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tion, was established in 1960 to guide FAU's growth and fine-tune its mission of promoting academic excellence, internationally recognized research and vital public-private partnerships.

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Boca principals look to substitute alternatives

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER Sick teachers have added an extra inconvenience for Boca principals and it has nothing to do with teachers.

Instead it's those that fill in and the lack of substitutes.

Although most principals say teacher absenteeism isn't a big problem in Boca Raton, they do admit that at times substitutes are hard to find.

"We don't generally have a hard time with substitutes. We're lucky," said Connie Tuman-Rugg, principal of Spanish River Community High School in Boca Raton. "But every school has experienced days when they can't find a substitute."

And on those days, sometimes schedules are rearranged and other teachers must pick up the slack. If that happens at Spanish River High, neighboring Florida Atlantic University (FAU) comes into play. FAU juniors and seniors majoring in education can substitute at the local school. But substitutes must have two years of college study to substitute while "freshmen and sophomores can only serve as inclass assistants," according to Tuman-Rugg.

County-wide

Across the county, there are anywhere from 1,200 to 1,600 substitutes on hand. Although that seems like a big number, sometimes they're hard to come by during non-peak seasons. Many substitutes are snowbirds, according to Sue Ann Walters, Human Resources Specialist for the School District of Palm Beach County.

"The number fluctuates when it's winter and the residents are here," said Walters.

West Boca Raton High School principal Fran Giblin has noticed fewer substitutes during this time. "A lot head North after Easter. There's not as many in the county as there once was. But we do pretty well with substitutes."

Lower pay

Besides seasonal fluctuations, many say requirements and train-

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(Special to the News)

Boot camp at Extreme

A "Boot Camp" event was held recently at Extreme Fitness in western Boca Raton to raise money for leukemia research. Geri Weinberger, mother of Extreme Fitness employee Jamie Runyon, battled leukemia for several years. At the recent "boot camp", some 65 individuals joined organizers Annette Costa, co-owner of Extreme Fitness and Lemor Elkin, at the Boca Raton facility to do what they could to support Geri and benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Foundation. When the day was over, some \$8,200 had been raised. "Geri was part of our extended family at Extreme Fitness and we all felt it was important to try and do something to make a difference in her fight with leukemia," said Costa. "By raising money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, it is our hope that we can save a family from going through what Geri and her family have endured." Through research and the development of new therapies, 87 percent of children diagnosed with leukemia are cured. With adults, the reality is that 50 percent of those diagnosed will not survive five years. Geri Weinberger was one of those persons, and lost her battle eight days after the Extreme Fitness event. Shown in the photo are: Garen Clunis, Lemor Elkin, Coleman McKenney (co-owner of Extreme Fitness), Mark Chasky, and Kyle Segar; in front: Jamie Runyon and co-owner Costa.

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Police Blotter

Driver faces DUI

A motorist involved in a traffic accident about 7:15 p.m. April 29 on SW 18th Street was arrested on a drunken driving charge, police said. Police said the woman refused to take a breath test or give a blood sample. She was taken to the county jail, police said.

Disorderly conduct

Boca Raton police arrested a man on a charge of disorderly intoxication after he became unruly while waiting for friends at the boat ramp at 600 E. Palmetto Park Road about 7:40 p.m. April 29, police said. Officers said he refused to listen to police or officials from other agencies.

Boyfriend assaulted

A Boca woman called police April 29 to report that her boyfriend had been assaulted by a group of unknown men after a party. The victim was taken to Boca Raton Community Hospital, but he declined medical treatment.

Drug arrest

A woman was arrested about 1:35 a.m. April 30 and charged with possession of Xanax, Boca Raton police said. Authorities said there was also an active warrant for her out of Broward County, said police.

Projectors taken

Boca Raton police responded to a call April 30 about a burglary at a local business. The caller said two computer projectors worth \$1,500 each were taken.

Wallet thefts

A man called Boca Raton police April 30 to say that his wife's car had been entered. The thief smashed the front passenger window and removed a wallet.

A woman also called police April 30 to say that her wallet was taken at her place of employment. One of the credit cards inside was used at a gasoline station in Miami, according to police.

(Melissa Korman/Special to the News)

Boca teen takes home top vocal awards for Future Stars

Jessie Hoffman, a junior at Boca Raton Community High School, recently won first place in high school vocals and the best vocal arrangement award at the Future Stars fourth-annual competition held at Boca High. The event was developed and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Boca Raton along with support from local businesses and the community. "I was surprised because once I received best vocal I didn't think I could get another award. When they called my name I was definitely surprised," said Hoffman, who sang "Maybe I Like It This Way." Performing since she was two years old, Hoffman has aspirations of singing on Broadway. "I love the feeling you get from performing on stage." She's performed in A Broadway Review at Florida Atlantic University, Annie, Peter Pan and many others including an independent film and for the Palm Beach Opera Company. Over the summer she will intern at Showtime Theater as a camp counselor. "My career goal is to be an actress on Broadway. I hope to make that my job," she said.

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The bed race team from the Delray Medical Center Emergency Room is shown crossing the finish line to take first place in the 2006 bed race.

'Ultimate' bed race in Delray brings back past winners

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Pineapple Grove Arts District will host the Ultimate Bed Race Challenge Friday.

This year's challenge will pit all former Bed Race winners against one another to determine an Ultimate Bed Race Champion.

The challenge is being held in honor of the Tenth Annual Wackona Bed Race, Parade and Street Dance, also being held May 18.

"We are very excited to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Bed Race," says Sue Keleher, program manager for Pineapple Grove Arts District. "The Ultimate Bed Race Challenge is a fun way to take this year's competition to the next level."

The Wackona Parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. from Ocean City Lumber Complex and travel west on Atlantic Avenue to Pineapple Grove Way. The race, which takes contestants through a series of obstacles, will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a street dance with live entertainment from 8 to 10 p.m. following the conclusion of the award ceremony.

Racing teams are made up of four runners, one "queen" or "princess" riding in the bed, and one substitute.

The annual Bed Race is produced by Pineapple Grove Arts District. For more information, contact Sue Keleher at (561) 279-9952.

Pineapple Grove Main Street Inc., a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization, was formed in 1994 to promote development under the national Main Street Program and to revitalize the Pineapple Grove District in downtown Delray Beach.

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Boca playground gets \$10,000 for shade structure

Commissioners said the funding would help offset costs for YMCA's purchase and installation of the shade structure at the playground – which serves approximately 10.000 children annually. Funding is from the **Recreation Assistance** Program (RAP). Separately, commissioners agreed to spend \$5,000 to assist in funding the 2007 Delray Beach Garlic Fest. More than 25,000 persons attend the February event at Old School Square in **Delray Beach, commis**sioners said.



By John Johnston MANAGING EDITOR

ounty commissioners have signed a \$10,000 agreement with the Young Men's Christian Association of South Palm Beach County, Inc. (YMCA) for construction of a shade structure for The Friendship Place Boundless Playground at the Boca Raton Peter Blum Family Center.

Commissioners said the funding would help offset costs for YMCA's purchase and installation of the shade structure at the playground -which serves approximately 10,000 children annually. Funding is from the Recreation Assistance Program (RAP).

Separately, commissioners agreed to spend \$5,000 to assist in funding the 2007 Delray Beach Garlic Fest. More than 25,000 persons attend the February event at Old School Square in Delray Beach, commissioners said.

In other Delray Beach news commissioners agreed to spend \$98,0000 for vegetation removal on a tract of land between Polo Trace and Pine Ridge. Removed will be Australian Pines along the right-of-way of Homrich Lane, commissioners said.

Other Business

In other recent business commissioners

• Deferred consideration until 2008 of doubling the current \$25,000 homestead exemption for low-income senior citizens.

• Approved establishment of a Homeless Advisory Board to serve as a liaison to the BCC and to facilitate coordination of a long-range plan to reduce homelessness in Palm Beach County.

 Approved a public hearing May 15 for an ordinance granting a fouryear ad valorem tax exemption to Florida Turbine Technologies, Inc. for expansion of its Jupiter operation.

 Voted not to extend the subcontracted service agreement for Medicaid non-emergency transportation. State funding for this program has been reduced; the current agreement expires June 30.

• Amended the original project agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to provide for additional contract time for the County to complete the removal of storm damaged trees and debris from the C-1 and Corkscrew Boulevard canals, and repairs to the storm damaged embankments of Conners Highway.

• Executed a \$150,000 interlocal agreement with the City of Atlantis to reimburse the city for the construction of street improvements to JFK Drive.

• Approved a resolution with Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway to construct improvements at the existing crossing on RCA Boulevard. The resolution also notes the use of additional FEC right-of-way for the crossing, and modifies the existing license agreement. Commissioners said Palm Beach County holds the license agreement for RCA Boulevard crossing over the FEC right-of-way. A public facilities agreement with Evergrene PCD requires the addition of exclusive right turn lanes on the east approach and west approach of RCA Boulevard and Alternate AIA The FEC has prepared an agreement to update the existing crossing devices and for the utilization of additional FEC right-of-way required to do the work, commissioners said. The agreement will also increase the annual license fee from \$1 to \$12,000, then increasing by a minimum of 3 percent annually. The intersection improvements other than those on the FEC right-of-way will require separate funding by the developer, commissioners said.



Phase II of the city's bike path extension will connect the trail to the train station on Yamato Road.

Phase II of Boca bike path extension may start this summer

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR Phase II of the extension of Boca Raton's bike path -a halfmile stretch from Spanish River Boulevard to Yamato Road along the El Rio Canal – may begin this summer.

Joy Puerta, the city's transportation analyst, said the City Council is expected in June to award a contract for the \$1.7 million project. Some \$700,000 of that may be returned in the form of reimbursements.

