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## \$75 Million

Largest single donation ever to a US community hospital



By Dale M. King  
CITY EDITOR

As hospital CEO Gary Strack announced the hospital has received \$75 million to a hushed crowd gathered at Aviat Aviation at the Boca Raton Airport, the covering dropped on a portrait of family patriarch Charles E. Schmidt, one of Boca's most famed philanthropists. The new hospital it will help fund is scheduled to break ground next year and open in 2011 will be named the Charles E. Schmidt Medical Center. It honors the \$75 million gift and the late Boca benefactor.

The gift is the largest ever received by BRCH in its history — the largest ever given to a US community hospital, and the third largest ever given to any kind of US hospital or health care facility, officials said.

"This is part of the amazing journey that started 45 years ago," said Strack. And he introduced Gloria Drummond — the woman who led the charge to create a hospital in Boca Raton in the early 1960s. Drummond, who lost two children to poisoning because they could not reach a hospital in time to save their lives, drew a standing ovation from the crowd. And Strack told how she "turned tragedy into triumph."

Speakers said the Schmidt donation will help BRCH, FAU and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine continue the joint physician education program.

What began as a program that allowed FAU students to take the first two years of medical doctor training on the FAU campus, then transfer to UM, has now been ex-

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THE FUTURE OF BOCA RATON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL TOOK A MAJOR UPTURN TUESDAY.

IN WHAT SPEAKERS CALLED "A MILESTONE IN HEALTH CARE," THE SCHMIDT FOUNDATION, CHAIRED BY RICHARD SCHMIDT, SHOWN ABOVE, PRESENTED BRCH WITH A \$75 MILLION DONATION FOR ITS NEW TEACHING HOSPITAL ON THE CAMPUS OF FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY.

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THE BACKROOM REBORN IN BOCA RATON



## New Format energizes ITC event

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By Mario Sarmiento  
SPORTS EDITOR

The main draw of the Delray International Tennis Championships (ITC) was completed Wednesday with 10 singles and doubles matches played at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center.

After 16 players competed against each other in the qualifying round on Sunday, eight emerged to play in the main draw elimination round this week: former ITC champion Davide Sanguinetti, Alejandro Falla, Andrei Pavel, Teimuraz Gabashvili, and young Americans Ryan Sweeting, Sam Querry, Scoville Jenkins and Boca Raton native Jesse Levine.

Those eight players were then added to the 16 players who had already been seeded for the field.

This year, the ITC has adopted a round robin format, so the players have been divided into eight groups of three players each.

Each player has two guaranteed matches in the round robin stage, which ends Thursday, and the winner from each group advances to Friday's quarterfinals, which are played in the conventional single elimination format.

"It's exciting for Delray Beach to open the 2007 tennis season in the United States by rolling out this new round robin format,"



Let's dance

St. Mark Syrtaki Dancers perform at Boca Raton's Greek Festival on Sunday, January 28th. They were the final act from a wide range of weekend long festivities at this annual event. All proceeds of the festival go towards the operating budget and ministries of St. Mark.

Director Mark Baron said. "We have been discussing creative ways to make our sport even more exciting and this format delivers a chance to test some of those ideas."

Through Wednesday, only three of the 24 remaining players had been eliminated: Philipp Kohlschreiber, Kristian Pless and Igor Kunitsyn.

Sixteen teams play a single elimination draw in doubles, with quarterfinal play starting Thursday at 11 a.m. on Court 1.

If a match is tied at one set apiece, the third set is a 10-point tiebreak.

The teams of Boca Raton native Vince Spadea and Davide Sanguinetti, Jan-Michael Gabill and Rainer Schuettler, Lukasz Kubot and Andrei Pavel, Hugo Armando and Xavier Malisse, and Eric Butorac and Travis Parrott won their first round matches and advanced.

Top seed and No. 5 in the world James Blake won his opening match on Tuesday, 6-3, 6-2 over fellow American Robert Kendrick. Blake is in Group 1 with Kendrick and Scoville Jenkins.

"Won the match comfortably on court, which is not always an easy thing," Blake said. "I felt real good, and Rob's a good player. We've battled from juniors, to college to Challengers (Series) to now on the Tour level. Good feeling to know we're doing it on the highest level now. It's great to beat him."

Blake's win relegated Kendrick to a Wednesday match against Jenkins.

As for the new round robin format, Blake, who played in this tournament in 2004 and 2005, said, "I'd like to see how fans react to it. I like the fact the ATP is trying different things. I like the fact that we're experi-



Top seed James Blake

menting, "Hawkeye" (video replay) we experimented with, it's catching on, the fans really seem to love it.

Round robin, we'll see if the fans like it. It seems like the draw might be difficult for fans to see what's going on, but they get to see the marquee players more often. It's what they're here for, it's what they buy the tickets for, so it's great. We work a little harder, but we earn a pretty decent living, so I think we can work for that."

The final day of round robin will be Thursday, with matches starting at 11 a.m. in both singles and doubles on Courts 1 and 2.

On Friday, quarterfinals for doubles start at 11 a.m., with the first singles quarterfinal to follow at 12:30 p.m.

The second doubles quarterfinal is at 5:30 p.m., with singles following at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the program final starts at noon, followed by doubles semifinals at 1:30 p.m. and singles semis at 2:30.

The other singles semifinal starts at 7 p.m., with the second doubles semi following.

The doubles championship will be played Sunday at noon, with the singles final following at 1 p.m.

Fans can follow along with live scoring at [yellowtennisball.com](http://yellowtennisball.com).

What's attorney Bob O'Connell trying to say?



Read it this Sunday, Feb. 4

## Nominations sought for Animal Kindness Award

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Palm Beach County's Animal Care and Control Division is seeking outstanding individuals or groups who have shown commendable care and devotion to animals, domestic or wild, to receive the 2007 Animal Kindness Award.

Those nominated must be Palm Beach County residents whose good deeds to animals took place in 2006 and in this county.

All nominations will be re-

viewed, and the most worthy person will be selected for the award. The honoree will be recognized before the Board of County Commissioners for a special presentation.

Nomination forms are available at the Animal Care and Control shelter, 7100 Belvedere Road in West Palm Beach, or from the Web site: [www.pbcgov.com/pubsafety/animal](http://www.pbcgov.com/pubsafety/animal). Forms must be returned to Animal Care and Control by Thursday, March 15.



Doug Weichman, fleet management director

## Division gets national award

### New student intern program at county fleet management division

By John Johnston  
MANAGING EDITOR

Palm Beach County's Fleet Management Division of Facilities Development & Operations (FD&O) has earned the 2006 Vocational Fleet of the Year Award.

The award was based on initiatives, programs, cost-saving methods and improved efficiencies, according to Fleet Management Director Doug Weichman — “and not possible,” he added, “without the dedicated and hard-working employees of Fleet Management. Their recognition on a national level is well deserved and confirms their status as an industry leader in the automotive field.”

### Student Interns

The award is primarily for how the county is dealing with older worker retirement and younger workers going elsewhere — something being addressed, Weichman said, by the county beginning a student internship program with the School District of Palm Beach County.

