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BOCA RATON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2007 WALK OF RECOGNITION

Call for Award Nominations Announced

The Boca Raton Historical Society has announced its Call for Award Nominations for the annual "Walk of Recognition" Ceremony. Nominations are due by April 30. The ceremony will take place May 15 at Royal Palm Place. The awards were conceived by Marta Batmasian to recognize individuals who have served the interest of the community and enriched the lives of the citizens of Boca Raton. Last year's inductees were: Yvonne S. Boice, Robert Hagerty, Barbara & Richard Schmidt and Jeffrey Winikoff.

Nominations must be received by April 30, 2007. Ballot forms are available from www.bocahistory.org or by calling 561-395-6766, ext. 101.



## 'Chicken Soup' for the track



(Jeff Coady/Special to the News)

Peter Vegso is shown with Go Between after his horse won the Virginia Derby.

### Publishing, horses, philanthropy more than just 'Chicken Soup' to Vegso

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## Officials, students talk about Virginia Tech tragedy

By Nicol Jenkins  
STAFF WRITER

The Virginia Tech massacre that left 33 people dead and brought fear to millions remembering Columbine eight years ago this month has raised many difficult questions about the incident and college safety in general.

How do colleges reach students and faculty on campus in emergency situations? At Virginia Tech, e-mails sent hours later after the first shots were fired were ineffective. Many say lives could have been saved if students and faculty had been alerted sooner.

Many Boca college students agree and worry about campus safety. Many say there isn't enough campus security or ways to reach them in the event of an on-campus emergency event.

However, Boca college representatives say there are safety measures and alert systems in

place- and will add more in light of the recent tragedy.

"There's no way to communicate," said Jessica Picciano, a junior at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. "E-mail wouldn't work for me. A lot of us check our emails once a day and then it would be too late, especially if we were commuting there."

What about inside a classroom?

"If you're in a classroom and that happened they don't have computers in all classes and I've never seen a phone," Picciano added. "And I don't think they have an intercom system like they did in elementary school."

Instead of an e-mail alert, Picciano thinks an intercom or other verbal communication system would be the best method to save lives.

"It could have saved a lot of people and lives if they knew the

gunman was coming," she said.

FAU

However, FAU spokeswoman Kristine McGrath said the university does have a variety of alert systems in place including a university wide e-mail system, alerts on the school's web pages, voice-mails on faculty numbers, and in 60 to 90 days FAU will have a software system called Reverse 9-11 that can send an automated message to faculty and students.

But most classrooms do not have phones and there is no intercom system. However, FAU staff mentioned implementing an intercom system, McGrath said.

And FAU Deputy Chief Keith Totten said the campus has an operational plan in place in case of similar emergencies. First department heads would meet in

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## Political pot beginning to boil

By Dale M. King  
CITY EDITOR

Boca Raton Mayor Steven Abrams is being coy about his political future.

A few weeks ago, he said he was taking "a hard look" at a run for Congress in District 22 — the seat now held by freshman U.S. Rep. Ron Klein, who beat veteran Congressman E. Clay Shaw last year.

When asked this week about his political aspirations, the mayor told the *Boca Raton News*: "I'll let you know."

Even when asked repeatedly, the mayor simply said, "I'll let you know."

Abrams is completing his sixth year as the city's chief executive. Normally, he would have given up his seat this year because of term limits. But a change in the city charter affecting elected officials' terms gave him an extra year in office.

That would put him on track to face freshman Congressman Klein without losing a year of recognition.

**Backs Giuliani**

The incumbent mayor, a lawyer by trade, has also taken a step into federal politics by announcing recently that he endorsed Rudy Giuliani for the Republican presidential nod.

That endorsement apparently has some clout. At least one New York newspaper picked up on the announcement.

The endorsement by Abrams came to the *Boca Raton News* in a press release from the Rudy Giuliani Presidential Committee.

"As a fellow mayor, I know that it takes more than just talk to be a good leader, it takes a list of real results," Abrams said in the news statement. "I've seen what Rudy Giuliani accomplished as the mayor of New York, cutting

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(Janis Bucher/Special to the News)

## Man of the Year

National Jewish Medical and Research Center recently honored Dr. Mark Stein as its Man of the Year. "We are proud to honor Dr. Stein for his over 30 years of service to this community as a highly trained National Jewish Fellow," said Phil Karsh, a National Jewish Board of Directors member. Shown are, from left, Dr. Stein, and Director Karsh.



(Special to the News)

With Dr. Melissa Singer are some of her patients, clockwise, from lower left, Matthew, 6, Mikey, 7, Jacob, Ainsley, 5 and Eddie, 16. Matthew, Mikey, Ainsley and Eddie have leukemia.

## Only female pediatric oncologist in PBC nominated for award

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Melissa Singer, Palm Beach County's only female physician devoted to treating children with life-threatening cancers and blood diseases, officially kicks off her campaign to become the 2007 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Woman of the Year. She is the only health care professional running for the title.

Dr. Singer is affiliated with West Boca Medical Center, among others. Her parents, Royce and Mark Gussack, live in Delray Beach.

"It is a great honor to be nominated for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Woman of the Year," said Dr. Singer. "I have devoted my life's work to helping children with cancer and blood diseases. The ability to give quality of life and hope to a child makes this very difficult field worthwhile."

"To bring a smile to a patient's or parent's face is beyond description," she said. "Every day, I do my professional and

emotional best to make a difference in the lives of these courageous children and their families."

Candidates vying for the title of 2007 Man and Woman of the Year are judged solely on a philanthropic basis. Their success is based on their ability to generate funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society from kickoff March 20 until the grand finale on June 1 at the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center. Every dollar raised counts as one vote.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest national voluntary health organization dedicated to curing leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, and to improving the quality of life of patients and their families.

Dr. Singer majored in psychology at Cornell University before attending the University of Miami Medical School. Her pediatrics internship was at Georgetown University in Washington D.C.

Returning to Florida, she com-

pleted her residency in pediatrics at Jackson Memorial Hospital at the University of Miami. During her fellowship in pediatric hematology oncology at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington DC, she also received a

master's of public health in epidemiology at George Washington University. Dr. Singer is board certified in both pediatrics and pediatric hematology. She opened Palm Beach Pediatric Hematology Oncology at Palms West Hospital in June 2006. She is a member of the medical staffs at Palms West Hospital, St. Mary's Medical Center, Bethesda Memorial Hospital and West Boca Medical Center.

For more information on the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Man and Woman of the Year campaign or to make a donation to Dr. Singer's campaign, visit <http://www.active.com/donate/pbmwoy07/pbDSinger>.

## County settles in two accident cases

By John Johnston

MANAGING EDITOR

County commissioners have agreed to two out-of-court settlements involving vehicles.

In the first case, Janos Varga sued the county over a 2004 incident in which Varga allegedly drove his car into a pothole approximately two feet deep. Varga claimed this caused his car to



"bottom out". He also claimed that when his right rear wheel went into the pothole it caused his neck to snap back.

Commissioners noted that this pothole had been a persistent problem, having been repaired both before and after the Varga incident.

After review by the Risk Management Roundtable Committee and the Road and Bridge Department, commissioners decided to make a settlement offer of \$75,000, which Varga accepted.

In the second case, Connie Rae Vangorder alleged that while stopped behind a garbage truck on Melaleuca Road, she was rear-ended by a truck driven by a county Parks employee. She sued the county for personal injuries, followed by a \$65,000 settlement offer that she accepted, commissioners said.

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## Police Blotter

### Man faces DUI charge

Boca Raton police arrested a motorist about 2 a.m. April 5 and charged him with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Police said the suspect was stopped for speeding on St. Andrews Boulevard. He was taken to the county jail, police said.

### Damaged property

Boca Raton police investigated an incident of vandalism at South Beach Park April 5. A park ranger reported to police that a sign with parking rates on it had been knocked down.

That same day, another park ranger reported that someone sprayed graffiti behind the fountain in Sanborn Square. Letters and a name were sprayed in black paint, police said.

### Mailbox damage

A man who lives on SW 21st Street reported to Boca Raton police April 5 that someone damaged his mailbox, according to a report.

### Damage to business

Someone punched two holes in the wall and damaged a printer at an office on West Glades Road, police were told April 5.

### Multiple charges

A Boca Raton man was arrested on NE Fifth Street just after 2 p.m. April 1 and charged with shoplifting, attempting to escape custody, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrested with violence (two counts), police said.

### Car burglarized

A woman told police April 1 that someone burglarized her car while it was parked on South Military Trail. She said someone broke a window and stole her purse containing credit cards and her identification.

### Drug charge

Boca Raton police arrested a man about 7:30 p.m. April 1 after he was found in possession of a small bag of powder cocaine. He was checked during a traffic stop, a police report said. He was taken to the county jail.

## OBITUARIES

### ELBERTA C. HAMILTON

#### DELRAY BEACH

Elberta C. Hamilton, 85, of Delray Beach passed away on April 13th, 2007. Arrangements by A Cremation Service of the Palm Beaches.

### CHARLENE K. LYON

#### BOCA RATON

Charlene K. Lyon, 87, of Boca Raton passed away on April 15th, 2007. Arrangements by A Cremation Service of the Palm Beaches.



(Special to the News)

Promenade at Lyons proposed in Coconut Creek.

## Boca construction firm to build center in Coconut Creek

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton-based Sikon Construction Corp. will commence work in May on the new multi-million-dollar, 550,000-square-foot Promenade at Lyons in Coconut Creek.

Developed by Brown Hill Development, New York, the 23-acre project will be one of the largest LEED-certified, mixed-use developments in the nation.

SIKON'S Green Team Program is led by veteran Florida construction executives R.E. "Ed" McWhorter, president, and Dale E. Scott, senior vice president.

The project has numerous environmentally sustainable

design features and will include special equipment, materials and systems to enhance energy efficiency and reduce operating costs.

Designed by Dorsky Hodgson Parrish Yue Architects, Fort Lauderdale, the project, slated for completion in September 2008, will include 250,000 square feet of retail space, 50,000 square feet of office space and two 3-story parking garages totaling 250,000 square feet.

Sikon Construction Corporation is headquartered at 7000 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton.

## Phase II water restrictions in effect in Delray Beach

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has declared a Phase II water shortage restricting watering and car washing to two days per week.

The city of Delray Beach, in line with other municipalities, is implementing water restrictions as follows (for homes and businesses with less than 5 acres of land):

Addresses ending in odd number: Watering is permitted Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4 to 8 a.m.

Addresses ending in even number: Watering is permitted on Thursdays and Sundays from 4

to 8 p.m.

Hand watering: With one hose and an automatic shut-off nozzle is also allowed from 5-7 p.m. on the corresponding landscape watering days.

New landscaping: Planted for less than 30 days, may be watered Monday through Friday from 2-8 a.m.

Washing of car/boat: Washing of cars, boats and other equipment is permitted from 4-8 a.m. and from 5-7 p.m. on the landscape watering days. Washing must be done on or drain to a non-paved surface that permits water to soak into the ground. And it must be done using a hose with an auto-

matic shut-off nozzle and/or low-volume pressure cleaner

Delray Beach code enforcement officers are actively monitoring all areas of the city for water use restriction violations. If continuing violations are found, the appropriate parties will be issued civil violation tickets requiring payment of a \$100 fine.

Restrictions can be viewed on the South Florida Water Management District website at [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov). Residents can also contact the Delray Beach code enforcement office at 561-243-7219.

The city of Delray Beach will apply a 30 percent surcharge for



water usage in excess of 15,000 gallons per month as a result of SFWMD requirements for Phase II restrictions.

For more information, call the Water Conservation Hotline at (800) 662-8876.

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## Konover leases parcel in Davie

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton-based Konover South, LLC has announced the ground lease of an outparcel to McDonald's at The Plaza, its 260,000-square-foot retail center fronting I-595 at Hiatus Road in Davie

Konover South's Executive Vice President Blair F. Hyatt represented Konover South in the transaction.

With tenants including Winn-Dixie, Walgreen's, TJ Maxx, Ruby Tuesday, Hollywood Video and a U.S. Post Office, among others, the plaza offers visibility and accessibility for residents and commuters in the west Broward area.

Konover South, LLC is an acquisition, development and management company operating throughout the southeastern U.S.

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## Summer Voluntary Pre-K enrollment begins Push for college-educated Pre-K teachers

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again.

Boca residents are booking vacations, shopping for new swimsuits and signing children up for the district's summer Pre-K program.

