



## Community Briefs

### Sebring Utilities plans hydrant testing

SEBRING – The City of Sebring Utilities Department will begin its annual fire flow testing of fire hydrants beginning the week of Jan. 6. Flushing will be done in the evening to minimize inconvenience to customers.

At all times the water remains safe for consumption. If cloudiness or discoloration occurs after flushing in the area, flush the service line by opening a faucet for 10 minutes. If water does not clear, call 471-5112 during business hours or 471-0166 after hours.

### Highway Park plans for Rising Gala

LAKE PLACID – The Highway Park Neighborhood Council is again planning an elegant evening of fine dining, a silent auction, live band, great speakers and more for the third annual Highway Park “Rising” Gala on Saturday, Feb. 15. This annual event supports the restoration efforts of the Highway Park Community of Lake Placid. Donations are tax deductible.

Plan for an evening of fine dining, live entertainment featuring Hill Legacy Band, the Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers, Diversified Entertainment, and more. There will be a 50/50 raffle and silent auction.

The Gala is planned for Sun ‘N Lake Golf & Country Club, 5223 Sun ‘N Lake Blvd. in Sebring, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Contact Shirley Wilson at 465-5765 or Evelyn Colon at (804) 655-1915 for tickets. Admission is \$50 per person. Dress is formal.

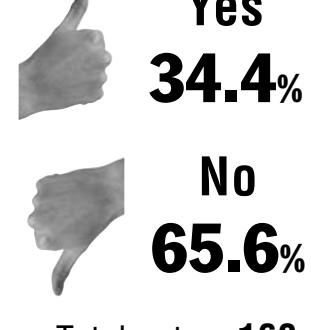
### Dance Club hosts Golden Era Band

SEBRING – The Highlands Social Dance Club will host the music of the Golden Era 14-piece Dance Band from 7:30 p.m. today at the Highlands Social Center, 3400 Sebring Parkway. Snacks and sandwiches will be available. BYOB.

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



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ing singles. For more information, call 386-0855, or visit [www.highlandsdanceclub.org](http://www.highlandsdanceclub.org).

### 1st Saturday Breakfast planned

AVON PARK – Avon Park 1st Saturday Breakfast, formerly the Avon Park Airport Fly-in Breakfast, will be served at Christ Lutheran Church, 1320 County Road 64 East (Main Street), a half mile past Avon Park High School. Enjoy fresh pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, as well as homemade breakfast casseroles and sticky buns as long as they last. Serving is from 8-10:30 a.m. on the first Saturdays of the month through April. Cost is \$5 for one serving of each item.

For information, call Rev. Scott McLean at 446-0911.

### Vegetable Growing Workshop is Saturday

SEBRING – The Highlands County Extension’s Residential Horticulture agent is offering a free vegetable growing workshop from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Saturday. The workshop will give direction on how and what to plant to take advantage of Florida’s unique climate.

Anyone interested in attending should pre-register by calling the Highlands County UF/IFAS Extension office at 402-6540.

### Ballroom Dancers plan ‘Pizza Polka Party’

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will ring in the new year Saturday with a “Pizza Polka Party” at the Elks Hall. A free polka lesson will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the lounge with Roger and Ruth Jiminez instructors. Chrissy will be on hand for the music and dancing in the main hall until 9 p.m.

Hot dogs, buttered pretzels, and snacks are available at the bar all evening. Free pizza will be served at 6:30 p.m.

This dance is open to the public. Admission is \$7 for non-members, \$5 for members. The Elks Hall is on County Road 621 behind Winn-Dixie.

### 12 Days of Christmas continue

SEBRING – Come celebrate The 12 Days of Christmas with Christmas lights and Country / Bluegrass / Blues and Gospel Music at Under The Oaks Opry. The final night for lights is at 7 p.m. tonight.

Sunday’s show is slated for 2 p.m., hosted by G.W. Saunders.

This is an inside family venue. No alcohol is served. Under the Oaks Opry is at 3501 Beck Ave. For information, call 253-0771 or Like Under The Oaks Opry on Facebook.

### Leitzel to speak at chamber lunch

LAKE PLACID – Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon will be held at noon Wednesday at the Lake Placid Camp & Conference Center. The luncheon is sponsored by Delray Plants. The presentation will be conducted by South Florida State College President Dr. Thomas C. Leitzel.

RSVP the chamber to [chamber@lpfla.com](mailto:chamber@lpfla.com) or call 465-4331.



Katara Simmons/News-Sun  
The county commission voted to purchase the last piece of property needed to complete a multi-use path along the Sebring Parkway between Sebring High School and DeSoto Road.

## County moves forward with plans for multi-use path on Parkway

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – Noting that it would complete a multi-use path that would stretch from Sebring Senior High School past Fred Wild Elementary all the way to DeSoto Road, Highlands County Commissioners have voted to move ahead with the purchase of property that would complete the last section of the span.

The decision to have staff move forward with a purchase agreement for so-called parcel No. 32 — also known as the Gilbert property — came on a 3-2 vote, with commissioners Ron Handley and Jack Richie balking at a number of costs, including the purchase price for the land.

Although the price tag for the property was set at \$50,000, there are additional costs such as attorney’s fees, appraisals, engineering, closing and other charges which bumped the

bottom line to \$99,000.

Even so, that figure is down from the former asking price of better than \$160,000.

County Engineer Ramon Gavarette indicated that if commissioners did not want to purchase the property, a sidewalk could be placed on the west side of the parkway, with pedestrians crossing the road at signalized intersections at Youth Care Lane and at DeSoto Road.

However, that could increase the amount of red lights on the Parkway during school hours as students traveled from one side of the busy road to the other. It was pointed out that school officials also might have to place a crossing guard at the intersections during the school season.

In terms of long-term planning, it is the staff’s recommendation that we look at a continuous multi-use path on the east side of

the Parkway,” said Highlands County Administrator June Fisher when asked.

Handley repeatedly questioned the proposed cost for the property, noting that land values remain low, and the construction did not adversely affect the business located there.

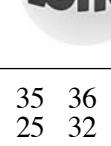
“We don’t need to roll over and write the check. We can come back with another offer,” he told fellow commissioners.

Commissioners Don Elwell and Jim Brooks responded that negotiations probably would have had better results were they done several years ago as part of the original plans and not as part of a public meeting with this parcel being the last one needed.

Even after the purchase contract is drawn up, the matter still must come back before commissioners at a public hearing for more discussion and a final vote.

### Lottery Center

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**Next jackpot \$6 million**



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## Highlands Hammock gears up for busy 2014

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – There are a number of events planned for Highlands Hammock State Park in the new year.

### Nature Walks

The first in a series of Monday Morning Nature Walks begins Jan. 6.

Plan to meet park volunteer trail guides Brian and Susan Woodworth at the Fern Garden Trailhead at 9:30 a.m. Hikers will become acquainted with common trees and plants and observe birds and other wildlife spotted along this trail.

This leisurely walk will take approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

The premier walk will be followed by walks on Cypress Swamp on Jan. 13, Richard Lieber Memorial Trail on Jan. 20, and Ancient Hammock Trail on Jan. 27.

Park visitors will meet at the trailheads on the Loop Drive at 9:30 a.m. and are advised to wear sturdy hiking boots, long pants, and bring binoculars, field guides, insect repellent and bottled water.

Guided nature walks are free. Park entry fees of \$6

per vehicle (up to eight people), \$4 per vehicle for a single person, and \$2 for bicyclists and people on foot apply.

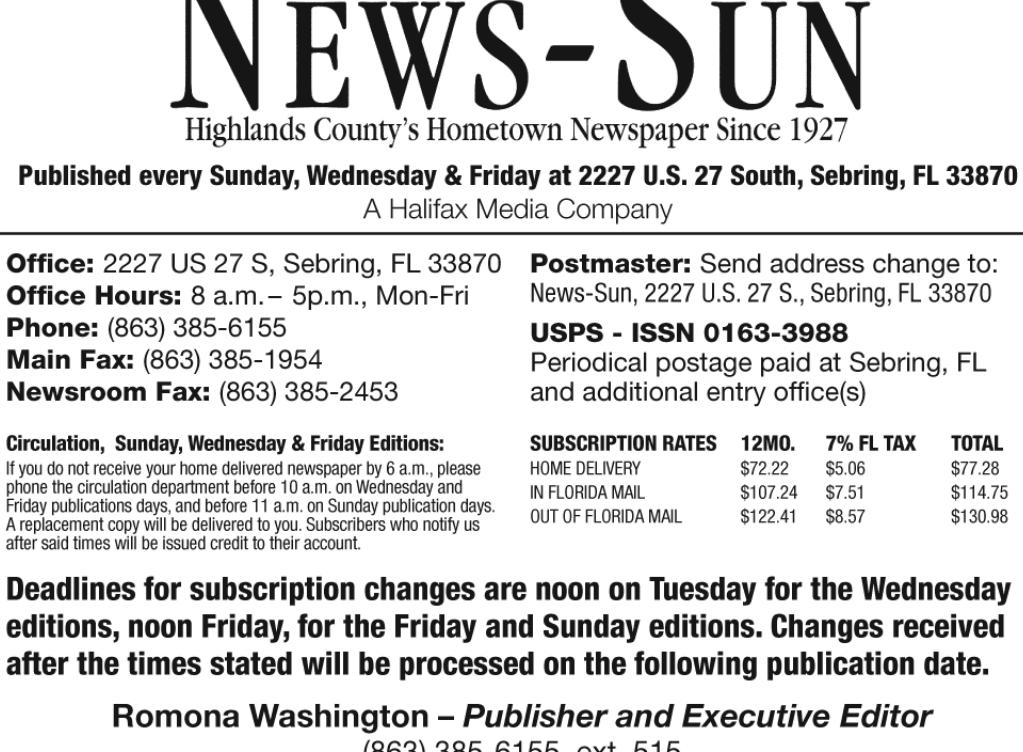
### Exploration Station

Coming out to the park for a weekend picnic or the 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. South Canal Tram Tour? Stop by the Exploration Station next to the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Museum and discover things you can find in the park.

Manned by park volunteers who are self-taught naturalists, the Exploration Station is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Visitors of all ages can learn more about what’s in the park and examine animal skulls, tortoise shells, snake skins, wildlife tracks, and other items close up. Exploring the

Exploration Station provides good background information and serves to enhance trail walks and nature observation.

Park visitors are advised to check at the Ranger Station for other times the Exploration Exhibit may be open during the week.



## 1st Florida panther death of 2014 recorded

NAPLES (AP) — An endangered Florida panther has been killed in a three-car crash in southwest Florida.

It's the first recorded panther death of the year.

Wildlife officials say collisions with vehicles pose a significant threat to the rare cats. Roughly 100 to 160 adult panthers remain in the wild.

Darrell Land of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission says the panther fatally struck by a vehicle Thursday along Interstate 75 in Collier County was a young male that weighed up to 120 pounds.

Florida Highway Patrol officials say minor injuries were reported after the crash.

Land says 20 panther deaths were recorded last year. Most of the panther deaths recorded in recent years are caused by collisions with vehicles.

## 'Breaking Bad' winner arrested on drug charges

FORT MYERS — Authorities say a Florida man who won a raffle to watch the series finale of AMC's "Breaking Bad" with the cast has been charged with running an interstate synthetic marijuana distribution operation.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office reports that Ryan Lee Carroll ran the operation from his Fort Myers home with two other men on New Year's Eve.

Authorities seized more than \$1 million in synthetic marijuana during the bust.

According to deputies, the suspects used a cement mixer to create the drugs. The drugs were shipped through the U.S. Postal Service to other states.

Investigators also seized a souvenir Hazmat suit signed by "Breaking Bad" cast members.

"Breaking Bad" follows a former high school teacher producing and selling meth with a previous student.

## Fla. teen killed in Ind. crash during snowfall

TIPTON, Ind. — Authorities say slick roads from a winter storm contributed to a crash in rural central Indiana that killed a 19-year-old from Florida who was visiting relatives in the area.

The crash happened near Tipton when William Lamoreaux of Plant City, Fla., lost control of the SUV he was driving late Wednesday and it overturned, rolling several times into a field along Indiana 19 about 25 miles north of Indianapolis.

Police tell the Tipton County Tribune that Lamoreaux was pronounced dead at the scene.

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More than 100 drivers from all over the country are expected to descend on the Avon Park Mowerplex in March for a two-day North American Grass Racers and Sod Slingers national event.

Katara Simmons/News-Sun

## Avon Park Mowerplex to hold national event in March

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK — The United States Lawn Mower Racing Association once again will be bringing their national competition to the City of Charm. Officials from the North American Grass Racers and Sod Slingers have inked the contract that will see competitors from all over the United States converge on the Avon Park Mowerplex.

"We're excited, we're absolutely thrilled to death," said NASGRASS President Wes Pyburn.

Noting that the March race will represent the first of the USLMRA season, he compared the planned two-day event to the "Daytona 500" of the mower racing season. Moreover, the March 8 date will set the competition in between the annual Sebring Historics and the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring presented by Fresh From Florida.

"This is going to be the opening race of the USLMRA season, when the eyes of the racing community already are

focused on Highlands County," he said.

Pyburn predicted more than 100 drivers and mowers from as far away as Maryland and Texas could arrive to race at the track located on the western end of the Avon Park airport.

"We are hearing there might even be some from Canada who could come down," he said.

Because the Avon Park Mowerplex is the first of the for-purpose mower racing tracks, Pyburn said there is added interest to come here.

"I think there is a certain prestige to be able to race in the oldest facility in the country," he said. "Plus, with the improvements we have made, this is easily the fastest track in the southeast as well."

In addition, there may be yet another appearance by longtime racer Bobby Cleveland. It was Cleveland who set a record for lawnmower speed at the Bonneville Salt Flats.

Because the NASGRASS competitions regularly run on the second

Saturday of each month from September through June, the national races will be integrated with the regular racing schedule. That will mean that local racers will be run as part of the features along with the national competitors.

"The only real difference will be that local racers will be earning local points as well as national points for their finishes," he said.

Logistics still are being hammered out, but Pyburn said races are planned both on Saturday and Sunday, March 8-9.

Monday has been scheduled as a work day, with several truckloads of clay scheduled to be dropped off and worked into the racing surface as well as improvements to the lights, sound system and other structures planned.

The next scheduled NASGRASS race will be run Jan 11. Dubbed "Tourist Nite," a competition will be held to see which state has the most fans on hand that night.

## Colorado's fledgling pot shops face new normal

DENVER (AP) — The second day of the nation's first fully legal marijuana industry was just a bit less frenzied than the first. Rather than hundred-deep lines outside the limited number of licensed retail shops, the queues held several dozen.

Still, there were so many pot shoppers that one retailer asked customers to come back Friday.

Colorado has no statewide pricing structure, and by midafternoon on the first day, one dispensary was charging \$70 for one-eighth of an ounce of high-quality pot. Medical marijuana patients, who worried about being priced out of the market, just a day earlier paid as little as \$25 for the same amount.

Authorities are watching

whether consumers take marijuana to other states where the drug remains illegal. It's too soon to tell if that's happened yet but some law enforcement officials say it's inevitable.

Neighboring Kansas, for example, plans to continue its use of bogus road signs such as "Drug Check Ahead" and "Drug Dogs in Use" along highways to make motorists think twice about bringing drugs on the state's highways.

