"Patriotism is as much a virtue as justice, and is as necessary for the support of societies as natural affection is for the support of families."

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Boca cultural arts threatened by proposed county cuts

By John Johnston

MANAGING EDITOR

County Administrator Bob Weisman has issued his second proposed set of budget cuts in advance of property tax cut mandates from Tallahassee. Proposed for elimination by Weisman is some cultural arts funding. Budget hearings at which those and other proposed cuts will be debated begin Monday, June 11.

However, for Cultural Council President Rena Blades - and beyond the impact on Palm Beach County's growing cultural identity -- the numbers don't compute.

"As a matter of perspective," Blades said, "the 2007 Cultural Development Fund total of \$800,000 represents only .00018 percent of the \$4,400,000,000 proposed county budget. Also, this fund has not increased since 2003, although the population, demand for funding, and cost of living

have." Specifically, Weisman has proposed elimination of the "entire Cultural Development Fund for mid-sized and small/emerging organizations," Blades said in a letter to affected organizations.

The irony of the proposed fundingelimination, Blades said, is that those affected are not getting the most from county coffers. Rather, Blades told the Boca Raton News "it's really the grass roots groups" that will lose county funding.

She described those groups as ones with annual budgets of "less than \$1.125 million in general," i.e., the Boca Ballet Theatre (BBT) according to BBT Co-Artistic Director Dan Guin.

"Palm Beach County is considering revoking funding for the category "C" cultural grants. For your information "C" stands for children," Guin said. "BBT continued on Page 7

New jets arrive for DayJet Katie Edwards, who works in the marketing department at DayJet in Boca haton, and pilot Rick Hemphill, board one of the three new Eclipse 500 jets just received by the company. DayJet is Eclipse Aviation's largest customer, with orders for 239 Eclipse 500s and options for an additional 70 aircraft over the next two years. The planes are in DayJet's hangar at the Boca Paten Airport the Boca Raton Airport.



(Special to the News)

The Delray Beach Public Library has received \$12,000 for its summer literacy program. Attending the presentation are, from left, Brian Cheslack, member of the Library Board; Dan Murtaugh, Board president; Alan Kornblau, library director; Lynda Hunter, children's librarian and Dave Buck, Jarden Consumer Solutions Committee Fund employee.

Delray Library receives \$12,000 for summer literacy program

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A check for \$12,000 from the Jarden Consumer Solutions Community Fund was recently presented to Delray Beach Library Board President Dan Murtaugh, Library Board member Brian Cheslack, Library Director Alan Kornblau and Delray Beach Children's Librarian, Lynda Hunter at the library, 100 West Atlantic Avenue.

In attendance were Deputy

Vice Mayor Brenda Montague, City Education Board members, members of Parks and Recreation Department, children from the Child Care Program at Parks & Recreation and representatives from Commerce Bank.

This \$12,000 check will be used to fully fund the literacy component of the city's summer camps programs for about 360 elementary and 120 middle school children and Library patrons at

the Delray Beach Public Library's expanded Children's Department. The money will fund special literacy programming, games and crafts, storytelling, puppet shows and many new books for each child.

There will be an opportunity to issue new library cards to all children attending these many free programs from June 4 through July 30.

Commerce Bank unveiled its

Summer Reading Program for the first time. If children simply read 10 books over the summer, Commerce Bank will deposit \$10 into a new or existing Young Savers account.

For further information on programs at the Delray Beach Library, visit www.delraylibrary.org or call the Children's Department at 561-266-0197.

POLICE BLOTTER

Singer barred from home

Palm Beach County Court Judge Charles Burton has ordered a Boca Raton man – the former lead singer with the band, Creed - to stay away from his home following his arrest on an accusation that he threw a glass bottle at his wife Sunday morning, according to court records.

At first, the judge said Scott Stapp, 33, could use his recording studio. But after Burton found the studio was inside the house, he prohibited Stapp from using it.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office said Stapp was originally charged with felony aggravated assault, but it was reduced to misdemeanor simple battery. He has been released on bond, court records said.

Car theft arrest

Two youths aged 17 and 15 were arrested about 10 a.m. May 5 and charged with grand theft auto from the Tri-Rail depot parking lot on Yamato Road. They were found inside a man's car, which was reported, stolen from the Mobil Gas Station on Yamato Road earlier in the day. They were also charged with stealing another vehicle that was found on Congress Avenue, police said. It was stolen from Extreme Motorcars in Lake Worth, which is in the jurisdiction of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

Disturbance probed Boca Raton police were called

to investigate a disturbance about 12:20 a.m. May 5 on Town Center Circle. They found that two men were fighting as the result of a dispute. Officers said one man suffered minor abrasions while the other had a cut over his left eye. Both parties refused to press charges, police said.

Purse stolen

A woman told Boca Raton police May 5 that she left her purse on the boardwalk and went to the beach at 4000 N. Ocean Blvd. When she returned, the purse was gone, she told police. She said it contained her own cell phone and the phone belonging to a friend, police said.

DUI charged

Boca Raton police arrested a motorist for driving while under the influence of alcohol about 3:20 a.m. on May 5. He refused to take a breath test. He was taken to the county jail. The incident occurred on Clint Moore Road, police said.

Cart stolen

A security officer at Lynn University told police May 5 that someone stole a university-owned golf cart and crashed it in the woods on the west side of the campus, according to police.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT T. MORPHY BOCA RATON

Robert T. Morphy, age 101, of Boca Raton passed away on Friday, May 18, 2007.

Robert was born in Clifton Springs, NY on June 11, 1905. He lived for many years in California and Reno, Nevada before moving to Florida. Robert is a long time member of the Deerfield Country Club and an avid sports enthusiast. He enjoyed his 100th birthday party with all his friends at Edgewater Pointe Estates. The last years of his life were enhanced by the excellent care he received from his aides, Beverly and Mar-

garethe.

A charming and fortunate man, he outlived three beloved wives and is now survived by great nieces and nephews. A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Deerfield Beach. Committal prayers to follow at the Boca Raton Mausoleum. A Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 pm Thursday in the chapel of Edgewater Pointe Estates.

Babione Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.



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National Safe Boating Week

Boca Raton Mayor Steven Abrams has proclaimed the week of May 19-25 as National Safe Boating Week. He presented the proclamation to Tom Rutherfoord, commander of the local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 36, during Tuesday's City Council meeting. Rutherfoord told council members and the audience that accidental drowning could be cut drastically if boat riders wore life jackets.

Ines Vrielynck named LXR area sales manager

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ines Vrielynck has been appointed area sales manager for LXR Luxury Resorts & Hotels (LXR), according to LXR Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Mark Komine.

Komine said Vrielynck will be responsible for furthering corporate and group sales among the four properties comprising the LXR South Florida Collection: the Miami Beach Resort & Spa in Miami Beach; Key Largo Grande Resort & Beach Club in Key Largo; and Casa Marina Resort & Beach Club and Reach Resort, both in Key West.

In this position, Vrielynck will assist with sales efforts in the lo-

cal market of Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties, with a vertical market of International and tour and travel group-related business.

Prior to joining LXR, Vrielynck held the position of sales manager at the Ocean Reef Club, where she worked for over seven years.

"Ines has proven herself to be an effective leader in our industry," says Komine. "We believe she will continue to excel in her new position and are pleased to have her as a member of our team."

LXR Luxury Resorts & Hotels is a portfolio of independent luxury properties located throughout the United States and the Caribbean.

Temple Emeth Brotherhood presents

series of summer shows

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Brotherhood of Temple Emeth will present a series of summer shows:

Sunday, June 24 at 2 p.m., Temple Emeth Talent Follies. The audience can see, listen to, admire and applaud your brother and sister Temple members. There will be singing, instrumental performance, specialty numbers and special surprises. All seats are \$6.

Sunday, July 29 at 2 p.m. Cantor Shimon Gewirtz in concert, accompanied by his wife Ilana at the piano. Cantor Gewirtz is a well-known singer, musician, composer and storyteller. Reserved

seats are \$12 in advance. \$14 at the door.

Sunday, Aug. 19, 2 p.m., The Golden Tones of Cantor Norman Brody in a program of songs from Broadway to Yiddish and everything in between. Reserved seats are in advance \$12, \$14 at the door.

A special for all three show is \$25 a person. Ticket sales are in the Judaica shop Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Temple Emeth is located at 5780 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33484. For further information, call the office at 561-498-3536.

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Boca Raton City Council gets a lesson in 'going green'

By Dale M. King CITY EDITOR

Members of the Boca Raton City Council have been kicking around the idea of "going green" for the past few months.

Council got the full story about "green" technology at Monday's workshop. Brian Lomel of TLC Engineering gave council members an overview of construction that is environmentally friendly.

"Generally speaking, a green building has minimal impact on the environment and the building's occupants," Lomel explained. But he cautioned that "green" buildings have a "gray area" called "green washing – saying that a product or building is green when it is not."

To be considered truly "green," he said, the United States Green Building Council must give it a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) designation.

At least one member of the council said she found the "green" concept intriguing. "It was a fabulous presentation," said Deputy Mayor Susan Whelchel. "It informed us with information that was necessary. We need to promote LEED-certified buildings."

Pending certification

The move toward environmentally friendly structures seemed to start with the new Christine Lynn College of Nursing Building at Florida Atlantic University. "Right now it is going through the process of being certified as 'green," said Brenda Coto, development director for the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

She said the proposed new \$43 million engineering building at FAU is to be "green."

Lynn, a Boca Raton benefactor and insurance executive, is also building a couple of new • Council got the full story about "green" technology at Monday's workshop. Brian Lomel of TLC Engineering gave council members an overview of construction

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structures on Butts Road that are to be green, said Development Services Director Jorge Camejo.

One good thing Whelchel took from Monday's meeting was the fact that "green products are not difficult to obtain."

