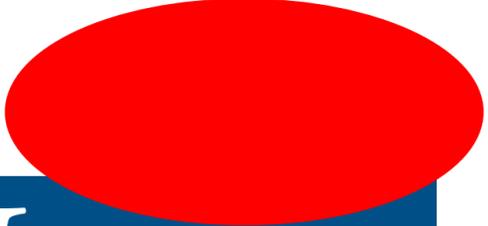


"Don't worry about people stealing an idea. If it's original, you will have to ram it down their throats."
Howard Aiken (1900 - 1973)

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By Nicol Jenkins
STAFF WRITER

Michah Tucker is known around West Boca Raton High School as a leader in the kitchen. He's captain of the school's culinary team and has won various competitions. Now he's added the title of Best Teen Chef.

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(Special to the News)
Michah Tucker, a senior at West Boca Raton High School, recently won first place and the gold medal at The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale's Best Teen Chef 2007 Local Culinary competition. In May, Tucker will compete for the Best Teen Chef title and a full-tuition scholarship worth approximately \$40,000.

City manager says \$75,000 to brand Boca

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

Boca Raton City Manager Leif Ahnell said the cost of creating a "branding" campaign for Boca Raton "would be about \$75,000." "This, of course, does not include the costs of implementation or marketing the brand," Ahnell recently told the City Council.

It appears future discussion of the branding effort launched nearly a year ago by City Councilman Peter Baronoff will be



(Dale King/Staff Photo)
Samara Hughes, marketing director for North Star Destination Strategies, discusses branding during a workshop in Boca.

put off until April, when the council and city department heads conduct the annual two-day goal-setting sessions.

Those who support the proposal — and those who don't — seem to agree that goal-setting is the right place for continuing talk about the program.

Coincidentally, it was during last year's goal-setting session

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Pet food recall underway

Boca vet urges only dry food.

By John Johnston
MANAGING EDITOR

Boca Raton veterinarian Dr. Lisa Singer has had "one sick animal that I know of, and a second one that is doing better by herself now" following apparent ingestion of food now being recalled by a major supplier of dog and cat food in North America.

"We're recommending feeding only dry food at this time," Dr. Singer told *The Boca Raton News*.

In 2007, Menu Foods was expected to produce more than a billion containers of dog and cat food. Consumers, however, will not be able to buy all of them because the Canadian based firm has recalled containers manufactured between December 3, 2006 and March 6, 2007. A total of 40 brands of cat food, and 51 brands of dog



food are being recalled.

The recall has been called by the death of 10 animals in the US, and a variety of illnesses, all related to renal health, the firm said. The company said the deaths and illness coincided with the use of a new ingredient, which has been discontinued. Menu estimates the recall will cost \$30 million to \$40 million; the fund value itself dropped 25 percent early this week.

Dr. Singer operates Boca East Animal Hospitals, and signs to watch for she said, are "if your pet has been listless, vomiting, or has diarrhea."

If any of those symptoms are present, "see the vet," she said.

The animal would then receive "blood work and urinalysis to determine proper kidney function," she said.

The recall is limited to "cuts and gravy" style pet food in cans and pouches manufactured at two of the Menu Fund's US facilities. These products are both manufactured and sold under private-label and are contract-manufactured for some national brands.

A complete list of the recalled products along with

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(Dale King/Staff Photo)

The last meeting

Delray Beach Mayor Jeff Perlman, left, and City Commissioner Jon Levinson attended their last regular meeting Tuesday night. Both were term-limited this year and could not run for re-election. At the commission's reorganization meeting March 29, Rita Ellis will succeed Perlman and Nelson S. "Woodie" McDuffie will take Levinson's seat. Gary Eliopoulos will succeed Ellis, who has been vice mayor.



(Dale King/Staff Photo)

After a nearly year-long hiatus, construction will soon begin again at the new Boca Raton library on Spanish River Boulevard. The city last year fired South Florida Construction Services and recently hired Boca-based Kaufman Lynn to complete the work, said City Manager Leif Ahnell.

Construction at long-overdue Boca library about to start again

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

The rumble of heavy equipment and the clatter of workmen with tools will soon be heard again at the site of the new western library on Spanish River Boulevard in Boca Raton.

The city has brought in Boca Raton-based Kaufman Lynn to complete the building that is about 70 percent finished, said City Manager Leif Ahnell. The parcel has been empty — except for a Boca Raton police officer guarding the lot — for nearly a year.

Ahnell told the City Council that Kaufman Lynn was to be on site starting Monday.

Assistant City Manager Mike Woika said it may be a while before work crews are visible. “One of the first things they have to do is fix the roof,” he said. “A lot of the inside work cannot be done until the roofers are finished.”

A meeting with roofers was to be held this week.

Building stopped

The project was halted last March after the previous contractor, South Florida Construction Services (SFCS), sued Boca Raton, claiming the city had withheld payments and refused to grant an extension of time for completion of the building. The owner of the company told the *Boca Raton News* he was refused additional time even to make up for the hur-

ricanes of 2004 and 2005.

Jerry Gilman, owner of SFCS, said his firm would be willing to return and finish the project at a lower cost than Kaufman Lynn. But city officials say they have had no contact with SFCS in months.

As to the cost, Ahnell said Kaufman Lynn will receive \$5.7 million for the work -- \$2.2 million to cover what remains undone and \$3.5 million to complete the job.

December opening

The city manager said the building should be finished by October, but staffing and equipping it will take a couple of months. He is anticipating “a grand opening” in December.

Ahnell has not put a total on the amount the delay is costing the city. He did say the \$2.5 million in last year's city budget -- allocated for the operation of the library -- will be used instead to cover the expected additional costs from the lawsuit and the delay.

The city awarded the contract to SFCS, the low bidder, on Jan. 27, 2004. “The original contract completion time was 420 days for substantial completion and 450 days for final completion from the notice to proceed,” said Ahnell. He said that notice was issued on July 7, 2004.

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Superintendent warns parents of cyber bullying

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

Technology has a vicious side. That is, if it's in the hands of a teen bully.

Nowadays, teens no longer bully others through hitting or trash talking. Instead what many see at the cowardly route is taken: fingers doing the ridiculing by sending vicious rumors via text messages and on-line networking sites such as MySpace.com.

Unfortunately with just one click of a button, teen bullies can send mass derogatory emails to thousands of strangers—taking bullying to the extreme.

Thus, the term cyber bullying was coined and with technology at teens' fingertips it's rapidly spreading across schools nationwide and throughout Boca Raton.

In a past *Boca Raton News* article an unidentified 13-year-old girl attending a Boca middle school said she was tormented at school by a classmate, screamed at in the school lunchroom, given nasty looks in the hallways and had basketballs thrown at her during P.E. that left bruises on her legs. As for cyber bullying, she said the classmate would post hate bulletins on MySpace and AOL Instant messenger calling her “fat” and send derogatory text messages.

And this girl isn't alone. A recent study shows that students at all grade levels, including 90 percent of middle school students, are being bullied in emails, through cell phone, text messages, or on-line sites such as MySpace and Face Book. The study shows that only 15 percent of all parents even know about cyber bullying. Worse, fewer parents know children are victims because the children too often are embarrassed to tell them or teachers.

After seeing these alarming statistics, the School District of Palm Beach County decided to take action. County School Board members recently agreed to lobby for a change in state law, allowing districts to ban cell phones on school grounds citing growing cyber bullying through belittling text messages and indecent photos.

Call to parents

Most recently, Superintendent Dr. Art Johnson sent a 90-second phone message on cyber bullying to inform county parents.

“I am calling to alert you to a situation becoming increasingly more dangerous for our teenagers, and to ask for your help,” Johnson said. “Parents, this is a dangerous situation. Immediate action must be taken. Bullying can lead to violence.”

Johnson's tips cited from experts include:

- Monitor all Internet sites being visited by children, particularly late at night.

- Talk to children to break this cycle of teen cynicism in which they think we adults don't know or care enough to help them.

- Tell children not to respond when they are bullied on-line, and to not talk about e-mail conversations at school.

- Tell them to not share computer passwords and regularly change them.

“Parents, we must act or the cyber bullying will get worse. We must stop it from hurting our children and disrupting their education when they bring these issues to school,” Johnson said.

Johnson's call out was directed to parents, but some local teens said they didn't know about or the severity of cyber bullying.

“I was kind of surprised. I didn't think people were bullying other people on-line and through MySpace,” said Boca teen Ashley Poltrock.

Once Poltrock heard the message she asked her friends about cyber bullying and found that some were on the receiving end.

“Last week one of my friends told me that she was getting e-mails on MySpace saying she was fat and then on instant messenger saying she was fat, ugly and calling her names,” Poltrock said. “It's sad to hear that kids would bully other kids. It makes no sense to me.”

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Branding from Page 1

that Baronoff brought branding to the floor. Most resistant to the proposal was Mayor Steven Abrams, who still hasn't warmed up to the plan.