Retail marijuana is being heavily taxed, with a 10 percent tax per sale and a 15 percent excise tax based on the average market rate of the drug. The state won't have the first round of receipts until late February but it seems clear demand is strong. A trade group Thursday said three of its

retail members reported between 600 and 800 customers during the first day. Colorado has projected \$67 million in annual marijuana tax revenue.

The same 2012 ballot measure that legalized recreational marijuana in Colorado also permitted industrial hemp farming. The Colorado Department of Agriculture on Thursday released procedures for producers to register with the state and pay fees. Hemp is marijuana's non-intoxicating cousin. It can be used in foods, cosmetics and textiles. It remains illegal to grow under federal law.

Washington state voters also legalized recreational marijuana in 2012 and that state's market is due to open in a few months.

Activists in Oregon and

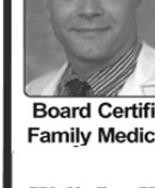
Alaska say they have enough signatures to put legalization measures on the ballot this year.

Ballot measures may well crop up in other states from California to Massachusetts over the next few election cycles.

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## Study: Medicaid expansion drove up ER visits

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A new study has found that people enrolled recently in Medicaid went to the emergency room 40 percent more frequently than others, often seeking help for conditions that could be treated less expensively in a doctor's office or an urgent care clinic.

The research comes as millions of Americans gain health insurance this week under the federal health care law, many of them through Medicaid.

The findings help inform a long-running debate about the effect of expanding Medicaid and suggest that hospitals and health officials around the nation should be prepared for an increase in emergency room trips in the coming months.

The study is the third to arise from a limited expansion of Medicaid in Oregon five years ago.

Demand exceeded the available funding, so the state used a lottery to randomly choose people for coverage from a waiting list. The lottery created two groups of similar people, one consisting of new Medicaid patients, the other a comparison group of people who weren't selected. It gave scientists a rare chance to evaluate the program in a randomized, controlled study — the gold-standard for scientific research.

Taken together with the earlier findings, the latest research indicates that expanding Medicaid improves mental health and leaves patients more financially stable in the first two years. But it increases spending for hospitals, primary care and prescriptions and doesn't produce significant improvements in measures of physical health like blood pressure or cholesterol.

"We've been able to eliminate some extreme views about the program," said Sarah Taubman of the National Bureau of Economic Research.

# Editorial & Opinion

## ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

# Snakes a serious threat

In the Everglades, an area synonymous with Florida wildlife, Burmese pythons now slither through the river of grass.

The invasive snakes can grow to more than 20 feet long and weigh more than 200 pounds. One 16-footer was found with a full-grown deer in its belly. Others have devoured alligators. Sightings in the Everglades of raccoons, opossums, bobcats and other mammals have plummeted.

Just west of Miami, state biologists are taking a survey based on the suspicion that rock pythons are now established there. The rock python, the largest snake in Africa, will eat almost anything.

Meanwhile, in a federal court in Washington, D.C., the United States Association of Reptile Keepers is suing to overturn a ban on the importation and transportation of four constrictor snakes — including the Burmese python.

That's crazy. In January 2012, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — taking into account public comments and business and environmental analyses — banned the Burmese python, yellow anaconda, and the northern and southern African pythons as injurious wildlife. The rule was announced at a news conference in the Everglades.

Those who already owned snakes could keep them — unless possession was illegal under state law, as it is in Florida for the Burmese python. But they could not bring them across state lines.

However, the United States Association of Reptile Keepers says the ban is crippling the constricting-snake industry, which brought in \$100 million in revenue each year — about a tenth of the \$1.0 billion to \$1.4 billion

generated by the reptile industry as a whole.

"Many thousands of small businesses are financially reliant on this trade," USARK said.

A key allegation is that the Fish and Wildlife Service used improper climate data to calculate where the invasive snakes could survive in the wild. In trying to guess where these snakes can or can't survive, let's err on the side of caution. As South Florida can attest, once an invasive species is established, there is no eliminating it.

Besides, Florida continues to attract people from all over the country with the same gentle climate that allows the snakes to thrive. So if the snakes are freely traded elsewhere, you know where some will wind up.

The spread of creatures that pose such a threat should be stopped. Let's hope the court sees it that way, too.

*An editorial from the Tallahassee Democrat.*

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# President Obama channels Nixon

President Obama, despondent over his low poll numbers and the lack of trust many Americans have for him and his policies, did something drastic.

He met with the psychic medium who once helped Hillary Clinton contact the spirit of Eleanor Roosevelt. With the medium's help, Obama summoned the only presence in America who could help him: Richard Milhous Nixon.

Obama: Hello? Mr. President, can you hear me?

Nixon (sitting on a cloud playing a harp): What do you want, you ninny!

Obama: I'm in big trouble, Dick. My approval rating has fallen steadily since I began my second term. I'm polling in the low 40s — only you polled worse than I am. That's why some are beginning to compare my presidency to yours.

Nixon: Good God. My legacy is worse than I thought!

Obama: Like your presidency, mine has been mired in scandal. There is the Benghazi flap, Fast and Furious, using the IRS to inhibit political enemies, my refusal to enforce laws I don't like and so much more.

Nixon: You're getting off easy, Obama. All I did was cover up a little burglary operation and look what they did to me.

Obama: But it gets worse for me, Dick. I told the American people they could keep their health insurance policies and their doctors. The fools actually believed me and are now punishing me for it. The botched rollout of ObamaCare, my signature achievement, is also hurting me.

Nixon: With all due respect, Obama, I couldn't care less about your problems.

Obama: But, Dick, in November a majority of Americans said they no longer find me honest or trustworthy. It's a trust issue, Dick. I am losing the people's trust. You have been through worse. Surely you have some advice.

Nixon: They don't like us to discuss politics up here, Obama.

Obama: But, Dick, if I don't turn things around, everyone will be comparing my presidency to yours. Everyone will be talking about Watergate and dismal presidential poll numbers. Do you really want people dredging all of that up again?

Nixon: All right, then,



## Guest Column

**Tom Purcell**

Obama. I'll help you just this once. If you weren't such a rookie, you would have been able to figure this out for yourself.

Obama: Go on, Dick!

Nixon: You must continue delaying or adjusting

ObamaCare to lessen the pain it is causing the American people — even if your actions are unconstitutional. And for goodness' sake, fire somebody. Haven't you ever heard of scapegoating?

Obama: But I have had such luck just blaming President Bush.

Nixon: Despite the fact that you are the most partisan president in modern history — despite the fact that America is more divided now than it has been in half a century — you need to portray yourself as the most bipartisan president in modern history. You need to reach out to Republicans and pass a few bills together. Tax reform would be a good place to start. Maybe you can make adjustments to your disastrous health care bill. Compromise for once.

Obama: I'll try, Dick, but what is the point of compromising?

Nixon: Because as more Americans see their premiums spike and their policies canceled, you can pin the blame on Republicans!

Obama: You are brilliant, Dick. What else?

Nixon: I'd hold off on the vacations and golf outings. Roll up your sleeves. Invite Republicans over to the White House to work through disagreements. Be more transparent. Do what the people who voted for you expected you to do. Do it right, Obama, or you will pay a great price.

Obama: What price, Dick?

Nixon: To atone for my presidential sins, they made me listen to LBJ speeches

for months. I sat in on Carter Cabinet meetings for years. For goodness' sake, Obama, you've been given a precious gift to lead the greatest nation on Earth. So lead already.

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## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Why did the lights come down so early?

Editor:

Yesterday I was downtown and much to my surprise I saw workers bringing down the Circle Christmas decorations. Really!!!

Wow, the new year has not even been celebrated and already you are bringing down the decorations. What is wrong with you people?

I feel sorry for the business people that wait for this season to make up for the lack of crowds through the year. I wonder who is the Scrooge working in the county?

**Richard Roessler**  
Sebring

*Editor's note: This letter was submitted Tuesday, Dec. 31.*

### What does 'suspicious' look like?

Editor:

On Saturday, Dec. 7, my relative, Pastor Thomas Brown Jr., was walking in (an Avon Park RV resort) when he was approached and identified by the "neighborhood watch." The lady asked him why he was there. He responded to her by saying "None of your business." She questioned him again. He provided her the same answer. She called 911 and then parked her golf cart in front of his campsite, while on the phone with 911 dispatch, until the sheriff arrived.

His wife was unaware of all that had occurred until she came outside.

Meanwhile, Thomas called the local law enforcement agency and reported that this lady was stalking and harassing him.

Please note: Thomas was minding his own business the entire time. He was born and raised in Avon Park, Highlands County. He was home to conduct the funeral service of his uncle.

My question is, what is this? We are currently in the age that we should not be questioned why we are in a RV park where majority of the patrons are not people of color. The last thing I remember is that the money that my relative had to pay to use the services at the RV park is "green or plastic."

My question is, what is this? We are in an age where we thought the signs of division were taken down. Maybe those signs are invisible to us but not to this lady.

My question is, what is this "neighborhood watch"? Did we not just go through with the fatal tragedy of Trayvon Martin?

My relative's response as I informed them that I would be sending this to the local newspaper to be placed on the section of letters to the editor. What is this? Is indeed a sad commentary to our time, but unfortunately our reality. I did speak with the "Neighborhood Watch" person after the officer left. She apologized and wanted to shake my hand. Having no malice, I shook her hand and said this to her. "This is the story of our life. This is our reality, being



profiled for doing nothing."

It was definitely unpleasant and extremely embarrassing to have a Sheriff's Department car parked in front of our RV while other park patrons watched and wondered what we had done."

Thomas and I have spoke to the RV resort management. The resort owner has apologized profusely. The Neighborhood Watch person was indeed overzealous and out of order. We have accepted their apologies.

How do we prevent incidents like this from occurring again? (I guess that's just a rhetorical question, with no answer.)

How do we, as a people, conduct ourselves in a non-suspicious manner? Who determines what suspicious looks like? No answer for that either.

**A.J. Conner**  
Sebring

### Bullies are everywhere

Editor:

I don't know of anyone who wasn't shocked and pained to the core to learn that a little girl was bullied by other children into killing herself by jumping off an abandoned cement tower to her death.

I can relate to her fear, shame and guilt. They daily taunted her until she came to dread going to school, facing each day or sharing her secret pain.

I am soon to be 94 years old. When I was a child I attended a one-room school for grades one through eighth. Teachers were provided on a six-week rotation from Teacher's College in Plymouth, N.H. That was their clinical experience, ending their four years of study.

There were boys and girls of all ages, some 15 and older.

When it rained or was too cold to go outside we played at recess time in the wood shed. There were high stacks of split wood neatly piled in the back end of the shed, all fitted for the big iron

box stove in the classroom. Though we weren't supposed to, I climbed on those wood piles to get away from the boys that were rough and picking on we smaller ones.

Our teachers seldom participated in our play time. I don't know how it all began. The older boys started chanting, "Unie had a bird bark baby", over and over again. They wouldn't stop, even when I started crying. This bullying continued day after day until there was no place I could escape my tormentors.

Playing sick, I stayed home from school until my mother caught on. I told her what the boys were saying and two of the girls had joined them, as well. They were making me hate myself. My mother did not understand. She laughed. Then she said, "They are just teasing you. Pay no attention to them."

In my "thought life" I try never to recall those times. I was deeply hurt. My self-esteem damaged. Today, bullies are everywhere — police, hospitals, corporate businesses, lobbyists, every branch of our government, the Supreme Court, judicial system, on our streets, work places, media. So where did bullying begin?

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the Living Son of God, was bullied by the Jews and Pharisees. All through the centuries the apostles and Christians have been bullied and tormented. Thirty-eight times the bullies have gone to the Supreme Court demanding the Obama health care law he repealed or dismantled, an effort to destroy. They have failed every time. Why? Because God will never fail to protect his children and He knoweth those that are His. We will never be able to eradicate bullies, but hopefully we will become more alert and recognize them before they become ensconced for life on our payroll. Like bacteria, they come in clumps and feed off each other.

**Una V. McLaughlin**  
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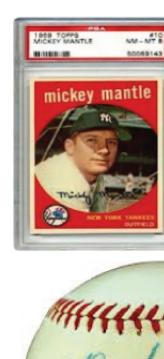
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## Benton named to Women's Hall of Fame

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ing to get a grant to extend these services beyond the jail to provide prevention and continuing care in the community.

Baker Act subjects, those taken into custody for their own mental safety, must be transported out of county for treatment, where there is no direct connection to Highlands County for further assistance. Transportation to help centers out of county is an issue for many of those helped.

"It creates a serious revolving door when we want to do a more holistic approach to treatment and after-care," Benton said.

As for the honor, Benton thanked Highlands County for all the support it gives to law enforcement, and asked people to pray for officers and deputies to be safe and steadfast in the coming year.

Each year, three women are chosen from a list of 10 nominees. The other two chosen for 2014 are Louise Jones Gopher and Dottie Berger MacKinnon.

Gopher, 68, of Okeechobee, is the first female Seminole Indian to earn a bachelor's degree. She also served as director of Education for the Seminole Tribe of Florida from 2003 to 2007.

MacKinnon (1942-2013), formerly of Tampa, was a founder of Joshua House, a haven for children removed from their families, and chaired the Friends of Joshua House Foundation board from 2003 to 2006.

She also founded A Kid's Place, a group home in Brandon where siblings can live together after being taken from their homes because of abuse or neglect.

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Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Marisol Dudley cuddles her New Year's baby Elizabeth Grace Thursday morning at Florida Hospital in Sebring. Baby Elizabeth was born at 9:46 a.m. Wednesday morning, weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

## New Year's 1st babies welcomed

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child of the Dudley family.

Mother Marisol Dudley and father Terry Dudley welcomed Elizabeth into the world at 9:46 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2014.

"She was definitely a surprise. I had surgery to keep me from having any

more children. The whole time I was pregnant I had a hard time believing it, even when I got big," Marisol said.

Marisol said all of Elizabeth's older siblings are very excited about her arrival.

"They keep wanting to grab her and hold her."

They're very excited," Marisol said.

Baby Elizabeth is one of four girls in her family. The second youngest child in the Dudley family is a 2-year-old.

Dr. Guinevere Bullard delivered Elizabeth at the Florida Hospital Blessed Beginnings Birthing Center.

## Love of listening draws AP man to volunteer for hospice

*Special to the News-Sun*

AVON PARK — When Bruce Davis moved to Avon Park five years ago with the intention of retiring, he knew volunteering eventually would be part of his new routine; however, the Pennsylvania native soon found "retirement" to be boring so he got a full-time job.

It was the death of a close, young friend at his church that also prompted Davis to share his remaining free time with people who need a friendly face and someone to talk to.

Davis decided to become a Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care volunteer.

"Several people in my family were served by hospice and I remember the care and love they received from the hospice staff," recalls Davis. "The Lord led me to help out and I love being around people."

Having completed 16 hours of training and subsequent background checks, Davis is now certified to visit with Cornerstone Hospice patients in their homes or in facilities.

"The training was eye-opening. I learned so much about hospice that many people don't know, especially that people mistakenly think hospice is only for the last few days of one's life," Davis said. "In fact, patients and their families often say they wish they had enlisted hospice support sooner because of the comfort and care they get."

Some patients can receive up to six months or more of hospice care.

Davis said he looked forward to the trainings each day and encourages anyone who may hesitate about becoming a hospice volunteer to take the training to better understand the care that a patient and family receives and the role the volunteer plays.