"We had a kick off during Spring Break," said MJ Steele, District Director of Early Childhood Education. "And every Thursday there's enrollment at the district office."

In fact, pre-enrollment for the free summer Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program will be held Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., April 19, 26, May 3 and 10, at the School District offices located at 3310 Forest Hill Boulevard, West Palm Beach. Parents must bring with them: a birth certificate, two proofs of residency, current physical form- School Entry Health Exam, current immunization record- Certification of Immunization, Social Security card, and VPK Certificate of Eligibility. Additional registration will be held Thursday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., April 19, 26, May 3 and 10, at four community school sites: Boynton Beach High, Palm Beach Gardens High, Glades Central High, and Wellington High.

This is the second year the program is being offered, according to Steele.

And, "It's been slow just like it was last year," she said, adding, "It started slow like now but once it gets closer to summer more people start to enroll, especially in May."

Last year, about 800 kids were enrolled. Steele said the district anticipates about the same turnout for this year's summer VPK classes, which will be held June 11 through August 9 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 14 elementary schools. To be eligible to attend, a child must have: turned four on or before Sept. 1, 2006 or been issued a VPK Certificate of Eligibility that was not used during the school year.

Parents may obtain a Certificate of Eligibility when pre-enrolling during the District's VPK registration dates or may go to Family Central, Inc. located at 3111 South Dixie Highway, Suite 142, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Local elementary schools selected to offer summer VPK include: Delray Full Service Center and Sunrise Park

Elementary in Boca Raton.

### What's different?

"We're partnering with the Early Learning Coalition and Family Central to issue VPK certificates of eligibility by the time they enroll," Steele said.

### Certified teachers?

But what about certified teachers?

Steele said for summer VPK, teachers are required to have a college bachelor's degree and must be a licensed teacher at the district. During the school year, a lead county Pre-K teacher must have a Child Development Associate (CDA) Certification. Some pre-k teachers also are certified teachers.

"We have a mix of teachers and CDAs in one group. And another group of only CDAs, who are guided by certified teachers," Steele said.

However, some believe all pre-k teachers should have a college degree.

Education officials across the country recently went to Tallahassee to demonstrate the growing support for improvements to Florida's Universal Prekindergarten (Pre-K) program. Led by Martha Barnett, Children's Campaign Citizen Leader, and Roy Miller, Children's Campaign President, the group is pushing for a state requirement that all Pre-K lead teachers have a college degree.

"I don't understand how anyone can be against our efforts to improve Florida's education system in the area where children start the learning process," Miller said. "The facts are we can make this happen over the next six years with no immediate fiscal impact and a commitment by the state education community to produce teachers who can fill the demand."

Right now, Florida only requires individuals to complete a 15-hour Child Development Associate Certification course in order to lead a Pre-K classroom. But Children's Campaign officials argue research demonstrates that Pre-K teachers who hold college degrees in early childhood education are more effective in the classroom.

"If you look at numerous studies available on this issue, you'll find that students score better on language tests, have higher self-con-

fidence and present fewer behavior problems when they're taught by highly-qualified early education instructors," Miller said. "We have solid and credible data that clearly demonstrates how we can improve Florida's education system by simply requiring college educated teachers in Pre-K. This is not that difficult. In fact, it's elementary."

Florida TaxWatch also supports the initiative and presented research to demonstrate how the state could meet the demand for highly qualified Pre-Kindergarten teachers in the next six years. Findings identified nearly a dozen teacher recruitment routes already in place including state public universities, out-of-state recruitment, community college four-year degree programs, in-state recruitment, private colleges and universities, and returning teachers.

"It's time to stop letting the mantra of teacher shortages keep us from doing the right thing for our children," said Miller, President of the Children's Campaign. "The infrastructure is there to increase the supply of degreed teachers. We simply have to use it."

The TaxWatch research also revealed that taxpayers could save upwards of \$5.3 billion annually if Florida implemented a high-quality Pre-K program. For every \$1 invested into early learning, \$7 is saved in taxpayer burden from school remediation, welfare and prison costs, along with the added economic benefits of a skilled workforce.

"I find it compelling that we can save seven dollars in prison, remediation or welfare costs for every dollar that we invest in early education," said Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink. "The question isn't, 'How can we afford to provide high-quality pre-kindergarten,' but rather, 'How can we not?'"

Steele said the district is working to create a "career pathway for CDAs."

"I believe in the not so distant future we'll see a state requirement for a bachelor's degree," she said.

To register for Palm Beach County's VPK, contact 561-432-6377 or [www.palmbeachschools.org](http://www.palmbeachschools.org).

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(Special to the News)

## North Broward Prep School is environment friendly

North Broward Preparatory School students Derek Shooster of Boca Raton, shown left, Allison Settler of parkland, and Courtney Purdy of Boca Raton with headmaster David V. Hicks. The North Broward Preparatory Schools is taking action to protect and sustain the environment by going green. In a formal announcement about this campus-wide initiative, made by the headmaster in April to coincide with earth day, he said, "may it someday be that North Broward is the greenest school in Florida." Hicks estimated that this mentality would save NBPS thousands of dollars over the course of a year. In Coconut Creek, as well as its lower school campus in Coral Springs this fall, they will find trash compactors that reduce the volume of waste from a ratio of approximately 4:1. NBPS will purchase roll-off containers to hold paper and cardboard, and those materials will be sold to a company that will recycle the materials.

## Groundbreaking for new 'Green' school

### FAU's Pine Jog to house new elementary school

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

Palm Beach County schools have gone green.

At least one school that is.

Palm Beach County has the first public elementary school in the state to become certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) as a "green" building.

Leaders from Florida Atlantic University and the Palm Beach County School District recently broke ground for Florida's first "green" elementary school and a new facility for the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center.

The school, scheduled to open no later than August 2008, will have an environmental focus, using the Pine Jog site as an outdoor classroom.

LEED is the set of standards developed by the U.S. Green Architecture Council to classify commercial and institutional buildings as "green." To qualify, buildings must satisfy all required elements and earn credits for wa-

ter efficiency, energy and atmosphere, sustainable site, indoor environmental quality and materials and resources, and innovation and design. The school will be the first in the state to receive a LEED rating and will be among only a dozen public schools in the nation to be LEED certified.

The green elements of the building, as well as the natural areas of Pine Jog, will become an integral part of the school curriculum, district officials said. Building upon a forty-year partnership between Pine Jog and the school system, the school district will build a 15,000 square foot facility for the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center and by agreement will share school facilities with Pine Jog. The school will have connections to the academic programs and resources of FAU and will provide professional development opportunities for teachers and practicum experiences for FAU students.

"Pine Jog's mission has always been one of environmental education," said FAU President Frank T. Brogan. "This elementary school and the Pine Jog facility will both provide an excellent opportunity to impact a large population with

environmentally focused curriculum and learning experiences."

Pine Jog is a designated wilderness sanctuary surrounded by suburban development on Summit Boulevard in West Palm Beach. In 1960, the property was donated to educate young people about the natural environment and instill in them a feeling of stewardship.

Since 1970, the property has been affiliated with FAU. Fifteen of the total 150 acres has been leased by the FAU Foundation to the school district for the new school. The school and Pine Jog facility will be located within the fifteen acres with the remaining acreage to continue to be a resource for the greater community of Palm Beach to enjoy, district officials said.

The first green elementary school and new Pine Jog facility are a result of a significant collaboration between the Palm Beach County School District, FAU, the FAU Foundation and Pine Jog Environmental Education Center.

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## One barred, one suspended out of Boca based futures misconduct

By John Johnston

MANAGING EDITOR

The National Futures Association (NFA) has permanently barred one man and suspended a second man — both of whom were associated with Boca Raton based Ace Financial Group.

NFA said that Michael Berkowitz -- associated with Anthony John Columbo, Inc. doing business as Ace Financial Group (Ace) — has been suspended from NFA membership based on several complaints heard at a November 2006 NFA hearing.

NFA said Berkowitz's permanent barring from membership was based on "deceptive, misleading, and high-pressured sales solicitations to an NFA compliance staff member, who posed as a prospective customer."

The NFA hearing also concluded that Berkowitz suggested in his solicitations that current events, like hurricanes, would move the market and lead to inevitable profits "without disclosing the information that these current events were well-known and already factored into the market."

### Suspended

Separately, the NFA suspended Jon R. Kramer, also formerly associated with Ace, for a period of one year. In the event that Kramer again becomes an NFA member or associate he must tape

record all conversations between himself and existing or potential customers for one year, the NFA said.

The suspension came out of the same November 2006 hearing and which concluded that Kramer also made "deceptive and misleading sales solicitations" to an NFA compliance staff member, who in turn posed as a prospective customer.

NFA said the Berkowitz and Kramer actions stem from an NFA sales practice investigation of Ace in 2005. In February 2007, NFA also suspended Robert F. Allen, also a former Ace associate, for five years.

If Allen again becomes an NFA member or associate, the NFA said he is ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000 and to tape record all conversations between himself and existing or potential customers.

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## TAKING STOCK

# Stockbroker nephew has man crying uncle

### Dear Mr. Berko:

My wife and I are both 77 and recently sold our home for \$266,000 after all costs. The only income we have is Social Security, one state pension and a small insurance check. We need income. Our nephew is a broker with a big New York member firm and has suggested that we invest \$100,000 into this index annuity from which we can get \$10,000 a year and is guaranteed that we can't ever lose any money. In fact, he told us that it would "easily increase value every year." And he has recommended that we put another \$100,000 in his company's reverse convertible securities, which will pay us 14 percent each year. If it's with a big public company, it's as safe as the credit rating of that company. It seems that our \$200,000 would be in two "win-win" investments.

### F.E.

Joliet, Ill.

### Dear F.E.:

You may not want to believe this, but those investments are a "win-win" only for your darling nephew who has no more conscience than a fox on a poultry farm.

Even if your annuity were indexed to heaven with St. Peter at the helm, I still wouldn't buy it. I've watched many of the biggest New York Stock Exchange firms greedily vend some really bad and unsuitable products (rare coins, real estate tax shelters, index certificates of deposit, drilling leases, rare art

programs, Hollywood movies, Section 21 investments, dot-com funds, jumbo-jet partnerships and heavy-equipment leases, just to name a few) to an over-trusting clientele. In my opinion, the typical indexed annuity ranks up there with uranium mines, bio-waste plants and other egregious Wall Street products. But even a semi-honest broker would find it alarmingly difficult to resist commissions that can be as high as 12 percent.

Don't worry, I won't mention the name of the annuity company nor will I disclose the name of your broker or his NYSE member firm. But I will tell you that your broker is a scoundrel, even if he is your sister's son. Family members are the easiest of all clients to rip-off because they won't complain to the boss. Now before you write a check to that shameful NYSE brokerage, listen up and listen good.

The income this immediate annuity earns is tied by a complicated formula (which I can't understand) to the stock market. Because the contract language is clear as split pea soup, I'd drop that annuity like a hot noodle and tell your nephew to stuff it in his ear.

I can tell you that the income, which accrues each quarter cannot be paid on demand. The language in the prospectus says that it must remain in the contract for eight years prior to being paid out. Did your nephew explain this to you?

While you can withdraw 10 percent of your principal each year, there's a hook. Did your

nephew explain that when you take out \$10,000 (that's 10 percent of your \$100,000) that money earns zero income for the entire year even if you take it out in December? And if, the good Lord forbid, you need to get your hands on \$50,000 or \$60,000 due to a family crisis, your annuity company will blast you with a surrender fee of 20 percent? I don't suppose he told you that, either.

Finally the annual costs (3.5 percent) are high enough to choke a giraffe. They're also outrageous, flagrant and a tiny millimeter away from bordering on criminal. Frankly, I don't know of a single index annuity investor who is pleased with the index annuity he owns.

A reverse convertible security is a short-term investment (usually 12 to 24 months) that is linked to an underlying stock like Boeing, Bank of America or Intel. These securities have a predictable income stream (usually 9 percent to 15 percent) and at maturity the investor gets either (1) all of his money back plus interest or (2) a predetermined number of shares of underlying stock plus the interest.

While option (1) is the better choice, the investor usually gets stuck with option (2) in which the market value of the received shares of underlying stocks is worth less than your original investment. Did your nephew explain this to you? Did he tell you that an increase in the market value of the underlying stock does not increase the return on your investment? The attraction of this



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product is the high rate of interest and the danger is a very possible loss of principal. Did your nephew tell you about the risks?