But Baronoff is doing his homework. He held a meeting Jan. 24 for a community-wide discussion of branding — that is, establishing a marketing plan for the city. He, Deputy Mayor Susan Whelchel and Councilmen Bill Hager and M.J. “Mike” Arts showed up, but the mayor didn't.

Those in attendance saw a presentation by Samara Hughes, marketing director for North Star Destination Strategies, about how the firm has helped other communities develop branding strategies.

In her presentation, Hughes said it was important to determine if Boca “wants to speak in one voice.” She said marketing a city “is more than just a logo or a slogan. Branding is what people say about you when you are not around.”

Abrams said he feels Boca already has a national and international reputation that will not be helped by monogrammed t-shirts and hats.

In a memo recapping the Jan. 24 meeting, Ahnell said “the majority of the comments from the attendees supported initiating a branding effort in the city — and most agreed that it would be successful.”

“The dissenting opinion is that the city already enjoys a branding or reputation and does not need a branding process to bring additional residents, visitors, development, new or commercial facilities to the city.”

If Boca does decide at the goal-setting session to go ahead with the branding effort, Ahnell said he wants to hire a consultant. A determination will have to be made for funding, he said.

Whelchel also has another idea in mind. She suggested at a recent council meeting that ideas for a “brand” could be the subject of a contest among local school children.

POLICE BLOTTER

Police probe fatal pedestrian accident

The Boca Raton Police Traffic Homicide Unit is investigating a fatal car-pedestrian accident that occurred in the 20000 block of St. Andrews Boulevard at 8:10 p.m. Monday, said police spokesman Sgt. Jeff Kelly.

He said the pedestrian, identified by police as Meyer Shopkow, 77, of Boynton Beach, was attempting to cross St. Andrews Boulevard west to east when a vehicle traveling north struck him. He was transported to Delray Medical Center where he was pronounced dead, police said.

The driver of the car, Benjamin J. Arculeo Jr., 62, of David, was not injured.

Anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to call Traffic Investigator Tino Lintzeris at (561) 620-6159.

Bicyclist makes threat

A woman from Boca Raton told police March 10 that a passing bicyclist threatened her. The man approached on the sidewalk and told her to “move.” The woman moved out of the way and told the biker he should be riding in the bike path. Police said the biker yelled obscenities at the woman and told her he would kill her if she got in his way again.

Two charged with DUI

During a traffic stop about 12:50 a.m. March 10 on SW 18th Street in Boca Raton, police arrested a motorist for driving while under the influence of alcohol, police said.

About three hours later, police arrested another man after a traffic stop at Jog and Glades roads, police said. The motorist was taken to the police station where he registered .158 and .155 on the Breathalyzer.

Theft of car radio

A Sirius car radio was reported stolen March 10 from a car parked on NE 21st Avenue in Boca Raton, police said.

Wallet stolen

A Boca Raton woman told police March 10 that her wallet was stolen from a bar on North Federal Highway, police said. The thief took \$3 in cash, various credit cards and a driver's license, police said.

Burglary attempt

Boca Raton police responded to a call from a resident of Oregon Lane March 10 who reported an attempted burglary. The man said someone tried to get into his storage shed in the back yard. Entry was not gained, and nothing was reported missing.

OBITUARIES

SALVATORE PARISI DELRAY BEACH

Salvatore Parisi, 75, of Delray Beach passed away on Monday, March 19, 2007 at his home. He is survived by his wife Anna, his son Joseph (Cathy) Parisi and their children Joey, Anthony, and Michael, his daughters: Connie Parisi and Louise (Blake) Lewend and their four children, and his brothers John (Marie) & Peter (Vencenza). Babione Funeral Home in charge of arrangements 561-395-8787.

LAURA KRANE DELRAY BEACH

Laura Krane, 56, of Delray Beach passed away on March 19, 2007. Arrangements by A Cremation Service of the Palm Beaches.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER BOCA RATON

Kathryn Schroeder, 82, of Boca Raton died Sunday, March 18, 2007. Funeral Mass on Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Babione Funeral Home 561-483-9500.

PHILIP J. BARBATO BOCA RATON

Philip J. Barbato, 60, of Boca Raton died Saturday March 17, 2007. Funeral Mass on Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Babione Funeral Home 561-483-9500 is in charge of arrangements.

RAYMOND JAMES RYAN II

Raymond James Ryan II, September 9, 1949 — March 17, 2007. Ray was born in Yonkers, New York to Raymond and Marion Ryan. He earned a bachelors degree from Florida International University in 1980. He worked for AT&T as a lineman and later as a computer engineer for IBM. Ray Ray, as he was affectionately called, was a resident of Boca Raton, Florida from 1974 to 2001, of College Station, Texas from 2001 to 2006 and resided in Austin from August 2006. Ray was a man of many puns and jokes. His charm and his smile were the delight of those who had the good fortune of meeting him. Ray didn't allow his body or hardships to overcome who and what his soul was destined to be: a light, a lesson, an inspiration, a testament to faith. Ray's joy in the most unbearable circumstances is a testimony of faith not easily forgotten. He loved the Lord Jesus and in his last day, when words didn't come, prayer and scripture were a comfort to him. Ray is survived by his two children: Raymond Ryan III and Kelly Ryan, his sister, Carol Kelly and his two brothers: Larry and Michael Ryan. A memorial service will be held to celebrate Ray's life on Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 11:00am. Location, First Evangelical Free Church, 4220 Monterey Oaks Blvd. Austin, TX.

Junior League of Boca Raton to host family wellness fair

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Family Wellness Fair will be held March 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Vegso Community Resource Center, Junior League of Boca Raton office at 261 NW 13 Street, Boca Raton, 33432.

Participants include: Juice Plus, Pulse Pilates, Tiny Toes Workout, Young Living Essential Oils & Nutrition, Joan Chaloux, Professional Organizer, Mr. Food No Fuss Meals, Angsana Furniture, Dr. Saadia, Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Delia Weiss, Internal Medicine, Me 2 Beauty, Ileana Moreno Beauty Specialist, 3D Learner, Mark and Mira Halpert, Child Education Specialists.

There will be fun activities for kids, healthy snacks and beverages will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Contact 561-620-2553 or www.JLBR.org.

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Omni Middle parents upset over school bus running late, overcrowded; affecting FCAT

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

On a typical bus ride to Omni Middle School, students can expect squeezing into a seat, standing, waiting an hour, or arriving late to school, according to Boca parents.

"The biggest problem is they go to the bus stop at 8:20 and sometimes it doesn't show up until 9:10. School starts at 9:25. And what's worse is a lot of kids don't think the bus is going to show up and they go home and don't go to school," said Boca mom Tammy Waronicki, whose son rides the bus to Omni Middle.

For Waronicki's son, the bus is his only ride to school.

"We live several miles from school and I have to work so if he wants to get to school he has to ride the bus," she said.

Waronicki isn't alone. About thirty other Omni Middle parents wrote letters to the district expressing concern over the bus situation. Omni Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) sent an email

asking parents to send letters.

"It has come to our attention that there have been some issues regarding bus transportation to and from Omni Middle School. As a voice to assist and encourage parent and public involvement in our school, we would like to try to help with this issue. If you have a bus issue with your child; whether it is safety, overcrowding, drivers, or anything else that you feel is important, we need to hear from you," the email stated.

Those 30 letters were sent to the district, according to Omni PTSA President Debbie Ellman.

"I've heard they are very understaffed now and that's creating a lot of problems such as merging bus routes together," said Ellman.

Ellman said district officials told her that some transportation issues might be due to, "the Director of Transportation resigning."

When asked about the Omni bus issues, Palm Beach County Superintendent Dr. Art Johnson said he hasn't received the letters or heard about the complications. However,

"We're finding a new transportation director and I hope that will fix the problems."

However, a group of parents may still voice concerns at the March 21 School Board meeting, Ellman added.

Until then, parents say students will be late going to and coming back from school and they are even more concerned about safety.

"My son was let off at a totally different neighborhood. My question is: Who is responsible if "God forbid" one of our children doesn't make it home because there is no accountability on the part of our bus drivers?" wrote one parent.

Another parent letter stated, "The first issue is the lack of bus drivers. This causes the overcrowding of buses with three students to a seat and at times standing room only. Buses are carrying three busloads of kids on one bus. If there were to be an accident, it would be catastrophic."

But the late buses are not only affecting safety, according to Waronicki and other parents, stu-

dent FCAT scores may also suffer.

"This bus got our kids to school late again and this time it was on the day of the FCAT reading test. By the time they got to school, my son had to run to class. I guess they go over the rules of the test before testing begins, but my son missed that. He got in his chair, put his backpack down and within minutes had to start taking the Reading FCAT. Again, this is totally unacceptable," Waronicki wrote. "My son usually does very well on these FCAT's. We do our part to prepare for this test, such as study, read, getting a good night's sleep, I make sure I cook him a good breakfast, but then what happens, Palm Beach County school transportation screws this up. This left him feeling hurried and rushed right before having to take the Reading FCAT. I sure hope this does not affect his FCAT score. Is anybody taking accountability for this bus tardiness?"