"When you're with a patient, all you really need to do is just listen, and maybe run some errands or walk their dog," Davis said.

Cornerstone Hospice seeks more dedicated volunteers like Davis and is offering a training class in January.

"During the training ses-

sions, participants learn how hospice care benefits patients and their families, as well as the various ways our volunteers make a real difference in someone's life," said Dorothy Harris, volunteer specialist for Cornerstone Hospice. The training is scheduled over four mornings and is free.

The next Highlands County training is scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays, Jan. 21, 24, 28 and 31, each day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Cornerstone Hospice, 209 Ridgewood Drive, Suite 3.

Volunteer activities may include providing companionship to patients and their families, providing transportation to doctor's appointments, helping to take care of the family pets, assisting staff at events, or at the office in downtown Sebring.

Highlands County community members interested in volunteering for Cornerstone Hospice may visit the [www.CornerstoneHospice.org](http://www.CornerstoneHospice.org) or call Harris at 253-1611 to learn more.

## Judge sides with newspaper in Sunshine Law lawsuit

MIAMI (AP) — A judge has sided with The Florida Times-Union in a lawsuit arguing that Jacksonville city officials broke Florida's open-government laws when they held private talks over proposed changes to police and firefighter pensions.

In a ruling issued Tuesday, Circuit Judge Waddell Wallace said the talks held from March through May were subject to the state's Sunshine Law and should have been public. The ruling blocks any more private talks.

At a May 8 news conference, Jacksonville Mayor

Alvin Brown announced that a new pension agreement had been reached with the Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund Board of Trustees.

"Our first question was, wait a minute, when did you negotiate this?" Denton said Thursday.

Denton sued Brown, the city and the pension fund board for violating the Sunshine Law. According to Wallace's ruling, the defendants argued that the pension talks were not subject to the Sunshine Law because they were part of a mediation process ordered in a federal court civil

action filed against the city by the firefighters' union president. Wallace found that the federal mediation sessions amounted to collective bargaining between the city and the board, which was "undoubtedly"

acting as a representative of the unions."

"As bodies subject to the Sunshine Law, the Pension Fund Board and City were required to conduct their negotiations in the public realm," Wallace wrote.

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## Clark won't run for re-election to Sebring City Council seat

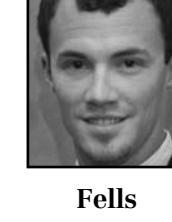
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for the coming year. Priority No. 1 for me is expansion. That can be in the form of annexation and/or expanding the reach of our water/wastewater service area," Fells said. "If we can expand the limits of the city as well, increasing the tax base can be an advantage to the current taxpayers.

We simply have to find middle ground between increasing the revenue and keeping our costs controllable."

When asked what area Fells thinks the city itself needs to improve on, technology was the answer. Fells said constituents attending every meeting is the best way for residents to know what is going on with the city currently.

Cable television offers city residents the opportunity to watch from home, however, satellite subscribers can not access the live meetings. Fells hopes the city would work on creating a live streaming feed of meetings available online



Fells

"I am quickly trying to weigh my options as the time for qualifying is quickly approaching. My wife and I have been talking a great deal and praying about this decision. I will be making my decision by next week. Let me be clear, this is my passion, serving the citizens of Sebring has been a great opportunity and I truly hope to continue that," Fells said.

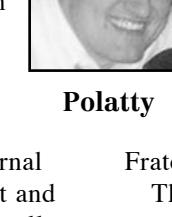
Whitlock was unable to be reached for comment.

Council members Scott Stanley and John Griffin are both scheduled to remain council members until 2016.

## Obituaries

### JAMES POLATTY III

James M. Polatty III died Dec. 31, 2013 in Sebring, Fla. Jimmy was born in Dunedin, Fla. on July 13, 1990. He is the loving son of Jim and Colleen Polatty, loving brother to Michael Polatty, and half brother to Kimberley Frankfort. Also, Jimmy is survived by his loving girlfriend, Kelly Stahoviak.



Polatty

Jimmy graduated from Sebring High School in 2009. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, student government, and the academic team. He lettered in cross country (2), wrestling (2), and swimming (1). He was an Eagle Scout and was in the Order of the Arrow. He was a member, acolyte, and radio announcer at Sebring First United Methodist Church. Jimmy was a senior at the University of Florida, majoring in Biology. He was a brother in Phi Kappa Tau

Fraternity.

The burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4 at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, 854 Memorial Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825. A celebration of his life is to follow at 11 a.m. at Sebring First United Methodist Church, 126 S. Pine St. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Florida United Methodist Children's Home, to Boy Scout Troop 486 at Sebring First United Methodist Church, or in Jimmy's memory at Sebring High School Scholarship.

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By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
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/s/ Toni Kopp  
As Deputy of Court  
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**1050****Laws**

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DATED at Sebring, Florida, on December 17, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
As Clerk, Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
AS DEPUTY CLERK

1162-111576

January 3, 2014

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CASE NO. 13000831GCAXMXBANK OF AMERICA,N.A.,  
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Clerk Name: ROBERT GERMAINE

As Clerk, Circuit Court

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By: /s/ Toni Kopp

As Deputy Clerk

13-14435

January 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-001038

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARIA A. SOBALVARRO, RUBEN

SOBALVARRO, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,

N.A., SEBRING HILLS ASSOCIATION, INC.,

AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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11829GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth

Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County,

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MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-5,

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**1050****Legals**

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Dated this 5th day of December, 2013.

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

327603/1034578/amp  
December 27, 2013; January 3, 2014

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

CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000755-XXAX-MX  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
DELORES A. JACOBS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF

DELORES A. JACOBS; GEORGE N. JACOBS;  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GEORGE N. JACOBS;  
IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED,  
AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE  
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES,  
ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND  
TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS  
CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR  
AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); HIGHLANDS  
INDEPENDENT BANK; MEADOWLAKE  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.;  
WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING,  
TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES,  
ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR  
TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL  
OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH,  
UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S);  
UNKNOWN TENANT #1;  
UNKNOWN TENANT #2;  
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:

LOT 16, BLOCK B, MEADOWLAKE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on January 24, 2014.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 17th day of December, 2013.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK

By: /s/ Toni Kopp

Deputy Clerk

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.

January 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000713

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES,  
DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND  
CREDITORS OF DEVEA E. MARTIN,  
DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS,  
TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JAMES

A. MARTIN, DECEASED; SANDRA L.  
COCHRAN; EDWIN MARTIN, JR.; JANICE

KAY BURCH; DENISE DENE KOVATCH;

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANDRA L.

COCHRAN; UNKNOWN TENANT 1;

UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN  
PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER  
OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMEDDEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN  
TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID

UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS,

DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES,

LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES,

SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; SEBRING

HILLS ASSOCIATION, INC.;

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 26, 2013, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on December 17, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 18, SEBRING HILLS SUBDIVISION,  
ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED  
IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE  
PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,  
FLORIDA.

a/k/a 109 ROBIN AVE., SEBRING, FL

33870-8534

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, on January 24, 2014.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 17th day of December, 2013.

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

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. Within two (2) days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Court Administration Office at (863) 534-4690. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 (V), 88110705

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NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO Dian Alexander that on 01/14/2014 at 11am at Dwight's Mini Storage at 1112 Persimmon Ave. Sebring, FL 33870. The personal property in Unit #33 of Dian Alexander will be sold or disposed of PURSUANT TO F.S. 83.806(4).

December 27, 2013; January 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000585

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES  
DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND  
CREDITORS OF JOHN T. GOAD

A/K/A JOHN GOAD, DECEASED, ET AL.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JOHN T. GOAD A/K/A JOHN GOAD, DECEASED, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, AND WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JOHN T. GOAD A/K/A JOHN GOAD, DECEASED, OR ANY OF THE HEREIN NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS OR PARTIES CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED

Current residence unknown, but whose last known address was:  
3533 EDGEWATER DR., SEBRING, FL 33872-2044  
-AND-

TO: THE STEEL MILL, INC.;  
whose last known principal place of business was:  
C/O JON WELCH, R.A.  
1818 NEBRASKA STREET  
ORLANDO, FL 32803

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

UNIT 2 WITHIN LOT 124, BLOCK 275, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN FROM THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 124, A POINT ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF EDGEWATER DRIVE OF THE SAID SUBDIVISION, RUN THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE SAID LOT 124, SOUTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 48.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" EAST, 26.80 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" EAST, 15.1 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 3.4 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" EAST, 0.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 34.1 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" EAST, 0.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 18.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" WEST, 16.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 18.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" EAST, 0.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 29.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" EAST, 0.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 8.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A 1/5 INTEREST IN THE COMMON AREAS AS SPECIFICALLY SET OUT IN EXHIBIT B OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR FAIRWAY TWO TOWNHOUSES, RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 651, PAGE 964, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. BY AMENDMENT DATED JANUARY 26, 1983 AND RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 755, PAGE 83, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: DESCRIPTION OF COMMON AREA WITHIN LOT 124, BLOCK 275, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, AD RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE SAID LOT 124, LESS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED AREA: BEGIN FROM THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 124, A POINT ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF EDGEWATER DRIVE OF THE SAID SUBDIVISION, RUN THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE SAID LOT 124, SOUTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 40.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" EAST, 10.50 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE SAID LINE, SOUTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" EAST, 16.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 8.6 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" EAST, 15.1 FEET; THENCE NORTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 8.6 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" EAST, 16.2 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 8.6 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" EAST, 15.1 FEET THENCE NORTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 8.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 15.7 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" WEST, 10.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" WEST, 16.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" EAST, 10.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 38'00" WEST, 15.7 FEET, THENCE NORTH 50 DEGREES 22'00" EAST, 54.1 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before January 28, 2014 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 17th day of December, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
Deputy Clerk

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. WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AT (863)534-4690. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD 1-800-955-8771 OR 1-800-955-8770 (V), VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE.

December 27, 2013; January 3, 2014

**1050****Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000776  
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
AS TRUSTEE MASTR ASSET BACKED  
SECURITIES TRUST 2006-AB1,  
MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,  
SERIES 2006-AB1  
Plaintiff,  
v.

JOHN C. DEAN, JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE  
OF JOHN C. DEAN, JR.; UNKNOWN TENANT  
1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UN-  
KNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH,  
UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED  
DEFENDANT(S), WHO (S)ARE NOT KNOWN  
TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UN-  
KNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVI-  
SEES, GRANTEE(S), ASSIGNEE(S), LIEN-  
ORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR  
OTHER CLAIMANTS;  
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION  
SYSTEMS, INC.; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY  
OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 21, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 457, OF SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION  
E, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS  
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, AT PAGE 53,  
OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 3133 MARLIN DRIVE, SEBRING, FL  
33870

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, on January 17, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Dates this 22nd day of November, 2013.

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

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. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Court Administration Office at (863)534-4690. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

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December 27, 2013; January 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
Case No. 13-579GCS

LESLIE A. GIBSON and

BRENDA L. GIBSON,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

TAMYRA PIERCE, UNKNOWN

TENANT #1 and UNKNOWN

TENANT #2,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated December 16, 2013 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on January 22, 2014, the following described property:

Lot 24, Block 290, Lake Sebring Subdivision, Sheet 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 12, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

DATED this 16th day of December, 2013.

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

January 3, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-000079

LASALLE BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR  
WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE  
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES WMALT  
SERIES 2006-AR1 TRUST,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SHELLEY L. MIELE; MORTGAGE

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,  
INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; SEBRING

RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION,  
INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S)

NIKA JOHN NEWBOLD; IN

POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,

Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 19th day of December, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-000079, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WMALT MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES FOR WMALT SERIES 2006-AR1 TRUST is the Plaintiff and SHELLEY L. MIELE, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) NIKA JOHN NEWBOLD in possession of the SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 24th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 22, BLOCK 4, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION G, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, AT PAGE 28, 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 20th day of December, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak

08-66953

January 3, 2014

**1100** **Announcements****1100** **Announcements****1100</b**

## Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

| TODAY  | SATURDAY                                       | SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                   |
|--|--|---|---|---|
|  |  |   |   |   |
| Clouds and sun, breezy and cooler<br>59° / 46° | Partly sunny, pleasant and warmer<br>73° / 61° | Intervals of clouds and sunshine<br>81° / 65° | Mostly cloudy; breezy, not as warm<br>70° / 37° | Cooler with partial sunshine<br>54° / 38° |
| Winds: NNE at 10-20 mph                        | Winds: E at 6-12 mph                           | Winds: SW at 4-8 mph                          | Winds: NW at 10-20 mph                          | Winds: N at 8-16 mph                      |

## Almanac

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|----------------|--|
| Temperature    | Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid |
| High Sunday    | 81°  |
| Low Sunday     | 65°  |
| High Monday    | 83°  |
| Low Monday     | 61°  |
| High Tuesday   | 72°  |
| Low Tuesday    | 55°  |
| High Wednesday | 73°  |
| Low Wednesday  | 61°  |

## Heat Index

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| For 3 p.m. today         | 31% |
| Relative humidity        | 31% |
| Expected air temperature | 59° |
| Makes it feel like       | 60° |

## Barometer

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| Monday    | 30.02 |
| Tuesday   | 30.22 |
| Wednesday | 30.11 |

## Precipitation

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Monday        | 0.00" |
| Tuesday       | 0.00" |
| Wednesday     | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.00" |
| Year to date  | 0.00" |

## Tides

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Readings at St. Petersburg |           |
| High                       | 2:04 a.m. |
| Low                        | 9:47 a.m. |
| High                       | 4:35 p.m. |
| Low                        | 8:48 p.m. |

## Readings at Palm Beach

|      |            |
|------|------------|
| High | 9:58 a.m.  |
| Low  | 3:17 a.m.  |
| High | 10:17 p.m. |
| Low  | 3:48 p.m.  |

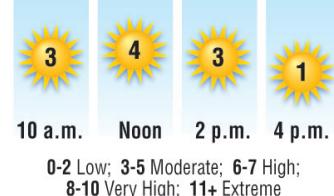
## Lake Levels

## Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Lake Jackson    | 78.36' |
| Lake Okeechobee | 14.16' |
| Normal          | 14.51' |

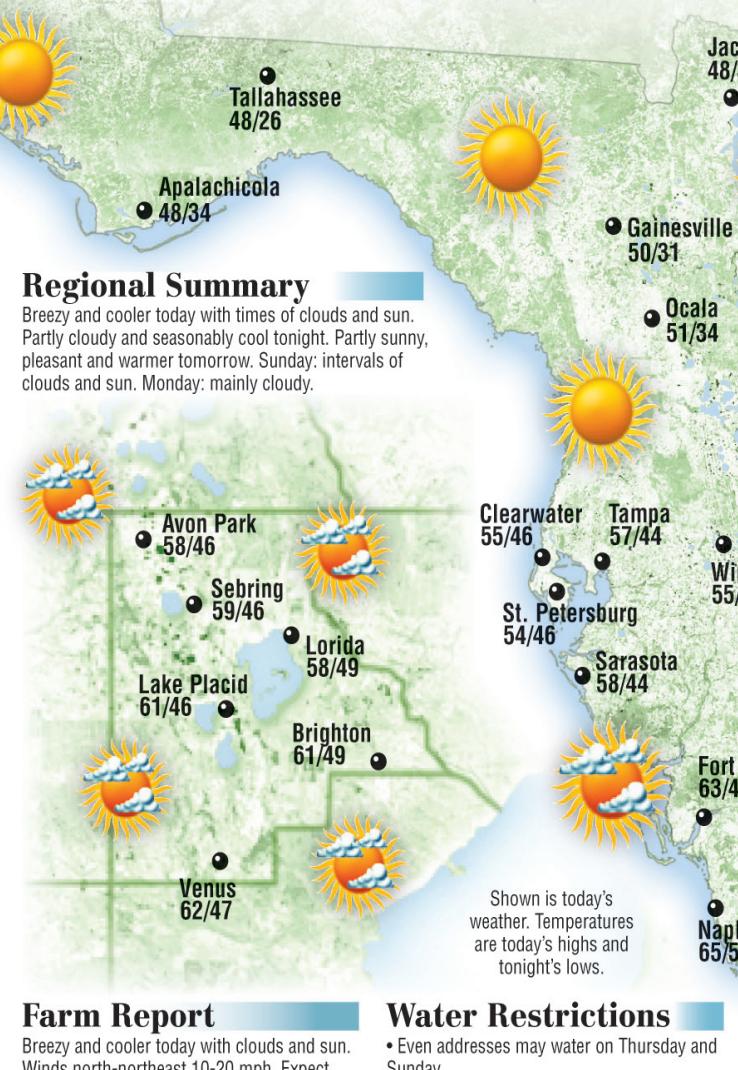
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## Farm Report

Breezy and cooler today with clouds and sun. Winds north-northeast 10-20 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 40% and good drying conditions.