There is a little glitch in this phase of the work. Initially, she said, the city thought it owned the property where the bike path will travel under I-95. As it turns out, the Florida Department of Transportation owns it.

The city council has already authorized the city manager to negotiate with FDOT for permission to put the path on the property.

"We have an existing El Rio bike path," Puerta said. "It is a 12-foot wide path for bikes and

Road to Spanish River Boulevard." The intent of Phase II is to connect the bike path to the Tri-Rail station on Yamato Road. "That way, students at FAU can take the train and ride their bikes to the campus," she said.

Intermodal transit

Bike path improvements are part of the city's intermodal transportation system, which encourages the use of transportation systems other than the automobile.

The city is preparing to design Phase III of the bike path. It has just hired an engineering firm to do the work.

Puerta said Phase III will take the bike path from Yamato Road past Congress Avenue to the L-40 canal. That's just over a mile, and is expected to cost about \$1.6 million.

"This is longer than Phase II," Puerta said. "But Phase II was more costly because we have to put a bridge under I-95." She said the bike path is on the east

pedestrians that runs from Glades side of the canal; the train depot is on the west side.

> She said Phase II of the bike path "will be an incredible section of the trail. It fits in with the overall flow of the multimodal plan."

> The new trail, she said, will run north along the east side of the El Rio, then turn 90 degrees west to avoid the railroad tracks. From there, it will continue parallel to the tracks.

She said Phase II still needs FDOT'S OK. If that comes through, the city may end up getting a \$500,000 reimbursement from FDOT and another \$200,000 from the Department of Environmental Protection.

The next link would be from the L-40 canal to Congress Avenue. She said the city has already filed an application for grant money with the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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Olympic Heights High commencement event to be held on-campus

By Nicol Jenkins

school?

STAFF WRITER How safe do your children feel at

Committee (SHAC) survey.

The School Health Services Sat-

isfaction Survey was completed in

Spring 2005 by more than 2,000

county students from elementary,

middle and high schools. County

staff and parents also completed

the questionnaire. Reasons students

said they felt unsafe were gangs,

Although the recent Virginia Tech

tragedy was not included in the sur-

vey, results showed over 70 percent

of county students surveyed felt safe

bullies, and weapons or drugs.

Tech tragedy.

at school while 20 percent did not whom would you talk to?" Board County School Board members at a know whom to turn to for help.

District discusses survey on safety, health

feel safe. SHAC members discussed members expressed concern mostly the survey results with Palm Beach over the finding that students do not

and believe we don't know anything and that we're old fashioned," he said. "I don't think we can change society," he said. Instead Rome recommended training students as peer counselors.

By Nicol Jenkins STAFF WRITER

·igh school commencement is an honored tradition where families Lgather for celebration and students reminiscence on four years of academic accomplishments and friendships.

Typically graduation ceremonies are held in university auditoriums or convention centers with no affiliation to the students. However and for the second year in a row, Olympic Heights High School in Boca Raton will bring the tradition to its campus.

"It's a unique event," said principal Pete Licata. "It adds to our school and fits in being a smaller and family like school."

That closeness will take place May 18 at 6 p.m. at Olympic Heights graduation ceremony, which will be held in the school gymnasium. About 300 seniors will receive diplomas while cheering relatives will fill the stands. The gym can hold over 2,000 people. Each student was given five tickets for guests, according to Licata.

Years prior, the ceremony was typically held at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Scheduling issues arose last year and prompted Licata to come up with an alternate plan. Instead of having the ceremony at FAU, the staff thought on-campus would bring a more personalized feel. This year, the change in venue from FAU to the Palm Beach County Convention Center encouraged the school to keep its ceremony on campus for the second year in a row. Most county ceremonies will occur at the Center because FAU's auditorium is under construction.

"Since we have a smaller school, we thought let's make it unique. We started thinking and the P.E. teacher said let's do it on campus and make it more personal and different than anyone else," Licata said.

And unique it will be. This year, commencement will have a slide show of the seniors, a decorative stage complete with gardens, waterfalls, and the school's mascot, a lion decked out in a cap and gown. After the ceremony, students and families can snap pictures beside the mascot.

"They don't have to rush out when it's over. Students can take photos with me, staff and families," Licata said. "You really can't do that when you're at another place because other schools are coming in after."

Although Licata stressed the importance of the event remaining "very formal."

"We still have a valedictorian and a salutatorian. We'll be doing the same as we did at FAU but it will be in our gym and with little extras," he said.

But will this become a school tradition for years to come?

Licata says no. "Eventually we'll have to go back to FAU."

The reason? School growth. Once Olympic Heights gains more students, they will not be able to fit in the on-campus gym, Licata said.

Until then, Olympic Heights students will celebrate commencement in the place where memories were made.

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About 20 percent of county sturecent workshop.

dents, ranging from elementary Superintendent Art Johnson to high school, surveyed out of apfound the results alarming. To the proximately 2,000 said they did contrary, Johnson says students not feel safe at school in 2005, achave told him that school is the only place they do feel safe- even after the cording to a School Health Advisory Virginia Tech tragedy. And this was before the Virginia

"I think we have to dig into the numbers because I'm really surprised," Johnson said. "Students [from VOTE or Voice of Teenagers Everywhere] said they feel safe in school but not in the community. The question is not who they go to but who cares about them. The latter is equally as important."

Other survey questions for students included: "How often do you feel happy?"; "How often do you worry about problems at school?" and "If you had a problem or were really worried about something,

"In high school, they're not identifying who they can turn to and it's a tremendous concern," said board member Paulette Burdick.

"Counselors need to permeate the Single School Culture that everyone becomes a person the child can relate to."

Since students feel they have no one to turn to, many times they seek advice from peers. This concerns board member Bob Kanijan.

"Unfortunately 12 or 13-year-olds are going to other 12 or 13-year-olds for advice. What makes them think that their uneducated friends have the answers?" Kanjian said.

Dr. Ronald Romear, MD, who presented the survey results, answered with a common explanation.

"They're oppositional to parents

Board member Debra Robinson went one step further suggesting counselors for parents.

"If we start recreating parental dialogue and support groups for parents, children will feel like they are treated with respect and as semiadults. That's half the battle," Robinson said.

Board members suggested looking into various ways to reach children.

"We need to look at any venue possible to reach children because we can't afford to lose any of them," said board member Sandra Richmond.

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Arbor Day at J.C. Mitchell Elementary

School marked Arbor Day Friday with activities that included a tree planting, songs and speeches.

1 - Musical prelude, with songs by the fifth grade class.

2 - From left, Gabriella Lyons, Anthony Lewis Tim Dobrunz, Shannon Tobin and Nora Fosman, environmental officer for the city of Boca Raton.

3 - Moriah McGowan, Student Council secretary, performs a student reading.

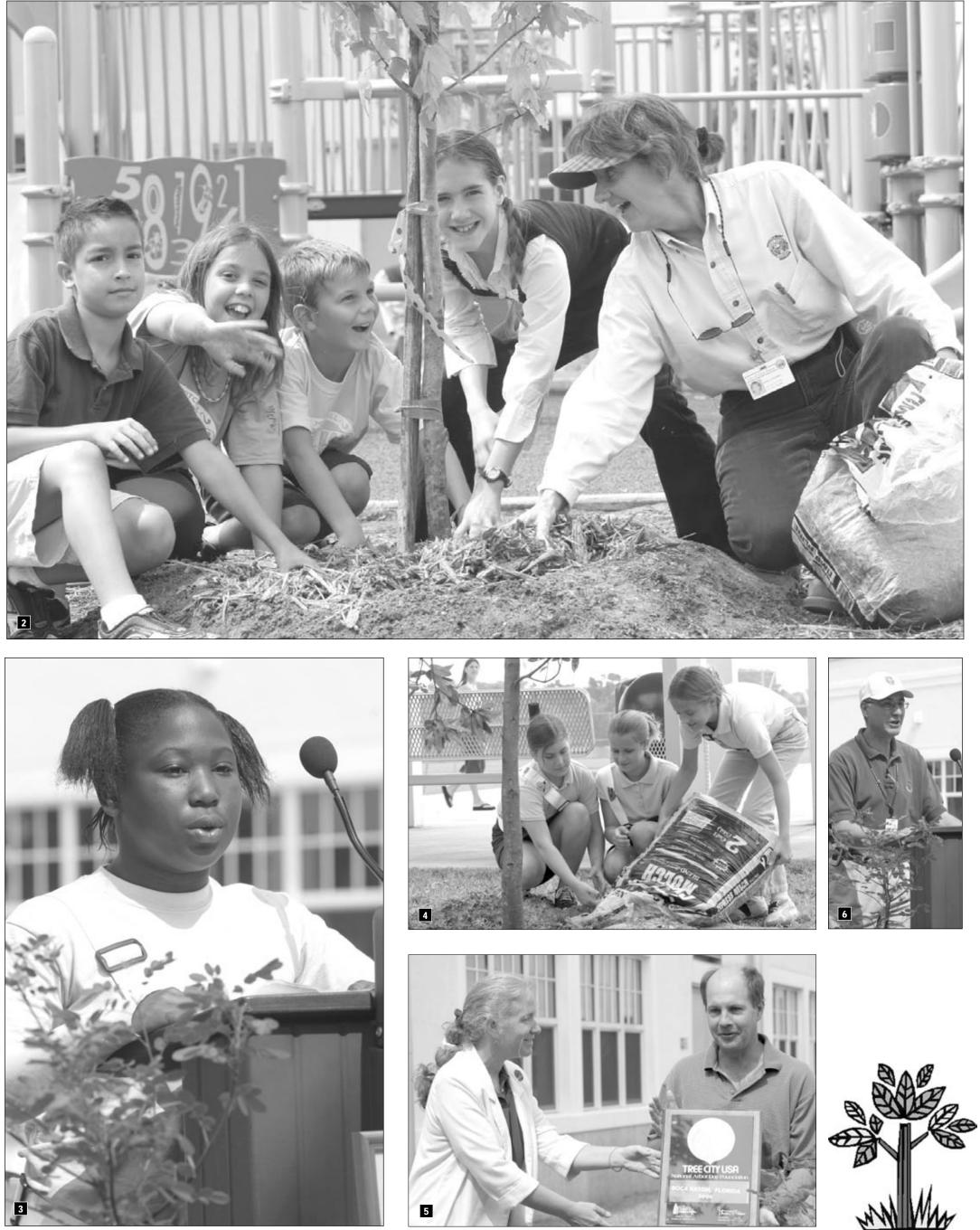
4 - Fifth graders Emily Masis, Ava Sharp and Samantha Millard.