The council has been toying with the idea of offering incentives to contractors who build environmentally efficient buildings. Whelchel said she would like to "see what opportunities we have to create policies."

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The Spanish River Community High School band photos were missing in this year's yearbook. School staff says it was a mistake and have created an insert for the band page. This photo will be in the insert.

Spanish River yearbook missing band photos, officials will add insert

By Nicol Jenkins STAFF WRITER

A high school yearbook is supposed to bring joy and leave lasting memories, however that wasn't the case for some students at Spanish River Community High School in Boca Raton.

When band members opened this year's yearbook, they had to flip through twice or maybe three times trying to find pictures of the group in uniforms or playing the tuba. By the fourth time, they figured out that something was missing: the band pictures.

The band page was left out of the 400 plus page yearbook, according to some irritated Boca band parents who called the *Boca Raton News*.

And it wasn't the first time, according to Band Director Craig White.

"Last year the band was poorly represented in the yearbook. There was very little coverage and they were not given a full page, only a few pictures. Promises were made to make it right this year. That's why it came as a big surprise when we were left out," White said.

That totals over 80 students in the marching band, symphonic band, jazz band, and color guard missing from the yearbook. White said this was especially disappointing because the students worked hard all year playing at football games and other sporting events, retirement homes and competitions. "The kids really work hard to represent the school and it's very disappointing to not be represented in the yearbook."

School officials say they believe it was a mistake made by students who operate the yearbook.

"There was a band page being built on the computer and we had a page that was supposed to go in. Now the question is did it get deleted purposely or by mistake. For one reason or another it got deleted and another page was put in its space and the editors didn't catch it and we didn't see it until it came out," said yearbook advisor Sean Delaney, who believes it was a mistake. "It's an unfortunate error."

However, there is a silver lining. The yearbook advisor created an insert for the band.

Delaney met with White and band students to come up with a solution. He has designed a new page dedicated to the band with color photos and a band roster and has printed an insert for the yearbook, which will be given for free to all band students and anyone that wants them.

To ensure the band or any other club does not get left out next year, Delaney said he has met with next year's yearbook editors and staff.

"I met with next year's editors and told them that things like this are not acceptable and to make sure that all organizations of Spanish River are included," he said. "While it's a mistake we don't perceive this happening next year and will be more on top of this."

Principal Connie Tuman-Rugg offered her apologies to the band.

"I understand why the parents would be upset and I'm sure it

was hurtful. But we've done a lot to fix it," she said. "We value our band and it's evident with the resources we put in."

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She added, "With a student-run publication things can happen. We will be putting safeguards in next year."

White said he's pleased that the yearbook advisor has worked to resolve the issue. He noted that the National Honor Society was left out of this yearbook as well.

"His students let him down. [Delaney] trusted his kids to do the right thing and the editor dropped the ball," White said.

He added, "It's a memento for the students and more important than that they want to gain respect and recognition from the school for the contribution made. The insert will be nice for a memento. As for recognition from the student body we'll have to wait till next year."

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State probe of insurance firm includes brokers from Boca

Bad odors in Delray Beach

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

Two state agencies are investigating a life insurance company and its agents for possible involvement in fraudulent practices, according to documents issued by those agencies.

Barry Kaye and his son, Howard Kaye, of Boca Raton, are among five agents allegedly connected with questionable transactions, according to regulators.

Barry Kaye and his wife, Carole, are well-known philanthropists, and have made many donations to Florida Atlantic University – including a \$16 million donation last year. The Kaye name appears on FAU's college of business, an auditorium, an alumni hall and the school of finance. Their son, Howard, is president of Barry Kaye Associates.

The State Department of Finance Services and the Office of Insurance Regulation are investigating brokers associated with Coventry First LLC.

In fact, the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation has issued a notice and order to show cause to Coventry First LLC alleging violations of the Florida Insurance Code and for "engaging in fraudulent or dishonest practices," said agency spokesman Jonathon Kees.

Coventry First LLC, founded in 1999, engages in the purchase of life insurance policies of elderly individuals in exchange for cash payments.

The notice ties Barry and Howard Kaye to a transaction involving a 73-year-old Massachusetts woman, documents say. It says she wanted to sell her two life insurance policies with a face value of \$19.4 million, case records say.

Coventry reportedly paid her \$968,832. But it also says Howard Kaye and Barry Kaye each received a \$400,000 commission. The notice claims the Kayes "had nothing to do" with the transaction.

When the *Boca Raton News* called Barry Kaye Associates, a receptionist said, "No one is available to comment."

Kenneth Jessell, the head of finance for FAU, said the university is not put off by the investigation of a substantial donor. "At this point, it is only being looked into," he said. "It is a highly regulated industry. This happens all the time."

He explained that the Kayes donated \$16 million to FAU last year. It included a payment schedule that said the money would be given over a five-year term.

University spokeswoman Kristine McGrath said Barry Kaye uses the FAU auditorium for his seminars. She said it was common practice. "We have a lot of speakers," she said. "Dr. Andrew Weil, for example."

She said the college of business also brings in "100s of speakers."

Jessell said he is not aware of the state trying to contact FAU about the probe.

The state finance office said Coventry First LLC has already experienced legal problems regarding its practices. Former New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer filed a lawsuit against the company in October 2006, alleg-



Barry Kaye (above) and his wife, Carole, are well-known philanthropists, and have made many donations to Florida Atlantic University - including a \$16 million donation last year. The Kaye name appears on FAU's college of business, an auditorium, an alumni hall and the school of finance.

ing "secret payments to suppress competitive bids" for practices in New York.

Spokeswoman Nina Banister said the office initiated its investigation to determine if Florida consumers were also affected.

Kees said the parties involved have 21 days to respond. As of Tuesday, the Kayes had not responded.

to get \$420,000 redesign

By John Johnston MANAGING EDITOR

Of interest to suburban Delray Beach residents is the reduction of odor involving the Southern Region Water Reclamation Facility (SRWRF) on Hagen Road, Boynton Beach. Those complaints should be reduced following a \$420,000 contract to redesign the facility's infrastructure, said county commissioners.

The contract has been awarded to Jordan, Jones & Goulding, Inc. The firm will re-design the infrastructure for covering and biofiltering the most odorous portion of the aeration basins. Preliminary studies have revealed that concentrated odors are coming from those aeration basins, commissioners said.

24 Hours A Day

The Southern Region Water Reclamation Facility is the county's wastewater treatment plant. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, utilizing extensive pre-treatment and secondary treatment for all of the water that is cleaned at the plant. Treated wastewater effluent that will be pumped into the county's reclaimed water distribution system is also sent through tertiary filters and then highly disinfected.

The reclaimed water irrigates golf courses and residential lawns in the surrounding suburban Delray and Boynton areas, said commissioners. Secondary treated wastewater effluent from the plant is also pumped to the nearby Wakodahatchee Wetlands and will be sent to the future Green Cay Wetlands.

The treatment plant has the capacity to clean approximately 35 million gallons per day of wastewater. Approximately half of the wastewater coming into the plant is recycled for use in the County's Reclaimed Water Program, commissioners said.

The Benefits

Commissioners' point to several benefits of the county's reclaimed water program:

• Irrigation with reclaimed water is a simple, low-cost, user-friendly way to help conserve our fresh drinking water supplies.

• Customers save money because reclaimed water is less ex• The Southern Region Water Reclamation Facility is the county's wastewater treatment plant. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, utilizing extensive pre-treatment and secondary treatment for all of the water that is cleaned at the plant.

pensive that drinking water.

• Reclaimed water helps lawns and golf courses thrive because it leaves traces of nitrogen and phosphorous that act as fertilizers.

• The use of reclaimed water increases the amount of fresh drinking water available.

• Water recycling helps the environment.

• Reclaimed water is not subject to water restrictions for irrigation.

• Reclaimed water helps to recharge ground water aquifers.

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Kelly Chacon, Secretary, American Heritage Pre-Med Club; Kyle Robinson, Co-President, American Heritage Pre-Med Club; Alan Levine, CEO/President, North Broward Hospital District; Naureen Ahmed, Co-President, American Heritage Pre-Med Club; Paul Sallarullo, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, North Broward Hospital District; Jahan Sharif, Treasurer, American Heritage Pre-Med Club; Dr. Doug Laurie, Vice President, American Heritage School; Dr. Carlos Pulido, Science Department Chairman, American Heritage School; Jane Tuthill, Administrator Product Line Services, Broward General Medical Center and Chris Evert Children's Hospital.

Raising \$45,000 for the Chris Evert Children's Hospital

The North Broward Hospital District recognized the American Heritage Pre-Med and Pre-Law societies at its recent board meeting for raising \$45,000 for the Chris Evert Children's Hospital through the school's 2nd Annual 5K For A Better Day Run and Fitness Walk.

American Heritage students for contributing more than \$100,000 to the hospital over the years, and for hosting an annual children's holiday The North Broward Hospital District's CEO/President, Alan Levine, and party at the Chris Evert Children's Hospital.

the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Paul Sallarullo, praised



County helps with event at Mizner Park; expands Delray Beach water plant

By John Johnston MANAGING EDITOR

County commissioners have approved a \$35,000 agreement with the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Inc. to help offset the cost of the Israel Independence Day Celebration held at the Mizner Park amphitheater April 24. Approximately 5,000 people attended the celebration, commissioners said.

Separately, commissioners approved a \$230,067 contract with Brown & Caldwell, Inc. for four new production wells at Water Treatment Plant No. 3 in Delray Beach. Commissioners said the additional wells are needed to improve system reliability and to maintain sustainable wellfield yields.

Commissioners also agreed to a \$16,657 agreement with materials and construction of the water endwall repair project at the Southern Region Water Reclamation Facility. Temron, Inc., will provide \$3,122 in materials, and Murray Logan Construction, Inc. will construct the wall for \$13,535.