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(Dale King/Staff Photo)

The new Grand Lux Café at Town Center at Boca Raton mall opened as part of Phase 1 of a four-phase renovation that will expand the mall by more than 202,000 square feet. The Planning & Zoning Board just approved some minor changes to the plan.

Planning & Zoning Board OKs changes to mall expansion plan

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

It's pretty common knowledge that Town Center at Boca Raton mall is getting larger.

The City Council last August approved plans for a 202,538 square foot expansion to be carried out in four phases.

Mall planners have been back to the drawing board to make some minor changes to the proposal adopted last year. The Planning & Zoning Board unanimously approved them all.

City Development Services Director Jorge Camejo also said the changes were minor.

According to plans filed in City Hall, the amended proposal lops one level off a proposed new parking garage on the south side of the mall. It will reduce parking by 332 spaces, but, overall, the plan still calls for 8,062 parking spots.

Developers also specified that the 22,804 square feet set aside for future use will be specifically for mall purposes.

The first phase of mall reconstruction was capped by the opening of the Grand Lux Café where TGI Friday used to be.

Executive Director Sam Hosn has told the *Boca Raton News* that the mall is incorporating European styling, which emphasizes the outdoors.

Among other changes coming to the mall, Hosn said, the existing Crate & Barrel store will move and enlarge into a two-story outlet. Its new location will be at the outer edge of the mall.

Macy's will add 82,000 square feet to its mall store and a new "lifestyle center" is in the works.

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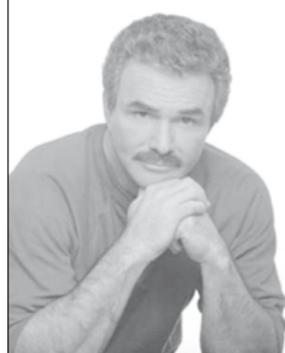
County vows to find home for Reynolds Museum

By John Johnston

MANAGING EDITOR

Not that Palm Beach County Commissioners are universally Burt Reynolds fans.

But the board does understand the value of tourism dollars — tourism arguably the largest element in the county's economic engine — if you count short-time



"snowbirds."

And it was Commissioner Karen Marcus who summed it up for the board recently when she told a Burt Reynolds Museum spokesman:

"We're going to keep his museum here, and not let anybody drive him out of here."

The museum is at geographical odds with Scripps Florida plans in Jupiter.

Specifically said a Reynolds spokesman, Jupiter has decided to sell the facility in which the Reynolds Museum is located, in turn creating concern that the museum would have to move.

Marcus pointed out that it would be another 3-5 years before sufficient bio-tech activity would threaten to occupy the space now occupied by the Reynolds Museum. "And the goal," she said, in any way to incorporate the museum into any redesigned use of its current facility.

Reynolds, 71, is a graduate of Palm Beach High School, and has appeared or starred in 93 films.

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School Board approves three new positions

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

Although county district officials say the budget is tight, School Board members recently approved three new job classifications totaling \$336,490.

Those positions are General Manager— Enterprise Resource Planning, Transition Chief Technology Officer— Interim, and Restructuring Administrator.

General Manager— Enterprise Resource Planning position coordinates ongoing upgrades, support, training, and maintenance after the implementation of the ERP system. Replaces ERP Consultant. Fiscal impact is \$196,630 for two positions, district reports show.

Transition Chief Technology Officer— Interim position is the project manager for alignment of technical processes and functions. Fiscal impact is \$25,500, district reports show.

Restructuring Administrator position performs critical needs assessment through frequent analysis of data pertaining to school culture and student performance. Fiscal impact is \$114,360, district reports show. For this position, the district is applying for a state grant totaling \$2.9 million to cover the cost.

Before final approval, board member Debra Robinson opposed hiring a restructuring ad-

ministrators.

"I cannot support this," Robinson said. "Why not use the money for an extended school day or year?"

Superintendent Dr. Art Johnson countered, "A challenge in urban school districts is as much training teachers. That's what this person will be doing."

Johnson further added, "There's 2.9 million on the table. \$1 million will go towards the restructuring administrator and \$1.9 million is up for recommendation. If I can't convince you, I'll take it off the table, but let's get the grant."

As to where the additional funds would be used, board member Paulette Burdick agreed with Robinson.

"We should extend the school day," Burdick said. "There would be more time for learning, physical education, and music."

In other business, the board approved hiring of new personnel and transferring of others totaling \$4,934. Among those was the hiring of Jack Shelton, former Executive Director of Transportation for Lee County School District, to hold the title of county Director of Transportation. Additionally, board members approved transfer of Debra Johnson, current principal of Don Estridge High Tech Middle School in Boca Raton, to the title

of Transition Chief Tech Officer (Interim) at Chief Academic and Operating Offices.

However, Robinson hopes the district will add a succession plan so current employees can move up the ladder.

"I'm disappointed we're bringing in people outside the school district. It's troubling we haven't trained people to promote them," Robinson said.

Johnson responded, "It's the exception rather than the rule."

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(Special to the News)

Members of the Humanitarians are, from left, "Dr." Wayne T. Moses, Jim Miller, RosaLinda Graziano and Louis J. Labadini.

Humanitarian Society sends 'goodies' to soldiers

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Humanitarian Society, Inc. has sent 39 boxes of "goodies" to the troops in Iraq.

This is a new project the Humanitarians started on March 12, said members "Dr." Wayne T. Moses and Louis J. Labadini. The contents of each box weighed an average of 10 pounds, which included snack food, candy, gum, Lifesavers, peanut butter, jelly, educational

material, non-fiction books, history books, stationary, pens, pencils, and paperback books.

Jim Miller and RosaLinda Graziano (Villas Del Mar Neighbors) pitched in to support the project. Anyone who cares to participate can drop off supplies or send checks to The Humanitarian Society Goody Boxes, 6811 Villas Drive, Boca Raton, Florida 33433. Call 561-362-8530 for further information.

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Commissioners to hear request for storage building in West Boca

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

Palm Beach County Commissioners today will hear a request to construct a storage building in a development west of Boca Raton. The applicant, Jewish Community Facilities Corp., is seeking permission to reduce the size of one of its development "pods" to allow for a small storage building. "No additional changes are proposed, and access to the site will remain from 95th Avenue South," says the agenda.

Because it is part of the consent agenda, it may be approved without discussion.

In January 2003, commissioners approved a plan for the 115.87-acre site to add two Jewish Association for Residential Care (JARC) units. About a year later, commissioners approved two "pods," called Rainberry A and B.

In the final site plan, Pod A was to include an 81,941 square foot/105-bed congregate living facility, 25,556 square feet of multi-

family residences and a 21,454 square foot resource center.

Pod B was designated for a 90,000 square foot adult day care facility, 6,000-student elementary school, 60,000 square foot middle school and 70,000 square foot high school, as well as 80,000 square feet of shared space.

Under the proposal to be heard today, the square footage limitation for Pod A would be deleted to allow for a 672-square foot storage building. The proposal is also endorsed by county staff.

In another local item to be heard today, commissioners will correct an engineering condition for Balmoral at Delray Lake Estates. It will rectify an error inadvertently made in the original development order, officials said.

Hearings begin today at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers on the sixth floor of the County Governmental Center in West Palm Beach.

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Growth hormones show no evidence of prolonging life

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Surveyors of anti-aging elixirs tout human growth hormone as a remedy for all things sagging-from skin to libidos - and claim it can even prevent or reverse aging. But researchers at the Stanford University School of Medicine say there's no evidence to suggest that this purported fountain of youth has any more effect than a trickle of tap water when it comes to fending off Father Time.

"There is certainly no data out there to suggest that giving growth hormone to an otherwise healthy person will make him or her live longer," said Hau Liu, MD, a research fellow in the division of endocrinology and in the Center for Primary Care and Outcomes Research, and first author of a review study to be published in the Jan. 16 issue of *Annals of Internal Medicine*. "We did find, however, that there was substantial potential for adverse side effects."

Those negative side effects included joint swelling and pain, carpal tunnel syndrome and a trend toward increased new diagnoses of diabetes or pre-diabetes. "You're paying a lot of money for a therapy that may have minimal or no benefit and yet has a potential for some serious side effects," Liu said. "You've got to really think about what this drug is doing for you."

Growth hormone is widely promoted on the Internet and its use as a purported anti-aging drug has caught the attention of the popular media, ranging from the "Today Show" to *Business Week*.

Between 20,000 and 30,000 people in the United States used growth hormone as an anti-aging therapy in 2004, a tenfold increase since the mid-1990s, according to the authors of an unrelated study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in 2005. This increase comes despite both the high cost of such therapy - often more than \$1,000 a month - and the illegality of distributing growth hormone for anti-aging therapy in this country. Those numbers prompted Liu and some colleagues to see if the medical literature provided any support for such therapy.