5 - Dawn Sinka, horticulturist/arborist, presents award to Assistant City Manager Mike Woika.

6 - Master of ceremonies was Carmen Annunziato, the city's planning & zoning director.

(Melissa Korman/Special to the News)





TAKING STOCK

Time to withdraw from this bank

Dear Mr. Berko: Way back in 2003 I bought 300 shares of FNB, or First National Bank of Pennsylvania, at \$33 a share. Almost immediately after I bought the stock it began to slide downbill and has never even come close to that price since. What can you tell me about FNB and do you think I should sell it, hold it or average down and buy another 300 at the current \$17 price? If I sell the stock, I could consider buying 200 shares of Alltel because my broker thinks that the company is looking to be bought out. Why would Alltel want to be bought out and at what price do you think this could happen?

Waukegan, Ill.

M.W.

Dear M.W.:

FNB Corp. (FNB-\$17), is a bank holding company home ported in Hermitage, Pa., which is Mercer County and named after Revolutionary War Brig. Gen. Hugh Mercer. There's some impressive history in this area that borders on the northeastern Pennsylvania/Ohio line. While FNB is an important part and parcel of Mercer County, its last 10 years of operating history have been unimpressive, if not sadly disappointing.

FNB (also peddles insurance, stock brokerage services and consumer finance) posted \$421 million in 2006 revenues from 198 branches in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Earnings and revenue growth have been blah and uninspiring and many of FNB's stockholders are in a snit about the performance of their shares. In the last 12 months, FNB traded in a narrow range between \$18.85 and \$15.20 and 10 years ago, the shares were still trading in that same range. FNB is a low-growth bank with higher-than-average debt that trades at a discount to its sector because its return on equity and return on assets is lower than its peers. FNB's book value has been in constant decline, its loan volume is up and down like a yo-yo while earnings for 2005 and 2006 are the lowest in the last decade. I thought there might be a contagion in the air surrounding Mercer County but the Chamber of Commerce checked and said: "were clean."

FNB's 94-cent dividend, yielding 5.8 percent (it's been raised seven out of the last 10 years), took nearly 85 percent of last year's \$1.12 share earnings and in 2005 the dividend required 94 percent of FNB's earnings. That's not good and something feels uncomfortably jejune and grossly wrong here. In an economy that has been quite robust over the past five years, one would normally expect at least some semblance of success, but FNB's numbers suggest the company is moribund and that management lives in a vacuum.

This stock has zero appeal and zero is more than the collective worth of management and its donothing board of directors, all of whom should be embarrassed to show their faces on the sidewalks of Hermitage. So sell this stock that you bought at \$33 and take your 17-point loss. As long as the current regime remains, you don't have a beggar's chance of getting even.

Alltel Corp. (AT-\$66.02) is a sleepy, wireless phone company, the revenues of which have been flat as a flapjack for the past seven years. With flat revenues came flat earnings, even with 11 million subscribers.

AT has a strong balance sheet, modest debt, a good cash position and a dependable fixed cost structure. With average revenue of \$50.76 per user, AT's billings are less than those of Verizon, Sprint and Cingular with average revenues of \$58.13 per user.

Many observers believe that AT is too small to compete with the big wireless companies whose cost to acquire a customer is about \$305 versus \$337 per AT customer. Those same observers suggest that their economies of scale allow them to generate more profits per dollar of revenue and more effectively increase

Vodephone, a foreign carrier in



Malcom Berko

Sprint is still smarting and bleeding from the huge customer losses. However, the wireless business in this country is a mature business and growth via acquisition is the current strategy.

search of new business, may be interested in AT.

However, the price will be stiff, real stiff. In fact, the price may be so stiff that your question and my answer may be moot. The talk I'm hearing is that the AT people are talking \$75 to \$80 a share, and that's \$30 billion plus debt assumption. So don't hold your breath and I wouldn't buy 200 shares of AT based on merger rumors between \$75 and \$80.

Generator generates problem for city officials

By Dale M. King CITY EDITOR

A generator installed outside a building undergoing renovations in downtown Delray Beach in 2004 has still been causing problems in 2007.

But the City Commission intervened Tuesday to settle a disagreement between the Pineapple Grove Corporate Center at 101 NE Second St. and Planning & Zoning Director Paul Dorling.

Dorling ruled that the generator was installed without a permit, was actually located in a city right of way and was too tall for the location. He said it needed a variance; the developer disagreed.

Attorney Michael Weiner, representing the corporate center, said the generator was noted on the plans filed with the city in 2004. He said the apparatus, which

a base that's three to four feet tall, is needed by the businesses inside the building.

After considerable discussion, the City Commission voted unanimously to give the corporate center permission to have the generator on the site – with conditions. The firm must move the apparatus back 18 inches so it is out of the city's right of way. The owners also have to landscape the area around the generator.

Cited in 2005

Dorling showed a slide of the generator sitting on the side of a building across from a railroad track. He said the firm installed the equipment in 2005. The city cited the company Dec. 12, 2005, said Dorling. At this point, he said, the generator needs a variance.

But Weiner, who said he repre-

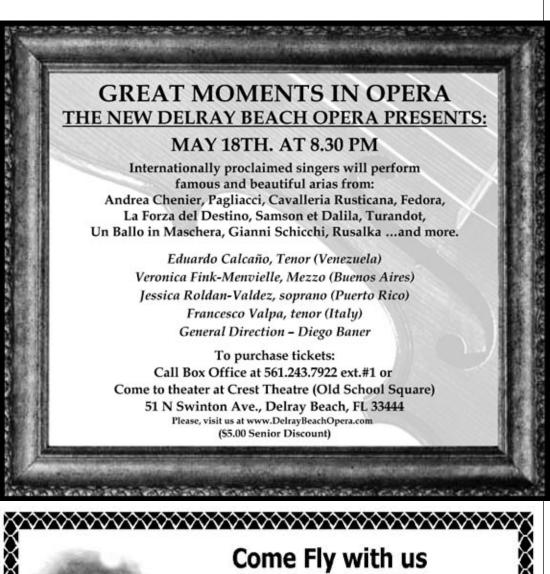
stands about six to eight feet above sents Pineapple Grove Properties Limited, said plans submitted in 2004 called for renovation of the building. "They were approved by all applicable city departments. The generator was approved pursuant to those plans."

He said he printed out a section of the city's Web site earlier on Tuesday and found that Delray "still does not require a permit for a generator."

No one from the public spoke for or against the application at a public hearing.

City Attorney Susan Ruby said the argument came down to this: "Is a variance needed or do they have vested rights" to have the generator.

All five commissioners voted in favor of allowing the generator if it is moved 18 inches and surrounded by landscaping.



revenues per user with various add-ons to service.

AT would not be a good fit for Sprint whose inept chief executive officer really bumbled its Nextel acquisition. Sprint is still smarting and bleeding from the huge customer losses. However, the wireless business in this country is a mature business and growth via acquisition is the current strategy. The two most likely candidates are Verizon and Cingular. Others suggest that

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Uncle Tai's to hold dinners for Rotary, Caridad Center

FROM STAFF REPORTS

As part of its 20th anniversary celebration, Uncle Tai's Restaurant in the Shops of Boca Center will be held tonight from 6:30 to is sponsoring dinners to benefit the Boca Raton Rotary Club and

the Caridad Center of Boynton Beach.

The dinner for the Rotary Club 10. Price is \$75 per person. The dinner to benefit the Cari-

same. Caridad reservations can be made by calling 561-853-1622.

dad Center will be held May 23

from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Price is the

Flu a trigger of heart attacks

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Doctors need to take concerted action to ensure that people who are at risk of heart disease receive the influenza vaccine every autumn, according to the authors of a new report published in the European Heart Journal. The research shows that influenza epidemics are associated with a rise in deaths from heart disease and that flu can actually trigger the heart attacks that result in death.

However, only about 60 percent of people in the USA who ought to have a flu shot actually have one and this percentage is even smaller in Europe, said Professor Mohammad Madjid, the lead author of the report.

"Our research has shown that influenza epidemics are associated with a rise in coronary deaths. This calls for more intensive efforts to increase the vaccination rate in people at risk of coronary heart disease. This may be espe-

pandemic when we would expect to see high mortality amongst the elderly and those suffering from heart problems or who have multiple coronary risk factors," he said. "Between 10 and 20 percent of people catch flu every year, and I have estimated that we can prevent up to 90,000 coronary deaths a year in the USA if every high risk patient received an annual flu vaccination."

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Get your feet wet at

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Upcoming activities at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center have been announced.

Volunteering at Gumbo Limbo will give you the opportunity to become knowledgeable about nature indigenous to South Florida, while interacting with visitors from around the world.

The Boca Raton nature center on State Road A1A offers a variety of classes for volunteers to learn more about the coastal island, hardwood hammock and sea turtle conservation. The gift store is looking for volunteers who enjoy retail and have experience with computers.

There is a mandatory, two-part training session offered every month for new volunteers. Classes are June 23 and 24. Call the volunteer coordinator, as reservations are required. The number is (561) 338-1588.

