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## RENOURISHING OUR BEACH



By Dale M. King  
CITY EDITOR

When the turtle nesting season is over this coming November, Boca Raton will again be tending to its beaches.

Periodically, the city renourishes its shoreline. That normally involves pumping sand onto the beach, spreading it around and making the areas more pleasant for visitors and more environmentally safe.

This year, the northern section of the beach is scheduled for renourishment. But unlike past years, when Boca had to repair the damage from hurricanes, this year, it will be normal maintenance, said Municipal Services Director Bob Di-Christopher.

"We put in the beach in 1988. It was renourished in 1998. And we are plan-

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### Feds: sober house law discriminatory

By Dale M. King  
CITY EDITOR

Boca Raton's five-year-old ordinance banning 'sober houses' for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts in residential districts has been ruled discriminatory by a federal court judge.

The city law — adopted in May 2002 after residents complained that the presence of sober house clients near their homes created fear in them and their children — also violates the federal Fair Housing Act, said U.S. District Court Judge Donald Middlebrooks.

The ordinance — which was challenged within a year of adoption by Steve Manko, the owner of Boca House for men and Awakenings for women — would have forced sober house owners to move out of residential districts within 18 months. The ordinance was never enforced.

### Feds weigh in

Attorney William Hill of Miami, who represented Manko, said he filed suit in 2003 in federal court, claiming the law was discriminatory. Last September, the U.S. Department of Justice also sued the city, claiming the law was discriminatory.

Hill said Judge Middlebrooks issued his ruling in the Manko case on Monday. The U.S. Department of Justice litigation is still pending.

"It is two separate cases," said Hill. The government's case, he noted, has a broader constituency. Both cases are being heard in the same court, he said, but before different judges.

In 2002, based on neighborhood complaints, the council adopted an ordinance that banned sober houses in areas other than those zoned for medical or hotel/motel uses.

### City makes case

The judge did agree with the city's claim that Manko's sober houses have commercial and medical aspects to them — and therefore, would be inappropriate for residential areas.

Hill said he only represented Boca House and Awakenings. An attorney from the American Civil Liberties Union handled the cases of some clients.

The attorney for Manko said his client tried to negotiate with the city to prevent the ordinance from taking effect, as it "would have put him out of business." Reaching no conclusion, Hill said, Manko sued Boca.

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## New year, same call-- from further away

NEWS ANALYSIS

By John Johnston  
MANAGING EDITOR

"What we saw last week was an appointed and insulated insurance commissioner quietly approving a rate hike that had just recently been loudly and publicly denied," said then State Senator Ron Klein in February, 2006.

Klein went on to defeat long-time Republican Congressman Clay Shaw, and is now serving his first term in US House District 22. However, Klein hasn't forgotten about the issues he championed while serving in the Florida Legislature.

In February 2006, Klein called for direct election of the Florida State Insurance Commissioner saying that the direct election of

an insurance commissioner would serve to level the playing field between the state's homeowners and the insurance industry.

"Right now we have a system where the home, condo and business owners of the state have no one individual that they can point to as being responsible for protecting their interests," Klein said. "This has led to a system where the insurance companies have all the access and everyone else is left out."

### Then And Now

One year later, Klein is saying the same thing, issuing a statement praising State Senator Steve Geller and Representative Mitch Needelman "for reintroducing legislation that would create a constitutional amendment allowing Floridians

to directly elect the state insurance commissioner."

"Florida homeowners are the ones who are forced to endure the skyrocketing cost of insurance, the cancelled policies, and the fraud and abuse that exists throughout the current system. It therefore makes sense that they have a voice in the process."

Klein said that election of the insurance commissioner would make the office more independent. "It is imperative that the Insurance Commissioner be completely independent from the insurance companies, and be beholden only to Florida homeowners. But ultimately, giving the people of Florida a choice as to who directly controls the insurance rate approval and regulatory process is an important

step toward reforming our homeowner's insurance process, and I am hopeful the state legislature will do the right thing and support this important measure."

### Nine Years Ago

But it wasn't always this way. In fact, it was only 9 years ago that Florida voters were in fact persuaded to make the insurance commissioner position appointed rather than elected.

The idea was endorsed by a broad bipartisan coalition, which included the League of Women Voters, Common Cause, then-Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson (now US senator), and the state comptroller, Republican Bob Milligan.

The package of reforms was recommended by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, a 37-member advisory body made up of former judges, attorneys and other citizens that convenes every twenty years to present ways to improve the structure of state government.

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## Modeling character traits

The Boca Raton City Council Monday honored seven Boca Raton Community High School students who have been nominated by faculty members for modeling the character traits promoted by the nationally recognized Character Counts! Program. Samuel Arkin, Moussa Habib, Gee Won Han, Camilla Hubbard, Christopher James, Larissa Salvador and Brittney Schlauch have been selected at Boca High. Attending Monday's ceremony were, from left, Samuel Arkin, Larissa Salvador, Moussa Habib and Susan Saxton, the city's educational coordinator.

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Those Who Buy when a Town is First Opened up make the Money

Representing Rickards, Long auctioned off land in Pearl City to blacks.  
Photo courtesy of Boca Raton Historical Society.

The following is an excerpt taken from "A History of Boca Raton" written by Sally J. Ling, and scheduled for release in late March.

### The Beginning of Pearl City

After Thomas Moore Rickards, Boca Raton's first pioneer, moved to North Carolina in 1906, he engaged the services of George Ashley Long to survey and plat a portion of his land set aside for blacks.

Through an auction held on April 26, 1914, blacks bought thirty half-acre-lots for an average price of \$40 each. Thus, Pearl City, the first community for black landowners, formally came into being.

Pearl City wasn't really a city at all but a three-block shrubbery-laden subdivision with three sand streets: Ruby, Pearl, and Sapphire. No one knows the true origin of the name "Pearl City," but a credible rationale is stated in Pearl City, Florida:

Another plausible and historically consistent explanation is that 'Pearl City' (and perhaps the street name as well) came from the name of a site where a small packing shed existed prior to the community's development. A few blacks were employed at the shed to process pineapple buds. The buds came from a type of pineapple called the Hawaiian Pearl.

At the time of the Pearl City auction, whites bought other land at a price substantially less than what the blacks paid. Separated by farms and wilderness, the white and black communities were connected solely by Dixie Highway, the only major road between Miami and Palm Beach.

### Prakas Group brokers sale of Delray restaurant

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Athan "Tom" Prakas, president/broker of The Prakas Group, Inc., a real estate brokerage specializing in commercial transactions, restaurants and hospitality properties, has announced the completion of a sale in recent activity in Palm Beach County. Yanni Agelopoulos, vice president of commercial real estate, was broker for the following sale transaction.

Gurpal Singh has purchased Pineapple Grille, a 4,000 square foot restaurant at 800 Palm Trail, Delray Beach. Pineapple Grille, a casual restaurant featuring Caribbean-infused cuisine, has been in operation at the present location

for 13 years.

Agelopoulos was exclusive broker in the transaction, representing the buyer as well as the seller, Charlie Tobias. The restaurant is presently undergoing renovations and seats 155 guests.

"Pineapple Grille has been -- and will continue to be -- a popular destination for diners seeking a unique dining experience in Delray Beach," stated Tom Prakas.

The Prakas Group, established in 2000, is on track to close more than \$300 million in sales over a six-year period. It is headquartered at 705 East Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton.

### POLICE BLOTTER

#### Car broken into

A woman told Boca Raton police Feb. 17 that someone broke into her car. She said the driver's side window was shattered, and the intruder took a digital camera valued at \$250, police said.

#### Drivers face DUI charges

A motorist was arrested Feb. 18 on a charge of driving while under the influence, police said. He was stopped by police on Bethel Boulevard. Police said the man admitted he was under the influence of

marijuana.

Also on Feb. 18, police spotted a white SUV heading east on Palmetto Park Road with no lights on just before midnight. The suspect was stopped and a roadside sobriety test was given. The driver was arrested for driving while under the influence, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and a prescription violation. She was taken to the county jail, police said.