These are high-commission products (5 percent and higher) and many times they may not have a secondary market if you need to liquidate. While the potential return on a reverse convertible appears attractive, it's more than likely that the real return will be significantly less than you were told by your nephew.

I suggest that you locate a real broker - someone who understands your goals, your risk tolerances and someone who cares more about how well your investments perform and their suitability than about the size of his commission check. Your nephew is a bum and you can tell him I said so. Visit with several other brokers in Joliet and take copious notes. Write me with their suggestions and I will help you make the right decisions.

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

## 'Legendary Florida' is Delray

### Historical Society topic

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Delray Beach Historical Society, through a Florida Humanities Council Partnership Grant, is presenting a free lecture, "Legendary Florida: History Through Art", April 22 at 2 p.m. at the Delray Beach Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse, 2200 Highland Avenue.

The program will be a partnership of art and history featuring Jackson Walker and Gary Mormino. Walker is an award winning nationally known painter of Florida history subjects. His "Legendary Florida" painting series was purchased by the Deland Museum of Art.

Dr. Mormino is a prolific writer of popular and academic books including the highly regarded "Land of Sunshine, State of

Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida." He is a University of South Florida professor and co-director of the Florida Studies Program.

The Historical Society's goal is to offer a variety of spirited topics in order to reach new people in town who want to learn more about Florida history so they can grow roots to their adopted state as well as to reach established residents who know and love Florida and also want to learn more.

Funding for this program is provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, call Dorothy Patterson, DBHS Archivist, at (561) 274-9578.

## Delray Beach preparing to install wi-fi system

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

Delray Beach is getting ready to install a wi-fi system.

But with only three of five City Commission members attending Tuesday's meeting, the board deferred a vote on the issue. Missing were Mayor Rita Ellis and Vice-Mayor Fred Fetzer. The meeting was conducted by Deputy Vice-Mayor Brenda Montague.

Commissioners said they have received many emails since last week's workshop when the issue of wi-fi - a system that allows people with computers to tie into the Internet from remote locations - was discussed.

Montague said "some questions" remain unanswered - and she also said Fetzer wanted to weigh in before the agreement is signed.

City Attorney Susan Ruby said there are two types of wi-fi systems - one that the city would operate and bear the costs; the other offered by a private company. Delray Beach is opting for the latter.

She said wi-fi services will be offered in the area from State Road A1A to I-95, along Atlantic Avenue and "and a few blocks each way."

In an effort to fill the so-called "digital divide" - for people who do not have computers - Ruby said the agreement includes a provision for 100 free computers and free wi-fi to homes with children - and whose household income is below the poverty level.

All three commissioners attending - Montague, Gary Eliopoulos and Woodie McDuffie - said they would prefer to defer a decision until the May 1 meeting when the full board would be in attendance.



### Other business

In other business, one hearing on the appeal of a Historic Preservation Board ruling was moved to the May 1 agenda because Eliopoulos had to recuse himself due to a conflict of interest. Without Eliopoulos in the discussion, the board would not have a quorum.

The hearing was called to appeal the HPB's decision to approve construction of a two-story garage and guest suite addition at 238 SE 7th Ave. in the Marina Historic District.

Also, the applicant asked for a continuance until May 1 for another appeal of the HPB's decision, this one approving a new single-family residence at 706 SE 2nd St., also in the Marina Historic District.

In another matter, the board discussed the possibility of selling parking spaces in the new garage being built at Old School Square. Montague said the city had received three proposals from firms interested in doing so.

Members discussed the possibility of having companies interested in purchasing spaces make presentations to the board. A "request for proposals (RFP)" was also considered.

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## Fidelity Federal now National City Bank

FROM STAFF REPORTS

National City Corporation has announced that all Fidelity Federal branches and ATMs now bear the National City name.

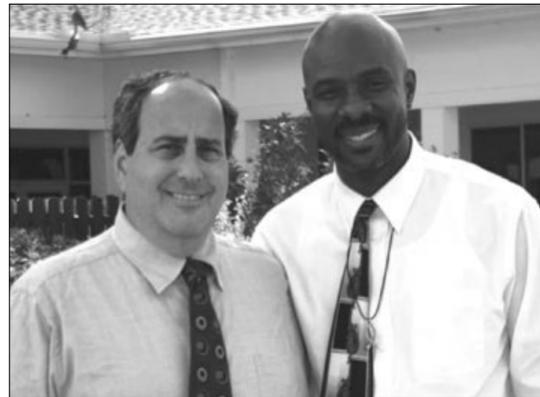
"The conversion from Fidelity Federal to National City is the final step in the merger process," said Vince Elhilow, area chairman of National City in Southeast Florida.

Also, he said, "National City has established a charitable fund of \$2 million to be used and administered exclusively in Southeast Florida as a demonstration of our commitment to this region."

"National City is dedicated to the well-being of our communities, and we will work with local leaders, non-profit organizations and government officials to make a lasting difference where our customers and employees live and work."

Fidelity Federal has 53 branches in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie and Broward counties. With the conversion of Fidelity Federal, National City customers now have access to 119 ATMs and 95 branches along Florida's east coast. National City converted Harbor Federal, based in Ft. Pierce, Fla., March 17.

Officials said National City plans to add between 20 and 30 new branches to its existing network in Florida in the next three years.



(Special to the News)

North Broward Preparatory School Fine Arts Director Daniel Lieberman, left, with Anthony Williams, who will be the new band director.

## New band director

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Anthony Williams will become North Broward Preparatory Schools' new band director beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, it was announced at the private educational institution that serves Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties.

"We consider it a triumph to have hired Anthony away from

the public school arena where he leaves a memorable mark on every position he has held," said Daniel Lieberman, NBPS director of Fine Arts.

"Anthony's credentials are remarkable and they speak volumes about the great music education that our band students will continue to receive here at North Broward."

### SEXUAL HEALTH UPDATE:

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## Students win Voice of Democracy, Pen Patriot essay contest

FROM STAFF REPORTS

“Freedom’s Challenge” was the topic of this year’s Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy contest for high school students. “Citizenship in America” was the middle school VFW Patriot Pen topic.

Recently, Boca Raton’s VFW Post 10556 recognized its Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen contest winners.

“The VFW is extremely interested in promoting patriotism and Americanism among the country’s youth and I was so pleased with the quality and number of submissions we received this year,” said Commander Barry Goldin. “Each of these young people has an impressive resume. They are all outstanding students, leaders and active volunteers in their schools and community. They set excellent examples of citizenship which all of us should follow.”

VFW Post 10556 recognized its first-place winner, 15-year-old Florida Atlantic University High School sophomore and Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet Commander Christina Zarrilli and awarded her a \$500 US Savings Bond. Cadet Major Zarrilli represented Post 10556 and went on in the contest to win first place in VFW’s District 3 Competition.

Cadets from Boca Raton Community High School Navy Junior ROTC program submitted a number of speeches. Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade David Costanzo, a senior and Cadet Senior Chief Petty Officer Octavia Lewis, a junior, won 2nd & 3rd place, earning US Savings Bonds of \$250 and \$100.

Cadet Costanzo also went on to win 3rd place in District 3.

VFW Post 10556 also awarded US Savings Bonds to the first and second place Patriot Pen winners, both eighth graders. The Post’s Patriot Pen 1st place winner, home schooler Natalia Versace, went on to win second in the District.

Nicole Sampedro, who received the Post’s second place award, is a member of Omni Middle School’s National Junior Honor Society.



**1.** Commander Barry Goldin is flanked by VFW Post 10556’s first place winners of its annual high school and middle school essay contests. Voice of Democracy winner FAU High School sophomore and Civil Air Patrol Cadet Major Christina Zarrilli is shown left, and Patriot Pen essay winner, home schooled eighth grader Natalia

Versace, is to the right.

**2.** VFW Post 10556 Commander Barry Goldin presents award to Voice of Democracy second place winner Cadet Lt. Junior Grade David Costanzo of Boca Community High School’s Navy Junior ROTC.

**3.** Omni Middle School eighth grader Nicole Sampedro receives recognition for placing

2nd in Post 10556’s Patriot Pen Essay Contest from Commander Barry Goldin.

**4.** Commander Barry Goldin congratulates Natalia Versace for winning first place for Post 10556 and second place for District 3 in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot Pen Essay Contest.

**5.** At the Florida VFW Banquet in Orlando,

15-year-old Civil Air Patrol Cadet Commander Major Christina Zarrilli receives recognition for winning first place in the Voice of Democracy audio essay in District 3 and Post 10556 from Commander Barry Goldin.

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## New environmental sculpture at FAU’s Schmidt Center

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A new environmental sculpture, “Fear and Trembling,” by visiting artist Grzegorz Klaman, will be presented in the Schmidt Center Gallery Public Space in the School of the Arts at Florida Atlantic University’s Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, from Friday, April 20 through Friday, May 25.

Klaman is FAU’s Dorothy F. Schmidt Eminent Scholar Chair for spring 2007 in the department of visual arts and art history and is a Fulbright Scholar from the Academy of Fine Arts, Gdansk, Poland, where he has taught since 1984.

The exhibition is free and open to the public during gallery

hours (Monday to Friday, 1-4 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m.), and before and during special events occurring in the Performing Arts Building. The artist will give a public lecture followed by a reception on Thursday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Building, room 101, adjacent to the Schmidt gallery.

Klaman is one of Poland’s best-known contemporary artists. He often uses or refers to existing objects rather than creating new forms.

His work has been exhibited in eastern and western Europe in both group and solo exhibitions. In 1996, he won grants from both the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Inc. and the Polish

Ministry of Art and Culture.

The title of Klaman’s project for FAU, “Fear and Trembling,” is borrowed from the Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard’s writing on religious devotion and the boundaries of individual sacrifice and internal conflict.

While Klaman’s work is on display, the annual “Masters of Fine Arts Graduate Exhibition” will be on display in the Schmidt Center Gallery. This show, which includes the works of four painters who are MFA graduates, is also free and open to the public. Group and class tours can be scheduled at any time by appointment.

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# For tax preparation, small business should go with a professional

By the time you read this article you have either: filed and paid your taxes, filed your tax returns and not paid, or filed extensions. There may even be a few of you, and hopefully that is a very small group of my readers, that have done none of the above and are willing to throw the dice with the IRS.

Yes, it is tax time and it always seems that preparation of your tax returns and all of the fun activities associated with it never go as easy and smooth as we all want it to go.

Although the due date never changes, we never seem to take advantage of that useful head start needed to finish on time and without incident. Statistics show that small business owners are getting better compared to non-business owner taxpayers. However, I believe that is probably due to fact that more business owners use third party tax preparers such as accountants who try very hard to keep us on track and on time.

### Maximize deductions

Having a professional work with you to prepare your return and maximize your tax deductions is of tremendous benefit, especially economic benefit, to any business owner. Business owners have a vested and economic interest to get their return done and filed on time in order to take advantage of a possible refund. Business owners can easily find

ways to utilize that refund. Most often, refund money is infused back into the business as working capital or used as some extra cash to put away for a rainy day or an unforeseen situation.

Some recent statistics show interesting conclusions about people and taxes. Business owners and non-business owners possess varied opinions when it comes to taxes. I have recently reviewed two polls taken by two distinct organizations on this subject and find the results to be thought provoking.

The first poll is an AP-AOL money and finance poll on public attitudes about taxes, electronic filing and tax deadlines. The poll was conducted by Ipsos, an international polling firm.

Overall the AP-AOL poll suggests that most American households, approximately 54 percent, will file their tax returns electronically or online this year. Interestingly enough, only a fifth of those polled in early April were aware that this year's deadline is April 17, two days later than usual.

### Fair or unfair?

Also, just over half of Americans, 53 percent, say the taxes they pay are fair; compared to 45 percent who say the taxes they pay are unfair. The major point in this poll was that those people interviewed were mostly reliant on themselves to get the work done and complete their own tax

filings.

Small business owners see things very differently. In a poll conducted by Discover Card, out of 1,000 small business owners surveyed in March, 73 percent said they will hire a professional to do their taxes this year, compared to 54 percent of 4,000 non-business owners. Surprisingly, most small-business owners cited finding more deductions as a secondary reason for turning to a pro, the survey found. What led most of them to outsource the annual task was the paperwork.

It should not be surprising that business owners are more interested in the constant daily needs of the business. Time was a major factor for most business owners. Seventy-seven percent described tax preparation and documentation as a time-consuming process, while 74 percent said it distracted them from the day-to-day operations of running their business, the survey found.

Another 39 percent said just finding and organizing the right documents was a daunting chore. Nearly two out of five business owners struggle with finding and organizing tax documentation. Sound familiar?

