131	142	.923
Fredette, SAC	59	65	.908
Redick, ORL	77	85	.906
Paul, LAC	145	161	.901
Durant, OKC	288	320	.900
Crawford, LAC	122	136	.897
Curry, GOL	108	121	.893
Allen, MIA	63	71	.887
Gasol, MEM	121	137	.883
Webster, WAS	73	83	.880

#### Transactions

##### BASEBALL

###### American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agree to terms with OF Nolan Reimold on a one-year contract.

BOSTON RED SOX—Extended their player development contract with Portland of the Eastern League through 2018.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Named Eddy Toledo director of Dominican operations. Agreed to terms with LHP Johnny Nunez and 1B Mike Jacobs on minor league contracts.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with C Henry Blanco on a one-year contract.

###### New York-Penn League

STATEN ISLAND YANKEES—Named Justin Pope manager, Carlos Chantres pitching coach, Ty Hawkins hitting coach and Danny Valiente coach.

###### American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS—Sold the contract of C Ryan Delgado to Oakland (AL).

SIoux CITY EXPLORERS—Released INF Mike Murphy.

SIoux FALLS PHEASANTS—Signed LHP Jack Van Leur.

##### Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS—Signed OF Chris Curran.

##### BASKETBALL

###### Women's National Basketball Association

MINNESOTA LYNX—Waived G Erin Thorn.

##### FOOTBALL

###### National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed LB Tim Fugger, DT Ricky Lumpkin, LB Colin Parker, DE Everette Thompson, G Jeremiah Warren and RB Fozzy Whittaker to future contracts.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Named Monte Kiffin defensive coordinator.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Doug Pederson offensive coordinator, Bob Sutton defensive coordinator, David Culley assistant head coach and wide receivers coach, Matt Nagy quarterback coach, Eric Bieniemy running backs coach, Tommy Brasher defensive line coach, Barry Rubin strength coach, Travis Crittenden assistant strength coach, Britt Reid and Corey Matthei quality control coaches and Mike Frazier statistical analysis coordinator.

###### Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Re-signed DB Jonathan Hefney.

##### HOCKEY

###### National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Named Scott Niedermayer assistant coach.

###### American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS—Signed D T.J. Fast to a professional tryout contract.

PORTLAND PIRATES—Signed D Russ Sinkewich to a player tryout agreement.

##### ECHL

ECHL—Suspended San Francisco's Scott Langdon two games and fined him an undisclosed for his actions in a Jan. 11 game against Idaho.

BAKERSFIELD CONDORS—Signed C Nicolas Tremblay.

GWINNETT GLADIATORS—Announced F Scott Arnold and F Evan Bloodoff were called up to Portland (AHL).

STOCKTON THUNDER—Signed RW Matt Ambroz.

##### SOCCER

###### Major League Soccer

LOS ANGELES GALAXY—Announced the retirement of F Pat Noonan, who will join the coaching staff.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC—Signed D DeAndre Yedlin.

##### COLLEGE

ALABAMA—Announced TB Eddie Lacy, CB Dee Milliner and OT D.J. Fluker are entering the NFL draft.

ARIZONA STATE—Named Chris Thomsen running backs coach.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON—Named Rick Stainton women's soccer coach.

GUILFORD—Named Roy Edmond women's assistant basketball coach.

# LOCAL SCHEDULE



#### Avon Park

**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.

**THURSDAY:** Boys Soccer vs. All Saints Academy, 6 p.m.

**FRIDAY:** Boys Basketball at Lake Placid, 6/7:30 p.m.



#### Lake Placid

**MONDAY:** Boys Basketball at Frost

## Sebring wins, hits the road

Continued from 1B

chance to tie it again with a miss of the front end of a one-and-one, but with a scant five seconds remaining, the second half awakening on the glass paid off with Ancrum following a miss and scoring.

The Braves then nearly pulled off a miracle when Johnson let loose from three-quarter court just before the buzzer sounded and saw it hit the backboard and back of the rim and just miss going in.

So on to the four extra minutes of overtime it went, with Austin opening it up with an inside score and Ancrum hitting two free throws after a Brown three

to keep the Streaks up 62-61.

Free throws would be a bugaboo for the Braves down the stretch, as they went just 2-of-7.

Sebring wasn't a whole lot better, going 4-of-8 in OT and just 15-of-37 for the game.

But they got a big three-pointer from Williams and a steal and score from Decaris Jones to seal the deal.

"That was a tough and physical game, but that's what we expect with all the teams in our district," Harris said. "We executed when we needed to and got the victory. We'll continue to work and keep getting better."

Sheperd took game-high honors with 19 points, while

Hampton added 17 for Lake Gibson and Brown 13.

For the Blue Streaks, Ancrum lead four in double figures with 17, 15 in the second half and overtime, with Austin adding 13, Williams 11 and Decaris Jones 10.

This second half of the regular season continues in brutal form this week for Sebring with some tough road dates.

"We're road warriors this coming week," Harris noted.

They travel to Tampa to take on Southeast Monday, to Winter Haven Tuesday and to Lakeland for a rematch with the Braves on Friday.



Chris DeJesus got a late pin Thursday night, but Avon Park had built up too big a lead for the Streaks to overcome.

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

## AP, Sebring head toward State chase

Continued from 1B

medalist at State a season ago, racked up an 11-1 point difference for four team points and a 10-0 Avon Park lead.

Sebring got back into it with consecutive wins, as Louis Sanchez got a third-period pin in the heavyweight class and freshman Brendan Doty got four points on a majority decision with a 14-3 win over Kenneth Egan in the 100-pound class.

Sebring finished out the night with four straight pins of their own, including one by state-qualifier Chris DeJesus and by state hopeful Casey Ricker.

But by then, the numbers just weren't going to add up

to make up for the difference.

"We're working really hard and the results are showing," Germaine said. "Sebring was our biggest thing looking forward and they were really pumped to get this win."

The Devils have one more dual meet, with Frostproof next week, before closing out the regular season at the big Spiegel Invitational in Sebring on Saturday, Jan 19, and the Polk County Invite one week later.

And despite the loss, Sebring head coach Josh Miller was pleased with what he saw.

"It's always fun to get the kids hyped up and aggressive," he said. "They are friends (with the Avon Park

wrestlers) so it can be hard to get them pumped up and ready for this match. In the past they've been lethargic, but I'm proud of what they came with tonight."

For the Blue Streaks, this was their last dual meet with tournaments dotting the rest of the regular season calendar.

They were at the Palmetto Invitational Saturday, then join Avon Park at the Spiegel and Polk the next two Saturday's.

Districts and the Regional tournaments for each squad get underway at the beginning of February.

News-Sun correspondent Erika Cord contributed to this article.



Josh Austin was a workhorse in the paint Friday, and also showed off some dextrous moves underneath on his way to 13 points in Sebring's win.

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

## Soccer season winds down toward Districts

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Hardee goalie.

The goalie dove to the left and Watson kicked the ball to the right.

