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Lake Josephine residents concerned about water

Water company working with DEP on solution

By PHIL ATTINGER

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SEBRING — Scott Peacock woke up Thanksgiving morning with pain in his gut that reached into his back.

"I couldn't hardly move," Peacock said. Peacock, 49, went to the hospital. Doctors told him he had a cyst on his kidney that

could have been forming for years.

After his girlfriend, Kathy Madden, received a notice about her tap water in early December, Peacock became worried that may have caused his problem.

"She's had problems with the water (here) since I met her," Peacock said, adding that he'd also lived in the Lake Josephine area for at least five years.

Madden, 53, said she's been on the water system since 1995. It originally came out

looking like lake water, but treatment cleared it up, she said.

The more recent concern is the presence of haloacetic acid, said Ron Derossett, plant operator with U.S. Water Services Corp., which covers the Lake Josephine and Sebring Lakes areas.

In that area, aquifer water is high in hydrogen sulfide, Derossett said. It makes water smell like rotten eggs and is common in water tables throughout middle and northeast

Florida.

Haloacetic acid forms when a naturally-occurring substance, like hydrogen sulfide, reacts with chlorine and chloramine, commonly used disinfectants for water supplies, he said.

Derossett said the company is working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to fix the problem.

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LP council votes to change alcohol ordinance

Lifts ban on sale prior to 1 p.m. on Sundays

By ROD LEWIS

News-Sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID — After a tense discussion in front of a standing-room-only crowd, the Lake Placid Town Council voted unanimously Monday night to change the alcohol ordinance and allow sales before 1 p.m. on Sunday and eliminate a required minimum distance from churches and schools for establishments that sell alcohol.

Many representatives from local churches gave impassioned pleas to not allow the changes, saying that this ordinance was a slippery slope that would lead to a degraded town. They argued that there is no need for a person to have an alcoholic beverage on Sunday morning.

There were also many who advocated for the changes stating that the ordinance would help businesses in Lake Placid compete with towns like Sebring, where a person can go to eat and have an alcoholic beverage without the restrictions that are placed on the Lake Placid businesses.

The changes go into effect immediately, Town Attorney Bert Harris said.

More holiday cheer coming to the City of Charm in 2014



Phil Attinger/News-Sun

A visitor to Candy Cane Lane on the Avon Park Downtown Mall takes a photo of one of the 35 Christmas trees just before the 2013 Avon Park Christmas Parade. The trees were sponsored and provided by local businesses, but the idea came from Anna Marie Feeney of Royal4Home Services, who said she just wanted to give something back to the community.

Candy Cane Lane expansion proposed for Avon Park Mall

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AVON PARK — Over the Christmas holidays, Anna Marie Feeney saw couples walking hand-in-hand and parents taking family photos by Christmas trees she'd placed along the Avon Park Mall for the holidays.

"Just the look on people's faces made it worth it," Feeney said. "It was good for a first year. All the businesses (participating) were cooperative. It went really smooth."

Next Christmas, she has plans to expand.

In addition to "Candy Cane Lane" — 40 spots for Christmas trees provided and sponsored by local businesses — she plans to add "Gingerbread Lane" in front of the Hotel Jacaranda and "Santa Claus Square" in front of the Avon Park Community Center.

Last Thursday, the advisory board for the Avon Park Main Street Community Redevelopment Agency district

approved plans to expand the display. Feeney will go before the citywide CRA Board for final approval at 5 p.m. Monday.

The 2013 display on the meandering sidewalk between Forest Avenue and Butler Avenue drew hundreds of visitors, said Feeney, of Royal 4 Home Services. Of the 40 spaces available for artificial decorated and lit Christmas trees along the pathway, 35 local businesses

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Robbery spree under investigation

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LAKE PLACID — Half a dozen Lake Placid residents are the victims of what Lake Placid Police are investigating as a spree of armed robberies in the area.

Four separate incidents have resulted in multiple victims being struck by a firearm before being forced to give up money to two unidentified black male suspects.

On Friday, while Lake Placid officers were assisting Highlands County Sheriff's deputies on a separate case, two Hispanic males were approached

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AP adopts invocation policy

By PHIL ATTINGER

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AVON PARK — Since the city of Lakeland policy for invocations at city meetings has held up to legal challenge — so far — the Avon Park City Council has adopted a similar policy.

City Attorney Gerald Buhr drafted a resolution identical to the one used by Lakeland, and the Avon Park City Council adopted it Monday.

"It seems they have put together a good, solid procedure," Buhr said.

The resolution states that the City Council wants to keep a tradition of

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Foundation helps keep Barajas' memory alive

3rd annual 5K run is Saturday

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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LAKE PLACID — Family, friends and supporters are ready to embark upon their mission at Lake Placid Christian School to help raise funds for a great cause and to remember the life of Lake Placid High School graduate and athlete Alex Barajas.

The third annual Alex Barajas Foundation 5K and silent auction will take place Saturday to celebrate the life of Barajas, who died in 2011 from complications surrounding his second bout with cancer.

The race will begin at 8 a.m. sharp. Registration will be open beginning at 7 a.m. Pre-registration is still being accepted. Entry into the 5K is \$20 before the race and includes a T-shirt; Saturday registration will be \$30 and will not include a shirt. The silent auction will kick off immediately following the end of the race at Lake Placid Christian School, 148 E Interlake Blvd.

Throughout Barajas' few years, he remained determined and faithful even when facing his biggest adversities.

Since his death, his mother Elvia Barajas has worked to keep Alex's memory alive and to let everyone know of her son's faithful life and

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Sport Aviation Expo kicks off Thursday

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Starting tomorrow, attendees will have the

opportunity to bask in the Florida sunshine and see first-hand more than 160 aviation exhibitors displaying everything from home-built and light sport aircraft to Gyrocopters and flying cars to aviation accessories—basically everything for the sport aviation enthusiast.

The 10th annual U.S. Sport Aviation Expo will also feature a number of aviation forums, to learn more about Rotax and other aviation engines,

and more. Workshops and seminars will be offered by Stewart Aircraft Covering

Systems, Barry Hull, retired US Navy Commander and F/A-18 Hornet Fighter Pilot, and many more.

Onsite food vendors will make it easy to "make a day of it" ... or a long weekend enjoying their aviation passion. The Flying Musicians Association will be back this year to entertain all with

daily performances. Daily manufacturer showcases

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Community Briefs

Storyteller will offer free program

LAKE PLACID – Join Donna Wilson for her storytelling program, “Children’s Old Fables”, at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Lake Placid Memorial Library. Wilson has been telling stories professionally for more than 12 years.

Whether it is a personal story, family story, old fable, scary story, or a mountainous tall tale, Wilson’s performances are lively and animated. She is sometimes called The Meigsican Storyteller because she is from Meigs County, Ohio.

Wilson is a member for the Ohio Order for the Preservation of Storytelling (OOPS). She coordinated the 2008-2009 conferences for the regional events. She is a member of the West Virginia Storytelling Guild, Storytellers of Central Ohio, and the National Storytelling Network.

Wilson’s offerings will include old fables from Russia and the Appalachia, and all-time popular and traditional folktale favorites. This open event is free and suitable for children, families and caretakers.

Also, mark your calendars for “Family Quilt Stories,” an upcoming program at the Lake Placid Memorial library that will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13.

For more information contact the Lake Placid Memorial Library at 699-3705.

RPAC meets Thursday

SEBRING – The Highlands County Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Sports Complex Concession Building, second floor, at 216 Sheriff’s Tower Road.

Sport Aviation Expo opens today

SEBRING – The U.S. Sport Aviation Expo opens today at Sebring Regional Airport. The Expo will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday.

This aviation event provides opportunities for visitors to see, try, fly and buy anything related to home-built, sport and light-sport aircraft. Food vendors, entertainment and more for all ages.

Low Vision Information Group, Red Cane Club meet

SEBRING – The Low Vision Information Group and Red Cane Club will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday at Highlands Community



Question: Should there be process for residents to get speed control devices like speed bumps placed in their neighborhoods?

Yes
65.8%

No
34.2%

Total votes: 111

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Church for introductions, sharing experiences, tips and announcements. The lecture is at noon.

The purpose of the group is to encourage people with low vision or those that are legally blind to share their experiences and to understand that there are many ways to help keep one’s independence and continue to do nearly all of their daily activities that they have done in the past.

This month guests will hear all about AIS, or Active Isolated Stretching. Sean Snapp, LMT from Food For Thought in Sebring, will tell how AIS works with a brief demonstration. AIS is a gentle, muscle specific soft tissue method of systematic stretching that is effective in realigning, relieving pain, lengthening and strengthening the muscles and fascia throughout the body.

AIS has successfully treated such conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, sciatica problems, fibromyalgia, carpal tunnel syndrome, neuropathy and others.

The lecture series for the Red Cane Club and the Low Vision Information Group is organized through H.A.L.L.O. (Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization). To be on the mailing list for notification of the meetings and guest speakers, call HALLO at 385-1196, email halloinc@embarq-mail.com, or write H.A.L.L.O., P.O. Box 7082, Sebring, FL 33872.

SFSC Public Service Academy offers Security Guard Training

AVON PARK – South Florida State College’s Public Service Academy

(PSA) is offering a Security Guard Training course. This 40-hour course is required for work as a state of Florida Licensed Security Guard, Class D License. Topics covered will include patrol techniques, first aid, terrorism, Florida Statutes, and those mandated by the Florida Department of Business Regulation.

The course will be held from 6-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and begins Monday, Jan. 27 at the SFSC Highlands Campus PSA, 600 W. College Drive.

Pre-registration is required, and the course number is CRN 21436. The cost of the course is \$170 per person and may be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Participants may register in Building B on the SFSC Highlands Campus or at any SFSC campus or center.

For more information, contact Richard Morey, coordinator, at 784-7285 or visit www.southflorida.edu/public service.

Prepare now for upcoming Country Fair

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Arts and Crafts 48th Country Fair will be here Feb. 1-2. Sharpen your pencils and enter original poems composed in the Adult Amateur or Professional Division. One poem is accepted in each sub-class – Rhyming Verse, Free Verse, Haiku, Lantern, Limerick, and Theme-Country Fair. No entry should be more than 32 lines on one page.

Rules will be available in the office. The classification list, registration form and poetry rules are available in the Country Fair Office in the back of the Caladium Co-op where classes are held.

For more information, call 465-2889.

Fred Wild Elementary School Advisory Council meets

SEBRING – The Fred Wild Elementary School Advisory Council (SAC) will meet at 2:45 p.m. Thursday in the Media Center of the school. The school PTO meeting will meet at 2:15 p.m.

All parents are encouraged to attend.

Participants do not need to be a voting member to attend and join in the SAC meeting. If you are a parent with a disability who requires reasonable accommodations in order to attend a school meeting, or if you need a translator, call the school at 471-5400 no later than three days before the meeting.



Courtesy photo Engelbert Humperdinck, a living legend in pop music for more than 40 years, returns to the South Florida State College Theatre for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Engelbert Humperdinck returns to SFSC Jan. 22

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Engelbert Humperdinck, a living legend in pop music for more than 40 years, returns to the South Florida State College Theatre for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, Jan. 22, as part of the 2013-14 Artist Series.

Humperdinck quickly rose to superstar status in the mid-1960s with hits like “Release Me” and “Am I That Easy to Forget?” Later, hits like “There Goes My Everything” and “The Last Waltz” cemented Humperdinck as a pop music fixture. He recorded a number of successful albums through the ’60s, including “Release Me,” “The Last Waltz,” “A Man Without Love,” and “Engelbert Humperdinck.”

The 1970s saw the release of hits like “We Made It Happen,” “Sweetheart,” “Another

Time, Another Place,” “Too Beautiful To Last,” and the smash hit, “After the Lovin’.” Humperdinck continued a rigorous schedule of recording and performing throughout the 1970s to present.

With 63 gold and 24 platinum records and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Humperdinck might be able to rest easy on his laurels. Instead, he continues to actively record and tour. He’s currently finishing an album of duets with the likes of Sir Elton John, Smokey Robinson, Kenny Rogers, Neil Sedaka, Willie Nelson, and Gene Simmons.

Sponsors for this performance are Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center (Platinum), Vinod and Tarlika Thakkar Foundation (Silver), Sedlock & Heston Construction Inc. (Bronze), and Sunny K. Zengler

(Bronze).

Individual tickets for Humperdinck are \$42, \$53 and \$63. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.performances.southflorida.edu or by calling the SFSC Box Office, 784-7178. SFSC Box Office hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and one hour prior to showtime. Tickets are also available by visiting the Box Office during business hours. The box office is in front of the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 W. College Drive.

One hour prior to the performance, audience members can visit the “Crackers, Houses, and Horses” exhibition at the SFSC Museum of Florida Art and Culture (SFSC MOFAC), featuring paintings by Ron Haase, sculptures by Mindy Colton, and photography by Jon Kral.

Lottery Center



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Archaeologist to speak at SFSC about Calusa mounds

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — The Kissimmee Valley Archaeological and Historical Conservancy will sponsor archaeologist Theresa Schober, M.A., in their Speaker Series at South Florida State College Thursday at 7 p.m. in Building G, Room 101 on the SFSC Highlands Campus. The public is invited at no cost.

Schober will present presentation is “Mound Key: Where the New and Old Worlds Collide.” Remnants of elevated mounds and ridges, sculpted canals and watercourse remain a visible, yet subtle, reminder of the once-thriving Calusa society

in today’s southwest Florida landscape. Careful archaeological excavation reveals how and when this landscape was constructed, and its relationship with the development of the Calusa through time culminating in the highly complex stratified chiefdom controlling the southern third of Florida’s Peninsula by Spanish contact.

Mound Key, the Calusa capital, remains the first specific location documented in the voyage of Juan Ponce de Leon in 1513 that named La Florida.

Schober is an archaeologist and cultural resource consultant working in south Florida since 1998. For nine years she directed the

restoration and exhibit development at Mound House and Newton Park on Fort Myers Beach, securing \$4 million for education, exhibit, and historic preservation initiatives and two awards from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation.

She serves as vice president of the Florida Anthropological Society and Archaeological Research Cooperative, is a member of the Lee County Historic Preservation Board, and is a past board member and vice president of the Trail of Florida’s Indian Heritage.

For more information, call Anne Reynolds, 863-840-3995.

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The loons are singing at HLT

'On Golden Pond' takes stage tonight

By ROD LEWIS

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Highlands Little Theatre will present On Golden Pond starting tonight through Jan. 26 at the Lakeside Playhouse.

The comedy, written by Ernest Thompson, has been told many times and was made into a major motion picture starring Henry Fonda (in his last starring role) as Norman Thayer Jr. and Katherine Hepburn as his wife Ethel.

The 1981 film version was nominated for nine Academy Awards in 1982, winning three of them — one for Fonda, one for Hepburn, and one for Thompson, who adapted the screenplay. Thompson additionally won Golden Globe and Writers Guild of America awards for the play.

The play enjoyed a revival in 2005 when James Earl Jones and Leslie Uggams became the protagonists for the Broadway production that closed prematurely due to an illness to Jones. The revival earned a Tony Award nomination in the category of Best Revival Play.

The rich history of the play provides a starting point for the production at HLT. Pete Pollard, who directs the play and plays Norman Thayer Jr., described the play as, "Poignant, often funny love story about Norman and Ethel Thayer who have been married for 48 years. The play deals with a somewhat dysfunctional relationship between a father and daughter and the reconciliation that occurs during this particular summer."

While the play has its twists and turns, tensions and releases, the constant crooning of the loons that are on Golden Pond when the play starts become a joy to Ethel as the play continues, and bids farewell as the play ends.

The soothing calls of the loons on the lake create a contrast from the tension that is unfolding in the house.



Rod Lewis/News-Sun

From left: Ethel (Tammy Pollard), Chelsea (Erika Weaver-Coleman), Billy Ray (Josh Mc Ghee), and Norman (Pete Pollard) and, seated, Billy Ray Jr. (Mark Reyes) in Highlands Little Theatre's production of 'On Golden Pond,' which begins tonight.

Pollard describes the live theater experience as magical.

"So many have never seen live theater, and it is magical. I often refer to the theater as the magic factory. Most buildings take on the character of the people within, however, the theater changes with each performance. The theater has been transformed into ancient Rome, New York City, the Alps and carnivorous plants from outer space that loved to rock and roll. Time was also spent with sex-crazed older people, and now the audience is invited to spend time with the Thayer family on Golden Pond. We think you will enjoy your stay."

Transformations not only occur in the set, the actors are also transformed. "Everyone should see the show so they can see me transform into a rude, obnoxious child," said Mark Reyes who plays Billy Jr. "I learned a lot from this role because it Billy Jr. is so different than I am."