Despite the growth of tax and accounting software in recent years, most small employers still value real-life tax experts. By hiring an accountant, 40 percent of small-business owners said they expected to pay lower taxes,



Ian M. Berkowitz

compared to only 30 percent of the non-business owners, the survey found. As such, more than half of the employers polled said they felt accountants earned their often-exorbitant fees.

Business owners see this as a business decision. Most can hire an expert to keep track of tax documents at a cost on average of \$75 an hour. It should be no surprise that business owners feel that they should be running their business and let the experts take care of their taxes. As a business owner, ask yourself, How much is your time worth and what is the best use of your time?

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## Golder Associates expands environmental services

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Golder Associates Inc., Florida Fisheries Group, which has an office in Boca Raton, has reorganized and expanded its services to assist industry and others understand and manage environmental liabilities.

Biologists, ecologists, and environmental scientists of Golder's Florida operations have teamed up to provide a more comprehensive suite of services — taking advantage of the broad skills base that exists among them.

The Golder Environmental Science Group will provide water quality, aquatic biology and terrestrial and wetland ecology services.

With more than 5,000 employees in more than 130 offices worldwide, Golder Associates Corporation is one of the largest employee-owned engineering and earth science companies in the world. In addition to Boca Raton, it has offices in Gainesville, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and Tampa.

## Habitual drinkers more likely to have sleep issues

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Increased usual alcohol consumption among men is associated with an increased risk of a mild or worse sleep-related breathing disorder (SRBD), according to a study published in the April 15th issue of the Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine (JCSM).

The study, authored by Paul E. Peppard, PhD, and colleagues at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, focused on 775 men and 645 women, who were evaluated for alcohol consumption and a sleep-related breathing disorder. It was discovered that, relative to men who consumed less alcohol, for each increment of one drink per day, men who consumed more alcohol had 25 percent greater odds of a mild or worse SRBD.

Among women, minimal to moderate alcohol consumption was not significantly associated with an increased risk of an SRBD. According to Peppard,

possible explanations for this include the limited range of alcohol consumption reported by women in the study sample, reducing the ability to detect clinically important moderate associations.

Alternatively, added Peppard, women may be more resistant than men to threats to nocturnal respiratory stability. Such protection may be due to hormonally-mediated increased ventilatory drive, anatomical differences or other characteristics that may provide general protection for women from events of an SRBD, noted Peppard, adding that women, for example, appear to require relatively greater increases in body mass to demonstrate weight-related increments in an SRBD compared to men.

Based on the previous experimental evidence, men and women with an SRBD, or those particularly susceptible to an SRBD, should be advised to avoid alcohol near bedtime

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# Florida Communities Trust offers \$600M for preservation

FROM STAFF REPORTS

With the acquisition of a parcel of riverfront property in Miami, Florida Communities Trust (FCT) has surpassed the \$600 million milestone in funding for local preservation efforts. The Trust, which is the state's premier program for helping local communities preserve open space and recreational areas, is funded through the Florida Forever program. The historic milestone was recently reached when officials closed on the city of Miami's Fern Isle Park Expansion, a six-acre project made possible by a \$6 million

*"This milestone symbolizes the positive impact the Trust has had on Florida's communities by helping them preserve and protect their local treasures."*

Tom Pelham  
Community Affairs Secretary



grant from the Florida Communities Trust and almost \$2.4 million in local matching funds.

Unlike other Florida Forever programs, ownership of land preserved through FCT grants remains within the local community. The Department of Community Affairs administers the Trust.

"Throughout the history of the Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever programs, Florida Com-

munities Trust has made an invaluable contribution to our state by making it possible for local communities to acquire parks and open space," said Community Affairs Secretary Tom Pelham, who serves as chairman of the FCT governing board. "This milestone symbolizes the positive impact the Trust has had on Florida's communities by helping them preserve and protect their local treasures."

Each year, Florida Communities Trust receives \$66 million of the funds generated by the Florida Forever program, which carries on the legacy of Preservation

2000 as the nation's leading state-level land conservation program. Since 1991, funds provided by the Trust have created 440 local and regional parks in more than 200 communities across Florida. Grant funding provided by the Trust has enabled local govern-

ments and environmental non-profit organizations to preserve public beach access, protect wildlife habitat, provide recreational opportunities for citizens and visitors, protect historical and cultural resources, and create flood and storm water treatment solutions in park settings.

Fern Isle Park Expansion, the most recent acquisition in the Trust's legacy, will provide open

space in an urbanized area. The project site is a recreation area and former amusement park that has been owned by the Miami Police Benevolent Association for more than 70 years.

Situated along the south fork of the Miami River directly across from the existing Fern Isle Park, the \$8.4-million project will connect with the Miami River Greenway via a bridge across the river. The city will enhance recreational opportunities by constructing a nature trail, a fishing pier and nature observation deck, a soccer field, and a memorial honoring the Miami PBA's history within the community.

The FCT grant totaled \$6,023,585.29, while the city's local match was \$2,375,167.21.

The \$600 million milestone was hailed by the Trust for Public Land, a non-profit group that has partnered with Florida Communities Trust on more than 50 projects over the past decade and a half.

"Florida Communities Trust is an absolute gem of a program, a resource of Florida Forever that has benefited virtually every corner of our vast state," said Greg Chelius, director of the Florida and Caribbean Office of the Trust for Public Land. "FCT may be the most effective single tool the state has to help cities and counties protect their most important places, ensure access to parks, water resources and natural areas, and accommodate growth. FCT advances good growth management and achieves the creation of 'green infrastructure.' It is a model for the nation."



(Special to the News)  
Phyllis and Harvey Sandler, who have donated \$20 million for construction of the facility that will house the Lynn Cancer Institute, sign the banner that will be displayed in the building.

## Construction manager named for new Lynn Cancer Center

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

Just weeks after the groundbreaking for the building that will house the Lynn Cancer Institute, Skanska USA Building has been named as construction manager for the project.

The Lynn Cancer Center is the first facility of its kind in the area offering patients one central location for cancer treatment. Traditionally, patients drive — usually daily and often for months — to multiple medical offices throughout the community to receive chemotherapy, radiation and diagnostic services.

Skanska USA Building Inc. has built a number of projects for the healthcare industry and has a full-service office in Dania

Beach. Current clients include Florida International University, Miami-Dade County public schools, the School Board of Broward County and the Broward County Commission/Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood Airport.

Hospital officials joined with city leaders and donors to break ground for the Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Pavilion — named for the couple that donated \$20 million to the project. The \$75 million, 98,000 square foot facility is scheduled to open in 2008 and will be the new home of the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute.

The building will be constructed on four acres of land at the corner of NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Upon its completion, it will house oncology imaging, radiation, chemotherapy, support services and clinical research. Patients will continue to use the main hospital for surgery and inpatient overnight stays.

The Cancer Institute's team of 11 medical oncologists and five radiation oncologists expect to see some 3,000 new patients each year.

The Multimodality Center on the third floor will be the first stop for new patients, who in one visit will meet oncology specialists ranging from physicians to research nurses to social workers.

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## 'The Sopranos' have competition -- from brown-headed cowbirds

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cowbirds have long been known to lay eggs in the nests of other birds, which then raise the cowbirds' young as their own.

Sneaky, perhaps, but not Scarface.

Now, however, a University of Florida study finds that cowbirds actually ransack and destroy the nests of warblers that don't buy into the ruse and raise their

young.

Jeff Hoover, an avian ecologist at the Florida Museum of Natural History, is the lead author on the first study to document experimental evidence of this peeper payback — retaliation to encourage acceptance of parasitic eggs.

Findings will be published online in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"It's the female cowbirds who are running the mafia racket at our study site," said Hoover, who has a joint appointment with the Illinois Natural History Survey. "Our study shows many of them returned and ransacked the nest when we removed the parasitic egg."

So-called "brood parasitic birds" lay eggs in the nests of host birds that raise the parasite's offspring, usually at the expense of some of their own. The brown-headed cowbird parasitizes more than 100 host species, including many Neotropical migratory birds such as warblers, tanagers and vireos. Prothonotary warblers were used for this study because they almost always accept cowbird eggs, Hoover said.

Hosts that use their beaks to grasp or puncture parasitic eggs and remove them from the nest are called "ejecters." "Acceptor" hosts raise parasitic eggs.

"Retaliatory mafia behavior in cowbirds makes hosts' acceptance of cowbird eggs a better proposition than ejection," Hoover said. "The accepting warblers in our

study produced more of their own offspring, on average, than those where we ejected cowbird eggs."

Hosts may lose some, but not all, of their biological offspring by accepting parasitism. The retaliatory behavior of ransacking nests encourages warblers to raise the cowbirds' offspring.

"We wanted to determine if the cowbirds were responsible for nest predation after we removed cow-

birds' eggs and cowbirds were denied nest access. Together, these results implicate cowbirds and provide evidence of mafia behavior.

"We also found evidence for 'farming' behavior," Hoover said. "Cowbirds 'farm' a non-parasitized nest by destroying its contents so that the host will build another. The cowbird then syncs its egg laying with the hosts' 're-

nest' attempt."

Hoover found that warbler nests that were never parasitized but that cowbirds had access to, were ransacked 20 percent of the time. "Cowbirds parasitized 85 percent of the re-nests, which is strong supporting evidence for both

farming and mafia behavior," he said.

Hoover and Robinson's results imply that cowbirds actively monitor nests they parasitize — which supports the idea that cowbirds continue to visit nests they have parasitized to see the results of their handiwork.

Stephen Rothstein, a zoology professor at the University of California in Santa Barbara, said other studies have shown evidence contrary to mafia and farming behaviors.

"Video surveillance would show the proportion of nest predation attributable to cowbirds," Rothstein said. "The phenomenon may be perfectly true for these warblers, but that doesn't mean it holds true for other species, especially those that aren't nesting in special circumstances. Nevertheless, this new study may extend our knowledge of the extent to which parasitic cowbirds may have evolved tactics to facilitate their parasitism."

Hoover said his future research includes video surveillance of individually banded female cowbirds and warbler nests.



*"Retaliatory mafia behavior in cowbirds makes hosts' acceptance of cowbird eggs a better proposition than ejection."*

Jeff Hoover  
Avian Ecologist  
Florida Museum of Natural History

## High school physics enrollment hits record high

FROM STAFF REPORTS

More U.S. high-school students are taking physics than ever before, and the number of physics bachelor's degree recipients in the nation has increased 31 percent since 2000, according to new data presented to the American Institute of Physics (AIP). In addition, physics bachelor's degree recipients are eight times more likely to go on to earn any kind of PhD than those with non-physics bachelor's, the new

data show

"Good physics education is the backbone of a first-class workforce in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics," said Toufiq Hakim, AAPT's Executive Director, who organized the "Overcoming Gravity" session. "The future of U.S. economic competitiveness hinges on strong science education in our country."

In addition, the percentage of 18-year-olds who have taken

physics is also at an all-time high in the nation. In 1930, 29 percent of 18-year-olds in the U.S. graduated high school, rising to 77 percent by 1970. In 1930, only 15 percent of 18-year-olds took physics. In 2005, says Neuschatz, the figure increased to a high of 25 percent.

Girls and minorities are also enrolling in high school physics classes at higher rates.

## Blame the brain?

FROM STAFF REPORTS

One cause of high blood pressure may lie within the brain, and not the heart or blood vessels

The controversial idea that one cause of high blood pressure lies within the brain, and not the heart or blood vessels, has been put forward by scientists at the University of Bristol, UK, and is published in the journal Hypertension.

Dr. Hidefumi Waki, working in a research group led by Professor Julian Paton, has found a novel role for the protein, JAM-1 (junctional adhesion molecule-1), which is located in the walls of blood vessels in the brain.

JAM-1 traps white blood cells called leukocytes which, once trapped, can cause inflammation and may obstruct blood flow, resulting in poor oxygen supply to the brain. This has led to the idea that high blood pressure — hypertension — is an inflammatory vascular disease of the brain.