It sailed into the net and gave the Streaks a goal, making the score 3-2.

At the seven-minute mark, Watson had another beautiful goal look that sailed just over the top bar of the goal.

Despite the Streaks strong attempts, Hardee was still able to walk away with a victory of 3-2 at the conclusion of the game.

The game against Hardee gave the Streaks an opportunity to play a competitive match in a non-district game.

"Districts is looking good for us right now," said Bowyer. "We're seeded second, but Auburndale is still the monkey on our back we're trying to beat."

The Streaks look towards

districts in the coming weeks as the season draws to a close.

The Sebring boys and girls

soccer teams took on Avon Park at home on Saturday in an afternoon, matinee doubleheader.

## January 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. 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.

Please note that we reserve the right to cancel trips that do not meet the minimum number of participants.

Conditions such as high winds, waves or lightning may force us to cancel.

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# Sebring 70s start new season

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING – The Sebring Seventy and Over Softball League winter games began Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Highlands County Sports Complex.

Six teams are participating this season, namely Andrews Allstate Insurance, Buttonwood Bay, Highlands Independent Bank, Royal Palms, Silent Salesman and VFW3400.

Highlands Independent Bank got the season started when it overcame Buttonwood Bay with a 19-15 victory.

The Bank was down one run in the top of the 7th with two outs.

Don Cunningham began this season having 4-for-5 hits and a continuation of last year's home runs – he hit a 3

run homer to help the Bank win the game.

Other contributors going 3-for-4 were manager Harry Bell, Woody Woodward, Gene Phillips and Ross Anderson.

Jim Quartier and Robert Fahnestock each went 3-for-5.

Silent Salesman tangled with Royal Palms to start the new season.

The Salesman kept it close for five innings but let the game slip away, losing by the score of 11-5.

Palms Kyle Saunders belted out 5-for-5 and Mo Pier, manager, was 3-for-4.

Going 3-for-5 were Jim Hensley and Andy Timmermanis, while Charlie Quinn was the winning pitcher.

The Silent Salesman's

manager Ken Crandall and Norm Grubbs rapped out three singles each and four batters connected for two hits each.

The team's downfall was averaging about two men left on base per inning.

First game jitters in the field didn't help any.

This year's new team is VFW3400 with John Kloet manager.

Their first game and win was a 11-7 victory over Andrews Allstate Insurance.

Doran Quigg went 4-for-4 and also made a great defensive play.

Dennis Burkholtz went 3-for-4 including a triple and Bob Roth, Chuck Fluharty and John Kloet each had a double in their 2-for-3 at bats.

John Kloet was the win-

ning pitcher.

Allstate's Jerry Kauffman had two triples, Eddy Lindberg went 4-for-4, Dick Ostrich 4-for-5 and Tom Ashley was 3-for-4.

Allstate's losing pitcher was manager Rudy Pribble.

On Thursday, Highlands Independent Bank had a 26-11 win over VFW3400.

For the Bank, Bob Roth went 4-for-4 with two home runs and Bob Fulcher also had a home run.

Cal Brady was 4-for-5 and each hitting 3-for-4 were Ross McMinn and Chuck Fluharty.

Bob Fulcher was winning pitcher.

The Silent Salesman and Andrews Allstate Insurance game was another low-scoring affair with Allstate the 9-4 winner.

Allstate banged out 20 hits and the Salesman had 18 hits.

The difference was Allstate had 4- and 5-hit innings.

Dick Ostrich went 4-for-4 and going 3-for-4 were Eddie Lindberg, Jerry Kauffman, Gallo Gonzalez and Dale Baughman.

Marvin Knutilla banged out two hits on his 80th birthday and Rudy Pribble was the winning pitcher.

Victor Rodriguez led the Salesman with a 4-for-4 day at the plate.

Norm Grubbs had three hits including a triple and Fred Moore went 3-for-4.

Bill Todd, Don Goodwin and Larry Ambuel had two hits apiece.

Royal Palms were really in top shape defeating Buttonwood Bay 12-4 with Doug Hammond going 3-for-

4 with a double and a home run.

Gene Hanford was 3-for-4 including a home run and Kyle Saunders 2-for-4 with a triple.

Charlie Quinn was the winning pitcher.

Although they lost, Buttonwood Bay turned in a good batting performance.

Jim Monroe and Tom Morrisette were 4-for-4.

Jim Jeffery and Bob Wood each had 3-for-3 and Rich Vancurren had 2-for-2.

The games are played every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Highlands County Sports Complex behind the railroad station.

Bleachers are furnished but you can bring your own chair if you wish.

Spectators are encouraged to join in the outdoor fun.

## Sebring 60s swing into season

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING – The mercury is rising, sporadically at least, and the softball sluggers of area Senior Leagues are getting the kinks out as yet another new season begins.

In Sebring 60s Senior action Wednesday, a battle of different-colored stockings saw the Independent White Sox storm past the Alan Jay Red Sox by a 14-0 count.

The pale hose saw Bill Saunders come within a home run of hitting for the cycle while Dick Ostreich rapped out four singles.

Eddie Linberg had a triple and two singles and each getting three one-baggers on the day were Chuck Fluharty, Moe Pier and Gary Steeves.

Ostreich tossed the shutout for the win with Jim Guild leading the crimson socks with two singles.

In a game only slightly closer, the VFW 4300 Cubs handled the Fairmount Service Angels 14-1 Wednesday.

Don Dobbert led the offensive charge for the winners with four hits, Roger Gaspereli hit three safeties and Brain Balcombe, Todd Martin, Gary Tankersley and John Kloet each knocked out a pair of hits.

Dan Webb got the win on the mound while the Angels offense was led by Bill Todd and George Laviorie with two hits apiece.

The season got off to a more competitive, and high scoring, start Monday, Jan. 7, as the Red Sox offense weighed down the scoreboard with a 25-14 win over the Angels.

The Alan Jay winners saw Dick Schultz and Harry Bell each with five singles on the day, with Dennis Mitchell getting a single, double and triple.

Bill Ellacott, Jim Guild, Kyle Saunders and Rudy Pribble each had three singles with Pribble also pitching for the win.

Fairmount was led by a triple apiece from John

Miller, Jim Radcliff and Ross McMinn, while Bill Todd and Gallo Gonzalez each had three singles.

Don Cunningham chipped in with a double and two singles.

In Monday's other contest, the Cubs three touchdowns outdid the White Sox two in a 21-14 win.

Bill Scarse had the big day for the VFW 4300s with a home run, triple and two singles.

Don Dobbert had a triple, double and two singles, John Buja had a home run and single and John Kloet had a triple and two singles.

Getting two singles each for the Cubs were Gene Phillips, Todd Martin and Gary Tankersley with Dan Webb getting the win on the mound.

The Independents were led by Woody Woodward's triple and two singles, while Bob Roth had a double and two singles and Tom McNally had a double and single.