“The idea is to recruit four seniors each semester from Palm Beach County's vo-tech schools as interns,” he said. “They'll attend school in the morning and work in one of our shops from 1 to 5 p.m., for which they'll be paid \$10 an hour. We'll roll them through so they can see what we do with the

hope that when they graduate, they will apply for an entry-level slot here.”

And for the fifth year in a row, Weichman said, the facility also recently was awarded the Blue Seal Certification from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

### Hybrids Used

In addition to recognition for the new student internship program, the award itself says: “Fleet Management staff has made significant strides in improving efficiency, developing environmentally friendly policies, developing staff incentives for certifications and participating in the recently developed FD&O internship program.”

Included in the environmental elements of the award, Weichman said the county fleet now has 125 hybrid vehicles — vehicles that use both electric and fuel propulsion systems.

Weichman said among cost saving programs is the use of nitrogen in tires. He explained that, and as an inert gas, nitrogen helps to stabilize a tire's air pressure. This in turn reduces the tire's temperature variability; that in turn extends the tire's life by reducing wear.

Weichman said the county operates 150 different types of vehicles, and the division handles more than 15,000 work orders a year. This includes about 4,500 vehicles potentially in for repair, ranging from golf carts to dump trucks.

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## Gove named executive director of Boca Helping Hands

By Dale M. King  
CITY EDITOR

It didn't take long for Boca Helping Hands to find a new executive director.

The board of directors for the organization that provides food and financial assistance to the needy has announced that Linda Gove succeeds Joanne Szaja as the group's top official.

Szaja, executive director for some five years, resigned in December. BHH board members said she was going to help her husband to grow his business.

Board president Dave Freudenberg had high praise for the new director. “She is energetic and dynamic. I believe she will be a wonderful asset.”

Freudenberg also said Sally Wells has joined BHH on a part time basis to assist with event planning and fundraising. He said she was also a dynamic addition to the organization.

With more than 20 years of marketing experience, Gove has worked in private industry for companies such as Siemens, RBC Mortgage, and Equifax.

A graduate of Florida Atlantic University, she began her career as a computer support tech; worked her way to marketing manager and held the position of vice president of marketing before moving over to work with nonprofits.

She has been active in the South Florida business, social, and charitable community for the past seven years, since returning to South Florida from Silicon Valley. She is affiliated with several community and professional organizations such as the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, and she volunteers for the George Snow Cowboy Ball,

Michael Weppner Golf Tournament and Boca Respite events.

Boca Helping Hands is a resource center, created by local congregations, to provide hot meals for the hungry, groceries for poor families



Linda Gove

and job mentoring. It provides more than 27 tons of food annually.

In addition, last year, more than 1,000 people received crisis assistance with utility bills, medication needs, shelter and transportation. The organization has only three paid staff members, a board of directors and 250 volunteers.

Boca Helping Hands recently kicked off its drive to raise \$1.4 million for a new headquarters. BHH just got \$50,000 from the Boca Raton Rotary Club, said Gary Peters, chairman of the capital campaign. Helping Hands, he noted, needs to build a single facility to operate from — one that will house its cafeteria, food distribution and warehouse center, administrative offices and job assistance program.

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## Judge urges compromise in Boca sober house case

By Dale M. King  
CITY EDITOR

A federal judge presiding over litigation that claims Boca Raton overstepped its bounds when it banned group homes for recovering drug addicts and alcoholics in residential parts of the city is asking lawyers for both sides to take a second look at the ordinance.

U.S. District Court Judge Donald Middlebrooks said he feels the city can regulate the so-called “sober houses” without

prohibiting the facilities in residential zones.

In response to complaints from residents, the city in 2002 adopted an ordinance that allows the sober houses only in areas of the city zoned for hotels and medical facilities.

The U.S. Department of Justice last year filed suit in U.S. District Court in Miami, seeking to prevent the city from enforcing the regulations; asking for compensation for the operators and residents of the group homes

along with civil penalties. The suit also bars the city from future “discrimination.”

Attorneys for the city argued sober houses create a hardship in neighborhoods. During hearings in 2002, residents living near these facilities said they were afraid to allow their children outside when residents of the homes were in the area.

The judge said normal activities associated with group homes — drug testing and transportation, for example — don't create

problems for people living nearby. But overcrowding, frequent moves in and out of units and group therapy meetings might be detrimental, he indicated.

Middlebrooks gave lawyers on both sides 10 days to come up separately with possible remedies that will not be as strict as the city's current ordinance.

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## First symposium on American presidency

### David Halberstam to be featured

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Best-selling author David Halberstam will address the headline-making combination of war, media and the presidency as the featured guest speaker at Florida Atlantic University's first annual Alan B. Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency, February 15-16. Halberstam will kick off the two-day symposium, which will explore the public/private roles of America's commanders-in-chief during wartime and how the mass media have portrayed the wars and those who waged them.

Halberstam will speak Thursday, Feb. 15, beginning at 4 p.m., at the

Carole and Barry Kaye Auditorium in the University Center on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road. His keynote address is titled “Selling War in a Media Age: The Presidency and Public Opinion in the American Century.” Halberstam's well-known and compelling books include examinations of the Vietnam War during the Kennedy Era, the Korean War, and the state of America in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks under the Bush administration.

On Friday, Feb. 16, a full schedule of presentations and discussions will begin at 9 a.m. at the Live Oak Pavilion in the University Center on the Boca Raton campus. The sessions, featuring noted historians, professors and political analysts from across the country, will cover topics such as the Cold War, Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative and selling the Iraq wars.

“We are thrilled to be able to offer such a high level of speakers for our inaugural Alan B. Larkin Symposium,” said Stephen Engle, chair of the FAU department of history. “We have every expectation that the symposium will become the central event in the study of the American presidency in the historical field, attracting and featuring the nation's foremost authorities on the American presidency.”

The symposium is part of a generous endowment to the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters history department by the family of Alan B. Larkin, which includes his widow Charna, his brother Harold and sister-in-law Lenore Larkin, his children and their spouses David Larkin, AJ and Michelle Larkin, Jonathan and Margie Larkin, his niece Susan Bradner and her husband Chris Bradner. Larkin, a magazine publisher who died in

2002, had a true passion for American history, particularly the American presidency. During his lifetime, Larkin collected original signed letters from every U.S. president from George Washington to George W. Bush. The Larkin family hopes the symposium will explore different components of the American executive branch of government and its significance to the political culture of the United States, as well as expand FAU's public profile both locally and nationally.

Additional support for the symposium comes from the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council and the Palm Beach County Cultural Council. For more information on the two-day symposium, visit [www.fau.edu/larkin](http://www.fau.edu/larkin) or call FAU's history department at 561-297-3840. All lectures and presentations are free and open to the public.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Next of kin sought

Boca Raton police are seeking the public's assistance in locating the next of kin of a deceased man, Michael Kent Black. He died Jan. 24 at Boca Raton Community Hospital. The exact cause is not known and will be determined by a medical examiner, said police Public Information Officer Sgt. Jeff Kelly.

He was born Feb. 13, 1953, and his last known address was 282 NE 32nd St., Boca Raton, police said.