Ian M. Berkowitz

Licensing may be answer to global marketing

I have been working with a client that believes he possesses one of the most robust and technological breakthroughs that the world has seen in the last 50 years. The group is comprised of two technologists and a business development and operations partner.

During the last six years, the business partners have been working together researching and developing the technology to the point where they can now create specific applications from the technology.

In this case, the technology has the potential to be used in many applications benefiting the industrial, military and aviation industries.

Decision time

Once an application or two has been perfected, then the principals have a major decision to make. Do they move forward and develop what could end up being a billion dollar business? Or do they turn it over to another company who has the money, background, contacts and skill set to fully exploit the technology to its full potential?

The concept of licensing can give an inventor, developer or creator of a product or technology the option of turning a well designed, well conceived and perfected product into a well commercialized and well promoted product. Quite often, inventors of technologies and products are idea driven and not necessarily business savvy. You might even say that they possess the ability to develop and create many things but don't have the keen sense or the desire to take it to the marketplace.

A major benefit

That is where licensing can be a tremendous benefit for an inventor or developer. A good licensing agreement can be a win/win for both the inventor and the licensee, the promoter, manufacturer or marketer.

Technology licensing is a contractual arrangement in which the licensor's patents, trademarks,

service marks, copyrights, trade secrets, or other intellectual property may be sold or made available to a licensee for compensation that is negotiated in advance between the parties.

This compensation, commonly referred to as royalties, may be a lump sum royalty, a running royalty, which is a royalty that is commonly based on a specific volume of sales or production, or a combination of both. Inventors and developers frequently license their technology to companies that conduct business in the industry that the technology is based in order to manufacture, market and/or fully exploit the technology into the marketplace.

A technology licensing agreement usually enables a firm to enter a specific market quickly, and poses fewer financial and legal risks. The inventor or developer is not bothered with owning and operating a manufacturing facility, developing and executing major sales and marketing plans or employing and managing a business operation to further support the overall growth of the products that support the technology.

Licensing also permits the inventor or developer to leave behind all of the problems of running a business and just focus on the existing technology and its future enhancements. For these reasons, licensing can be a particularly attractive method of "exporting" for inventors or developers with little business experience or who simply possess the drive to create and not market and sell.

Helps service trade

Technology licensing is not limited to the manufacturing sector. Franchising is also an important form of technology licensing used by many service industries. In franchising, the franchiser, called the licensor, permits the franchisee, called the licensee, to employ its trademark or service mark in a contractually specified manner, in the form of a franchise agreement, for the sales and marketing of goods or services.



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The franchiser usually continues to support the operation of the franchisee's business by providing advertising, accounting, training, and related services and in many instances also supplies products needed by the franchisee.

Technology licensing has certain potential drawbacks. One negative aspect of licensing is that control over the technology is weakened because it has been transferred to an unaffiliated firm. If that firm does not have the ability to promote the technology properly then the inventor or developer might not get the most bang for the buck.

Make sure when negotiating a licensing agreement to include specific commitments by the licensee as to how, what, when and where they will be promoting the technology.

Most importantly, make sure that if the licensee does not perform or meet the requirements to promote, market and sell the technology or products then you, the inventor or developer, can regain full control of the technology in order to market it yourself or find another partner to market and sell for you.

Ian M. Berkowitz is a former attorney/advisor with the United States Small Business Administration in Washington D.C. During his tenure with the Federal Government he specifically worked in the areas of disaster relief for homeowners and businesses and government contracting. He is currently a practicing business and real estate attorney in Boca Raton. In addition to his law degree, Ian also holds a Masters Degree in Government from The Johns Hopkins University.

St. Paul Lutheran School's career day to feature FAU President

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Fifty speakers, from Florida Atlantic University President Frank Brogan to a microbiologist, will share professional experiences with St. Paul Lutheran School's first-through eighth-grade students during its sixth annual Career Day.

St. Paul's eighth-grade civics students contacted and organized all speakers, and designated the topics they will cover, including what the professionals' jobs entail, what they like about jobs, education, and more. Each student will listen to seven different speakers of choice for 25 minutes each.

Brogan will speak about his previous position as Lt. Governor of Florida, and his current duties as FAU President.

The event will take place from 8:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. March 23.

Frank Brogan, FAU President will speak at 10:15 a.m. Doug Jennings, retired professional baseball

player with the Chicago Cubs and Oakland A's will present at 9:15 a.m. Dan Alexander, City of Boca Raton Police Chief at 11:15 a.m., and John Randle, retired City Manager of Boca Raton at 8:15 a.m. All will speak at St. Paul Lutheran School, 701 West Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton.

Additional speakers for this year's event include an Eagle Academy drill sergeant from the Palm Beach Sheriff's office, fire rescue worker, entertainer, policeman, CEO, emergency room physician, professional volleyball player, charter fisherman/artist, turtle specialist and more. Each student will listen to one St. Paul church or staff member, such as a pastor, youth minister, or dean of students, as one of seven sessions.

Because the eighth-graders arrange the speakers, it provides them with a chance to reach out to the community and practice organizational skills.

Boca investment officer to appear on CNBC, Bloomberg TV

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Robert Levitt, founder and chief investment officer of Levitt Capital Management, LLC, will appear live on CNBC and Bloomberg TV, March 28 at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., respectively.

He will discuss events in the financial news that week, along with his thoughts on the global economy and financial markets, investments, and his outlook for 2007.

"We invest globally in public markets and our portfolios generally consist of individual securities from around the world typically purchased directly on foreign or domestic exchanges," he said. "We

hold currencies, commodities, global fixed income and global equities."

"Our portfolios are designed around very tightly focused themes. We recognize that important themes do not come and go quarter by quarter and therefore concentrate our research on longer-term opportunities," he added.

Levitt Capital Management LLC, headquartered in Boca Raton, is an SEC-registered investment advisor founded in 2000 by Levitt. It manages \$400 million for wealthy families throughout the world with a \$3 million minimum of investable assets.



Robert Levitt

Delray rejects historic guidelines; loses appeal to move bungalow

Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

Residents acknowledge that Delray Beach has a vivid history.

But trying to keep historical districts intact is a different story.

The Delray City Commission on Tuesday not only rejected a new set of guidelines for making changes to homes in historic districts, it also lost a battle to move a historic home onto the Community Redevelopment Agency's campus.

A shorthanded commission voted, 2-1, in favor of overriding the Historical Preservation Board's decision to deny permission to move a house on Swinton Avenue to the rear of the CRA building. City Attorney Susan Ruby said three votes were needed to pass the appeal, so the HPB's ruling stands.

Commissioner Rita Ellis was not present at the meeting and Mayor Jeff Perlman had to recuse himself because his wife, Diane Colonna, is the CRA's executive director.

The commission, an attorney for the owner of the home and several speakers hashed over the matter for about an hour before the vote was taken.

Colonna said the Swinton Avenue home and a house that is now used by the CRA as its headquarters were both brought to Delray Beach from West Palm Beach. The bungalow on Swinton was sold to a private owner.

"He needs more space," she said. "He would build a new building" if the bungalow were transported to the CRA campus. "We were surprised at the reaction [of the HPB]," she said, who felt it would degrade the historic

district.

The CRA did not appeal the HPB's ruling. City Commissioner Brenda Montague did. She and Commissioner Jon Levinson voted in favor of the appeal. Commissioner Fred Fetzner voted no.

A number of people spoke at a public hearing, many backing the HPB's ruling.

Attorney Michael Wiener, speaking for the homeowner, said it is "inconsistent with the statutes" to leave the house where it is. "It would be better protected on the CRA parcel."

But foes of the move said the house, as it currently stands, is part of the Swinton streetscape. At the CRA, they said, it would be placed in an alley facing a Dumpster.

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Taking Stock

More improvements needed at Home Depot

Dear Mr. Berko:

What do you think of Citigroup, which yields 3.9 percent? I am thinking of buying 50 shares because its dividend growth has been excellent while its stock performance has been poor. And I think the stock could now begin to move. Your opinion would be appreciated. I'm also looking at Home Depot that hasn't moved much in the past 4 years either. Now that Mr. Nardelli (whom you said should lose his job) is gone, the stock could also move up. Home Depot's revenues and earnings have been quite good and maybe the stock will reflect that too. So what do you think about this one also?

W.T.
Wilmington, N.C.

Dear W.T.:

I met Robert "Bobby" Nardelli a few years ago and I was totally overwhelmed. He believes in his infallibility, that his pronouncements are inerrant. It really takes a unique man to possess that astonishing degree of confidence. Well Nardelli believed he was anointed as chief executive officer of HD rather than appointed. Under his reign, Home Depot Inc. (HD-\$38.39) revenues grew by 35 percent, net income increased 80 percent, senior management suffered recurring laundry problems, tens of thousand of store employees stopped caring about customers and while the Dow rose to record levels, HD shares were flat as window glass. But few people noticed that despite rising revenues, profits and margins, HD's lifeblood, free cash flow, just flat lined.