Other Business

In other recent business commissioners:

• Approved a \$4 million agreement with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) providing grant funding for construction of the Lake Region Water Treatment Plant. The SFWMD is providing grant funding through the State of Florida General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2006. The SFWMD grant will be applied toward construction costs associated with the raw water and potable water transmission pipelines being constructed by GlobeTec. Matching funds will be applied to treatment plant equipment being installed/ constructed by the Poole & Kent Company. Commissioners said the plant should be completed by June 30, 2008. These grant funds will be used to reduce net cost of the plant for the cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay, said commissioners. • Signed an agreement in which a 400 foot free-standing tower on county-owned land at 7800 Forest Hill Boulevard, and formerly owned by AT&T and Bell South, and now owned by Cingular Wireless, would be conveyed by Cingular Wireless to the county within 10 years of the tower being built, as provided in

the original agreement.

• Executed a \$4.1 million change order with The Weitz Company in connection with construction of the Judicial Center Parking Garage change order No. 3 will provide for the Phase II construction of two additional parking levels to the existing parking deck. Phase I work currently underway includes additional footings and shear walls to meet the current wind load requirements of the Florida Building Code, said commissioners.

• Signed a utility easement agreement in favor of Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) for underground electrical services to the 1916 Courthouse in West Palm Beach. FPL requires an easement for installation of underground electrical services and a transformer.

• Approved change order No. 1 to the Contract with Sheltra & Sons, Inc. for the Northern Region Pipeline extension project, decreasing the contract price by \$105,477 and providing a 45-day time extension.

• Approved change order No. 4 to a contract with Ricman International, Inc. for the LaMancha Avenue Pipeline extension project, increasing the contract price by \$5,173.80 and providing a 47day time extension. Total change orders to date, excluding the \$1,560,334 sales tax recovery program change order total \$396,555, said commissioners.

• Approved a \$65,000 Interlocal Agreement with the East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities (ECR) Operations Board for construction of the ECR Monitoring Wells No. 2 and No. 6 Replacement Project. Commissioners said the City of West Palm Beach, on behalf of the ECR Operations Board, has made several attempts to solicit construction bids for replacing the wellheads for two existing deep injectionmonitoring wells. All bids received exceeded the budget for this work. The county offered to include the ECR work as a separate line item in its Systemwide Wellfield Improvements Project. The ECR Operations Board has agreed to reimburse the county.

(Special to the News)

Boca resident Lorena Bromell, shown left, Jeanne Monte, and Lauren Tochner have been appointed Community Coordinators for this region by PAX, Program of Academic Exchange.

Exchange program appoints local representatives

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jeanne Monte of Boca Raton, Lauren Tochner of West Palm Beach, and Lorena Bromell in North Palm Beach have been ap-

pointed Community Coordinators for this region by PAX, Program of Academic Exchange. Headquartered in Port Chester, New York, PAX is a non-profit



invites international high school students to the United States for an academic home stay. Monte, Tochner, and Bromell were selected to represent PAX due to a demonstrated enthusiasm, interest in foreign cultures, and desire to become more active in the community.

They are currently interviewing families in this area interested in sharing their lives with a young person from another country for the coming academic year.

"All PAX students have been carefully screened, speak English, have full medical insurance, and come with their own spending money," says Monte. "We work with students from 35 different countries, including those in Spain, Thailand, Italy, Finland, Germany, just to name a few."

Host families are asked to provide the student with meals, a warm supportive environment,

educational organization that and a place to sleep and study. Local support is provided to the host family and student by the Community Coordinators. "We're looking for families and empty nesters who are interested in the world and in helping an exchange student learn more about America."

Pongsarun and Christina are just two of the students we would like to place in the community. Pongsarun from Thailand has silver and bronze medals in Tae Kwon Do and plays soccer and sings in the Choir. Christina from Spain would like to expose her hosts to some aspects of her Spanish culture, including the music, food and customs. She loves animals, swimming, fitness, music and also speaks French.

Contact Jeanne Monte at 561-883-2783, Lauren Tochner at 561-797-5736, Lorena Bromellor at 561-670-9418 or the PAX headquarters at 800-555-6211.

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Are women being short-changed in federal contracting?

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A RAND Corporation study examining whether womenowned small businesses are underrepresented among firms contracting with the federal government finds that the results vary depending on the way the measurement is made.

The study, conducted for the U.S. Small Business Administration and issued today, is the most thorough analysis done to date of whether women-owned small businesses are underrepresented among firms awarded contracts by federal agencies.

Researchers found that when they examined the total number of contracts awarded, womenowned businesses were underrepresented in more than half of the industry categories studied for federal purchasing during 2002. 2003 and 2005.

However, researchers found that when the dollar value of the same federal contracts was the measurement standard, there was little evidence that womenowned small businesses were underrepresented.

"These findings provide policymakers with new information about how to judge whether women-owned small businesses are underrepresented among federal contractors," said Elaine Reardon, lead author of the study and an economist at RAND, a nonprofit research organization.

While contracting by womenowned businesses has risen over time, it has not yet reached the target set by Congress of 5 percent of prime and subcontract contract dollars for each industry category. Women-owned small businesses accounted for 3.3 percent of the totals in 2005, the last year studied.

Most studies examining whether disadvantaged businesses are underrepresented among federal contractors have focused on the number of contracts awarded. If disadvantaged firms receive fewer contracts The study, conducted for the U.S. Small Business Administration and issued today, is the most thorough analysis done to date of whether womenowned small businesses are underrepresented among firms awarded contracts by federal agencies.

in the industry studied, they are deemed to be underrepresented.

RAND researchers broadened their analysis of women-owned small businesses by also examining the dollar value of federal contracts awarded to businesses in different types of industries. Researchers wanted to see whether the dollar value of contracts awarded to women-owned small businesses was in proportion to their representation in individual industries.

Researchers used both methods to analyze federal contracts awarded to women-owned small business across broadly defined industries such as manufacturing, construction, education services and health care.

The study also addressed concerns that large firms may be obtaining small business contracts. Researchers used Dun and Bradstreet business information to define small firms as well as data on size from the federal government. The effort did not change findings about industries where women-owned small businesses are underrepresented.

The federal government encourages small and disadvantaged business, including small businesses owned by women, to



eowner Dora Shiver and her daughter, Tierra Knight, 5. Shiver received the keys to her new Delray Beach home at the Habitat for Humanity dedication ceremony. Office Depot sponsored the construction of the home with both a donation of \$50,000 and the volunteer effort of the company's South Florida-based workforce. At right is Darlene Blystone's son, Charles.

Habitat for Humanity dedicates two homes in Delray Beach

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Habitat for Humanity South Palm Beach celebrated the completion of two new homes in Delray Beach Sunday. Attending the dedication were newly elected Delray Beach Mayor Rita Ellis, Habitat for Humanity representatives, community members, and corporate sponsors Office Depot and Bank of America.

With the completion of these two homes, Habitat for Humanity South Palm Beach will have built a total of 69 houses since 1992.

The homes are located at 217 and 223 NW 15th Ave in Delray Beach. The house at 217 NW 15th Ave will be occupied by Dora Shiver and her four young children. Shiver is an employee of Unimed Health Systems in Deerfield was part of the Habitat for Hu- Office Depot has annual sales of Beach. The house was sponsored manity South Palm Beach Col- more than \$15 billion.

by Office Depot.

Local volunteers and Office Depot associates from South Florida participated in the construction throughout a six-month period.

"This home that Office Depot and Habitat for Humanity built for my family is a dream come true," said Shiver. "My children and I are very thankful and excited to be moving into our very own home. We feel very lucky to have such caring friends at Office Depot and Habitat for Humanity."

The home at 223 NW 15th Ave will be occupied by Arenetta Hickman and her two teenage sons. Hickman is a deli manager at Publix and has worked there for more than nine years. The house, sponsored by Bank of America,

legiate Challenge.

Students from York College in York, Pa.; Hibbings Community College in Hibbings, Minn.; and Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. spent their spring breaks in South Florida constructing the home.

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in Americus, Georgia, in 1976, Habitat has built more than 200,000 houses in nearly 100 countries, providing affordable shelter for more than a million people.

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seek federal contracts.



(Special to the News) From left: Alfredo Guerra, Lisa Tabin and Jim Nau.

Boca company walks for life, raises \$9,000+ for March of Dimes

FROM STAFF REPORTS

NCCI Holdings, Inc. employees and friends walked to save babies at the March of Dimes WalkAmerica on Saturday, April 21. Approximately \$9,300 was raised for MOD by NCCI.

Together with 22 other team members, NCCI CFO Alfredo Guerra and NCCI employee Jim Nau, along with friend, Lisa Tabin, enjoyed their scenic walk on the FAU campus in Boca Raton as they helped to stamp out birth defects by raising money for the March of Dimes (MOD).

MOD was instrumental in establishing neonatal Intensive Care Units at Boca Raton Community Hospital and West Boca Medical Center.

NCCI Holdings, Inc. of Boca Raton is the largest and most experienced provider of statistics and employee injury data for the workers compensation industry. It is located at 901 Peninsula Corporate Circle in Boca Raton. To learn more, visit www.ncci. com.

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Boca "inner" beauties crowned Miss Boca Raton Teen USA and Miss Boca Raton USA 2008

By Nicol Jenkins STAFF WRITER

Melissa Korman PHOTOS

For Boca residents Gabriela Wagner and Linda Hill, beauty is beyond skin deep.

Although the duo possess an outer beauty, it was the inner that won over the judges at the recent Miss Boca Raton USA and Miss Boca Raton Teen USA 2008 pageant held at West Boca Raton Community High School.

Thus the two were crowned. Wagner, 17, took home the title of Miss Boca Raton Teen USA 2008. Hill, 21, was crowned Miss Boca Raton USA 2008.