#### Man hit a cop

A 21-year-old man from Boca Raton was arrested about 7:30

p.m. Feb. 17 and charged with battery on a law enforcement officer. He was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, said police. He was processed and taken to the county jail.

#### Arrested on warrant

Boca Raton police arrested a man Feb. 17 on an outstanding warrant from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, police said.

#### Shoplift arrest

A male juvenile was arrested

about 6 p.m. on Feb. 17 on a charge of stealing a pair of earrings from Macy's at Town Center at Boca Raton mall, police said. He was released to a parent.

#### Gas clerk arrested

The clerk at a Boca Raton gasoline station was arrested about 8:45 a.m. Feb. 19 for an organized credit card fraud. He was found to have taken cash from customers purchasing gasoline, kept the cash and used a stolen credit card to complete the transaction.

### Boca girl with MS hopes to raise funds, awareness

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

Most would agree that Alie Rothman wise beyond her years.

At 15, she's spoken to various organizations about a life altering disease that she was diagnosed with just a year ago.

Currently, she's preparing to walk with family and friends to raise money for a cure for Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

"I've grown up fast," Rothman said.

Through Team Alie, Rothman and about 40 friends will walk in the North Broward District Hospital MS Walk in Boca Raton at South County Regional Park March 18 at 7:30 a.m. The team will walk 6.2 miles with the goal of raising \$25,000 for the MS Society.

"I've been fundraising for the MS Society to help fund and find a cure," said Rothman, who's a tenth-grader at Saint Andrew's School in Boca Raton.

Her mother Jodi and the entire family will be walking by her side.

"There are so many doctors that are doing major work and are so close to finding a cure, but the government has cut back so much. The MS Society pledges money to go towards research and it's really important," the Boca mom said. "There are many young and plenty of people out there that need to be cured."

The Rothmans hope to gain more support before the walk. The duo has sent out countless letters and hope more people will come out to support the cause.

"The more the merrier," the mother said.

The daughter added, "I think it's important because we're one step closer to helping find a cure. The money raised from our team and other teams will go towards the cause."

Besides the walk, the family has raised funds for the MS So-



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Alie Rothman, 15, was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis last year. Rothman and her family will walk to raise money for a cure in the North Broward District Hospital MS Walk in Boca Raton at South County Regional Park March 18 at 7:30 a.m. The goal is to raise \$25,000.

ciety through a private dinner and an MS luncheon. The family also rallied the community to attend the recent Best of Boca event, where all the proceeds went to the MS Society. They also hope to have a walk at Saint Andrew's School by the end of April.

Despite receiving this diagnosis, the mom said her daughter has served as an inspiration for many.

"I think that it's wonderful that she's out there and willing to be an advocate for it. I think people tend to react more to children than adults," she said.

Rothman said being vocal about the disease has helped her heal.

"It's helped me because I'm more confident about myself. And I know I went through heart surgery and I'm going through MS," Rothman said. "I'm seeing how positive I am through both and it gives me more faith."

To contribute to Team Alie, call the MS Society at 1-800-FIGHT-MS.

### OBITUARIES

#### KEVIN JEAN-LOUISE BOCA RATON

Kevin Jean-Louis of Boca Raton died Friday, February 23, 2007. Kevin celebrated his twelve birthday on February 5th. He was a fifth grader at Boca Elementary where his great smile and personality endeared him to everyone. Kevin was a loving son to his mother, Darline Jean-Louis; devoted grandson of Decia and Lumefait Jean-Louis; loving nephew of Marie, Maude, and Mona Jean-Louis. Visiting hours will be held on Friday from 6:00-8:00pm at Bethel Evangeli-

cal Baptist Church - 809 SW 8th Avenue, Delray Beach where the Funeral Service will take place at 10:00am on Saturday, March 3, 2007 followed by burial at The Boca Raton Cemetery. Babione Funeral Home (561-395-8787) has been entrusted with arrangements.

#### JOHN J. HART JR. BOCA RATON

John J. Hart Jr., 72, of Boca Raton passed away on February 25th, 2007. Arrangements by A Cremation Service of the Palm Beaches.

### Boca, Delray kids take part in 'Glades tree planting

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Residents of Boca Raton and Delray Beach were among a group of volunteers who recently helped plant trees in the Everglades as part of an ecosystem restoration project organized by the West Palm Beach-based Marshall Foundation.

The three-hour event took place Feb. 24 on Torry Island, a 700-acre tract of abandoned farmland at the southern end of Lake Okeechobee. The group of only 25 volunteers planted about 500 native pond apple trees -- no small job, said Robby Astrove, director of education for the non-profit Marshall Foundation.

"Everyone worked really hard but they had a great time. Now, these volunteers will know that they played a hands-on role in restoring the Everglades," he said.

The pond apple trees, native to wetland areas, once dominated Torry Island. The Marshall Foundation's monthly plantings are part of a joint effort with the city of Belle Glade to restore the island and turn it into an ecotourism destination.

"This area was once a forested wetland that provided critical



(Susanna Laurenti/Special to the News)

Nathan Semanco, 12, and Nico Ariza, 13, of Boca Raton, helped plant trees on Torry Island near Belle Glade on Feb. 24.

habitat to Everglades wildlife and played a role in cleaning the water that ran south from Lake Okeechobee. Our intention is to bring back some portion of that native ecosystem," said Astrove.

More than 33,000 native wetland trees have been restored to the island so far. The next Marshall Foundation tree-planting will take place on Saturday, March 17.

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### Dancing with the Stars

Dancers from the Fred Astaire Studio got Boca West jumping Monday night when the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County held its Main Event called "Dancing with the Stars." The largest fundraiser of the year, the event featured three celebrities from the ABC-TV show "Dancing with the Stars" -- professional dancer Maxim Chmerkovskiy, actress Tia Carrere and singer Willa Ford. The event was co-chaired by Judy Lewis Markhoff and her husband, Paul Markhoff.

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## School district and county link digital arms

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

The need for technology in the classroom is becoming greater in Palm Beach County schools, including those in Boca Raton.

That literally translates as the need for faster Internet access.

Palm Beach County School Board members cast a recent unanimous vote in favor of adding more advanced technological access to schools.

And the board will link up with the county to add this technology.

Palm Beach County government has an extensive high-speed fiber-optic network that has enough capacity to allow the School District to connect and provide schools with substantially greater speed and capacity than it has now, district reports show.

The School Board approved the Fiber-Optic Interlocal agreement between the School District of Palm Beach County and the Palm Beach County government.

As instruction becomes more dependent upon technology, one

of the greatest challenges county schools face is the need for faster access to network computer resources like the Internet, district reports show.

An Interlocal agreement has been created that details the costs, service levels, and conditions of the proposed relationship. This cooperative agreement benefits the taxpayers by lowering the cost of providing bandwidth to the schools and sharing the county's network costs, reports show.

The financial impact of this agreement for the School District will be to lower the overall cost of providing network connectivity to schools while increasing the capacity of each school's connection, reports show. Costs will be shared with county and other entities using the network. The cost model for the initial phase of five schools will be approximately half the district's current cost including E-Rate discounts.

The total cost will be approximately \$772.03.

Some expressed concern over

the cost.

"We believe there may be other opportunities or alternatives that haven't been approached," said Tim Morris, a public speaker at a recent board meeting.

However, district officials said this price is a bargain.

"We're connecting the school to the fiber network and then we pay the rate to use the fiber," said Joseph Moore, Chief Operating Officer for the School District of Palm Beach County. "We're very surprised that a private vendor can meet the costing."

Board member Bob Kanjian said he's pleased that two agencies are working together for the benefit of the children.

"This is one of the few times, I've seen governments working together," Kanjian said. "They're not spending the money but instead saving the money. I think it's a great idea."