After Nardelli was passed over to become chief executive officer of General Electric and hired by HD, he refused to have his \$39 million annual salary tied to the performance of HD's stock. That was an impressive negotiation move and HD's inutile board of directors fell for it hook, line and

"stinker." And even though the new CEO Frank Blake (whose salary is \$1.5 million) is one of the sharpest tools in the shed, I'm still not comfortable with the stock. I know that A.G. Edwards, J.P. Morgan, Standard & Poor's and Lehman Brother have a "buy" rating on Home Depot and I know that Nardelli no longer terrorizes the rank and file. However, I think Frank Blake's new broom does not sweep clean enough.

Nardelli's henchmen, who replaced some 20-plus senior Home Depot executives, still forage the corridors at HD's Atlanta headquarters. Sadly, these Nardelli clones continue to intimidate the loyal HD people, so those guys gotta go. And while it's convenient to blame Nardelli for HD's poor stock performance the buck really stops at HD's feckless board of directors who allowed themselves to be bullyragged by Nardelli. Bobby sat on this throne for years and HD's limpsy, anile board basically rubber-stamped his decrees. So the board's gotta go, too.

Nardelli's departure has removed the main source of poison but the remaining clones and the abiding board of directors still foul the company's water. When Frank Blake's broom really sweeps clean I may feel comfortable recommending the stock. Until then, I think the stock will remain in its narrow range.

Citigroup (C-\$51.44) is a dandy company with a Jim-dandy management problem. Revenues have grown 60 percent in the past five years, dividends have tripled but according to Standard & Poor's, C's earnings seem to change direction like Mexican jumping beans.

Citibank includes Smith Barney, Travelers Property & Casualty, Primerica Financial Services, Banamex and Egg Banking, the world's largest pure online bank with 3.2 million customers and 3 million credit card customers in



Malcolm Berko

England. Ever since Sandy Weil retired, C has suffered from a management vacuum. But CEO Charles Prince, who is a swell, knowledgeable and experienced lad, lacks Sandy Weil's people-picking and communication skills.

It seems that Prince enjoys playing musical chairs in the executive suite, which doesn't play well on Wall Street. Prince's decision to invest more assets overseas (C's purchase of Central America's largest credit card issuer, its huge stake in Turkey's largest bank, plus its interest in an Asian insurance company, to name a few examples) has caused some disaffection among investors. Sandy Weil may not have chosen wisely.

There are many on the Street who believe C's management consists primarily of B players who are not up to the job of running an A-class bank. And this is the genesis of C's poor stock performance since 2002, when it traded at \$52 a share. Earnings for 2007 are unimpressive and so is the stock's performance. The stock could move up a few points but not enough to make it an attractive purchase. Stay away.

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

Skolnick joins Caridad Center as CEO

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Caridad Center Board President and Co-Founder Connie Berry has announced that Robert N. Skolnik, Ph.D., has been selected as the organization's new chief executive officer.

Dr. Skolnik has 24 years of administrative and management experience that includes non-profit planning, budgeting, resource development and general capacity building.

In addition to his non-profit and private sector travel and tourism-related enterprises, Dr. Skolnik has worked in the educational arena, having created and staffed a multicultural education center for a local school district.

This experience will be the foundation for his work at Caridad Center, a nonprofit organization known for its mission of

upgrading the health, education and living standards for the children and families of farm workers, laborers and the underserved in Palm Beach County.

"We are proud and excited to have a leader with his administrative experience and expertise," said Berry, adding that "his background in organization and generating funds will contribute greatly toward our goal of expanding our center in the very near future."

Dr. Skolnik holds a Ph.D. degree in Human Resource Development from the University of Minnesota and a Masters degree in counseling, with additional work in Latin American Studies at San Diego State University.

Caridad's new CEO was born in New York, but was raised in Barranquilla, Colombia. He has lived



Robert N. Skolnik

and worked in Israel and Belize, as well as several communities in the United States. He has traveled extensively and is fluent in Spanish and has a working knowledge of several other languages, including Hebrew.

Boca man elected head of Libertarian Party of Florida

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Libertarian Party of Florida elected Karl Dickey of Boca Raton as its new chairman during the political party's annual convention this past weekend. Dickey ran unopposed and won by acclamation.

Also elected was Boca Raton resident Neil Evangelista as the party's vice-chairman, and two "at large" seats were filled by Vicki Kirkland of Orlando and Bill Van Allen of Sarasota.

The Orlando convention was attended by Libertarians from around the country — among them, National Libertarian Party chairman Bill Redpath, former Republican congressman Bob Barr (now an active Libertarian Party member and regional representative), and Dr. Jim Lark of Virginia.

"I am looking forward to raising the standards of the LPP to a

more professional, educational, and respected organization," Dickey said. "I look forward to increasing the presence of Libertarians in Florida with enhanced communications to our affiliates, updating the party's website, increasing college activism and running Libertarian candidates at all levels of government in Florida."

Dickey set several goals to be achieved by various committees and individuals of the organization. If such goals are achieved, he said, he expects the number of registered Libertarians to double over the next two years.

As a result, he said, "there should be at least 30 candidates running for public office in 2008 as Libertarians, and the public will be well educated in understanding the benefits of Libertarianism in their own personal lives."

Libertarians, he said, believe in



Karl Dickey

and pursue personal freedom while encouraging personal responsibility.

Brandeis University Women install officers

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Delray Beach Chapter of Brandeis University Women is having its annual installation at the Boca Country Club April 25 at 11:30 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Luis

Fleischman, executive of the Palm Beach County Jewish Federation. He will discuss "The Middle East."

All new officers will be installed for the forthcoming year by their chapter advisor Judith Stern.

In addition, the group will

honor Chief Justice Louis Brandeis' 150th birthday. A dramatic reading of one of his important decisions as Supreme Court justice will be read in his honor.

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Playwright class offered at Sugar Sand Park

FROM STAFF REPORTS

An introductory playwriting course that uses various exercises to teach students how to write for the stage will be offered at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail in Boca Raton.

Students will be encouraged to write a short scene and monologue. Work in progress will be read in class providing a safe environment during the exploration process of learning how to write for actors.

Instructor Marla Schwartz is a published journalist, acting coach, creative writing teacher,

freelance writer and editor for several publications including "Miami Living Magazine." Schwartz has written numerous published plays. Her short plays, "The Lunch Time Café" and "America's Working?" have won awards. She studied playwriting with playwright Edward Albee at Brandeis University.

Five classes cost \$100 for residents, \$115 for non-residents Thursdays beginning March 22 to April 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No class April 12.

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Pet Food

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Dr. Singer

product codes, descriptions and production dates is available from the Menu Foods Web site, <http://www.menufoods.com/recall>. The company also has two phone numbers that pet owners can call for information -- (866) 463-6738 and (866) 895-2708.

"We take these complaints very seriously and, while we

are still looking for a specific cause, we are acting to err on the side of caution" said Paul K. Henderson, President and CEO, Menu Foods. "We will do whatever is necessary to ensure that our products maintain the very highest quality standards."

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Teen Chef
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Tucker, a West Boca High senior, recently won first place and the gold medal at The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale's Best Teen Chef 2007 Local Culinary Competition.

"It felt good. A lot of hard work paid off," said the 18-year-old. "When I compete I like to have a good time as well and put on a little show."

The competition consisted of creating a shrimp cocktail appetizer and a sautéed chicken dish in 90 minutes. Four judges critiqued the participants on "taste, presentation, creativity, originality and kitchen sanitation," according to Tucker.

"It was just how you interpret and put your own twist on the dish," he said. "Basically I followed the rules and experimented with flavors for the sauce."

Judges said Tucker's talent won over the competition. Other participants included: second place winner and silver medalist Maria Lowenthal; third place winner and bronze medalist Travis Boles; Sarina Riley; and Jodi-Lee Morrison.

"We had an exceptional group of competitors who prepared a menu of shrimp cocktail, sautéed breast of chicken, fresh broccoli, and rice pilaf," said Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale Chef Director Jack Kane. "They all did extremely well but we can only send one to Dallas."

Tucker's next stop is Dallas, Texas, where he will compete with 22 other high school seniors May 5 for a chance of taking the Best Teen Chef title and a full-tuition scholarship worth approximately \$40,000.

"Hopefully, I'll go to nationals and take first place and then I can really call myself the best teen chef," Tucker said.

His school advisors think Tucker has the talent and drive to take home the national title.

"He's one of those kids that is very dedicated and focused and knows what he wants to do. You can tell that's why he's succeeding in the competition," said Chef Nancy Hall, Department Chair of the Culinary Academy at West Boca High.

Academy Coordinator Susan Bantang added, "He's has a lot of leadership ability and passion for the career."

At 10

And that love for cooking began at ten years old when Tucker began watching cooking shows coupled with his uncle's culinary career.