"It was the total package," said Pageant Director Jeanne Brander. "Not only did they have smarts but they looked great and spoke great, and they are very sweet people. They're two terrific human beings."

The winners competed in an interview process and on stage competition which included a swimsuit, evening gown and question and answer session.

Hill will go on to compete in The Miss Florida USA Pageant that will be televised this July in Hollywood, Florida. The first runner-up was Jennifer Olkitsky and second runner up was Megan Brooks. Other titles that were awarded in the Miss Category included, Miss Amity, won by Kira Brooks, Miss Photogenic won by Kourtney Gallego and the Peoples Choice Award also won by Linda Hill.

Wagner will compete in the 2008 Miss Florida Teen USA Pageant in October. In the Teen division, the first runner up was Karlee Janigian and the second runner up was Rebeca Garcia. Miss Amity was won by Karlee Janigian, Miss Photogenic was won by Brittani Robins and the Peoples Choice Award was won by Gabriela Wagner.

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The two will hold the titles until next year's pageant, which will be held in January 2008.

"Beauty" Pageant

Both winners went into the pageant without a superficial goal and instead hoped to bring awareness to those in need.

For Wagner, it was a first.

"I was so shocked that I won because I was the only contestant that had never







ness. Despite the accident, Wagner said she wants to bring aid to all animals.

"I want the entire community to promote more animal welfare awareness. So many animals are dying. And 15 million animals in the United States are going to a shelter this year. It's so sad. That's why we have to prevent animal cruelty," said Wagner, who has various community service projects at her school to raise money for animals in need.

Besides aiding animals, Wagner said she also wants to focus on bringing confidence to teen girls and all teens while giving back to the community. 0

"Every girl has a twinkle and charm inside of them that's intrinsic, and by not utilizing and cultivating it, that goes to waste. That beauty will become dull if they use it on something stupid like drugs or drinking or feeling succumbed by boys," she said. "It's essential that each of us make the best of our gifts whether it's intelligence, music, or sports. That will benefit ourselves and then we can use our gifts to benefit the community."

She added, "The uniqueness of every girl makes her so special and it's what makes her even better than any type of Miss Teen USA."

Wagner's platform is "to help animals make our community stronger and inspire all teens not just girls to try their best, and by doing their best they should want to give back to the community."

On the other hand, Hill, a student at Palm Beach Community College and Florida Atlantic University, wants to devote her time to bringing comfort to soldiers overseas through her project, We Love Our Soldiers.

"It's all about showing the families who live in our communities and have sons and daughters serving our country that we appreciate everything that they're doing. It's something with all the controversy with the elections and school shootings that has kind of been forgotten and people are still overseas being killed and traumatized," she said. "Sometimes they go weeks without mail and I want to raise money to put together baskets and letters."

Hill plans on filling that void by raising funds to send care packages to the troops filled with goodies they like from CDs to movies and letters to show that the community still cares.

In addition to helping soldiers, Hill hopes to also focus on aiding other countries since she is from Dominica. She's currently pursuing a degree in international journalism. "I'd like to travel and one day be an ambassador for a country," Hill said. "Through the pageants I've learned to be appreciative of what I have and not to be mediocre. I want to do something big because you only get one life and I really want to stand out and contribute to society. Even if I am not recognized for it, that's fine as long as I have it in my own heart and know that I did the best I could."

done a pageant before," she said. And she's says she's not the everyday

beauty queen. "I don't wear makeup, I had to learn

how to walk in heels, and I was the only one eating cookies. I'm the girl at school who's not wearing makeup and doing experiments in biology lab," Wagner said. "I'm the antithesis of a beauty pageant girl."

So why did she enter?

Wagner said this competition was more than looks.

"I researched this a little bit and found that it was not just about beauty. I only believe in promoting beauty in the environment. I feel people should care about appearance only to a degree and not be consumed by it," she said. "This pageant takes into account the whole person. They're looking for an overall person, not just a Barbie doll and not someone who is superficial."

Unlike Wagner, Hill has dreamed of being crowned since she was little and has competed in various pageants. But like Wagner, Hill learned that being a winner means more than looking good in a bikini.

"For all the other pageants I always thought it was about the looks and I always focused on things like wardrobe or smile, which turned out to be kind of superficial. I figured all the girls that were winning were doing something to help the community and that made me want to reach out and do something good, not just to win but to help others," Hill said.

Helping Others

Both growing up in Boca Raton and involved in community service, the winners say they will use the titles to help others.

Wagner, a junior at Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, said her top priority would be animal rights. This holds a special meaning since Wagner almost died a year ago after her horse accidentally kicked her unconscious and she was left with 250 stitches, a crushed skull, multiple surgeries and three weeks of blind-

Both winners said they hope to continue to represent Boca Raton.

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1 - Ashley Star Shannon - Miss Boca Raton USA 2006

2 - Rebeca Garcia in the Evening Gown Competition (2nd Runner Up)

3 - Kourtney Gallego (Winner of Miss Photogenic)

4 - Boca Cheer Center & Boca Extreme All Stars

5 - Miss Boca Raton USA Delegates - Linda Hill, Kourtney Gallego, Megan Brooks, Jennifer Olkinitsky, and Kiri Brooks

6 - Left Delegate Brittani Morgan Robins claps for the announcement of the Miss Boca Raton Teen USA winner Gabriela Wagner. Gabriela is crowned by Miss Boca Raton Teen USA 2007 Arianna Parchment. Miss Boca Raton USA 2007 Dana Jo Alley presents Gabriela with her flower bouquet

7 - Linda Hill (Left) hears her name being called as the winner of the Miss Boca Raton USA 2008 contest. Kourney Gallego and Kiri Brooks clap for the results



Gumbo Limbo awards scholarships to three high school seniors

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Three high school seniors are the recipients of the Gordon J. Gilbert Scholarship awarded through Boca Raton's Gumbo Limbo Nature Center by its advisory board, Gumbo Limbo Inc.

They are: Erin Good, Jennifer Jeske and Jayne Richter. Gumbo Limbo will honor the recipients at a reception at the nature center on Tuesday, June 5 from 4-5 p.m.

Each year, graduating seniors who intend to pursue a college degree in the natural sciences apply for the \$2,500 scholarship. Traditionally, only one is awarded. However, this year, the honor goes to three individuals.

Good attended Olympic Heights High School. In addition to volunteering at Gumbo Limbo and working closely with the center's sea turtle program, she has been active within the community through tutoring and coastal cleanup efforts. Erin's passion for the environmental sciences is reflected by the vigor in which she pursues her volunteer duties and high school honors science curriculum alike. She will continue her studies in marine biology at Duke University.

Jeske's resume includes the completion of Atlantic Community High School's International Baccalaureate program, multiple recognized community service achievements and numerous academic awards. She has been an active volunteer at Gumbo Limbo in addition to aiding a number of other organizations. She is also a member of a host of scholastic societies and social groups. This fall, Jennifer will pursue a degree in the field of medicine at the University of Florida's Honors Program.

Richter has been a volunteer

• Gumbo Limbo Nature Center is an environmental education complex and nature preserve set in one of the few surviving coastal hammocks in South Florida.

at Gumbo Limbo for the past several years as well. Her has been involved with the center's herpetological collection, gift store, and an assortment of volunteer duties.

Excelling in honors courses through Spanish River Community High School in conjunction with home-schooled courses, she has also been involved with work in international media and has been a counselor for programs with the Boca Raton Police Department. She plans to continue her environmental education at Florida Atlantic University.

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center is an environmental education complex and nature preserve set in one of the few surviving coastal hammocks in South Florida. It is operated as a partnership between the city of Boca Raton, Florida Atlantic University and the Palm Beach County School District.

The scholarship was created in honor of Gordon Gilbert, the director of Gumbo Limbo from its dedication in 1984 until his retirement in 2003. Gilbert, a former science teacher at Boca High School, worked with the city of Boca Raton to preserve the land on which Gumbo Limbo Nature Center is located.

Ian M. Berkowitz Investment in employees is an investment in business

ver the course of the last few weeks, I have met with a lot of my business clients regarding issues that they have been having with their employees. Most business owners realize that their staff and employees are truly important to the success of their business.

However, what many business owners may not realize or sometimes refuse to accept is that their employees are only as good as you, the business owner, allow them to be. What I truly mean by this is that as a business owner, you can only expect to get out of your employees, what you put into them.

Training, educating and reinforcing your employees with the critical and essential elements of your business activities and the tools required to execute those elements is a major key to any successful business. I firmly believe that working along side of your employees, on a day-to-day basis, providing initially training and then periodic follow up training and also offering them constructive feedback on a regular basis is the most productive way that your employees can and will perform for you and your business.

Training is important You might ask yourself, why should I train my employees? Many business owners believe that it is much easier to hire someone who has all of the skills that they need and let the new hire provide the business with those skills without any additional training. Ultimately, research and studies have long proven that an investment, via training, in your employee will pay dividends in return.

A few of the most notable reasons why it is good to invest in your employees through training are: to increase job satisfaction and morale among employees, increase employee motivation, increase efficiencies in processes which can result in greater profitability, increase your capacity to adopt new technologies and methods, reduce employee turnover and enhance your company's image by making your company an employer of choice.

As a business attorney, I always counsel my clients on the risk management benefit that training can and will provide to their businesses. Training can and will make you compliant with many state and federal employment laws. In addition, it might even provide your company with a shield, in order to avoid and/or defend your company against a lawsuit, especially in the areas of sexual harassment, and discrimination in the workplace.

There are numerous sources, which include government and private-sector companies that provide ways for you, the business owner, to get information on what and how to train your employees. For example, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Department of Labor, and the state of Florida, all provide information on how to train your employees, and even provide information on government grants (yes, free money) that are available to you in order to offset the training expenses.