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(Melissa Korman/Special to the News)

## Honoring married couples

St. Joan of Arc Church in Boca Raton hosted a special Mass this past weekend to honor couples married 21, 40 or 50 years, and any number of years above 50. The Most Rev. Gerald Barbarito, bishop of the Diocese of Palm Beach, celebrated the occasion. With him are, shown left, Donald & Catherine Hoecherl, who've been married almost 66 years. (They took their vows June 14, 1941). At right are Philip and Alba Tamboia, who've been married since Sept. 22, 1940 — a total of nearly 67 years.

## Boca City Council rejects medical building on Congress Avenue

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

Concerned about the shrinking amount of industrially zoned land in the city, the Boca Raton City Council Tuesday rejected plans for a proposed medical building on Congress Avenue because it would rezone a parcel of industrial property to a business/commercial district.

As a result, a 19,000 square foot medical office building will apparently not be built on the 1.6-acre lot on Congress Avenue abutting the C-15 canal, which is the border between Boca Raton and Delray Beach.

HN Investors had proposed the use. Paul Slattery, architect for the firm, and Bonnie Miskel, who represents the applicant, told the

Boca Raton News after the meeting that they do not know what the next step will be.

She said the building would have contained medical offices, and it would be associated with Holy Cross Hospital, part of Tenet Healthcare.

But council members seemed more concerned about the dwindling stock of M-3 land — areas

zoned for industrial use.

"There is not much left," Planning & Zoning Director Carmen Annunziato told the council. "It is at a premium."

Councilman Peter Baronoff noted there is a considerable amount of office space in the Congress Avenue corridor.

"I am concerned about rezoning premium land," said Councilman

M.J. "Mike" Arts. "I get concerned about piecemeal rezoning."

Annunziato said most industrial areas in the city are used for warehousing and distribution, not for manufacturing.

Slattery told council members his initial request was to be for a medical/professional building. Miskel said that once the lease with Holy Cross Hospital expires,

the structure could be used for professional offices.

"I am concerned about removing property from the M-3 designation," said Councilman Bill Hager. Baronoff said he had "a similar point of view."

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## NEXUS program in place at Montreal For US-Canadian travelers

FROM STAFF REPORTS

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner W. Ralph Basham recently announced today that the enrollment center at Montréal's Pierre Trudeau International Airport is open for travelers interested in applying for the NEXUS program. Passage kiosks will be operational in the coming weeks.

An enrollment center in Toronto opened earlier this month where a NEXUS kiosk is also operational. The end of 2007 expects expansion to the Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Ottawa, and Halifax airports.

"This expansion is a perfect example of the cross-border coordination at work to facilitate legitimate travel for residents of North America by providing trusted travel lanes at airports, waterways and land crossings," said Commissioner Basham. "This program is a common-sense and modern way to strike the right balance between enhanced security and faster, more efficient travel between our countries."

NEXUS is a joint initiative of the Canada Border Services Agency and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection that facilitates quick and secure entry into Canada and the United States for pre-approved, low-risk travelers.

### Two Years Ago

The NEXUS Air pilot project, which was launched at the Vancouver International Airport more than two years ago, was very successful and resulted in nearly 7,000 travelers signing up for the program. The NEXUS air mode uses non-invasive iris recognition technology to identify the traveler and verify his or her membership in the program.

In December 2006, the NEXUS Air, Highway and Marine programs were harmonized into a single program. Over 116,000 NEXUS members are now "in for one, in for all" and can cross the border using any of the three modes at participating locations. The projected enrollment due to expansion to the above-mentioned cities is anticipated to exceed 155,000 members in the next year.

NEXUS in the air mode meets the requirements of the Western



Hemisphere Travel Initiative air rules. A NEXUS card can serve as an alternative to a passport when traveling to the United States by air at designated airports. The travel initiative is a U.S. law that came into effect on January 23, 2007, for air travel and requires all travelers, including Canadian and U.S. citizens, to carry a valid passport or other appropriate secure document when traveling or returning to the United States.

For more information on any of CBP's trusted traveler programs NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST, please click the "Travel" tab on cbp.gov. A complete list of NEXUS enrollment center locations, phone numbers and hours of operation is also available at cbp.gov or by calling 1-866-NEXUS 26.

### Sample ballots for Delray election

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The city of Delray Beach municipal election will be held Tuesday,

March 13. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sample ballots in English, Spanish and Creole are available on the City's Web site www.mydelraybeach.com the City Clerk Department under "Quick Links." City of Delray Beach Elections. Hard copies of the sample ballots in all three languages are also available at City Hall in the office of the City Clerk during business hours.

Delray Beach City Hall is located at 100 NW 1st Ave. just off West Atlantic Avenue and one block north of the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center.

For more information, call (561) 243-7050.

## No-show lawyer may have taken off with couple's cash

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

The attorney representing a Boca Raton woman in her divorce has apparently thrown a major obstacle into the works.

Her attorney, Mark Guariglia, of Miami, has reportedly disappeared — and has taken with him more than \$155,000 — the proceeds from the sale of the couple's home and insurance money.

Guariglia, 35, had represented Caroline Greenhouse in her divorce from Todd Greenhouse, who now lives in Houston, Todd's lawyer, Sandy Fox, told the Boca

Raton News this week.

Fox said he last talked to Guariglia on Feb. 12. "He never showed up" in court, as ordered, on Feb. 13. Fox said he suspects Guariglia is hiding.

### Warrant issued

Because the lawyer has disappeared, apparently with the money, Palm Beach County Circuit Court Judge Martin Colin has issued an order for Guariglia's arrest. Judge Colin's clerk told the Boca Raton News the warrant has been issued, but not served — meaning he can't be found. Fox said the sheriff's offices

in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties are searching for Guariglia.

According to Fox, when Todd and Caroline Greenhouse filed for divorce, they sold their house and put the proceeds — listed as \$125,442 — into a trust until the divorce was finalized. Guariglia held the trust.

Soon after, the lawyer began missing court dates. "Mr. Guariglia has missed two trials," said Fox. In one case, he said he was going to Las Vegas; in the other, he said he was in the hospital, according to Fox.

### Last seen Feb. 12

Because of Fox's "concerns" about the money, Judge Colin set trial for Feb. 15 — and ordered all those involved to show up at his office with any money they were holding for the couple — on Feb. 12.

"We showed up," said Fox. "Guariglia had an excuse that he couldn't get to the bank." The judge ordered the lawyer to bring in a certified check by 4 p.m. that day.

Fox said the Florida Bar Association has issued an emergency petition to suspend Guariglia.

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Attending the presentation of a grant to the YMCA of South Palm Beach County are, from left, Vicki Pugh, vice president of philanthropy for the YMCA of South Palm Beach County; JC Penney Sales Manager Richard Wise; Beverly Johnson, executive director of the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach; Suk Elliot, the JCPenney After school Fund Coordinator and Ted Jones, manager of the Boca Raton JCPenney store.

## Boca YMCA receives \$10,830 grant from JCPenney fund

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County recently received a \$10,830 grant from the JCPenney After School Fund to offer children who otherwise could not afford it a fun, supervised place to learn new activities, make new friends and receive help with their schoolwork through YMCA after school programs.

The Peter Blum Family YMCA of Boca Raton and the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach serve more than 190 school-age children each year in after school programs. In Boca Raton, the Exceptional Child Program (ECP) also provides enriching after school care for students age 5-18 with disabilities.

Recent studies show that 14.3 million children in the United States are unsupervised after school between the hours of 3 and

6 p.m. each day. Studies also show that youth are at greater risk of involvement in crime, drug abuse and other destructive behaviors during these hours.

High quality after school programs keep children safe and help to produce life-changing, lasting benefits, including healthier lifestyles, improved social skills and enhanced academic performance.

In addition to receiving the JCPenney After School Fund grant, the YMCA of South Palm Beach County received 50 gift cards from the J.C. Penney Corporation. These gift cards were given to children receiving financial aid from the JCPenney After School Fund grant to help with the purchase of school clothing and supplies.

"Together, these generous gifts will make it possible to help kids and their families have access to quality after school programming

and needed items for the school year," said Vicki Pugh, vice president of philanthropy for the YMCA of South Palm Beach County.