"I like to eat food. That's my problem," he said.

When he's not in school, Tucker is still cooking as a line and sous chef at Bistro Zenith restaurant in Boca Raton. He also volunteers for charity events sponsored by the American Culinary Federation.

Cooking is his passion because "I like the science to it and that I can experiment with different techniques and textures."

Tucker plans on attending a culinary college. He's already been accepted to Johnson & Wales, the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, and the Culinary Institute of America.

Upon graduation, Micah hopes to own a restaurant, become a certified executive chef, a personal chef, and chef instructor.

"It's a good satisfaction when you get to put food in front of others and there's a smile on their face and the customers keep coming back," he said.

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Nursing mothers need calcium

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Mothers who breastfeed should be sure to have enough calcium, or may risk bone loss around teeth and gums, according to a new study in the Journal of Periodontology (JOP).

Researchers from Tohoku University in Japan investigated if lactation affects alveolar bone loss, the bone surrounding the roots of teeth, in rat models of experimental peri-

odontitis. They found mothers who are lactating could put the bone structures around their teeth at risk, especially when there was not enough calcium in their diet.

"Our research emphasized the importance of having a high-calcium diet while breast-feeding," said Dr. Kanako Shoji, Division of Periodontology and Endodontology at Tohoku University. "While our study was on a rat population, the

evidence confirmed that breastfeeding can cause increased bone loss in the mother, especially when the mother has insufficient calcium intake. But additional studies in human populations are necessary to confirm these findings."

The study showed that all groups with insufficient calcium intake saw an acute inflammatory reaction in periodontal tissues and disruption of the gingival epithelium, the tis-

sues surrounding the teeth, in addition to increased attachment loss, and increased alveolar bone loss. Those groups which were lactating saw even greater attachment loss and bone loss.

"We know a high-calcium diet can promote healthy teeth and gums," said Dr. Preston D. Miller, DDS, President of the American Academy of Periodontology, "But this research indicates that nursing mothers should be especially conscious of having enough calcium

in their diet. While breast milk is critical to their baby's bone development, mothers should be sure to have enough calcium, or risk bone loss in her mouth, which can worsen periodontal diseases. Given that a thorough periodontal evaluation should be done as soon as a woman finds out that she is pregnant, monitoring periodontal tissues, including more frequent cleanings during pregnancy and continuing until 3 months after delivery, will help assure periodontal health."

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1 x 8"	#960 \$4.38	#961 \$5.45	#962 \$7.35	#963 \$9.25	#964 \$10.97
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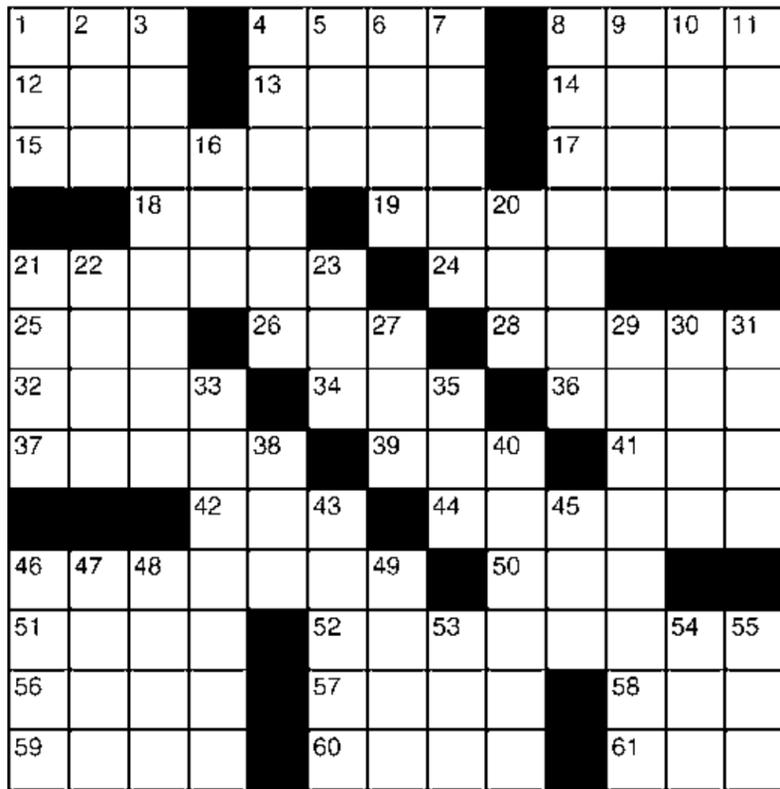
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Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Urban carrier
 - 4 Billions and billions
 - 8 Toil
 - 12 Numerical prefix
 - 13 Hodge-podge
 - 14 "Hi, sailor"
 - 15 Teddy's cudgel?
 - 17 Streamlet
 - 18 Have a bug
 - 19 Peeper's place
 - 21 Stylish
 - 24 Sheltered side
 - 25 Dadaist artist
 - 26 Deviate off course
 - 28 Wealthy person
 - 32 Chip's partner
 - 34 Chart
 - 36 Tragic
 - 37 Not merely plump
 - 39 Poorly lit
 - 41 Obtain
 - 42 Garfield, e.g.
 - 44 Compassion
 - 46 Kitchen cloth
 - 50 "Letters From — Jima"
 - 51 Skilled
 - 52 Bean spiller
 - 56 Remark from
 - 42-Across
 - 57 Shawm descendant
 - 58 The Red or the Black
 - 59 Divorce court figures
 - 60 Peruse
- DOWN**
- 1 News-room newbie
 - 2 Blackbird
 - 3 New York City
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 - 5 Foreman rival
 - 6 Shaving mishap
 - 7 Hayseed
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 - 9 Colum-bus' place
 - 10 List of members
 - 11 Rote of football fame
 - 16 Try the Tokay
 - 20 Longing
 - 21 Pedestal part
 - 22 Bedouin
 - 23 Aries
 - 27 Bankroll
 - 29 Jail
 - 30 Hydrox look-alike
 - 31 OTB transactions
 - 33 Shuns
 - 35 "Great Expectations" lad
 - 38 Listener
 - 40 Injured severely
 - 43 Small drum
 - 45 Pair
 - 46 Knighted woman
 - 47 Mountain goat
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 - 49 Scoff
 - 53 — long way
 - 54 Afternoon social
 - 55 Bella Abzug trademark

Solution time: 21 mins.



Answer to previous puzzle

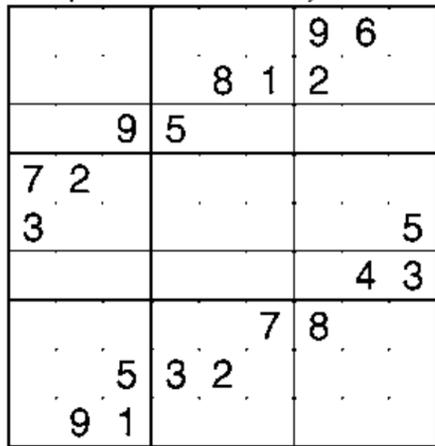
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Difficulty Level ★★

Sudoku

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 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 ★★★

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 Wednesday, March 21, 2007:
 Veer in a different direction this year. Nothing can or will stop you except yourself. You could be looking at your finances much differently and making your security more important. Allow yourself to move in a new direction and handle situations more creatively. You know where you are heading as your next birthday peeks its head around the corner. The period around Nov. 15, 2007, through Jan. 30, 2008, could be a bit touchy. Do not make any major decisions or act on them until after this period. If you are single, you will shake up the status quo. You will meet someone very different. If you are attached, your relationship will head in a new direction given insight and empathy. You will understand each other better. TAURUS can help you deal with money.
 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
 ★★★ Your possessive side emerges, and you need to deal with strong feelings. Your instincts are right-on. You have insight that helps you understand others. Use this knowledge. Deal with a pending matter. Tonight: Listen to what someone shares.

TAURUS
 April 20-May 20
 ★★★★★ Your happy personality encourages you to make positive changes and think through what could be a problematic situation. You see life with renewed interest and enthusiasm. Let this energy spill out. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

GEMINI
 May 21-June 20
 ★★ Take your time, and you'll come up with new beginnings. Your

ability to read between the lines helps you grasp what is going on with a situation. You might want to see someone, but is it realistic? Observe. Tonight: Get extra R and R.

CANCER
 June 21-July 22
 ★★★★★ You take a stand and move forward. Your understanding of a situation changes with a friend's feedback. The unexpected opens doors and has you veering in a new direction. You visualize life with renewed interest. Tonight: Zero in on a friendship.

LEO
 July 23-Aug. 22
 ★★★ Basics count. Listen to news that heads in your direction. You are anchored and come from a basic perspective. Build on a friendship. Professional demands take a higher priority. You have style and magnetism. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO
 Aug. 23-Sept. 22
 ★★★★★ You have style and directness working in your favor. You might want to think and evaluate before launching in any direction. Touch base with a loved one at a distance. You might not feel comfortable with unexpected behavior. Tonight: Rent a movie. Let your imagination rock and roll.