Types of training

Now that you see the benefits of employee training, let's focus on the various types of training available, and worth your consideration. Depending on your business, some of these may or may not be applicable, but most can be used in all types of businesses. Training your employees on how to communicate effectively with customers in addition to their co-workers, enhancing their customer service techniques, improving their computer skills, instituting safety training for use of expensive or hazardous equipment, time management training and personal growth and improvement training are just



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a few of the most used training programs utilized by all shapes and size businesses.

In my professional experience as a business attorney, business owner and business consultant, and based upon the experience of many of my business clients, these recommendations and suggestions can greatly enhance the overall effectiveness and profitability of your business. Your goal should be to institute one or more of these activities now in order to see how it can ultimately benefit your business.

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 be specifically worked in the areas of disaster relief for bomeowners 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 bolds a Masters Degree in Government from The John Hopkins University.

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Dr. Steffanie Seaver PSY.D is an expert in the area of interpersonal relationships. Researcher, author and accomplished public speaker, she has lectured nationwide for over a decade. Dr. Seaver has also been involved with several publications covering relationship and lifestyle issues.



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creation of this program. It is the largest single granting source for our organization. Without this support from the county BBT 's very existence would be in jeopardy," said Guin.

Blades explained that the Cultural Development Fund was established in 1999 "to provide much needed support to multicultural and children's cultural programming. It was further enhanced in 2004 to include midsized cultural groups that are community based."

For many of these groups, Blades said, "these funds are the only county funds accessible."

"This funding supports programs that are part of the solution to a number of issues," Blades continued. "This funding supports real people and programs involved in after-school and out-of-school art education programs, positive programs for youth and unique juvenile justice initiatives, historic preservations, nature and science interpretation, programs that preserve cultural heritage and traditions, and of course economic development and tourism. These are many of the same issues confronting the county and elimination is not the answer," said Blades.

The Republicans

For Republican Speaker of the Florida House Marco Rubio, the property tax cut path, which would in turn result in local budget cuts, is clear:

"A new consensus is emerging in this debate: First, let's have taxpayers decide what they can afford to pay in property taxes, and then government must do the best it can with what taxpayers can afford to send them," Rubio said recently.

The House is now consider-

dramatically increased homestead exemptions based on a percentage of the value of the home – and it would work as follows:

• On the home's first \$300,000 in just value, 80 percent would be exempt from property taxes.

• On the next \$700,000 in just value, 70 percent would be exempt.

• On just value above \$1,000,000, 30 percent would be exempt.

Under the numbers used in the example above, the new homestead exemption for a \$300,000 home would be \$240,000. Using the example above, 90 percent of all homestead property owners would benefit more from this proposal than under the current Save Our Homes structure.

"The average beneficiary of this approach would see his or her tax bill cut in half," said Rubio.

This proposal replaces Rubio's earlier plan that would sharply cut or eliminate taxes on primary homes in exchange for increasing the statewide sales tax from 6 percent to as much as 8.5 percent – making it the highest in the nation.

The Democrats

On the other side of the aisle, Florida Democrats are endlessly debating the details of several proposals, but at the end of the day don't really have a comprehensive reform plan yet hammered out.

What Democrats do have are spokespersons like Senate Democratic Leader Steve Geller of Hallandale Beach who says he's mystified by those who say local governments could handle a major property tax cut without eliminating key services.

Geller said it was "irresponsible" for state officials to talk about revenue by 30 percent or more while maintaining it would not impact services to city and county residents.

"Where do people think 20, 30 or 50 percent reductions are going to come from?" Geller said.

Save Our Homes

And then there's Florida Tax-Watch -- taking a populist tax favorite --- Save Our Homes – and slamming it into the ground.

"Florida TaxWatch has been opposed to the Save Our Homes Amendment since it was first introduced in 1992," the bi-partisan research group said. "As our research pointed out to voters then, and as reality confirms today, Save Our Homes is not a tax limit, but a tax shift. Since it does not control total taxation or government spending, the effect has been a shifting of the tax burden to businesses, renters, and second homeowners."

However, Florida TaxWatch agrees that Save Our Homes "is still popular with many Florida voters and the only way to eliminate these unintended consequences is to change the state constitution (which requires a vote of the electorate).

"Save Our Homes, with its three percent (or the increase in inflation, whichever is less) annual cap on homesteaded property value assessments, disproportionately helps higher priced homes, treats similarly situated homeowners and property taxpayers differently, and has tended to trap residents in their homes longer, because they wouldn't be able to afford the tax increase on the next home they would otherwise purchase."

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The Pineapple Grove Arts District in Delray Beach hosted the 10th annual Bed Race, Parade and Street Dance May 8.

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n honor of the 10th anniversary, this year's race featured the Ultimate Bed Race Challenge between all past champions, an attempt to regain their titles.

The team from the Bru's Room took the title.

All teams were asked to decorate their beds in honor of the theme, "Wackona" which means "one really crazy time" in Polynesian.

1 - The FAU team carries on.

2 - FAU Team, from left, Kris Bartels #27, Josh Pinnick #97, Ashley Kent, cheerleader, right front, Taneem Acevedo #9 and right rear Rusty Smith #11.

3 - Shane, Chris, with his daughter Lacey, 14 months, Kelly and Dylan Siska accept their awards with friends.

4 -Tamara, age 10, of the "Diamond Steppers."

5 - "Diamond Steppers" are led by Captain Brianna, age 10, as they practice their routine for the parade.

6 - Delray Beach Medical Center's entry in the Bed Race.

7 – The team from the 505 Teen Center in Delray Beach.

8 - Moe's Southwest Grille races on

9 - Master of ceremonies for the race, Ted Miller of Sunny 104.3, thanks race director Susan Keleher for putting together the event.

10 - Beach Boys v. Moe's Southwest Grille.

11 - From left, Dylan, Chris, Kelly, Shane and Rory Siska of Team Bru's Room team up before the final race and go on to win it.

12 - Dania Khan, Queen for Delray Beach Marriot, gets help fixing her pineapple crown















before the parade from Donna Schnell.

13.- While waiting for the Bed Race to start, Ashley Kent, FAU cheerleader, grabs the football from FAU football player Rusty Smith.







Sentries for homeowners

Tenth in a series

One of coal miners' earliest warning systems for danger in the mines were little yellow canaries. Their highly sensitive metabolism was very attuned to methane and carbon monoxide; if the canary died, the miners needed to leave the pit before it exploded.

There are certain plants in the botanical world that act as sentries for homeowners. In these drought conditions, sentry plants can serve a valuable function - they wilt. That's how they let us know when it's time to water before everything else wilts.

(Clerodendrum "Starburst quadriloculare) is our indicator in the nursery that we need to turn the sprinklers on," said Elise Ryan, owner of Color Garden Farms wholesale grower in Loxahatchee.

Even though they're native to Florida, wild coffee (Psychotria nervosa) droops when it's too dry. Normally found in shell ridge hammock understories with fil-

tered sunlight, it positively swoons in direct sun if it gets too dry, letting the homeowner know that irrigation is necessary. Distinguished by its beautiful evergreen foliage and bright red berries, its conspicuous veins give the plant a textured look. But its whole appearance shows distress well before other plants in the landscape.

Homeowners without sprinkler systems are advised to hold off on watering until they see their sentry plants wilt. Be sure also to follow current water use restrictions.

"During the summer months, the best way to water is to irrigate only when the landscape needs it rather than on a schedule," said Bill Schall, Palm Beach County Extension Agent. "I've gone entire summers without turning my sprinklers on. I'll just spot water a dry area by hand when it starts to wilt."

Other sentry plants in South Florida landscapes that act as bellwether indicators for the need



to water include Purple Showers (Ruellia brittoniana), Allamanda (Allamanda schottii), Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow (Brunfelsia grandiflora), Firespike (Odontonema callistachyum) and many of the hibiscus hybrids.

If you have questions about any of these GrowSmart techniques, call the South Florida Water Management District at 561-686-8800 or the Palm Beach County Extension Master Gardener Hotline at 561-233-1750.



(Special to the News) Sharon Hall, right, director of the Capstone Program for Junior Achievement Worldwide, addresses the audience during a JA Finance Park program. To her right is Ken Cunningham, a member of the board of directors for JA and president of Gold Coast Financial Group, LLC.

Junior Achievement holds first finance park program in Palm Beach County

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Dear Mr. Berko:

I want to invest in a small company that specializes in nanotechnology because I think this is the wave of the future. I'm told of a company called Altair Nanotechnologies that is, according to research given to me by my broker, on the cutting edge of many new products. I would like to buy 20,000 shares of Altair at \$3.90 because it seems to have excellent promise according to WR Hambrecht's research. Hambrecht, as you know is that big New York Stock Exchange firm which was very active during the tech stock market and people made big money following their recommendations. Hambrecht's people believe that Altair's revenue will grow tenfold this year and that the company will finally make a profit. Hambrecht is a member of the NYSE so their research certainly must meet sound standards. But I would like your thoughts on this stock, which would also give me an added level of comfort before I invest \$39,000. N.W.

Kankakee, Ill.

Dear N.W.:

Altair Nanotechnologies Inc. (ALTI-\$3.30) is a research and development firm with activities directed at high-sounding sectors like: advanced materials, air and water treatment, alternative energy, lanthanum-based pharmaceuticals, biocompatible materials and chemical delivery products. Last year ALTI put \$4.3 million in revenues on the books and lost 29 cents for each of its 69 million shares, or about \$20 million. ALTI hasn't made a profit since it emerged from the woodwork as a new issue four years ago.

Nanotechnologies is a fancy name that excites millions of gullible simpletons who believe there's a Golconda behind every rinky-dink, small company in the nano-business. Most of ALTI's research, except for alternative energy, isn't worth writing home about especially its lanthanum (a ductile rare metal) based pharmaceutical research, which has been an embarrassing bust.