One in three people in the

UK are likely to develop hypertension, and with 600 million people affected world wide, it is of pandemic proportions. The alarming statistic that nearly 60 percent of patients remain hypertensive, even though they are taking drugs to alleviate the con-

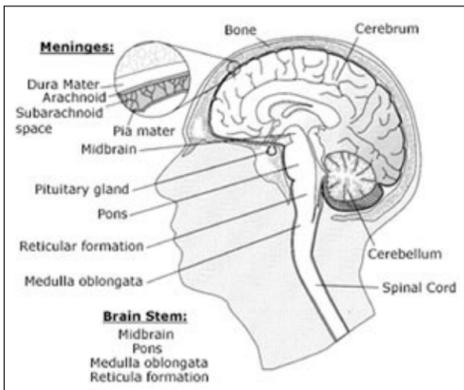
duce blood vessel inflammation and increase blood flow within the brain. The future challenge will be to understand the type of inflammation within the vessels in the brain, so that we know what drug to use, and how to target them. JAM-1 could provide us with new clues as to how to deal with this disease."

Professor Jeremy Pearson, Associate Medical Director of the British Heart Foundation, commented: "This exciting study is important because it suggests there are unexpected causes of high blood pressure related to blood supply to the brain. It therefore opens up the possibility of new ways to treat this common, but often poorly managed, condition."

As there is still poor understanding about what changes occur in people when hypertension develops, the finding of JAM-1 is of great interest and opens up multiple new avenues for further research and potential treatment.

dition, emphasises the urgency of looking for new mechanisms by which the body controls blood pressure, and finding new therapeutic targets to drive fresh drug development.

Professor Paton said: "We are looking at the possibility of treating those patients that fail to respond to conventional therapy for hypertension with drugs that re-



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Dr. Connie E. Jones, formerly of the Tishman Chiropractic Centre, has now opened her own state of the art chiropractic facility.

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"We have a state of the art facility utilizing digital computerized x-ray, infrared instrumentation to detect nerve interference from vertebrae that misalign, Activator and Arthro-Stim instruments that deliver gentle adjustments to the spine," she said. Cold Laser Therapy is also being utilized that help people with swelling, inflamma-

tion & pain where other therapies have failed.

Maura Norman, LMT, who has been a massage therapist and reflexologist for over 20 years, has joined Dr. Jones. Maura is a Master Reiki Instructor. She has been an instructor to massage therapy and reflexology students alike. She is very gifted with her hands and heart and is versed in many forms of therapeutic massage and comes highly qualified.

"We refer to Maura as having Angelic Hands of Healing," the doctor said.

People may schedule for just 15 minutes, half an hour or hour long appointments with Maura. We invite everyone to stop-by to view our healing center. "Dedicated To Honoring Your Health!"

## Boca-based Greenfield Group names two partners

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Greenfield Group, a medical real estate company based in Boca Raton, has announced that Brian Stenberg and Michael Hlatki have been named partners.

The Greenfield Group is a national real estate company serving healthcare professionals. Services include real estate development, leasing and property management.

Brian Stenberg oversees the firm's property management division, focusing on growth and company operations to manage



Brian Stenberg

Stenberg is a graduate of the University of Florida and is a certified property manager of the Institute of Real Estate Management.

Michael Hlatki oversees the firm's medical office building development division, focusing on growth, business development, strategic planning and oversight of all development project management functions.

Hlatki, a resident of Lake Worth, joined The Greenfield Group in 2003 and has been instrumental in expanding the company's development project management capabilities and core competencies. He most recently served as the company's vice president of development.

Hlatki received his bachelor's degree in economics from Williams College and a master's of business administration in finance and accounting from New York University's Stern School of Business.



Michael Hlatki

approximately a million square feet of medical office buildings nationwide.

A resident of Boca Raton, Stenberg joined The Greenfield Group in 1994 and played a key role in the development and growth of the company's property management business. During his 13 years at the company, he rose through the ranks to head property management, most recently as its vice president.

## Pitt study notes decline in US, Japan male births

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A study published in the online edition of Environmental Health Perspectives reports that during the past 30 years, the number of male births has decreased each year in the U.S. and Japan. In a review of all births in both countries, the University of Pittsburgh-led study found significantly fewer boys being born relative to girls in the U.S. and Japan, and that an increasing proportion of fetuses that die are male. They note that the decline in births is equivalent to 135,000 fewer white males in the U.S. and 127,000 fewer males in Japan over the past three decades and suggest that environmental factors are one explanation for these trends.

"The pattern of decline in the ratio of male to female births remains largely unexplained," said Devra Lee Davis, Ph.D., M.P.H., lead investigator of the study, director of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute's Center for Environmental On-

ology and professor of epidemiology, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. "We know that men who work with some solvents, metals and pesticides father fewer baby boys. We also know that nutritional factors, physical health and chemical exposures of pregnant women affect their ability to have children and the health of their offspring. We suspect that some combination of these factors, along with older age of parents, may account for decreasing male births."

Dr. Davis explained that environmental factors, such as prenatal exposure to endocrine-disrupting environmental pollutants may impact the SRY gene — a gene on the Y chromosome that determines the sex of a fertilized egg. Other environmental factors that also may affect the viability of a male fetus include the parents' weight, nutrition and the use of alcohol and drugs.

## Common grammar errors revealed

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Findings from recent research on the most common English grammar errors might surprise educators and researchers.

WhiteSmoke software just released its list of top 10 error types among users of its online writing software.

Five of the top ten are categories of spelling errors, accounting for over half of the top-ten errors (53.2 percent). The remaining non-spelling categories are: prepositions (16.2 percent), double negatives (15.3 percent), slang / non-standard usage (9 percent), word choice (3.6 percent) and verb form (2.7 percent).

WhiteSmoke's technology allows for research using large amounts of data on grammar errors made by a wide range of "real world" writers. The software company corrects more than a million sentences a month.

With online delivery, it is able to analyze the types of errors that users make, and at what frequencies. Using its large fount of data, the company developed its top-ten list of error types.

General spelling errors, including typos, are the number one type of error. Specific types of spelling errors make up four other categories in the top ten: aural errors (e.g., "could of" instead of "could've") at fourth, compound words at sixth, and contractions and their / there confusion tied at seventh.

This data interests teachers and researchers.

Some of the findings, such as prepositions as the second most common error types, might well suggest linguistic shifts. Double negatives, ranked third, also raise questions about linguistic shifts among English speakers.

The fifth-ranked error category certainly arises from linguistic shifts: slang and non-standard usage. Examples include using "cuz" for "because" or "gonna" for "going to."

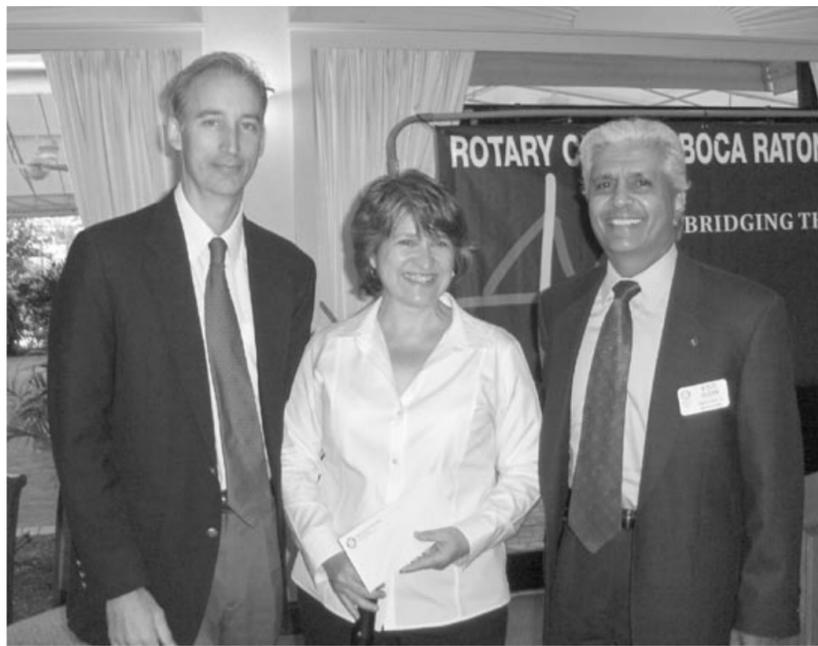
These, in fact, might be signs of email and text message writing styles spilling into more formal occasions.

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Dr. Jeffrey Morton and Dr. Lynn Appleton from FAU are shown with Kris Sudan, President of Boca Rotary Sunrise, at presentation of \$10,000 for a scholarship at the school. (Special to the News)

## Rotary Club of Boca Sunrise donates \$10,000 to FAU

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise donated \$10,000 to a new International Peace and Conflict Resolution Scholarship, Doctorate Program at FAU.

"We are delighted to make this contribution to FAU as this doctorate program fits perfectly with the Rotary International overall mission and will foster worldwide

peace studies and hopeful solutions to the current world status," said Kris Sudan, president of Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise. The Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise is part of a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders united to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build good

will and peace in the world.

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## Stock options may cost shareholders much less than previously thought

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Controversial stock options for company executives may be much less costly to shareholders than current mathematical models suggest, according to research by Tim Leung of Princeton's Department of Operations Research and Financial Engineering.

At the annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society, Leung demonstrated that, in one scenario, stock options were worth about half of what they would be valued if one were to calculate their worth using a conventional method.

Nearly half of compensation for chief executives comes in the form of stock options. Out of concern that such options might be overly burdensome on shareholders, the U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board since 2004 has required firms to esti-

mate and report their cost.

One model commonly used by firms to calculate the cost of options is known as the Black-Scholes model. But this model and others are not nearly as nuanced as they should be, particularly in accounting for the psychology driving em-

ployees' behavior, according to Leung, a graduate student who collaborated with Associate Professor Ronnie Sircar.

Employees have to weigh the risk that their stock option might lose value; since most people are risk-averse, they tend to exercise their options very early, preferring to take a tiny gain rather risk losing any profit — even though it is more likely that their options will increase greatly in value down the road;

Employees who are hoping to leave or fear that they might be fired tend to exercise their options earlier than they would if they felt secure in their employment;

Employees have to forfeit their options if they leave or are fired before their options have vested.

"Taking into account these factors has a significant bearing on how employee stock options are valued," said Leung.



Leung and Sircar found that other models don't take into account a number of important factors, including the fol-

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## Temptation and your heart

FROM STAFF REPORTS

We've all had our moments of weakness when trying to control ourselves; eating that donut on your diet, losing your temper with your kids, becoming upset when you're doing your best not to. It isn't like we plan on these lapses in judgment. It's more like they just sort of happen.

There is scientific evidence that explains this phenomenon of everyday life. Self-regulation, our strength to inhibit impulses, make decisions, persist at difficult tasks, and control emotions can be spent just like a muscle that has been lifting heavy weights. When we spend our strength on one task (trying to control your emotion around a petulant boss), there is less to spend on others (avoiding the Ben & Jerry's when

we get home).

The funny thing about being vulnerable to saying, eating, or doing the wrong thing is that humans are typically unaware that they are in a moment of weakness, unlike the strain and fatigue we feel in our muscles after a workout. Fortunately, new research conducted by University of Kentucky psychologists Suzanne Segerstrom and Lise Solberg Nes suggest that there may be a biological indicator to tell us when we are working hard at resisting temptation and consequently when we are vulnerable to doing things contrary to our intentions.

A measure of cardiac regulation called "heart rate variability" (HRV) appears to be linked to self-regulation according to the article published in Psychologi-

cal Science.

HRV as it turns out was considerably higher when people were working to resist temptation (eating carrots rather than cookies and chocolate) than when they were not, suggesting that HRV was mirroring the self regulation taking place.

So, will we be wearing a cardiac monitor in the near future to gauge whether we are vulnerable in our self-regulating abilities? It's doubtful, say the authors. However, when considering special populations with more serious consequences of self-regulatory failure (say, alcoholics) HRV feedback could be helpful to determine when those critical relapses in regulation will happen.



(Special to the News)

## New Keyes realtor

Marlina D. Skowron has joined The Keyes Company's Wellington branch. Keyes is a residential and commercial real estate company with more than 30 branch offices and 2,000 associates throughout Florida. Skowron will specialize in residential real estate sales. She received her bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences from Barry University in Miami. She is a member of the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches.

## 'Chicken Soup' for the track

By Dale M. King  
CITY EDITOR

Boca Raton area philanthropist Peter Vegso says he feels "blessed."

The "Chicken Soup" series of books put his publishing company back on track.

When he and his business partner "didn't have two nickels to rub together," they dreamed of owning a horse. Today, Vegso has a thoroughbred farm and breeds horses.

"We've been pretty blessed," said Vegso. "We want to give something back to the community."