What is known about the man, Kelly said, is that his mother's name is Betty Black and her last known address was the Aztec Trailer Park in Margate. Black has two siblings, a brother and a sister, with the same last name, unknown first names or places of residence.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Juan Carlos Pijuan at 561-338-1387.

### Boat stolen

Boca Raton police said a man contacted them Jan. 18 and reported that his 8-foot white Walk-

er Bay boat was stolen from the dock area behind his residence on Oregon Lane, police said.

### Trailer taken

A Boca Raton man told police Jan. 17 that someone stole a 25-foot open trailer from the rear of his home. He said the theft occurred sometime between Jan. 12 and 17, police said.

### Identity theft

A Boca Raton woman told police someone used her personal information to open a credit card account. She said she received a phone call Jan. 10 that said the account was delinquent. She told the bank she never opened such an account. She has since closed it, she told police.

### Items taken from purse

A resident of Boca Raton told police Jan. 17 she lost \$350 and two gift cards from her purse at her place of business. She said she put the purse in a room where she was having a company meeting.

## OBITUARIES

### RONALD L. DEPPEN BOCA RATON

Ronald L. Deppen, age 72, of Boca Raton, Florida died January 30, 2007. Mr. Deppen came to this area in 1960 from Reading, PA where he had been associated as a funeral director and former owner with the Kraeer Funeral Homes for 47 years. He was a past president of the Rotary Club of Boca Raton, a Paul Harris Fellow, a former board member of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Palm Beach County Funeral Directors Association, the Florida Funeral Directors Association, and the National Funeral Directors Association. He is survived by his wife Edna, his daughter Denise Loewe of Ankeny, Iowa, his sons Scott W. of Ormond Beach, FL and Randy C. of West Palm Beach, FL., his brother Richard K. of Reading, PA and his grandson Kyle Loewe. Funeral services will be held at 10 am Thursday, February 1st at the Kraeer Funeral Home in Boca Raton. Interment will follow at the Osceola Memory Gardens in Kissimmee, FL. Arrangements by: Kraeer Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 1353 N. Federal Hwy. Boca Raton, FL 33432 561-395-1800.

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## Hodgson Russ names six new law partners

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Hodgson Russ LLP has added six new attorneys to the firm: Brian K. Duffey and Jaana T. Moio in the Boca Raton office and Timothy P. Noonan, David G. Reed, Jeffrey C. Stravino and Jeffrey J. Weiss of the Buffalo office.



Jaana T. Moio

Duffey, of the Estates & Trusts Practice Group, concentrates in estate planning, probate, and real estate. He has experience in the areas of probate administration, family business succession planning, buy-sell agreements, Florida Homestead and elective share disputes, preparation of federal and Florida estate, gift, and fiduciary tax returns and has represented fiduciaries in trust and estate mediation and litigation proceedings.

Moio, a member of the Florida Family & Marital Practice Group, concentrates her practice in marital and family law, including dissolution, child custody, visitation, support, paternity, post-dissolution, and pre-marital and post-marital agreements. She is a certified family law mediator and a founding member of the Association of Marital-Based Collaborative Law-



Brian K. Duffey

yers. Born in Kemi, Finland, she is fluent in Finnish.

Hodgson Russ, which opened its first office in South Florida in 1974, is one of Boca Raton's largest law firms, and with more than 230 attorneys in the firm's eight offices.

## Board of Governors OKs FAU construction plan during Boca visit

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

The Board of Governors — the state board that oversees Florida's 11 state universities — spent a couple of days visiting the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University this month.

And they left something behind for the university's Board of Trustees. The BOG approved FAU's request for \$109 million for construction projects over the next three years.

In the end, state legislators must

FAU President Frank T. Brogan. The BOT governs and sets policies for the university in accordance with the laws of the state and the policies of the Board of Governors.

Chairman Tripp is founder, chairman emeritus and a partner in the Tripp Scott law firm in Fort Lauderdale. He was founder and general counsel of Alamo Rent-A-Car. He lives in Fort Lauderdale, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami and earned a Juris Doctor degree, magna cum laude, from Cleveland State University.

Blosser, also of Fort Lauderdale, graduated from the Muhlenberg Hospital School of Nursing in New Jersey and received a master's in business administration from the University of Miami.

The board also elected a new slate of committee chairs, including Armand Grossman, chair, and Robert Stille, vice chair, of the Committee for Academic and Student Affairs; Scott Adams, chair, and Lalita Janke, vice chair, of the Strategic Planning Committee and Nancy Blosser, chair, and William Bryant, vice chair, of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Governors also held their own meeting while visiting FAU.

To the trustees, though, the most important vote was on the construction program.

A month earlier, Tom Barlow, FAU's lobbyist in Tallahassee, outlined the legislative spending proposal for the coming year.

The largest single request in the legislative package — for the coming year and over the next three years — is construction of a new engineering building on the Boca campus. The total ticket is \$41



Norman Tripp

million. Barlow said FAU is asking for \$17,982,000 in 2007 for Phase I of the project. Last year, lawmakers came up with \$3 million to get it started.

Also on the university's needs list is a new \$16 million general classroom building, a \$2 million expansion of the College of Arts and Letters and a new \$30 million environmental sciences facility on the David campus.

During the BOG's meeting, its members heard recommendations from a private consulting firm that has evaluated the current structure of the state university system. The production of degrees has increased, the firm noted. But graduate and professional degrees have grown faster than undergraduate diplomas.

A public hearing will be held Feb. 27 for citizens to comment on the study.

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Nancy Blosser

approve the financing.

While in Boca, BOG members also watched as trustees reorganized. Norman Tripp succeeded Sherry Plymale as chairman and Nancy Blosser was picked as vice-chairman.

"I look forward to working with Trustees Tripp and Blosser in their new roles, as both have shown such a strong commitment to FAU and higher education in general," said

## Ancient Persia comes to B'nai Israel

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ancient Persia will come back to life Saturday, March 3 at 7 p.m. when Congregation B'nai Israel holds its annual gala auction.

This year's theme is "Purim Carnivale!" as the event falls on Purim.

The evening includes belly dancers, strolling musicians, slight of hand magicians, stilt walkers and characters from ancient history who will greet all who attend.

Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner and desserts. They will also have the opportunity to savor dessert martinis and enjoy an all-night open bar.

The featured act, comedian Joel Chasnoff, has performed across the globe and has been the opening act for Jon Stewart and Lewis Black of The Daily Show and Gilbert Gottfried at The Aladdin.

The festive evening will also offer silent and live auctions.

The proceeds will help Congregation B'nai Israel provide for both its members and the community in need, provide an opportunity for synagogue membership to all people who desire it, enhance the preschool program, fund new programs for the religious school and send more teens to Israel.

Admission is \$75 per person. Call 561-241-8118 for more information.

## Amplified telephone exchange

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Deaf Service Center, with offices located in West Palm Beach and Delray Beach, offers specialized telephone equipment, at no charge, to all Palm Beach County residents who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc., a statewide organization, has partnered with the Deaf Service Center to provide this special equipment.