The JCPenney Afterschool Fund is providing similar grants to 276 other YMCAs around the country, for a total gift of \$3 million. These funds are specifically targeted to help YMCAs provide financial assistance to youth who are not currently participating in an after school program because their families lack the necessary financial resources, or those who are currently participating in the program, but who are at risk of leaving due to lack of funds.

JCPenney also has committed more than 9,000 gift cards to be awarded to recipients of financial aid from the JCPenney After School Fund grant. In total, gifts from both entities exceed \$3.45 million.

"The YMCA is grateful for the generous support of the JCPenney After School Fund," said Pugh. "Together, we are reducing the number of unserved youth, ensuring that students of all backgrounds and income levels are able to benefit from after school programs. We also thank JCPenney for providing our students access to needed school clothing and supplies for the academic year."

The YMCA serves all people, including those unable to pay fees. Membership fees, grants and contributions from individuals and corporations fund its \$9 million annual budget.

For more information about the YMCA, call the Boca facility at (561) 395-9622 or the Boynton Beach branch at (561) 738-9622 or visit www.ymcaspb.org.

## Taking Stock

### Teacher's broker needs to go back to school

**Dear Mr. Berko:**

I'm a retired 66-year-old teacher and want to purchase a \$68,000 variable annuity in my Individual Retirement Account, and my broker tells me that I can't do that because you can't put a tax-deferred investment in a tax-deferred account. Please tell me if this is correct. It seems real stupid to take \$68,000 out of my IRA and pay taxes at 25 percent and have \$51,000 left to invest in a variable annuity. And my broker also wants me to buy 80 shares of GlaxoSmithKline (the big drug company) in my IRA because it yields 3.8 percent and because he believes the stock will be a great deal higher in the coming 10 years.

**W.H.**

**Everett, Wash.**

**Dear W.H.:**

Practically every teacher's retirement plan 403(b) is funded with a variable annuity, even though (in many cases) teachers' annuities are among the highest-cost commission plans (up to 12 percent), highest annual cost (up to 5 percent) and the worst-performing plans in the variable annuity universe.

But if you choose variable annuities from Ohio National, Met Life, The Hartford or Lincoln National, it can make good sense to place a variable annuity in a retirement plan for three reasons: (1) The 6 percent interest guarantee, (2) the 100 percent principal guarantee and (3) the annual step-up basis on the value of the subaccounts. For conservative investors, those are three important reasons.

And if you are about to hang up your tools, another very important reason is: (4) A 6 percent guaranteed income plus modest potential for growth without concern about the economy or the stock market during your retirement years.

I'm surprised that your broker (who is now batting zero for two) has sufficient gray matter to select a swell company like GlaxoSmithKline Plc (GSK-\$58.07). While GSK is a jim-dandy company, it should not be in an IRA.

Glaxo is a \$37 billion revenue pharmaceutical company homeported across the pond (England) with a sensational record of revenue, earnings and dividend growth. Glaxo's dividend, which was \$1.06 just 10 years ago, is now \$2.21 and yields a nice 3.8 percent.

Dividends on GSK (as well as most foreign issues) are subject to tax (15 percent) in their



Malcom Berko

country of origin and that tax is usually withheld by the bank, the broker or the institution handling the account. Unlike a nonqualified account, you can't claim a foreign tax credit (dollar for dollar against your tax liability) nor can you claim a deduction for the foreign tax you paid to the government of Tony Blair. Therefore, the actual return from the Glaxo dividend in your IRA will be quite a sight lower (you must pay a foreign plus a U.S. tax) than you might otherwise earn.

Glaxo probably has the strongest pipeline in the drug industry and the Englishmen who run the company seem to be a cut above their American counterparts. They haven't understated inventory, they don't encourage wholesalers to ramp up orders, they lack the knack of backdating stock options, they seem to be on good terms with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, they haven't misstated earnings, they don't take shortcuts in their testing procedures and, so far, GSK has authored full disclosure reports on all their drugs.

So with net profit margins running between 21 percent and 23 percent (for every thousand dollars of revenues, GSK brings between \$210 to \$230 to the bottom line) and with a 55 percent return on shareholder's equity plus a 41 percent return on capital, this company deserves a home in your portfolio but not in your IRA.

Standard & Poor's believes that GSK in the next 12 months will trade in the \$62 to \$64 area. Jeremy Butler of Value Line thinks GSK should be an \$80 number by 2009-2010 and Morgan Stanley recently upgraded GSK to "overweight." So trading at just 13 times its projected 2007 earnings of \$3.97, I believe GSK fits well in most growth and income portfolios.

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And the winner is... Sarah Benson, who was the top competitor in the pageant for developmentally disabled persons, sponsored by the Jewish Association for Residential Care. Sarah is shown at the crowning moment with JARC staff member Deborah English.

## The 'crown' in this pageant is self-esteem and determination

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

Faith Jones of Boca Raton always loved beauty pageants -- and even participated in a few.

Jones, who is autistic, had a vision of young women with developmental disabilities learning about self-esteem and self-determination through pageants.

Jones' mother, Mary Ellen, drew from her daughter's passion for pageants and held one for people with disabilities three years ago. It was such a hit, she asked her friends at the Jewish Association for Residential Care in Boca Raton if they wanted to join in.

They did. And just a short time ago, Sarah Benson won the crown and title at the second JARC-sponsored event.

In the audience were Mary Ellen Jones and her daughter, pulling for all the young women on the stage at the Kaplan Jewish Community Center on North Military Trail.

"This pageant came after months of classroom work, where JARC clients -- those who live in JARC homes and those who come

for JARC's adult day program -- learn about beauty and self-esteem," said Lisa Reingold, JARC activities coordinator.

The pageant helps emphasize the clients' abilities, as opposed to their disabilities, she explained. "We want to empower our clients and show the world their inner and outer beauty. In class, the clients have learned about grooming, make-up application, how to walk properly on stage and mostly how to feel good about themselves."

In addition to the 11 women competing, a handful of JARC's male clients escorted the women down the runway.

JARC is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that operates six group homes for adults with developmental disabilities. The homes are located in the Boca Raton/Delray Beach area. JARC also offers apartment living for those who do not require 24-hour supervision as well as vocational training in its state-of-the-art Mel & Elaine Stein Living and Learning Center.

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## Closing your home

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Palm Beach County/University of Florida IFAS Extension Service is offering its annual workshop for seasonal residents on how to safely secure a South Florida home for the summer.

Seasonal residents need to be aware of the unique environmental concerns of housing in South Florida and why they differ from up north.

Learn how to prevent mold and mildew, what a humidistat does and how to properly set it. There are a number of steps that seasonal residents should take to reduce damage from floods or major storms that can help protect your valuable housing investment.

There is no charge for the workshop. Booklets with supporting information will be available for \$5 each. For more information and to register, please call 561-233-1742.

## County historical society gets \$1.25 million for museum

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Palm Beach residents Richard and Pat Johnson have presented a \$1.25 million "lead gift" to the Historical Society of Palm Beach County's capital campaign to build the first countywide history museum.

The 8,000-square-foot museum and the society's headquarters are scheduled to open in March 2008

within the historic 1916 Courthouse in downtown West Palm Beach. The Museum will be named "The Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum."

"Dick and I feel very strongly about giving back to the community that we love so much," said Pat Johnson, who chairs the event. "It is our hope that by giving this gift, others will join us."

# Boca benefactor Lynn presents \$50,000 gift to medical center

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca benefactor Christine Lynn was the honorary chair of the annual Boca Gala on Feb. 11, and gave a President's Circle gift of \$50,000 in memory of the honoree, her friend, Shirlee Cohen Freed.

The gift benefits the Shirlee Cohen Freed Fund for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center. Freed's sons, Stuart, Douglas and Scott, began the fund in memory of

their mother.

At the gala, Dan Freed spoke about his mother, who he said was always glad to help the center. Together, Mrs. and Mr. Freed hosted the first gala in 2000, served as event grand marshals in 2001, and were honorees in 2002 when they received the National Jewish Chairman's Award for their generous donations of time and gifts.