## Hoops deep into district schedules

Continued from 1B

Lake Placid hosts a district slate moving along with home dates against Frostproof, travel to Okeechobee Thursday and to Avon Park Friday to get back into district play.

The Green Dragon boys team wasn't so fortunate

Friday, falling to Fort Meade by one point on a last-second, buzzer beater, but will look to get things going again Monday at Frostproof and Friday against Avon Park at home.

## Bill Jarrett's bracket busters

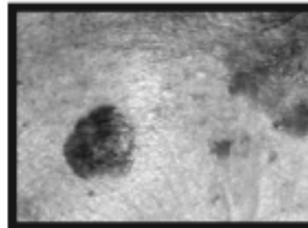


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The Jarrett Ford 70s senior softball team won their bracket in a recent tournament in Kissimmee. It was their initial appearance in the 70s division. Back row, left to right, Victor Rodriguez, Harry Bell, Dick Schultz, Bob Roth, John Kloet, Ron Berkham and Bobby Fulcher. Front row, left to right, Bill Todd, Kyle Saunders, Brian Pluta, Harold Baucom, Norman Grubb and Gallo Gonzalez. Not pictured, Ross McMinn and Larry Ambuel.

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# BUSINESS

## SFSC Corporate Education offers Smartphone and Tablet workshops

*Special to the News-Sun*  
 AVON PARK – South Florida State College's Corporate and Community Education Department is offering smartphone/tablet workshops will be held for Android and Apple users this spring.

Workshops will consist of a series of discussions on basic smartphone/tablet features and benefits followed by demonstrations showing actual smart device usage on a large video screen. Participants will learn the major components of smartphones and tablets and how to use settings to manage device setup, to set appointments and alarms in a calendar, store names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses in contacts, and how to send and receive email with attachments (photos or documents). Attendees will be given handouts showing typical smartphone/tablet screens and buttons and will follow



Courtesy photo  
**Workshops for smartphone/tablet users will be held next week at South Florida State College's Highlands Campus.**

along with instructor demonstrations.

The Android Smartphone/Tablet workshop will be offered from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday at SFSC Highlands Campus. The Apple Smartphone/Tablet workshop will be offered from 1-5 p.m. Thursday at the SFSC Highlands

Campus. The cost is \$35.

Register in Building B at the SFSC Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center. For more information, contact Corporate Education at 453-6661, 465-5300, 773-2252, or 494-7500, ext. 7033 or by emailing [CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu](mailto:CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu).

## Avoid these home-seller mistakes

Now that the housing market has finally begun to stabilize and interest rates remain at historically low levels, more and more homebuyers and sellers are dipping their toes back in the water.

If you're planning to sell your home, you need to understand the tax implications of selling a home as well as be aware of structural and cosmetic flaws in your home and neighborhood that could undermine your asking price or keep the property languishing on the market for months.

First, the tax tips:

- In general, if you make money on the sale, you can exclude the gain from your taxable income (as outlined below) if you've owned and used the home as your residence for two out of the past five years.

- You may be able to exclude up to \$250,000 of the gain from your income (\$500,000 on most joint returns).

- If you can exclude all of the gain, you don't need to report the sale on your tax return.

- Gains that cannot be excluded are taxable. You must report them on Form 1040, Schedule D.

- You cannot deduct a loss from the sale of your main home.

- For more information, see IRS Publication 523, Selling Your Home (at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)).

Many factors can negatively impact your being able to attract buyers and ultimately get the price you want. Sometimes there's not much you can do:

- If you're located on a busy street or the local school district is subpar, you probably won't fetch as much as for the same house in a better neighborhood.

- If your house is the only contemporary model in a sea of colonials or if your remodeled McMansion is surrounded by two bed-



### Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

room/one bathroom cottages, many buyers might be turned off. Not everyone wants to stand out from the crowd.

- If you started remodeling and didn't complete the job, many people won't want to take that on, even with a significant reduction in price.

However, there are many relatively minor changes that may boost your home's marketability. For example:

- If your interior or exterior walls are painted with bold colors or textures, it might be worth toning it down with a more neutral palette.

- If you can afford it, have your home professionally staged, since they know how to maximize space and show off a home's strong points (while hiding its defects.) But if you're using your own furnishings, thin them out.

- Mismatched appliances, cabinetry and plumbing fixtures stand out like sore thumbs. The same goes for worn floors or carpeting. Discuss with your realtor which improvements might be worth the investment.

- Make sure your yard is well-tended and has at least basic landscaping. Overgrown weeds and abandoned junk don't help your curb appeal. The same principle applies for common areas if you live in a condominium.

If there are foreclosed homes in the neighborhood, chances are they aren't being well-maintained. Make contacts with the lenders taking over these properties so you can report problems such as vandalism, trash or overgrown yards. If they're unresponsive, ask your city's building department whether they can charge fines or penalties.

Also, work with your neighbors to keep an eye on empty homes. Take turns mowing the lawn, picking up trash and removing graffiti. Anything you can do to bring up the quality of the neighborhood will improve your chance of selling.

*Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Jason Alderman on Twitter visit [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney).*

## SFSC Lake Placid offers Microsoft Word 2010 course

*Special to the News-Sun*  
 LAKE PLACID – South Florida State College's Community Education Department is offering a Microsoft Word 2010 course from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 16-March 6 at the SFSC Lake Placid Center. Students will learn basics such as creating, edit-

ing, formatting, printing, graphics, and many other features.

The cost is \$82.40, and students must also purchase the book, Illustrated Course Guide: Microsoft Word 2010 Basic, 1st Edition, ISBN10: 0-538-74833-8; ISBN13: 978-0-538-74833-9.

Preregistration is required for all classes. Register at the SFSC Lake Placid Center or any SFSC Campus or Center. For more information on this or any other SFSC Community Education classes, call 784-7388 or email [CommunityEducation@southflorida.edu](mailto:CommunityEducation@southflorida.edu).

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Lake Placid Art League gears up for Art and Fine Craft Show

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**SEBRING** – The Lake Placid Art League is gearing up for its 26th annual Art and Fine Craft Show at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd. on Saturday, Jan. 26 with several artists – including Frank Hnat and Tom Freeman – preparing their works for sale and display.

Nationally known artist Frank Hnat to show at 26th annual Lake Placid Art League Show.  
 Frank Hnat is a painter specializing in wild birds and wildlife done in pen and ink with pastels and watercolors. He has work in the Smithsonian Institute of Natural History and has done work for the National Wildlife Federation.