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(Special to the News)

Don Estridge High Tech Middle School students Matthew Kerker, shown left, Ian Mellul, teacher Shannon Parish, Ryan White, and Lucas Peel hold letters sent to U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. The letters urged Rice to stop the government of Sudan and dictator Omar al-Bashir from chairing the African Union- and stopping the genocide in Darfur.

## Boca students take action against genocide in Darfur

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

Four Boca middle school students have taken a global stand against the killing of 400,000 civilians in Darfur.

In a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, these students urged her to stop the government of Sudan and dictator Omar al-Bashir from chairing the African Union.

"If the military groups over there took control it would become more dangerous and a lot worse for the people over there," the students wrote last week.

And that letter sent by- Ian Mellul, Ryan White, Matthew Kerker, and Lucas Peel- and many other letters proved successful.

Leaders of African countries that make up the African Union recently awarded Chairmanship of the African Union to President Kufuor of Ghana.

"It was a very big impact," Mellul said. "It's amazing how a couple letters change congressmen or senators decisions."

The letter was part of a class assignment in Shannon Parish's civics class at Don Estridge High Tech Middle School. The assignment, or the youth voice project, was to choose a local or national issue and make a difference.

"My vision was to have the students become more globally aware and affect change within their community," Parish said.

The group chose to make a

change in the genocide in Darfur.

"We think it's an immediate threat and wanted to take action," Mellul said. "Since we're only in middle school, we can't really take military action but we can write a letter."

That action didn't go unnoticed.

The Genocide Intervention Network in Washington D.C., whose mission is to empower communities with tools to prevent and stop genocide, received word of the group's cause.

"I think it's great that teachers are encouraging them and students are taking part. Genocide is a horrific fact of life," said Sara Hazeltine, membership assistant for the Genocide Intervention Network. "The sooner students are aware of what human beings are doing to one another, the more chance they will help and work to make a change."

The Boca students said the project isn't finished. Besides the letter, the group also educated classmates through a power point presentation and informative fliers on the genocide in Darfur. The boys found that only a few peers knew about the horrific situation.

"We learned that this is a mass killing and a huge problem and not many people know about it," White said.

Kerker added, "After the Holocaust we said it would never happen again, but it is happening and not many people know about it. The first step is for everyone to

know about what's going on."

And the students' next step is raising money. The boys will sell green wristbands engraved with Save Darfur at school and around Boca Raton. This idea sparked after Peel brought back a wristband from the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. The dollars raised from the \$2 wristbands will go to the Save Darfur fund.

Debbie Abrams, appointed by the President as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, will speak to Parish's classes about "what children's life in Darfur is like."

"The committee's goal is making the country aware of current genocides," Abrams said. "I'm excited that middle school kids are getting involved in this issue."

However, the Boca students hope to get more peers involved.

"I don't think people are too worried about it or don't pay that much attention to it, but people do need to help and do something about it," Peel said. "They need to open their eyes to what's happening around them."

Parish thinks her message was received in the group and wants it to spread to other students.

"They learned that students do have a voice and can make a change. They learned about the devastation in Darfur and how they can start a grass roots campaign for awareness," she said.

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## Junior League to host Medicaid seminar

FROM STAFF REPORTS

On Feb. 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., The Junior League of Boca Raton will host a free seminar on the new 2006 changes in Medicaid laws.

There is no cost for the program however, advance registration is required. Scott M. Solkoff, J.D. and Karen F. Greenberg, MBA, CFP will present the seminar. Solkoff is a

Certified Elder Law Specialist and Past Chair of the Florida Bar's Elder Law Section as well as Past President of the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. Greenberg is the founder of Prosperity Life Planning, Inc., a not-for-profit educational service and a mother of a child with autism. The mission of the organization is to teach fami-

lies of children and adults with special needs about methods of protecting present and future benefits as well as quality of life issues for their special family member as well as the entire family.

The Vegso Community Resource Center is located at 261 NW 13 St. in Boca Raton. Call 561-620-2553 or email info@jlbr.org.

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The City of Delray Beach is seeking two (2) individuals to serve as At-Large Representatives on the newly implemented Creative City Collaborative Organizational/Incorporation Committee. This Committee will be responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on the draft By-Laws and duties and responsibilities of the Creative City Collaborative; review proposed job descriptions for proposed staff and make recommendations; review and make recommendations on funding request procedures and forms; begin the incorporative process and help develop work plans. Meetings will be held once a month.

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## New state sales tax calculator debuts on IRS.gov

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Internal Revenue Service is providing a new online tool to help individual taxpayers determine whether they might benefit by electing to deduct their state and local general sales taxes.

"The Sales Tax Calculator is another interactive tool on the IRS.gov web site designed to help make it easier for taxpayers to figure their taxes," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson.

Taxpayers who itemize deductions on Schedule A of the Form 1040 in 2006 have the option of deducting the amount of state and local sales taxes paid instead of deducting their state and local income taxes paid. Taxpayers cannot take a deduction for both sales and income taxes.

New tax law enacted in late December reinstated the optional deduction for state and local sales taxes. Because of this late enactment date, the IRS previously announced that it would not begin processing returns claiming the sales tax deduction until Feb. 3.

To use the Sales Tax Calculator, taxpayers input their adjusted gross income, number of exemptions and zip code. The IRS estimates most taxpayers will get an answer in less than



five minutes using the new tool.

The calculator is anonymous. Taxpayers do not need to enter their name, Social Security number or any other identifying information. The calculator is another in a series of steps the IRS is taking to reduce taxpayer burden.

As an alternate to the online sales tax calculator, taxpayers can use the worksheet in Publication 600, State and Local General Sales Tax, posted on IRS.gov and mailed in early January to about six million individuals who received the Form 1040 tax package.

To calculate what their sales tax deduction would be, taxpayers can use either the actual amounts paid or use sales tax tables that allow them to factor in the exact sales taxes paid on certain specified items, such as a car, boat or material to build a house.

To find this tool, enter Sales Tax Calculator into the search box at IRS.gov.

## Taking Stock

**Dear Mr. Berko:**

In your opinion, what would be the best insurance stock (life, property and casualty) to own? I want to own an insurance company but can't seem to make a buying decision among those I've looked at. So give me your best pick. Also, what do you think of Wyeth? I also want to buy a drug company.

**W.P.  
Vancouver, Wash.**

**Dear W.P.:**

I'm willing to make a mistake if someone else is willing to learn from it. So: "one, two, buckle my shoe," I think that Hartford Financial Services Group (HIG-\$92.61) may be the classiest, finest, most well-run, carefully innovative, highly respected, client-friendly insurance company on the Big Board. This \$27 billion revenue company with \$310 billion in assets was founded during an era of national crisis (1810), when the Brits burned Washington, when Francis Scott Key penned "The Star Spangled Banner" and James Madison was president.

Hartford, with an exceptional overseas presence, solid management, superb and clean financials, a 16.5 percent return on equity, gross margins of 28 percent, net profit margins of 10.1 percent, a book value of \$57, trading at 10 times current earnings and nine times anticipated 2007 earning of \$10 a share, looks enticingly undervalued.