A fee of \$20 covers a training handbook and volunteer t-shirt.

Boca Beach Kids

What makes Boca's beaches so special? Come and explore our shoreline and its critters. See why we are so lucky to be surrounded by such great beaches. **Ages 7 and up; Adults do not need to stay.**

Monday, May 28, 2 p.m. Members \$4; Non-Members \$5

Seining the Lagoon Grab a net and find out what lives in the grasses of the Intracoastal Waterway at Gumbo Limbo. Hand-held dip nets and large seine nets help us examine a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs, and other marine life. Wear old sneakers or wading shoes.

Ages 10 and up with an adult Thursday, May 31, 3 p.m. Members \$3; Non-members \$4

Junior Sea Turtle Specialists

Ages 7- 9. Adults do not need to stay.

Do you love sea turtles? Learn what a Gumbo Limbo sea turtle specialist really does from 6 a.m. until midnight during this four-week session (a second session will be offered in July; both sessions have the same content). Reservations required (561) 338-1473. **Dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25, 3-5 p.m.**

Cost: Members \$55 Non-Members \$75

Wetlands Walk

Open to all ages. An adult must participate with children. Wakodahatchee is a man-made wetland, which has become a favorite for birders and photographers. Bring your binoculars and join us for a 3/4 mile guided boardwalk tour. Meet at the boardwalk's entrance located on Jog Rd, one mile north of Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach. Date: June 5, 4 p.m. Free.

Junior Sea Turtle Specialists

Ages 10 and up. Adults do not need to stay. Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 3-5 p.m.,

Cost: Members \$55 Non-Members \$75

Nature Jewelry

Ages 8 and up. Adults will not need to stay.

Create eye-catching jewelry out of items you can find on the beach. Use shells, shark teeth, and other natural decorations to make necklaces, bracelets, or earrings. Saturday, June 9, 10-11 a.m. Cost: Members \$10 Nonmembers \$15

Nature Talks

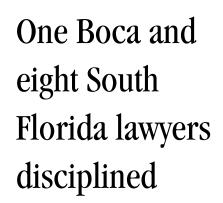
A naturalist guided talk of Florida's flora and fauna. Topics of the day include sea turtles, gopher tortoises, snakes, manatees, butterflies, and sharks.

Open to all ages; Children must be accompanied by adult. Monday - Friday at 2:00 p.m. Free

Feeding at the Tanks

Witness a feeding frenzy at the tanks as one of our Naturalists feed our sharks, sea turtles, and fish. Open to all ages; Children must be accompanied by adult. Sunday - Friday at 2:30 p.m., Saturdays at 11 a.m. Free.

Reservations are required by calling (561) 338-1473, Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton.



By John Johnston

MANAGING EDITOR

The Florida Supreme Court in recent court orders disciplined 9 area attorneys. Some attorneys received more than one form of discipline, according to the Florida Bar.

As an official agency of the Florida Supreme Court, The Florida Bar and its Department of Lawyer Regulation are charged with administering a statewide disciplinary system to enforce Supreme Court rules of professional conduct for the 80,000-plus lawyers admitted to practice law in Florida.

Court orders are not final until time expires to file a rehearing motion and, if filed, determined. The filing of such a motion does not alter the effective date of the discipline, the Bar said. The following lawyers have been disciplined:

Boca Raton

Peter Wayne Margolin, 225 N.E. Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton, suspended for one year effective 30 days from an April 5 court order. Admitted to practice in 1982, Margolin violated the Bar's Rules of Professional Conduct by repeatedly failing to submit promised billing statements to a client and, subsequently, to the Bar and failed to respond to an official inquiry by Bar counsel. South Florida

R. Matthew Gentile, 3155 Jackson Ave., Coconut Grove, suspended for three years retroactive to March 1, 2006 pursuant to an April 26 court order. Gentile failed to comply with trust account record-keeping requirements and negligently allowed a non-attorney business partner to manage the business and finances of a title company escrow account. He was admitted to practice in 2000.

Nathaniel Bundy Burke, 757 S.E. Monteray Road, No. 3, Stuart, suspended for three years, effective immediately, pursuant to an April 19 court order. Admitted to practice in 1991, in May 2006, Burke failed to appear in court on behalf of several criminal defendants due to incapacitation. He subsequently pled guilty to felony possession of cocaine, discharging a firearm in public and driving under the influence. Adjudication was withheld on the felony charge and he was required by the court to undergo rehabilitation in a residential treatment center and to comply with a daily curfew. Benjamin Robert Metsch, 20801 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 307, Aventura, suspended effective 30 days from an April 19 court order. In March 2007, Metsch pled guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud. He was admitted to practice in 1992. Gregory Ernest Monaldi, 200 S.E. 9th St., Ft. Lauderdale, reprimanded and ordered to pay restitution of \$9,000 to a client pursuant to an April 5 court order. Admitted to practice in 1994, Monaldi failed to protect settlement funds provided by a treating physician on behalf of a client and collected an excessive legal fee. Cornelius Shiver, Jr., P.O. Box 331542, Miami, suspended for three years beginning June 8, 2007, when he will complete his current 18-month suspension, pursuant to an April 10 court order. Shiver lied to Bar investigators and continued to practice law while under suspension, and willfully avoided paying outstanding costs associated with his earlier suspension. He was admitted to practice in 1994. Jerry Velazquez, 900 W. 49th St., Suite 430, Hialeah, disbarred, effective immediately, pursuant to an April 12 court order. Velazquez misrepresented to a client that he was holding funds from the sale of property in trust and failed to maintain any records related to the trust. He was admitted to practice in 1998. Marvin Deon Wilson, Sr., 17033 S. Dixie Highway, Suite C, Perrine, suspended for two years beginning 30 days from an April 12 court order. Admitted to practice in 1998, Wilson billed a group legal insurance company at least \$147,000 for numerous legal services that were either not covered under the plan, not performed or were for individuals that were not plan members. Sheldon Lee Zipkin, 2020 N.E. 163rd St., 3rd Floor, North Miami Beach, suspended for 10 days effective 30 days from an April 19 court order. Zipkin failed to notify clients in writing that he no longer wished to represent them. He was admitted to practice in 1998.

Law firm donates \$150,000 to history



museum



"My father's office was inside the old courthouse and I remember running around and playing on the outside steps as a young child, while my father worked inside. I'm excited to see how it will look when the restoration is complete."

Lake Lytal Jr.

FROM STAFF REPORTS est Pam Beachbased law firm, Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain &

Williams has donated \$150,000 to the Historical Society of Palm Beach County's capital campaign to build the first countywide history museum. The much-anticipated Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum is scheduled to open in March 2008 within the historic 1916 Courthouse in downtown West Palm Beach.

Founded in 1985, six of the firm's partners are native Floridians with strong ties to the county and its history. Founding partners Lake Lytal Jr. and Joe Reiter have been practicing together locally since 1968. A native of West Palm Beach, Lytal Jr. is a graduate of Palm Beach High School and his father, Lake Lytal, Sr., was elected to the Palm Beach County Commission in 1941 where he served for 32 years.

Lake Lytal Jr. said, "My father's office was inside the old courthouse and I remember running around and playing on the outside steps as a young child, while my father worked inside. I'm excited to see how it will look when the restoration is complete."

Partner Bill Williams also has deep family roots in the community. He is a fourth-generation Palm Beach County native. His great-grandfather, Henry J. Sterling, was one of the earliest pioneers of southern Palm Beach County and a founder of the area that later became Delray Beach.

His grandfather, Dr. William C.

(Special to the News) Law firm members include: top row, from left, Kevin C. Smith, Lake Lytal III, Mark W. Clark and Harvey Oyer. Bottom row, from left, Julie Littky-Rubin, Lake Lytal Jr., Mark Elhilow and William S. Williams.

er, Williams, Jr., was a surgeon and one of the founders of Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach. His father, William C. Williams III, was a legendary circuit court judge in Palm Beach County.

Frank J. Weinstock

The visually handicapped-can anything be done?

- n spite of modern medical and surgical advances in ophthalmology, there has been a marked increase in the number of visually impaired individuals- over 13 million people over age 15 years have difficulty with newsprint. Over 65 years of age, 22 percent have difficulty seeing and 4.5 percent cannot see any print.

Often these individuals are neglected in spite of the availability of low vision aids and organizations which might be of help.

The ophthalmologist or optometrist must first evaluate these patients to determine if medical or surgical methods are available to help them. The common condition of cataracts usually returns vision to normal with surgery. Macular degeneration, diabetic vision changes and the loss of vision due to many diseases will require help from someone who provides low vision services.

The basic approach to low vision involves using more light, holding objects closer, increased magnification with glasses, special optical systems and low vision aids.

If standard glasses don't help, non-optical and optical visual aids should be made available to the patients. The ophthalmologist or optometrist must be aware of the impact of low vision on daily functioning and the ways in which environmental adaptations in office, home and outdoor situations may be of help. If he or she does not provide low vision services in his or her office the patient should be referred to someone locally who can provide them. Optical aids may involve stronger glasses, special low vision glasses or telescopes. Telescopes may allow the individual to watch television or see many objects in the distance. Although I don't approve of them, there is something called a bioptic telescope which may allow a visually handicapped individual pass a special driving test in some states, I don't like these since they require a person to, while driving, switch to the telescope which has a small field of vision. Computer programs are available for all levels of impairment, from simple font enlargement to voice and Braille programs. Advice to the patient and family must be offered in reference to adjustment to the individual situation and where further assistance may be obtained, especially in the area of coping and adjusting. There are ophthalmologists and optometrists, as well as local or state organizations, who are interested and may be of help. Most libraries, as many stores, now carry magazines or books in large print or on audiotapes. E.g. The Readers' Digest and the New York Times are available. They may distributed free (with free tape players) thru the library of Congress are thru some of the organizations. A major frustration of mine is the small print in the Florida phone books. My past complaints to the phone company never received a reply.