Dorothy and Maurice Bucksbaum served as grand marshals of the 2007

gala. Sharon and Jay DiPietro, Dorothy and Saul Pearl, and Debra and Jerry Kramer were dinner co-chairs. Liz Dudley was leadership liaison, Lila Siegel was decorations chair and Louise and Fred Perlstein were entertainment chairs.

Dr. Michael Salem, President and CEO of National Jewish, told the guests that the institution, founded in 1899, is the only medical and research center in the United States devoted entirely to respiratory, al-

lergic and immune system diseases. National Jewish was recently ranked the number one respiratory hospital in the nation for the ninth consecutive year by U.S. News & World Report.

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Attending a gala are, from left, Dr. Michael Salem, National Jewish Medical and Research Center president and CEO; Christine Lynn, gala honorary chair and Dan Freed, husband of the late Shirlee Cohen Freed.



## Renourishment

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ning to do it later this year." He said it is part of the city's effort to get into a regular maintenance cycle.

According to the environmental branch of the Army Corps of Engineers, Boca plans to renourish 1.45 miles of shoreline, using 920,000 cubic yards of sand taken from an offshore "borrow site" just northeast of the beach.

The renourishment will begin a bit north of Spanish River Boulevard and continue south. The price, DiChristopher said, will range from \$5 million to \$6 million.

"Since this is part of an authorized federal project — the Palm Beach County Beach Erosion Control Project — the city will conduct the work and seek reimbursement of the federal share of the cost," the Army Corps said.

The city has already applied for permits from the Army Corps and the Florida Department of Environmental Project for the work.

The Corps said the borrow area is a sediment-filled shore-parallel trough.

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## Insurance

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The Revision Commission traveled the state for a year seeking views and suggestions from the people of Florida. The final proposal asked the people to trim the number of elected



Ron Klein

cabinet positions from seven to four. A key provision of the plan provided for moving oversight of Florida's insurance industry from an elected to an appointed official, a newly-created Chief Financial Officer. In this case changing the status of the Insurance Commissioner required a constitutional amendment.

The aim, according to Commission Chairman Dexter Douglass, was to "bring Florida's executive branch into the 21st century." He said the proposed reform "answers the call for less government with more accountability."

Florida voters agreed. On November 3, 1998 Florida voters agreed, passing the ballot question on "Restructuring the State Cabinet" by 55.5 percent.

It would now be more difficult to change the position back to an elected position because in the intervening years voters were also persuaded to pass a "Super Majority" amendment last year, making it overall more difficult to get constitutional amendments of any kind approved.

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Molly Staub is shown here with her grandchildren, Marti Freudenberg, Cydnie Staub, Anna Staub, and Andrew Freudenberg

## Cruising with grandchildren

By Molly Arost Staub

### Part Three of a Three-Part Series

During the day, the ship offered shore excursions. The island of Jamaica proved my grandchildren's favorite. Climbing up the 600-foot-high Dunn's River Falls amid lush foliage proved as much fun as it once was for their parents when they were young. It was a challenge for the smallest ones, but other passengers helped out. A newer treat was swimming with the dolphins. We all swam out to where the smiling mammals cavorted with us, planting kisses and weaving among us. "The dolphins were the best," Cyd said. "They're really smart. It was an experience like I've never had." And what a joy for me to watch the youngsters experience that. Marti was fearful, so one of the men working there took her out on his back. Afterward, we bought a tape of the proceedings which we repeatedly watch.

Marti was happier on Grand Cayman, where we took a trip on the Atlantis Submarine. Here we dove down 100 feet to look through our large windows. We saw a huge

barrel sponge and brain corals as schools of fish swam by, including parrotfish. This was no Disney production, but the real stuff. "I learned we could go to the sea floor," she said. "We saw a sunken ship and lots of fish I hadn't seen before. Just awesome." The girls also got their hair braided on this island.

On Half Moon Cay, the private island owned by Holland America and the best of all the cruise lines' private islands, the kids loved the clear aquamarine water and clean sand. The beach barbecue appealed to all.

And we tried a newer addition to the island's attractions, swimming with the gentle southern stingrays at the Stingray Adventure. I found this a bit disappointing. Participants had to wear snorkeling equipment and snorkel within the penned-off area to feed the rays. We weren't permitted to set our feet on the bottom, which we were told was soft, and that we might harm the rays. Anna was really brave and swam all around the penned-in area. She thought the stingray experience was the best. But some of the children weren't comfortable with snorkeling, so hovered around the steps. In contrast, when I've been

to Stingray City on Grand Cayman, I stood in knee-deep water on a sandy bottom as the critters came to me for food.

At Costa Maya, I thought the ruins might be too complex for the little ones to comprehend. However, they wanted to go, so we went. The Chacchoben Mayan Ruins were far less excavated than others I have visited, and our guide had a very heavy accent, so the experience was less than satisfying. However, when we returned to the plaza, the demonstrations of Mexican music and dancing, plus native artifacts were far more exciting for them and gave the youngsters a bit of a taste of Mexican culture.

What pleasure and pride it gives me to share in these experiences, especially when I hear — even from the sometimes taciturn Andrew — this stamp of approval: "It was the most stupendous trip I've ever been on! I loved all of the amazing animals I was able to meet and swimming around with them was fantastic!"

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## Ian M. Berkowitz

### Be selective when looking for the 'right' money lender

It seems like every day, I am receiving a call from someone who is ready, willing and able to buy a business. More often than not the buyer is working for someone else and has finally gotten the ultimate itch of being his or her own boss.

Many have planned for such a day and have mapped out their strategy for acquiring the business. My clients seem to have it all figured out that once they become the owner, they will move ahead with their plan of improving the operations and increasing the business's revenue. However, I often see that the single largest component of acquiring a business put on the back burner is finding the "right" money needed to acquire and grow the business.

An overwhelming number of businesses are bought with third party financing. Third party financing can come in a variety of forms. Private lenders, family, friends and others are often sought to help lend money to a budding business owner to buy a business. If that is an option for you, I would highly recommend that you document everything by putting all terms and conditions in writing between you and your private moneylender. Prepare and execute promissory notes and security agreements so that there is no misunderstanding as to how the money is coming to you and — more importantly — how it is going to be repaid to the private lender.

**Banks are available**

Many of you may not have that type of relationship available or may not want to mix your personal relationships with your business relationships. Your alternative is to work with a bank or financial institution. We in South Florida are extremely lucky as we have as many choices of banks and lenders as we do Chinese restaurants. But the question is how do you choose the "right" lender for you?

Lenders come in various shapes and sizes. No two are alike. There is no one common thread that links them together except for the fact that they all lend money. All have distinct criteria, rules, goals and preferences. Some lenders love businesses in a specific industry and others won't touch them with a 10-foot pole. Some lenders will lend to anyone and others will only lend to people who have perfect credit. Some will require you to pledge collateral and cover 100 percent of the loan amount and others will take less.

#### Lend me a lender

Finding the right lender is similar to finding the right "significant other." In essence, you need to "date" in order to see if the lender and what they bring to the table is right for you. It is extremely important to ask as many questions up front to your prospective lender and make sure that you feel very comfortable with their answers.

Are they accessible and responsive to you? Can they provide you with the best rate and terms in or-



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der to sustain the maximum cash flow? Are they committed to your success and can they support your needs in the future as your needs grow with the business? Finally, is their decision to lend to you based upon your entire picture or just a few parts of your puzzle?

I strongly advise my clients to shop around and don't be afraid to make a lender work for your business. You definitely have options and you should never let a lender think that they are the only game in town.

One last tip is to make sure that you don't rely on marketing and advertisements to choose the right lender for you. What you see in an advertisement is not always what you get.

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## Nick Loeb hosted fundraiser to benefit Step Up For Students

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Nick Loeb recently hosted guests at his home that donated a total of \$3,000 to Step Up For Students for administrative support to underwrite the costs of scholarship distribution.