Although the script has slight differences from the movie, and there

are really no surprise endings or twists to the plot, this emotional play brings a dynamic movie to life. The emotion is felt through the theatre. After all of the challenges faced by the Thayers that summer on Golden Pond, Ethel, played by Tammy Pollard, sums it up nicely when she muses, "We'll have the summer to read and pick berries and play monopoly, and Billy can come for as long as he likes, and you two can fish and I will make Toll House Cookies, and life will go on, won't it?" The loons will continue to sing their songs.

On Golden Pond opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakefront Playhouse in Sebring.

There are shows at 7:30 p.m. each of the next three Fridays as well as Wednesday, Jan. 22, and shows at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18 and Jan. 25.

To see coming attractions, tickets or more information call (863) 382-2525, visit www.highlandslittletheatre.org or stop by the box office at 356 West Center Ave.

City takes on more residents and county garbage hauler

By PHIL ATTINGER

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AVON PARK — City Council members voted 4-1 to have City Attorney Gerald Buhr seek a court ruling on who gets to provide garbage hauling to the city's newest residents at Crystal Lake Golf Club.

Councilman Garrett Anderson dissented. He said a possible \$15,000 in legal costs outweighed a possible \$2 drop in residents' garbage fees if city utilities can gain almost 600 more customers before the county-contracted garbage hauler's franchise renews.

"If we know (now) the contract ends in 2015, why purposely go pick a fight?" Anderson asked.

It's a question of money. City Manager Julian Deleon has estimated sanitation hauling revenue from Crystal Lake at \$8,170 per month, or a potential loss to the city of \$171,612 by September 2015 — when the hauler's franchise with the Highlands County Commission is up for renewal.

The City Council also voted — unanimously — to annex five parcels into the city Monday, a total 15.55 acres that included 50 dwelling units at Banyan Woods Apartments, north of Lake Byrd, and 40 units at the Brentwood Mobile Home Park. It makes for 603 homes annexed in the last three months.

City Manager Julian Deleon said adding all those homes to the city's 4,000-customer sanitation service would offset operating costs with \$9,800 more in monthly revenue and cut rates for everyone.

Buhr said that Progressive Waste Solutions claims to have a separate contract with Crystal Lake outside of its county-issued franchise. Buhr contends that the

franchise overrules any contract with park owner, Mink L.L.C., while the company's lawyer argues the opposite.

Buhr said he's fairly certain that Progressive does not have an automatic renewal with the county. Unfortunately, neither one has found any case law to back up their arguments, so the matter has to go before a judge, Buhr said.

"It's a toss up," Buhr said. Buhr is estimating the case could cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Anderson said he didn't think it would be worth the potential savings.

However, Councilman Parke Sutherland said the prospect of getting almost \$10,000 more in revenue for the city each month would be worth \$10,000 in fees.

Deleon said he didn't think it would take 20 months to get a declarative judgment from a judge. He said the city has a case since state law allows municipalities to provide service before a franchise expires if the level of service is higher. The city offers "single-stream" no-sort recycling and commercial carts at no extra charge to all accounts, along with vegetation and construction/demolition debris collection.

Buhr said if it looks like the city would have to spend the whole 20 months in litigation, he probably would advise against the lawsuit.

Residents are interested in having the city service. Councilman Terry Heston said he and Deleon meet with approximately 200 residents in the 55-and-old Crystal Lake community. One lady, he said, told him she was "tired of feeling bad that she couldn't recycle."

However, Buhr said that by Florida law, people don't get to chose their garbage service.

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Editorial & Opinion

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

County should focus on fewer goals and accomplish them well

In 2011, the International City/County Management Association published a paper on its website — icma.org. The paper, based on a larger work by Carl W. Steinberg, discusses how local governments are poised to reinvent themselves in the wake of the Great Recession.

Or, to be more accurate, how local governments have no choice but to do things differently from the ways they did them before.

Steinberg writes that local governments must restructure and take “bold actions” during this period of financial upheaval. He adds that some of the actions are bound to be controversial and politically tough, such as cutting staff or eliminating core services; other actions will have to be creative and appear risky — like collaborative arrangements with other municipalities or private service providers.

This is why we wish the county commissioners and the county staff good luck as they head into the goal setting

workshop Feb. 18.

We agree with Commissioner Jack Richie that a discussion of what the county's core services should be is important. It seems the most logical place to start working on a budget.

Defining core services, however, is not easy.

To begin with, services typically fall into one of two groups — those that are necessary and those that add value. For example, firefighters are necessary; a recreation park adds value.

Then there are services mandated by federal or state governments, which cities and counties are obligated to fulfill but pay for themselves. Then there are the sacred cows — services that

can't be changed because of popular demand.

Making these kinds of decisions will be painful for everyone.

Which is why we agree with Commission Chairman Greg Harris when he suggests creating a shorter list of projects this year. Better to accomplish few things well than mess up a lot in a rush.

We strongly disagree with Harris, however, when he suggests the workshop should be kept informal with the commissioners discussing ideas back and forth. We recommend a facilitator to lead the discussion — like the city of Sebring used to lead its own visioning session recently — to develop a consensus, keep people on point and ideas from falling between the cracks.

The workshop can't be a five-man brainstorming session. If it's to make a difference, the workshop's outcome has to reflect the wants of the community through practical ideas that can be put into motion by county staff.



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Our irrational immigration system is the problem

The state of California tossed the conservative media another hunk of red meat last week when its Supreme Court granted an illegal alien a law license.

You probably heard plenty of outrage on your favorite talk-radio show about how the liberal Left Coast judges rewarded a lawbreaking immigrant instead of deporting him or throwing him in jail.

Mindless outrage is probably all you heard.

The details of the case — who the illegal alien was, how he came to America and how long he's been trying to become a legal citizen — were lost in the anger.

But the more you learn about the case of Sergio Garcia, the more you'll understand what is the Number One problem with our awful immigration policy.

It isn't because we have too many liberal judges, too many illegal aliens or too many holes in the U.S.-Mexico border. The main problem is our failed, insanely bureaucratic U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) department itself.

Garcia, 36, is just one of its countless victims. More than 20 years ago — when he was a teenager — he came from Mexico to pick almonds in California with his father.

In 1994 his father, who was a permanent legal resident of the United States, applied for a work visa for Garcia. That year his father also applied for U.S. citizenship for him.

While Garcia waited for the lawyers and bureaucrats to process the paperwork, he worked and studied hard. He went to community college, became a paralegal, went to law school and passed the bar exam.

When he applied for a license to practice law in California, the U.S. Department of Justice prevented him from getting it because of a federal law prohibiting anyone in the United States without permission from getting licenses from government agencies that use public money.

California bar officials and the attorney general supported Garcia in the state Supreme Court case, arguing successfully that a new California state law says you don't have to be a U.S. citizen to get a lawyer's license in California.

I'm not mad at Sergio Garcia. Why should anyone be? He did nothing wrong.



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In fact, he did everything right. He played by the rules — the dumb rules. And that's why he's still an illegal alien.

Ditto for the poor guy who cuts my hair. He's still waiting for his citizenship after 17 years. Ditto for countless other

immigrants who want to come here, work hard and someday become American citizens.

Talk radio should aim its anger where it belongs. Not at Garcia, not at California's judges, but at our irrational immigration system and the politicians responsible for devising it and refusing to fix it or blow it up.

A recent study counted 234 government forms related to immigration, issued by seven Cabinet-level agencies. Even highly skilled immigrants — the 65,000 people we want and need the most, and to whom we grant H-1B visas — face 16 forms, nearly 20 hours of paperwork and \$2,500 in application costs.

Our immigration system is so broken, so complex, so expensive, so slow, so legalistic, so bureaucratic, and so counter-productive it's a wonder anyone ever successfully becomes a citizen.

Republicans and conservatives are supposed to be against big government, over-regulation and mindless bureaucracy.

Yet when was the last time you heard a Republican in Washington complain about how the maze of rules and regulations at USCIS makes it virtually impossible for someone to enter the country legally through the front door?

No one wants to get in line for 20 years to get into the United States. No one should have to. The long wait is one reason we're losing the brightest immigrants to other countries.

California officials, for once, probably did the right thing when they stuck up for Sergio Garcia.

Instead of laughing at California for giving a law license to an illegal immigrant, our conservative friends in the media should be working to tear down the USCIS and bring our immigration policy into the 21st century.

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Words do not always mean what they infer

Editor:

A new phrase is beginning to appear in the news. It is “sustainable development.” On the surface, I would say this is great. However, in today's world words have lost their meaning and do not portray what you think they mean.

Civic leaders hold meetings and outline visions for their towns, enforced by “consensus.” Important people appear before Congressional committees and talk about the need of “free trade,” “social justice,” “global truth,” etc. What does all this mean?

Orwell had it right when he realized, whoever controlled language and manipulated key phrases could control policy.

What is “sustainable development”? The people who push this idea believe that society should be changed into a feudal-like government by making nature the main principle for our economy and society. This policy has three components. Global land use, global education and global population control.

America is the only country in the world based on the idea of private property. This idea of “private property” is not agreeable with the premise of sustainable development.

If you doubt this, here is a

quote from the 1976 UN's Habitat 1 Conference. “Land cannot be treated as an ordinary asset controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market. Private land ownership is also a principle instrument of accumulation and concentration of wealth, therefore contributes to “social injustice.”

Sustainable development is just another word for socialism. Which brings me back to my statement that “in today's world, words do not always mean what they infer.”

*Dick Ford
 Sebring*

New parents have a lot to consider

Editor:

One of the best days of a parent's life is when their child is born. However, the day will come when they have to go back to work or their child is ready for preschool. How could they possibly find someone who can be responsible enough to take care of their child? This could end up being one of the most stressful decisions in a new parent's life.

To make this stressful time more bearing, make sure you are prepared. Go in knowing what to look for and what questions to ask. First, consider what you want. Are you looking for somewhere near your work place, close to home, faith-based, or a certain type of

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curriculum? Start by making a list of the top promising schools and make appointments to tour the school and interview the director. Let the “shopping” begin.

When visiting the schools, these are some questions you may consider asking and some things to look for:

- Discipline — Check to see if they have a written disciplinary policy.
- Training and credentials of teachers — Each teacher is required by Department of Children and Families to take the mandated 40 credit hours classes to work in a childcare facility.
- Staff to child ratio — Each age group has their own ratio.
- Communication between

school and parents — Be sure to ask how you will be informed of your child's day.

- Curriculum (developmentally appropriate) — Ask them what type of curriculum is being used. If you are looking for a faith-based school, ask about their way of teaching in this area as well.

- Fees and hours — You want to be sure that the childcare hours that are provided will fit your schedule.

- Parent handbook
- Staff — It is informative to know the teacher/staff turnover.

When you visit the classrooms, check for these few things:

- Positive and nurturing environment
- Clean and safe facility
- Daily schedule posted
- Creative play areas

Most important, choosing a preschool is a personal decision. It is important that you love the preschool and feel that it meets your child's needs. Trust your own instincts and find a preschool that makes you feel comfortable and confident in taking care of your child. You can research their license and see inspection histories on myflorida.com.

Some of the information given in this article is confirmed by Florida Administrative Code Child Care Standards.

*Allison Whitehurst
 Sebring*

LPPD probes string of armed robberies

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on Spruce Street by what the victims describe as two young black males. The victims told police the two subjects came from a dark area with masks over their faces and demanded their money, Lake Placid Police Chief James Fansler reported.

One of the subjects was reportedly carrying a firearm and struck one of the victims during the robbery. The victim was treated at the scene for minor injuries. The two suspects fled the area on foot.

Highlands County Sheriff's K9 Unit was deployed but was unsuccessful in obtaining a track due to the areas frequent foot traffic by local residence.

"While investigating the first incident, a second PD officer located a second victim who reportedly was robbed within a few blocks from the initial reporting area. Again, the victim reports two black males approached him and demanded his money," Fansler said.

The third incident occurred Saturday near Poinsettia and Magnolia. There, two Hispanic males reported to LPPD that a red car pulled up and a black male exited the vehicle while pointing a firearm at

them. The suspect demanded money from the victims. The two victims were not harmed, according to Fansler's report.

There was a fourth incident Sunday near South Main Avenue and Park Street where a Hispanic male reportedly was chased by two black males. The victim reportedly did not get robbed, however he was struck by one of the suspects, Fansler reported.

Fansler believes that the incidents are related. "I'm pretty sure at least three of them are related. The fourth I'm not too certain about just because of the description of the firearm for that incident. It doesn't really match up with the others," Fansler said. "We are out here beating the street and following all leads."

Fansler could not provide any further description of the two suspects.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Lake Placid Police at 699-3757 or lppd.tips@gmail.com. Those who wish to remain anonymous can contact Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-8477 or www.heartlandcrimestoppers.com/.

A reward is being offered for any information that leads to an arrest.



Courtesy photo Alex Barajas with his sisters, Haley and Melissa Barajas.

Barajas 5K is Saturday

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strength. "The event is going to take place right around his birthday. I like holding it then. Alex would have been 21 years old on Jan. 16, so I couldn't think of a better day to do it," Barajas said.

Nearly 180 people have already registered for the 5K and are ready to walk, jog and run for Alex's memory.

"There has been a lot of support, especially from Alex's friends, our family and all of my co-workers and people here at work. It's really nice," Barajas said.

Barajas received medical treatment from Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando during his cancer battle. A portion of the money raised from the foundation's event will go to the hospital in Alex's name the rest will go to benefit the foundation.

"Last year we raised \$10,000. We donated the money to Arnold Palmer. My goal this year is to raise the same amount. I'm not focused on raising more. I'd

just like to raise the same amount as we did last year," Barajas said.

Following the 5K, participants and guests will have the opportunity to raise more funds by joining in the silent auction action.

Dozens of items have been donated from businesses and organizations throughout Highlands County and other areas to be used at the auction.

"We got a lot of donations for the auction. There's all kinds of items. One of the bigger prizes is a one-week vacation trip to the mountains in Montana. We also have a few Tim Tebow autographed items that were donated to the auction," Barajas said.

The auction will feature live music by local artists and light refreshments.

For more information, contact Elvia Barajas at 243-1215. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Alex Barajas Foundation website alexbarajasfoundation.weebly.com/registration-form.html/.

Officials: Dad threw toddler over hotel balcony, jumped

KISSIMMEE (AP) — Authorities say a father threw his 2-year-old son off a second-floor, hotel balcony in central Florida before jumping himself.

Kissimmee police responded to the Budget Inn around 2 a.m. Tuesday. A

Department of Children and Families news release says Juan Pablo Maradiaga will face an attempted murder charge.

DCF says the toddler suffered multiple injuries including several fractures, but is expected to recover.

Scott finally settles on lieutenant governor

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida Gov. Rick Scott filled the long-vacant post of lieutenant governor with a former state legislator and ally of U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio.

The selection of Miami-Dade Property Appraiser Carlos Lopez-Cantera was announced on Tuesday. Lopez-Cantera, 40, was born in Madrid, Spain, but grew up in Miami.

He spent eight years in the House, rising to the position of House Majority Leader in 2010 before he was forced to leave in 2012 due to term limits. He was elected property appraiser in 2012 after working as a real-estate agent and serving on the Miami-Dade

County planning advisory board.

His appointment comes almost 10 months after former Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll abruptly resigned after she was interviewed by law-enforcement authorities about work she once did for a charity that prosecutors have said was a front for a widespread gambling ring. She has not been accused of any wrongdoing.

Scott is filling the spot of lieutenant governor a week after he was sued by a Tallahassee lobbyist and political activist for leaving the position vacant since March. Barbara DeVane, who filed the suit, contended Scott was breaking a state law.

Obituaries

LILLIAN LINTON

Lillian I. Ziegler Linton, 95, passed away Jan. 11, 2014 in Sebring, Fla. She was born to the late Homer and Addie Ziegler on Sept. 30, 1918 in Cleveland. Lillian graduated from Lexington, Ohio High School and Mansfield Business School. She was a past matron of Bellville Lodge of Eastern Stars. She worked at Snyder Trailer Factory as a secretary for 10 years. She moved to Florida in 1970, where she and her husband, Tom, owned and operated a mobile home park for 14 years.

She is survived by her husband of 76 years, Tom Linton; one daughter, Betty Bjore; one son, Jay (Joyce) Linton; four grandchildren, Tracy (Daryl) Morse, Harry Linton, Kevin Linton, and Shelly (Scott) Kilgore Liedel; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara, on Aug. 26, 1942, her parents, one brother and two sisters.

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will allow visitors to see a variety of homebuilt and light sport aircraft in flight and on the ground. Demonstration flights will be available to those wishing for a more personal experience.