However, ALTI's alternative energy research seems to have excited the hoi polloi who pushed the price up 65 percent from December's \$2.50 a share to \$4.10 last March. And the price has fallen even more from \$3.90 to \$3.30, which is a \$4,000 savings on 10,000 shares. The big deal is ALTI's rapid-charge, high-powered nano-battery. Supposedly a sport utility vehicle, equipped with this battery using nanostructured materials for the negative electrode, recently "put on an impressive performance." Now I don't know what "an impressive performance" is but I can tell you that ALTI's chief executive officer, Alan Gotcher Ph.D., has been talking up his nano-tale batteries for several years.

But all is not as bad as it seems; Gotcher's battery has produced more than \$75 million in losses that can be used as a write-off if ALTI makes a fortune on a rumored nano-patent for powdered water.

Still there are idiots on the street who believe ALTI is the next Microsoft, Google or Wal-Mart. Brokerages I've never heard of like Merriman Curhan Ford, Canaccord Adams and the Maxxim Group have "buy" recommendations on the stock. And some poor schlump (John Roy) at WR Hambrecht also rates ALTI as a strong buy. This fellow thinks that orders of ALTI's nano-batteries will generate \$42

million in new revenues this year. So computing this new revenue factor into his kindergarten computations, JR suggests that ALTI, rather than losing millions this year, will net 9 cents a share, or \$6 million. Meanwhile, ALTI management wantonly spends money like drunken sailors on shore leave. So in order to meet lease obligations, payroll, etc., Gotcher has to raise cash to pay the bills; so guess which brokerage firm is ALTI's underwriter? Why Hambrecht, of course, and



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an underwriter for ALTI's shares. But I'm not surprised; Hambrecht has skilled friends with bushels of bucks who lobby the NYSE! Not long ago when my office was visited by the NYSE staff, one of their auditors lost his patience with my questions and blurted, "We don't give a blankety-blank about the public. You break our rules, and you're toast!" Some say the NYSE and its member firms have inveigled more money from investors than the Mafia, but that's a conservative guess. Meanwhile, if that battery is so good, please tell me why ALTI is still selling at a low \$3.30 a share?

Junior Achievement recently conducted the first-ever JA Finance Park program in Palm Beach County, with teachers and 8th grade students from St Clare's Catholic School.

JA Finance Park is a six-week economics education program that introduces personal financial planning and career exploration.

sons delivered in school, students visited JA Finance Park in West profit economic education or-Palm Beach. After being given a fictitious adult life situation card, they had the opportunity to put Northwood University in West into action what they learned by committing to a personally developed budget, assisted by their ment programs upon completion teachers and a staff of trained

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Junior Achievement is a nonganization serving Palm Beach, Martin and Hendry counties. Palm Beach will be the permanent home for all Junior Achieveof a planned facility.

they're telling starry-eyed investors like you that ALTI will soon be a \$6 stock.

One would think the buffoons who run the New York Stock Exchange should sense a conflict between Hambrecht's published research reports on Altair and Hamrecht's position as

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Boca Raton News Dining Guide

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Shops at Boca Center - 5150 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton - 561-620-3754. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily.

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- 2 E. Camino Real. Boca Raton - 561-395-9335. Dinner nightly.

Big City Tavern

Shops at Boca Center – 5250 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton - 561-361-4551. Lunch and Dinner daily, Late night Monday – Saturday.

Bistro Zenith - Re-

gency 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.

- 561-395-6033. Lunch Monday - Friday, Dinner Monday - Saturday.

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.

Mariposa

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.

Grill

Raton - 561-981-

7400 N. Federal

nightly.

Highway. Boca Raton -

561-998-0278. Lunch

Tuesday-Friday, Dinner

Daimatsu Sushi

41 Royal Palm Place,

200 SE Mizner Blvd.

- 561-361-7557

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Boca Valley Shopping

Plaza - 7461 N. Fed-

- 561-241-0400.

day, Dinner nightly.

- 1200 Yamato Rd.

Suite A1. Boca Raton

- 561-989-1688

Lunch and Dinner

Market

daily.

Fuji

Max's Grille

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

Maxwell's Chop-

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

Morton's, The Steakhouse

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

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am – 2:30 pm. Dinner

Ruth's Chris Steak

225 N.E. Mizner Blvd.

Boca Raton - 561-

392-6746. Dinner

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- 561-998-9952.

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6260. 7pm seating

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

5 Spice Asian Street Soba Sushi Mizner Park – 415 Plaza Real, Boca Raton Shoppes at Blue Lake - 561-620-0606. Lunch Tuesday-Satur-

CONTINENTAL Bistro Provence 2399 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton - 561-368-2340. Dinner nightly.

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

Lunch and Dinner daily. Johannes

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

daily. Lunch and Din-

ner Monday-Saturday, Brunch Sunday.

Paradiso 183 W. Camino Real. Boca Raton - 561-361-3034. Lunch and Dinner Tuesday-Sunday.

Peace A Pizza

Shoppes at Blue Lake - 1200 Yamato Rd. Boca Raton - 561-998-BEST (2378). Lunch and Dinner

Positano

4400 N. Federal Hwy. Boca Raton - 561-391-2120. Dinner nightly.

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Mizner Park – 402 Plaza Real. Boca Raton - 561-994-3495. Lunch Monday-Friday. Dinner nightly.

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- 5999 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton - 561-994-3495. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly. 33445 (561) 703-6903

Rino Vesuvio -3360

N. Federal Hwy. Boca Raton - 561-368-5520. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday.

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1450 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton - 561-362-7407. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

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Royal Palm Place - 301 Via de Palmas. Boca Raton - 561-367-9779. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

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ner Tuesday-Sunday.

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

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999 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton - 561-368-9500. Dinner & Dancing Friday Evenings, Brunch Sunday, 11am-3pm.

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101M Royal Palm Place, 101 Plaza Real S. - 561-395-2675.

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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 The N9Nz – The Garden Shops - 7036 W. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton - 561-392-5040. Lunch

Monday-Friday, Dinner

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

Palms Plaza - 22191

Gary Woo Asian Bistro

3400 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton - 561-368-8803. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Ichiban

Sumerset Shoppes - 8841 Glades Rd. Boca Raton. - 561-451-2429. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Kansai

7140 Beracasa Way. Boca Raton - 561-395-8862. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly. 112 N.E. 2nd St. Boca

La Tre

249 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton - 561-392-4568. Lunch Wednesday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Masamune

Japanese Rest. 3011 Yamato Rd. Boca Raton – 561-241-8400. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

- Royal Palm Place - 500 Via de Palmas, Ste. 79. Boca Raton - 561-394-6912. Dinner nightly.

day, Dinner Tuesday-Friday.

Stir Crazy Café

Town Center – 6000 Glades Rd. Boca Raton - 561-338-7500. Lunch and Dinner nightly.

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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'

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Raton -561-620-0033. Lunch Monday-Saturday, Dinner daily.

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).

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

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180 S. Federal Hwy. Boca Raton - 561-393-2844. Dinner nightly.

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Grill – 6909 S.W. 18th Street. Boca Raton - 561-544-8838 - 335 E. Linton Blvd.

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.

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

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21090 St. Andrews Blvd.. Boca Raton -561-361-8244. Lunch and Dinner daily.

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392-5595. Breakfast

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366 E. Palmetto Park. Boca Raton - 561-750-2233. Lunch Tuesday-Sunday, Dinner nightly.

Trattoria Romana

499 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton – 561-393-6715. Dinner nightly.

Tulio's Cafe

Royal Palm Place, 309 Via De Palmas, 561-447-4006

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The Reserve – 9858 Clint Moore Rd. Boca Raton - 561-470-0112. Lunch Mon.-Sat., Dinner nightly.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Thursday, May 24, 2007:

This year, communicate your energy and spirit in a manner in which others can understand. Simplicity draws many more people and adds to your professional and personal success. Know when you have had enough, and be willing to walk away. You have an unusual opportunity to claim your power this year. People surround and support you. If you are single, meeting people could be a snap, but relating on a deeper level could be challenging. Often you discover that each of you is on a different path. If you are attached, realize the importance of a lot of quality time at home. You might consider a purchase of a new home. VIRGO can be a downer.

home. CANCER June 21-July 22

★★★ You might need to clarify and ask more questions. What appears to be right-on and clear to you could be most confusing to a key associate or loved one. If you can't shed light on an issue now, don't worry -you have time. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news. activity, confusion and misunderstanding. Gain a perspective through watching. Do what you must; others might be more observant than you think. Tonight: A must show.



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

 $\star \star \star$ New beginnings are possible if you don't go to extremes. Nix exaggeration, whether it comes from you or someone around you. Actions count. Get into a project. Demonstrate in a discussion how to make an idea a reality. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS April 20-May 20

 $\star \star \star \star$ Where others lack imagination, you have ideas. Let your knowledge dictate your choices, and use your ingenuity to make them possible. Someone you see as vague could become even stranger or more confusing. Tonight: Fun and games.

GEMINI May 21-June 20

★★★ You mean what you say. Nevertheless, confusion surrounds plans, perhaps a long-term plan. Don't try to reverse a situation. Rather, take in what is happening knowing time remains your ally. Tonight: Happy at

LEO July 23-Aug. 22

★★★ Curb a need to spend until you get a better grasp on a situation; you might not be right or on target. Acknowledge someone for what he or she has to offer. A relationship could go topsy-turvy out of the blue. Do nothing for now. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You might be on top of your game, but if you look around, others might not be. If you can pitch in and make someone's day a little easier, do. Personal matters could keep your mind busy. Tonight: Just smile, and everyone relaxes.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22

★★ For better or for worse, whatever decision or move you make falls apart. You might not understand what is happening. Isolate yourself from chaos. Observe rather than be a player. You discover the power of timing. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21

★★★★ Aim for more of what you want from a dubious situation. If you act clearly, then others might have a backdrop to work with in their confusion. Tension occurs within a partnership, as you have different ideas. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21

 $\star \star \star$ Maintain a low profile rather than get caught up in a whirlwind of

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** Take the high road. Avoid getting caught up in problems that surround you. Investigate possibilities with a clear eye. Avoid any and all money dealings right now. Wait a few days before making financial decisions. Tonight: Rent a movie or listen to music.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18

HHH Know when to back off. Though you absolutely might feel you are on the right track, you could be off. Give yourself time. Allow someone else to make decisions. Would you rather make a bad decision than do nothing? Tonight: Time out with a friend.