## Water Restrictions

• Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.

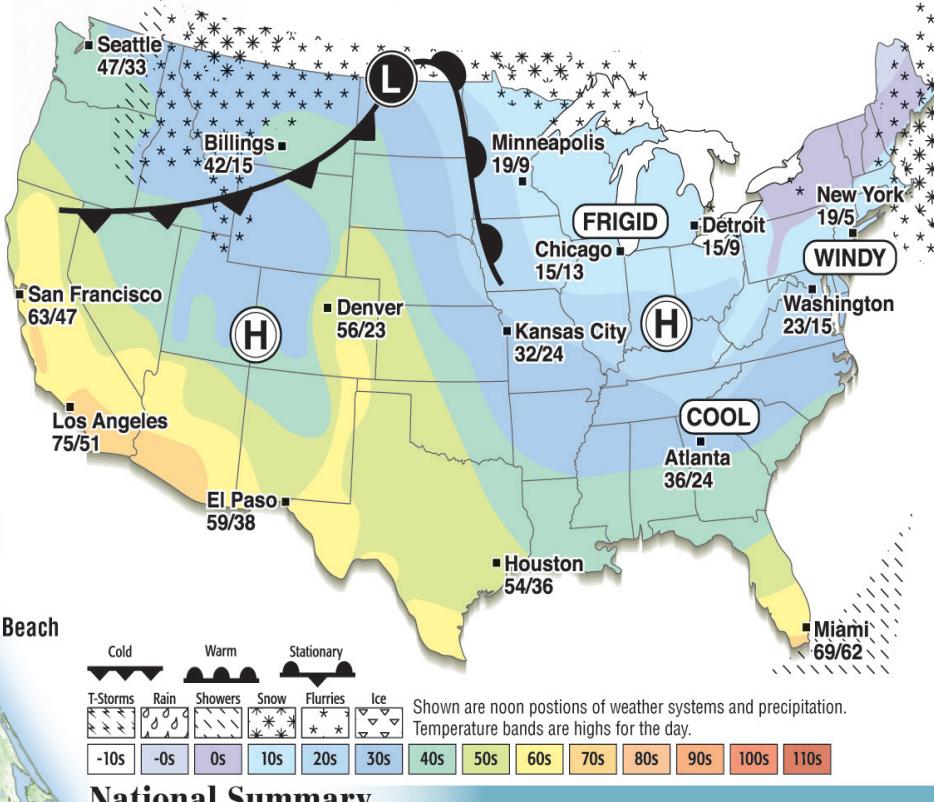
• Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.

• All watering should take place before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

## Florida Cities

| City   | Today    |          |          | Sat.    |         |         | Sun.    |         |         |
|--|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | Hi/Lo/W  | Hi/Lo/W  | Hi/Lo/W  | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W |
| Cape Coral   | 62/48/pc | 74/62/sh | 82/66/pc |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Clearwater   | 55/46/pc | 71/61/pc | 76/60/pc |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Coral Springs  | 69/60/pc | 74/68/sh | 83/68/pc |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Daytona Beach  | 52/44/pc | 68/59/c  | 76/58/pc |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Ft. Laud. Boh  | 68/62/pc | 75/70/sh | 82/69/pc |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Fort Myers   | 63/49/pc | 74/63/sh | 83/66/pc |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Gainesville  | 50/31/s  | 64/48/pc | 72/48/pc |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Hollywood  | 69/61/pc | 74/67/sh | 83/67/pc |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Homestead AFB  | 70/61/pc | 75/68/sh | 82/68/pc |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Jacksonville   | 48/32/s  | 60/46/c  | 69/49/pc |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Key West   | 69/64/c  | 76/72/sh | 81/71/pc |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice. |          |          |          |         |         |         |         |         |         |

## National Forecast for January 3



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

-10s -5s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

## National Summary

The storm causing problems across the Northeast will retreat into the Atlantic Ocean today, allowing for snow to taper off across the mid-Atlantic and New England throughout the day. Behind the snow will be high temperatures only in the single digits in parts of the Northeast. Although it will be dry across the Ohio Valley and the northern Plains to start the day, a new storm will push down from Canada and bring snow to the northern Plains and Great Lakes for the afternoon.

## U.S. Cities

| City         | Today    | Sat.     | Sun.     | City          | Today    | Sat.     | Sun.     |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Hi/Lo/W      | Hi/Lo/W  | Hi/Lo/W  | Hi/Lo/W  | Hi/Lo/W       | Hi/Lo/W  | Hi/Lo/W  | Hi/Lo/W  |
| Albuquerque  | 52/32/pc | 53/24/s  | 45/23/pc | Los Angeles   | 75/51/s  | 75/53/pc | 78/54/pc |
| Atlanta      | 36/24/s  | 47/34/c  | 54/24/c  | Louisville    | 22/19/s  | 41/32/pc | 36/23/sn |
| Baltimore    | 20/8/s   | 32/21/s  | 41/38/i  | Memphis       | 34/26/s  | 49/37/pc | 43/16/sn |
| Birmingham   | 36/22/s  | 49/33/pc | 54/17/r  | Milwaukee     | 14/13/s  | 30/1/1/f | 31/14/sn |
| Boston       | 14/1/pc  | 26/24/pc | 40/35/i  | Minneapolis   | 19/9/pc  | 21/21/sf | 14/26/sn |
| Charlotte    | 36/18/s  | 41/30/c  | 46/31/c  | Nashville     | 30/20/s  | 44/34/pc | 43/7/r   |
| Cheyenne     | 48/19/c  | 71/28/sn | 17/2/sn  | New Orleans   | 45/34/s  | 55/51/pc | 66/32/c  |
| Chicago      | 15/13/s  | 31/31/sf | 7/15/sn  | New York City | 19/5/s   | 28/22/s  | 42/40/c  |
| Cleveland    | 16/10/sf | 34/25/pc | 28/2/s   | Norfolk       | 32/20/pc | 41/33/s  | 58/45/c  |
| Columbus     | 16/13/s  | 34/27/pc | 31/2/sn  | Oklahoma City | 49/33/s  | 47/18/s  | 31/11/pc |
| Dallas       | 51/39/s  | 64/28/pc | 40/23/pc | Philadelphia  | 19/6/s   | 29/20/s  | 40/38/c  |
| Denver       | 56/23/s  | 25/14/sn | 33/4/c   | Raleigh       | 35/18/s  | 43/30/s  | 54/46/c  |
| Detroit      | 15/9/pc  | 29/20/c  | 23/2/sn  | Rochester     | 8/1/sf   | 33/26/c  | 35/17/sn |
| Harrisburg   | 18/5/s   | 28/15/pc | 37/27/i  | Jackson, MS   | 40/23/s  | 51/23/r  | 27/12/sn |
| Honolulu     | 79/66/r  | 78/65/s  | 78/65/s  | Kansas City   | 32/24/pc | 33/6/c   | 16/6/s   |
| Houston      | 54/36/s  | 66/48/pc | 53/32/c  | Lexington     | 20/15/s  | 39/29/pc | 38/4/s   |
| Indianapolis | 20/14/s  | 36/21    |          |               |          |          |          |

## AP sources: Smith reaches deal to coach Tampa Bay

By FRED GOODALL

*Associated Press*

TAMPA — Former Chicago Bears coach Lovie Smith is set to take on the challenge of rebuilding the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Two people familiar with Smith's plans said Wednesday night that the coach has reached an agreement to fill the opening created by the firing of Greg Schiano following a 4-12 finish.

The people spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because an official announcement hasn't been made.

One of the people also said that former Minnesota Vikings coach Leslie Frazier will be the Bucs' defensive coordinator.

The 55-year-old Smith will replace Schiano, fired Monday after going 11-21 in two seasons in Tampa Bay.

Frazier also was fired

Monday.

Smith was 81-63 in nine seasons with Chicago, leading the 2006 team to the Super Bowl — where the Bears lost Indianapolis.

He was fired a year ago after the Bears finished 10-6 and missed the playoffs for the fifth time in six seasons.

Smith was Tampa Bay's linebackers coach under Tony Dungy from 1996-

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MCT photo

Former Bears head coach Lovie Smith will be signed to head up Tampa Bay next season, according to reports.

## Tevin Toney winds down Wildcat career

By LAUREN WELBORN

*News-Sun correspondent*

Fate is a funny thing.

It takes one single moment — a small period in time, often unbeknownst to you, that can determine the course of your future.

For former 2010 Blue Streak graduate Tevin Toney, that moment occurred a number of times as he attended the Florida Classic.

"The Florida Classic is one of the largest games played in Florida for HBCU (Historical Black College/University) institutes as well as D-1AA football between my university and FAMU," Toney explained.

That university is Bethune-Cookman in sunny Daytona Beach, where Toney is a senior studying Criminal Justice and prepping for graduation this upcoming May.

After seeing Bethune-Cookman play in the Classic, he decided to pay the school a visit as a prospective student.

Sure, he loved the area, but there was something else about the school that sealed the deal for Toney — the family-like atmosphere.

Of course, this doesn't come as much of a surprise.

With a hometown like Sebring, and considering Toney's community and family involvement, it's easy to see why he recognized and appreciated the similar feeling he got at Bethune-Cookman.

It wasn't long before Toney fit



Courtesy photo

Tevin Toney keeps an eye on Florida International's quarterback as he gives chase for Bethune Cookman.

right in at Wildcat Country, making the most of his career on and off the field just as he did in Sebring.

Back in high school, Toney played as an offensive and defensive tackle where he recorded more than 70 tackles in his three years on varsity.

Additionally, Toney tacked on over 10 tackles in All-Star games post season.

One of his favorite memories from

these seasons occurred as Toney made the first sack in the FACA North-South All-Star Game.

Soon after, Toney was making the adjustment to college life at Bethune-Cookman, where he plays as a defensive end and defensive tackle.

He recorded an impressive senior year, with 52 tackles, 5.5 sacks, a

**See TONEY, B4**

## 2013 Bobby Lane Cup

In the past couple of years I've written about or mentioned Louie Eckols, the young man currently featured on the cover of the Highlands County Department of Natural Resources 2013 pamphlet.

Louie made some big headlines years ago when, at the age of 8, he caught and landed a 14 lb largemouth bass.

Since then, he hasn't slowed down, catching a number of 8, 10 and 12 pound trophies.

I had the opportunity to fish with Louie and his grandfather Dan last year and he is one of the most enthusiastic and passionate bass fishermen I've ever met, at any age.

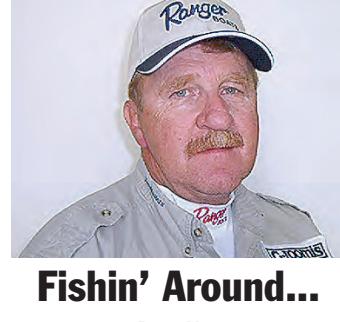
Last week I spoke with Dan and he told me about the 2013 Bobby Lane Cup tournament held at Camp Mack on Lake Kissimmee.

Louie paired up with Shane Schmucker of Lakeland to win the Junior High Division weighing in their six-fish limit with over 23 pounds.

The monster sack was anchored with an 8-lb, 6-ounce bass that Louie caught on a drop shot rig.

"I thought I had a snag because there was just some dead weight when I felt the bite," stated Louie. "I set the hook and he just took off."

"Shane got the net and we finally got him in the boat," he added.

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The two targeted open water where they found a few rocks as the key to their victory.

Louie's big bass also qualified for the FWC's Lunker Catch program.

The big bag put the pair in Shaw Grigsby's boat which served as the Hot Seat for the weigh-in.

Once the two stars stopped smiling they were later seen giving some advice to Shaw, Clifford Prince and JT Kinney who all made the trip to support Bobby Lane and his family who hosted the event along with the Bartow High School Yellow Jackets.

The 3rd annual Bobby Lane Cup once again reached new heights by drawing a record crowd to the rustic confines of Camp Mack.

Sixty boats took to the waters of Lake Kissimmee in two divisions.

Fifteen teams participated in a Junior High division while 45 High School teams enjoyed the productive

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## Knights knock off Bears 52-42 in Fiesta Bowl

By JOHN MARSHALL

*Associated Press*

GLENDALE, Ariz. — A decade after a winless season, Central Florida earned its first trip to a BCS bowl.

Once the Knights got there, they were given no chance at winning.

Not against Baylor, the nation's best offensive team.

They refused to listen to all the negativity and turned the Fiesta Bowl into a rousing BCS debut.

Blake Bortles accounted for 394 yards and four touchdowns, Storm Johnson ran for two early tone-setting scores and No. 15 Central Florida outlasted Baylor 52-42 on Wednesday night in the highest-scoring game in Fiesta Bowl history.

"We did prove a lot of people wrong," Johnson said.

Central Florida (12-1) wasn't given much of a chance, entering the game as a 17-point underdog.

The Knights didn't care about the spread and certainly didn't back down from the big, bad Bears, racing past Baylor with an array of big plays.

They took an early 14-point lead and kept rolling, piling up 556 total yards in the second-highest scoring BCS bowl ever.

Bortles, the junior who could be weighing a jump to the NFL, was the catalyst, throwing for three touchdowns on 20-of-31 passing and running for 93 yards and another score.

Rannell Hall accounted for some of the biggest plays, catching four passes for 113 yards and two touchdowns.

Johnson kept Baylor from ganging up on UCF's passing game, grinding out 124 yards on 20 carries.

So much about having no shot.

"There's not many outside of us who believe we had a chance, but we did and I think we showed what UCF football is all about," Bortles said.

Known for its offense prowess, Baylor (11-2) had a hard time keeping up with the Knights.

The Big 12 champions finished with 550 total yards, but were uncharacteristically undisciplined, getting 17

penalties for 135 yards.

Bryce Petty tried to keep the Bears in it, running for three touchdowns while throwing for 356 yards and two more scores.

Lache Seastrunk had some big runs in the first half and finished with 117 yards.