He and his wife, Anne, have. They've donated money for the construction of a community center and headquarters for the

Junior League of Boca Raton. They have helped finance the construction of a covered riding area for the Horses & Handicapped group, an organization that brings horses and disabled

children together for fun events. They have also donated to the Association for Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) and the local ballet for children.

They have a married daughter who lives in Delray Beach, and another who's a junior at the University of Richmond. He admitted that the shooting at Virginia Tech Monday was cause for some anxiety for both him and his wife. "There are a lot of universities in that area," he said.

Books Begin

A native of Montreal, Vegso came to the United States in 1976 to co-found HCI, a book publishing company.

For years, the firm specialized in alcohol- and drug-recovery literature. That market began to lose steam in the early 1990s.

In 1992, at a booksellers convention, Vegso agreed to publish a manuscript that an acquaintance, Jack Canfield, was shopping around -- even though more than 100 publishers had rejected the book. The manuscript was a compilation of inspirational sto-

ries Canfield had collected during his 20 years as a motivational speaker.

The book came to be known as "Chicken Soup for the Soul."

There are now more than 100 "Chicken Soup" titles -- and more than 100 million copies of the series are in print in more than 50 languages.

Not only did "Chicken Soup" revive HCI, it gave Vegso the wherewithal to enter the horse ownership field.

He joked that in the mid-1980s, he became "the proud owner of the back left hoof of a thoroughbred race horse" through a limited racing partnership. Little by little, he grew in the trade -- and

in 1995, opened the Racing Edge, a horse farm in Ocala, Fla.

At Night "I do the horse work at night," he said. "Or I make calls in the morning as I'm driving to work," he said. He admits he shares a dream of many horse owners -- to win "the

brass ring, the Kentucky Derby." But Vegso doesn't just hope to win. "I'm going to win," he said. And it's not just the Derby, but the Triple Crown -- the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes as well.

Vegso is also a member of the Lexington, Kentucky-based Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA), the national voice of thoroughbred owners and breeders. The organization lauded "The Racing Game," a Web-based information hub and referral service designed to identify and attract fresh involvement in thoroughbred racing.

"I am one of the spokesmen," he said, noting that he promotes "the joy of being involved" in raising and breeding horses.

In 2003, Vegso combined his work in publishing with his love for horses with "Chicken Soup for the Horse Lovers Soul." This spring, he's publishing another horse-related book, "Why Do Horses Sleep Standing Up?" by veterinarian Marty Becker.

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a centralized location for an informational gathering point and then campus lockdown would occur.

"FAU is an ideal situation because it's an easy lockdown with only four entrances. You can't walk on campus. It's easy to secure," he said. "With an event like [Virginia Tech] we would locate and confine the threat and use the resources available to respond to it." Adding, the campus may seek help from outside law enforcement agencies and use various alerts to inform students and faculty on campus.

"There's no fool proof way, we have to attack with multiple methods," Totten said.

### Lynn

Unlike larger universities, Lynn University has a smaller centralized campus, which would help in this sort of emergency, according to university spokesman Jason Hughes.

"With less than 20 building on campus, it gives us the ability to communicate in different ways. The staff have blow horns that they can use in the central campus," Hughes said.

Campus-wide, Lynn can send an automated message to up to 3,000 people instantaneously through Alert Now.

"The best case scenario it can call the phones in the students' pockets and faculty numbers," he said, adding that the university has the capability to send mass e-mails. Like FAU, most classrooms do not have phones and there is no intercom system.

### PBCC

At Palm Beach Community College, mass e-mails alerts can be sent out, however currently there is not a college-based email system in place although they do have some student e-mails, according to Richard Becker, Vice President of Administration and Business Services.

"But it won't help students in transit. They're not sitting there waiting for an e-mail," Becker said.

Instead, the college has purchased a system called e2campus, which will send mass text messages, that is in the process of being implemented. But first students must give permission to pay for the cost of the text message.

At PBCC, Becker said there is also currently "not a plan to lock down the facility."

"Unlike public schools that are confined and have a PA system, our buildings are spread out," he said. "We are identifying a plan for manual lockdown."

### Concern

Boca Raton Mayor Steven Abrams still expressed concern over FAU campus security.

"This is to request staff's assessment of the FAU Police Department to protect the Boca Raton campus. Obviously, a massacre such as occurred at Virginia Tech would overwhelm any campus law enforcement agency. However, as we have discussed in the past (and you have concurred), I remain concerned about FAU's ability to provide adequate security as the FAU campus continues to grow, particularly with large facilities open to the general public, such as the planned hospital and stadium/arena," Abrams wrote in a letter. "We have previously discussed proposing a contractual arrangement whereby the Boca Raton Police Services Department assumes responsibility for the Boca Raton campus. We must be assured that the University has sufficient capability to police its campus at present and in the future."

### Emotional support

However, area campuses opened up guidance services for students and university Presidents sent emails to students and faculty.

"Be assured that the safety and well being of every FAU student, employee and visitor is of utmost importance to the University's administration. We continue to evaluate our existing safety programs and protocols-- programs designed to help prevent incidents and respond appropriately when needed," said

FAU President Frank Brogan, in an email addressed to the University Community. "The University's Department of Environmental, Health and Safety, whose specific mission is to ensure campus safety, has a number of plans addressing various crisis situations that may occur on campus. The University also has an Emergency Operations Center that conducts drills and training; the center is activated in the event of an emergency."



"If you need someone to talk to privately, you can reach counselors in the Counseling Center. And if you have a roommate or friend who seems to be in need but unable or unwilling to reach out for help, please take a second to file an anonymous Concerned Persons Report by going to <http://www.lynn.edu/concernedperson>. A counselor will then reach out to that individual to see if they're in need of services," said Lynn University President Kevin Ross, in an email to students.

Brogan's email further stated specific campus security programs exist:

- A University-wide safety committee meets often to address the possible wide range of needs/concerns related to safety.
- Beginning with orientation, students are informed of the various steps they can take to ensure safety while on FAU campuses. In addition, a variety of classes centered on safety (RAD, Spring Break Safety, etc.) are available to the University community.



- Regular police patrols occur on all FAU campuses including bike patrol around classrooms and residence halls.

• Video surveillance is located in strategic areas.

• Restricted card access is required for residence halls and various areas around campuses.

• Code blue phones -- direct lines to the FAU Police Department -- are located throughout FAU campuses.

• The Night Owls service provides a night escort for students to cars or next class.

• A victim's advocate provides various services to members of the University community in the event

they are victims of a crime.

"Once again, we are deeply saddened that a tragedy of this magnitude has befallen a fellow institution of higher learning. Our thoughts remain with all those affected by today's events," Brogan said.

Additionally, FAU students joined others across the nation in a "Day of Silence" April 18 on the MacArthur campus in Jupiter to protest bullying, harassment and name-calling faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) youth. And The FAU Student Government Association, in conjunction with Palm Beach Community College, hosted a candlelight vigil Wednesday.

### School District

After Columbine, the School District of Palm Beach County implemented a crisis plan, according to Jim Kelly, District Chief of School Police.

In the plan, the police response is called active shooter; meaning police must stop the shooter.

"The philosophy for decades was for police to close off the area and that time was on their side. Columbine showed that it's cut shorter and now police go in and stop the shooter," Kelly said. "It puts officers at risk but it stops the shooter."

Kelly added that county schools have daily security measures in place such as screening visitors and drills. The district also covers the emotional aspect with anti-bullying programs and uses anonymous student tips to catch those with weapons. Kelly referred to a study which showed over 70 percent of school shooters had been bullied at one time and didn't feel that an adult helped them.

"We have anti-bullying programs in elementary, middle and high school to address these issues and to be proactive," he said.

Another safety feature that's not in colleges, Kelly said, "Our schools have intercom systems and staff have walkie-talkies, not universities. And that's one of the issues."

### No book

Either way with panicked students and faculty and a shooter on the loose, is there a foolproof plan?

"I guarantee there's not a book written on the procedure for the situation that happened at Virginia Tech. How can you prevent it? I don't think you can, but you can do things to mitigate it," Becker said. "And for those that work in education it's like September 11th. I don't know these people in Virginia Tech but they're like my brothers and sisters in education."

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taxes 23 times, balancing the budget, and helping to produce more than 423,000 new jobs."

Giuliani and Abrams are also linked by historical circumstances. Three weeks after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, anthrax was found in the former American Media Inc. building in Boca Raton. Abrams, himself a first-term mayor at the time, led the city through a critical period at almost the same time Giuliani was handling the disaster in New York.

As a result, Abrams earned the nickname as the "Rudy Giuliani of the Tropics."

The Boca mayor said his endorsement of Giuliani "goes without saying. I would endorse him whether I was running or not."

### Klein opponent

Abrams also did not comment on the fact that Klein already has one opponent -- another Boca Raton resident, Marc Flagg, who filed his candidacy on April 4.

Eerily, Flagg also has a connection to the terror attacks of 9/11. His parents were aboard the jet liner that crashed into the Pentagon that day.

Flagg is a former Navy pilot who is now a flight engineer for United Parcel Service. He is also president of the Passenger Cargo Security Group, which promotes airline security.

Abrams would be no stranger to Washington, D.C. After receiving a degree in government from Harvard, he got a law degree from Georgetown University. While there, he also worked on the National Republican Congressional Committee and campaigned for the Reagan-Bush ticket in 1984.

He also served in the White House as a law clerk and counsel to President Reagan. He noted that his ex-"boss" was John Roberts, now chief justice of the Supreme Court.

### Wexler foe

In another congressional matter, former Broward County Mayor Ben Graber has announced his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 19th District -- the seat now held by Democrat Robert Wexler.

The Democratic former state representative, Broward County commissioner and Broward County mayor said he has represented South Floridians for 14 years.

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  - 57 Color quality
  - 58 Cagers' grp.
  - 59 Authentic
  - 60 Due
  - 61 Show-biz job
- DOWN**
- 2 Pen name
  - 3 Really hot day
  - 4 Question, on "Jeopardy!"
  - 5 Quilters' get-together
  - 6 Relaxation
  - 7 Gown
  - 8 Sleep-over
  - 9 Now, in a memo
  - 10 Rickey flavor
  - 11 Sunday service
  - 16 Sinbad's bird
  - 20 Golfer's target
  - 21 "The Forsyte —"
  - 22 Scandinavian city
  - 23 Pirates' quaff
  - 27 Pantheon member
  - 29 Disdainful treatment
  - 30 Aesopian also-ran
  - 31 First victim
  - 33 Moral
  - 35 Go up and down
  - 38 Succor
  - 40 Odium
  - 43 Trattoria sauce
  - 45 Wardrobe malfunction
  - 46 Physicist Niels
  - 47 Duel tool
  - 48 Antitoxins
  - 49 Garbage barge
  - 53 Indivisible
  - 54 Sapporo sash
  - 55 Gripe repeat-
- Solution time: 21 mins.**

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**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

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

**Answer to previous puzzle**

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

Difficulty Level ★★

**Horoscope**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
 Thursday, April 19, 2007:  
 Understand in which direction you need to be heading. You could reverse gears midyear. What seems solid and copacetic at first might become boring and far too weighty. You also discover a lightening up simultaneously. Perhaps you will want to return to an open and expressive style of other times. Be willing to tell it as it is. If you are single, what you thought would never work just might. If you really care about someone, hang in there. See what this year brings. If you are attached, you discover how very special your sweetie is. An important decision enhances your relationship. GEMINI chats away with you. 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  
 ★★★ You could feel vaguely out of kilter, especially when dealing with certain fiscal realities. You might not realize how important it is to get someone else to conform to your way of thinking. Wait until the afternoon before you plead your case. Tonight: Tell it as it is.

**TAURUS**  
 April 20-May 20  
 ★★★★★ Use the morning, even if you feel tested by others. A partner certainly might be a source of stress. The good news is, eventually this phase will pass. Deal with solid issues, not potential problems, right now. Tonight: Say "yes."

**GEMINI**  
 May 21-June 20  
 ★★★★★ You might want to veer in a new direction. Actually, that might be a great idea, but wait until the afternoon, when the

planets tumble into stronger aspects. You like what others bring to the table. Tonight: Suddenly someone opens up.

**CANCER**  
 June 21-July 22  
 ★★★★★ Zero in on key concerns this morning. By the afternoon, your perspective could change dramatically. You might not always be right, but sometimes recentering helps. Listen to someone's challenge with care. Tonight: As you like.

**LEO**  
 July 23-Aug. 22  
 ★★★★★ Pressure has been building recently. What you might experience as the day gets older is a lightening up or a sense of relaxation. Aim for what you want this afternoon, and don't lose momentum when dealing with others. Tonight: Your friends would love some company!