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Jennifer Cychol, shown left, and Karla Hardies at the Hawaiian Hole.

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St. Paul's fundraiser raises more than \$50,000 for playground equipment

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Supporters of St. Paul Lutheran School raised more than \$50,000 for the middle school playground at the 11th Annual Swing Ding April 28 at Boca Country Club.

Almost 200 participants chose to swing a golf club during a day of tournament play and contests, swing a tennis racquet as they participate in instruction and games, and swing on the dance floor while enjoying dinner and music at the Club's Grand Ballroom. From a stay at the MGM in Las Vegas to wine baskets and dinner certificates, a variety of items were up for bid during live and silent auctions.

Event sponsors included the Hisey Family,

Stine Family, Shover Family, Faris Family, LeFevre Family, Doane Family, Schnake Family, Strobis Family, Steinhart Family, Pace Micro Technology, and the Woodfield Group.

"The Swing Ding has become an event our school parents look forward to," said committee member Suzanne Hisey. "The event was extremely successful and 97 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day. As always, The Boca Raton Country Club was wonderful to work with. The focus on raising funds for new playground equipment garnered great support and a good time was had by all."

Established in 1962, St. Paul Lutheran School strives to provide quality Christian education for children three years old through eighth grade. It is an expansion of the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Along with providing instruction in God's Word and leading children in the Christian faith, St. Paul Lutheran School emphasizes excellence in Language Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts, Physical Education, and a variety of other extra-curricular activities. It serves approximately 525 students.

St. Paul Lutheran School is located at 701 West Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486 ; 561-395-8548. To learn more, visit www.cyberfalcon.com.

Practice, practice, practice - and learn

FROM STAFF REPORTS

What is the very best way to learn a complex task? Is it practice, practice, practice, or is watching and thinking enough to let you imitate a physical activity, such as skiing or

lished in the Journal of Vision unravels some of the mysteries surrounding how we learn to do things like tie our shoes, feed ourselves, or perform dazzling dance steps.

co-author Robert Sekuler a neuroscientist at Brandeis" Volen Center for Complex Systems.

"We are trying to determine what strategies will optimize imitation learning, which is

In dealing with the visually impaired, these support groups cannot see

any print.

should not include blind individuals since they have different needs.

Nationally organizations such as the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the National Association for Visually Handicapped, The American Foundation for the Blind, The National Society to Prevent Blindness and the National Center for Vision and Aging are some of the agencies which might be for assistance. They are all located in New York. In Boca the Mae Volen Senior Center (561-395-8920) has had some of these groups.

Above all, the ophthalmologist and his or her office staff must be well-informed and aware of the needs of visually impaired patients and of what is available in order to allow them to cope with impairment more effectively. These resources must be made available to the patient.

Decreased vision may be impairment, but with proper help many people with poor, or no, vision may continue to carry out useful productive lives.

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A new study from Brandeis University pub-

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Outback opens in west Boca with benefit for Y Monday

Outback Steakhouse is opening a restaurant in West Boca Raton Monday with an opening night benefit for the YMCA of South Palm Beach County.

Dedicated to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities, the YMCA offers a multitude of programs, classes and activities to residents of Palm Beach County.

"We have high regards for the work being done in our communities by the YMCA of South Palm Beach County," said Casey Rockerman, joint-venture partner for Outback Steakhouse in West Palm Beach. "We look forward to hosting a fun evening of great food and hospitality while raising funds for this terrific organization."

The restaurant will be operated by managing partner Shay Considine. It is located at 19595 State Road 7 – and is the 11th Outback in the area.

Outback features a menu of steaks, prime rib, chops, ribs, chicken, pasta, fresh salads, sides, appetizers and seafood.

Artificial mucous enhances electronic nose

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Researchers at The University of Warwick and Leicester University have used an artificial nasal mucus to significantly enhance the performance of electronic noses.

The researchers have coated the sensors used by odor sensing "electronic noses" with a mix of polymers that mimics the action of the mucus in the natural nose. This greatly improves the performance of the electronic devices allowing them to pick out a more diverse range of smells.

A natural nose uses over 100 million specialized receptors or sensors which act together in complex ways to identify and tell apart the molecules they encounter. Electronic noses, used in a number of commercial settings including quality control in

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the food industry, use the same method but often have less than 50 sensors.

This means that electronic noses can discern a much smaller range of smells than the natural nose. However the University of Warwick and Leicester University team have found a way to replicate in their electronic devices how the natural nose's mucus enhances our sense of smell.

In the natural nose the thin layer of mucus dissolves scents and separates out different odor molecules in a way they arrive at the noses receptors at different speeds/times. Humans are then able to use this information on the differences in time taken to reach different nose receptors to pick apart a diverse range of smells.

lan M. Berkowitz

Honoring women entrepreneurs in spirit of Mother's Day

other's Day was a great day for me. It gave me a chance to thank my wife for all her dedication to motherhood and also gave my kids the opportunity to praise their mom for all that she does for them throughout the year.

I have always believed that the traditional role of a woman, as a full time mom, is one of the least appreciated jobs on the planet. It seems as if society has made it that way due to the fact that moms don't earn big six figure salaries for their time and efforts, they don't get big signing bonuses when they are drafted into the mom corps, and most often their job does not provide them with a cadre of employee benefits such as two weeks paid vacation, a 401(k) plan, a car allowance or an unlimited expense account.

However, we have seen many women become tremendous successes and balance their family life at the same time. In honor of the moms of the business world, including our very own fulltime domestic engineers, I want to highlight a few women entrepreneurs who have excelled in the business world while balancing their personal life.

Mary Kay did it

Even in Boca Raton, we see a few of Mary Kay Ash's legacy success stories flaunting their pink Cadillac around town. Mary Kay Ash is the founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics. Mary Kay Ash's company is one of the largest

beauty products firms in the United States. Her story is the common tale of hard work and perseverance.

Ms. Ash sold a child psychology book door to door in the late 1930s and then was a sales representative and manager at the Stanley Home Products Co. from 1939 to 1952. Afterwards, she was national training director at the World Gift Co.

Wanting to be her own boss, in 1963, with \$5,000, she founded Mary Kay Cosmetics in a Dallas storefront. The company began to sell its products door-to-door using nine saleswomen, called "beauty consultants." The business grew steadily, helped by Ms. Ash's positive philosophy and her generous use of incentives, such as free pink Cadillacs and diamond jewelry, for successful sales people.

Mary Kay Ash was active in her company until she suffered a stroke in 1996. Her son, Richard Rogers, then took over the reins of the company. At the time of her death in November 2001, Mary Kay Cosmetics had over 800,000 representatives in 37 countries and more than \$2 billion in retail sales.

Another great example is Brenda C. Barnes who is currently the president and chief executive officer of Sara Lee Corporation. What most may not be aware of is that Ms. Barnes left a top position at PepsiCo in 1997 to spend more time with her children and ended up returning to the business world as a member

of the board of directors and chief operating officer of Sara Lee after a seven-year break.

A working mom

Ms. Barnes was president and chief executive officer of Pepsi Cola North America from 1996 to 1998 and chief operating officer since 1994. Prior to joining Pepsi Cola North America, she served at other PepsiCo divisions, including Frito-Lay as vice president, marketing, and Wilson Sporting Goods as business manager.

Ms. Barnes was also an executive in the hotel industry between November 1999 to March 2000 as interim president and chief operating officer of Starwood Hotels & Resorts.

Finally, let me introduce you to Rochelle "Shelly" Lazarus, CEO of Ogilvy & Mather, who has been quoted saying, "It is certainly possible to be both a mother and a CEO. You learn how to set priorities, and you learn how to enjoy the ride.'

During her 30-plus years with Ogilvy & Mather, one of the largest advertising and public relations firms in the world, Shelly Lazarus has worked in both the general advertising and direct marketing disciplines. She has managed many parts of the company, running both Ogilvy & Mather Advertising and Ogilvy & Mather Direct (now known as OgilvyOne) in North America, prior to becoming its chief executive officer, and then the chairman of Ogilvy & Mather Worldwide.



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Shelly Lazarus has been responsible for bringing some of the world's largest and most respected companies to her business including American Express, BP, Coca-Cola, Ford, IBM, Morgan Stanley, Johnson & Johnson and Unilever, among many others.

These are major examples of extremely powerful and successful moms who have distinguished themselves in the business world. However, remember that there are millions of single working moms and full time moms that are equally as successful in their lives and should be admired just the same.

Thanks to all of you moms out there for all that you do, sometimes I just don't know how you do it.

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







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The Addison

2 E. Camino Real. Boca Raton - 561-395-9335. Lunch Sunday - Thursday, Dinner nightly.

The Banyan Bar & Grill at the Addison - 2 E. Camino Real. Boca Raton - 561-395-9335. Dinner nightly.

Bentleys Seafood & Grill

2700N Federal Highway, Boca Raton FL 33445 (561) 703-6903

Big City Tavern

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Bistro Zenith – Regency Court - 3011 Yamato Rd. Boca Raton. - 561-997-2570. Lunch Monday - Friday, Dinner nightly.

Bogart's Bar & Grille

Muvico Palace 20 3200 Airport Road - 561-544-3044. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Brewzzi Glades Plaza 2222 Glades Rd. Boca Raton - 561-750-5421. Dinner nightly.

Kee Grill 17940 N. Military Trail. Boca Raton - 561-995-5044. Dinner Monday-Saturday.

Linda B's

41 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton - 561-367-0200. Dinner nightly.

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Neiman Marcus at Town Center - 5860 Glades Rd. Boca Raton - 561-544-2320. Lunch daily, Dinner Monday-Saturday.