None of it was enough the way UCF ran through Baylor's defense.

"We caught a football team that was hot," Baylor coach Art Briles said. "They played extremely well early, got into us. We tried to play catch-up the whole game, never could turn it around when it needed turning."

The Fiesta Bowl was the BCS coming-out party for Baylor and Central Florida before college football's switch to a playoff system next season.

The Bears had been building toward this since Briles became coach in 2009, winding up his high-octane offense to lead the nation in scoring and churn out the second-most yards in FBS history.

Central Florida had a slower rise under George O'Leary.



MCT photo

Central Florida quarterback Blake Bortels runs from the Baylor defense during the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., on Wednesday.

The coach who was fired by Notre Dame five days after being hired for lying on his resume has built his reputation back up in Orlando, taking a program that went winless in 2004 to the inaugural American Athletic Conference title and automatic BCS berth this year.

The matchup was project-

ed to be like the 2011 Fiesta Bowl, when mighty Oklahoma rolled over Connecticut 48-20.

The Knights weren't listening.

They opened with a 76-yard scoring drive capped by Johnson's tackle-breaking 11-yard touchdown run.

Johnson scored again on

UCF's next possession, this one on a 2-yard run.

The early 14-0 lead was expected.

The team leading wasn't.

Baylor finally revved up its offense late in the first quarter, scoring on a 1-yard TD sneak by Petty and

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# THE SCOREBOARD

## NFL Playoffs

### WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

**Saturday, Jan. 4**

Kansas City at Indianapolis, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)

New Orleans at Philadelphia, 8:10 p.m. (NBC)

**Sunday, Jan. 5**

San Diego at Cincinnati, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)

San Francisco at Green Bay, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)

### DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

**Saturday, Jan. 11**

Green Bay, New Orleans or New Orleans at Seattle, 4:35 p.m. (FOX)

Cincinnati, Indianapolis or Kansas City at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)

**Sunday, Jan. 12**

Philadelphia, Green Bay or San Francisco at Carolina, 1:05 p.m. (FOX)

Indianapolis, Kansas City or San Diego at Denver, 4:40 p.m. (CBS)

### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Sunday, Jan. 19**

AFC, 3 p.m. (CBS)

NFC, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

### PRO BOWL

**Sunday, Jan. 26**

At Honolulu

TBD, 7:30 p.m. (NBC)

### SUPER BOWL

**Sunday, Feb. 2**

At East Rutherford, N.J.

AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Atlantic Division

|              | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Toronto      | 15 | 15 | .500 | —   |
| Boston       | 13 | 18 | .419 | 2.5 |
| Brooklyn     | 10 | 21 | .323 | 5.5 |
| Philadelphia | 10 | 21 | .323 | 5.5 |
| New York     | 9  | 21 | .300 | 6   |

#### Southeast Division

|            | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Miami      | 24 | 7  | .774 | —   |
| Atlanta    | 18 | 14 | .563 | 6.5 |
| Washington | 14 | 15 | .483 | 9   |
| Charlotte  | 14 | 19 | .424 | 11  |
| Orlando    | 10 | 21 | .323 | 14  |

#### Central Division

|           | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| Indiana   | 25 | 6  | .806 | —    |
| Detroit   | 14 | 19 | .424 | 12   |
| Chicago   | 12 | 18 | .400 | 12.5 |
| Cleveland | 10 | 21 | .323 | 15   |
| Milwaukee | 7  | 24 | .226 | 18   |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Southwest Division

|             | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| San Antonio | 25 | 7  | .781 | —  |
| Houston     | 21 | 13 | .618 | 5  |
| Dallas      | 19 | 13 | .594 | 6  |
| New Orleans | 14 | 16 | .467 | 10 |
| Memphis     | 13 | 17 | .433 | 11 |

#### Northwest Division

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   |
|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| Oklahoma City | 25 | 6  | .806 | —    |
| Portland      | 25 | 7  | .781 | .5   |
| Minnesota     | 16 | 16 | .500 | 9.5  |
| Denver        | 14 | 17 | .452 | 11   |
| Utah          | 10 | 24 | .294 | 16.5 |

#### Pacific Division

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| L.A. Clippers | 22 | 12 | .647 | —   |
| Phoenix       | 19 | 11 | .633 | 1   |
| Golden State  | 20 | 13 | .606 | 1.5 |
| L.A. Lakers   | 13 | 19 | .406 | 8   |
| Sacramento    | 10 | 20 | .333 | 10  |

#### Tuesday's Games

Atlanta 92, Boston 91

Indiana 91, Cleveland 76

Golden State 94, Orlando 81

Sacramento 110, Houston 106

San Antonio 113, Brooklyn 92

Toronto 85, Chicago 79

Portland 98, Oklahoma City 94

Milwaukee 94, L.A. Lakers 79

#### Wednesday's Games

Dallas 87, Washington 78

Toronto 95, Indiana 82

Minnesota 124, New Orleans 112

Philadelphia 114, Denver 102

L.A. Clippers 112, Charlotte 85

#### Thursday's Games

Orlando at Cleveland, late

Golden State at Miami, late

Boston at Chicago, late

Brooklyn at Oklahoma City, late

New York at San Antonio, late

Memphis at Phoenix, late

Milwaukee at Utah, late

Charlotte at Portland, late

Philadelphia at Sacramento, late

#### Friday's Games

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.

New Orleans at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Golden State at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

New York at Houston, 8 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Memphis at Denver, 9 p.m.

Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Atlantic Division

|           | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Boston    | 26 | 12 | 2  | 54  | 117 | 86  |
| Tampa Bay | 24 | 12 | 4  | 52  | 114 | 95  |
| Montreal  | 23 | 14 | 4  | 50  | 103 | 94  |
| Toronto   | 21 | 16 | 5  | 47  | 118 | 120 |
| Detroit   | 18 | 14 | 10 | 46  | 109 | 120 |
| Ottawa    | 17 | 18 | 7  | 41  | 118 | 135 |
| Florida   | 15 | 20 | 6  | 36  | 96  | 130 |
| Buffalo   | 11 | 25 | 4  | 26  | 71  | 113 |

#### Metropolitan Division

|   | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|----|-----|----|----|
| — | — | — | —  | —   | —  | —  |



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### AUTO RACING

#### SATURDAY

1 p.m. Lucas Oil Off Road Racing Challenge Cup. CBS

### BOXING

#### FRIDAY

9 p.m. Rances Barthelemy vs. Argenis Mendez ESPN2

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### SATURDAY

Noon Pittsburgh at North Carolina State . . . . . 44

Noon Cincinnati at Memphis . . . . . ESPN2

2 p.m. Michigan State at Indiana . . . . . CBS

2 p.m. Miami at Syracuse . . . . . 44

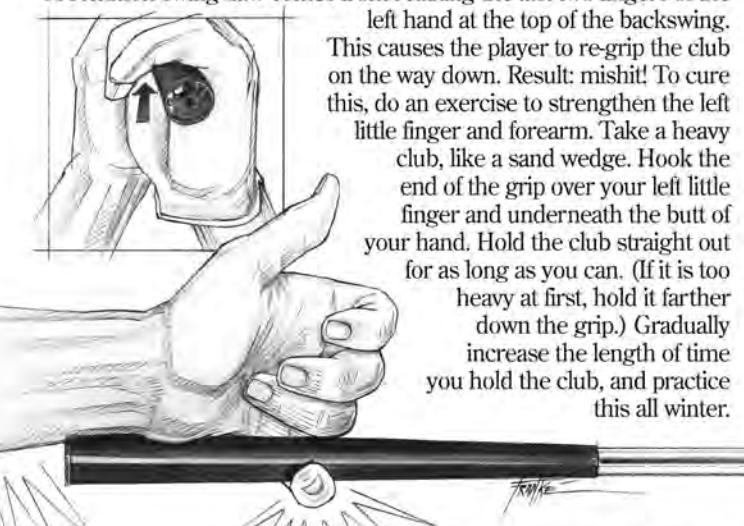


Today's Tip

## MASTER STROKES

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By Jim McLean,

owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling books

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Please arrive early due to a big field of players.

For more information, call Pete at 382-1280.

### Lake June West

The Monday Ladies took to the course on Dec. 30 and saw the team of Donna Palmatier, Verna Knishka, Jan Mann and Chris Heath come in with a 35 for the win.

The 35 marks the new low score for the Ladies Monday League.

Taking second, with a 37 on their card, were Annie Hall, Kathy Armstrong, Virginia Simmons and Doris Weeks.

In closest to the pin, Knishka hit to 24-feet, 7-inches from No. 4, Mary McNamee got her shot to 16-feet, 8-inches from No. 2 and Simmons stuck hers at 7-feet, 5-inches from No. 8.

Not content to stay idle during the holiday, a Mixed Scramble was played on Thursday, Dec. 26.

Orville and Eva Huffman teamed with John and Kim Givens to take the win with a 52.

Larry and Chris Heath joined forces with Bob and Elaine Orr to card a 54 for second, while the Denharts, Dick and Norma, and the Swartz's, Joe and Joyce, came in with a 56 for third.

Knishka again had one of the closest to the pin on the day, hitting to 24-feet, 11-inches from No. 8.

Elaine Orr hit to 5-feet, 6 1/2-inches from No. 2, and Bob Orr took honors for the day, sticking his shot a mere 1-foot, 2-inches from No. 4.

### Golf Hammock

Last Monday, Dec. 30, the Mezza Group played an Individual Pro-Am Points event.

Ike Richards scored plus 4 to take first place in A group and Larz Bylund came in second with plus 2.

In B group Roger Culberson shot a remarkable 79 and was plus 11 was in first place and there was a tie for second place between Joe Martini and Johnny McEahren.

There was a tie in C group for first place between Gary Galle and Joe Hyzny at plus 6.

Pat Dell came in first place in D group with a plus 3 and Ken Granger came in second place with plus 1.

Dick Botelho shot a plus 6 to take first place in E group and John Robertson came in second place with plus 4.

In F group Joe Hamilton came in first place with plus 4 and a tie for second place between Bob Wimmers and Karl Mellor at plus 3.

Bob Hughes had a plus 6 for first place in G group and Jack Carlton in second place with plus 4.

Ralph Pickering came in first place with plus 6 in H group and in second place was Jim Reed with plus 5.

In I group Greg Brewer scored plus 7 for first place and a tie for second place between Bill Alesi and Bob Goldsworthy at plus 6.

Next Monday, Jan. 6, the Mezza Group will continue to play at Golf Hammock beginning at 7:45 a.m.

## Scott edges Woods for GWAA player of the year

DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Adam Scott narrowly beat out Tiger Woods as player of the year in voting by the Golf Writers Association of America.

The GWAA takes into account more than just the PGA Tour.

Scott won four times, including the Masters, and joined Jason Day in winning the World Cup for Australia. Out of 218 votes cast, Scott won the honor by five votes.

Woods won five times on the PGA Tour, but no majors.

He also won the money title and Vardon Trophy for lowest scoring average.

Woods previously won player of the year by the PGA Tour and the PGA of America.

Scott also won The Barclays, the Australian PGA and the Australian Masters.

Inbee Park and Kenny Perry were runaway winners for female and senior players of the year.

## Lightning double up on Canucks, 4-2

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Valteri Filppula had a goal and an assist as the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Vancouver Canucks 4-2 on Wednesday night.

The Lightning, whose franchise is 21 years old, posted only its second win ever in Vancouver.

Tampa Bay made history of another sort by posting a fourth straight road win for the first

time since Jan. 8-Feb. 7, 2008.

Tyler Johnson, Nikita Kucherov and Alex Killorn also scored for Tampa Bay.

Brad Richardson and Zac Dalpe replied for the Canucks, who lost their second straight.

Tampa Bay's Ben Bishop made 28 saves for his 21st win of the season as the Lightning outshot the Canucks 33-30.

Vancouver's Eddie Lack recorded 29 saves.

## Fish tournaments and meeting on deck

Continued from B1

waters of the Central Florida Lake that continues to produce some terrific bags of fish.

Congratulations Louie, I'm sure we'll be hearing a lot more about this young bass fishing sensation in the years to come.

### Gambler Tournament

The Gambler Bait Company is sponsoring three free bass tournaments in 2014.

The first will be held on Lake Okeechobee at the Scott Driver boat ramp on Sunday, Jan. 26 — sign up by Thursday, Jan. 23.

The second will be held on Lake Okeechobee at the Roland Martin fish camp in Clewiston on Sunday, Feb. 23, with sign up required by Thursday, Feb. 20.

The final tournament will be held on Lake Kissimmee at Camp Mack on Saturday, March 22 and sign up is required by Wednesday, March 19.

There is no entry fee but only Gambler Lures will be allowed in your boat.

Boats with any other brand lure will be disqualified.

Guaranteed payback as first place will pay \$1000, second place \$500, third place \$250, fourth place \$100,

fifth place \$100, sixth place Costa Del Mar Sunglasses and seventh through 10th place will receive \$100 Gambler Bucks.

In addition, there will be an optional side pot of \$20 per boat and \$10 for big bass.

It should be a lot of fun.

Kyle King and I sent in our entry information today for all three tournaments.

Gambler makes some really good baits so it should be a fun event.

### Sebring BassMasters

The Sebring BassMasters will hold their January meeting Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 5:30 p.m. at REDS II.

New members are welcome to attend.

Our first tournament will be on Lake Istokpoga Sunday, Jan. 12.

I had two guide trips since my last column, both on Lake Istokpoga.

We fished artificial baits on both occasions and caught a few, but the wind was pretty fierce both days.

On Saturday, I thought we'd catch a break when we arrived at the boat ramp to find the lake fogged in.

But the minute the fog lifted the wind kicked up from the east and the lake turned into a frothy mass of white caps.

I've got trips lined up for Thursday, Friday and Monday — all on Lake Istokpoga so I'll let you know how we do in next week's column.

It's hard to believe when this column comes out it will be another new year.

Time seems to fly by so quickly these days.

We only have so much time on this earth, so get out there and do a little fishin' in 2014.

Remember, God doesn't count the days you spend on the water.

Happy New Year Everyone!

May one of your wishes this year be catching the fish of your dreams.

I know they're out there.

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## Sebring YMCA has plenty to keep kids busy

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The YMCA After School Program is designed to encourage a healthy lifestyle, bright future and endless potential.

This program is from 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, for kids ages 5 to 12.

Each week will feature a variety of activities including Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming, Gymnastics, Soccer and more.

We do offer bus transportation from the Kindergarten Learning Center and Woodlawn Elementary.

For more information on this program please contact us at 863-382-9622 and ask for Dave Scheck.

After School Drop-off Price: \$2 per day, per child

Bus from KLC or Woodlawn Price: \$30 per child, per week.

Sensei's Matthew Jordon and Tena Jordon have joined the YMCA team in providing martial arts.

Classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting at the beginning of each month.

For more information on

this program please contact us at 863-382-9622

Member Price: \$40, Non-members: \$60

We offer a wonderful Gymnastics program with levels ranging from preschool to advanced.

If you would like to enroll your child in Gymnastics, registration starts at the beginning of each month.

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Gymnastics- Preschool

Member: \$35, Non-members: \$50

Members: \$50, Non-members: \$80

YMCA Cheer is new and improved, just in time for the new year!

Come join our new instructor Sandy Stewart, who is pumped and ready for fun.

We now offer Beginner, Intermediate, and Advance motion technique, cheer dance, progression stunt and tumbling!