## Hartford easy to like

Standard & Poors' Charles Siefert has a "strong buy" recommendation on HIG with a 12-month target price of \$105. Value Line's Praneeth Satish believes HIG has excellent long-term appreciation potential and thinks HIG could trade upward to \$170 in the coming few years. Meanwhile, Bank of America and Citigroup both have "buy" recommendations on HIG and Thomas Gallagher of Credit Suisse anoints HIG with a five-star rating. And I'm going to set my laser printer on "stun" suggesting that when (if) HIG begins trading over the \$100 range next year, that the board may split the stock 2-for-1.

Wyeth (WYE-\$51) is kind of the "quiet" drug company. Founded by brothers John and Frank Wyeth during the Civil War, WYE keeps its name in the medical journals rather than the headlines. Most folks know the drugs such as Enbrel, Effexor, Premarin and Norplant because those names scroll across your TV screen nearly every 20 minutes. But most folks don't know that they are WYE products. And when you traipse the aisles of Walgreens or CVS looking for over-the-counter remedies, you might notice names like Advil, Dristan, Robitussin, Dimetapp, Centrum, Primatene and Anbesol. But you don't notice that those products are

also WYE brands.

In the past dozen years, WYE's revenues have grown from \$12 billion to an expected \$27 billion, while earnings have grown from \$1.10 a share to perhaps \$3.40 this year. Not too shabby for a company that keeps the shelves of 7-Eleven, Kroger, Safeway, Walgreens, Stop & Shop, etc., stocked with Preparation H, Alaver, Caltrate and Chapstick.

And during that 12-year time frame, WYE's net profit margins have improved quite nicely, from 14 percent to 21 percent. Wyeth's animal health unit (Fort Dodge) provides a broad range of pharmaceuticals for the equine, livestock, poultry and swine industries.

Wyeth has promising products in development for the treatment of osteoporosis, schizophrenia and depressive disorders. Operating margins are expanding. Few patent expirations (except for Effexor in 2008) on the horizon. Its Tygacil, the first broad-spectrum antibiotic approved in 20 years, may soon be generating revenues of \$1 billion a quarter. And the fen-phen (diet drug) litigation may soon be resolved.

I really like this company. Wyeth doesn't sponsor golf tournaments, NASCAR races or tennis matches. I like this company because it has solid earnings improvement, healthy cash flow and a 27 percent



Malcolm Berko

return on equity.

But I don't like WYE well enough to own the stock. Oh, there's nothing wrong with the company. Management is doing a yeoman's job. There are no backdated stock options and its balance sheet and income statement shine clean as newly minted pennies. I just can't put my finger on it, but sometimes you have to lead with your intuition. And my institution profile suggests that this stock will trade between \$50 and \$60 over the next two to three years. I profile stocks and it works. I know profiling is illegal, but I've been profiling stocks for 44 years. And I'm comfortable telling you that there are many better fish in the sea and I wouldn't buy WYE.

Please address your financial questions to Malcolm Berko, P.O. Box 1416, Boca Raton, FL 33429 or e-mail him at malber@adelphia.net.

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## Jones Lang LaSalle to lease 1501 Yamato Road building in Boca

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jones Lang LaSalle has been awarded the exclusive leasing rights for 1501 Yamato Road, a Class A office building totaling nearly 172,000-square feet.

Songy Partners LLC (Boca IV Associates, LLC), with projects in the U.S. and Mexico, recently purchased

the building, which includes a covered parking garage and offers a view of the Broken Sound Golf Course in Boca Raton North's Arvida Park of Commerce Park.

The Jones Lang LaSalle team of Alice F. Lucia and Sandra Andersen will oversee the building's leasing responsibilities.

"The vibrancy of this submarket continues to improve with the Class A sector dominating absorption within Boca Raton and the West Palm CBD," noted Lucia. "We are confident that we will be able to maximize occupancy at the property."

Current market rents at the building are \$25 per square foot on a triple

net basis.

Renovated in 1997, 1501 Yamato is a two-story and three-story multi-tenant office building connected by an atrium lobby. Tenant amenities include the building's restaurant, adjacent proximity to the athletic club, hotels, additional eating establishments and I-95; property manage-

ment and engineer on-site, hurricane resistant glass and building or monument signage opportunities.

Washington Mutual occupies about 105,000 square feet of space at the building.

(Special to the News)

**Jones Lang LaSalle will handle the leasing of the building at 1501 Yamato Road.**



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## South Florida Summerbridge celebrates 10 years of serving disadvantaged students

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

David Prieto remembers sitting in class being taught by his older peers.

Years later, he became the teacher.

That's the goal of South Florida Summerbridge at Saint Andrew's School in Boca Raton. The program hopes to encourage students to become teachers and role models to younger children.

And it's in its tenth year.

Summerbridge, a three-year program, selects about 35 middle school students- a majority of whom are minority and from economically challenged homes- to study at Saint Andrew's during the summer and weekend classes in the fall and spring semesters. Small classes of fewer than ten students, interactive lessons, and youthful instructors make the program attractive, according to program officials.

"Summerbridge operates from the knowledge that no matter how 'smart' they are, children of limited means face 'chasms, deep and wide', limited resources, exposure, and challenges," said Paula Allen, Director of South Florida Summerbridge. "The program proceeds from the perspective that it is an instrument of change, a bridge builder. That philosophy governs today's vision. While some see "minority" children who face staggering odds, I see a majority of students who are on the brink of greatness. They teach philosophy, plan community service projects, and coordinate career days. They give up summer vacations and Saturdays to attend classes."

Allen said many of the students have become successful.

"They are students in AP and honors classes. They are National Merit Scholars and soon-to-be college graduates. About 86 percent of

them entered select college preparatory high schools in August 2006," Allen said.

Prieto has a similar success story.

Originally from Cuba, Prieto came to the United States in 1995 with his family when he was just seven years old, not knowing how to speak English. He enrolled at Boca Raton Elementary School.

Fast-forward to 2007, Prieto will graduate from Saint Andrew's School at the top of his class and with the intention of studying engineering at the University of Florida.

This past year, his eleventh-grade English honors teacher wrote, "David is a model of propriety for his peers. An excellent participant in discussion, David leads his peers with a quiet confidence. They look to him for guidance, and he provides it with expertise and humility."

Prieto said South Florida Summerbridge changed his academic career.

Prieto is a graduate of South Florida Summerbridge and has also worked as a faculty member and volunteer in the Summerbridge program, teaching computers, physics, chemistry and math.

Prieto has volunteered his time to teach Summerbridge students each year, according to Allen.

"I was impressed that after he graduated the program he came back to teach since his freshman year of high school," she said. "He is such a good role model and I



(Special to the News)

**David Prieto, a Saint Andrew's School senior, attended and taught at South Florida Summerbridge. The program, which allows college and high school students to teach economically challenged county middle school children, is celebrating its tenth anniversary.**

hope to have others follow in his footsteps. We hope to have as many graduates as possible come back and teach in the program."

Summerbridge is looking for students like Prieto and will host an open house Feb. 10 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the school. Call 561-210-2090.

Nicol Jenkins can be reached at njenkins@bocanews.com or 561-549-0844.