Mark's at the Park

Mizner Park – 344 Plaza Real. Boca Raton - 561 395-0770. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Max's Grille

Mizner Park – 404 Plaza Real. Boca Raton - 561-368-0770. Lunch and Dinner daily.

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- 501 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton - 561-347-7077. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

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The Steakhouse Shops at Boca Raton - 5050 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton - 561-392-7724. Dinner

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- 561-368-8803. Lunch

- 1200 Yamato Rd. Suite

9168 Glades Rd. Boca Raton - 561-451-1707. -561-998-0278. Lunch Lunch Monday-Saturday, Tuesday-Friday, Dinner Dinner nightly.

P.F. Chang's

1400 Glades Rd. Boca Federal Hwy. Boca Raton Raton - 561-393-3722. - 561-393-3737. Lunch Lunch and Dinner daily. Monday-Friday, Dinner

Phuket Thai Restaurant

Palms Plaza – 22191 Powerline Rd. Boca Raton. - 561-447-8863. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Siam Sea

7860 Glades Rd. Boca Raton - 561-483-3440. Lunch and Dinner Monday-Friday.

Soba Sushi

Mizner Park – 415 Plaza Real. Boca Raton - 561-620-0606. Lunch Tuesday-Saturday, Dinner - 561-368-2340. Dinner nightly.

Gigi's Tavern Mizner Park – 346 Plaza Real. Boca Raton -561-368-4488. Lunch and

Johannes

Dinner daily.

47 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton. 561-394-0007. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. (closed July-September).

Le Pescatore

Wharfside Plaza – 6909 S.W. 18th St. Boca Raton - 561-750-8088. Lunch Monday-Friday. Dinner Monday-Saturday.

Le Rivage

450 N.E. 20th St. Boca Raton -561-620-0033. Lunch Monday-Saturday, Dinner daily.

Meson Madrid

Maggiano's 21090 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton - 561-361-8244. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Mario's of Boca

1901 N. Military Trail. Boca Raton - 561-392-5595. Breakfast daily, Lunch and Dinner Monday-Saturday, Brunch Sunday.

183 W. Camino Real.

Tuesday-Sunday.

Peace A Pizza

Dinner daily.

Positano

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Shoppes at Blue Lake

Boca Raton - 561-998-

- 1200 Yamato Rd.

4400 N. Federal Hwy.

2120. Dinner nightly.

Mizner Park – 402

Plaza Real. Boca Raton

Monday-Friday, Dinner

Renzo's of Boca

- 5999 N. Federal

Highway. Boca Raton

- 561-994-3495. Lunch

Monday-Friday, Dinner

Rino Vesuvio -3360 N.

- 561-368-5520. Dinner

Tuesday-Sunday.

Ristorante Bova

Highway. Boca Raton

- 561-362-7407. Lunch

Monday-Friday, Dinner

Ristorante Sapori

Via de Palmas. Boca

Royal Palm Place - 301

Raton - 561-367-9779.

Royal Palm Place - 409

S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca

Raton - 561-392-5237.

Lunch and Dinner daily.

Boca Raton - 561-750-

2233. Lunch Tuesday-

Sunday, Dinner nightly.

499 E. Palmetto Park Rd.

Boca Raton - 561-393-

The Reserve – 9858 Clint

- 561-470-0112. Lunch

Monday-Saturday, Dinner

Moore Rd. Boca Raton

6715. Dinner nightly.

Villa Rosano

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LATIN/

CARIBBEAN

Caribbean Grill

3350 N.W. Boca

Raton Blvd. Boca Raton

- 561-750-8860. Lunch

Trattoria Romana

Lunch Monday-Friday,

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1450 N. Federal

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- 561-994-3495. Lunch

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Paradiso

Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly (closed Sunday June-November).

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Inca Grill

515 N.E. 20th St. Boca Raton - 561-395-3553. Lunch and Dinner Tuesday-Sunday.

MEXICAN

Baja Café Uno 201 N.W. 1st Ave. Boca Raton - 561-394-5449. Lunch Monday-Saturday, Dinner nightly.

Blue Coyote

Wharfside Plaza – 6861 S.W. 18th St. Boca Raton - 561-362-9022. Lunch daily, Dinner Thursday-Monday, Closed Wednesday and Sunday.

99 S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton - 561-394-9990. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

513 N.E. 20th Street. Boca Raton - 561-347-6600. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Glades Plaza - 2200 W. Glades Rd. Boca Raton - 561-955-8884. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Jakes' Stone Crab

514 Via de Palmas. Boca Raton - 561-347-1055. Dinner nightly.

Legal Sea Foods

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Coal Mine Pizza - Royal Palm Place - 399 S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton - 561-826-2625. Lunch

and Dinner daily. **Cucina D'Angelo**

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Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly. II Marco

Royal Palm Place – 99 S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca BEST (2378). Lunch and

Moquila

Senor Burrito

SEAFOOD

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Bucky's Bar-B-Q

- 1198 N. Dixie Hwy. Boca Raton - 561-750-5421. Dinner nightly.

Carmen's Radisson Bridge Resort

999 Camino Real. Boca Raton - 561-750-8354. Dinner Wednesday - Saturday, Brunch Sunday.

The Grille on Congress

5101 Congress Ave. Boca Raton -561-912-9800. Lunch Monday - Friday, Dinner Monday - Saturday.

Grand Lux Café

Town Center Mall – 6000 Glades Road. Boca Raton - 561-392-2141. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Houston's

1900 N.W. Executive Center Circle. Boca Raton - 561-998-0550. Lunch and Dinner daily.

J. Alexander's

1400 Glades Rd. Boca Raton - 561-395-9875. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Kathy's Gazebo Café

4199 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton - 561-395-6033. Lunch Monday – Friday, Dinner Monday - Saturday.

Dinner nightly.

Opus 5 – Shops at Boca - 561-392-8778. Lunch Center – 5050 Town Monday-Friday, Dinner Center Circle. Boca Raton nightly.

- 561-544-8000 Lunch, Monday-Friday 11:30 am - 2:30 pm. Dinner nightly.

Ruth's Chris Steak House

225 N.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton - 561-392-6746. Dinner nightly.

Seasons 52

2300 N.W. Executive Center Dr. Boca Raton - 561-998-9952. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Six Tables

112 N.E. 2nd St. Boca Raton - 561-347-6260 7pm seating Tuesday-Saturday.

Watercolors Cafe

- Radisson Bridge Resort - 999 E. Camino Real. Boca Raton 561-368-9500. Dinner nightly.

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861 Yamato Rd. Boca

Lunch Monday-Friday,

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3011 Yamato Rd. Boca Bangkok in Boca -Raton - 561-241-8400. Royal Palm Place - 500 Lunch Monday-Friday, Via de Palmas, Ste. 79. Dinner nightly. Boca Raton - 561-394-6912. Dinner nightly.

Mido's

Royal Palm Plaice - 508 **Bluefin Sushi Thai Grill** Via de Palmas. Boca Raton - 561-361-9683. Raton - 561-981-8986. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Palms Plaza – 22191 Tuesday-Friday. Powerline Rd. Boca Raton

Stir Crazv Café Town Center – 6000 Glades Rd. Boca Raton - 561-338-7500. Lunch **Gary Woo Asian Bistro** and Dinner nightly.

Sushi Ray

Shops at Boca Center - 5250 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton - 561-394-9506. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner

Sushi Zen

nightly.

22191 Powerline Rd. Boca Raton. - 561-392-8778. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Taisho

20423 State Road 7. Boca Raton - 561-479-0041. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Tempura House

The Reserve – 9858 Clint Moore Rd. #C 112, Boca Raton. 561-883-6088. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Uncle Tai'

Shops at Boca Center - 5250 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton - 561-368-8806. Lunch Monday-Saturday, Dinner nightly.

CONTINENTAL **Bistro Provence** 2399 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton Royal Palm Place - 309 Via de Palmas. Boca Raton - 561-447-4006. Dinner nightly.

Soupcon

The Polo Shoppes - 5030 Champion Blvd. Boca Raton. - 561-997-2922. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday.

Spontane

432 E. Atlantic Avenue. Delray Beach - 561-276-8848. Lunch Tuesday-Sunday, Dinner Wednesday-Sunday.

St. Tropez

7000 W. Camino Real. Boca Raton - 561-368-8580. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Tiramisu

170 W. Camino Real. Boca Raton - 561-338-9692. Dinner nightly (Monday-Saturday during summer).

Touche

187 S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton - 561-750-6966. Lunch and Dinner daily (closed June-September.

ITALIAN

Arturo's Ristorante 6750 N. Federal Hwy. Boca Raton. - 561-997-7373. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Raton – 561-447-6722. Dinner nightly.

Josephine's

5751 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton. 561-988-0668. Dinner nightly.

La Finestra – Royal

Palm Place - 507 S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton - 561-392-6729. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

La Luna Bistro

The Polo Shoppes - 5030 Champion Blvd. Boca Raton - 561-997-1165. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

La Villetta

4351 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton - 561-362-8403. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday (closed Sunday during summer).

La Viola

Royal Palm Place – 145 S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton - 561-392-0304 Dinner nightly.

Luna Pazza

171 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton - 561-391-1515. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Cuban Café

3350 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd. Boca Raton

McCormick & Schmick's

University Commons - 1400 Glades Rd. Boca Raton. 561-394-2428. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly, Sunday brunch.

Nicks' Fishmarket of Hawaii

150 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton - 561-393-9880. Dinner nightly.

366 E. Palmetto Park. SANDWICHES/DELI

Ben's Deli (kosher) - The Reserve – 9942 Clint Moore Rd. Boca Raton - 561-470-9963. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily.