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For more information on

Registration is at the beginning of each month.

For more information on this program please contact us at 863-382-9622 and ask for Sandy Stewart.

Member Price: \$35, Non-members: \$45

### Upcoming Events

Y Fire 5K — To celebrate the beginning of 2014, the Highlands County Family YMCA joins forces with the Sebring Firemen's Association

and MidFlorida Credit Union to present the "Y Fire 5K."

The 5K run/walk will start at 8 a.m. at Firemen's Field on Saturday, Jan. 4.

This event is a partnered fundraiser for our Strong Kids Campaign.

People of all ages are invited to join us.

Prices are listed below.

For more information on the "Y Fire 5K" please contact us at 863-382-9622.

Remember we still have some sponsor spots open.

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After December 23rd and Race Day - \$30

Open House at the "Y" - Looking to join a gym that

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On Saturday, Jan. 11, stop in to the Highlands County Family YMCA for our Open House.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the YMCA will be giving free tours and offering membership specials that include waiving joiner fees, health assessments, and BOGO rates on our daily punch cards.

YMCA has not one, but two heated pools and a splash pad for your family to enjoy.

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### Pool Hours

Monday – Friday: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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### In the Classroom

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## Toney looking ahead at options

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forced fumble as well as a fumble recovery, two batted passes, two break-ups and 10 tackles for a loss.

When asked of his favorite memory as a Wildcat, Toney responded, "My favorite memory was my touchdown my junior year in the Florida Classic."

Interesting, seeing as how this is the same event that brought Toney to Bethune-Cookman to play.

Again, fate is a funny thing.

Who knows how many kids have watched Toney play, perhaps just like him sitting in the stands at the Classic, maybe at the All-Star game, or even one of countless Friday nights under the lights of Fireman's field thinking, "I want to play just like him."

To those aspiring athletes, Toney shared some words of wisdom.

"You have to stay focused, determined, and humble. It takes hard work outside of what's asked of you, to be an extraordinary player you have to do the extra to surpass the ordinary athlete or competition."

A true testimony to this statement, Toney continues to work hard on and off the field to continuously improve himself.

As a result, Toney was announced as a member of



Courtesy photo

**Tevin Toney has a lot of great memories from his time at Bethune-Cookman, which has lead him to have much to look forward to.**

the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) 2013 Commissioner's All-Academic Team and received honorable mention accolades on the Preseason All-MEAC Team.

So, what will fate bring Toney to next?

Thanks to his dedication to both football and school, Toney has a few options for post-graduation plans.

"I pray I'll be in a NFL camp. If not, I'll be in the police academy in Daytona then after completing the academy I will be in Orlando

working with the sheriffs department.

"I plan on staying there unless a position opens up as a U.S Capitol Policeman."

Of course, once you become a part of the game the game becomes a part of you, and Toney plans on sticking with football in anyway he can.

"I'd like to always have a part of the game throughout my life whether it be talking to the kids, helping them train, or just donating to events."

## Knights pull off stunning win

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Central Florida looked as if it was ready to fall apart with turnovers on three consecutive plays.

Baylor only turned one of those into points: a 30-yard pass from Petty to Levi Norwood.

Petty followed Johnson's fumble with an interception in the end zone, just his third of the season.

"Unfortunately, that was the turning point in the game," Petty said. "We needed that to save momentum up for us, especially after a turnover. Turnovers in the red zone kill an offense."

Then came the spectacular plays, seemingly one after another.

Hall darted and dashed through Baylor's defense for a 50-yard touchdown on a screen pass, with help from Josh Reese's downfield

block.

Petty hurtled himself into the end zone, flipping over UCF's Brandon Alexander to cap a 13-yard run.

That gave Baylor 659 points, breaking the NCAA record for a 13-game season set by Texas (652) in 2005.

The momentum was gone shortly after, when Hall turned a swing pass into a 34-yard touchdown — assisted again by Reese — to put the Knights up 28-20 at halftime.

Petty scored his third touchdown on 1-yard run in the third quarter and dashed in for the 2-point conversion to tie the game, but Central Florida still wouldn't back down.

Bortles hit Breshad Perriman on a 10-yard touchdown pass and opened the fourth quarter by scoring on a 15-yard run to put the Knights up 42-28.

Even after Baylor moved

quickly for a 9-yard touchdown run by Glasco Martin, UCF had an answer, going up 49-35 on Johnson's 40-yard run through the heart of the Bears' defense.

The Knights held on from there, heading home with a giant trophy and a lot more national respect.

## Packers optimistic blackout won't happen

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers say the team is optimistic that Sunday's home playoff game will be sold out and a TV blackout can be averted.

NFL rules say they if the game isn't sold out by 72 hours prior to kickoff there will be a blackout in local TV markets, including Green Bay, the Fox Cities, Milwaukee and Wausau.

The deadline is 3:40 p.m. Thursday with 5,500 tickets yet to be sold.

The Packers could ask for

a deadline extension.

With a long waiting list for season tickets, not selling out a playoff game is an unusual scenario for the Green Bay Packers.

The last time a Packers home game didn't sell out was in January 1983 when they hosted the St. Louis Cardinals in a first-round playoff game in a strike-shortened season.

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## Lovie to lead Buccaneers

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2000, then spent three seasons as the St. Louis Rams' defensive coordinator on Mike Martz's staff.

Smith will take over a team that made strides on defense after acquiring cornerback Darrelle Revis and safety Dashon Goldson last spring, however the offense sputtered badly following the abrupt benching and subsequent release of quarterback Josh Freeman.

With rookie Mike Glennon running the offense, Tampa Bay sank to last in the NFL in passing and total yards per game.

One of Smith's first orders of business figures to be deciding if Glennon, who went 4-9 as a starter while throwing for 2,608 yards, 19 touchdowns and nine interceptions, showed enough to prove he's the



MCT photo

Leslie Frazier, recently fired as Vikings head coach and seen here hugging Lovie Smith after a 2012 Chicago/Minnesota game, reportedly will be signed as Bucs defensive coordinator.

team's quarterback of the future.

Tampa Bay, which lost its first eight games before going 4-4 over the second half of the season, will have the seventh pick in this year's draft and can use help in several areas,

including defensive end, offensive line and wide receiver.

AP Sports Writer Jon Krawczynski in Minneapolis and AP Pro Football Writer Barry Wilner contributed to this report. AP NFL website: [www.pro32.ap.org](http://www.pro32.ap.org)

## Jadeveon Clowney entering NFL draft

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

Associated Press

ORLANDO — South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney says he will enter for the NFL draft.

Likely the top overall talent in the draft class, Clowney finished his college career Wednesday in the Gamecocks' 34-24 victory over Wisconsin in the Capital One Bowl.

"Before we even put the pads on, I thought we've only got 60 minutes and it's over with," he said. "I'm going to be sad about it. ...

I'm excited to move forward with my life, though."

The junior had five tackle against the Badgers.

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## Healthy Living

# New drugs for 2013

**Dear Readers:** Here are some interesting FDA-approved items for 2013 in the United States. My column is printed in various languages so I apologize that I've only listed English brand names. Please ask your local pharmacist for translations. Happy new year! Love, Suzy

- FluNada (nasal/throat spray) homeopathic, OTC: Spray to stop cold and flu-like symptoms with this new natural remedy that contains a homeopathic blend of mint, wintergreen, eucalyptus and elderberry. Spray it in your mouth, and nasal passages, right where the bugs try to enter your body. The kill rate of FluNada was tested by two independent labs and found to be 99.9 percent. [www.FluNada.com](http://www.FluNada.com)

- Vizamyl (flutemetamol) injection, Rx: Can this compound detect Alzheimer's disease at an earlier stage? Think of it as a contrast dye used for PET imaging, because it attaches to beta amyloid plaques in the brain, which dementia patients often have.

- Fetzima (levomilnacipran) extended release capsules, Rx: This is what pharmacists call a "me too" drug because it works like other SNRI (serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor) drugs. Older ones include Effexor, Pristiq, Cymbalta and Savella and they improve levels of two key brain neurotransmitters involved in major depression, as well as fibromyalgia, ADHD, obsessive-compulsive and anxiety. [www.Fetzima.com](http://www.Fetzima.com)

- Adempas (riociguat) tablets, Rx: The year 2013 brought approvals for several lung drugs, among them Adempas for pulmonary hypertension. The disease forces your heart to work harder. The other brand new medication that works similarly is Opsamut (macitentan).

- Anoro Ellipta (umeclidinium and vilanterol) inhalation powder, Rx: Inhalate it once daily. It helps with asthma, bronchitis and other lung disorders. Don't confuse that with "Breo Ellipta", a drug with similar benefits to breathing but different active ingredients.

- Clinolipid (Soybean and Olive oil) injection, Rx: Would you ever think



**Dear Pharmacist**  
Suzy Cohen

to inject yourself with olive or soybean oil? This is a drug used to support nutrition in adults and it's given intravenously. It provides calories and essential fatty acids. You can't get it if you are allergic to eggs, soybean and olive oil.

- Zubsolv (buprenorphine and naloxone) sublingual tablets, Rx: This helps people who are dependent on pain-killer drugs such as opiates (hydrocodone, oxycodone, morphine, etc). The drug is intended as part of a bigger program to treat drug addiction such as counseling and psychosocial support. The makers of Zubsolv have simultaneously launched an around-the-clock support program which is online. It's designed with input from patients in recovery. [www.rise-us.com](http://www.rise-us.com)

- Zephrex-D (pseudoephedrine) tablets, OTC: It's to unstuff your nose and relieve a sinus headache. It's the world's first meth-resistant pseudoephedrine tablet, designed to keep bad people from turning cold medicine into speed! Yeah, you didn't know?

Decongestants are often messed with, but it's impossible with Zephrex-D because the makers invested in new technology that locks the drug in place. [www.zephrex-d.com](http://www.zephrex-d.com)

- Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) tablets, Rx: For chronic hepatitis C virus without the need for interferon. This drug blocks a specific protein needed by the virus for its replication (growth). [www.sovaldi.com](http://www.sovaldi.com)

- NovoPen Echo: The only insulin device that can dispense tiny doses like a half unit, making it appealing for children. It also has memory capabilities.

*Suzy Cohen is a registered pharmacist and the author of "The 24-Hour Pharmacist" and "Real Solutions." For more information, visit [www.DearPharmacist.com](http://www.DearPharmacist.com). This information is not intended to treat, diagnose or cure your condition.*



Metro

Lung cancer kills an estimated 160,000 Americans each year, and smoking is the biggest risk factor.

## Lung cancer scans urged for some smokers, not all

**By LAURAN NEERGAARD**

*AP Medical Writer*

WASHINGTON — Certain current or former heavy smokers should start getting yearly scans for lung cancer to cut their risk of death from the nation's top cancer killer, government advisers said Monday — even as they stressed that the tests aren't for everyone.

The long-anticipated decision by the influential U.S. Preventive Services Task Force says these CT scans of the lungs should be offered only to people at especially high risk: Those who smoked a pack of cigarettes a day for 30 years or an equivalent amount, such as two packs a day for 15 years — and who are between the ages of 55 and 80.

That's roughly 10 million people, but not all of them qualify for screening, said task force vice chairman Dr. Michael LeFevre, a University of Missouri family physician. Even those high-risk people shouldn't be scanned if they're not healthy enough to withstand cancer treatment, or if they kicked the habit more than 15 years ago.

Lung cancer kills nearly 160,000 Americans each year. Smoking is the biggest risk factor, and the more and longer people smoke, the higher their risk. Usually, lung cancer is diagnosed too late for treatment to succeed, but until now there hasn't been a good means of early detection.

The newly recommended screening could prevent as many as 20,000 deaths a year, LeFevre said — if it's used correctly.

That estimate assumes good candidates seek the scans. There's no way to know if people at the highest risk will, or if instead the overly anxious will flood testing centers.

Screen the wrong people, "and we could see more harm than good," LeFevre cautioned. "There's a lot of room for what I would call people exploiting the recommendation. I can imagine a street-corner imaging center advertising to invite people in."

Why not screen younger or lighter smokers? There's no data to tell if they'd be helped. Lung cancer is rare before age 50, and the major

study that showed screening could save lives enrolled only heavy smokers starting at age 55.

But screening isn't harm-free. A suspicious scan is far more likely to be a false alarm than a tumor, LeFevre noted. Yet patients may undergo invasive testing to find out, which in turn can cause complications.

Moreover, radiation accumulated from even low-dose CT scans can raise the risk of cancer. And occasionally, screening detects tumors so small and slow-growing that they never would have threatened the person's life.

While screening clearly can benefit some people,

"the best way to avoid lung cancer death is to stop smoking," LeFevre added.

The task force proposed the screenings last summer but published its final recommendation Monday in the journal Annals of Internal Medicine. That clears the way for insurers to begin paying for the scans, which cost between \$300 and \$500, according to the American Lung Association.

Under the Obama administration's health care law, cancer screenings that are backed by the task force are supposed to be covered with no copays, although plans have a year to adopt new recommendations.



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# Religion

## Avon Park Christian Church

AVON PARK – Wednesday evening Bible study resumes at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The church will host 64 to Grayson at 6 p.m. Sunday. This is a free concert. A love offering will be taken.

Avon Park Christian Church is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wells Fargo Bank). Call 453-5334 or email apcc.2014@yahoo.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.avon-parkchristianchurch.com/

## Christ Luteran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK – Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled “Jesus is King.”

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. For more information call 471-2663 or search online at

christlutheranavonpark.org.

## Christian Science Church

SEBRING – The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled “God”. The keynote is from Jeremiah 32:18, “the Great, 19 (to 1st:), ... the Great, the Mighty God, the Lord of hosts, is his name, Great in counsel, and mighty in work.”

The church is at 154 N. Franklin St.

## Christian Training Church

SEBRING – Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled “Longing for the New: Part 2” at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the Gospel of John.

## Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING – Pastor Cecil Hess is beginning a series on Profiles in Courage with the topic, “Cornelius: He Made a New Year’s Resolution”,

on Sunday. Special music will be by the adult choir and soloist Larry Nickerson.

The church meets on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Call 382-1737 for details.

## Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING – Rev. George Miller will deliver the sermon, “Flowering Gifts,” on Sunday with Scripture from Matthew 2:1-12.

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

## Faith Baptist Church

LAKE PLACID – Sunday, Pastor Bill Cole will preach “Freedom!” from the book Romans. Sunday evening, he will preach “Shine, Jesus, Shine” from the Gospel of John.

Visit the church’s website, www.faithbaptistchurchLP.com, or call the church office at 465-0060 for information.

The church is at 660 Holmes Ave.

## Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING – This Sunday, the church celebrates Second Sunday after Christmas. Guest Pastor Tony Douches will deliver his sermon at Faith Lutheran titled “Arise And Shine In The New Year.”

Fridays at 9:30 a.m. is a new study, “Malachi: A Love That Never Lets Go”, by Lisa Harper. This is an eight-week study, starting on Jan. 10.

L.I.F.T. - Ladies In Faith/Fellowship Together has changed its study days to Friday. The study, “Do Over: Experience New Life in Christ,” on this Friday is “Renewal” from Romans 7:14-8:2. One is not alone in facing ongoing struggles with sin.

## First Baptist Church Avon Park

AVON PARK – Rev. Jon Beck will preach from James

2:1-13 on Sunday.