PISCES

Feb. 19-March 20

★★★ Others clearly want to dominate. Who are you to prevent them from doing what seems natural and important? What you might be working through in your mind might be based on a false premise. Stop. Get more information. Tonight: Go out and enjoy a friend.

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Garrish leads Boca High against River

By Mario Sarmento SPORTS EDITOR

At first, Boca Raton High quarterback John Garrish didn't know how bad it was.

On a botched special teams play against Palm Beach Gardens last year, Garrish had to run with the ball and took a hit in his right knee. He came out of the game and wanted to return, but Coach Rick Swain thought better of it and had his junior quarterback sit out.

Garrish was fine until the next practice. Then, after his 15th pass, it happened.

"I probably had my best practice that day of the year," he said. "I took a three-step drop, and the knee gave out on me."

The diagnosis was grim. Garrish had torn the ACL and MCL in his right knee, and he also damaged the meniscus.

"It brought me to tears," Garrish said. "I've been playing football all my life and I never had an injury."

His season was over after two games, and the Bobcats never recovered, falling to 4-6 and missing the playoffs for the first time in four seasons.

Thursday, Garrish takes the field for the first time in a game since that night, when his Bobcats play at Spanish River High at 7 p.m. Garrish had surgery eight days

after his injury, and the combination of painkillers that dulled his appetite and the inability to work out trimmed 30 pounds from his 195-pound frame.

Garrish's father John, who is the assistant head coach and running backs coach for the Bobcats, said the injury was especially difficult because Garrish loves to work in the weight room.

But Garrish worked as hard on his rehabilitation as he did with weights, and it helped that the surgical team that operated on him was the same one used by the Miami Dolphins.

Garrish was given a good prognosis though, and in fact his 40 time now is just a tenth of a second slower than it was last year.

Once doctors told him he would be ready for spring football, Garrish circled Aug. 1 on his calendar and spent every day working towards it.

Still, last season was a wasted one for Garrish. Junior year is always a pivotal one for a high school athlete, since it's the first chance to send out tapes to prospective colleges. And with Garrish hurt after two games, his tape wasn't long enough to show much.

"He wants to be able to prove himself now, and he has a smaller window to do that this year," his father said.

By the time spring practices rolled around, Garrish had reclaimed his place as the starting quarterback for the Bobcats.

"He's a great kid and he's a hard worker," new Boca Raton coach Eddie Giersbrook said.

There was still one more hurdle for Garrish to overcome – he had to take his first hit in pads at the Blue and Gold game last Friday night.

"I definitely wanted to get it out of the way," Garrish said. "I figured if I was worried about it when I ran, that's when injuries happen."

Garrish thought it would take him a few plays to adjust to being back, but he said he was able to step right in and play as if nothing had happened to him.

In fact, at practice on Monday, Garrish threw his body around on a block when the Bobcats ran an end around that showed he had suffered no ill effects from the ACL tear.

With Giersbrook coming in, Garrish has had to digest a new offensive system, which he said has been less complicated than the Wing-T Swain favored.

It also helps that Garrish has



Boca Raton High quarterback John Garrish sees his first game action Thursday in the spring game against Spanish River High at 7 p.m.

talented teammates like Antonio Fenelus and Tony Cornelius to help him on the field.

"It's a lot easier on me, because, I throw it out there and they get an 80-yard TD, and really all I did was just dump it off to them," Garrish said.

Not only is Garrish hoping to return to form, but he hopes to bring the Bobcats along with him.

"We have plenty of talent, the

line's playing strong," he said. "And I see a team that's very together in the spring, I think it's huge. I think in the fall we're going to be very good, and certainly compete for the district title."

Sharks athletes raise money for scholarship fund

By Mario Sarmento

SPORTS EDITOR

On Tuesday night, the Spanish River High boys volleyball team took the home court for the last time as a group. But the reason the Sharks came together was not for volleyball or to celebrate their back-to-back state championships.

The players reunited for a worthy cause, to play in the first annual Naryana Gaspar Scholarship Fund Game, in which the volleyball team took on the Spanish River boys basketball team in a game of hoops.



Schneider leads new-look Sharks

By Mario Sarmento SPORTS EDITOR

New Spanish River High football coach Perry Schneider is no stranger to rebuilding projects, having taken over bad football teams at Taravella and Deerfield Beach High and turning them into perennial powers.

This year Schoolden faces

Schneider said.

Burkett is running the multiple set offense Schneider has installed, which is a pass-oriented attack that will differ greatly from the ground-hugging tactics of former coach Bob Braunstein.

Brett Swider is the only returner at the running back posiissues begin. "The only thing we have dpeth is at lineman," Schneider said. On defense, the Sharks will run the typical 4-4 look favored by many high schools. Schneider has been impressed by two players so far, lineman Alex Gonzalez and linebacker Jimmy Wilson. He said the biggest aspect of this rebuilding project is to get his players to believe they can win football games, though Thursday Schneider is looking for something a bit simpler.

The game raised \$1,675 for the fund.

Naryana Gaspar was a Spanish River student who was killed in a car accident when her friend lost control of her vehicle in August. Gaspar was not wearing a seat belt, which got her mother Lidia to thinking about honoring her daughter's memory while delivering a message about safe driving.

Lidia had an idea for a fundraising event, and her cousin Sabrina told her husband, who coaches the Boynton Beach High volleyball team. He in turn relayed the information to Sharks coach Austin Lindley when the two coached against each other this season. Lindley signed on immediately to take part in the fundraiser.

"We were going to do my volleyball team against the faculty, but then Gustavo (Cintron) started trash-talking the basketball team and it became a basketball game, which I think worked out for everybody," Lindley said. Mario Sarmento/Staff Photo

Joining Lidia Gaspar, Naryana's mother (right) at the first annual Naryana Gaspar Scholarship Fund Game are (from left) Spanish River High boys volleyball coach Austin Lindley, Lidia's cousin Sabrina, and Sharks boys basketball coach John Jones. A basketball game between the Sharks boys volleyball and bsaketball teams was played in honor of Lidia's daughter Naryana, who was killed in a car accident in August last year.

The boys basketball team won the game 51-23, but the score wasn't important.

"This is one of the happiest days of my life after the accident," Lidia said. "It was unbelievable." Admission was \$4, with an addition dollar contributed by students and parents who competed in a halfcourt shooting contest at

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This year, Schneider faces a similar reclamation project with Spanish River, which has endured back-to-back 1-9 seasons. The only thing we have dpeth is at lineman," Schneider said.

The Sharks only had 45 players come out for spring practice, which makes depth a concern for Schneider.

Spanish River is also replacing key contributors to last year's team, including quarterback Rob Lee, running back Ricky McDermott and tight end/ cornerback David Casado, who all graduated.

The starting quarterback Thursday against Boca Raton High will be ninth-grader Brandon Burkett.

"He's very good, he's done a good job," "Effort," he said. "All I want is to watch. I'm not paying attention to the score."



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Eagles look to take flight against Ely

By Mario Sarmento SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off of a 10-2 record in his first year as Atlantic High football coach, Andre Thaddies is hoping to build towards another successful season with Thursday's spring game against Ely. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at Atlantic.

"We look very good," Thaddies said. "We have some bright spots, some kids who have stepped up unexpectedly."

Those players are running back Sammy Noel, lineman Robert Robertson, who Thaddies said had "a great spring," and running back/wide receiver/ quarterback Jay Ron Hosely.

After losing Cleveland Hankerson, one of the top running backs in the area, one would think the Eagles would have cause for concern at that position. But Thaddies said the tandem of Thomas Hankerson, Cleve's brother, and Boca Raton High transfer Demetrius McClendon will more than compensate.

Last year, as a change-of-pace back for his brother, Hankerson ran for 401 yards and scored six touchdowns on only 62 carries.

"They give us diversity," Thaddies said. "We can switch them up. They can catch the ball, have great vision."

Another position Thaddies isn't worried about is quarterback, where senior Chivas Jones returns after passing for seven TDs and running for three more in his first season with the Eagles.

"He looked great," Thaddies said.

"His speed of the game has picked up. He's throwing some really crisp balls. He's caught up to the speed of Florida players." The major concerns right now are with depth and at the linebacker position, where the Eagles lost two starters to graduation.

Isaac Jean, who played 11 games at the position last year, will be the anchor, while sophomores Eliza Vil and Vincent Vasquez get the start alongside him Thursday.

Thaddies also has other players he can rotate in at that position.

The secondary is again led by Karnell Hatcher, the No. 3 high school prospect in the South Florida area.

Thaddies hopes the new players will mesh well with the old ones Thursday.

"(I'm looking for) teamwork, to really get it together," he said. "Just work on execution, be very efficient and do what we do."

Scots roll over Coral Springs Christian

By Mario Sarmento SPORTS EDITOR

The Saint Andrew's School football team finished its spring on a high note, as the Scots outscored Coral Springs Christian School 17-0 in the second half to turn a 13-13 halftime tie into a 30-13 win on Monday.

"We wanted to be physical and kind of wear people down a little bit," Scots coach George McCartin said. "I think we've got that kind of a runner in Isaiah (Leake). And our outside runners did a really good job tonight with the ball."

After carrying the ball 12 times for 56 yards in the first half, Leake rumbled for 89 yards on just 11 carries in the second half, punishing the Crusaders with four runs of 10 or more yards in the process.