Nationally-known Lake Wales artist Tom Freeman, a painter specializing in Florida landscapes and animals, will be participating. He is also the painter of several Lake Placid murals.  
 Kelvin Hair, an artist with oil paintings of Florida

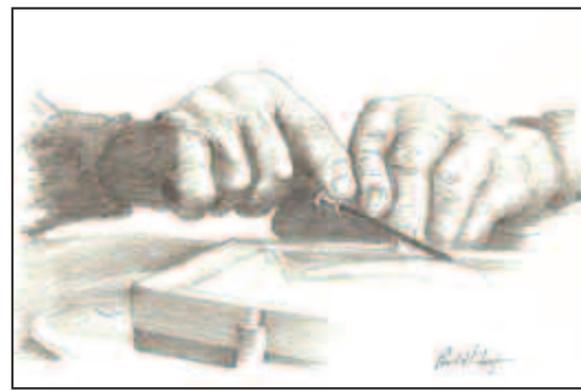
scenes done in the Highwaymen tradition, is participating in the Art and Fine Craft Show.  
 Among a medley of fine crafts at the show will be the work of contemporary wood artist John Henry. The beautiful wood turned bowls and objects explore the natural beauty of wood. They are a dialogue between an artist and the wood on the lathe a balancing act between precise control and the forms of chance, a collaboration of hand, machine, mind and matter.



Artist Tom Freeman



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Siegrists are HAL's Artists of the Month



Cute Cottontail

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING — Wes and Rachele Siegrist are a husband and wife team who specialize in creating exquisitely detailed miniature paintings that are gems of fine art for enhancing existing collections, or for filling a display niche. The artists render their intricate artwork in opaque watercolor. These tiny treasures typically measure less than nine square inches and appear even more detailed when viewed under magnification.

Sebring holds a very special place in the Siegrists' hearts as a home away from home. From 1989 until 1999 the Siegrists taught adult and

children's classes at the Highlands Museum of the Arts. In fact, it could be said that it was at the museum that the Siegrists career together began since Rachele was one of Wes' students there in 1989.

Rachele sat in on other classes Wes taught during their time dating and helped as an instructor once they were married in 1990. The duo also served on the board of directors for the Highlands Art League during much of the 1990s, with Wes serving stints as the vice-president and then president for three years. At one point, they practically lived at the museum with Wes teaching a variety of classes from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on one day of the week with full teaching schedules the rest of the week as well.

Rachele served as gallery manager of the museum for a time and both artists put in extra volunteer time pulling weeds in the landscaping, painting the interior walls and agile Wes was often tapped to climb the ladder to change the light bulbs high in the stairway ceiling. Outside of the museum the Siegrists also regularly exhibited at shows, festivals and galleries in the greater Sebring and Lake Placid area and continued to do so until they moved to Tennessee in July 2001.

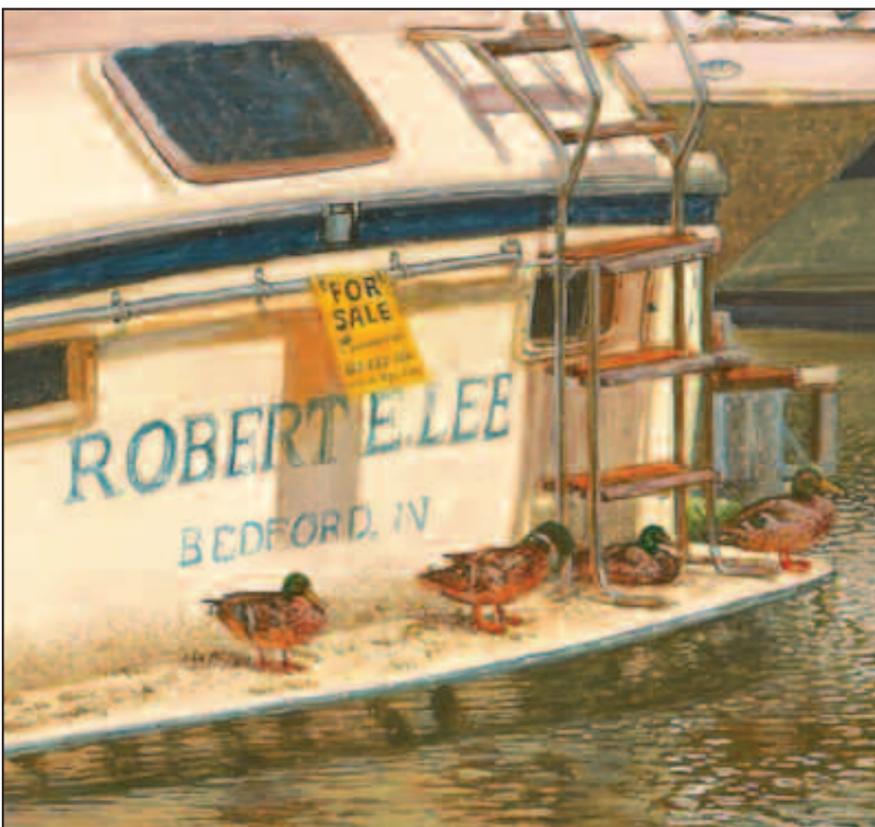
Miniature art has been in existence for centuries, and the current revival in its popularity has given rise to miniature art societies, which in turn have given the Siegrists a platform for international recognition among peers and collectors. Wes and Rachele Siegrist are members of The Society of Animal Artists, the Miniature



Wes and Rachel Siegrist are the Artists of the Month at Highlands Art League.

Art Society of Florida, the Miniature Artists of America, the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, DC, and the Cider Painters of America. In addition, they are the authors of the world's first standard definition of miniature art adopted by the Association of Miniature Artists.

The Yellow House Gallery and Gift Shop is at 1989 Lakeview Drive. The Art League hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Additional information may



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## Rose team's work featured at HCA Sebring Airport Gallery

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING – In tribute to photographer Rick Rose, Heartland Cultural Alliance will exhibit a collection of his work along with current

work by Cindy Rose at the HCA Sebring Airport Gallery. Artist's reception will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

There will be classical gui-

tar by Kenny Summers, wine, beer and edibles. This free event is open to the public.

Rick and Cindy Rose have been an award winning photography team. Cindy now carries on the tradition inspired by Rick.

As Cindy noted, "In spite of my husband Rick's passing away last year and my deep sense of loss of his physical presence, Rick's passion for photography and the subjects that he sought to capture continue to motivate and inspire me. I hope to share his final artistic endeavors of digital photography, while I allow his influence and passion, still alive in me, to inspire my own artistic passions and works."

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



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

## BAPTIST

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

■ **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](http://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](mailto:office@apfellowship.org); Web site, [www.apfellowship.org](http://www.apfellowship.org).

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan 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](http://www.fbclp.com). Email: [information@fbclp.com](mailto:information@fbclp.com). Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to [www.fbclp.com](http://www.fbclp.com).

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

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. 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 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 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 Ar buckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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

■ **Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC)** 4400 Sparta Road. Rev. 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](mailto:office@stcath.com); website, [www.stcath.com](http://www.stcath.com). Very Rev. José González, V.F., [frjose@stcath.com](mailto: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. CONFESSIO: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3:35-4:15 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 is 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.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Journey Stories featured at Third Thursday at MOFAC

Special to the News-Sun  
**AVON PARK** – South Florida State College's Museum of Florida Art and Culture (MOFAC) will hold its Third Thursday program, Journey Stories from Highlands County, at 1 p.m. Thursday in SFSC MOFAC.