Eilat Café (kosher)

Wharfside Plaza – 6853 S.W. 18th St. Boca Raton - 561-368-6880. Lunch Sunday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Toojay's Gourmet Deli

Polo Shoppes – 5030 Champion Blvd. Boca Raton - 561-241-5903 - 2200 Glades Rd. Boca Raton - 561-392-4181 – Regency Court – 3013 Yamato Rd. Boca Raton - 561-997-9911. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily.

- 561-750-8860. Lunch



By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

The Florida Atlantic University Foundation Board is getting some new members.

All are familiar to the community, but the half-dozen are serving on the board for the first time.

The Florida Atlantic University Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, was established in 1960 to guide FAU's growth and fine-tune its mission of promoting academic excellence, internationally recognized research and vital public-private partnerships.

Among new Foundation members are:

Bruce H. Allen, senior vice president of Bank of America Private Bank in Delray Beach. Allen is past president of the East Coast Estate Planning Council as well as the Planned Giving Council of Palm Beach County. A political science major while at FAU, Allen is past president of the FAU National Alumni Association (FAUNAA).

M.J. "Mike" Arts is currently a Boca Raton City Council member. From 1985 until his retirement in 2005, Arts served as the president and chief operating officer of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. He came to Boca Raton from the chamber of commerce in Sioux City, Iowa, where he was president.

David J. Gury is the head of Gury Consulting LLC in Boca Raton. Prior to his current job,

Gury was the founding chairman, CEO and president of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals of Boca Raton. In addition, he is founder and past chairman of BioFlorida, a current member of BioFlorida's executive committee and was cochair of the SEBIO 2004 Venture Capital Conference.

Community leaders

Barry Kaye is a 45-year veteran from the field of insurance. In 1968 he established Barry Kaye Associates with headquarters in Los Angles. Through his innovative approach to estate planning, Kaye has garnered national attention and revolutionized the insurance industry. He is the author of eight books and accompanying audio-visual materials on the subject of life insurance and estate planning.

Luis J. Mago is CEO and chief strategy officer of the consulting firm of Network 4 Leaders (N4L). An expert in strategic business development, marketing and branding, Mago is an executive coach whose endorsements come from Fortune 500 executives and medium to small business entrepreneurs alike.

Paul Ballard Milhous formed the Milhous Group in 1979 to make strategic acquisitions of manufacturing companies. Milhous became director and vice chair of the board of directors of Perry Graphic Communications Inc., the parent company for many printing firms. He is a former trustee of the Boca Raton Community

Hospital and raises funds for underserved children and their families.

The board also elected Leslie M. Corley as its new chairman and Dr. Kenneth Jessell, FAU's vice president of financial affairs, was appointed to serve as the Foundation's interim executive director. Former Executive Director Lawrence Davenport resigned from the university in April.

Heads investment firm

A member of the Foundation board since 1999, Corley is chairman and president of LM Capital Corporation and LM Capital Securities, Inc. An investment management firm established in 1988, LM Capital Corporation provides corporate financial services to its clients.

LM Capital Securities was formed in 1992 to help established public and private institutions as well as emerging private businesses gain greater access to the capital markets.

Corley earned a bachelor's degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering with high honors from the University of Illinois and his MBA from Harvard University.

Corley has served on the National Advisory Board for Small Business Development Centers, and the boards of Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County and the boards of charitable and community organizations such as the Minority Business Development Center of West Palm Beach, American Kidney Foundation African-American Outreach Program, Urban League of Palm Beach County, and Criminal Justice Commission of Palm Beach County.

"I am honored to serve as FAU's Foundation Board chair," said Corley. "This university has accomplished so much in such a short time. I see a bright future ahead, and I know how important a role the FAU Foundation plays."

"As FAU continues to assert itself as a leading institution of higher education and research, the need for sustained support is evident. As chair, I look forward to working with the Foundation to ensure that our network of constituents will continue to increase, and that the Foundation's policies, procedures and performance will continue to set a benchmark for best practices."

Other executive committee officers include: Vice Chair Richard Murdoch, an attorney in the Boca Raton law firm of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs; Secretary Michael Kaufman, president of Kaufman Lynn Inc., General Contractors and Treasurer Thomas Workman, president of the accounting firm of Workman & Associates and past president of the FAU National Alumni Association.

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"It's a board decision and leadership makes the recommendation to the board. If they have not accepted they felt that the budget did not have the money to increase it."

Sue Ann Walter Human Resources Specialist the each County. ing could play a role in a possible shortage. To become a substitute, those interested must attend a \$20 workshop on "How To Be a Better Substitute", fingerprinting totaling \$84, a pre-employment physical, a 4-hour substitute teacher orientation, 30 hours of college credit, and pass all requirements to be employed with the School District.

More so, some believe pay is a bigger issue. Retired teachers who wish to substitute receive \$11.50 an hour, those with bachelor's degrees get \$11 an hour, those with an associate's degrees or 60 plus semester hours receive \$9.25 an hour, those with 30 to 59 semester hours cash in at \$9 an hour, and finally those with a Glades supplement get \$3 an hour additional pay.

Those wages are hardly comparable to nearby Broward County where a substi-

tute with 60 plus credit hours gets paid to fill in at a "regular" public school for \$10.67 an hour. Those who sub at a "specialty" school meaning a D or F school and have up to a Bachelor's degree receive \$13.34 hourly. And those with a Bachelor's degree or higher subbing at a "Specialty" or "Superintendent's" school gain \$14.67 an hour.

Tuman-Rugg thinks pay could factor into a substitute shortage. "We're so close to Broward County and I do believe they pay substitutes more money," she said. "If you can go five miles down the road and get paid more money I think you would."

And county substitutes haven't had an increase in pay "for quite some time," according to Walters. However, the district reviews the pay and proposals made during budget development, she added. "It's a board decision and leadership makes the recommendation to the board. If they have not accepted they felt that the budget did not have the money to increase it," Walters said.

But what happens when teachers call in sick?

Very often, school officials have a list of substitutes to call that can fill in, Walters said. If they are unavailable, many schools look to volunteers but the methods range from "school to school," according to Walters. Additionally, most substitutes are retired teachers but some are former engineers, doctors, lawyers or those who went to college to become a teacher but prefer a part-time job, she added.

Boca Raton Elementary School principal Bradley Henry said he has a list of reliable substitutes.



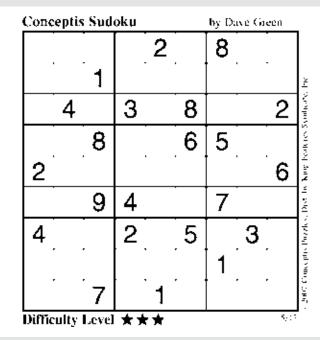
"We've never really had a problem getting substitutes maybe it's because we have a base of substitutes that work at our school and these substitutes have been with us for awhile," Henry said.

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

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Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thursday, May 17, 2007: This year you create one mental opportunity after another. Your depth and intellect will play strong roles in the unfurling and definition of events. Be happy and willing to put yourself on the line. Let go of thoughts about what others think. In key relationships, you will notice that others express more interest and want greater involvement. This situation might make you uncomfortable. If you are single, you have much more going for you than you are aware of. Come the colder weather, you will see someone special appear on the horizon. If you are attached, plan a special winter holiday vacation, which will bring you closer together. Your significant other finds many ways to spend money. Either separate your funds or make his or her behavior OK in your mind. GEMINI's chattiness can wear you out!

Others propose many different ideas, which might be even better than yours. Learn to use the mental mix rather than have it your way. Tonight: Whatever you touch works.

CANCER June 21-July 22 $\star\star$ Step back. You might need time to think and evaluate. A fiery individual in your life could cause a headache or two. Pick and choose your words with care, as they might be more inflammatory than you reWork on greater financial stability and check out investments. Know who you can trust. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

> SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21



Congratulate Your Senior.

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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 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Your energy and feedback could define a project, event or relationship. Be sure you need to take the initiative. Others listen and also respond in a dynamic manner. Actually, many options appear. Tonight:

Hang out with a friend. TAURUS April 20-May 20

 $\star \star \star$ You express yourself through what you offer. Opt to flow with situations, choosing to share mental and emotional resources. What is bothering you might not be valid. A partner puts in his or her two cents, making a situation even more complicated. Tonight: Sort through options.

GEMINI May 21-June 20

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Let a friend in on a secret or project. This person will add extra zip. Zoom in on what you want.

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needs.

alize. Tonight: Make space for your

July 23-Aug. 22

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Energize, knowing you are capable of pulling white rabbits out of black hats. Your priorities could vary, but, understanding that Lady Luck is riding on your shoulder, choose carefully. Curb unusual risking. Tonight: Know that you are top dog.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

 $\star \star \star \star$ Take a stand, especially if you feel it is long overdue. An ability to sort through issues, as well as high organizational abilities, defines you as a winner. Others admire your capabilities and skills. Prioritizing your time and maintaining a personal life might challenge you. Tonight: Out late.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ If you look at the circumstances around an issue, you might find some answers. Break present thought patterns, if possible. Brainstorm with those who don't think like you do. Consider a visit with a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Think getaway!

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21

 $\star \star \star \star$ A partner knows what he or she thinks. You need to validate this person rather than play devil's advocate. Surprising results ensue.

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You might be locked in the role of follower. A key person seems destined to follow a particular course. Be smart: Don't interfere. You'll discover just how much this person knows and has to offer. Creativity surges. Tonight: Say "yes." CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Be more realistic and forthcoming. How you deal with someone might change. Listen to and evaluate ideas without personal bias. If you do, you could discover the power in another approach. Tonight: Let a bond start to sizzle.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ When you are on a roll, your creativity spins out, providing many options and possibilities. Focus on romance or spend time with a child. Some of you might decide to write your memoirs. Let go and just express yourself. Tonight: Fun and games.