While Leake was Saint Andrew's Mr. Inside, his younger brother Jordan and Ben Dexter combined to be Mr. Outside.

on 11 carries and scored two TDs, while Dexter had several good gains on the outside sweep.

"We probably didn't get the ball as much as we wanted to get it to Ben," McCartin said. "We knew Ben was going to be a real good football player. He started for us last year on defense, played some O. But, those two guys have that type of explosive speed that's going to make us a better football team. And obviously, the big guy inside can go with anybody."

With their running game clicking, the Scots didn't have to rely much on Joey Lancos and the passing game, though Lancos and Francis Geubelle came through when their team needed them most.

With the score still tied at 13, and facing a 4th-and-13 from the Coral Springs 32, Lancos rolled left and lofted a perfect pass to Geu-



By Mario Sarmento/Staff Photo

Jordan finished with 83 yards Saint Andrew's School running back Jordan Leake gained 83 yards and scored two touchdowns in the Scots' 30-13 win over Coral Springs Christian School on Monday.

> belle, who beat his defender to the outside and completed the scoring play that put Saint Andrew's ahead for good.

"Joey put some balls, we thought, on the money," McCartin said. "We didn't squeeze a couple, we didn't come back to it a couple of times. Joey's impressed us all spring with the way he's thrown the football. His footwork's gotten so much better, which enables his arm strength to really be a positive."

Lancos finished 4-of-13 for 60 yards and two interceptions on the night.

Jordan and Isaiah Leake scored TDs from the 1-yardline to tie the game after the Crusaders had forged ahead early.

Cameron Dean kicked a 43-yard

field goal to extend the Scots' lead to 23-13 in the third, and that set things up for the Saint Andrew's defense, which recorded six sacks. all by Brian Horsford and Bernard Susskind.

"We started widening Bernie out a little bit and get him a little more space because we thought he could operate, and then Brian was awesome," McCartin said. "He just dominated inside."

McCartin hopes the win propels the Scots to work hard this offseason to prepare for the fall.

"I told them we're this close to getting where we want to be," he said.

Saint Andrew's plays its preseason classic on Aug. 24 at home against Benjamin High.

worked in relief and struck out

three in 1 2/3 innings and did not

FAU had opportunities to score

in the eighth inning. With two

outs, Daniel Cook and Daniel

Bomback both picked up singles

before an error loaded the bases,

but the Owls were unable to push

allow a baserunner.

FAU baseball falls in first round of Sun Belt tourney

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Florida Atlantic University collected 10 hits against Middle Tennessee State University but could not overcome a six-run deficit to fall to the Blue Raiders 6-1 in the first round of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. Mike McKenna finished with two hits to extend his three hit streak to 23 games.

very well. Today was a different story than when we faced him in the regular season."

The Middle Tennessee (30-26) offense jumped out of the gates with all of their runs in the first three innings off FAU starter Joel Schmal. One run in the first on

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Boca skater wins gold at Sunshine State Games

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Palm Beach County Figure Skaters won a total of 33 medals at the 2007 Sunshine State Games Figure Skating Championships, Florida's largest annual figure skating event, with 290 skaters participating at Incredible Ice, in Coral Springs, May 18-20.

The 52 skaters from Palm Beach County won five gold, 14 silver and 14 bronze medals.

Eleven-year-old Natalie Dubuc of Boca Raton was one of the five gold medal winners, earning the top honors in the Pre Preliminary Jumps event.

She also won silver medals in the Pre Preliminary Compulsory Moves and Pre Preliminary A Girls Free Skating

of Wellington, won her gold medal in the Pre Juvenile Jumps and also won a silver medal in the Pre-Juvenile Spins event.

She and her twin sister, Sarah, competed in the 2007 Sunshine State Games Figure Skating Championships.

Also winning gold medals were Franchesca Lloyd, 10, of Wellington, in the Juvenile/ Open Juvenile Compulsory Moves event and Palm Beach Atlantic student, Kimberly McNeil, of West Palm Beach, in the Adult Pre Bronze Ladies Freeskating.

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Juvenile Girls Short Program - Final Standings 3. Francesca Lloyd, Wellington

Novice Men Short Program Final Standings

2. Isaac Wenger, Boca Raton

Junior Ladies Short Program - Final Standings

3. Cloe Vanmalderen, Palm Beach

Novice/Junior/Senior Spins - Final Standings

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Pre Juvenile Spins Group 1 - Final Standings

2. Daniella Chiera, **Boca Raton**

- Pre Juvenile Spins Group 2 - Final Standings
- 2. Samantha Maclean, Wellington

Preliminary Spins Group 1 - Final Standings

3. Samantha Scott, **Boca Raton**

Novice Jumps - Final Standings 3. Brianna Robertson, Greenacres

Pre Juvenile Jumps - Final Standings

1. Samantha Maclean, Wellington

Pre Juvenile Girls Free Skating Group A - Final Standings

3. Nicole Cuillo, West Palm Beach

No Test Compulsory Moves Group 5 - Final Standings 2. Chloe Rothman, Jupiter

Pre Preliminary Compulsory Moves Group 1 - Final Standings

2. Michelle Li, Boca

Pre Preliminary Compulsory Moves Group 4 - Final Standings

2. Natalie Dubuc, Boca Raton

Preliminary Compulsory Moves Group 2 - Final Standings

3. Riley Herr, Boca Raton

Juvenile/ Open Juvenile Compulsory Moves - Final Standings

1. Francesca Lloyd, Wellington

Pre Juvenile Compulsory Moves Group 1 - Final Stand-

ings 2. Nicole Cuillo, West Palm Beach

Pre Silver Solo Dance - Final Standings

2. Mikala Chesler, Wellington

Silver Solo Dance - Final Standings

2. Rachel Musselwhite, Jupiter

No Test/Pre Preliminary Showcase Group 2 - Final Standings 3. Gina Cipriano, Wellington

Results from Sunday, May 20:

The 2008 Sunshine State Games Figure Skating Championships will once again be held at Incredible Ice in Coral Springs, May 16-18, 2008. Registration continues for

9-10 and June 15-17.

Gables;

events. Samantha Maclean, 11,



McKenna picked up his first hit in the first inning. A double with two outs moved Daniel Bomback to third after reaching on a single to put runners into scoring position. The Owls (35-21) were unable to capitalize on the scoring opportunity and did not have another runner in scoring position until the eighth inning. Through the first eight innings, FAU picked up seven hits but five of them came with two outs.

Brad Robinson (8-2) kept the FAU offense off balance and pitched 7 2/3 innings of scoreless baseball. He allowed seven hits and struck out seven in his outing.

"Robinson had a great game," said FAU Head Coach Kevin allowed six runs on 12 hits and Cooney. "He handled our hitters struck out four. Chris Eberhart



in which three unearned runs were

Three RBI came off the bat of

centerfielder Adam Warren who

finished with two hits in the con-

A leadoff single in the third led

Schmal fell to 5-2 on the year

after he worked 6 1/3 innings and

to the sixth and final run of the

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The shutout was broken up in the ninth as William Block started things with a double down the left field line.

With one out, Tyler Stevens picked up an RBI with a double down the right field line.

A Travis Ozga single would put runners on the corners but the momentum would be squelched as Middle Tennessee turned one of its three double plays to end the contest.

FAU will play the 10 a.m. et game on Thursday against the loser of the Western Kentucky/New Orleans contest.

The loser of the contest will be eliminated from the tournament, while the winner will advance to play Friday.

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No Test B Girls Freeskating Group 3 - Final Standings 3. Hannie Webb, Greenacres

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Pre Preliminary Jumps Group 1 - Final Standings 2. Paolo Borromeo, Lake

Pre Preliminary Jumps Group 2 - Final Standings

1. Natalie Dubuc, Boca Raton

Results from Saturday, May 19:

Juvenile Girls Open Freeskating - Final Standings 3. Olivia Jenkins, Boca

Raton

Adult Pre Bronze Ladies Freeskating - Final Standings 1. Kimberly McNeil, West Palm Beach

Pre Preliminary A Girls Free Skating Group 2 - Final Standings

2. Natalie Dubuc, Boca Raton; 3. Kristina DePelisi, Wellington

Pre Preliminary B Girls Free Skating Group 1 - Final Standings

2. Michelle Li, Boca Raton

Pre Preliminary B Girls Free Skating Group 2 - Final Standings Michelle Bohning, 2. Greenacres;

3. Laura Rivas, Weston

Disney star offers summer skateboarding tips

contest for MTSU.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Dirtboarding, a combination of skateboarding and snowboarding, is gaining popularity among kids in the United States and Brandon Baker, star of the Disney Channel Original Movie "Johnny Kapahala: Back on Board," premiering June 8 at 8 p.m. on Disney Channel, knows that although the sport is fun, safety is most important.

Baker, who learned to dirtboard for his role in "Johnny Kapahala:

Back on Board," developed the following dirtboarding safety tips for kids this summer:

• Always wear a helmet as well as elbow, wrist and knee pads to prevent injuries in case of a fall.

• If you are a beginner, practice on smaller slopes until you get the hang of riding.

• Always dirtboard with a friend in case someone needs assistance.

guardian where you'll be dirt-

mountains or a park, you can also hone your dirtboarding skills at a • Always tell your parents or local skateboarding park.

scholarships to Spanish River students last week.

"This was a great night," Sharks player Kyle Friend said. "Nary was a great person. It was just great for her and the school (to do this)."

Friend also took the evening's message to heart, saying, "It could happen to anyone. It happened to someone at our school."

In all, the charity game raised \$1,675 for the fund Tuesday night.

"I hope that next year we will hand out four (scholarships)," Lidia said. "And I hope the kids always will buckle up and drive safely."

Gaspar also hopes this will be an annual event.

"I think after (Tuesday), that's going to be for sure," she said.

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