Featured artist Owen Jolly will discuss his paintings, currently on exhibit at SFSC MOFAC, and participants in the Journey Stories from Highlands County exhibition will share their stories of how they came to America. Visitors will also have the opportunity to view the Journey Stories from Highlands County exhibition located in SFSC MOFAC and continuing into the hallway

of the SFSC Art Department.

Third Thursdays at MOFAC is a series that will enhance and inspire the public's perspective on Florida art and culture. Each program focuses on a different MOFAC exhibition. The program is held every third Thursday of the month, is open to the public, and is free.

For more information, contact Mollie Doctrow, SFSC MOFAC curator, at 784-7240. SFSC MOFAC is on the SFSC Highlands Campus, on the east wing of the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts, Avon Park. Like us on SFSC MOFAC's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/mofac>.

## Critics divided over Duchess of Cambridge portrait

By RAPHAEL SATTER

Associated Press

LONDON — The Duchess of Cambridge seems to like her first official portrait, which is lucky for the artist, since not all the critics agree.

Paul Emsley's portrait of the former Kate Middleton shows the 31-year-old royal against a dark background, her lips pursed into a wry smile, with an ethereal light against her face and hair. Her pale complexion brings out the fine lines under the eyes, and the light adds a hint of silver to her rich brown hair.

Shortly after the portrait was unveiled Friday at the National Portrait Gallery in London, critics began grousing.

"I'm really sad to say this is a rotten portrait," Daily Mail art critic Robin Simon said.

Guardian arts writer Charlotte Higgins said that Kate's mouth looked

clenched, her eyes looked dead, and that the whole thing had "sepulchral gloom" about it.

"Kate Middleton is — whatever you think of the monarchy and all its inane surrounding pomp — a pretty young woman with an infectious smile, a cascade of chestnut hair and a healthy bloom," she wrote in a post to her newspaper's website. "So how is it that she has been transformed into something unpleasant from the 'Twilight' franchise?"

Emsley told reporters at the opening that it was always going to be tough painting Kate, who sat for the portrait last year, before she became pregnant.

"A person whose image is so pervasive, for an artist it is really difficult to go beyond that and find something which is original," he said. "You have to rely on your technique and your artistic instincts to do that and I hope I've succeeded."

Royal portraits tend to veer between the staid and the controversial. Lucian Freud's 2001 portrait of Queen Elizabeth II remains a particularly notorious example, with some describing the heavy, severe painting of the monarch as deeply unflattering and others calling it groundbreaking.

In fairness to Emsley, some artists had praise for his work.

"I liked it, very much so," said Richard Stone, who has frequently painted members of the royal family. "So often with official portraits they can be rather stiff and starchy, but this has a lovely informality about it, and a warmth to it."

In any case, Emsley appeared to have won over his most important audience. Kate, who was with her husband, Prince William, at the gallery earlier Friday, called the portrait "just amazing." William liked it too, saying it was "absolutely beautiful."

# 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](mailto:thewaychurch@hotmail.com). Web site: [www.TheWayChurch.org](http://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](http://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](http://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 concretion 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. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at (863) 471-2663 or see [christlutheranavonpark.org](http://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 Willittz at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at [www.newlife-sebring.com](http://www.newlife-sebring.com).

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., 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."

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for

January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: [www.Trinitylutheranlp.com](http://www.Trinitylutheranlp.com).

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 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](http://www.bfcsebring.com). Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church**, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 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](mailto:lindadowning@live.com). Casey L. Downing, associate minister, [caseydowning@hotmail.com](mailto:caseydowning@hotmail.com). Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: [www.ctmforme.com](http://www.ctmforme.com)

■ **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 problem. 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](http://www.GBCconnected.org)

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

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

■ **Union 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-union.org](http://www.weare-union.org).

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre**, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail [unity@vistatnet.net](mailto:unity@vistatnet.net). Web site, [www.unityofsebring.org](http://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](mailto:covpres@strato.net); Web site: [www.cpcsebring.org](http://www.cpcsebring.org). Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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# Archaeologist Phyllis Kolianos presents 'Living on the Edge'

*Special to the News-Sun*  
**AVON PARK**  
 - Archaeologist Phyllis Kolianos presents "Living on the Edge: The Sunset of the Weedon Island Culture along the Central Peninsula Gulf Coast Region" during the Kissimmee Valley Archaeological Conservancy's Speaker Series at 7 p.m. Thursday at the South Florida State College Highlands Campus, Building G, Room 101. The public is invited at no cost.

*Phyllis Kolianos will discuss some of the important research from an investigation and the extraordinary discovery of a 1,100-year-old, 40-foot dugout canoe at Weedon Island.*

archaeological programs, presentations, and activities at the preserve. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) and its research station. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of South Florida in applied anthropology. She became accredited with the Register of Professional Archaeologists in 2003.

Kolianos has worked for local government agencies for the past 15 years and has investigated, updated, and recorded area sites with the Florida Master Site Files. She also actively worked with public archaeology projects, grants, and archaeological research projects involving Weedon Island's cultural resources and other lands within Pinellas County.

In 2006, Kolianos co-edited two award-winning books with Brent Weisman, Ph.D. published by University Press of Florida titled "The Lost Manuscript of Frank Hamilton Cushing" and "The Florida Journals of Frank Hamilton Cushing."

For more information, call Anne Reynolds at 465-3637 or (441) 840-3995.



**Kolianos**

# Cuban tree frogs wreak havoc on native frogs

What do frogs do with paper?  
 Rip-it!  
 What kind of shoes do frogs wear?  
 Open toad!  
 What does a frog say when it sees something great?  
 Toadly awesome!

Since ancient times, frogs have often been a source of fascination for young and old alike. They are the mysterious creatures in which fairy tales and folklore are made of. Not only do frogs serve as spellbinding, enchanting and mesmerizing subject matter in tales of old, they are very important links in the food chain as well as being important indicators of ecosystems.

Frogs are equipped with absorbent skin that can easily soak up toxic chemicals, which makes them extremely vulnerable to environmental disturbances. Therefore, frogs are given credit to indicate the health of the ecosystem they live in. Unfortunately, frog populations have been declining worldwide at an alarming rate. Frogs and other amphibian populations are faced with many challenges in today's world, which include habitat loss, pollution, climate change, infectious diseases and exotic species.

In Florida, one of the main dangers to the native frogs is their own relatives. *Osteopilus septentrionalis*, or the Cuban tree frog, may be causing more harm to these big-eyed natives than all other factors put together. These invaders come from the Caribbean region, specifically Cuba, Bahamas and the Cayman Islands, and are now the largest tree frog on the continent. They have a voracious appetite and have the ability to thrive most anywhere in our tropical climate. They range in size from three to five-and-a-half inches in length. These frogs are con-

sidered invasive species because they are causing a tremendous amount of harm to our natural ecosystems.