LIBRA
 Sept. 23-Oct. 22
 ★★★★★ Speak to someone and know that this person will understand. In groups, your message is not easily conveyed. Understand limits with the knowledge of what lies ahead. Think carefully before you take a stand. Tonight: Be a duo.

SCORPIO
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21
 ★★★★★ What starts as a challenge could end in a different type of scenario that might even surprise you. Knowing what it is you seek and heading in that exact direction

make a big difference. Do not settle, even if someone is pushy. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

SAGITTARIUS
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21
 ★★★★★ Your ability to get the job done emerges once more, putting you in the limelight. You are talented and seem to be directed. Others follow your lead. Understand that what is expected of you could be important. Tonight: Away you go.

CAPRICORN
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19
 ★★★★★ You might want to move forward and allow others to understand where you are coming from. Communication and brainstorming are very important. Don't push yourself too hard. Understanding helps your ability to empathize. Tonight: Fun and more fun.

AQUARIUS
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18
 ★★★ The basics color your decisions and actions. Though you might not be as sure of yourself as you would like, you can make dynamic choices. Count on your ability to read between the lines. Tonight: Design a comfortable few hours.

PISCES
 Feb. 19-March 20
 ★★★★★ You might seem explosive to some as you spin from one issue to another. How you approach a situation could be much different from what you initially intended. Move forward and remain positive. Tonight: Time to talk!

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VIN# 1G1JC1488P345852
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94 FORD
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98 TOYOTA
VIN# 1NKBX12E3W32052925
AUCTION DATE 4-12-07
90 MERCURY
VIN# ZMELM7479P615583
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VIN# 1FAFP6639YK115227
AUCTION DATE 4-15-07
91 CHEVY
VIN# 1GNCS122886182215
AUCTION DATE 4-16-07
97 MITSUBISHI
VIN# J3A3Y36CVU038872

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NOTICE OF BID

BID NO. 2007-026

Reclaimed Water Pipeline Extensions

The City of Boca Raton, Florida is accepting sealed bids for the above.

The project consists of furnishing and installing all fittings, valves, services, connections to existing systems, all appurtenances, and any incidental work for the complete installation of approximately 1,505 linear feet of 16-inch PVC reclaimed water main, 175 linear feet of 8-inch PVC reclaimed water main, 300 linear feet of 8-inch reclaimed water main and 65 linear feet of 8-inch reclaimed water main.

Further project description and order form to obtain the bid package may be obtained by going to www.myboca.usa/bid/purchasing. Bid documents are available for a non-refundable fee of \$35.00, made payable by check, made out to the City of Boca Raton, at the address below, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during normal business days.

A pre-bid conference will be held on April 3, 2007 commencing promptly at 9:00 a.m., located in the Purchasing Conference Room, City Hall. Vendors are urged to be prompt and be familiarized with the bid documents. The pre-bid is not mandatory.

Purchasing Office, City Hall
201 W. Palmetto Park Road
Boca Raton, Florida 33432
561-393-7871

Sealed bids must be received before 9:00 p.m. on April 12, 2007 at the above address at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

N RE: The license to practice Nursing of

Ladonne Asquith
396 Monte Trail
West Palm Beach, Florida 33415

CASE NO. 2006-16224
LICENSE NO.: 72820

The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting Brooke Reynolds, Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 245-4640.

If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by April 26, 2007, the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing in an informal proceeding.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770(V), via Florida Relay Service.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF OPTICIANS

IN RE: The license to practice Opticianry of

Norman Goodman
7701-1 Stone Harbour Dr.
Lake Worth, FL 33467

CASE NO. 2006-03646
LICENSE NO.: 2390

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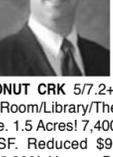
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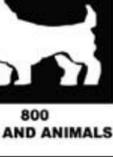
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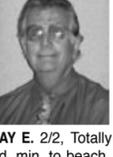


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Bulls win extra-inning thriller

By Mario Sarmento
SPORTS EDITOR

It was the game that would never end.

Four hours and 13 innings of baseball, a seventh-inning rally, and two defensive gems from each team that saved the potential winning runs from crossing the plate.

West Boca Raton High and Wellington High played a classic on Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning, and when Bulls reliever Matt Cornwell grabbed a comebacker from Nick Ferrasi, went home and then catcher Rick Versace threw to first for the game-ending double play, the Bulls had finally prevailed, 4-2.

"No one deserved to lose this game," West Boca Raton coach Brian Joros said. "Wellington played great, I can't say enough about their pitchers and the defensive plays they made to keep us from scoring."

The game's biggest hit came from its smallest player, Bulls junior second baseman Rick Conaway. Conaway came into the game in a pressure situation: the bases were loaded and there was one out. The Bulls had been in the same situation in the ninth inning, and Wellington turned a 4-2-3 double play to get out of the jam.

This time, Conaway lashed a Trey Ferrano pitch to the hole between first and second. The ball took a bad hop though, and bounced over the second baseman's head for a two-run single that provided the winning margin.

"He's done that two or three times this year, where he's come in when a starter hasn't performed

and he's come through pretty much every single time," Joros said.

Conaway said he was thinking, "Put the ball in play, and things will happen."

It could have been cause for West Boca players and coaches to relax, but true to the nature of this game, it wasn't over yet.

After Cornwell retired the first hitter, David Cheatham, Evan Stermer and Bryan Adametz followed with three consecutive singles to load the bases.

That set the stage for Cornwell's game-ending heroics.

"One of the reasons we put him in to pitch is he fields his position so well," Joros said of tabbing his starting shortstop for relief duty. "You saw he fielded the ball, throws it home, then gives us a chance for the double play. That was part of the reason behind the move."

For awhile it looked like the Bulls (13-1) were on their way to another easy win, as starter Brian Busch struck out 10 batters and had a shutout going through the sixth.

But Wellington scratched for two runs, including an RBI sacrifice fly by Cheatham that scored Sean Murrell with one out in the seventh to tie the game.

Then came the extra inning odyssey, in which each team put at least two runners on for each of the next three innings, but neither team would score until Conaway came through in the 13th.

The Bulls' reward was another late game against Battle Ground Academy (TN), which defeated Cardinal Newman High 2-0 in the early game Tuesday. Starter Navey Moore

pitched a no-hitter and struck out 12 in 6 1/3 innings for the Wildcats.

Meanwhile, the Wolverines' game against the Crusaders in the consolation bracket was pushed back from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

(Results of both games were not available at press time).

No matter the result, players, coaches, tired parents and friends who were in attendance will remember for a long time the classic they played at the Gary Carter National Grand Slam.

Other scores at the Slam Wednesday were:

Norman North 11, Dwyer 1; Jacksonville The Bolles School 10, Orangewood Christian 0.

Tuesday

Palm Beach Central 8, Norman North (Okla.) 7. Tim Roberson went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI and Matt Kane went 2-for-4 with one RBI as the Broncos (9-5) defeated the Timberwolves at Palm Beach Central High.

Jacksonville-Providence 2, Jupiter 1. Blake Boyd went 2-for-2 with a run scored and Dennis Tierney went 2-for-3, but the Warriors (11-4) fell to the Stallions at West Boca Raton.

Eureka (Mo.) 2, Dwyer 1. Mike Tullio went 2-for-3, but the Panthers (8-8) fell to the Wildcats (2-0) at Little Fenway in Delray Beach.

Jacksonville Bolles 3, Charlotte Christian 2.

Orangewood Christian 3, Taft (Conn.) 0.

Regis Jesuit 2, Monsignor Bonner 0.

Monday

West Boca Raton 5, Regis Jesuit (Co.) 0. Tim Maxwell had two RBI



Jon Way/Special to the News

West Boca Raton High lefthander Brian Busch struck out 10 batters in the Bulls' 4-2 13-inning win against Wellington in the quarterfinals of the Gary Carter National Grand Slam Tuesday.

and Mason Mattlin went 2-for-2 to lead the Bulls past the Raiders in the first round.

Palm Beach Central 8, Taft (Conn.) 2. Richie Eraph went 2-for-3 with a double and Mikel Alvarez went 2-for-3 with an RBI as the Broncos (8-5) defeated the Rhinos in Wellington.

Pitcher Robby Hatcher struck out five batters in six innings for the Broncos.

Cardinal Newman 4, Providence (Jacksonville) 2. Alex Mata went 2-

for-2 with a run scored, and Brandon Kolshak added a two-run single to help the Crusaders (12-1) edge the Stallions (11-4) in Boca Raton.

Battleground Academy (Tenn.) 2, Jupiter 1.

Jack Armstrong and Alex Greener both went 2-for-3 with two singles in a losing effort as the Warriors (11-3) fell to the Wildcats (1-1) in West Boca Raton.