## Employees sign up to volunteer at NCCI Community Showcase

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The clear fishbowl was filled with pieces of neatly folded paper, each representing a person who wanted to learn more about how they could help Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc., or AVDA.

"Well, this is how it's going," said Jennifer Mahoney, holding up the bowl. Mahoney is the donor relations and special events coordinator for AVDA of Delray Beach. "I think that's pretty good."

Mahoney was one of the people working the booths at NCCI Holdings, Inc.'s Community Showcase Jan. 17. At each of the seven booths, employees could learn more about the different causes and charities that NCCI plans to support in 2007 and sign up for more information, walks, and



(Special to the News) Dale, shown left, and Mitch Cohen recently participated at the NCCI Holdings, Inc.'s Community Showcase.

other events. Mahoney was joined by two new AVDA board members who were also NCCI employees. Rhonda Mensah and Beverly Cordner contribute time to helping AVDA collect cell phones, diapers, and other resources for women leaving damaging relationships and starting over.

"I wanted to do more civic-minded things, start taking time out of my schedule and volunteering more," Cordner said.

NCCI holds its internal Community Showcase once a year to give its approximately 1,000 employees an opportunity to become more involved. Some employees chair committees, others donate whatever time and resources they can. Located conveniently in the first-floor atrium during lunchtime, the showcase booths were manned by team captains, employees who have a personal interest in the causes and are passionate about recruiting co-workers.

By the end of the event, Mitch and Dale Cohen had signed up about 20 people to either walk or donate to the North Broward Hospital District MS Walk on March 18 in Boca Raton. Mitch works for NCCI as a data analyst and is on the Walk committee, but it is his wife, Dale, who has suffered with multiple sclerosis for 25 years.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic unpredictable disease of the central nervous system, which has affected Dale's mobility and vision, but it has not prevented her from having two sons, now ages 21 and 18, or from being a committed walk supporter for four years in a row.

"Do you want to walk on our team?" she asks every person who approaches the table. Mitch said he became involved, as a walk organizer after the couple needed a scooter for Dale during a trip to New York. They called the National MS Society, and one was delivered to their hotel so that Dale could get around. According to Mitch, everyone with MS needs that kind of support and more.

"I do this for her," he said. Visit [www.avdaonline.org](http://www.avdaonline.org) or [www.mswalksouthflorida.org](http://www.mswalksouthflorida.org).

# IRS explains phone refund

FROM STAFF REPORTS

What is the Telephone Excise Tax Refund?

It is a refund of federal excise taxes paid for long-distance service billed between February 28, 2003 and August 1, 2006.

How do I request the refund? Individuals can choose from one of two methods to request this

refund. They may request the standard amount that ranges from \$30-\$60 and is based on exemptions or they may chose to request a refund of the actual amount they paid based upon their telephone records and available proof of payment. The refund is requested using a special line on Forms 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ.

If I don't normally have to file a tax return, how do I request the refund?

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(Special to the News)  
Yale University student Anne Lee, shown left, belts out a note as the other members of The New Blue sing on stage with Pine Crest's Middle School Choir.

## Gilbert brings music to Pine Crest School in Boca

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Pine Crest alumnus Dani Gilbert recent returned and treated students.

As part of The New Blue, Yale's oldest female cappella singing group and the university's oldest female organization of any kind, Gilbert arrived on campus with the group's fourteen other members that morning and began rehearsing The Jackson Five's "I Want You Back" with the members of Pine Crest's Middle School Choir. The singers then took to the stage for a special assembly where they performed the song for the entire student body, faculty, and administration.

After this well-received collaboration with the choir, the New Blue had the stage to themselves and

proceeded to entertain the crowd with a number of sweet and soulful renditions of classic songs such as "Black Water," "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'," "Killing Me Softly," and "Natural Woman."

It was a wonderful performance that was not only enjoyed by those in attendance, but by The New Blue members themselves, especially Gilbert, a 2000 graduate of Pine Crest's Boca campus.

"Singing with these girls is just a really nice way to supplement the academics and everything," said the Yale University junior, currently majoring in ethics, politics, and economics. "We all love it so much. We get to do fun things like [visit Pine Crest], go on tour, and have all these great concerts, so it's always really exciting."

Her tenure with The New Blue has also allowed Gilbert to realize the group's importance in her own life as well as the significant role it plays in the lives of other young women.

"Since 1969 The New Blue has been this very strong network of powerful women and this really wonderful tradition of women's history, empowerment, and leadership," she said. "It's been a really wonderful experience to meet our alums and to learn about this history of women starting something new and making beautiful music together."

Last year, Gilbert and the group performed at the home of former President George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara for their wedding anniversary.

## Boca-based Woolbright buys Boynton plaza

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton-based Woolbright Development Inc. announced it has purchased Sunshine Square in Boynton Beach from Ram Real Estate.

The 148,547-square-foot shopping center is located on the southwest corner of Woolbright Road and U.S. Highway 1. The center's anchor tenants include Publix and Bealls Department Store. Other

tenants include Anthony's and Marathon Music.

Woolbright Development plans to make extensive renovations to the shopping center, including new roofs, parking areas and additional landscaping.

"This center is a perfect addition to our portfolio due to its location in a prime area that is currently undergoing major redevelopment," said Mike Fimiani, Woolbright's

executive vice president of leasing and marketing.

"We will continue to purchase these types of properties where we can make improvements that enhance the shopping experience for residents and visitors."

Woolbright Development Inc. develops, builds, acquires, redevelops and manages shopping centers in Florida's major metropolitan markets.

## Ian M. Berkowitz

### Difference between stock sale and asset sale

This week was a very wild week for buying and selling businesses for my clients. In my office, I represented buyers and sellers, buying and selling both stock and assets.

For those who are a bit rusty with the differences of acquiring a company through a stock sale versus an asset sale, the difference is clear. In a stock sale, the buyer buys and the seller his or her ownership rights to the business and company by a method of transferring or selling the stock or interest in the company to the buyer.

In an asset purchase sale the buyer buys and the seller sells the assets of the company which might include all or some of the following: personal property, furniture, fixtures, equipment, intellectual property, business name, real estate, customer accounts and information, accounts receivable, or a lease.

You might ask yourself, what do I want to buy assets or stock? As an experienced business transactional attorney, my answer is that it depends on who you are -- the buyer or seller. As a seller, you want to "sell out" which probably means that when you are no longer in the business you don't want to be open to or exposed to any downs or liabilities related to the business.

In addition, you probably don't want to trigger some provisions in certain agreements that will require a new owner to jump over various hoops to get approved for credit or leasing your rented space.

Most often, stock sales work for

sellers because they create almost a seamless transition for the seller and the new buyer. In a stock sale, you, the seller, are selling both, the good and the bad, the assets and liabilities. The entity, your business, does not change at all but only the person who owns the stock. The rest of the world, customers, creditors, vendors, employees won't really see the new ownership change the way an asset sale will end up.

A caveat to a stock sale is to pay attention to some specific approvals that may be required for some creditors or landlords if your company changes ownership by more than 51 percent.