**VIRGO**  
 Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
 ★★★ Though you might have been mulling over certain pros and cons, you could discover exactly what you need to do. Sometimes you don't see the big picture. A new "psychic" openness allows you a greater perspective. Tonight: A must appearance.

**LIBRA**  
 Sept. 23-Oct. 22  
 ★★★★★ Deal with a key individual to make appropriate decisions. You might want to consider what is possible. Reach out for someone at a distance. Read between the lines with a child or someone you care about. Tonight: A must appearance.

**SCORPIO**  
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
 ★★★★★ Read between the lines when dealing with someone you care about. Visualize more of what you want and think is necessary. Consider what is happening with a child or loved one. Open up

talks. Tonight: Accept a commitment.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
 ★★★ Be willing to get into whatever you must. Though a project might not be what you want to do, getting it completed might be appropriate. Your ability to visualize or make a difference comes through later today. Tonight: Others clearly want you to join.

**CAPRICORN**  
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
 ★★★★★ Your creativity surges forward. Though you might feel a bit out of sorts, you could break past a problem. Your imagination knows no limits. Funnel information into making your daily life easier and more worthwhile. Tonight: Get plenty of exercise.

**AQUARIUS**  
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
 ★★★★★ Basics might weigh you down, but not for long. Your abilities come forth in the afternoon. A friend might want you to realize what is going on with him or her. In the afternoon, teasing or taunting someone might open up a new perspective. Tonight: Act like the weekend is on the horizon.

**PISCES**  
 Feb. 19-March 20  
 ★★★ You might be hard-pressed not to express what is on your mind this morning. In the afternoon, be smart and close your door or isolate yourself if you are to get anything done. You have many ideas. Categorize by priorities. Tonight: Think extra R and R.

**BORN TODAY**  
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CASE NO. 2006-25984 LICENSE NO.: 2602822

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#### BOCA RATON SOFTBALL ASSOC.

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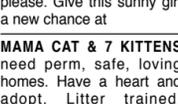
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## YOUR TEAMS ARE OUR TEAMS

### Scots start district with rout

By Mario Sarmiento

SPORTS EDITOR

The Saint Andrew's boys lacrosse team continued its strong play in the district championships Monday, with a 24-0 win over North Broward Prep.

"What we do is, we get a lot out before, and try to get a lot out of, maybe trying to be more unselfish and trying to put more things in and get to the next level," Scots coach Jeff Goldberg said.

As a result, a lot of the younger players had an opportunity to play, and 13 different Scots scored in the victory.

Isiah Leake made his first start a memorable one, scoring four goals to pace Saint Andrew's scorers.

"He's done such a nice job, and he's come a long way and we really were proud of his effort in Saturday morning's practice," Goldberg said. "He really just showed a lot of courage and heart."

Leake got the Scots started with a goal on the doorstep off of a nifty pass from Mike Lipin. He also scored once in the second period,

and twice in the third.

"I messed up a few times, but I'm pleased with my effort," Leake said. "It was all a team effort."

The other main playmaker was Lipin, who scored one goal and added three assists in the first period alone. The sophomore had a hand in the Scots' first three goals of the match, setting up the first two with passes from behind the net and scoring on the third on a pass from Will Diamond.

"Michael, for being a sophomore, plays like a senior," Goldberg said. "He's got a great stick and understands the game real well and he's a catalyst."

Saint Andrew's played American Heritage-Delray on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

The Scots expect nothing less than a district title, with the championship set for 7 p.m. Friday.

"We're just looking to execute as a group, looking for things that will help you win a state championship," Lipin said.



Saint Andrew's lacrosse coach Jeff Goldberg (middle) talks to his Scots after they defeated North Broward Prep 24-0 in the opening round of the district tournament on Monday.

Mario Sarmiento/Staff Photo

## Four area teams win tennis districts; Cadogan repeats as district champ

NEWS STAFF REPORTS

The Olympic Heights girls and the West Boca Raton boys repeated as District 15-3A champions Tuesday at Patch Reef Park.

Olympic Heights was led by Shannon Gunning, who captured her first district singles title and an automatic bid to the state tournament after defeating Boca Raton's Olivia Poole 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1.

Nicole Sbircea and Anna Burchuladze also captured individual singles titles for the Lions.

In boys play, West Boca Raton won with 18 points, followed by runner-up Boca Raton's 15. The Bulls got singles titles from Ismail Elbakal and Alexander Martinez.

Boca Raton got singles titles from Jake Youngswick and Eric Peterson.

At the 9-4A district tournament, Spanish River won its second consecutive title with 17 points. Atlantic came in second with 12 points. Park Vista had 11.

The Sharks dominated both the singles and doubles matches, winning five of the seven matches.

Spanish River's Alexis Rodriguez (No. 1) and Alda Ribiero (No. 2) will try to repeat this year after both won singles and doubles state titles last season. Ribiero, who won at No. 3 last year, moved up to the No. 2 spot to help plug a hole.

Rodriguez defeated Madeline Billeter of Atlantic 6-1, 6-1 in the finals and Ribiero advanced by defeating Julie Borg of Atlantic 6-1, 6-1. Ribiero and Rodriguez also paired up to defeat Billeter and Borg in the doubles finals 6-0, 6-1.

On the boys side, it took a win by Atlantic in the No. 1 doubles finals to edge Spanish River for the title.

Noe Chevalier and Richard Blumenfeld teamed up to defeat Palm Beach Central's Rashaad Williams and Sanjeev Mohammed 6-3, 6-1 to earn the final points.

Atlantic finished with 15 points, followed by Spanish River (14) and Palm Beach Central (11).

Two of the Eagles' singles players also took home titles. Akeem Byron earned a 6-3, 6-2 win over Spanish River's Joey Kinderman at No. 4 and Blumenfeld defeated Mohammed 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2.

Williams advanced to regionals for the second consecutive year after Spanish River's Mike Malinsky had to retire during the third set in the No. 1 singles championship match.

In District 14-2A boys final, Pope John Paul II finished second to Lincoln Park Academy with 14 points.

Mike Hand won No. 1 singles with a 6-3, 6-3 victory, while Robbie

Palmiotto won the No. 2 singles 6-4, 6-1.

Palmiotto teamed with Anthony Cioci to win 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 7-5.

In the district 13-1A girls final, Saint Andrew's sixth grader Annika Novacek won the No. 1 singles title, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

On the boys side, the Stallions claimed their sixth consecutive district title by sweeping all five singles matches and both doubles matches.

American Heritage's Joe Cadogan cruised to his second consecutive district title, defeating Boca Raton Christian's Roberto Cid 6-0, 6-1. His loss in the second set was his only one in district play.

American Heritage will play Weston-Sagemont in the regional finals Friday morning at St. Andrew's.

### Flag football

Chelsea Masters threw a touchdown pass to Kristina DeCarlo and Cori McMahon recorded a safety to help Seminole Ridge's top-ranked flag football team hold on for a 9-6 win against Spanish River on Tuesday.

The Hawks are undefeated at 12-0. Sam Robbins had a touchdown reception and Logan Weinstein had an interception for the Sharks (7-3).

Olympic Heights defeated Wellington 26-19 in two overtimes. Sam Greenberg intercepted a pass on the last play of the game as the Lions (3-6) held on against the Wolverines.

Greenberg also scored a touchdown.

Monique Williams scored two TDs and Jenn Vasquez added another score for the Lions.

West Boca Raton trounced Inlet Grove 26-6. Rachel Espendez rushed for two touchdowns and Nicole Tzikas and Kelsey Pinault each ran for one touchdown to help the Bulls (9-1) defeat the Hurricanes.

### Volleyball

Spanish River defeated Fort Lauderdale-Cardinal Gibbons 25-21, 25-12, 25-17. Carson Grissenger had 47 assists and five blocks and Kyle Friend added 15 kills, 34 digs and 12 service points to help the Sharks (19-3) defeat the Redskins.

Gustavo Cintron added had 15 kills, 25 digs and seven service points for Spanish River.

West Boca Raton topped Royal Palm Beach 25-16, 25-22, 19-25, 25-23. Jimmy Hughes had 20 kills and 11 digs and Brent Feldman had 16 kills and five blocks as the Bulls (7-8) defeated the Wildcats (9-10).

Austin Achille had 23 kills and five blocks for Royal Palm.

Atlantic outlasted Santaluces 25-20, 25-19, 23-25, 25-21. Edwin

Jean had 14 kills and Hussein Soueid added four aces and 12 assists to help the Eagles (4-6) defeat the Chiefs.

### Boys lacrosse

Spanish River edged Boca Raton 8-7. Jeff Albeck had a goal and an assist and Nick Massarella had two goals, but the Bobcats fell to the Sharks.

Senior goalie Rob Londeree recorded 16 saves. Defenders Ben Latimer, Chase Lamson and Chris James also played well against the top-ranked Sharks.

Senior Evan Rosenthal scored a goal and also had an assist for the evening. Michael Jung, senior Gerrard Brandon and Jake Halley each scored a goal. Artie Lang and Wade Nodine each recorded an assist.

### Girls lacrosse

Park Vista routed John I. Leonard 20-3. Katelyn Cucinotta had three goals to lead the Cobras (16-3) past the Lancers in the District 12 playoffs.

Kelsey Deloach and Jessica Aguanno each had two goals for the Cobras.

### Monday

#### Softball

Lynn Herman pitched a no-hitter with 13 strikeouts to help St. Andrew's beat Pahokee 18-1 in five innings the opening game of the District 13-3A playoffs in West Palm Beach.

Ali Heller went 3-for-4 with five RBI and four runs scored and Pui Chui went 2-for-2 with a run scored for the Scots (6-8).

Martin County defeated Olympic Heights 12-2 in six innings. Tiffany Pellelela went 2-for-4 with a RBI and Katie O'Donnell went 2-for-3 with a RBI to help the Tigers (9-13) beat the Lions (3-12) in the first round of the District 14-5A tournament in Stuart.

Michelle Santa Maria went 1-for-3 with a RBI for Lions.

### Baseball

Boca Raton Christian edged St. Andrew's 4-3. Nicholas Harper pitched a complete game with seven strikeouts and went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI to help the Blazers (9-9) top the Scots.

Josh Colucci went 2-for-3 with a double for the Blazers.

Pope John Paul II topped Spanish River 13-4. Tyler Hoffmann and Ryan Tubbs both went 2-for-4 with a home run and the Eagles (7-16) beat the visiting Sharks (6-16) in Boca Raton.

Randell Bevington went 2-for-4 with a homer for the Sharks.

## Cox, Condore win best ball event

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Tim Cox of Palm Beach Gardens two-putted from the back edge of the green on the first playoff hole Tuesday, as he teamed with Steve Condore of Boca Raton to win the Palm Beach County Senior Better Ball golf tournament for the second year in a row.

Cox and Condore fired a closing round of five-under par-67, four-ball stroke play, on the Estate course at PGA National to pull even at 137 with Scott Blasie of Lake Worth and Jim Patrone of Boca Raton. Before closing with 68, Blasie and Patrone were among three teams tied for the first round lead Monday on a 69.

In the playoff, Cox rolled a 25 footer to within tap-in range for par. Moments earlier, Blasie's wedge shot from behind the green rolled 15 feet past the cup and Patrone's uphill first putt from the

front portion of the green checked up about 12 feet short. Both missed their par putts to tie the hole and extend the playoff.

It was Condore's third Palm Beach County Golf Association victory, all in partnership with Cox. The latter has won nine PBCGA titles since 1990.

"The main thing is, this qualifies us for the Tournament of Champions," Condore said. "I've never played Lost Tree." The eighth annual PBCGA T-of-C is scheduled Oct. 31 at the Lost Tree Club.

In regulation, Cox made five birdies, three on par-5 holes, and Condore had one. Patrone, who played his first senior event last fall, scored four of his team's five birdies, including the 18th hole which pulled his team even with Cox and Condore. Blasie, who turned 50 on April 1, added one

birdie.

Each team had one bogey.

Dennis Quilty of Palm Beach Gardens and Skip Tellefsen of Jupiter were the low net winners in the 42-team field of senior amateurs 50 years and older with 62-67—129.

Next on the PBCGA tournament schedule: April 28-29, Palm Beach International, Martin Downs CC, Palm City, and May 5-6, Parent-Child, Hammock Creek GC, Palm City. For membership information and tournament entry, call Tommy Belen, executive director, 561-625-0400, or go to www.pbcga.org.