Expo organizers are extending a special invitation to owners of amateur-built aircraft or kit planes to fly their aircraft to Sebring during the four-day event. Those interested in displaying their aircraft are invited to call 655-6455 to reserve a parking space as well as under-the-wing camping, if desired.

Daily speakers will offer visitors the opportunity to learn more about aviation past and present at 1:30 p.m. each day in the Show Center Tent. On Thursday, EAA Homebuilding Community Manager Charlie Becker will discuss how homebuilding saved general aviation. Friday, Craig Fuller, chairman of the board for Redbird Flight Simulations and former president of the Aircraft Owner's and Pilot's Association, will discuss the future of light sport aircraft. Saturday, Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col.

(retired) Leo Gray will share stories of his experiences before, during, and after World War II. Gray flew 15 combat missions during World War II flying a P-51 with the famed Red Tail Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group.

Tampa General Hospital will be exhibiting for the first time at Expo with their brand new Bell 407GX Air Vac Helicopter on Display. Hospital staff will be available to answer questions and show off the aircraft.

Rapid Systems is providing a true broadband experience this year with the installation of the latest generation equipment and technology available in wireless networking to help support this event for both exhibitors and attendees.

"More than 16,000 visitors enjoyed the 2013 Expo and, we're excited to open the Expo to homebuilt aircraft and welcome even more visitors to our event this year. We're hoping for great weather and a wonderful time for people to share their love of aviation," said Jana Filip, Expo director.

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AP council adopts new policy on invocations at meetings

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“solemnizing its proceedings” by allowing religious leaders to open the meeting with a prayer or blessing, since the founders of the United States recognized all people have rights given by a creator that cannot be taken by government.

The resolution also states that although the City Council wishes to invite leaders to “invoke divine guidance,” it also states that doing so would not establish a religion or be a step toward establishing one. Buhr quoted several U.S. Supreme Court cases and a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit — which covers Florida — that prayer prior to meetings does not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

To follow Lakeland’s procedure, Avon Park won’t list the invocation as an agenda item and will not require any staff member or visitor to a meeting to participate. Also, the city would maintain a database of all available clergy to issue invitations to speak.

The database would be compiled through telephone listings, both in and outside the city, and would also accept any request by a religious organization to be added to the list. There is specific language for the invitation, as well.

The resolution provided that the city clerk would maintain the list. Mayor Sharon Schuler asked instead for it to be either the city manager or the manager’s staff designee, which was accepted. Neither council members or staff would make any review or whom to invite or not, the resolution states.

Schuler said the city usually only has Christian clergy.

Buhr said that’s fine if they are the only ones who accept an invitation, but the city’s old policy would not stand up to scrutiny.

Councilman Parke Sutherland said Lakeland was sued because the city had no written plan, and Buhr said if Avon Park were sued, and lost, it would have to pay attorney and court costs for both sides.

“This is a C.Y.A. to prevent someone’s wrath,” Sutherland said.

Councilman Terry Heston asked how this would change the invocations, as done now. Sutherland said it would change where in the meeting it takes place and how it’s noticed in agendas.

Deputy Mayor Giles said the city should invite just those in Avon Park, but both Sutherland and Buhr said the city needs to make a blanket invitation. For example, Buhr said, a citizen of a different religion living in Avon Park who worships outside the city should be able to have their religion on the list.

“It’s rare that the other religions sue,” Buhr said. “It’s usually the atheists who sue over bad policy.”

Lakeland’s policy came out of just such a challenge.

As reported in The Ledger, Atheists of Florida filed suit in U.S. District Court in Tampa on July 12, 2010, and had objected for several months to invocations being used to open government meetings in Lakeland and other central Florida cities.

EllenBeth Wachs, director of the Lakeland atheists chapter, challenged the Lakeland policy on grounds that it violated the Establishment Clause. She and fellow atheists also claimed they were made to feel uncomfortable because they did not stand during the invocation and omitted say-

ing “under God” during the Pledge of Allegiance. This violated the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment, she said.

The lawsuit was thrown out in federal court on Feb. 22, 2012, partly on the grounds that it was not necessary for Lakeland to search for religious groups that don’t have a presence in the area.

As a result of the lawsuit, Lakeland also removed the word “invocation” from its twice-monthly meeting agenda and added two sentences explaining that it is barred from endorsing religious beliefs.

The city then also set policy to collect a database of clergy — which Avon Park has now adopted.

Councilman Garrett Anderson asked if being the one to contact clergy wouldn’t make the city liable for if they don’t get the message. Buhr said he couldn’t promise the city would not be sued, but added that the Lakeland policy has held up better to scrutiny now than before. If the Supreme Court throws out part of it, he said, the city can amend the resolution to adapt.

“I don’t ever want to see a time when we can’t have a prayer,” Schuler said. “The Lord has got us through a lot of bad situations.”

Paul Miller, of Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church, said he would hate to see Christ taken out of public meetings.

“That’s our Constitution,” Miller said. “It was based on the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ledger reporter John Chambliss and former Ledger Religion Editor Gary McMullen contributed to this story. Phil Attinger can be reached at phil.attinger@newssun.com or 385-6155, ext. 541, and followed on Twitter @PhilAttinger.



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Anna Marie Feeney shows where she wants to set up ‘Santa Claus Square’ in the Avon Park Downtown Mall across from the Avon Park Community Center. It’s an expansion of ‘Candy Cane Lane,’ the Christmas tree display that brought hundreds of people to the Mall for the 2013 Christmas season.

Candy Cane Lane to grow in AP

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provided decorated trees to Feeney in time to have them set up for the annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade on Dec. 7.

“I did this just ‘cause I thought it was a nice thing to do — and I kinda like people,” Feeney said with a smile.

The 2014 display will have 40 spots as well, Feeney said. Another 40 trees will go up along the winding path in front of Hotel Jacaranda, heading east from in front of the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce building toward Verona Avenue.

Walkers can then enjoy an unbroken holiday display heading west from Verona Avenue through

“Gingerbread Lane,” past live oaks strewn with white lights — which Feeney’s company installed — through Veterans Mall, and then to “Candy Cane Lane.” Just west of that, Santa will greet children in “Santa Claus Square” three nights per week — except for the

night of the parade and on Christmas Eve. His platform will have a wheelchair-accessible ramp and a slide for the children coming to see him, Feeney said.

Feeney also hopes to install 10 more trees around Santa’s platform and have food and toy collection bins along Candy Cane Lane. Toys will go to children in pediatric wards over the Christmas holidays, she said.

“They need Christmas more than anyone else at that point if they’re spending Christmas in a hospital,” Feeney said.

Her proposal was for \$2,500 from the city and CRA to set up the displays, with a \$5 set-up fee for each business, as it was last Christmas. Maria Sutherland, administrative services director for the city, also recommended the advisory board add \$1,000 for advertising and incidental costs, for a total of \$3,500.

“During the holidays, we get people from all over the place,” Sutherland said.

“(For this) \$3,500 is a small price to pay.”

Sutherland said she hopes to secure funds from the Highlands County Tourist Development Council for advertising, thus saving the CRA funds for more projects.

Feeney said she has had 40 friends approach her about helping since she made the announcement on Facebook.

That would help, she said, because the 2013 display was handled by her, her husband, her daughter and some of the city’s public works employees.

Sutherland said the \$1,000, in addition to helping advertise outside of Avon Park, would provide more materials or quick help from city staff, if volunteers drop out.

Feeney said that between people tripping on plugs or city irrigation tripping breakers, it was a full-time task keeping Candy Cane Lane lit.

“But it was worth it,” Feeney said. “It still is.”

Lake Josephine residents worried about water

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The acid has been tied to liver, kidney and central nervous system disorders, as well as a higher risk of cancer, according to the notice Madden received the first weekend in December. It stated haloacetic acid concentrations at the end of the third calendar quarter of 2013 averaged 66.04 micrograms per liter — more than Florida’s maximum allowable level of 60 micrograms per liter — and warned that people who ingest more than that much haloacetic acid over many years may develop health problems.

Madden said she has recently had problems with nervous twitches. Nervous disorders are listed in the notice as a possible symptom. “I don’t sit still,” Madden said. “I don’t know if it’s the water or me.”

Without medical insurance however, she doesn’t know the cause.

While the notice states there is not an immediate risk, it also recommends concerned water customers use alternative sources of water, such as bottled water or a home water treatment device.

Carl Smith — U.S. Water’s director of customer service, billing and business development — said water quality in Florida can vary greatly within a few miles, depending on how deep the water is and what substances leached into the earth from land uses over the years. Dealing with those inconsistencies is not easy, he said.

“It’s a tough science, but as technology improves, (you) have better things available to you,” Smith said.

Terry Cerullo, ombudsman

with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, said the Lake Josephine facility has two wells: One drilled to 1,100 feet and a second drilled to 1,400 feet. Sebring Lakes also has two: At 1,300 feet and 1,200 feet.

Cerullo said DEP requires U.S. Water to have a certified operator at the Lake Josephine plant five times per week and once each weekend for a total 0.6 hours per week: 36 minutes. Cerullo said monthly operating reports show U.S. Water has done this.

When U.S. Water took over the Lake Josephine water system from the previous owner, Derossett said, the company hired the same local water utility manager who has managed the system for the last 30 years.

The company has flushed out the old filters and frequently flushes the lines, Derossett said. The company has a chloramine system at Leisure Lakes, Derossett said, and could install one at Lake Josephine. The disinfectant stays active longer and could reduce the amount of chlorine, creating less

haloacetic acid, Derossett said. Only, it’s more expensive.

Cerullo said when higher-than-acceptable levels of contaminant are discovered, the company that operates a water plant, its engineering firm, DEP and the Highlands County Department of Health work as a team to correct the problem and keep the public informed.

The notice Madden received said the U.S. Water Services Corporation had taken additional water samples to determine the best way to reduce the contamination. Chlorine dosage was adjusted and the sulfide filters were tested and serviced, it said. The notice also said DEP personnel visited the site on Aug. 27, 2013, to discuss the corrective action taken by U.S. Water, and “were satisfied with the results.”

Derossett said he hopes to have new and better results by the end of January.

An attempt was made to follow up with Peacock and Madden about their health issues and water supply, but they were unavailable.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-266

IN RE: ESTATE OF
FRANK B. LOWN, JR.
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of FRANK B. LOWN, JR., deceased, has been entered with the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was October 7, 2012; that the total value of the estate is less than \$75,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Katherine Lown, 794 Byrd Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 15, 2014.
Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
John K. McClure
Attorney for Katherine A. Lown
Florida Bar No. 286958
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Person Giving Notice:
Katherine A. Lown
794 Byrd Avenue
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

January 15, 22, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000547GCAXMX
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
EVERTON ROBINSON; ET AL.,
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF ACTION
(Constructive Service - Property)
TO: JUDITH JONES and EVERTON ROBINSON
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
5491 FOX HILLS AVE.
BUENA PARK, CA 90621
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to

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foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Highlands County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

The following described land, situate, lying and being in Highlands County, Florida to-wit: Lot 2, Block 46, ORANGE BLOSSOM COUNTRY CLUB COMMUNITY UNIT 15, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 6, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 10018 Orange Blossom, Sebring, FL 33875
Attorney file number: 13-08950
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Pendergast & Associates, P.C., 115 Perimeter Center Place, South Terraces, Suite 1000, Atlanta, GA 30346, within thirty (30) days of the first publication. Please file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in THE NEWS-SUN.
WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Sebring, Florida, on the 27th day of December, 2013.

Clerk Name: ROBERT GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court Florida
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Brenda Liz Jimenez
As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this hearing should contact ADA Coordinator not later than one (1) day prior to the proceeding at Nick Sudzina. For the hearing and voice impaired 863-534-4686.
13-08950
January 8, 15, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: GC-12-001140
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
PENNY BARFIELD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PENNY BARFIELD; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, ACTING THROUGH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 3rd day of February, 2014, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 6, BLOCK D OF PINE HILL, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE(S) 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
09-62154
January 8, 15, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-472

IN RE: ESTATE OF
PETER A. TUFANIO
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Peter A. Tufanio, deceased, whose date of death was June 14, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 8, 2014.

Personal Representative:
Carol A. Eastburn
12330 NW 29th Manor
Sunrise, Florida 33323

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Representative:
Charlotte C. Stone, Esq.
Attorney for Carol A. Eastburn
Florida Bar Number: 21297
STONE LAW GROUP, P.L.
3200 U.S. Hwy 27 S., Suite 307
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)402-5424
Fax: (863)402-5425
E-Mail: Charlotte@StoneLawGroupFL.com
January 8, 15, 2014

ADDRESS UNKNOWN
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 25, THIRD ADDITION TO HIGHWAY PARK, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 8, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Antonio Andres Caula, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 30th day of December, 2013.

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863)534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

(COURT SEAL)
B&H #335216
January 8, 15, 2014

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

CASE NO.: 282009CA001943A000XX
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.
F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RICKY A. BENNETT; KATHLEEN BENNETT; et al,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 3rd day of October, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001943A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and RICKY A. BENNETT, KATHLEEN BENNETT, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK N.A. and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 3rd day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 19A COUNTRY CLUB OF SEBRING PHASE 2, SECTION 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
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 3rd day of October, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
09-62154
January 8, 15, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-472

IN RE: ESTATE OF
PETER A. TUFANIO
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Peter A. Tufanio, deceased, whose date of death was June 14, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 8, 2014.

Personal Representative:
Carol A. Eastburn
12330 NW 29th Manor
Sunrise, Florida 33323

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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January 8, 15, 2014

ADDRESS UNKNOWN
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 25, THIRD ADDITION TO HIGHWAY PARK, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 8, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Antonio Andres Caula, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 30th day of December, 2013.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000052

Section: _____
ONEWEST BANK, FSB
Plaintiff,
v.
ANTONIO DI ORONZO, et al
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING-PROPERTY
TO: Unknown Spouse of Antonio Di Oronzo, ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 299 W 12th Street, Apt 6A, New York, NY 10014
Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants,

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if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendant(s) are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant(s) as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 26, BLOCK 2, LAKE JUNE POINTE PHASE II, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 41, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 541 Sunset Pointe Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852
This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, such as Morris Hardwick Schneider, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 5110 Eisenhower Blvd., Suite 302A, Tampa, FL 33634 on or before February 5, 2014, and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863)534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CL

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 31st day of December, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
DEPUTY CLERK
FL-97007861-12
January 8, 15, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-527

IN RE: ESTATE OF
PAULINE OSTLUND GREEN
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of PAULINE OSTLUND GREEN, deceased, whose date of death was September 26, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 15, 2014.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Paula Mae Green
2532 NE 12th Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33264

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ William J. Nielander
Attorney for PAULA MAE GREEN
Florida Bar Number: 0386014
172 E. Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863) 465-8181
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January 15, 22, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-530

IN RE: ESTATE OF
FRED ANDREW COOPER, SR.
Division PROBATE
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of FRED ANDREW COOPER, SR., deceased, whose date of death was November 24, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 15, 2014.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Marsha Tapler
1212 J.R. Dr.
Garner, North Carolina 27529

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Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ C. Parke Sutherland
C. PARKE SUTHERLAND, ESQUIRE
Attorney for MARSHA TAPLER
Florida Bar Number: 0870781
900 W. Main St.
Avon Park, FL 33825
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Fax: (863) 452-5200
E-Mail: sutherland@avonparklaw.com
January 15, 22, 2014

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION
TO: Gregory J. Cappello
Case No: 201104958

A Notice of Suspension to suspend your license and eligibility for licensure has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 3168, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3168. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right to hearing in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law.
December 25, 2013; January 1, 8, 15, 2014

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice of Public Sale of the contents of self-storage unit(s) in default of contract per F.S. 83:801-809. Units will be sold by sealed bid at 10:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014, at Highlands Self Storage Inc. 7825 S. George Blvd. Sebring, FL 33872. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted. Any vehicle within units sold for parts only.
UNITS #21-25-54
January 8, 15, 2014

MEETING TIME CHANGE
SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The time of the regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2014 has been changed from 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the SFCO Highlands Campus at 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825. For additional information, interested parties may visit the college website at www.southflorida.edu or contact the Office of the President, South Florida State College at 600 West College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825.