The generous donations will be used to distribute \$225,000 in kindergarten through grade 12 scholarships to provide 60 low-income children with educational options.

Loeb, President of Loeb Investments, hosted the event to benefit Step Up For Students and introduce the organization to the local political, social and business community as part of his continued efforts to improve education in Florida.

"I have a true passion for helping others, especially the underprivileged, and through this organization I can continue to give back to my community and the state of Florida," Loeb said.

John Kirtley, President of Step Up For Students, was very grateful for donations and thanked guests on behalf of the 17,000 children in Florida who are currently benefiting from the scholarship program.

"The strides that these scholarships have facilitated for Florida's low-income students could not be possible without the generous donations made by donors," Kirtley said. "These scholarships enable thousands of Florida's children to learn in an environment that will provide them with the foundation necessary for a successful future."

Penny Phillips, manager of Community Relations for Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises, is corporate supporter of Step Up For Students and attended the event to support the program.

"Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises support Step Up For Students because they are a great fit within our educational program focus," Phillips said.



(Special to the News)

Nick Loeb recently hosted a fundraiser where a total of \$3,000 in proceeds will go towards Step Up For Students. John Kirtley, president of Step Up For Students, shown left, Penny Phillips, manager of Community Relations for Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises and Nick Loeb, host and president of Loeb Investments attended the fundraiser on Feb. 22.

for their child, the level of education for all students will rise as schools-public and private as they will become more productive in an effort to maintain and enroll new children.

Step Up For Students currently serves 17,000 low-income Florida students and has raised over \$300 million to fund scholarships over the past five years.

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4<sup>th</sup>  
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# JAZZ BRUNCH

*to benefit The Zonta Endowed Scholarship at*



*on  
Sunday  
March 4, 2007*

*Boca West Country Club*

*Brunch will be served at 11 o'clock  
Continuous Jazz, Entertainment and Dancing  
Chinese Raffle and Silent Auction  
Complimentary Valet Parking*

The Zonta Club of Boca Raton has been a significant contributor of time, talent and financial support to numerous causes in our community since 1975. As part of an International Service Organization, Zonta is represented by nearly 33,000 members in 68 countries who focus their efforts on improving and promoting the status of women worldwide. We are proud to continue our support of Palm Beach Community College Boca Raton Campus by contributing 100% of the proceeds of this event to the Zonta Endowed Scholarship for non-traditional students established in 2005. With your help we look forward to fulfilling our pledge to improve the status of women through higher education.

***Thank you so much for making our 4th Annual Jazz Brunch a success!***

For your very special invitation and additional information, please call: Regina 561-750-7355 or Jan 954-784-6012



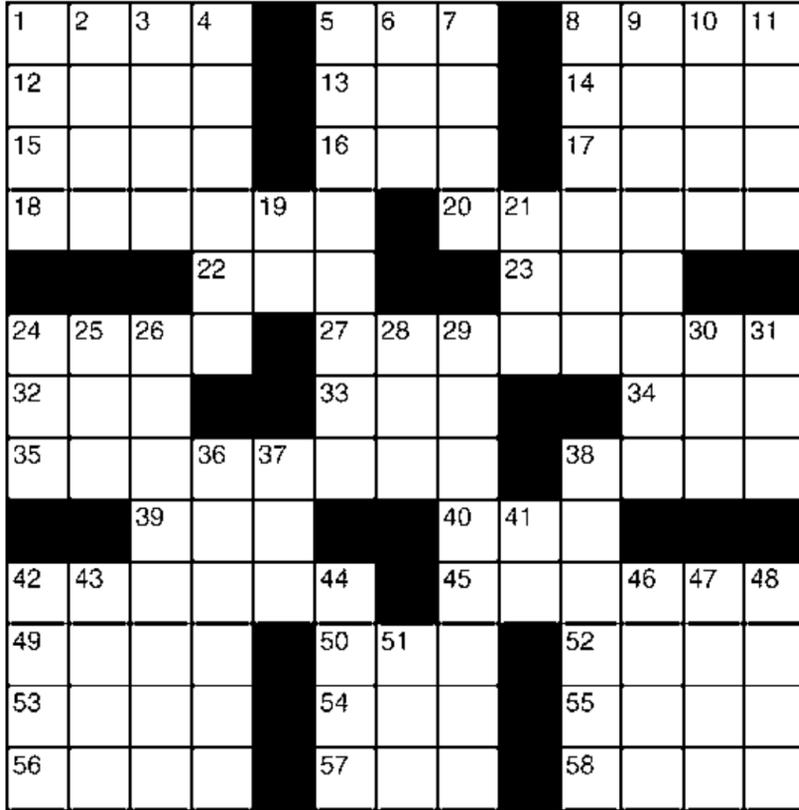
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# Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Rue the run
  - 5 Tucker's partner
  - 8 Detail, for short
  - 12 Wheedle
  - 13 Lubricant
  - 14 Advertising award
  - 15 Reverberate
  - 16 Story of a lifetime?
  - 17 Aesopian also-ran
  - 18 Strappy shoe
  - 20 Kept afloat
  - 22 Exploit
  - 23 Scepter
  - 24 Urban fleet
  - 27 Sticky stuff
  - 32 Kyoto cummerbund
  - 33 — budget
  - 34 Also
  - 35 Novice
  - 38 Humble laborer
  - 39 Part of "to be"
- DOWN**
- 11 Not single-gender
  - 19 White
  - 21 William Tell's home
  - 24 Cygnet's dad
  - 25 Rush-more face
  - 26 New York City
  - 28 French "a"
  - 29 Have the slightest interest
  - 30 Moo — gai pan
  - 31 A billion years
  - 36 Van Gogh subject
  - 37 Born
  - 38 Colorado city
  - 41 "Gracious!"
  - 42 Sitarist Shankar
  - 43 Surrounded by
  - 44 Wander
  - 46 Vicinity
  - 47 Tug
  - 48 Remnants
  - 51 Heidi's height
- 40 Ostrich's kin**
- 42 Two-edged sword**
- 45 Sailor's assent**
- 49 Pumps up the volume**
- 50 LummoX**
- 52 Cereal selection**
- 53 Awful foe**
- 54 Foreman**
- 55 Impart temporarily**
- 56 Mid-month date**
- 57 Fuel stat**
- 58 Squirrels' hang-outs**
- Solution time: 21 mins.**

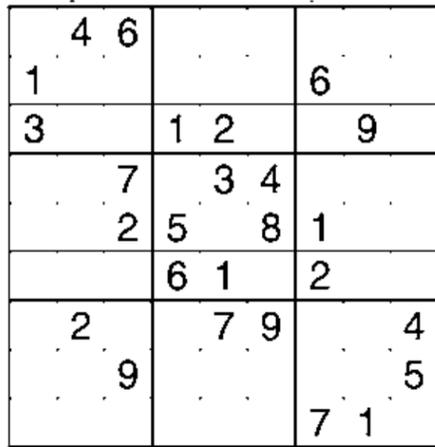


Yesterday's answer 2-28

# 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



Difficulty Level ★★★

Answer to previous puzzle

5	8	4	9	1	3	6	2	7
6	9	7	2	8	5	1	4	3
2	3	1	7	6	4	5	8	9
9	2	5	4	7	6	3	1	8
8	4	6	1	3	2	7	9	5
1	7	3	5	9	8	4	6	2
4	6	8	3	5	9	2	7	1
7	5	2	8	4	1	9	3	6
3	1	9	6	2	7	8	5	4

Difficulty Level ★★

# Horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 1, 2007:**  
 You have spirit and imagination this year. Your focus will remain on your day-to-day life and what you achieve. In some way, you need a change or a way of revitalizing your life and/or work. If you use your ingenuity, you will come up with many different ideas. Test them out; see how they work. Opportunity for professional growth is more than possible. Some might get major promotions or pay raises. If you are single, though you might enjoy a relationship, sometimes it isn't everything it's cracked up to be. You might opt to be single for a while. If you are attached, you, as a couple, will benefit from going out and about. You enjoy that time with each other. Sometimes LEO rains on your parade. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES**  
 March 21-April 19  
 ★★★★★ Don't even question if you will need your creativity at play. This is a day where you feel much is resolved, and then suddenly everything is a mess. The end results will be excellent if you stay calm, cool and collected. Tonight: Let off steam with a favorite person.