If you are the buyer, you move right to the asset sale and never look back. As a buyer, you never want to be in the position of finding out that the seller had an old or unknown liability that you are now responsible for because you own the company. With an asset sale you get the assets of the seller, which is the value of the business, and not the seller's liabilities. It also provides you with an opportunity to begin your business with a nice clean company without any of the negative baggage.

A caveat to an asset sale is that creditors, landlords, and suppliers may require you to prove that you are as good of a credit risk in order for them to continue to do business with you, the new business owner.

Another thing that you should be aware of in an asset sale is that you need to make sure that the assets you are buying are free and clear of any liens or encum-



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brances. If there are any creditors or lien holders on those assets make sure they are being paid off at closing or immediately afterwards and that they release any interest that they have on those assets.

Overall buying and selling businesses are big transactions for all of us. They often are dealing with hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars and should be taken very seriously. Your agreements and how you structure the deal will have an effect on the past, present and future of both the buyer and seller. Hire an attorney and make sure that you have someone representing you during the entire process. Unfortunately, in the business world deals can often go south and you don't want to be on the downside of the deal that went in that direction.

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## BOCA NEWS AT WALGREENS



(Melissa Korman/Special to the News)

Gary Strack, far right, CEO of Boca Raton Community Hospital, leads a round of applause after he announced the receipt of a \$75 million donation from the Schmidt Foundation to help fund a new hospital on the grounds of Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Also applauding are, from left, FAU President Frank T. Brogan, Dr. Pascal Goldschmidt, senior vice president for medical affairs at the University of Miami and Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp.

### Hospital from Page 1

tended to all four years. But the Boca-based university needed a local hospital for internships and continued training.

BRCH stepped up with a plan to build a new hospital on campus, replacing its current Meadows Road facility. The hospital got the Florida Cabinet's OK late last year to move to the Boca campus. Other than fundraising, virtually all hurdles have been jumped.

Strack said the new hospital will be "the very best in design and the safest teaching hospital." He called the Schmidt family largesse "a transformational donation."

Richard Schmidt, chairman of the Schmidt Foundation and also chairman of the board at Boca Hospital, arose from his seat next to the podium to thunderous applause. "I have a message for you," he told the crowd. "No one is more excited than my family and me."

He recalled that 10 years ago, his family foundation funded the Schmidt Biomedical Center at FAU -- a program and building designed as a prelude to a physician education program. He said that construction of "a new academic medical center raises the bar for

medical quality in this community."

The foundation chairman also told the audience: "If you have thoughts for philanthropy, now is the time to consider it."

Calling the Schmidts both "wise and generous," FAU President Frank Brogan pointed out that many buildings on the campus already carry the Schmidt name.

The success of the hospital, Brogan said, also means success for FAU and the community. "We stand as a full partner," he told Strack. "Our board stands ready, willing and able to help this through."

Also on hand was Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, representing Gov. Charlie Crist. He applauded the Schmidts for creating "a resource unparalleled in Florida or the United States." Plans call for 530 private patient rooms at the new hospital. Strack said it will "become a standard for hospital safety by improving visibility of patients to staff, standardizing and automating certain tasks and procedures, minimizing physician fatigue and empowering patients' families to participate in their care."

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Difficulty Level ★★

# Sudoku

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers to 9 in the empty squares so that each column and each 3x3 contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

# Horoscope

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007:

You have energy and ideas, though inevitably you'll hit an obstacle or two this year. The smart approach will be to let others have their way, as experience is the best teacher. The only control you can exercise is over yourself. Popularity and opportunity multiply with a laissez-faire attitude. With the right attitude, the world could be your oyster. Try not to scatter, keeping in mind your goals and long-term desires. If you are single, you might give up that status, as many will want to be your forever sweetie. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from openness and a willingness to try or experience life from your sweetie's side. LEO can be demanding. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

be right-on, but one would be hard-pressed to tell it by observing others' responses. Ultimately, what you verbalize and do needs to reflect you and not others. Plans do change. Tonight: Out and about.

### CANCER June 21-July 22

★★★★ Dig into your imagination and deal with issues directly and with finesse. How you handle a money matter might be clear to you, but not to others. What becomes evident is that you cannot control others. Tonight: Don't splurge!

### LEO July 23-Aug. 22

★★★★ You are all smiles but do have difficulty handling someone in a more direct and complete manner. You might want to try another approach or do something different. Others challenge your thinking and style! Stay secure. Tonight: Just smile.

### VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22

★★ Know when to cut your losses and say "enough." You could be tired and withdrawn because of what is going on. You might need some personal time. Don't put yourself last all the time. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

### LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22

★★★★ You know what you want. Though you might want to zoom in and make it yours, this behavior could be a problem. Others are not as compliant as you might like. Sometimes their attitude or gestures say it all. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

### SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21

★★★★ Though others want you to be in the limelight and take charge, they might not make

it easy. Ignore underground currents. Don't be surprised by someone's direct challenge. You can handle nearly anything. Tonight: Expect to be in demand.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21

★★★★ Taking an overview could be challenging. Others might be reactive and in a difficult mood. You could be out of sorts as well. Events and people don't calm down, but only become more lively. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

### CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19

★★★★ Handle finances as directly as possible. You might want to gain a new perspective or do something a lot differently. Give yourself permission to flow and move with opportunities. Visualize and create with the help of a partner. Tonight: Let someone else make the call.

### AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18

★★★★ You might be more challenging than you realize when dealing with the many people in your life. Know when to step back and make what you would like happen. Listen to what others say, but don't feel like you need to go with the program. Tonight: Just flow.

### PISCES Feb. 19-March 20

★★ When your energy is off, you might be well advised to pull back and change directions. Your ability to realize more of what you want might be off. Just hang out or take a personal day. Avoid getting into new projects. Tonight: What would be restful?

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# SPORTS

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### Media Day a feeding frenzy

By Mario Sarmiento  
SPORTS EDITOR

They came from all over the world, descending upon 70,000-seat Dolphin Stadium for one purpose: Super Bowl XLI Media Day.

It was a strange mix of outrageous looking women, old cumudgeonly journalists and some of the biggest names in the media.

All for the opportunity to ask questions of players from the Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Bears prior to the biggest game in the world this Sunday.

At 9 a.m., members of the media were herded into the 100 level of the stadium, then told by security to wait until the Bears took the field.

Above, a giant display in baby blue listed the names of each of the players who would have their own podiums, as well as where they would be seated on the field.

After a little while, the celebrities started filing in by the dozen: ESPN's Tom Jackson, Stuart Scott, John Clayton and Michael Smith; CNN's Don Banks and Paul "Dr. Z" Zimmerman, and newspaper legends Bob Ryan and Rick Telander.

At 9:50, the media was finally given the signal, and we walked down the steps to the field, where several podiums were arranged in a line with key members of the team seated at them.

The most popular Bears player wasn't even on a podium, as defensive lineman Tank Johnson was forced to answer questions about his arrests for carrying firearms on the field. Most of the lesser players were gathered there, or in the stands talking to media members.

At the center podium, Bears coach Lovie Smith was asked time and again about his faith, his relationship with Colts coach Tony Dungy and his soft-spoken coaching style - an anomaly in the fire and brimstone ways of Vince Lombardi and other legendary coaches.