IF A PERSON DECIDED TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.
January 12, 15, 2014

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED 13000193TDS
CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that US BANK AS C/F FL DUNDEE LIEN INV LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 11475
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2010
Tax ID: C-14-37-29-190-0460-0090

Description of Property:
LOT 9, BLOCK 46, PLACID LAKES, SECTION 19, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Name in which assessed:
PEDRO SOLORZANO

All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 29th day of January, 2014.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida

Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn
MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk
December 25, 2013; January 1, 8, 15, 2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED 13000194TDS
CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that US BANK AS C/F FL DUNDEE LIEN INV LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 11476
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2010
Tax ID: C-14-37-29-190-0470-0160

Description of Property:
LOT 16, BLOCK 53, PLACID LAKES, SECTION 19, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Name in which assessed:
YVONNE J. BAXTER;

All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 29th day of January, 2014.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida

Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn
MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk
December 25, 2013; January 1, 8, 15, 2014

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED 13000195TDS
CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that US BANK AS C/F FL DUNDEE LIEN INV LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 11479
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2010
Tax ID: C-14-37-29-190-0500-0040

Description of Property:
LOT 4, BLOCK 50, PLACID LAKES, SECTION 19, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Name in which assessed:
TARRON IV LLC;

All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 29th day of January, 2014.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida

Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn
MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk
December 25, 2013; January 1, 8, 15, 2014

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CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

1055 Highlands County Legals

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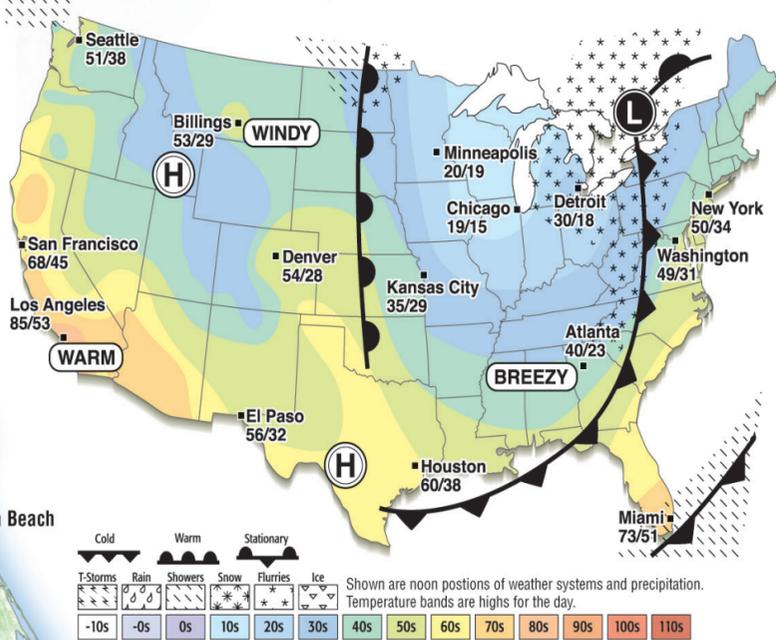
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Clouds yielding to some sun	Cooler with plenty of sunshine	Clouds and sun, a shower; warmer	Mostly sunny and cool	Mostly sunny
68° / 39°	56° / 34°	67° / 35°	58° / 36°	64° / 41°
Winds: WNW at 6-12 mph	Winds: NW at 7-14 mph	Winds: SW at 7-14 mph	Winds: NNW at 6-12 mph	Winds: NW at 6-12 mph

National Forecast for January 15



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	81°
Low Friday	67°
High Saturday	85°
Low Saturday	57°
High Sunday	75°
Low Sunday	48°
High Monday	81°
Low Monday	48°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

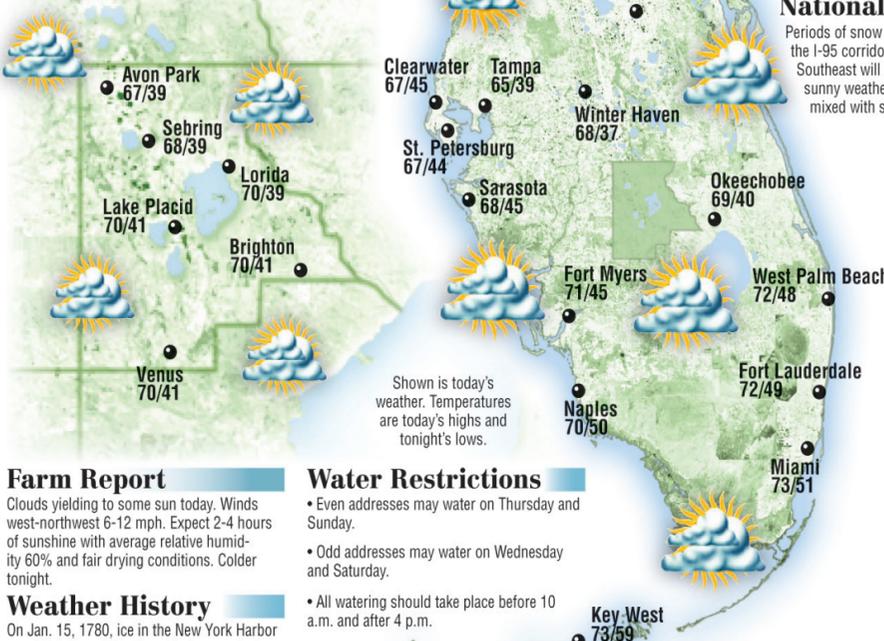
Relative humidity	42%
Expected air temperature	68°
Makes it feel like	66°

Barometer
Saturday N.A.
Sunday 30.17
Monday 29.94

Precipitation
Saturday 0.11"
Sunday 0.00"
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.92"
Year to date 0.92"

Regional Summary

Clouds yielding to some sun today. A stray evening shower; otherwise, clouds breaking, breezy and colder tonight. Cooler tomorrow with sunshine. Friday: clouds and sun with a shower in the area; warmer.



Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	12:22 a.m.
Low	8:06 a.m.
High	3:07 p.m.
Low	6:52 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	8:06 a.m.
Low	1:31 a.m.
High	8:12 p.m.
Low	1:57 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	14.04'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.



Farm Report

Clouds yielding to some sun today. Winds west-northwest 6-12 mph. Expect 2-4 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60% and fair drying conditions. Colder tonight.

Weather History

On Jan. 15, 1780, ice in the New York Harbor was thick enough to allow the transport of heavy cannons. While river ice can stop boat traffic, it may create possibilities.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
Sunset	5:56 p.m.	5:57 p.m.
Moonrise	5:47 p.m.	6:38 p.m.
Moonset	6:35 a.m.	7:16 a.m.



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	Thu.	Fri.
Cape Coral	70/45/pc	60/39/s	69/40/pc
Clearwater	67/45/pc	55/44/s	67/43/pc
Coral Springs	71/48/c	60/40/s	67/45/pc
Daytona Beach	70/34/pc	50/34/s	66/33/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	72/49/c	61/44/s	67/46/pc
Fort Myers	71/45/pc	60/39/s	69/41/pc
Gainesville	65/29/pc	52/30/s	59/27/pc
Hollywood	72/49/c	61/41/s	68/46/pc
Homestead AFB	73/49/c	62/40/s	68/45/pc
Jacksonville	64/28/pc	50/31/s	60/26/pc
Key West	73/59/sh	64/54/s	68/59/pc

National Summary

Periods of snow will be found along the Appalachians today as colder air moves in. As the precipitation moves into the I-95 corridor by the afternoon, it will mostly fall as rain with temperatures in the 40s and 50s. Much of the Southeast will dry out, but colder air will move in with temperatures 10 to 20 degrees lower than Tuesday. Dry, sunny weather is in store for the central and southern Plains, with cooler air pushing into Texas. An area of snow mixed with sleet or freezing rain, will move from North Dakota into Minnesota.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	51/30/s	53/26/s	52/29/s
Atlanta	40/23/pc	44/31/s	38/21/s
Baltimore	46/31/r	40/26/pc	44/26/pc
Birmingham	40/22/pc	50/28/s	37/19/s
Boston	48/36/pc	40/32/c	45/28/pc
Charlotte	53/25/r	44/28/s	47/21/s
Cheyenne	48/29/s	39/25/s	50/28/s
Chicago	19/15/pc	31/7/c	14/9/c
Cleveland	31/20/sf	34/24/c	28/14/sf
Columbus	31/21/sf	34/22/pc	28/13/sf
Dallas	57/38/s	64/32/s	54/36/s
Denver	54/28/s	47/23/pc	55/26/s
Detroit	30/18/sf	30/22/sn	26/14/sf
Harrisburg	44/27/r	38/26/pc	41/24/sf
Honolulu	80/67/s	81/66/s	80/65/pc
Houston	60/38/s	68/41/s	60/32/s
Indianapolis	25/11/pc	34/15/pc	21/12/pc
Jackson, MS	47/25/s	57/29/s	42/23/s
Kansas City	35/29/s	38/11/pc	35/28/s
Lexington	29/20/c	38/22/pc	27/13/sf
Little Rock	45/28/s	56/22/pc	39/26/s

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Acapulco	89/71/pc	89/72/s	88/71/pc
Athens	61/55/sh	60/49/sh	62/49/s
Beirut	69/58/s	72/55/s	69/54/s
Berlin	37/32/c	38/35/c	40/32/c
Bermuda	72/68/pc	72/64/pc	70/63/pc
Calgary	41/11/sh	40/31/s	44/23/pc
Edmonton	50/41/s	47/39/c	45/38/c
Fredericton	37/14/s	37/22/pc	42/21/s
Freeport	75/57/sh	63/52/s	67/55/pc
Geneva	41/34/pc	45/39/r	42/30/r
Havana	73/57/r	69/52/pc	71/54/pc
Hong Kong	61/55/s	65/55/s	68/55/s
Jerusalem	59/44/s	65/45/s	59/41/s
Johannesburg	80/58/r	88/59/s	87/59/s
Kiev	36/27/sn	36/19/c	26/22/c

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<p>2013 RAM 1500 Tradesmans</p> <p>LIKE NEW</p> <p>DODGE</p> <p>\$21,759.86</p>	<p>2008 Dodge Avenger SXT</p> <p>CERTIFIED</p> <p>DODGE</p> <p>\$11,359.86</p>	<p>2013 RAM 1500 SLT Crew 4x4</p> <p>LIKE NEW-LOADED</p> <p>DODGE</p> <p>\$37,759.86</p>	<p>2013 RAM 1500 SLT</p> <p>LEATHER</p> <p>DODGE</p> <p>\$29,759.86</p>

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Wednesday, January 15, 2014

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Alina San Miguel and the Lady Blue Streaks battled their way to the bitter end, but came up short in their District 11-3A Tournament opener against Hardee.

Hardee halts hobbled Lady Streaks

By DEL MILLIGAN
THE LEDGER

LAKE WALES – Hardee's Martha Valadez curled a free kick from 25 yards over the defense, the ball bouncing off the bottom of the top bar and back up into the net in the closing minute as the Lady Wildcats upset Sebring, 1-0, on Monday night in the FHSAA Girls Soccer District 11-3A Championship quarter-finals at Legion Field.

Hardee, the tournament's lowest seed, held No. 3 seed Sebring to limited scoring opportunities.

An injury-riddled team could be said to be limping

into the playoffs.

As far as the Lady Blue Streaks are concerned, they were virtually being brought into this tournament on a stretcher.

Hardee
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Sebring
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Sebring (12-8-2) was already coming in short-handed, and that list was added to as Haylee Peters, the Lady Blue Streaks' leading scorer with 22 goals in 19 matches, suffered a broken leg in the next-to-last regular-season match.

And Marianna Becker, their top defender, gutted it out and played despite injuries from a recent car accident.

Hardee, 6-14-1, will take on No. 2 seed Auburndale Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in the semifinals at Legion Field.

Sebring forward Kiersten Waldron missed the Lady Blue Streaks' best scoring chance with 19 minutes left, not converting her kick from point blank range.

Sebring goalkeeper Shannon Bloemsma saved a power kick on goal late in the first half, ending Hardee's most serious threat before intermission.

The Lady Blue Streaks turned up the offensive pressure with 20 minutes left to play, but Hardee was a stalwart on defense throughout.

And so the snake-bitten,

though strong season for Sebring came to an end, with this being the final match for seniors Becker, Jazmin Gomez, Alina San Miguel, Sarah Smith and Kelby Mahoney, whose leadership and perseverance through the year helped the young core take a step forward.

And with the likes of Peterson, Bloemsma, Waldron, Scheele Grimes, Faith Wilson, Lacey Watson and Julia VanFleet expected back and at full strength next year, look for another strong season with perhaps another step taken.

News-Sun Sports Editor Dan Hoehne contributed to this story

County 70s get off to late start

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – The Highlands County 70-plus Senior League got off to a bad start with cold weather cancelling opening day.

Despite showers and overcast skies the games got in on Thursday, Jan. 9.

Last year's champs VFW 4300 got knocked off by KFC 12-2.

KFC was lead by Jerry Kaufman, Ed Lindberg, Chuck Fluharty, Norm Grubb and winning pitcher Rudy Pribble all with two hits.

VFW was held to just seven hits, lead by Curt Brown, Don Cunningham and John Kloet with two hits each.

In a big upset, Buttonwood Bay beat the Silent Salesmen 18-17 in a game that had more than 20 walks.

Buttonwood was lead by Nelson Richardson's five hits.

Moose Morrisette, J. Degnen, Fred Richardson and Fred Boyd had four hits each.

Jim Monroe added three hits with a triple.

The Silent Salesmen had Bill Scrase and Woody Woodward with three hits (1 double) and J.C. Brown with a double.

The other game had Highlands Ridge winning over Royal Palms 13-7.

Highlands Ridge was lead by Bob Roth's four hits (1 double), Don Goodwin's four hits, while Doug Hammond and Bill "School Boy" Todd had three hits each.

The losing Royal Palms stars were Dick Ostrich and Rich Godfrey with three hits apiece.



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Osvaldo Orduna tries to bend this indirect kick into the goal during Lake Placid's 3-1 win over Sebring at Firemen's Field Monday night.

Dragons top Streaks, stay unbeaten

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – As the regular season for boys soccer winds down and eyes start looking ahead toward district tournaments, coaches are looking for intense battles that will stoke the competitive fires.

"Each game from her on is tournament preparation for us," Lake Placid head coach James Ashley said. "And Sebring is always a battle."

So the competitive aspect

Lake Placid
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Sebring
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was met, and the result came up positive for the Dragons as well as they took a 3-1 win over the Blue Streaks on Firemen's Field Monday night.

A Lake Placid goal by Yoyi Gomez midway through the first half, was called back due to an offside penalty.

While putting plenty of pressure on Sebring's defense, the Dragons were having a hard time finding the net in the first half.

But that changed momen-

arily when, at the 13:34 mark, Carlos Santana scored on a volley from the top of the penalty box that sailed past diving Sebring goalie Brandon Bowyer.

Lake Placid made the most of their team pressure as they worked the ball around to set up several scoring chances in the first half, but the Blue Streak defense held strong and kept it at just a 1-0 lead at intermission.

The second half saw the tough, physical play continue as these long-standing

rivals were giving it all they had to get an edge.

Lake Placid managed to score on a Danny Gil cross that bounced to the head of an oncoming Diego Mireles to double their lead.

Minutes later, Yoyi Gomez scored on a hard shot from distance giving the Dragons a 3-0 lead.

But Sebring continued to battle throughout the entire second half and would stop Lake Placid's scoring there.

The Streaks did find their tally when a freekick was

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AP iced by Frostproof



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun files

Rosa Cuellar and the Lady Red Devils saw their season come to an end Monday as they fell in the District 10-2A tournament opener, 5-0, to Frostproof.

Florida unveils new plan

By MARK LONG

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE —

Florida coach Will Muschamp is in a considerably better mood these days.

Maybe it's his new assistants. Maybe it's his new offensive scheme.

Maybe it's just a new year.

After the program's worst season since 1979, Muschamp made significant changes — and not just to his staff.

Muschamp introduced three new coaches Monday — offensive coordinator Kurt Roper, offensive line coach Mike Summers and special teams coordinator Coleman Hutzler — and announced plans to install a

hurry-up offensive scheme that will include spread elements.

"We needed more tempo, we needed to create more snaps, we needed to create more space plays," said Muschamp, who grew increasingly frustrated with every loss last season. "I felt like being in the gun would help some of our personnel, and that's where we're headed."

The Gators lost their final seven games in 2013, finished 4-8 and missed a bowl game for the first time since 1990.

The offense was the primary problem, finishing 113th in the nation in total yards.

Muschamp responded by firing offensive coordinator

Brent Pease and offensive line coach Tim Davis less than 24 hours after the season ended.

Special teams coordinator Jeff Choate resigned in December to take a similar position at Washington.

Their replacements are tasked with helping Florida get back on track — and in a hurry.

It's unlikely that Muschamp, who is 21-16 in three seasons at Florida, will get more than a season to turn things around.

So the Gators have to find some quick fixes to the offense, and going with an up-tempo scheme can be an equalizer.