Jordan Grangrad went 1-for-2 with a single for the Warriors.

Dwyer 5, Charlotte Christian

(N.C.) 0. Shawn Donovan went 4-for-4 with a double and one RBI and Travis Carter and Mike Tullio each went 2-for-4 to lead the Panthers (8-7) past Charlotte Christian in Wellington.

Eureka (Mo.) 5, Jacksonville Bolles 4. Matt Sarafini went 2-for-4 with four RBI, including the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh inning, as the Wildcats (1-0) defeated the Bulldogs in Little Fenway.

Pitcher Ethan Jager struck out 10 batters for the Wildcats.

Lynn baseball tops Franklin Pierce

NEWS STAFF REPORTS

Lynn University used a five run seventh to maneuver its way past 12th-ranked Franklin Pierce, eventually beating the Ravens 14-6.

Kyle Holloway (Deerfield Beach) once again came up big for the Fighting Knights, driving in four runs while Nicolas Boisvert and Jason Ten Eyck combined to score seven times.

Lynn has won nine eight straight to improve to 19-11 overall.

FPC (13-2) jumped out to a 4-0 lead after two innings. Keith Renaud waited on an 0-2 fastball and singled to left field to keep the first inning alive and watched as his brother smashed a two-run home run. Cory

Shepard drove in Jake Christman with a sacrifice fly to left field while a Knights' defensive error plated the fourth run for the Ravens.

Lynn made its descent towards the top in the bottom half of the second.

Gabe MacDougall led off with a double to left center field and scored two batters later off a Ricky Gerena sacrifice fly.

The Fighting Knights took the lead in the fourth, if only for a moment. Boisvert scored on a wild pitch, which also allowed Ten Eyck to move up 90 feet. Arminio followed with the first of three hits on the afternoon, cutting the deficit to 4-3.

After a MacDougall walk, Holloway smacked a two-run double

to left center field, driving home Arminio and MacDougall.

Boisvert launched his fourth home run of the season, a solo shot to right center field, giving LU a two-run cushion. Franklin Pierce responded with a solo home run of their own in the fifth, an opposite field shot by right-hander Cliff Hicks.

LU tacked on two runs on a passed ball and sacrifice fly by Steven Somers to make the score 11-6.

Sheets pitched 2.1 scoreless innings, allowing just one hit, to pick up his second victory.

The Fighting Knights travel to Miami Shores to take on arch-rival Barry University in a three game series beginning Friday at 6 p.m.



Special to the News

Boca Raton High midfielder Ryan Bleich makes a move on Spanish River defender Ben Latimer (11) during the Bobcats' 9-8 loss to the Sharks on Monday.

Sharks top Bobcats in lacrosse

NEWS STAFF REPORTS

The Boca Raton High boys lacrosse team lost to Spanish River High 9-8 on Monday. The Bobcats rallied from a 7-2 halftime deficit to tie the game with less than a minute left.

Jeff Albeck led with 3 goals, Derek Knadle scored 2 goals, and Bruce MacDonald, Nick Massarella and Wade Nodine scored one goal each.

Goalie Robert Londeree recorded 15 saves for the evening.

Softball (Tuesday)

Glades Day topped American Heritage 10-6 Tuesday. Jessica Yates went 3-for-4 with a double, two triples and two RBI and Brianna Lohman went 2-for-4 with three runs scored to lead the Gators (9-4)

past the Stallions in Belle Glade.

Baseball

Park Vista shut out Boca Raton 3-0. Mike Rayl pitched a two-hitter with seven strikeouts and R.J. Neal went 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI to help the Cobras (9-2) shut out the Bobcats.

Trinity Christian ripped Boca Raton Christian 21-0 in five innings. Shawn Zarraga went 3-for-4 with a double, a home run and four RBI and Brandon Murray went 3-for-3 with a home run and three RBI to lead the Warriors past the Blazers (5-6).

Matt Johnson went 1-for-2 for the Blazers.

South Fork romped 17-0 over Olympic Heights in five innings.

Tyson Young pitched a one-hitter with seven strikeouts and Charlie Robbins went 3-for-3 with two doubles and six RBI to lead the Bulldogs (7-4) past the Lions.

Sean Tighe went 2-for-4 with a double and four RBI for South Fork.

Berean Christian ripped Plantation-Posnack Day 12-3. Mike Galmitz went 3-for-4 with two doubles and Eric Inscow went 2-for-2 as the Bulldogs (3-1) routed the Rams.

Monday

American Heritage routed Summit Christian 13-1. Nick Zumora went 2-for-4 with four RBI, including a three-run home run, and Stephen Spradling added two hits and two runs scored to help the Stallions (12-1) rip the Saints.

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Breaking down the Sweet 16

By **Mario Sarmiento**
SPORTS EDITOR

Last week several brackets were busted (including mine), as the first weekend of the 2007 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament provided few upsets and fewer memorable games.

Announcers everywhere were lamenting the fact that the first two rounds were the least exciting in some time, and they were right. Other than three overtime games on Saturday (including Ohio State's memorable rally against Xavier), last weekend was underwhelming.

But the good that came from those opening rounds is that just one of the eight 1 and 2 seeds (Wisconsin) has been eliminated, meaning that the best basketball should be yet to come, starting with Thursday's Sweet 16 and ending in the Elite Eight Sunday.

So, here's a breakdown of the action this weekend:

EAST

North Carolina vs. USC: One of the shakier No. 1 seeds has had its moments of uninspired play so far, as the Tar Heels toyed with Eastern Kentucky, only to watch as a 31-4 run cut the Carolina lead to four. The Tar Heels, of course, pulled away, but they still appear capable of a tournament wash-out.

USC is the surprise team, eliminating fan favorite Texas and Freshman of the Year Kevin Durant with a swarming defense. Now, the impressive Trojans take on another team that likes to run all day in the Tar Heels.

North Carolina is more than just a one-man show however, and the Heels

should advance to face Georgetown, which will take out Vanderbilt in its Sweet 16 showdown.

The Hoyas are playing like it's 1985 again, slowing down the tempo and using a fine big man (Roy Hibbert) and Big East Player of the Year Jeff Green to pace the attack.

Georgetown should prove much to physical for the Heels, and they will slow the game down enough to knock Carolina out in the Elite Eight.

WEST

UCLA and Pittsburgh clash in a meeting of teams with similar styles. Ben Howland left the same rugged imprint on the Panthers as he has with his current team, and both teams will make this a physical game.

But the Bruins have more options offensively, and Player of the Year candidate Aaron Afflalo is a clutch scorer, nailing four free throws in the last 90 seconds to knock off Virginia in the second round.

The Bruins should face Kansas, which has too much talent for Southern Illinois.

The Jayhawks boast several players who can take over a game, from Mario Chalmers to regular season leading scorer Brandon Rush, to freshman sensation Julian Wright.

Kansas has also rolled through the tournament so far, handling Kentucky easily last week in an impressive victory. Kansas is the pick to move on.

MIDWEST

The Florida Gators may have played unevenly in wins over Jackson State

and Purdue, but the national champs are still the team to beat. Butler won't have a chance against Florida's superior depth and talent, and that should lead to an entertaining showdown with Oregon, which has the defense to derail UNLV.

If Aaron Brooks and the Ducks' three-point shooters get hot, Florida could be in trouble. But Oregon, despite the fine defense the team has displayed since the PAC-10 tournament, will have no answer for the Gator's power game of Joakim Noah and Al Horford. Florida will advance to the Final Four for the second straight year.

SOUTH

Ohio State has been even shakier than the Tar Heels, as the Buckeyes needed a miraculous rally just to top Xavier in overtime in the second round.

Tennessee used the same formula the Musketeers used in almost beating the Vols earlier this season: lure center Greg Oden away from the basket and get him into foul trouble.

Tennessee has a clutch scorer in Chris Lofton, but the Vols don't play good enough defense or have enough scoring options to take out the Buckeyes.

That will lead to a battle with Texas A&M, which should get past overrated Memphis in the Sweet 16.

The Aggies have one of the best clutch shooters left in Acie Law IV, and their rugged defense should cause Oden and the Buckeyes problems.

This will be a close game, but Texas A&M will pull off the upset and make its first Final Four trip in school history.



Joakim Noah and the Florida Gators should roll into the NCAA Final Four this weekend.

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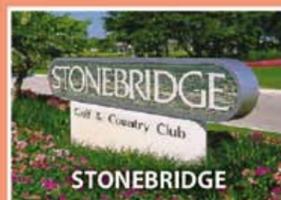
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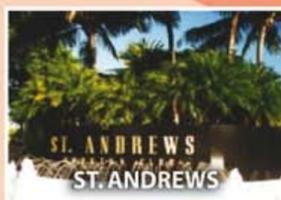
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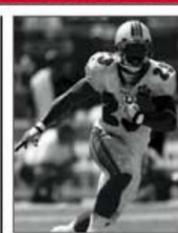
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