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more information, call 453-6681 or email info@fbcap.net

## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING – The pastor is back from a short vacation. His sermon for Sunday is titled “Starting the New Year Right,” with Scripture from Philippians 3:13-14.

Assisting during the Communion service will be Elders Howard Lewis and Diane Beidler. The Servers for Sunday will be Terry Ducar and Roger Sands. The Deacons for the day are Carol Graves and Catherine Baker. Greeting the congregation will be Gloria Andrick.

## First Presbyterian Church

SEBRING – The sermon to be delivered Sunday by Rev. Darrell A. Peer will be “Bloom Where You Are Planted”.

A meeting of the trustees is planned for 4 p.m. in the church’s conference room.

For information, call 385-0107. The church is at 319 Poinsettia Ave.

## Grace Pointe Ministries

SEBRING – The Sunday sermon series, “What Makes A Great Church,” will look at some elements of a great church. What can be done as a church? Where does one fit in?

Word of the week is “Done” - John 19:22.

The church meets at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

## Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING – Pastor Ted Moore’s sermon this week will be “The Harbinger” with scripture from Isaiah 9:10. The service will include specials by Richard Swenson and Ruth Rayburn. The church is at 2705

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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 Catalyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

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

♦ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

♦ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL - 453-6681. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor; Joy Loomis, director of music. Sunday – Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children’s Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for both services.

Wednesday - Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children’s Choir, 5:45 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6 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. To watch services online, go to the website at www.fbcap.net. “In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park.”

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♦ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God’s Heart and Sharing God’s Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Website: www.fbclp.com. Email:

information@fbclp.com. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to www.fbclp.com.

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

♦ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Rev. Matthew D. Crawford, senior pastor; 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 Bautista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother’s Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704. Website www.fbssebring.com

♦ **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 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 Aruckle 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. Evangelist Roger Jaudon. 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.; Children’s Church, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Praise and Worship, 6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:15 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 E. 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. Sunday Life Teen Mass at 6 p.m. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. English confession at 3:30 p.m. Saturday; Spanish confession at 6:30 p.m. Religious Education Classes (September to May) are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 5th. Grades 6th through Youth Bible Study are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

♦ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish Office/mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcathe.com. School website, www.stcathe.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcathe.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcathe.com or 385-0049; Parochial

Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993;

Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: 4 p.m.; Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m. (Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

♦ **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.;

## Religion

# Pornography and the Internet - secret sin?

An epidemic that endangers both physical and spiritual lives should get our attention, but does it? This epidemic is no longer restricted to the dirty theatre in a "bad" neighborhood or behind the counter at the convenient store, but it is available everywhere ... Internet pornography! Not a pleasant subject but neither is cancer, yet it must be discussed openly. Denial is no cure. We will give attention to the physical and spiritual damages of pornography.

This is big business.

According to various sources, there is a \$97 billion annual revenue worldwide and \$13 billion in the United States. The U.S. produces the vast majority of porn websites in the world. But the

real cost is the destruction it brings upon our society. One click of the mouse, i.e. mouth trap, opens the door for destructions of families, jobs and lives, physically and spiritually. As in any epidemic, no one is immune. There are some 100,000 websites offering illegal child pornography. Marriage counselors in various polls reveal this is a very serious problem in many families. This door of filth is open to the young via computers in their rooms with none too little restrictions.

Pornography? Webster defines as follows: porne-harlot; graphein-to write; the depiction of erotic behavior (as in pictures or writing) intended to cause sexual excitement. The English

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words fornication and fornicator comes from the Greek words "porneia" (illicit sexual intercourse) and "pornos" (a man who indulges in fornication, a fornicator) and "porneuo" (to commit fornication). These words are translated "fornication" in the KJV and "sexual immorality" in the NASV in such places as 1 Corinthians 5:1 and Galatians 5:19.

Is there a way to escape from this "mouse trap"? "And such were some of you; [i.e. fornicators, adulterers, effeminate, homosexuals] but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were

justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 5:11 brackets added). The initial conversion, i.e. new birth, of the Corinthians is recorded in Acts 18:1-11. Thanks to the amazing mercy and grace of Jehovah and the cleansing blood of Jesus, the Messiah.

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Sometimes the worst tasting medicine is the most

effective. "But the cowardly, unbelievers, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8). Jesus, the Way, Truth and Life clearly stated, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31,32). Freedom, both physical and spiritual, comes with a high price ... self denial.

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# PLACES To WORSHIP

## EPISCOPAL

♦ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church**, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Father Scott Walker. 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. Worship: Sunday, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Worship 6 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. Holy Communion with Healing. Call the thrift store for hours open - 699-0221.

## EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

♦ **The Church of the Way EFCA**, 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship services 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, "primetimers," 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.sebringgrace.org](http://www.sebringgrace.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 will be the Spiritual Leader every Sunday for the next two months. Jim Helwig, organist. Worship service with the Holy Eucharist is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Birthday Sunday is the first Sunday of each month after the service. Council meeting is on the first Tuesday of each month. WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of the month with a light lunch. Labyrinth Prayer Garden is open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When in need of prayers or to talk to God, come to the Garden. Come and grow with us; we would love to meet you and your family. Don't worry about how

you look. Jesus went to the temple in a robe and sandals. Quilting classes every Monday at 6 p.m. Looking for quilters or people willing to learn. Call 840-3303.

♦ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS**, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at (863) 471-2663 or see [christlutheranavonpark.org](http://christlutheranavonpark.org).

♦ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Dr, Sebring; 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 served 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday. Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m. Worship Svc. Broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies, Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

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

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

♦ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., at Memorial Drive, Avon Park. Pastor Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship following 10:30 a.m. service. Wednesday Worship Service is 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 Education Hour, 8:45 a.m.; Worship service, 10 a.m. Holy

Communion each first and third Sunday. Children's Church scheduled during worship service, 4-year-olds through fifth grade. Nursery provided during worship service for infants to 3-year-olds. Seasonal Mid-Week Services each Wednesday evening during Advent and Lent. Call church office at 465-5253 or visit the website at [www.Trinitylutheranlp.com](http://www.Trinitylutheranlp.com).

Other activities and groups include: Choir; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's

Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies; Trinity Tots Pre-school, and Youth Group.

## 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 problema. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

♦ **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Dustin Woods, lead pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. [www.GBCconnected.org](http://www.GBCconnected.org)

♦ **Faith Center West Ministry**, "Restoring Lives, Families & Communities." In the Banyan Plaza at 2349 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. Pastors Leroy and JoAnn Taylor the public to worship on Sundays at 11 a.m. for Praise & Worship and on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Bible study and prayer. Children classes are available for all services. Ministries for youth, men and women are held throughout the month. Please attend these Spirit-filled services. "Moving Forward in Unity". Church office, 385-1800 or 655-2748.

♦ **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.

♦ **New Beginnings Church of Sebring**, worshiping at The Morris Chapel, 307 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Pastor Gary Kindle. Bible study every Sunday, 9 a.m. Blended Church Service, 10:15 a.m. Phone (863) 835-2405. [newbeginningschurchofsebring.com](http://newbeginningschurchofsebring.com) Begin your week with us.

♦ **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. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. (October through Easter) and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church available.

Wednesday night worship with Pastor Tiger Gullett and CrossTalk with Pastor Bill Breylinger at 6 p.m. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at [www.weareunion.org](http://www.weareunion.org).

♦ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre**, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail: [unityofsebring.org](mailto:unityofsebring.org). 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.

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

## THE SALVATION ARMY

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

# Religion

## Faith Lutheran begins new women's study

SEBRING — "Malachi: A Love That Never Lets Go" is an eight-session women's Bible study on the book of Malachi. On our worst day, God doesn't walk away from us. And His love for us is not determined by our performance. No matter how many times we mess up, God loves (and never leaves) broken people. "I, the Lord do not change" - Malachi 3:6.

Women taking this Bible study will gain a fresh perspective on the Book of Malachi. It is more than a book in the Bible about tithing. The Scripture will be brought to life through dynamic storytelling.

The study group will meet on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Bring your own coffee or tea, or have some there.

## Snapshots

For more information, call 385-7848. The church is at 2740 Lakeview Drive.

## Brotherhood invites men for breakfast

SEBRING — The Sparta Road Baptist Men's Brotherhood invites men to come and enjoy a great breakfast and spiritual fellowship at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. The breakfast/fellowship is held in the social hall of Sparta Road Baptist Church, 4400 Sparta Road.

A small donation of \$5 is requested to offset the cost of the breakfast. James Alsup is director of the Men's Brotherhood and may be reached at (314) 724-9809 or call the church office at 382-0869. The breakfast/fellowship is held the first Saturday of each month.

## Lester Family to be in concert

SEBRING — The Lester Family will be in concert at the First Baptist Church Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12.

Everyone is welcome. A love offering will be taken for the group.

## Happening at Sebring Christian Church

SEBRING — Tom Shelton will be in concert at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19 at Sebring Christian Church. There is no cost to attend the concert, but a love offering will be accepted.

The church has begun collecting items for the Annual Relay For Life Yard Sale for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25. It is

accepting donations from the public of yard sale type items. All proceeds from the yard sale will go directly to Relay for Life. If you would like to donate items to the yard sale, call 382-6676.

## Night of prophecy is Monday

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum from The Church of the Way at 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive will present the monthly Monday night prophecy at Homer's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

He takes the current events happening around the world, especially the mideast and relates them to biblical prophecy. You may come early and treat yourself to a meal beforehand if you wish.

## Pope stresses strength, courage, hope in 2014

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis, laying out his hopes Wednesday for the just-begun year, urged people to work for a world where everyone accepts each other's differences and where enemies recognize that they are brothers.

"We are all children of one heavenly father. We belong to the same human family and we share a common destiny," Francis said, speaking from his studio window overlooking St. Peter's Square, jammed with tens of thousands of faithful, tourists and Romans.

"This brings a responsibility for each to work so that the world becomes a community of brothers who respect each other, accept each other in one's diversity, and take care of one another," the pope said.

Setting aside his pre-

pared text for a moment, he expressed impatience with violence in the world. "What is happening in the heart of man? What is happening in the heart of humanity?" Francis asked. "It's time to stop."

He told the crowd this reflection was inspired by a letter he received from a man who lamented that there are "so many tragedies and wars in the world."

"I, too, believe that it will be good for us to stop ourselves in this path of violence and search for peace," Francis said.

In his remarks to the often-applauding crowd, he also expressed hope that "the gospel of brotherhood speak to every conscience and knock down the walls that impede enemies from recognizing that they are brothers."

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Alternate Route 17 South (behind Publix). Call 314-9693.

## New Beginnings

SEBRING — On Sunday, Pastor Gary Kindle's sermon is titled "Wisdom, understanding, and insight = inheritance" based on Ephesians 1:3-14.

The church's present location is The Morris Chapel, 307 S. Commerce Ave. For more information, call 835-2405.

## New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church

SEBRING — Pastor Luke John Willitz's sermon on Sunday is "Your Light Has Come" from Isaiah 60:1-6.

The church is at 3725 Hammock Road. Call 385-2293 or visit [www.newlife-sebring.com](http://www.newlife-sebring.com) for information.

## Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson,

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"Honor the Sabbath," is taken from Luke 6:1-11. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the message to the worship service.

The church is at 3413 Sebring Parkway. Call 382-3552.

## Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — The pastor's sermon on Sunday is "My Covenant."

The church meets at 8170 Cozumel Lane.

# Who do you trust for 2014?

Someone told me, "I trust in me, myself and I." In other words, he trusted in nobody and nothing else except himself.

Hi, my name is Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum from The Church of the Way and I would like a word with you.

How about you? Where do you put your trust? In the government? You really think they will take care of you? Others trust in their savings, as if money is the solution to all of our problems. And then there are those who trust a person who lived and died some 2,000 years ago and who claimed he was the savior of the world.

So, let's examine these claims. The "self-made" person will soon realize his ever shrinking area of domain.

The aging process makes sure of that. When you find yourself in a wheelchair and need assistance with every small task, it will finally sink in — I am not in charge! I cannot depend on me any longer!

Well, how about the government? Whether it's your health care, your government pension, your secure future or your unfunded Social Security, there are many reasons to be concerned. Almost \$18 trillion in debt does not exactly give us peace of mind.

Do you put your trust in your savings? Your bank account? Have you noticed the inflation over the last few years when you go to the grocery store? Or the restaurant? Does it make you wonder if your money will run out before your life ends?

There is another solution. You see, God says — "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and



## Guest Column

*Reinhold Buxbaum*

steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (Matthew 6:19-20 NIV).

God has a better plan. He always had and he always will. The Bible tells us that he cares so much for us; he is so interested in us that he knows the number of hairs on our head. If you know Jesus as Lord and Savior, you can trust him completely in every situation in 2014. He has a plan that includes you.

We can also trust Jesus for the future until he comes back to meet us in the air at the rapture. That too is a promise. He gave us hundreds of signs to herald his coming. Many of them are already visible all over the world, especially in the Middle East. Jesus tells us to look up when we see these things happening, for his coming is drawing near. So let's look up; it will happen very soon.

Yes, the stage is set for our rapture.

*Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor of The Church of the Way. He teaches an Evening in Bible Prophecy at Homer's Restaurant every first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. No purchase necessary. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.*

# Catholic groups ask Supreme Court to halt health care law

## By JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Catholic organizations made a last-minute effort Tuesday to get the Supreme Court to block portions of President Barack Obama's health care law that will force them to provide health insurance for students and employees that includes birth control.

Several organizations, including the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington, the Catholic Diocese of Nashville, Catholic University and the Michigan Catholic Conference, asked justices to block the law until their arguments are heard. Parts of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, go into effect on Wednesday.

On that day, "a regulatory mandate will expose numerous Catholic organizations to draconian fines unless they abandon their religious convictions and take actions that facilitate access to abortion-inducing drugs, contraceptives and sterilization for their employees and students," lawyer Noel J. Francisco said in appeals to Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Elena Kagan.

The law requires employers to provide insurance that covers a range of preventive care, free of charge, including contraception. The Catholic Church prohibits the use of contraceptives.

The Supreme Court in 2012 upheld the constitutionality of the core of the Affordable Care Act, saying its insurance mandate and the tax penalty enforcing it fell within the power of Congress to impose taxes.

The Obama administration crafted a compromise, or accommodations, that attempted to create a buffer for religiously affiliated hospitals, universities and social service groups that oppose birth control. The law requires insurers or the health plan's outside administrator to pay for birth control coverage and creates a way to reimburse them.

That isn't enough, Francisco said.

"In short, under the accommodation, applicants must authorize their third party administrators or insurance companies to provide the very products and services they find morally objectionable," he said. "Suffice it to say, the 'accommodation' does not resolve applicants' religious objection to participation in this regulatory scheme."

Roberts and Kagan handle emergency requests for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the Sixth Circuit. They can act by themselves or involve the rest of the court.

Federal judges have refused to issue stays in these cases, and the appeals

courts have not ruled on the request for an injunction.

Francisco said 11 federal judges have entered permanent or preliminary injunctions against the birth control mandate as it applies to nonprofit religious organizations, while six have refused to do so.

Francisco said that if Catholic organizations don't comply with the law, they face "fines of \$100 a day per affected beneficiary" and if they drop their health care coverage, "they will be subject to an annual fine of \$2,000 per full-time employee after the first 30 employees, and/or face ruinous practical consequences due to their inability to offer a crucial health care benefit to employees."