"If you can play the

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Ed on pitch with Blue Streak soccer



Courtesy photo

Sebring high school boys soccer coach, Keith Bowyer, along with Blue Streak soccer players, from left, Brandon Bowyer, Ben Perez, Jared Lang, and Jordan Hay were featured guests on Ed Lynch's "Sports Talk" show on Saturday, Jan. 11. "Sports Talk" airs Saturdays immediately following the Noon News on WWTN 730-AM. Scheduled guest for Saturday, Jan. 18, is a former professional baseball player in the Milwaukee Brewers organization, Lee Andrea.

THE SCOREBOARD

NFL Playoffs

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 4

Indianapolis 45, Kansas City 44
New Orleans 26, Philadelphia 24

Sunday, Jan. 5

San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10
San Francisco 23, Green Bay 20

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 11

Seattle 23, New Orleans 15
New England 43, Indianapolis 22

Sunday, Jan. 12

San Francisco 23, Carolina 10
Denver 24, San Diego 17

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 19

New England vs. Denver, 3 p.m. (CBS)
San Francisco at Seattle, 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	19	17	.528	—
New York	15	22	.405	4.5
Brooklyn	15	22	.405	4.5
Boston	13	26	.333	7.5
Philadelphia	12	25	.324	7.5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	10	.730	—
Atlanta	20	18	.526	7.5
Washington	17	19	.472	9.5
Charlotte	15	23	.395	12.5
Orlando	10	28	.263	17.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	29	7	.806	—
Chicago	17	19	.472	12
Detroit	16	22	.421	14
Cleveland	13	24	.351	16.5
Milwaukee	7	30	.189	22.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	30	8	.789	—
Houston	25	14	.641	5.5
Dallas	23	16	.590	7.5
Memphis	17	19	.472	12
New Orleans	15	22	.405	14.5

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	28	9	.757	—
Oklahoma City	28	9	.757	—
Denver	19	18	.514	9
Minnesota	18	19	.486	10
Utah	13	26	.333	16

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	26	13	.667	—
Golden State	25	14	.641	1
Phoenix	21	16	.568	4
L.A. Lakers	14	23	.378	11
Sacramento	13	22	.371	11

Monday's Games

Toronto 116, Milwaukee 94
Houston 104, Boston 92
New York 98, Phoenix 96, OT
Washington 102, Chicago 88
San Antonio 101, New Orleans 95
Dallas 107, Orlando 88
Utah 118, Denver 103

Tuesday's Games

Sacramento at Indiana, late
New York at Charlotte, late
Oklahoma City at Memphis, late
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, late

Wednesday's Games

Chicago at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8 p.m.



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Notre Dame at Maryland ESPN2
7 p.m. Clemson at Virginia Tech SUN
8 p.m. Mississippi State at Alabama 38

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Connecticut at Memphis ESPN
7 p.m. Missouri at Vanderbilt ESPN2
9 p.m. Ohio State at Minnesota ESPN2

GOLF

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. EuroPGA – Abu Dhabi Championship GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – Humana Challenge GOLF

NBA

WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. Utah at San Antonio ESPN
10:30 p.m. Denver at Golden State ESPN

THURSDAY

7 p.m. New York at Indiana TNT
9:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at Houston TNT

NHL

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay SUN

TENNIS

WEDNESDAY

3 p.m. Australian Open – Second Round ESPN2
9 p.m. Australian Open – Second Round ESPN2

THURSDAY

3 p.m. Australian Open – Second Round ESPN2
11 p.m. Australian Open – Third Round ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Dallas 20 18 7 47 127 139
Nashville 19 21 7 45 109 141
Winnipeg 20 23 5 45 133 146

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	35	8	5	75	161	119
San Jose	28	12	6	62	148	116
Los Angeles	28	14	5	61	120	96
Vancouver	24	14	9	57	123	115
Phoenix	21	15	9	51	134	141
Calgary	16	24	6	38	103	144
Edmonton	15	28	5	35	126	169

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

Monday's Games

Calgary 2, Carolina 0
Columbus 3, Tampa Bay 2
Winnipeg 5, Phoenix 1
Los Angeles 1, Vancouver 0

Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Boston, late
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, late
San Jose at Washington, late
Philadelphia at Buffalo, late
New Jersey at Montreal, late
N.Y. Islanders at Florida, late
Colorado at Chicago, late
Phoenix at St. Louis, late
Calgary at Nashville, late
Ottawa at Minnesota, late
Edmonton at Dallas, late

Wednesday's Games

Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	29	14	2	60	129	98
Tampa Bay	27	15	4	58	134	112
Montreal	26	15	5	57	117	107
Detroit	20	16	10	50	118	127
Toronto	22	20	5	49	128	143
Ottawa	20	18	8	48	131	146
Florida	17	21	7	41	105	139
Buffalo	13	26	5	31	77	121

Metropolitan Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	33	12	2	68	152	112
Washington	22	16	7	51	136	135
N.Y. Rangers	24	20	3	51	118	124
Philadelphia	23	19	4	50	121	129
Columbus	22	20	4	48	129	131
New Jersey	19	18	10	48	108	117
Carolina	19	18	9	47	111	130
N.Y. Islanders	18	22	7	43	130	152

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	30	8	10	70	175	132
St. Louis	31	8	5	67	161	99
Colorado	28	12	5	61	132	115
Minnesota	25	18	5	55	118	119

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

THURSDAY: Boys Basketball vs. DeSoto, 6/7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY: Girls Basketball vs. Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.

MONDAY: Boys Basketball vs. Lake Region, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Lake Region, 6/7:30 p.m.



Lake Placid

THURSDAY: Girls Soccer at District Tournament, Mulberry, TBD

FRIDAY: Boys Soccer at Moore Haven, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY: Boys Soccer at Okeechobee, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY: Girls Basketball vs. Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.



Sebring

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

SATURDAY: Wrestling hosts Spiegel Memorial Invitational, 10 a.m.

MONDAY: Boys Soccer at District Tournament, Auburndale, TBD

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Eagles looking for coaches

AVON PARK – The Highlands Youth Football and Cheer Organization is accepting applications for football and cheer coaches at all age divisions for the 2014 season.

If you are interested in coaching, you may go to www.highlandseagles.com, click on the Registration tab, and select Coach/Volunteer tab to view requirements and submit application.

If you have any questions, you may contact Cliff Howell at 863-253-7070, or Melissa Lane at 863-381-9325.

Visit friendsofhighlandshammock.org for more information.

LP Dixie Registration

LAKE PLACID – Registrations for the upcoming 2014 Lake Placid spring season are now being taken.

The open draft format will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16, at 1p.m. at Lake June Ballfields for ages 7-8 and 9-10 (baseball) and 7-8-9 (softball).

No registrations will be taken after this date.

The Players draft is mandatory. Any player not showing up for evaluation will be randomly placed on a team.

T-Ball and 30/30 teams will be announced at a later date.

League age for T-Ball, 30/30 and Baseball is child's age as of April 30, 2014.

Baseball age groups are as follows :T-Ball (age 5), 30/30 (age 5-6), Baseball (7-8) and Baseball (9-10).

League Age For Softball is child's age as of January 1, 2014.

The Softball age groups are as follows : Softball (7-8-9) Machine Pitch.

Registration prices are as follows: T-Ball and 30/30 is \$60 with Baseball and Softball being \$70.

Those fees include the town of Lake Placid's mandatory \$20 user fee for each player.

Registrations are available on the leagues web site www.lpyb.net.

Check out the leagues Facebook page by searching LakePlacid BaseballSoftball for updated information also.

The league is also looking for coaches, team sponsors or banner sponsors.

The season will be kicking off on Saturday, Feb. 8.

AP Rotary Golf Tourney set

AVON PARK – The annual David "Doc" Owen golf tourney hosted by the Rotary Club of Avon Park will be held at Highlands Ridge North golf course on Saturday, Feb. 22, with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start.

This year's tournament will be a four-person scramble format.

Entry fee is \$60 per person with checks made payable to Rotary Club of Avon Park.

An application and entry form may be obtained by emailing tourney director Chet Brojek at cbrojek@comcast.net or by calling him at 863-712-3524 (cell) or 385-4736 (land line).

The entry fee includes golf, cart, refreshments on the course, prizes and post golf meal in the clubhouse.

There will be 50/50, closest to the pin, putting contest, and other contests, plenty of raffle prizes and a great day of golf.

Proceeds benefit local charities supported by the Avon Park Noon Rotary Club.

Entry will be limited to the first 100 paid participants.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 by contacting Brojek.

Gators look to open up the offense

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game with some tempo and speed and you can play it in space, you can create as many 1-on-1 tackle opportunities as you can," said Roper, who left Duke to join Muschamp.

"If you can create a bunch of 1-on-1 tackle opportunities, then you have a chance to have positive yards, and positive yards keep you on the field. Our whole philosophy on offense is points per game. It's not yards. It's not going up and down the field. It's how many points we can get."

Florida hasn't been the same offensively since 2007 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow left school.

The Gators ranked 82nd in

total offense in 2010, 105th in 2011 and 103rd in 2012.

Some believe it's a talent issue; others insist it's a talent-development issue.

Either way, Muschamp knows it has to improve.

"Philosophically, all I've ever asked is to be balanced," Muschamp said. "I feel like you've gotta be balanced in this league. We've run the ball at times extremely well. ... We need to throw it better. We've said that all along."

The Gators were decimated by injuries last year, losing quarterback Jeff Driskel, running back Matt Jones, receiver Andre Debose and right tackle Chaz Green either before or early in the season.

Driskel broke his right leg against Tennessee in September and should be ready for spring practice in March.

Debose will be non-contact in spring while continuing to recover from reconstructive knee surgery.

Green (torn labrum) should be full speed.

Jones, meanwhile, might be sidelined a while with a completely torn meniscus in his left knee.

With all the changes taking place, there are no guaranteed starters on the roster.

"Every position's open. Every position," Muschamp said. "When you go 4-8, it's all open."


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NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves



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Soon, that microphone will replace a wrench as Steve Letarte's tool of choice.

Write the want-ad for Junior's pending crew-chief opening.

GODSPEAK: Looking for: Someone to turn a wrench 18 hours a day under incredible stress and pressure.

KEN'S CALL: Wanted: Good organizer who isn't allergic to trophies, confetti or champagne.

Does anyone else feel that Steve Letarte's departure has been overblown?

GODSPEAK: This is nowhere near when Ray Evernham left as Jeff Gordon's crew chief. This is a blip, unless Junior wins 10 races and the championship this season.

KEN'S CALL: Yeah, quite a bit. This is hardly like Vince Lombardi leaving the Packers.

Did we learn anything from Daytona's Cup test?

GODSPEAK: Rain survival techniques. When they did get some laps on the track, we heard few complaints from drivers, which is a very good sign.

KEN'S CALL: We learned that Richard Childress could probably take your '96 Lumina Minivan and make it do 190 at Daytona.

KEY DATES

Jan. 29: NASCAR Hall of Fame, 2014 induction, Charlotte, N.C.

Feb. 15: The Sprint Unlimited

Feb. 16: Daytona 500 qualifying

Feb. 18: UNOH Battle at the Beach (K&N Pro East, Whelen Modifieds)

Feb. 20: Budweiser Duel

Feb. 21: NextEra Energy Resources 250

Feb. 22: DRIVE4COPD 300

Feb. 23: Daytona 500

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



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Do you miss tandem drafting in the Cup Series? We didn't think so.

Just say "No!" to tandem drafting?

That's the latest approach NASCAR is taking in the Nationwide and Truck series. Assuming it works, and if they'd thought of that simple approach a couple of year ago, they could've saved a lot of time and money that was spent on hampering the cooling systems — which, in turn, eliminated tandem drafting. NASCAR, saying it was acting at the behest of team owners in both of its top two minor-league series, will simply tell drivers to knock it off. Imagine that.

How do you police that?

Not very artfully, we're guessing. If two cars or trucks are running nose-to-tail and running faster than the competition, when do you "throw the penalty flag," and how many warnings do you give first? Is it tandem drafting if there's any sign of daylight between the two cars? And now you're saying a bump-draft is perfectly fine, as long as you don't linger there? It's gonna be awkward at times. But judgment calls from the booth are always accepted gracefully, right? Right?

Will we get major changes in Cup Series qualifying procedures?

It sounds like it's definitely coming, and frankly, any change would be a good change, because qualifying day lost its luster long ago — well, except for the Daytona and Indy 500s, where a pole run still brings a level of prestige and, subsequently, marketing opportunities. NASCAR will definitely change the qualifying procedure for Nationwide and Trucks, and officials weren't exactly coy in discussing possible changes coming to Cup qualifying, too. When Mike Helton said, "Stay tuned," it was as good as saying, "Yes, big changes are coming."

Any preferences?

The Answer Man kinda likes an idea that was floated several years ago — probably by Humpy Wheeler — to have the cars begin qualifying laps from a parked position, either on pit road or at the start/finish line. There'd be a lot of dumped engines upon liftoff, at least in the early weeks, but eventually there'd be adjustments. Whether you wanted to do it as solo runs or in small groups, either way it'd certainly identify who's best at combining speed and finesse.

Why not short qualifying races?

Two words: sheet metal. The Boys in Parts already stress enough to stay under budget. Increase the odds of broken machinery by adding additional race laps to the weekend, and the price of poker would hit another gear.

What about pending changes to the points system?

Again, when Brian France hinted at possible changes to increase the reward for winning, it basically told us change is coming. Here's hoping they don't nickle-and-dime it with just a few extra points — make a win worth double the points of the runner-up, and there you go, you better the odds at the type of last-lap theatrics everyone craves. And while you're at it, whatever new qualifying procedure you adopt, include a points component.

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Earnhardt facing unique uncertainty

Dale Earnhardt Jr. is losing crew chief Steve Letarte after the 2014 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. But to hear Letarte, it sounds like Earnhardt's loss is the Letarte family's gain.

NBC announced that Letarte will join its broadcast team when it begins to televise Cup and Nationwide series races next year. Until then, Letarte will serve as leader of Earnhardt's wrench squad.

Letarte said he's leaving racing as a competitor for the good of his young family. Crew chiefs work long hours and spend 80 percent of their weekends on the road.

"All I've known is Hendrick Motorsports since I was 16," Letarte said during a recent test at Daytona International Speedway. "I've never worked anywhere else.

But really, when it comes down to it, probably the No. 1 thing is I have an 8- and a 10-year-old child, and I know the commitment it takes to be a top-level crew chief."

Earnhardt said Letarte, who worked his way up through the ranks at Hendrick Motorsports for the past 19 years, helped him rebuild his confidence which was shattered during the 2008 season.

"Steve is a great cheerleader and definitely built up my confidence and changed me as a race-car driver and as a person," said Earnhardt, who drives the No. 88 Chevy.

"Working with him has really helped me grow. I think you guys have all seen that over the last several years. I think I can carry that with me — what I've learned about myself and what I've learned about the job and what my job is and what my responsibility is to the crew chief."

Yes, the crew chief. The million-dollar question now is who will be Earnhardt's crew chief in 2015?

It's a lucrative position, but one fraught with speed bumps and potholes because Earnhardt needs to bump up his competition numbers. He has just two wins since joining Hendrick in 2008.

Letarte has Earnhardt moving in the right direction. The 39-year-old driver has made the Chase playoffs the past three years. In the past two seasons, Earnhardt has 10 top-five finishes.