PISCES

Feb. 19-March 20

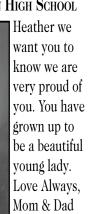
★★★ "Family values" plays a strong role in decisions. Recognize that everyone cannot be put into a cookie-cutter mold. Still, you might need to pull back and gain a perspective. Demands and responsibilities call. Tonight: Juggle different aspects of your life.

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Omni Middle starts tennis

By Mario Sarmento SPORTS EDITOR

A few months ago, Omni Middle School student Bryan Slootsky asked his father Steven a simple question – "Why don't we have a tennis team?"

Slootsky, who had transferred from American Heritage-Delray High to Omni last year, was used to playing tennis. In fact, besides baseball, it was his favorite sport.

Parents periodically tried to revive the program, but Steven, who is a lawyer, had the finances and the contacts to make it happen.

"I decided I would sponsor whatever needed to be done and some other parents have been sponsors," he said.

He spoke to Omni interim assistant principal and tennis enthusiast Karla Young, who had wanted to start a program for years. She then went to Principal Mark Stenner and asked for permission to start a team.

Stenner said yes, and soon announcements were made over the intercom to try and lure kids to tryouts.

"A month ago it was nonexistent," Young said.

Slootsky coached the team, with Young as his assistant. Both were unpaid volunteer coaches, which helped in getting the program off the ground.

Cindy Krost, whose son Dylan plays on the team, understands how difficult starting the program

was for Steven. Last year, Krost and some of the PTA mothers decided to try, but she said, "we couldn't get anywhere with it."

Last Tuesday, Omni finished its improbable first middle school season with a win against Trinity Lutheran.

By all accounts, the year was a success.

Eighteen players filled out the rosters for the boys and girls teams, including sixth graders Cammie Abram and Kathleen Basile.

"We've been doing tournaments against our other teammates for fun and we've been working together to try and help one another," Abram said.

For the kids, it's an opportunity to play competitive tennis at school and a chance to be pioneers, as the first public middle school to have a tennis program in this area. Some of the players had been involved in the sport before, others were trying tennis for the first time. But all of the kids got something from the experience.

"I've learned how to work on a team and help your partners," Basile said.

A private school league does exist for teams from American Heritage-Delray and Saint Andrew's, but with nine teams in each division, Omni was unable to join.

Instead, Slootsky scheduled matches against private schools when they were not playing their league schedule.



Members of the first Omni Middle School tennis team are (front row, from left) John Gomer, Olivia Grossman, Evan Lahr, Sydney Ellman, Sam Jacobs, Kathleen Basile, Bryan Slootsky, Cammie Abram and Jason Schaum. Back row (from left) are Coach Karla Young, Ryan Berger, Madison Altman, Dylan Krost, Sydney Solomon, Alex Buruchian, Tiffany Gomez, Arthur Mourjan, Nicole Hahn, Matthew Buckman and Coach Steve Slootsky.

Omni played seven regular season matches, then played a Middle School Championship within the school where winners were presented with trophies.

In commemoration of this historic team, Slootsky created a banner that displayed the Omni logo with each child's name listed

below it; it hangs on the fence outside the school tennis courts.

Krost can't believe how quickly the program grew from a dream into reality.

"Steven has taken this to a level we never dreamed possible," she said. "The kids have grown so much in the last few months. Their

tennis has gotten so much better. There's a camaraderie where the kids all work together and see what it's like to be part of a team."

The first season has gone so well that Slootsky has been contacted by the USTA to help start other middle school programs in the area.

The kids know that they're doing something that hasn't been done before, though the magnitude of their accomplishment will probably not sink in for several years.

"I don't think they understand, but they're trailblazers," Krost said.



Never Too Old

Special to the News Eighty-four year old Al May of St. Andrews Estates North got an early birthday present May 12. when he scored his first ever hole-in-one. History was made at the Boca Boca Raton Municipal golf

By Mario Sarmento SPORTS EDITOR

For the second straight year, American Heritage-Delray's baseball season ended in the Class 2A state semifinals.

Wednesday, the Stallions (24-7) were shut out by North Florida North Florida added two insur Christian School, the No. 1 team in Class 2A this season, 3-0 at Ed White Stadium in Sarasota. Pitcher Matt Miller dominated, allowing just three hits in a complete game effort. "He was excellent," Stallions coach Carm Mazza said. "He threw a lot of strikes. He pitched backwards, going from curveball to fastball."

Ricky Anaya matched Miller for

the first three innings, but a blister on his throwing hand tore in the second, and in the fourth he allowed the game's first run on a wild pitch.

The senior was forced to leave in the fifth inning.

course, where May delivered on Hole No. 6 of the Executive Course.

The hole-in-one was witnessed by fellow St. Andrews Estates North resident Bill Bottle and his son Bob Bottle.

ance runs in the seventh to put the game away.

"It was a nice season," Mazza said. "We can't complain. Backto-back regional championships. Going to the state semifinal two years in a row, not many teams can say that. The kids and coaching staff were tremendous."

The Stallions lose 16 seniors from this year's team, including Anaya.

In a series against Bethune-

0Cookman last week, McKenna ex-

tended his hitting streak to 19 games

while Widlansky's now stands at 15.

Third baseman William Block leads

the team with 15 homers and 52

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Heritage falls in state semis

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The top two offensive teams in the Sun Belt Conference will meet this weekend when Florida Atlantic University hosts Florida International University in a three-game Sun Belt Conference series. It will be the final series of the regular sea-

son and will decide which teams make it into the conference tournament.

The Owls will honor eight players on Saturday in the final game of the season. Tyler Ste-

vens, Justin Martin, Robbie Widlansky, Joel Schmal, Brandon Cooney, Andrew Tomlin, Anthony Bradley and Chris Salberg will be honored before Saturday's 2 p.m. game.

FAU enters the week leading the SBC with a .342 team batting average. FIU follows in second with a .320 offensive clip. Individually, the top three players in the conference are from one of the Florida schools. Robbie Widlansky leads the league with a .433 batting average followed by FIU's James McOwen at .420 and FAU's Mike



RBI.

Joel Schmal is expected to make his fifth start of the season on Thursday. The senior holds a 4-1 record with a 3.32 ERA.

The Golden Panthers will send Chris Allen, Corey Polizzano and

Walker Whitley to the mound to face the Owl offense. Allen leads the team with 15 starts and 87 strikeouts and sports a 4-5 record with a 5.29 ERA. Lefty Polizzano is 4-7 with a 6.13 ERA, while Whitley holds a 3-3 record with a 6.04 ERA.

The series stands at 35-29 in favor of Florida International. It is the most played series in FAU history, but this meeting holds post season implications. Eight teams are invited to the conference tournament, held in Mobile, AL and FAU currently is in eighth.

Face Off

The Bobcats won their final game of the regular season in the Boca Raton Roller Hockey League, 10-4, to finish the year with a 5-5 record.

1 - Carlos Leon (gray) handles the puck. Leon scored a goal for the Bobcats.

2 - Matthew Hirschkorn (right) battles a player for the puck.

3 - No. 5 Spencer Ackerman (left) dishes to No. 10 David Lippman for a shot. Lippman also scored a goal for the Bobcats.

4 - J.T. Homrich (middle) chases the puck. Homrich scored a goal in the game.

5 - Lippman (middle) moves the puck, with Homrich (left) and Hirschkorn (right) following.

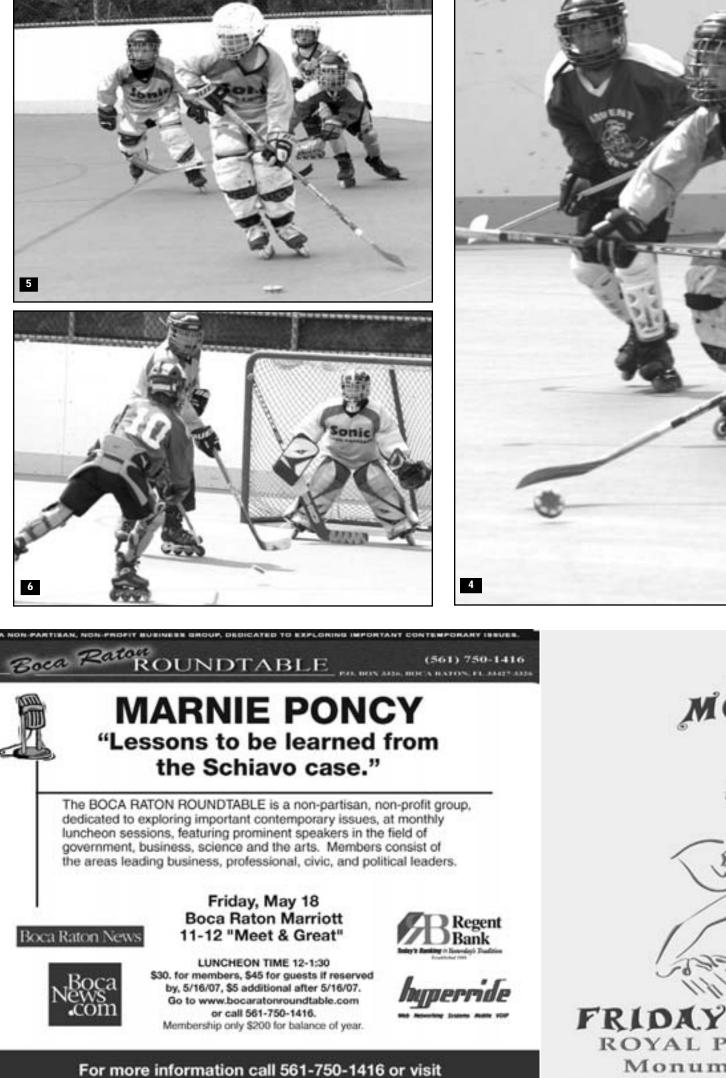
6. - Goalie Henry Norris makes one of his 20 saves while teammate Matheus Barroso (left) looks on.

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