"Hopefully, guys out there right now who aren't screamers and yellers realize guys want you to teach them, they want you to help them with their trade, and what I've found is they won't tune me out as much if you reason with them as a real man," Smith said.

From there it was on to embattled Chicago quarterback Rex Grossman, who had to answer the same basic question that was asked of him five or six times: "Do you feel you've been vindicated after all the criticism you've received by getting to the Super Bowl?"

"They're cheap shots," Grossman said. "I don't want to get into it too much, but they take shots that are unnecessary, that attack my character or stuff that's not relevant to why I'm not playing well." If you hang around long enough,



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning answers questions on Media Day at Dolphin Stadium. Super Bowl XLI is Sunday at 6:25 p.m. in Miami.

you'll hear the same questions time and again, because each reporter who comes late to the podium has his own story to write, which left Grossman in a repetitive mindset all day.

Finally, when asked if he was enjoying the grilling, Grossman said, "It's a little boring, but it's what we've got to do."

It's especially difficult when many of the questions don't concern football, and weirder still when an unknown foreign reporter asks his through a puppet monkey that uses the man's knuckles as his mouth. And just try this exchange from the Tonight Show's Mo Rocca, who asked Smith about what he thinks of American Idol.

"American Idol, what is that?" Smith said. "It's a singing competition," Rocca answered, to which Smith said, "I know, I'm kidding ... I think Paula's (Abdul) great, and I love American Idol, and I'll leave it at that."

Current players Warren Sapp and Michael Strahan even threw their hats into the media ring, as Sapp stood on a metal bleacher and asked Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher about how he planned to defend Colts quarterback Peyton Manning's stretch handoff. Sapp reported for the NFL Network, while Strahan was working for "The Best Damn Sports Show."

You'd be surprised at how quickly an hour goes, and with so many reporters at each podium, you literally have to shout over three or four voices to have your question heard.

Finally, the media were ordered off the field so the Bears could take their team picture. We were herded into the lounge on the 200 level, where a breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, bagels and turkey wraps was waiting.

At noon, it was back down to the field for Colts interviews.

Bill Simmons, "The Sports Guy" from ESPN.com, walked around with

a camera to get pictures for his photo diary of Media Day.

At 12:45, the Colts were ready, and the biggest attraction of course, was Manning.

The largest throng of reporters gathered around him, mostly asking Manning if he felt like the public favorite after taking nine years just to reach his first Super Bowl.

"You certainly appreciate the calls and the e-mails that you get during this time from your fiends, from some people you haven't heard from in a while," he said. "A lot of them are coming down to the game, a lot of them want tickets as you can imagine. Sure, it feels good to get that support from going as far back as your college days to your high school days."

Wide receiver Marvin Harrison was also sought after, mainly because of his reticence. Harrison is one of the best players in the NFL, but unlike his more demonstrative peers at the position, he doesn't self promote, which usually makes him the forgotten man in any discussion about who is the best receiver in the NFL. That reticence showed in how obviously uncomfortable Harrison was at his podium.

"Everyone has their style of play and their style of celebration, but I don't think it has hurt me any (with the public)," Harrison said. "But the bottom line is winning football games. I don't know what the ratio is between myself and the other receivers in the league, but who's won more games is the bottom line ... I think I've won a lot more games than those guys."

With the hour gone, Media Day was officially over. The players will have to endure more interview sessions the rest of the week, but it's safe to say they won't be under such intense scrutiny or have to answer more meaningless questions until they get another chance to come back to the big game.

### Simulation picks Colts to win

By Mario Sarmiento  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Indianapolis Colts are the heavy favorites to win Super Bowl XLI this Sunday in Miami, and for good reason.

The *Boca Raton News* recently conducted a simulation using the EA Sports Madden 2007 videogame, and the Colts won easily, 41-14.

Chicago had no answer for Peyton Manning, who completed 16-of-35 passes for 384 yards, five touchdowns and two interceptions. For his efforts, Manning was named the Player of the Game.

The Colts defense also continued its run of good play in the postseason, limiting Bears quarterback Rex Grossman to 14-of-35 passing for 196 yards, two TDs and one interception.

Grossman's lone pick set the tempo of the game, as it came on his first pass attempt.

Gilbert Gardner made the play, and Manning and the offense had the ball at the Chicago 23-yardline.

After two runs lost a yard, Manning hit Aaron Moorehead for a 24-yard TD pass on third-and-11 to put the Colts ahead for good.

Manning completed his second TD pass in as many attempts on the Colts' next offensive play, a 59-yard scoring pass to Reggie Wayne, who took advantage of single coverage by Chicago's defense all day.

Wayne finished with five catches for 167 yards on the day.

The Bears scored their first points of the day on the next drive, as Grossman rolled to his right and found Bernard Berrian deep for a 59-yard scoring pass that momentarily got Chicago back in the game.

But Manning and Wayne hooked up again for another big play, this one a 63-yard bomb to widen the lead to 21-7.

Things only got worse for the Bears, as Manning found Dallas Clark behind the secondary for an 84-yard pass play on 3rd-and-8 that upped the lead to 28-7.

On 3rd-and-20 on their next drive,

Manning hit Moorehead for an 83-yard TD pass to make it 35-7.

The Colts thrived on third down the entire game, converting on 7-of-18 chances, while Chicago only converted once in 12 third down attempts, and finished the game 0-for their last-8.

Grossman found Mark Bradley on a 1-yard TD pass to close the gap to 35-14 at halftime, but Adam Vinatieri kicked two field goals in the second half to conclude the scoring.

Chicago back Thomas Jones had 17 carries for 88 yards, and Berrian ended with four catches for 90 yards.

Colts wide receiver Marvin Harrison was again strangely quiet, as he has been all postseason.

Manning threw to him just three times all day, and the All-Pro receiver didn't make his only catch until the 6:35 mark of the fourth quarter - for an 11-yard gain.

Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher made 10 tackles in the loss.

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### Scots, Stallions advance in girls soccer

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Gina Wideroff scored two of her three goals in the opening minutes to lead a 7-0 rout for Saint Andrew's School over Fort Meyers-Bishop Verot High in a Class 3A regional semifinal on Tuesday night.

Freshman Laura Weinberg added two goals and Emily Brockway and Katie Dean each scored for the Scots (17-1-2).

Saint Andrew's will host Melbourne-West Shore High in the regional final on Friday night.

American Heritage-Delray also

won its Class 2A regional semifinal, 2-0 over Miami Dade Christian.

Madison Wagener and Olivia Elias each scored a goal and dished out an assist as the Stallions (17-4-2) topped the Crusaders (21-3).

American Heritage will host the regional final on Friday at 7 p.m. against Miami-Palmer Trinity.

Spanish River High saw its season end in the Class 6A regional semifinals, as Cypress Bay defeated the Sharks 2-1.

Lindsay Bragg and Meghan Brown scored the goals within an eight-minute span of the first half.

The Sharks' lone goal came in the 66th minute, courtesy of a penalty kick by Paige Bell.

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