According to the University of Florida's Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, Cuban tree frogs eat at least five different species of native frogs. Because of their large size, they also dine on native lizards, snakes, bird hatchlings and tadpoles. In addition to actually consuming their relatives, these frogs take up space and eat the food that the natives need to survive.

These exotic frogs breed year round and the female usually lays about 3,000 eggs in two long strings in shallow water. Once the eggs hatch, they remain in the tadpole stage for about one or two months. Once they turn into frogs, they live anywhere from five to 10 years. They vary in color from grayish-white to greenish-brown. Their toe pads are larger than other tree frogs. They have bright yellow patches hidden on the underside of the legs. Often they have an orange tint to their eyes. They have some interesting features including the skin on their heads, which is fused to the skull and does not move when rubbed. When handled, these creatures secrete a toxic fluid that can cause burning to the eyes, nose and skin.

Cuban tree frogs thrive in urban communities. They are extremely adaptable and are commonly found near or even in residences. They continue to spread with rapid speed. Some of the problems they cause humans include defecating on walls and windows, taking over birdhouses, clogging up toilets and sinks, laying eggs in fish ponds and bird baths and short-circuiting utility switches. (UFIFAS)

Cuban tree frogs are mainly nocturnal and usually sleep above ground during the day. At night, they go out foraging for food and use natural and artificial light to aid them in the hunt. They are excellent climbers and will eat anything and every-



Courtesy photo

**Cuban tree frogs are considered invasive species because they are causing a tremendous amount of harm to the natural ecosystems.**

thing they can get into their large mouths. They can survive most anywhere including brackish water and have been known to set up colonies on islands. They hitchhike to new locations via shipments of plants, vegetables, packaging, boats and any type of motorized vehicles.

### Frog facts:

- When a frog swallows food, its bulging eyes close and sinks into its head. The eyeballs apply pressure and push the frog's meal down its throat.
- Humans get warts from human viruses, not from frogs and toads.
- Frogs usually have smooth skin and toads have rougher skin.
- A group of frogs is called an army; a group of toads is called a knot.

- Most frogs require suitable habitat in both terrestrial and aquatic environments.
- Tadpoles keep waterways clean by feeding on algae. Adult frogs eat large quantities of insects, including disease vectors that can transmit fatal illnesses to humans.
- Frogs produce a wide array of skin secretions, many of which have significant potential to improve human health through their use as pharmaceuticals.
- Many Australian aborigine and Native American groups believed that frogs brought rain.
- In Japan, frogs symbolize good luck.

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

# Leo should not rock the boat this week

*Metro News Service*

**Aries (March 21-April 20)** - Aries, your domestic side will come out this week when you decide to play host or hostess to friends or family. You may reveal some surprising skills in the kitchen.

**Taurus (April 21-May 21)** - It will take fast action for you to get something accomplished this week, Taurus. If you blink, the opportunity may pass you by, so get moving.

**Gemini (May 22-June 21)** - You may need to reconsider your purchasing power, Gemini. Your finances may not be what they seem at this moment, and you could need to play things conservatively.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Cancer, there are a few obstacles you will have to overcome before you can move on to something more enjoyable this week. Make the hard work a priority and the rest will follow.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)** - Maintain the status quo this week, Leo. You may be tempted to do things differ-

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ently, but going with the flow and not rocking the boat is the best approach this week.

**Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)** - Flexibility will be the key this week, Virgo. If you are able to bend, then you will be much more successful than if you are rigid in your opinions and actions.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** - Libra, if you find you have been falling behind on things or simply cannot seem to get organized, then it's time to reconsider your approach.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** - Scorpio, when party planning is put into your hands, you are right in your element as a natural leader. You are bound to have all of the details perfect.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** - Someone could require a pep talk this week, and you are the person for the job, Sagittarius. Figure out ways to downplay any struggles and point out all that this person has accomplished.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan.**

**20)** - You may find a turnaround in your financial situation has finally arrived, Capricorn. Just don't spend all of that newfound money in one place. Put some into an account for later.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)** - Aquarius, you may need someone to light a fire under you this week. Welcome this effort because once you get going you will be able to accomplish anything.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Pisces, it may be a challenge to balance work and home life responsibilities this week. Aim for a 60/40 split of requirements.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 13 - Orlando Bloom, actor (36); Jan. 14 - Jason Bateman, actor (44); Jan. 15 - Armando "Pitbull" Perez, singer (32); Jan. 16 - Josie Davis, actress (40); Jan. 17 - Betty White, actress (91); Jan. 18 - Mark Messier, athlete (52); and Jan. 19 - Zoëy Deschanel, actress (33).

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## Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures

Inspirational Thoughts

by Patricia Valentine

Mark 11:22-23, So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says." Looking at verse 22, the illustration of casting a mountain into the sea is an extreme example of the absolutely impossible. The only way we can accomplish the impossible is to have faith in God. Mark 9:23, "Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes". Are you facing a situation that seems impossible? Go to the word of God and search for the promises He has promised you. He says in His word, all things are possible. Believe God for the impossible. It's time to take the limits off.

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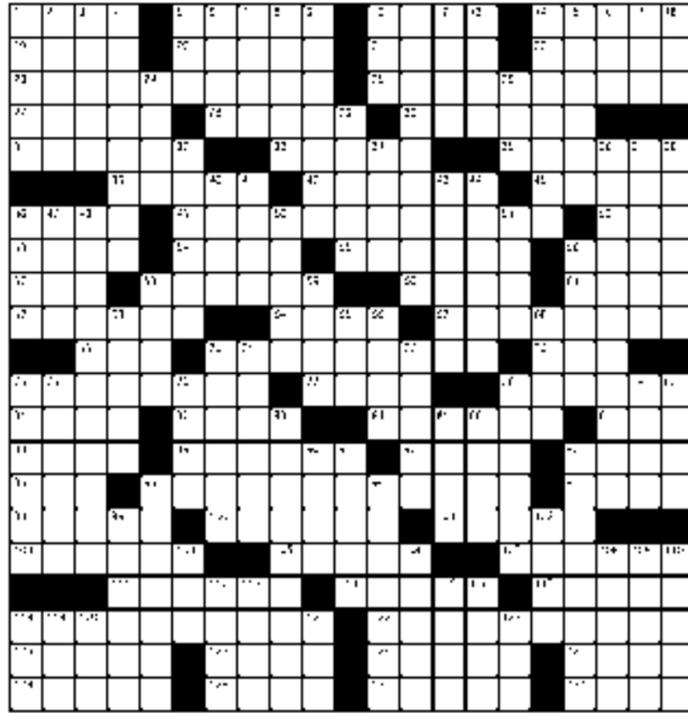
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## Taking special moments home



Pause And Consider  
Jan Merop

"Why do you have the hood of your car up in the garage?" we asked our friends.

"Oh, a chipmunk's been in there and we were warned that keeping the hood down keeps them cozy and they'll begin chewing on the wires."