**TAURUS**  
 April 20-May 20  
 ★★★★★ You will need to stay centered, as others make what you perceive to be unnecessary demands. You also might need to listen to a friend or associate. Revise your thinking, and you will find events easier. Tonight: Order in.

**GEMINI**  
 May 21-June 20  
 ★★★★★ You have a way with words that draws several different

reactions. Some might love what you say, and others might react negatively. Just be yourself and stay centered. Others often react to news, but it doesn't mean you have to change your style. Tonight: Out and about.

**CANCER**  
 June 21-July 22  
 ★★★★★ You might be on overload and spending way too much money. Someone might encourage you to continue on this very wild path. Be smart and say "absolutely no." Claim your power, and you will be a lot happier. Tonight: Design a reasonable budget.

**LEO**  
 July 23-Aug. 22  
 ★★★★★ You might find that to make your point, you need to be overly serious and direct. Others prefer to be in a witty state of mind in which they don't need to digest or handle issues. Tonight: Just be yourself.

**VIRGO**  
 Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
 ★★★★★ Know when to back up and approach a situation in a novel manner. You might not be comfortable, yet you need to let events play out. A real estate investment could be very beneficial. Tonight: Some private time.

**LIBRA**  
 Sept. 23-Oct. 22  
 ★★★★★ Follow the action. Pressure builds, especially with an older or very serious friend. With your good nature, you'll make the right choice. Soothe someone's nerves by talking and understanding. Tonight: What would make you happy?

**SCORPIO**  
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
 ★★★★★ Someone isn't kidding, especially a boss or someone who has a position of authority in your world. You might need to spend some money in order to

make some. Establish boundaries. Tonight: A must appearance.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
 ★★★★★ Reach out for experts. If a problem arises or a solution evades you, get more information. You will get the answers. Your positive attitude carries you through any tumultuous situations that you need to deal with. Tonight: Relax your mind.

**CAPRICORN**  
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
 ★★★★★ You might be giving far more of yourself than you realize. Know when to back off and say you have had enough. Your energy, combined with another's insights, makes you a powerful team. No one will want to say "no" to you. Tonight: An important talk.

**AQUARIUS**  
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
 ★★★★★ You might not be getting someone's message as clearly as he or she would like. Consider revising your thoughts about a relationship that frequently somersaults from good to bad. How much are you willing to endure? Tonight: Don't interfere or try to change someone's mind.

**PISCES**  
 Feb. 19-March 20  
 ★★★★★ You might be fed up with work but have little choice but to do what you have to do. Pressure builds, and you get irritable or vague. You might be successfully screening information that you don't want to deal with. Tonight: Relax with the moment.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Bandleader Glenn Miller 1904, musician Harry Belafonte 1927, director Ron Howard 1954)

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The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on March 15th, 2007 at Klassy Chassy, 2711 South Street, West Palm Beach Florida 33407 at 9 am to recover towing and storage charges. No titles with vehicles.

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- 1985 Pontiac Vin #2G2GK37H9F2302758

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- Unit #0143 Rachel Donahue Misc.
- Unit #0240 Robert Orsini Misc.
- Unit #0272 Lisa Zaragosa Misc.
- Unit #0369 Joan Stromberg Misc.
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### 124 Personals

**PERSONAL** Tall, attractive, slim, professional male, 47 years old is seeking a lady, (age not important), for a discreet friendship and fun. Please respond to email: syril80@yahoo.com

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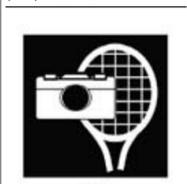
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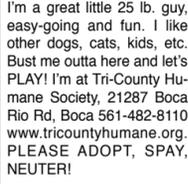
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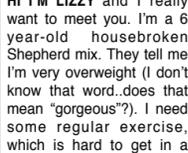
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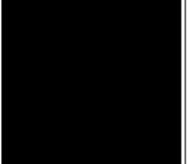
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**SUNSHINE STATE CONFERENCE  
TOURNAMENT  
LYNN WOMEN VS. BARRY 7:30 P.M.**



*Special to the News*  
Lynn University leading scorer Sarah Mahan goes up for a shot during a game against Nova Southeastern University. Mahan and the Knights are fourth seed in this week's Sunshine State Conference Tournament, which will be held at the de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center. Lynn plays Barry University at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

## Lynn women roll into SSC tourney

By Mario Sarmento  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lynn University women's basketball team enters this week's Sunshine State Conference (SSC) Tournament on a tear. The Fighting Knights have won six of their last seven games heading into Thursday night's game against Barry University, clinching a fourth seed in the process and recording the first winning season (17-10, 9-7 in SSC) in Coach Pam DeCosta's four years at Lynn.

The Knights play Barry (13-13, 8-8) at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center.

"I feel real good," DeCosta said. "It's nice to come into the tournament playing good basketball and on a winning streak."

The Knights also feel good about their opponent, Barry, who Lynn swept for the first time since the 1995-96 season.

Lynn's resurgence has coincided with the return to form of Sarah Mahan and Rae Rae Fripp, who were both injured and played sparingly last season.

Mahan, a senior forward, led the Knights with a 13.1 scoring average, and saved her best performances for the end of the season.

In Lynn's last two games, a 68-64 win over Barry and a 68-60 victory against Saint Leo, Mahan scored 30 and 22 points respectively, marking the first time in her career she had scored 20+ points in consecutive games.

Mahan hit a team record 8-of-11 three-pointers against Barry, and for her efforts was named the SSC Player of the Week.

"I was just feeling it, and I didn't think they were respecting my outside shot so I just let it go," Mahan said.

DeCosta said, "Sarah's been unbelievable. She's a hard guard, and it's nice to have a player like Sarah cause it's like, who are you going to match her up with? She can play with her back to the basket and she can play facing."

Fripp was the other double digit scorer with 10.1 points per game, and she was third in assists at 4.2

per game.

"She's stepped up well," DeCosta said. "She's shooting really well, picked up her defense, picked up her rebounding. So she's doing a lot of things that are helping us right now."

Lynn has been far from a two-man team though, as the Knights have had enough quality depth to allow starters like Mahan, Fripp and Jade Williams to rest. DeCosta noted they have only played 30 minutes a game on few occasions, which means they should be well-rested for this week's tournament.

"Throughout this whole year, it's always been somebody different (who has stepped up)," DeCosta said. "I couldn't tell you who, I just know that one thing I'm going to tell this team is, everybody's got to be on it."

In the first Barry game, it was Williams and Pope John Paul II High graduate Vanessa Black who stepped up. Williams scored 12 points, pulled down six rebounds, had four assists and three steals and Black scored 16 points in a 52-48 victory on Jan. 24.

Shooting guard Crystal Ahmed has also come on, tallying her first career double double with 10 points and 10 assists in the season ending win over Saint Leo.

That type of contribution has helped Lynn's offense become a juggernaut over the past month, as the Knights have averaged a conference high 66.3 points per game while shooting just under 40 percent as a team.

"We've been scoring a lot of points, but I'm not happy with how we are defensively," DeCosta said. "Can we get better in a couple of days? I think so, because it's just the effort level of a couple of players."

To advance to the conference semifinals on Saturday, the Knights must contain the Buccaneers' Princess Bailey, who has averaged

20 points and eight rebounds per game in the previous two meetings.

Bucs guard Christina Thompson also played well in the last matchup, scoring 15 points.

"We let Thompson get off in the second game and we can't do that," DeCosta said.

Unlike the men's team, Lynn has no problems playing at home. The Knights went 10-3 at the de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center, and 6-2 against the SSC.

Each win has generated more recognition and support around campus.