He added: "In short, applicants are faced with a stark choice: violate their religious beliefs or pay potentially crippling fines."

It was not immediately known when the justices would act.

More than 90 million individuals participate in health plans excluded from the scope of the mandate, Francisco said. "The government, however, has steadfastly refused to create a broader religious exemption, either for individuals seeking to run their businesses in accordance with their faith or for nonprofit religious organizations beyond houses

of worship," he said.

The justices already have agreed to rule on whether businesses may use religious objections to escape a requirement to cover birth control for employees. The court will consider two cases involving Hobby Lobby Inc., an Oklahoma City-based arts and crafts chain with 13,000 full-time employees, and Conestoga Wood Specialties Corp., a Pennsylvania company that employs 950 people in making wood cabinets.

Hobby Lobby won in the lower courts while Conestoga Wood Specialties lost. The combined cases probably will be argued in late March with a decision coming by summer.

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## Diversions/Puzzles

# 'Selfie,' 'twerk' top school's annoying word list

Associated Press

DETROIT — A Michigan university has issued its annual list of annoying words, and those flexible enough to take selfies of themselves twerking should take note.

In addition to "selfie" and "twerking," there was a strong sense among those who nominated words to this year's list that the word "hashtag" and term "Mr. Mom" had both run their course.

"Selfie," a term that describes a self-taken photo, often from a smartphone, led the way among the more than 2,000 nominations submitted to Lake Superior State University's 39th annual batch of words to banish due to overuse, overreliance and overall fatigue. Even President Barack Obama got into the act this month when he took a well-publicized selfie with other world leaders in South Africa for Nelson Mandela's memorial service.

"It's a lame word. It's all about me, me, me," wrote David Krieger of Lake Mills, Wis. "Put the smartphone away. Nobody cares about you."

Since 1975, the list has grown to more than 800 words, many from the worlds of politics, sports and popular — maybe too popular — culture.

"The list is made up completely from nominations. We don't just sit around and think of words that bug us," said Tom Pink, a spokesman for the school in Sault Ste.



**'Selfie,'** the word coined to describe a self-taken photo, usually with a phone, made the Lake Superior State University list as one of the most annoying words of 2013.

Marie, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

"Twerk" or "twerking," a sexually provocative way of dancing, found a dominant place in parlance due to Miley Cyrus' performance at the MTV Video Music Awards.

"Time to dance this one off the stage," said Jim Connelly, of Flagstaff, Ariz.

"Hashtag" refers to a word or phrase with no spaces preceded by the pound sign on the microblogging website

Twitter.

Others on the banned list include "Twittersphere," "t-bone," "Obamacare" "intellectually/morally bankrupt" and anything "on steroids."

People also tired of the suffixes "-pocalypse" and "-ageddon" used to make words such as "snow-pocalypse" or "ice-aggeddon."

And enough already with "Mr. Mom," a reference to fathers who take care of kids. It's also the name of a 1983 movie starring Michael Keaton, although many stay-at-home dads these days don't like the movie stereotype of a clueless male.

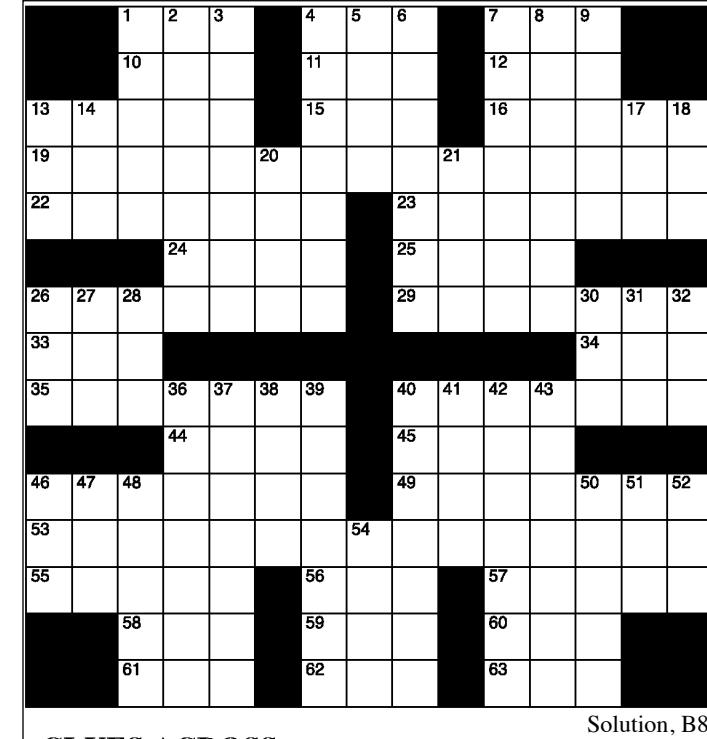
"There were almost as many nominations for 'Mr. Mom' as 'selfie' and 'twerk,'" Pink said.

He believes the title got traction again in 2013 due to news stories about the 30th anniversary of the movie.

"The phrase should refer only to the film, not to men in the real world," wrote Pat Byrnes of Chicago. "It is an insult to the millions of dads who are the primary caregivers for their children. Would we tolerate calling working women, 'Mrs. Dad'?"

"Adversity" and "fan base" — terms often used when discussing sports — got booed. Kyle Melton, of White Lake, Mich., said perspective is needed when referring to a millionaire athlete trying to get a first down in football.

"Facing adversity is working 50 hours a week and still struggling to feed your kids," Melton wrote.



Solution, B8

## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of health plan
- 4. Atmospheric haze
- 7. A period of time
- 10. Auricle
- 11. Copycat
- 12. Manpower
- 13. Delicate fern genus
- 15. Diego, Francisco or Anselmo
- 16. Zanzibar copal
- 19. Jackie's 2nd husband
- 22. Calcified tooth tissue
- 23. Conjoined twins
- 24. Mythological birds
- 25. This (Spanish)
- 26. Lowest hereditary title
- 29. Pre-transplant plot
- 33. Fiddler crab genus
- 34. Professional legal organization
- 35. Most thick
- 40. Sleeve indicator of mourning
- 44. Far East housemaid
- 45. Hmong
- 46. With three uneven sides
- 49. Tempts
- 53. Jewelry finding
- 55. Showed intense anger
- 56. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 57. Sculpture with a head
- 58. A single entity
- 59. What part of (abbr.)
- 60. Before
- 61. Confined condition (abbr.)
- 62. Hurrah
- 63. Transport faster than sound

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sorli's Tale hero
- 2. A musical master
- 3. Speech
- 4. Swiftest
- 5. Opaque gem
- 6. Origins
- 7. Proceed from a source
- 8. Rechristened
- 9. Liquorice flavored seed
- 13. Small amount
- 14. Mineral aggregate
- 17. Prefix for wrong
- 18. Point midway between E and SE
- 20. A single instance
- 21. French river
- 26. Undeveloped blossom
- 27. One pip domino
- 28. Fleed on foot
- 30. Sheep bleat
- 31. One point N of due E
- 32. Father
- 36. A projecting part
- 37. Improved by editing
- 38. Made melodious sounds
- 39. Treatment
- 40. Agreeableness
- 41. Bell sound
- 42. Tennis contests
- 43. Furnace vessels
- 46. Sirius Satellite Radio (abbr.)
- 47. Licensed accountant
- 48. Crude potassium bitartrate
- 50. Insert mark
- 51. Election Stock Market (abbr.)
- 52. A health resort
- 54. So. Am. Indian people



Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to travel. Each number corresponds to the 1970's television.

(Hint: 6 = a)

A. 5 6 1 11 21 7 10  
Clue: ... and Son

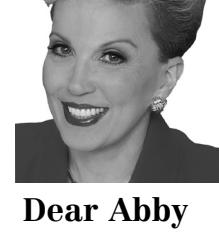
B. 16 6 5 24  
Clue: Military

C. 6 7 18 24 17 25  
Clue: "All in the Family"

D. 16 6 12 10 25  
Clue: Bea Arthur vehicle

Answers: A. Sanford B. MASH C. Archie D. Maude

# Tight lips can keep tongues from wagging in the office



**Dear Abby**

**Dear Abby:** I am a 27-year-old mom who has always been overweight. I have tried all sorts of diets and programs, and have lost a few pounds and then gained it all back and more.

My boss has offered to pay for me to have weight loss surgery. It is something I have always wanted, but could never afford. My boss told me she knows the struggle I have had and the frustration I have experienced.

My family is behind me and supports my decision to have it done. My concern is that once others in my office learn it was paid for by the boss, I'll be treated differently. I'm concerned about possible catty comments.

They are gossips, and I hate being the center of attention in situations like that. The truth is bound to come out, so how can I comment on the gift I've been given?

— So Grateful in Texas

**Dear So Grateful:** You have a generous and empathetic boss who obviously cares about you. Unless one of you reveals that she paid for your surgery, "the truth" is not bound to come out. How your operation is paid for is nobody's business.

**Dear Abby:** My father recently told me his girlfriend is pregnant with twins. She is in her 40s and he is in his 50s. She already has two kids who are quite a handful. They both have low-paying jobs and I don't think they can handle two more children.

My father now is asking me to move in with him to help out. Because of their

assume child care or financial responsibility because his birth control method failed. That privilege rightfully belongs to him and his girlfriend. Tell your father you sympathize with his dilemma, but the answer is no.

**Dear Abby:** I read your column on the nights that I work, and I was wondering if you have had days when you just wanted to tell someone who has written to you to "suck it up and deal with it." I am generally a nice person and would help the most helpless cases as best I could, but I know that I have days when I have been snarky. I was wondering how you deal with those days.

— Feeling Snarky Tonight  
in Vermont

**Dear Feeling Snarky:** I write my column from an office away from my home.

Because of that, it's easier to leave distractions (or "problems") on the other side of the door when I enter. I'm here to help people, not to make anyone feel worse. If for some reason I felt I was unable to do that, I would either go for a long walk or postpone writing for another day.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

## Here's How It Works:

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

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| 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 6 |
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ANSWER:

| VACATION WORD SEARCH |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| WORDS                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

# Living



## SHEDDING LIGHT ON Replacement Windows

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**W**indows can bring new life to existing homes by letting in fresh air, flooding rooms with natural light and opening up beautiful views. They also come in all shapes, sizes and materials. Important considerations for selecting the right window are type, material, style, climate and budget.

### Type

A pocket window is perfect in situations where the home's existing window frame and surrounding wall are in good condition, but the sash is in need of improvement. Installing a complete replacement window is a good choice for projects involving more substantial renovation.

### Material

The most common materials used for windows are vinyl, wood, clad-wood and aluminum. Your choice depends on what factors are most important to you.

■ **Vinyl** — A strong PVC material that is used for its durability, energy efficiency and ability to stand up to the elements. This material resists fading and won't flake, peel or rot.

■ **Wood** — Wood comes from trees with a range of characteristics, such as grain, color and sap content. Cladding is a strong layer of metal over the wood, providing extra protection and low maintenance benefits with no exterior painting required. Look for windows, like the JELD-WEN® W-2500 clad-wood windows, that combine the beauty of real wood with high-tech energy efficiency. JELD-WEN's wood windows, patio doors, exterior doors, door frames and trim boards made with solid pine AuraLast wood are protected from wood rot, termites and water saturation.

■ **Aluminum** — A lightweight and strong material that is a cost effective alternative to wood. This material is corrosion-resistant and performs well in most climates.

### Style

Awnings, bay, bow, casement, double-hung, fixed, garden, single-hung, sliding and tilt and turn — windows are available in many shapes, sizes and combination units.

### Budget

When it comes to budget, it's important to factor in long term value beyond the initial purchase price. Energy efficiency and a longer warranty can all help save maintenance and replacement costs over time. Resale value is also a key consideration — beautiful, more efficient windows are a big selling feature.

### Climate Considerations

Wet, humid, hot, severe storms, salty air — different climates have different window needs when it comes to material and glass choices. Talk to a reputable contractor or window dealer in your particular area to help select products that may work best for you. He or she may recommend hardware for a coastal environment, rot-resistant wood or another of the following materials or options:

■ **Coastal climates, wet and damp and/or high humidity** — Specially treated wood windows or vinyl windows offer good moisture protection. Because these conditions can require more maintenance, including regular repainting and touch-ups, windows that require less maintenance and won't need painting, such as vinyl, and clad-wood windows, are a good choice.

■ **Energy efficiency** — With more homeowners looking for ways to save energy and money with building and remodeling projects, the demand for energy efficient windows grows. The W-2500 window from JELD-WEN, www.jeld-wen.com, can meet ENERGY STAR® criteria in all four climate zones in the U.S. and comes with an industry-leading warranty against wood rot. There are several criteria that must be met for a product to receive the ENERGY STAR designation. It is given in North, North Central and South Central climate zones with the standard glass package of Low-E270 with argon, and in the Southern zone when grilles are used. Without grilles, Southern zone ENERGY STAR criteria are achieved with Low-E366 and argon.

■ **Exceptionally hot/harsh sun exposure** — Rather than window material type, glass and window location is key. The right glass can help protect against UV exposure and keep interior furnishings from fading. Choose insulated Low-E glass, which reduces the amount of heat entering the home and lowers cooling needs. It also blocks up to 85 percent of harmful UV rays that cause interior fading. Look for the ENERGY STAR label suitable for your region. Pay attention to window labels including the solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC), which indicates the ability to block heat generated by sunlight. The greater the protection, the lower the SHGC. U-factor is also important, which is the amount of heat flowing through a product. The lower the number, the more energy efficient it is. Proper overhangs and location of windows are also important. When building a home in a sunny region, place larger windows facing north.

■ **Severe, hurricane-force storms** — In hurricane-prone regions, look for windows designed to meet local building codes. These windows come with options that resist impacts from wind borne debris and keep windows intact during storms.

Depending on location, new windows can save you money year after year. They can also increase your home's value. Most importantly, new windows enhance the entire look of your home and add to priceless curb appeal — a must when it comes time to sell your home.



### Don't Let Money Go Out the Window

Windows have a significant impact on your heating and cooling bills. So, it's extremely important to make the most energy-efficient choice for your home.

Replacing old windows with ENERGY STAR qualified windows can lower household energy bills by 7 to 15 percent, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Lower energy consumption also reduces greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and shrinks a house's carbon footprint. With thousands of ENERGY STAR qualified windows and doors, JELD-WEN can help improve the comfort and energy efficiency of your home while also providing style and long-lasting durability.

ENERGY STAR divides the U.S. into four climate zones, each with its own unique set of energy performance requirements. Energy efficiency for windows and doors is compared by using two important measurements:

■ **U-Factor:** U-factor measures insulating value and indicates how much heat or cold transfers through the window or door. The lower the U-factor, the more energy efficient the product is.

■ **SHGC:** Solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) measures a window's ability to block the sun's heat. The more solar heat it blocks, the lower the SHGC number. Where air conditioning is prevalent, ENERGY STAR requires a lower SHGC. Where heating is more prevalent, opt for a higher SHGC so the sun's rays can stream in on cold winter days.

In the northern zones, U-Factor and SHGC requirements focus on helping reduce the need for heating. In the southern zones, requirements generally aim to reduce the need for air conditioning. Special glass coatings help control how much of the sun's heat enters and how much of the controlled air temperature inside escapes.

To earn the ENERGY STAR label, windows must meet rigorous energy performance levels. Qualified products must also have third-party certification based on testing in recognized laboratories.