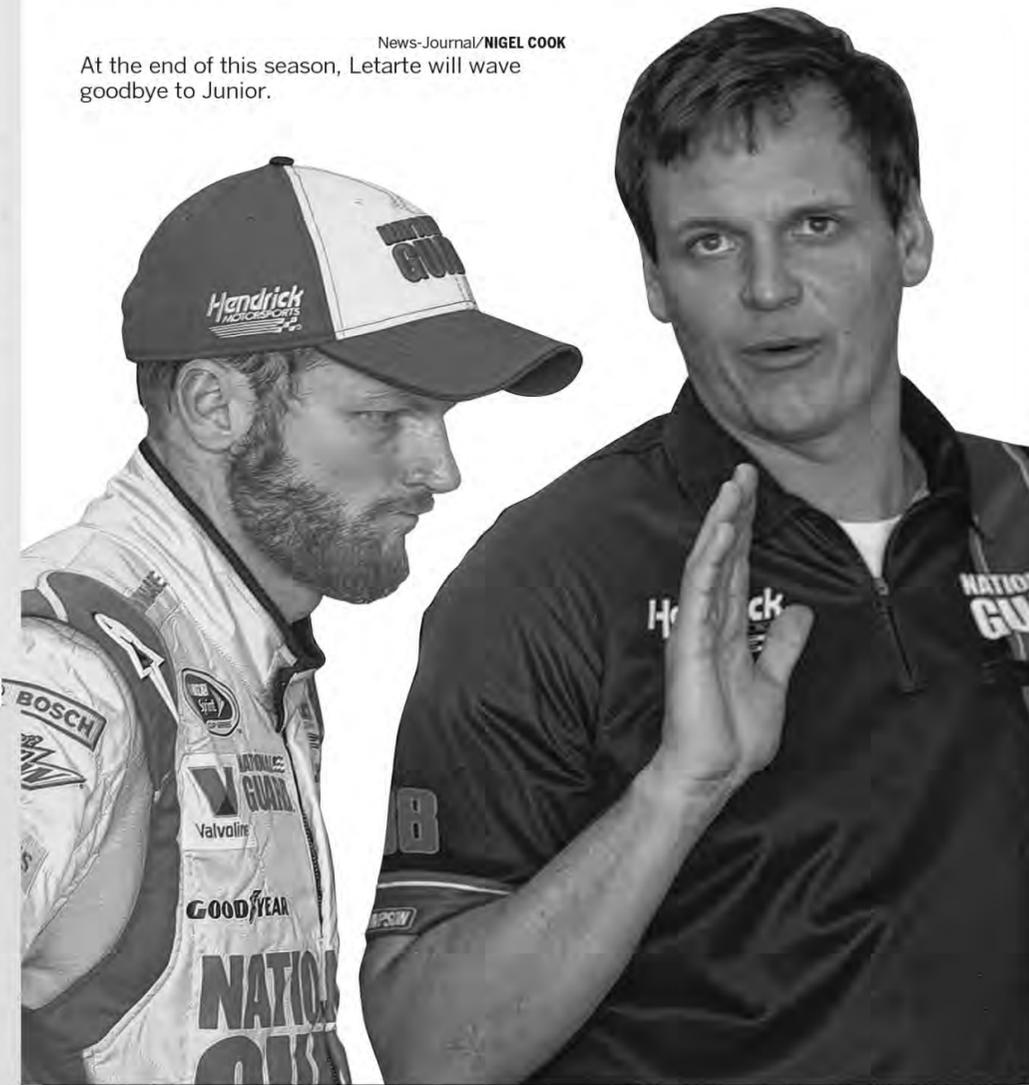
Expectations are high for 2014, but now with Letarte leaving, Earnhardt is racing under the shadow of a unique uncertainty.

"I think that my fear is just, can we replace Steve?" Earnhardt said. "It's a guy that's going to be hard to replace."

"I'm not worried about the specific qualities that Steve has, but just will we be able to get a guy in there of equal talent, and how well will we be able to make that transition seamless. It's going to be a real challenge to do that, and I guess that's my only concern."

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At the end of this season, Letarte will wave goodbye to Junior.



2014 SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE

Feb. 15	Sprint Unlimited, Daytona	FOX Sports 1	April 12	Darlington Raceway	FOX	June 28	Kentucky Speedway	TNT	Sept. 14	Chicagoland Speedway	ESPN
Feb. 16	Daytona 500 qualifying	FOX	April 26	Richmond International Raceway	FOX	July 5	Daytona International Speedway	TNT	Sept. 21	New Hampshire Motor Speedway	ESPN
Feb. 20	Duels, Daytona	FOX Sports 1	May 4	Talladega Superspeedway	FOX	July 13	New Hampshire Motor Speedway	TNT	Sept. 28	Dover International Speedway	ESPN
Feb. 23	Daytona 500	FOX	May 10	Kansas Speedway	FOX	July 27	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	ESPN	Oct. 5	Kansas Speedway	ESPN
March 2	Phoenix International Raceway	FOX	May 17	All-Star Race, Charlotte	FOX Sports 1	Aug. 3	Pocono Raceway	ESPN	Oct. 11	Charlotte Motor Speedway	ABC
March 9	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	FOX	May 25	Charlotte Motor Speedway	FOX	Aug. 10	Watkins Glen International	ESPN	Oct. 19	Talladega Superspeedway	ESPN
March 13	Bristol Motor Speedway	FOX	June 1	Dover International Speedway	FOX	Aug. 17	Michigan International Speedway	ESPN	Oct. 26	Martinsville Speedway	ESPN
March 23	Auto Club Speedway	FOX	June 8	Pocono Raceway	TNT	Aug. 23	Bristol Motor Speedway	ABC	Nov. 2	Texas Motor Speedway	ESPN
March 30	Martinsville Speedway	FOX	June 15	Michigan International Speedway	TNT	Aug. 31	Atlanta Motor Speedway	ESPN	Nov. 9	Phoenix International Raceway	ESPN
April 6	Texas Motor Speedway	FOX	June 22	Sonoma Raceway	TNT	Sept. 6	Richmond International Raceway	ABC	Nov. 16	Homestead-Miami Speedway	ESPN

Jeff Burton: Truth, excitement and enthusiasm will be key

Next year, NBC returns to stock-car racing as one of NASCAR's broadcast partners.

Beginning in 2015, Jeff Burton will join lead announcer Rick Allen and fellow color commentator Steve Letarte in the NBC booth.

Burton offered his insights on the career move during last week's Preseason Thunder testing at Daytona.

THE OPENING STATEMENT:

"It's going to be fun, and honestly that's what it needs to be. It needs to be fun and lighthearted and serious when it needs to be serious. But this is a sport that has a lot of energy and a lot of excitement, and hopefully we can do a good job of bringing that out.

"The thing I'm really excited about is if you watch NBC Sports, its professionalism. It's done right. It's done in a professional way. It's not hokey, it's professional. To me

that's a lot for us to live up to."

THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE JOB:

"When we're talking, we need to be talking accurately. When we're talking, people are assuming what we're saying is factual, and we've got to make sure it is because I think that's a disservice to our race fans if we don't know what we're talking about. Bringing truth to it and making sure we do it with enthusiasm and excitement ... that really, to me, is what it's about."

HE AND LETARTE "RETIING" FROM COMPETITION:

"I think it's important to note real quickly, we aren't retiring. We're taking another position in the sport. I think that needs to be noted. We're not walking away from work. We're accepting a new challenge. Steve and I have talked a lot about this. We want to outwork everybody. This isn't a

right to do this. We've earned it, now we've got to go earn it every single day, and that's what he's done as a crew chief. That's what I feel like I've done as a driver. We hope to bring that to the broadcast, as well."

MAINTAINING A "RACER" IDENTITY:

"My life has been around a racetrack. There's a timeline on drivers. You don't drive forever, and when this opportunity presented itself, it just felt natural. And yes, some of my dearest friends are in this garage. The lessons of my life, honestly, have been learned in these garages. So yeah, being able to be a part of it and stay part of it is a huge attraction to me. If somebody called me and said, 'Would you like to do "Sunday Night Football,"' I probably wouldn't have any interest in that because it's not what I know, it's not my passion."

Soccer looks toward tournaments

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sent into the box and redirected by a forward to finish all scoring at 3-1.

Sebring's defense managed to stay clean following their goal, however, the Dragon lead was too much to overcome.

"They play physical the entire game and you have to be able to handle their physicality while not getting out of our routine," Ashley said. "Our boys were ready tonight and took care of their chances when they came. If we can continue to capitalize on those opportunities, I like our chances against anyone we play."

For the Streaks, head coach Keith Bowyer knew his squad played it tough against the undefeated Dragons, and just hopes they can keep that mentality as they begin the District 11-3A Tournament Monday in Auburndale.

"We have the number three seed, so we should be facing Poinciana in the first round," he said. "Hopefully we can get a couple of wins and build momentum toward facing the top seed,



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

As Sebring's Jordan Hay gives chase, Green Dragon Yoyi Gomez lofts this shot over the outstretched hands of Streak keeper Brandon Bowyer. The shot would not reach the net, however, but Lake Placid converted three others in Monday's 3-1 win at Firemen's Field.

Auburndale."

As for the Dragons (13-0-2, 6-0-2), they've secured the top seed in the District 10-2A standings and travel to Frostproof Tuesday to face the winner of the Avon

Park, McKeel Academy match.

"I really want to get the district championship, because that's what it's all about," Ashley said. "I haven't focused too much on

being undefeated, because that won't really mean anything if we don't do much with it."

Manziel inks deal with LRMR, follows LeBron path

Associated Press COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Johnny Manziel confirmed Monday that he has signed with LRMR and Maverick Carter, the long-time friend and associate of LeBron James, to handle some of the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner's off-field projects.

Manziel also said Erik Burkhardt will be his agent and Bradley Beckworth and Jeffrey Angelovich are overseeing his business-related matters.

The relationship with LRMR and Carter has been developing for some time.

James said last week that he texted Manziel regularly throughout the quarterback's final season at Texas A&M.

And when Manziel was deciding who to align with, Beckworth said the model that James followed was



MCT photo

Seen here attending a Heat game, Johnny Manziel has signed with LRMR.

one that was most appealing.

Beckworth said after reviewing management models, the Manziel team was "most impressed by one uniquely established for the NBA's LeBron James."

Valentine's Tennis Tourney

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The 20th Annual Valentine's Tennis Tournament will begin Saturday, Feb. 15, on the Thakkar Tennis Center clay courts in the Country Club of Sebring.

Registrations are being taken by the Highlands County Tennis Association for players of all ages and levels of play for this fun event.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and consola-

tion-round winners of A, B and C divisions.

Registration fee includes fun, competitive matches, T-shirts, morning and lunch refreshments and an evening dinner Sunday at Chicanes.

Registration fee is \$30 for HCTA members, \$40 for non members.

Student registration fee is \$15.

Celebrate Valentine's weekend with your sweetheart, or for those who do not have a mixed doubles

partner, the committee will find your match for the event.

Matches begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, with Finals on Sunday, Feb. 16, beginning at 1 p.m.

The awards banquet at Chicanes begins at 6 p.m. Sunday.

To register, or for more information, call Laurie at 452-5899, or Lynda at 471-0389.

GOLS Indoor Soccer League

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — Registration for GOLS Indoor Soccer League is Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m.-Noon at First Baptist Church of Avon Park.

Sign-ups will take place in the Family Life Center (old Avon Park Recreation Center across from the tennis courts downtown Avon Park.)

The GOLS Indoor Soccer

League is a co-ed league for 13- to 18-year olds.

Registration is \$12 and is limited to the first 40 players to sign up.

Each team plays one game a week at 6:30 p.m. (either Tuesday or Thursday) from Feb. 11 to Apr. 17, concluding with a tournament.

GOLS (Goals Of Life and Soccer) is in its 11th year as a ministry of First Baptist

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Clubs & Organizations

Cloverleaf 4-H visits LP Noon Rotary

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club donated \$100 to the Lake Placid 4-H Clovers on Jan. 9. Paula Sapp spoke to Rotarian about the Lake Placid 4-H Clovers.

There are 45 children in the program at this time. One can join starting at 5 years old. The 4-H club meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month at H.L. Bishop Park. All of the children do all kinds of different projects.

Some raise livestock animals, others grow caladiums and citrus, some enter cooking projects in the fair. Rorie Bean is making blackberry jam for the fair. Layton Sapp is raising a hog.

The students all gave speeches on why they think 4-H is important to them.

Sapp stated that 4-H teaches leadership skills and organizational skills. Shelbi Hill is the president of the Lake Placid 4-H Clovers.

The Lake Placid 4-H has a fundraiser once a year. It will be held this year on Saturday, Oct. 18. The club has a Pumpkin Patch where members sell pumpkins, games are played and face painting is done.

If interested in joining 4-H, contact the extension office at 402-6540.



Courtesy photo Scott Hanks, Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club and owner of Scott's Funeral Home, presents a \$100 check on behalf of the club to Paula and Lindsay Sapp, Rorie Bean and Layton Sapp from the Lake Placid 4-H Club.

New Lake Placid Elks members



Courtesy photo Lake Placid Elks welcomes new members – Donald Clarke (from left), Kimberly Miller, and William Meddings. Visit the lodge at www.facebook.com/lpelk2661.

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Former pilot to speak to Veterans for Common Sense

Special to the News-Sun
SARASOTA – Mack Payne – an award winning speaker, highly decorated Vietnam veteran and author from Lake Placid – will speak at the Florida Veterans for Common Sense meeting on Thursday. The meeting will be held at the Waldemere Firestation Community Room, 2070 Waldemere St. in Sarasota.

The Florida Veterans for Common Sense organization works to help fellow veterans and to protect and defend the United States Constitution. They believe veterans have a duty to help forge the future of our country so one of their primary activities is working to shape local and national policies. One of the tangible ways they help fellow veterans is with an ongoing program to provide personal necessities to wounded warriors being treated at Haley VA Hospital in Tampa.

Payne will speak about his recent book, "Vietnam Veteran Memoirs", and how noteworthy issues from the Vietnam War Era relate to current developments in the country today. He will offer suggestions on how to approach current situations based on his experiences during the Vietnam War Era.

Payne has spoken at many patriotic meetings and uses episodes from his book to illustrate and promote concepts of freedom and liberty in a dynamic speaking performance. His book is available at vietnamcopy.com/.



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1st Friday winner



Courtesy photo from Harpers Ferry, Iowa, who was the winner of the gift basket for January's 1st Friday Tour Lake Placid event. This is his first winter in Lake Placid and will be staying for three months. Joanne Abel, treasurer at the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative, presented the basket to Moore and he is going to enjoy all the wonderful gifts donated by the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative, Lake Placid Art League, Mural Society, The Historic Train Depot and Museum, and Toby's Clown Museum and School.

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Dinner Diva

Leanne Ely

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How much more paleo could it be than to sit around an actual element and cook your meat with your family? Talk about a fun way to bring the family together. As an added bonus, when the kids are cooking their own food, they are much more likely to try new things. I know this goes without saying, but do watch out that very young children are given plenty of assistance when helping to prepare their meal on the raclette.

Some of my favorite raclette dinner items include: thinly sliced chicken, pork

and/or beef; scallops; sliced onions; sliced mushrooms; sliced bell peppers; cherry tomatoes; and sliced pineapple.

I like to start a raclette meal with a green salad that we all enjoy while the grill is heating up. Dessert is grilled pineapple.

I think many families would enjoy cooking on a raclette grill. Who knows? It might become a favorite family tradition.

Leanne Ely is a New York Times bestselling author of 'Body Clutter' and the Saving Dinner series. The Dinner Diva syndicated newspaper column appears in 250 newspapers nationwide. Learn how to cook great and save significant money with the Dinner Diva's menus, recipes and shopping lists at www.savingdinner.com.

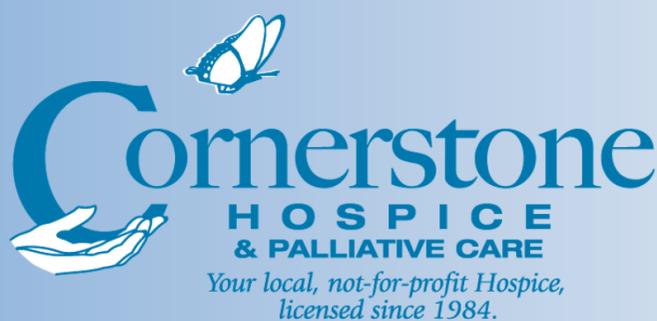


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Clubs & Organizations

Hibiscus Garden Club

AVON PARK – The Hibiscus Garden Club of Avon Park met Jan. 9 in the home of Pat Kincer. President Nina Siebold opened the first meeting of 2014, welcomed members and guests.

The first order of old business was a report of the pecan sales. Only a few pounds remain on hand.

Arbor Day is Jan. 17 and the club is looking for a place to plant a tree.

The hostess, a former blueberry grower in Kentucky, gave an informative program. Blueberries like sandy, well-drained soil and are of the heath family. Berries dropped under the plants must be removed to prevent "mummy disease". They have the highest antioxidant capacity of all fresh fruit.

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Berries can be frozen before they are washed. Wash them as you get ready to use them. Local growers will have berries available in February and March.

Nina Siebold was awarded a day lily plant.

TOPS 632

LAKE PLACID – TOPS 632 Club meets every Monday at the Women's Club House, Main Street. Weigh in is between 3 and 3:45 p.m. with the meeting starting at 4.

Leader Judy O'Boyle opened the meeting wishing all a Happy New Year and assuring this will be a Skinny New Year.

Carolyn Rider gave the program titled "Is Your Diet Soda Making You Fatter?" She gave the group a lot of information on artificial sweeteners and how they are linked to piling up fat in our bodies.

Karen Goodwin took roll call and there were 33 members that weighed in. Three new members joined and one renewed. Best loser for this week was Carolyn Nowland. Goodwin also gave last month's winners. Losing 10 pounds was Mary Jo Finn, and Theresa Rhodes was the best loser for the month.