"I've had people in class come up to me who I've never spoken to before going, 'You guys are doing great,'" Mahan said. "They're asking questions, when the next game is. I get messages online ... it's great."

Rollins College (22-5, 13-3) is the top seed, with Florida Tech (22-5, 13-3) second because of a lost tiebreaker. Tampa (20-7, 12-4) is the third seed.

Rollins handed the Knights their last loss of the regular season on the way to the series sweep, and Florida Tech swept Lynn as well. The Knights topped Tampa 74-62 on Feb. 17 to split the season series.

Still, DeCosta and Mahan feel like this is anybody's tournament, especially with the home crowd on their side.

"It really doesn't get any better than that," Mahan said. "It's out there, just go get it."

Semifinal games are at noon and at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, with the final to be played at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children.

Thursday's schedule is as follows:

**Noon** - No. 6 Nova Southeastern (9-18, 7-9) vs. No. 3 Tampa;

**2:30 p.m.** - No. 7 Florida Southern (11-16, 6-10) vs. No. 2 Florida Tech;

**5 p.m.** - No. 1 Rollins vs. No. 8 Saint Leo (6-21, 3-13)/No. 9 Eckerd (6-21, 1-15);

**7:30 p.m.** - No. 5 Barry vs. No. 4 Lynn.



## Keenan signs with Florida Gulf Coast



*Special to the News*  
Pope John Paul II High goalkeeper Kirsi Keenan (middle) signs her letter of intent to play at Florida Gulf Coast University next year. She is flanked by her mother Laurie Keenan (left) and Coach Bill D'Addio (right).

By Mario Sarmento  
SPORTS EDITOR

Goalkeeper Kirsi Keenan was the backbone of the Pope John Paul II High girls soccer defense this season.

Keenan led Palm Beach County with 11 shutouts and had a goals against average of 0.71 in 19 matches played. Her consistency allowed a group of young and inexperienced players around her time to grow, and the Eagles made a surprise run to the state playoffs.

On Wednesday, Keenan made a decision about her future, as she signed an athletic scholarship to play at Florida Gulf Coast in front of

a packed gymnasium of her peers.

"I knew (FGC Coach) Jim (Blankenship), and I knew he was one of the best coaches around from Team Boca," Keenan said. "And one of my friends was going to there too, so I thought it would be fun. And I visited the school and it was one of the nicest schools I've ever seen."

This is the first year Florida Gulf Coast will have a women's soccer program, so Keenan's goal is to start and play all four years.

"She's a huge loss," Eagles coach Bill D'Addio said. "She's obviously one of the best high school keepers in the state. We're going to

have a huge void to fill."

What makes Keenan such a good keeper is her technical ability.

"She understands the position very well, she's tall, she's got good size," D'Addio said. "But understanding when to come out for a ball, when not to, how to push the ball over the net. Technically, she's very strong."

Keenan said she will study business at Florida Gulf Coast, but she knows what she will miss most from playing at Pope.

"Probably the girls because they're all my friends," she said. "It's been so much fun playing with people you go to school with, and the coaches were great."

## Grandview Prep falls to Pine Castle

NEWS STAFF REPORTS

Grandview Prep's first appearance in the Class 1A boys basketball state semifinals ended in a 49-38 loss to Pine Castle Christian School on Wednesday morning in Lakeland.

The Pride (25-6) was held to its lowest point total of the season, af-

ter averaging 78 in their first three playoff contests.

Carlos Parra scored only six points and got into foul trouble in the second half.

### Cards top Owls

Robbie Widlansky hit a home run and Daniel Cook and Travis Ozga both had extra base hits as

FAU posted two runs in the seventh but could not come up with another run to fall 3-2 to the World Series Champion St. Louis Cardinals on Monday at Roger Dean Stadium.

The Owls picked up four hits off of five St. Louis pitchers and the FAU pitchers held the Redbirds to four hits.

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# Florida Atlantic softball hosts Miken Classic this weekend

**NEWS STAFF REPORTS**  
After picking up four wins last weekend, the Florida Atlantic University softball team will host its fourth tournament of the season, the Miken Classic, this weekend at FAU Softball Stadium. Bethune-Cookman returns for the second-consecutive weekend. Penn State and Columbia will join BCC to create the four-team round-

robin tournament. With Sun Belt Conference play on the doorstep (FAU faces pre-season favorite Louisiana-Lafayette on March 10), the Owls will need to be in mid-season form early on in a clash of possible SBC titans. BCC went 1-4 last weekend in the Pepsi Classic, while Columbia will be opening its 2007 campaign. Penn State comes in having lost its

last five after opening 2007 win- on Saturday. The rest of the week- end's m a t c h - u p s will be d e t e r m i n e d by the outcomes of those contests. T h e



tournament begins on Friday at 1 p.m. FAU will play Bethune-Cookman at 6 p.m., followed by Penn State at 8 p.m. Round-robin play continues on Saturday at 11 a.m., with FAU facing Columbia at 1 p.m. The teams will then play a four-team elimination-style tournament, with the 1 vs. 4 game at

4 p.m. and the 2 vs. 3 game at 6 p.m. Championship Sunday will feature the consolation game at 11 a.m., with the title game scheduled for 1 p.m. For ticket information, call 1-866-FAU-Owls. Day passes are available for just \$10, while a tournament pass can be purchased for \$20.

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## Lynn's Black, Mahan

### make All-SSC Team

**NEWS STAFF REPORTS**  
For the second consecutive year Lynn University's women's basketball team saw two of its players earn All-Sunshine State Conference recognition.

Sarah Mahan was named Second Team All-SSC while Vanessa Black was an SSC All-Freshman selection. Both players have been instrumental in the Fighting Knights earning their highest seed in the conference tournament.

Mahan blossomed in her final season with Lynn. The senior forward is ranked sixth in the SSC in scoring (13.1 ppg), third in three-point percentage (37.1%) and fifth in three-pointers made (1.44 per game). Mahan became the first Fighting Knight since the 2003-04 season to score more than 30 points in a game while establishing a program record for three-pointers made in a game, with eight. In addition, her 39 treys on the season are tied for the fifth most in program history.

Black has already established herself as one of the top deep threats in the SSC in just her first season with Lynn. The Boca Raton product is fourth in the conference and second among freshmen in three-point percentage (36.8%) and third in scoring (7.4 ppg). Black reached double-digits in scoring eight times this season and scored a career-high 17 points on three occasions. She becomes the second consecutive Fighting Knight to earn all-freshman accolades with Jade Williams earning honors last season.

### FAU divers ready for Zones meet in Athens

This weekend, five Florida Atlantic University divers will head to the NCAA Zone B meet in Athens, GA. With a good showing, individuals become eligible to compete at the NCAA Championship March 8-10 in Minneapolis, MN.

Andrew Scully broke both FAU records this season on the 1 and 3-meter boards. On January 3 he posted scores of 322.13 and 354.98, respectively. Nick McMahon will also represent the men. At the same meet he finished with a score of 320.55 on the 3-meter board to qualify for zones.

Three women will represent the Owls this weekend. Lisa Thompson, who holds the FAU record in the 1-meter event (283.35), Samantha Schlachterman and Lauren Harvath will appear at zones.

The event will run March 2-4 at the University of Georgia's Ramsey Center.

### Rice, Monroe named to Sun Belt teams

Carlos Monroe and DeAndre Rice of the Florida Atlantic University men's basketball team were named members of the Second-Team All-Sun Belt, the conference office announced on Tuesday.

Monroe, a sophomore from Philadelphia, PA, was the only player to rank among the conference's top five in field goal percentage (60.1), scoring (18.0) and rebounding (9.2).

Rice, a senior from Flint, MI, led the Owls in scoring at 19.8, shooting 50.0 percent from the field and 48.0 percent from behind the arc. He ranks among the Sun Belt's elite in both categories. He also ranks among FAU's all-time leaders in all three categories. He was twice named Sun Belt Player of the Week this season.

The duo played their final home game of the 2006-07 campaign against Florida International in the first round of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament on Wednesday. (Results were not available at press time).