In Colorado, we delight in seeing these little chipmunks on hikes, walks near the river, or rocky backyards. These "cute as a button" critters make us smile.

But, when you take one home with you, it can be problematic.

Such was the case when our son and his wife visited us at our friends' home and kept their car parked for the weekend in the driveway. For whatever reason, the chipmunk hitched a ride to Aspen with them.

The discovery came when his droppings were first found on the front seat ... and later all over the floor boards and under the seats along with a liquid 'accident' on the back tarp. Not to mention the sounds of him somewhere in the car as they drove along.

A thorough cleaning and vacuuming didn't send him scurrying at first. Thankfully, this uninvited guest eventually found his way out of the car to a new adventure.

It made me realize I wanted the 'souvenirs' of our experiences and blessings to hitch a ride on my heart back to Sebring.

My senses are heightened in the atmosphere of the mountains. It's like I can't get enough. But, the joy of helping our children get settled in their new home fulfilled us even more.

Working, packing, moving, arranging, sharing meals and ideas together gave us a sense of belonging and family bonding that will always reside in our hearts.

Yet the spiritual growth through conversations, prayer, Bible study and transparency with one another lit a spark that I want to be fertile ground for more growth and new life in us.

We have been blessed to have heard the Word of God at our parents' knees as children ... and, to grow as adults. Still, growth must continue.

In 2 Timothy 3: 14 we're reminded of this, where it says, "But you must continue in the things which you have learned ... and in chapter 2, verse 15, it says, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Unlike the chipmunk (cute as he may be), we welcomed these new 'souvenirs' to dwell with us and be built upon for God's glory and the blessing of others. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

## Victims' relatives sue Rivera's company over crash

By E.J. TAMARA  
 Associated Press  
 LOS ANGELES — Relatives of four passengers killed last month with Jenni Rivera in a plane crash in Mexico filed a lawsuit against Rivera's company Thursday alleging the singer was negligent when she hired a faulty Learjet 25.

The civil lawsuit filed in a Los Angeles court seeks unspecified financial compensation from Jenni Rivera Enterprises. It claims Rivera picked the aircraft owned by Las Vegas-based Starwood Management and should have known the state of the plane and the pilots' status.

"There are a lot of doubts about why Jenni Rivera chose that aerial clunker," said attorney Vance Owen, of Kiel & Larson, who represents the plaintiffs.

Rivera's publicist, Arturo Rivera, her makeup artist, Jacob Yebale, her stylist, Jorge Sanchez, her lawyer, Mario Macias, and the two pilots were among the seven people killed when the aircraft crashed Dec. 9 in northern Mexico.

Authorities have not determined what caused the plane to plunge, killing all onboard.

Jenni Rivera Enterprises collects royalties and copyright payments for Rivera, 43, and it manages the singer's other businesses and assets.

## Daughter visiting elderly dad seeks sanctuary from strife

Dear Abby: My husband and I just got back from visiting my dad and stepmother in another state. We are the only ones in the family who don't live in close proximity, and we get to see him only once a year. Dad is elderly, and I know my time with him is limited.



Dear Abby

Apparently, his marriage is in a shambles and they are on the verge of divorce. He comes home only to sleep. The rest of the time he finds places to get away from her and her constant arguments.

The time we were there was tense, unpleasant and, frankly, a waste of time and money. I wasn't able to spend more than five minutes with Daddy without my stepmother trying to pick a fight with him.

My husband and I decided it was best to make excuses and fly home early. Now I don't know how I can see my father without my stepmother. Because he didn't tell me his marriage was on the rocks (I was told by my siblings), I'm not sure how to broach the subject of making alternate arrangements to meet him so we can talk and spend time together without all the drama.

My husband thinks it may cause more problems with his wife, but I don't know how else to avoid being in a war zone. Have you any suggestions or advice? I just want to spend time with him in the time he has left. —  
**Daddy's Girl Down South**  
**Dear Daddy's Girl:** Now

that you have been in the "war zone," the cat is out of the bag. Because your stepmother was such a distraction you had no quality time with your father, consider staying elsewhere and having him spend time with you away from the house.

Alternatively, if he's able to travel, offer to send him a ticket to visit you and your husband for a few days or a week without her. That's cheaper than plane fare for you and your husband to visit him.

Contact your siblings and find out if your father plans to spend the rest of his "limited" time married to your stepmother, because the stress of the hostility in their household could shorten his life. If he plans to divorce her, one of the places where he should seek refuge is his lawyer's office. And because your father hasn't been forthcoming, be sure to ask your siblings to keep you more fully informed about the status of his health and his marriage. As his daughter, you have a right to know.

Dear Abby: My fiancée, "Tara," has a problem with social boundaries. She was home-schooled most of her education and missed out on a social life.

Recently, a male friend of mine quit talking to both of us because of her behavior. When I talked with him about it, he said Tara makes him uncomfortable. She doesn't understand where friendly joking stops and serious flirting starts. She gave him the impression she wanted to start an affair, so he walked away.

Tara has been open and upfront about everything. She doesn't lie. It's like she

doesn't know any other way to interact with the opposite sex, and it's spooking me before our wedding. I don't want to have to be my fiancée's constant social monitor.

What can I do to help her with this? Are there social classes for late bloomers? —  
**Freaked-Out Fiance in Ohio**

Dear Freaked-Out Fiance: I don't blame you for being "freaked out" because Tara's behavior must have been blatant for your friend to avoid both of you. My advice is to put your wedding on hold until you, a female relative (or two) whom Tara respects and will listen to, or a counselor is able to make her understand the boundaries of socially appropriate behavior. If you proceed as things are, the next letter I receive from you may be from "Freaked-Out Husband."

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## Actress Eden Sher shouldn't lose the braces

By DAVID BAUDER  
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 PASADENA, Calif. — If the creators of ABC's "The Middle" have their way, poor Sue Heck's teeth will never be fixed.

Actress Eden Sher wore a set of removable braces to her audition to play the daughter on the ABC comedy, helping her win the job. She hasn't taken them off since, at least on camera. They're the signature of the geeky, lovable loser that is high school soph Sue Heck.

It makes for a strange situation for Sher when she goes out in public.

"I don't ever get recognized by anyone," said the 21-year-old Sher, who in real life has straight teeth, clear skin and a youthful touch of Hollywood glamour. "I don't get offended by it. I take it as a compliment."

Getting ready for filming is particularly easy. Sher doesn't wash her hair on filming day so it can be flat and oily on the air. She barely wears any makeup. And she's not allowed to

wax her eyebrows.

Sher has had the removable braces since a short stint on "Weeds." She had braces in real life but had them taken off in the midst of a season's filming. Wanting continuity, the show had her orthodontist prepare a set of braces that can be taken on and off.

It's a signature look she wouldn't mind losing at some point.

"I would love to see Sue get her braces off at some point," she said recently. "The writers have stopped taking my calls on this."

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# Honoring an icon

Celebrating the legacy of civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr.