KOPS were honored: Barbara Huff five years with perfect attendance; Karen Goodwin, seven years; and Elaine Orr, one year.

The No No this week will be diet sodas and the Yes Yes's are strawberries and cabbage.

Next week the contest "Don't Spill The Beans," the invention of Mary Anderson, will start. It sounds like fun. The alphabet contest will continue and the letter is "N".

For support in losing weight, join the club.

Promenaders hosting dance

LAKE PLACID – Let out those poodle skirts or your old Levi's, penny loafers and white socks and come join the Pine Ridge Promenaders for a '50s dance on Thursday. The dynamic duo of Mike Doughty and Larry Chatos will be taking everyone down memory lane with Larry beginning early rounds at 7 p.m. Mike will start calling at 7:30 p.m.

Guests are always welcome and square dance attire is not required. Finger foods will be served. The dance



Courtesy photo

Dennis and Brenda Daffron are winter residents but just as soon as they get here, they head to the Lake Placid Elks Lodge and volunteer. As they go around to sell 50-50 tickets, take time to get to know them. The Daffrons are January's Elks of the Month.

Elks of the Month

Courtesy photo

Sebring Elks 1529 has selected Leading Knight Judy Hanson as Elk of the Month for January 2014. Hanson is the Drug Awareness chairperson, Lodge's liaison at the state level, SWC District chairperson for Community Projects and Activities Membership liaison and greeter at the Friday dinner/dances.

will be held at Sunshine RV Resort located on State Road 70, 1,000 yards east of U.S. 27, south of Lake Placid. For more info, call Jim at 863-243-1226.

Sebring Masons serve BBQ

SEBRING – Sebring Lodge No 249 will serve an all-you-can-eat BBQ chicken lunch on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a \$10 donation. The menu is chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, dessert and beverage. The Lodge is located on the corner of Home Avenue and the Sebring Parkway. The public is invited and take-out orders are available.

AP Lakes Association pancake breakfast

AVON PARK – The Avon Park Lakes Association will be having their first Pancake Breakfast for the year on Saturday from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse, 2714 Nautilus Drive. There will be pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs or homemade sausage gravy over biscuits with coffee and Maxwell's orange juice. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The public is welcome.

Legion post hosting car show

LAKE PLACID – American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid will be sponsoring an antique/Corvettes car show Saturday Feb. 8. Registration from 7:30-10:30 a.m. and is \$5 with many prizes and lots of food available. Call 863-465-0975.

WAVES meeting

LAKE PLACID – The regular monthly meeting of WAVES Unit 88 will be held at Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Main Street America Restaurant in downtown Lake Placid. The restaurant is located at 22 South Main Ave., near the intersection of Main and Interlake Boulevard.

The Waves welcome all women who served in any branch of the military.

Elks hosting 'Grease Dance Night'

SEBRING – Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 on U.S. 98 will host a Grease Dance Night Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. The event is a '50s and '60s theme with prizes for best costume and hula hoop and limbo contests.

A special menu is the offering for the night consisting of two "TV Dinner" selections. One is sliders



with French fries and the other a chicken fingers and mac and cheese. Dessert will be offered with both. Dance to a variety of era music to be performed by Frank E. Members and guests are welcome.

Shriners host music

SEBRING – The Shrine Club will host country, gospel and bluegrass music from 6-8 p.m. each Thursday at the lodge on State Road 17 North.

Refreshments will be available. No alcohol will be served. These events are open to the public.

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 7-9:30 p.m.



Courtesy photo

Lake Placid Lady Elk of the Month Terry Case is a talented woman and extends her kindness and interaction with people in the lodge. Case is captain for one of the Bingo Snack Bar nights and is always concerned as to what the players want. She has been a Crafty Lady for years and then took over the reins of this department when Donna Leonard passed away. She managed and organized the annual Christmas Bazaar last November. Case and her husband, Jim, attend most of the dinners and have been dedicated to the lodge in many ways.

Friday 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, including singles. Call 386-0855, or visit www.highlands-danceclub.org/.

Buttonwood hosting square dance

SEBRING – Buttonwood Squares in Buttonwood Bay RV Resort will host a Pie square dance on Friday, Jan. 17 at the park rec hall. Mike Gormley will be cueing rounds at 7 p.m. and Nelson Wakeman will call squares from 7:30-9:30. Square dance attire is not required.

AMVETs spaghetti dinner

SEBRING – AMVETs Ladies Auxiliary will have a spaghetti and meatball dinner for \$6 from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18. Karaoke with BilDi from 6-9 p.m.

Sebring Elks offer breakfast

SEBRING – Sebring Elks 1529 will host a breakfast buffet that is open to the

public from 8:30-11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$7 for Eggs your way, sausage gravy, ham, bacon, pancakes, French toast, biscuits, fruit bowl, orange/tomato juice, fried potatoes, coffee, tea and grits.

Monday Madness at AMVETS

SEBRING – AMVETS Post 21 will have "Monday Madness" from 3-6 p.m. Monday. Snacks will be available. Music will be provided by Jim Duke.

NARFE meets Tuesday

SEBRING – NARFE Chapter 288 of Highlands County will meet Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Homer's Buffet Sebring Square. The executive board will meet at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Pete Pollard of Highlands Little Theatre with the latest about their new season. All meetings are open to active and retired federal employees and their spouses.

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Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID – Dick Grieder came up with some great info for our Pioneer program after a great conversation with Rick Deasy, who just happens to be one of the first bartenders at the Placid Lakes Country Club in the days when August Tobler started this great subdivision. And to add to this wonderful bit of news, the old list of pioneers was found. Here are a few of the names: Barbara Moriarity, Mrs. Edith Johnson, Charlie Hopfinger, Virginia Andrews, Frank Aioala, Evelyn Rossi, the Allegra family, Don Mileych, Grayce Mallory, Don Saldarini, Gail Sansoussi, Mary Wadchek, Gail Ladig, and Richard Koderhandt. Call 465-4888 about any misspelling of names.

We are making arrangements for the Placid Lakes Pioneer group to have their first organizational meeting at the Placid Lakes Country Club and you will be notified as to time and date as soon as possible.

An amusing anecdote shared by Rick Deasy of his bartending days was the daily visit from "Clyde", a peacock who would stop at the outside bar and start squawking and flaunting his feathers to attract Rick's attention and get his daily dose of cherries from the bar. He would then leave, and return day after day for his hit of the day. At that time, there was an inside and an outside bar at the club.

Can you imagine the stories that will come from this wonderful group of people when they get together! We can't wait.

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID – The first meeting in the new year for the Harbor Lits Book Group was Jan. 2. We discussed the books, "The Kitchen House" and "Whistling Past the Graveyard." We always have lively discussions. For Feb. 13, our books will be "Brain on Fire" by Susannah Cahalan and "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot.

The Men's Pancake Breakfast on Jan. 4 was busy as they feed 93 people. Those fluffy pancakes with blueberries keep people coming back each month.

Monday morning coffee was set up and hosted by Donna and Kendall Kilbride. They baked a selection of goodies to go with the coffee. Peggy Sue Teague was the emcee. Due to the fact that there was voting for new board members this morning before and after the meeting, the place was filled with residents. When Peggy Sue asked if there were new people in the clubhouse this morning, hands went up. They were from Indiana, Ohio, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Illinois and Canada. New residents mentioned in our January Tropical Tropics are John and Mary Kingsley of 350 Beaver Creek, from Illinois, and Jorica Perryman and Darlene Reaume of 108 Beauchamp, from Ontario.

Carol Noel, our Sunshine lady, was called upon for her report and she said that Don Walls is better and that they plan to come down soon; Ingrid Taft and Jean Noyes have had surgery. Peggy Sue read the birthdays for the week and those present were

Carol Tonkin, Kay Weber, and Robert Heil. The anniversaries for the week were Frank and Doris Dornbach. Marilyn Cromer played the piano and we sang Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to them.

The ladies lunch out will be held at the Watering Hole at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 21. Gloria Wackershauser and Alice Fazio will host the luncheon.

Brenda Knoche announced that the NuHope Ladies will show the free movie, "Grumpy Old Men," at 3 p.m. Jan. 26. Carolyn Reece selected this movie. We appreciate all donations given for Elder Senior Care in our area. Please remember that the Nu Hope Ladies serve cake and coffee before the movie, so come early. Brenda also told that the Crazy Cared Party will be held Feb. 15, so mark your calendar as you don't want to miss it. Tickets will go on sale Jan. 20 at the Monday morning coffee. Coffee and cake will also be served at this and there will be lots of prizes.

A country and western dance will be held in the clubhouse from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. Music will be by Frank E. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Monday morning coffees. So dig out those western boots and hats, and come on down. Even if you can no longer dance, you can always listen to the music, which is great.

Another event coming up will be the Tropical Harbor Spring Choral Concert in March. In the mean time, we will be practicing at 3:30 p.m. Mondays. If you like to sing and carry a tune, then come and join us. Ruth Pilgun is the director.

Jan. 23 is the Highlands County Orchestra program at

the South Florida State College Performing Arts Theatre. We are proud to say that we have members from the park playing in this orchestra. The Skylarks will also be playing.

Fred Foland reminded people wanting to bowl that they do so at 1:30 p.m. Mondays at Coz's Sports Bar & Bowl on U.S. 27 South.

The first meeting of the Homeowners Association of 2014 was held Jan. 6. Ed Cromer, president, opened the meeting. We said the pledge to the U.S. flag and sang "God Bless America." We found out who were the new elected board members – Alice Fazio, Tom Hoover and Louis Wackershauser. It being the first meeting of the year, all committee are asked to make a report of their activities of the past year. This is always interesting. Other topics were brought up during the meeting and discussed.

The Mustangs go out to breakfast the first Tuesday of each month. Jan. 7, 19 men met at the Truck Stop for breakfast and friendly conversation.

Ladies coffee or hot chocolate was set up by Marilyn Cromer and Marysue Willeke for Jan. 7. We had a big meeting that is what we like to see. Charlotte Charlton was in charge of the meeting. We had four new members present: Faye Christenson from New Hampshire; Cheryl Depler from Shelby, Ohio; Jan Hanson from Fosston, Minn.; and Sue Heil from Farwell, Mich. Sandy Snyder will teach computer classes at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays this season. Ladies were asked for their help with the noon and evening carry-in meals for each month.

Opportunity may knock

once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

Scoreboard

Sebring Bridge Club winners

Jan. 8
North/South
Bob Dexter and Marie Thompson – first in A; Bill George and Clayton Farrar – second in A; Marilyn Miller and Bill Scroggins – third in A; Elizabeth and John Spokas – tied for fourth in A; Mary Beth Cordray and Mike Hughes – tied for fourth in A,

East/West
Carol Buhlman and Steve Popham – first in A; Steve Cordray and Orin Booth – second in A; Bill Melot and Charles Terry – third in A; Marilyn Groezinger and Jim Pollard – fourth in A; Beth and Jack Sayre – second in C; Elaine Milward and Diane Beidler – fourth in B,

Jan. 6
North/South
Ron Bostic and Margaret Like – first in A; Janet Lipe and Leila Reasbeck – second

in A; Margaret High and Minnie Benners – third in A; Mary Ellen Anderson and June Smith – fourth in A; Karon Falk and Kay Miller – fifth in A; Marilyn Miller and Bill Scroggins – second in B; Charles Terry and Harriet Lonstein – third in B.

East/West
Caroline Duncan and Carol Buhlman – first in A; Emily Myers and Pat Sickinger – second in A; Jim Pollard and Diane Beidler – third in A; Barb Schankula and Orin Booth – fourth in A; Barb McNany and Richard Russell – fifth in A; Art Arvay and Mike Hughes – second in B.

Woodhaven Estates bridge winners

Party Bridge
First: Gerry Drefke; second: Pauline Biggerstaff; third: Jeanne Sisson

Duplicate Bridge
First: Laurie LaBerge and Jeanne Sisson; Second: Dee Hayes and Pauline Biggerstaff; Third: Gerry Drefke and Elwyn Gafner

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Tanglewood Residents Cancer Benefit has raised \$430,000, shooting for more

By NEIL SIMPSON

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – For the 15th straight year, the residents of Tanglewood are doing all they can to battle cancer by raising funds for cancer research. Hundreds will volunteer in the various events staged as part of the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit. The incredible total of \$430,000 that has been raised to date would not have been possible without the support of numerous local businesses.

The kickoff concert in November featured the Sebring High School Show Choir, five of the Heartland Idol 2013 finalists and Matthew Wacaster. The evening was sponsored by Newsom Eye, who has also stepped forward as co-sponsors of the sold-out fashion show, "TAG for a Cure" being staged by the Tanglewood Actors Guild on Friday. Fashions for the show are being provided by Ideal Golf and GB's Formal Wear.

For the third year, Tanglewood and Highlands Little Theatre have joined forces. On Jan. 21, 200 Tanglewooders will enjoy a special performance of "On Golden Pond".

Alan Holmes of Edward Jones is a perennial booster of Tanglewood's activities. Once again, he's jumping in with both feet to co-sponsor the fashion show as well as being a model in it. Later, he'll be preparing lunch for the cyclists taking part in the Jan. 25 "Ride for the Cure."

The longest running cancer benefit partnership has been with Heartland National Bank, the sponsors of the annual lasagna dinner. This



Courtesy photo

Tanglewood residents rehearse for a dance at last year's fashion show. This year's sold out fashion show is set for Friday.

year a total of 500 residents will be fed on Feb. 4 and 5.

The ninth annual "Golf Fore a Cure" tournament, being held at Sun 'N Lake Golf Club on Feb. 8, is being co-sponsored by Alan Jay Automotive Network and Edward Jones/Alan J. Holmes.

On Feb. 13, Bill Jarrett Ford will bring six of the latest Ford products to Tanglewood where 250 residents will get a chance to take a free test drive. For each drive taken, Bill Jarrett will donate \$10 to the cancer

benefit.

This year's benefit will end, as it always does, with a huge party in the Tanglewood clubhouse. The day will feature raffles, 50/50 draws, plus music and trivia by D.J. Bob Weed, who has donated his time and talent each of the 15 years the cancer benefit has been held. Lunch will be served and drinks will be provided by Hometown America. The day is being jointly sponsored by Florida Hospital and Drs. Thakkar, Patel and Avalos.

In addition to major sponsors, numerous businesses have been very generous in donating prizes for the many raffles or being hole sponsors in the golf tournament.