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## NEWS STAFF REPORTS

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Cadogan, a Florida native, has been a top Florida player his entire junior career, attaining a no. 1 Florida rank and top-25 national ranking. He has held the state's high school championship title since eighth grade and will enter this year's championship as the four-time defending champion.

He also captured the Florida State Closed Sectional in 2005.

Cadogan is a top-50 recruit on Tennisrecruiting.net.

## FAU baseball

After undergoing an appendectomy earlier this season, Joel Schmal returned to the field for Florida Atlantic University and started his first game on Tuesday.

Schmal, Brandon Kloess and Alex Pepe combined to hold the University of North Florida to two runs. The FAU offense produced three runs on two homers as the Owls flew to a 4-2 victory at FAU Stadium.

Robbie Widlansky gave FAU (25-14) the early lead with a two-run homer in the first off of UNF starter Jonathon Turner. The ball

snuck around the left field foul pole as Turner gave up his first of two homers.

In the sixth, Justin Martin had a similar shot that just stayed fair as he gave FAU a 3-2 lead. Turner (3-1) allowed three runs on six hits as he suffered the loss.

An insurance run came in the eighth inning, as two base hits put runners on the corner. A safety squeeze by pinch hitter Tyler Stevens gave FAU the 4-2 win.

Schmal exited the game after five innings with the score tied. Brandon Kloess entered and worked two innings and earned the win to improve to 2-0 on the year. Alex Pepe also worked strong two innings and earned his first save of his career. The FAU bullpen has not allowed a run in its last 12 2/3 innings of work.

FAU will return to action this weekend when it heads to the University of New Orleans. The three game series will start will 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with a 2 p.m. start on Sunday.

## FAU golf

Florida Atlantic University men's golf completed the 2006-2007 campaign at the Sun Belt Conference Tournament on Wednesday in Orlando.

Billy Bowling (77, 77, 75 -229) had a two stroke improvement during the final round and ended the tournament with an Owl best tie for 36th place. Michael Berger (81, 75, 75 -231) had his second

straight three-over par round on Wednesday, concluding his season with a tie for 43rd. Derren Garber (76, 77, 78 -231) also finished in a tie for 43rd place at the Par 72, 6,906 yard Magnolia Golf Course at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex.

Andrew Storm (78, 81, 79 -238) and Adam Kolloff (80, 86, 78 -244) round out the Owl field with a tie for 54th and 59th place.

FAU (311, 310, 306 -927) shot their best round on Wednesday. They finished in 12th place out of a 12 competitors. Louisiana-Lafayette University (297, 290, 282 -869) was the team winner, needing a playoff round to bypass Middle Tennessee State University. MTSU's Craig Smith (76, 69, 66 -211) was the individual winner, shooting an impressive 6-under par in the final round.

## Women's golf

Sophomore Praewnapa Phol-Uayporn (79, 77, 70 -226) used a 2-under par round on Wednesday to jump 14 places into a tie for 7th. It was Praewnapa's eighth top ten finish of the year. The conference announced at the tournament's conclusion that she was named a member of the Sun Belt All-Conference Team.

Jennifer Norton (79, 74, 75 -228) shot three-over par in the final round of the par 72, 5,997 yard Eagle Pines

Golf Course. She finished in a tie for 10th place. Kimberly D'Andrea (74, 78, 79 -231) ended the three-day event with a tie for 20th. This was Kim

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## Lynn tennis

A year removed from sweeping the Sunshine State Conference tennis championships, the Lynn University men's and women's tennis teams look to repeat the feat this weekend in Tampa.

The Fighting Knights earned the top-seed in the women's draw and the second-seed in the men's draw for the three day competition beginning on Thursday at the City of Tampa Tennis Complex.

Top-seeded and ranked No. 3 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), the women's squad recently completed its ninth unde-

feated SSC regular season with an 8-0 record. The Knights are now a staggering 62-1 in conference play since starting league play.

Lynn has won seven SSC titles since joining the conference.

Playing at the top of the draw, the Blue and White first take on the eighth-seed on Thursday at 2 p.m.

Lynn's opponent will be determined after Tuesday's final SSC match-up between Eckerd College and Saint Leo University.

The Knights boast two ITA top-20 players, juniors Victoria Weltz at No. 18 and Alexandra Schunk at No. 20. Both are returning All-Americans while Weltz is the reigning SSC Player of the Year. In doubles, the tandem enters the tournament ranked No. 16.

On the men's side, the No. 10 Knights draw the second-seed after finishing the regular season tied at top of the standings with Florida Southern College at 5-1. The Moccasins earned the top-seed and a first-round bye on a 5-4 victory in head-to-head play.

The Blue and White have won two SSC titles since joining the conference, the first a split championship with rival Barry University in 2003 and the second coming last season.

Lynn begins the tournament against seventh-seeded Eckerd on Thursday at 9 a.m. The Knights on Thursday at 9 a.m. The Knights Tritons earlier this season in St. Petersburg.

Four Knights grace the ITA top-50, twice as many as the rest of the SSC combined. Sophomore Lorenzo Cava comes in at No. 2, Julien Carsuzaa at No. 10, senior Dennis Riegraf at No. 11, and sophomore Denis Reinert at No. 46. In doubles, Cava and Carsuzaa are ranked No. 13.

Riegraf needs just one doubles win to tie former standout and current LU assistant Jan Macko for all-time doubles victories.

He is also currently tied for second all-time in singles wins with 67, just five off the program mark of 72 which has stood for 13 years.

## Lynn golf

Lynn University's men's golf team was consistent till the end but finished tied for fifth at the 2007 Sunshine State Conference Tournament. Scott Aydelotte and Greg Gonzales each finished in the top-10.

The Fighting Knights shot rounds of 305-302-306=913 as a team.

NovaSoutheastern (901) claimed its second SSC title with host Florida Tech (904) close behind.

Barry (908) and Tampa (910) finished third and fourth, while Florida Southern (931) tied with the Knights for fifth.

Aydelotte was one of three members of the Blue and White to fire a 76 in the final round.

The junior transfer tied for eighth individually with a 54-hole total of 226. Gonzales shot one stroke higher, 227, for a 10th place finish.



## World Series of golf debuts on NBC

### SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The World Series of Golf tees off May 13 - 17 in Las Vegas, introducing the most exciting golf wagering tournament since the Skins Game.

To be played at the Tom Fazio designed Primm Valley Golf Club, the tournament combines the skill of golf with the wagering savvy of poker and gives amateur players the thrilling opportunity to compete for \$750,000 in prize money on NBC national television.

The World Series of Golf will be played in a patent-pending method of play that allows for high stakes to ride on each and every shot of the tournament.

Similar to poker, players must ante up before teeing off at each hole.

Depending on the outcome of the tee shots, the player can then raise, call, check or fold on subsequent shots, with the winner of the hole collecting the pot.

Wagers on each individual shot will depend on the player's position, their confidence to make the next shot, and the position of their opponents.

The result is a dramatic competition in which every shot counts, and wagering strategy is just as important as skill.

As in poker, when a player no longer has any chips to ante up, that player is eliminated. The winner of each group moves onto the next round until the final group yields the golfer who is crowned the champion of the World Series of Golf.

With a maximum field of 180 golfers, the tournament will take place over three rounds.



To win the first prize of \$250,000 golfers need only to defeat 14 other players in head-to-head competition.

"The World Series of Golf is a completely new way to experience the game of golf. It demands skill on the links, betting savvy and nerves of steel," said Terry Leiwke, president of the World Series of Golf. "For any golfer who has ever said 'I'd bet anything that I can make this shot,' now is his chance to prove it."

Registration for up to 180 amateur players is now open at [www.worldseriesofgolf.com](http://www.worldseriesofgolf.com).

The buy-in for the tournament is \$10,000, which is immediately won back by every player who wins their initial pairing and advances to the second round.

Due to the large purse of the event, and the unique method of play, participants must go through an accreditation process to substantiate their golf handicap. This ensures an even playing field with golfers competing against others of similar skill.

The World Series of Golf not only promises high drama and high stakes, but as part of the buy-in, participants will enjoy a VIP stay at The Mirage Hotel & Casino, the official host hotel of the event. In addition to world-

class accommodations and amenities, participants will enjoy an opening night pairings party, pre-arranged transportation to and from the course, special entertainment and a closing night awards banquet in which the winner of the event is crowned and the \$250,000 first place prize is awarded.

Scott Sibella, president of The Mirage, said, "The Mirage is pleased to be the first Las Vegas resort to partner with the World Series of Golf. We are excited to continue our tradition of hosting some of the city's most dynamic events. As one of the leaders in the entertainment industry, we look forward to combining the elements of poker and golf and believe this event will create a unique experience for the competitors and our guests."

In addition to The Mirage, the World Series of Golf has assembled a dream team of partners that have a proven track record of producing exceptional golf and sporting events.

The event will be produced by Octagon, the global sports and entertainment marketing arm of the Interpublic Group. Industry pioneers in the field of sports and entertainment event management, Octagon has a presence in 23 countries in six continents and manages more than 3,200 events yearly.

Octagon's Dan Baker has been named Tournament Director of the World Series of Golf. Mr. Baker has 16 years experience in sports event management, and has served previously as tournament director for such high profile golf events as the Ryder Cup.

on first extra hole. Condore-Cox, \$350 (team); Blasie-Patrone, \$200.

138 - Bill Luceno and Patrick McCabe, Jupiter, 72-66. \$100.

140 - Richard Browning, Wellington, and Steve Earsley, Hobe Sound, 72-68. \$60.

141 - Bill Erwin and Martin Horsky, Palm Beach Gardens, 71-70. Robbie Dew, Palm Beach Gardens, and Van Lefferdink, Jupiter, 69-72. \$50.

## Net Division

129 - Dennis Quilty, Palm Beach Gardens, and Skip Tellef-

sen, Jupiter, 62-67. \$350.

130 - Don Edwards, Hobe Sound, and Larry Mueller, Palm City, 64-66. Bruce Gamradt and Charles Marquis, West Palm Beach, 64-66. \$150.

132 - John Penniman and Mark Rubin, Boca Raton, 68-64. Arnie Berkenfeld, Lake Worth, and Don Raaen, Palm Beach Gardens, 63-69. \$55.

133 - Jeff Carneiro, Jupiter, and Stan Zabytko, Port St. Lucie, 67-66. \$40.

Money listed awarded in merchandise certificates.



George Landis set a National Muscle Car Association Pro Street speed race at eliminations this past weekend in his Dodge Stratus.

## Boynton Beach race team sets new record

### SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

In their first race of the season and after only two test sessions with their new car, driver George Landis set the National Muscle Car Association Pro Street speed record for the Next Generation Racing Team.

After qualifying third at the season opening Ross Pistons NMCA Hot Rod & Muscle Car Nationals on April 13-15 in Bradenton, Florida, the '06 Dodge Stratus, tuned by crew chief Dave Oddy, ran a 6.394 at 228.94 mph in the first round of eliminations.

Although they were unable to back up that elapsed time and speed, they still set the speed record at 222.27 mph, which was backed

up by their 218 qualifying pass. They recorded the first 6.30-second e.t. in NMCA history.

Landis finished runner-up to Vinny Budano in the final round.

"We are now proving that with more experience we will be the ones to beat," said team owner Steve Quint.

He gave special thanks to the crew, who "work like a Swiss clock" and had the engine down to bare bones three times, rebuilt the clutch twice, and changed clutch discs three times during the event.

The Dodge Stratus, which Quint bought from the legendary Jim Oddy after the end of the 2006 season, last year set the still-stand-

ing IHRA Pro Mod speed record at 238.93 mph.

Now with headlights, a dash, mufflers and about 150 lbs. added for Pro Street trim, it is powered by a supercharged 526 Hemi engine built by Bill Leverenz of Oddy's Automotive Inc. in Elma, NY. Scott Strasser and Frank Acquaro are crew members, Jon Quint is data consultant, and Phil Roberts consultant for the team.

Sponsors for the car include Royal Purple and Autolite.

Next stop for the Boynton Beach, Florida-based team is the NDRA meet at Atco, NJ, on April 28-29.

## Golf

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PGA National, Palm Beach Gardens

Estate course, 6,300 yards, par 72

(Four-ball stroke play)

## Gross Division

137 - Steve Condore, Boca Raton, and Tim Cox, Palm Beach Gardens, 70-67.

Scott Blasie, Lake Worth, and Jim Patrone, Boca Raton, 69-68. Condore-Cox won playoff, par-4

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