BY STACEY HOLLENBECK  
McClatchy-Tribune

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made his mark on history during the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s. Motivated by his faith, King fought against the oppression of his fellow African Americans by protesting segregation. His efforts to combat the injustices were met with hostility and hatred, and eventually led to his early death. But King's drive to achieve harmony among the races led to the desegregation of the country and set America on the path toward racial equality.

## HISTORY OF THE DAY

In 1986, nearly 18 years after his assassination, Americans celebrated the first Martin Luther King Day, a holiday established to pay homage to the preacher and inspirational leader. By this time, 17 states already had established holidays to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Coretta Scott King, his widow, worked hard to make the national holiday a reality. In 2003, the theme of Martin Luther King Day became, "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A day on, not a day off." Although some professionals and students see the third Monday in January as a day off from work or school, others see it as an opportunity to volunteer their time. By working to improve their communities and help those in need, these Americans are acting on behalf of King's generous spirit.



Martin Luther King Jr.'s portrait hangs over an Oakland, Calif., roadway renamed in his honor.

## A STREET NAMED KING

According to Derek H. Alderman, author of the essay "Naming Streets for Martin Luther King, Jr.: No Easy Road" published in "Landscape and Race in the United States" (Routledge, \$34.95), there were more than 730 streets in U.S. cities and towns named after Martin Luther King Jr. as of 2003. Most of these exist in the southeast United States. Georgia, where King was born, leads the states in streets named after him with 105. States without a street named after King include Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

## FAMOUS QUOTES

Through his eloquent speeches, sermons and writings, Martin Luther King Jr. inspired a nation. Here are a few of his most memorable and moving quotations:

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."  
— "Letter from Birmingham Jail," April 16, 1963

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."  
— King's "I Have a Dream" speech, Aug. 28, 1963

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."  
— King's Nobel Prize acceptance speech, Dec. 10, 1964

Like anybody, I would like to live a long life — longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land."  
— King's "I've Been to The Mountaintop" speech, April 3, 1968

## REMEMBER! CELEBRATE! ACT!

To truly celebrate Martin Luther King Day and honor its "Day of Service" theme, Americans can work to improve the lives of those in need or help out in their communities. Here are some ways to celebrate the day through community service:

- Bring meals to homebound neighbors
- Shovel elderly neighbors' walkways
- Serve meals at a homeless shelter

To find a specific volunteer opportunity near you, go to [www.mlkday.gov](http://www.mlkday.gov) and click "Search for MLK Day Project."



## A LIFE REMEMBERED

Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life and career to protesting injustice. The following timeline identifies the times and places in King's short life where he significantly influenced the civil rights movement and the future of America.

**Jan. 15, 1929:** Martin Luther King Jr. was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr. in Atlanta, Ga.

**1947:** King became licensed to preach.

**June 18, 1953:** King married Coretta Scott King in Marion, Ala. Coretta Scott King continued her husband's legacy as a civil rights activist until her death on Jan. 30, 2006.

**June 5, 1955:** King received a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Boston University.

**Feb. 21, 1956:** King and other demonstrators were arrested for participating in the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In December of that same year, the federal government ordered Montgomery buses to integrate.



Coretta Scott King, pictured here in 2003.

**Feb. 18, 1957:** Martin Luther King Jr. appeared on the cover of Time magazine.

**February 1959:** King and his wife spent a month in India studying Mahatma Gandhi's technique of nonviolence. King was an avid fan of nonviolence, a strategy where demonstrators refused to leave restaurants and public places that were designated as white-only.

**Oct. 19, 1960:** King was arrested for trespassing while taking part in a sit-in demonstration at a lunch counter in Atlanta, Ga. Sit-ins were nonviolent anti-segregation protests where black demonstrators refused to leave restaurants and public places that were designated as white-only.

**Dec. 16, 1961:** While protesting segregation in Albany, Ga., King was arrested.

**July 27, 1962:** King was again arrested in Albany, Ga., after taking part in a prayer vigil. He was charged with failure to obey a police officer, obstructing the sidewalk and disorderly conduct.

**April 16, 1963:** After being arrested in Birmingham, Ala., for participating in a sit-in, King wrote "Letter From Birmingham Jail." The letter is now one of King's most famous statements about injustice.

**Aug. 28, 1963:** King delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech in front of the thousands who gathered for The March on Washington. Afterward, he and other Civil Rights leaders met with President John F. Kennedy in the White House.

**Dec. 10, 1964:** King received the Nobel Peace Prize.

**Aug. 5, 1966:** King was stoned in Chicago as he led a march through crowds of angry whites.

**April 4, 1968:** King was shot while on the balcony of his second-floor motel room in Memphis, Tenn. He later died from a gunshot wound to the neck. A day earlier, King gave his final speech, "I've Been to the Mountain Top."

**March 9, 1969:** James Earl Ray plead guilty to killing King and was sentenced to 99 years in the Tennessee State Penitentiary.

**Jan. 20, 1986:** The first national King holiday was observed.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT DR. KING?

How well do you know Martin Luther King Jr.? Test your knowledge about the civil rights leader whose legacy is celebrated every year.

1. How many children did King have?  
A. 1  
B. 3  
C. 4  
D. 5

2. How old was King when he was assassinated?  
A. 35  
B. 39  
C. 42  
D. 50

3. King gave his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech Aug. 28, 1963, in front of what landmark in Washington, D.C.?  
A. The Washington Monument  
B. The White House  
C. The Jefferson Memorial  
D. The Lincoln Memorial

4. King was named president of what influential civil rights group in 1957?  
A. Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

B. Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
C. Congress of Racial Equality  
D. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

5. Which president signed the bill establishing the third Monday of every January as the Martin

Luther King Jr. national holiday?  
A. Ronald Reagan  
B. Lyndon B. Johnson  
C. John F. Kennedy  
D. George H.W. Bush

ANSWERS: 1-C; 2-B; 3-D; 4-B; 5-A.



On June 23, 1963, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. led more than 125,000 people on the "Walk to Freedom" down Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

## BOOKS ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS ICON

Below are some resources for kids and teens who want to learn more about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy.

### Good Reads for Kids:

- "A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr." by David A. Adler and illustrated by Robert Casilla (Holiday House, \$6.95)
- "Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King Jr." by Jean Marzollo (Scholastic Paperbacks, \$5.99)
- "My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." by Christine King Farris (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, \$17.95)
- "Martin's Big Words: The



"My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Doreen Rappaport (Jump At The Sun, \$6.99)

### Good Reads for Teens:

- "The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr." by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and edited by Clayborne Carson (Grand Central Publishing, \$15.95)
- "A Knock at Midnight: Inspiration from the Great Sermons of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr." by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and edited by Peter Holloran and Clayborne Carson (Grand Central Publishing, \$20)
- "A Call to Conscience: The Landmark Speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." edited by Clayborne Carson and Kris Shepard (Grand Central Publishing, \$14.95)