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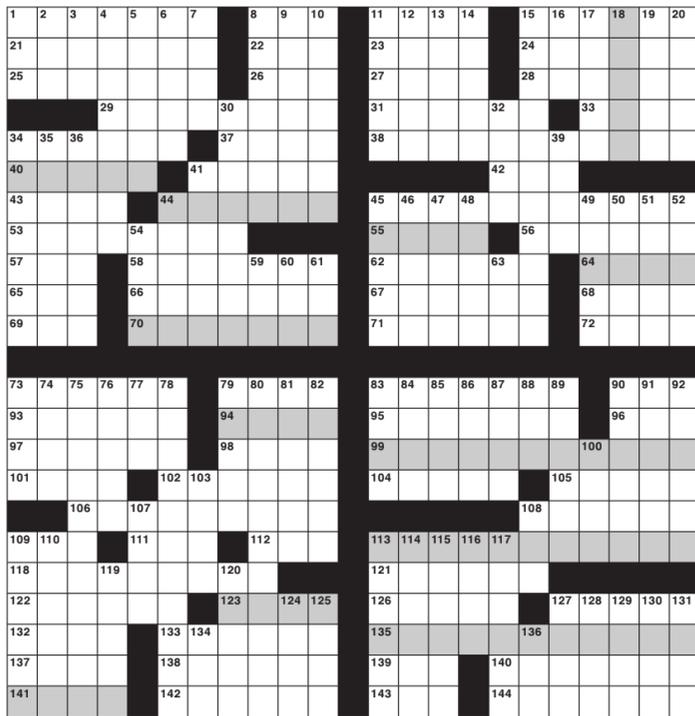
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Diversions/Puzzles

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- ACROSS**
- 1 The "who" of a Clue accusation, whose identity is hinted at by the three shaded answers in this quadrant
 - 8 "Most ____" ("For sure")
 - 11 The "where" of a Clue accusation, whose identity is hinted at by the three shaded answers in this quadrant
 - 15 Not skilled in
 - 21 What you can bring up, in a phrase
 - 22 Photo lab abbr.
 - 23 "M*A*S*H" star
 - 24 Midwest capital
 - 25 George's mother on "Seinfeld"
 - 26 Luau dish
 - 27 Part of Caesar's boast
 - 28 Thrown out of the country
 - 29 Got logged off, in a way
 - 31 Textile tool
 - 33 "The Lion King" queen
 - 34 Blows one's mind
 - 37 Ain't right?
 - 38 Southern terminus of I-35
 - 40 Pyrexia
 - 41 Unfrost
 - 42 Old Tokyo
 - 43 Go pfft
 - 44 Varsity award
 - 45 Early Coleco hand-held game
 - 53 The Palins, e.g.
 - 55 Musical notation
 - 56 ____ bleu
 - 57 Tad
 - 58 Motor coach
 - 62 To boot
 - 64 Lay off
 - 65 MGM symbol
 - 66 Orbit competitor
 - 67 Bloody Mary stirrer
 - 68 Others, to Ovid
 - 69 Make a boner
 - 70 Colorful bird
 - 71 "Bam!" man
 - 72 Advance
 - 73 The "what" of a Clue accusation, whose identity is hinted at by the three shaded answers in this quadrant
 - 79 Saturnalia
 - 83 Thing in doubt?
 - 90 Conned
 - 93 Wrestling star Lou
 - 94 Opening for a dermatologist?
 - 95 Running wild
 - 96 Jungian complex
 - 97 Bordeaux wine
 - 98 Some Ivy Leaguers
 - 99 Start of the accusation
 - 101 Untouched?
 - 102 ____ girl
 - 104 Firm group: Abbr.
 - 105 Tennis's Petrova
 - 106 Like some football teams
 - 108 Fringe
 - 109 ____-Cat
 - 111 Makeshift ballot box
 - 112 Classic gaming inits.
 - 113 Middle of the accusation
 - 118 Expressing
 - 121 Feature of a baseball shutout
 - 122 Sainted archbishop of Canterbury who founded Scholasticism
 - 123 Phone abbr.
 - 126 Friend of Franco
 - 127 What Lou Gehrig played
 - 132 1939 Garland co-star
 - 133 Home-body?
 - 135 End of the accusation
 - 137 Author Kingsley or Martin
 - 138 Actor Richard
 - 139 "So that's ____?"
 - 140 1990s-2000s Volkswagen vehicle
 - 141 2010 film "____ Men"
 - 142 Greeted the villain
 - 143 Want
 - 144 Director Mack of early slapstick
- DOWN**
- 1 Chateau ____ Michelle
 - 2 Hesitant sounds
 - 3 Fixed
 - 4 Ballpark fare
 - 5 More elusive
 - 6 Appeases
 - 7 Coat rack
 - 8 A.T.M. offering
 - 9 Formally declare

By ALAN DERKAZARIAN



Solution on page B8

- 10 Move like a butterfly
- 11 Become entwined
- 12 Tony the Twin
- 13 More anomalous
- 14 Its seal has an anchor and a moose
- 15 Prehistoric menace
- 16 Noughts-and-crosses loser
- 17 Have a thought
- 18 "Cool it!"
- 19 Cub Scouts leader
- 20 Cries of pride
- 30 It may contain aspartame
- 32 Starting point?
- 34 Genial
- 35 Not so smooth, maybe
- 36 An ace is a good one
- 39 Completely, after "in"
- 41 Major part of a tooth
- 44 Bush who wrote "Spoken From the Heart"
- 45 ____ to the finish
- 46 "I don't care what they do"
- 47 Basket fiber
- 48 It's a knockout
- 49 Ordeal
- 50 Confound
- 51 Farrell or Firth
- 52 Work, as clay
- 54 Actor William
- 59 Entreat
- 60 French article
- 61 Bering ____: Abbr.
- 63 Mr. Onassis
- 73 W.W. II group
- 74 "____ Enchanted"
- 75 Captain's last order
- 76 "Gay" city
- 77 Pepsi brand
- 78 Hardly at all
- 79 Some German cars
- 80 Cartoon clubs
- 81 React to a loss
- 82 "Uh-huh, definitely"
- 83 "Brave New World" drug
- 84 Part of U.S.: Abbr.
- 85 Endure
- 86 E-commerce site
- 87 Crime buster Eliot
- 88 Tic ____ (candy)
- 89 Antony's player in "Julius Caesar," 1953
- 90 Repressed
- 91 Inevitability of life
- 92 Result of 91-Down, maybe
- 100 Sauce brand
- 103 Years abroad
- 107 Coke, for one
- 108 High rails
- 109 Having no direction, in math
- 110 Generic
- 113 Sort of
- 114 In ____ Patris (prayer words)
- 115 King in "The Little Mermaid"
- 116 Grant for filmmaking?
- 117 Cybermemos
- 119 Recto's flip side
- 120 Slangy denials
- 124 Coastal raptor
- 125 Scanned
- 127 Bit of office greenery
- 128 Unyielding
- 129 Go all over
- 130 Tiff
- 131 Backpack item
- 134 Dr.'s order
- 136 Cry's partner

What to buy in January



Savings Diva
Tanya Senseney

January is upon us, New Year's resolutions are in full swing and most are thinking about money as the Christmas bills start to pile up. Saving money is always at the top of everyone's list along with loosing weight, getting fit and more organized each year. By knowing when to shop and when to buy you will save money. More shopping may be the last thing you want to do after just finishing up the Christmas holidays, but January can be an exciting time to save. Below are my top seven things to buy in January.

break on that new sofa you have been eyeing or new dining room table. Mattresses will also be deeply discounted in January and May. If a new bed is something you are dreaming of now is a great time to shop for a better nights sleep.

Christmas decor

Many think that buying a new Christmas tree the day after Christmas is best, but actually by waiting until January you will find your new tree up to 80 percent off. Check your local Lowe's or Home Depot for more outside Christmas décor on sale and many other stores for Christmas clearance.

Fine jewelry

Now is the time to pull the trigger on buying your bling-bling. Valentine's is around the corner and jewelry prices can actually increase in February. Now that we are post-holiday you can save for Valentine's when you buy in January.

Tax software

If you have been wanting to update your tax software then January is the time. As we get closer to Tax time the prices can actually increase on the software. In January you can typically save 35-40 percent on tax, bookkeeping and money management software.

Tanya Senseney has more than 16 years experience saving and teaching others how to reduce their monthly grocery budget and give back to the community. Her focus and passion is to teach others how to never go without. In addition to her workshops, Senseney is a syndicated columnist and national speaker. Senseney travels the country to speak at numerous workshops and events to teach, enlighten and engage audiences large and small on how to shop for free. Contact Senseney for more information at Tanya@DivineSavings.com or visit www.DivineSavings.com for more information.

Fitness gear

You can save 60-75 percent this month on fitness equipment. Working out at home will save you money on a gym membership along with the right fitness equipment. Treadmills, stationary bikes, training accessories, home gyms, elliptical trainers and exercise DVD's will all be at the lowest price of the year in January.

Winter clothing

You will find many sales and clearance racks full on winter clothing. That is good news for central Florida as we get our cold snap in the upcoming weeks. Most stores will be making way for spring and summer clothing, thus making January the best time to buy winter clothing. You can save 50-80 percent now on winter coats and accessories.

Electronics & Gadgets
If you missed the Black Friday sales for electronics, then January is your month to score a hot deal on electronics and gadgets. New models are arriving soon and stores are making room now for the latest and greatest. Shop for cameras, audio, tablets and laptops.

Furniture

In February 2014 furniture collections will arrive. Just like electronics, new furniture for 2014 will be arriving on the showroom floors. You can get a big

Celebrations

Birth Announcements

Jian Baez

Juan Carlos Baez and Maria Alejandra Jimenez of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, Jian Carlos Baez, at 8:45 a.m. on Jan. 8, 2014 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.
Jian weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches in length.
Maternal grandparents are Alejandro Jimenez and Maribel Reyes. Paternal grandparents are Andres and Elsa Baez.

David Dailey

William Charles Jr. and Allison Michelle Dailey of Sebring announce the birth of a son, David Michael, at 11:11 p.m. on Jan. 3, 2014 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.
David weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20.25 inches in length.
Maternal grandparents are Jeffrey Alexander and Virginia Kathryn Bell. Paternal grandparents are William Charles and Christine Dianna Dailey.

Dylan Fender

LeeRoy Fender Jr. and Dawn Elizabeth Pelham of Zolfo Springs announce the birth of a son, Dylan Lee Fender, at 8:08 p.m. on Jan. 8, 2014 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.
Dylan weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches in length.
Maternal grandparents are James David and Suzanne Gay. Paternal grandparents are LeeRoy Fender Sr. and Linda Johnston.

Jett Lykes

Brandon and Tiffany Lykes of Lake Placid announce the birth of a son, Jett Adam, at 9:09 a.m. on Jan. 2, 2014 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.
Jett weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20.75 inches in length.
Maternal grandparents are Kevin and Cheryl Dixon. Paternal grandparents are Charlie and Kathy Lykes, and Vann Peeples and Wade Sherwood.

Hunter Torres

Pablo Torres and Miranda Benton announce the birth of a son, Hunter Immanuel Torres, at 8:10 a.m. on Dec. 2, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.
Hunter weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches in length.
Maternal grandparents are George Benton and Connie Hodge. Paternal grandparents are Louie Cortez and Marta Saldana.

Angry dad wants to learn how to control emotions

Dear Abby: I'm a dad in my 30s and I have a problem. I have been battling anger issues since I was a kid. I have been finding myself getting more and more worked up with my kids. When they misbehave, I lose it and yell at them. It is the way I was raised; however, I feel even worse afterward.
I really want to break this habit. I don't want the only memories my children have of me to be images of my red face and bugged-out eyes hollering at them. Do you have any guidelines I can follow to get a better handle on my anger?
— Loud Dad in west Virginia



Dear Abby

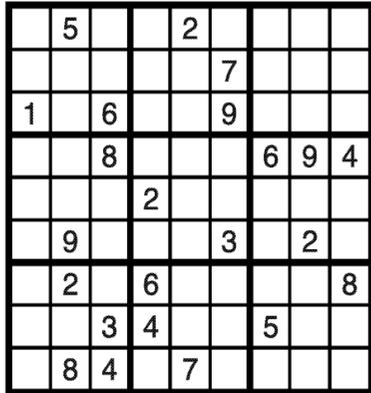
Dear Loud Dad: Yes, I do. And I'm glad you asked me because it's important that you find other ways of relieving your frustration than taking it out on your children. It is not only counterproductive, it is extremely destructive.
When a bigger person yells at a smaller person, the message is often lost because the smaller person (in your case, your children) simply shuts down out of fear that physical violence might follow.
You should not ignore your feelings when your children act up. Rather, you need to find another manner for expressing your emotions. My booklet "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It" offers suggestions on redirecting angry feelings in a healthy way. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus a check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby - Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.
Dealing with anger calmly and with reason is more effective than lashing out.

Expressing your feelings is healthy when it's done with a few well-chosen words that make your point. As you have already learned, exploding in anger serves no constructive purpose and only makes you feel worse afterward.
Sometimes when people are angry or frustrated about other things, they can lose control of their temper. In situations like these, it is important to evaluate the source of what might really be irritating you before misdirecting your anger at someone who is blameless.
There are healthy ways of dealing with anger and frustration. Developing the control to express emotions verbally without being abusive or calling names is one of them. Another is to say a prayer ("Please Lord, don't let me lose my temper!") before opening your mouth. Leaving the room, going for a walk or short run can be helpful.
Unhealthy ways that should be avoided include getting into your car when you are angry, or using alcohol or drugs to calm you.

My booklet offers many other suggestions for dealing with anger and frustration, and I hope it will be helpful to you. However, if it isn't, then you should discuss your problem with a mental health professional. It's important to get a handle on your feelings so your children won't grow up thinking that verbal abuse is a normal way to handle their emotions.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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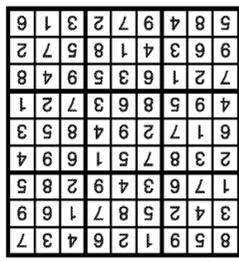
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What's Cooking

Tastes like Florida



Chef's Corner
Tim Spain

Now that our citrus season is in swing, I thought a recipe with citrus would be appropriate. It is said that citrus is nonnative to America and was brought here by Christopher

Columbus in 1492. However, the first grapefruit grove wasn't planted until 1823, and that was about 10 years before the Hall or Florida avocado was brought to Florida.

Enough about history, let's talk food. I think I prefer Ruby Reds over the Duncan variety because they are sweeter and have smaller and less seeds. They also have a great visual appeal when you slice them open.

If you don't have a grapefruit knife, then you should invest in one. They can usually be found in your supermarket and are inexpensive. They have a knife on both ends of the handle and one end has two blades to slice on either side of the sections. The other end has a spoon-like shape with sharp edges that make it easy to scoop out your section of fruit after you've sliced it with the other end.

To me, the flavor of red grapefruit and avocado together tastes like central Florida. I love the butter-like texture of the avocado paired with the sharp acidity of the red grapefruit with a hint of sweetness. Take those flavors and toss in a couple of things like fresh spinach and balsamic vinegar and you have the beginnings of a good salad that says "Florida."

Then let your imagination run with it. You could add chicken, tofu, maybe some grilled salmon or maybe even your leftover steak.

I have included a recipe that has avocado and grapefruit and I hope you try it and enjoy.

Cheers, Chef.

Avocado and grapefruit salad

- 1 each fresh avocado
- 3/4 cup Juice packed, drained grapefruit sections
- 2-5/8 tbs. olive oil
- 1-1/2 tsp. red wine vinegar
- 3/4 tsp. balsamic vinegar
- 3/4 tsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. bulk salt
- 1/4 tsp. black ground pepper
- 1/4 tsp. dry mustard
- 4 ounce fresh spinach with stems removed

Thoroughly wash all produce. Pre-chill ingredients. Remove and discard skin and pit from avocados. Cut into 1/4-inch cubes.

Gently toss together the avocados and grapefruit (this will prevent the avocado from browning). Cover and refrigerate. Internal temperature must reach 41 F or less prior to service.

Combine oil, both vinegars, lemon juice, salt, pepper and dry mustard in blender.

Toss the spinach leaves with the vinaigrette. Cover and refrigerate. Internal temperature must reach 41 F prior to service. Toss gently just prior to service.

Arrange spinach on plates. Garnish salad with 2 ounces grapefruit avocado mixture. Hold cold for service

Tim Spain is System Executive Chef with Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center and Morrison Healthcare Food Service. He can be reached by email at timspain@iammorrison.com/.

It's OK to Play With Your Food



Kid-friendly snacks to nourish mind and tummy



Cool and Creamy Bananas

- Prep Time: 10 min
- 1 cup Post Alpha-Bits cereal
- 1 cup thawed fat free whipped topping
- 2 medium bananas, sliced
- 1 cup sliced strawberries

Add cereal to whipped topping in medium serving bowl; stir gently until well blended. Add bananas; mix lightly. Top with strawberries.



Family Features
Parents don't often encourage their children to play with their food. However, when snack time offers the opportunity to nourish both the body and the mind, that's a treat any parent would be glad to serve their little ones.

Learning and snacking together

Invite the kids into the kitchen and take snack time to a whole new level. These tasty snack recipes feature the kid-approved flavor and crunch of Post Alpha-Bits cereal, as well as fun alphabet shapes, perfect for familiarizing young learners with the letters of the alphabet.

The time spent together creating these tasty recipes provides a special learning opportunity for children and parents, while enjoying fun snacks along the way. Who knew snack time could be so educational? For a fun and tasty spin on a classic family favorite, whip up a Breakfast Banana Split. If your family is looking for a great snack to pop in a baggie for car rides, you will love this Cinnamon Crunch Mix. Or, for an airy and sweet treat, try this recipe for Cool and Creamy Bananas.

Beyond the fun educational benefits, Post Alpha-Bits cereal is a great way to start the day. A serving provides 12 essential vitamins and minerals growing kids need. For more great recipes your family will love, and recipe nutrition information visit www.post-foods.com.

Cinnamon Crunch Mix

- Prep Time: 5 min
- 2 cups Post Alpha-Bits cereal
- 1 cup dried fruit, such as raisins, apples or apricots
- Ground cinnamon

Toss cereal and fruit in a medium bowl. Season with cinnamon to taste. Place 1/2-cup portions in individual snack bags. Store at room temperature.

Breakfast Banana Split

- Prep Time: 5 min
- 1/2 cup Post Alpha-Bits cereal
- 1 small banana
- 1/2 cup vanilla low-fat yogurt
- 1/4 cup seedless grapes, halved
- 1/4 cup strawberries, sliced

Peel banana; split in half lengthwise. Place in sundae dish or cereal bowl. Top banana with yogurt. Sprinkle with cereal and fruit. Makes 1 serving.

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