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REAL ESTATE GUIDE



Many Charter Schools close

Boca charter school owners say don't judge us based on others' tainted reputations

By Nicol Jenkins
STAFF WRITER

In the past few years, many Boca charter schools have closed because of allegations of mishandling funds, failing school grades, or not having enough students, teachers or funds to stay open.

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Hurricane season is here. Is your small business ready?

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

When Bill Knight built his Nex-Store gasoline station, food mart and convenience store in Boca Raton during the waning days of the 2004 hurricane season, he made sure he installed a generator that could keep his business going if a hurricane knocked out power for days or even weeks.

During the past two hurricane seasons, the first restaurants that were back on line in downtown Delray Beach following storms were the ones that cooked with gas.

About this time last year, Boca Raton Mayor Steven Abrams called his "gas station summit" to make sure a sufficient number of filling stations had generators to get storm-weary Floridians back on track following the passage of a storm. About two-thirds of the city's fueling depots now have them.

With the hurricane season here, residents are being told to stock up

on water, food and other supplies. Hurricane guides are being distributed and posted online. The state's hurricane supply tax holiday just concluded.

Survey results

Much preparedness attention focuses on residents. But what of the business community? A national survey commissioned by Delray Beach-based Office Depot offers some grim figures about business preparation.

The survey -- conducted by TNS NFO -- says 57 percent of small business owners and decision-makers are not worried about the impact a disaster can have on their business.

- Additional findings also reveal:
- 71 percent of small business employees work at a company that does not have a disaster preparedness plan.

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Boca Raton News Poll Results

What do you think the Boca Raton City Council's priority should be for the coming year?

- Tax rate reduction 51%
- Downtown pedestrian 'spine' 28%
- Better traffic control 13%
- More athletic fields for youths 9%

Sign up online to receive the PDF version of the Boca Raton News. www.bocanews.com. A new poll question will be posted soon. Let your opinion be heard.



(Frank Correggio/Special to the News)

Members of the Boca Raton Fire-Rescue Services team are, from left, Lieutenant/Paramedics Pat Bayne, Jamie Smith and Jay Sumner.

Boca Fire-Rescue team tops at Miami competition

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton Fire-Rescue Services won first place at the annual UM Paramedic Competition.

Ten teams from Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, Orlando and the West Coast participated.

Lieutenant/Paramedics Pat Bayne, Jamie Smith and Jay Sumner make up Boca Team A. The team took the prize for teamwork, communication skills and

technical expertise.

The UM Annual Advanced Life Support Paramedic Competition is held prior to the National Advanced Life Support Competition and seminar in July at Clin-Con in Orlando, where Boca Raton Fire-Rescue will compete again.

Also, on June 19, Boca Raton is hosting its first EMS Challenge 2007. This competition will also prepare teams for Orlando.

Suspect gets 20 years in killing of West Boca woman

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

A suspect in the murder of a West Boca woman, Linda Fishman, in February 2003, pleaded guilty Monday to killing her and setting fires in her home, court records said.

Fred Kretzmer, a felon who had been doing time in the St. Lucie County jail, was sentenced to 20 years in prison, with credit for about a year and eight months of incarceration.

Fishman, the widow of a Connecticut judge, was strangled in the living room of her Boca Winds home. Police figured that Fishman, 55, knew her killer since there were no signs of forced entry.

Investigators said the killer set two fires in the three-bedroom home and fled in Fishman's 1989 Lincoln Town Car. He also stole several pieces of her jewelry and artwork.

The fires caused little damage and were immediately ruled out as a cause of death.

Boca Raton Detective Eric Keith and Fishman's family knew of an anonymous letter that directed the attention of investigators to the alleged suspect who was doing time in the St. Lucie County jail.

Just a day before he might have gone free, Kretzmer was taken into custody by Palm Beach Sheriff's officers and moved to the county jail, where he was being held until his court appearance. Following the death of Fishman's husband in 1986, the 55-year-old widow bought her home in the West Boca development in 1992. She lived alone, but her friends and family said she was involved in many charities and had an active social life.

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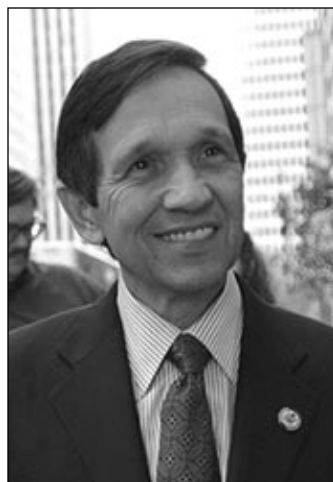
Kucinich added to lineup of speakers at Democratic gala

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Palm Beach County Democratic Party has announced that 2008 presidential candidate, U. S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, will be a guest speaker for the party's 2007 Jefferson-Jackson Dinner Saturday evening, June 16, at 7 p.m. at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.

Kucinich first came to national prominence in 1977 when he was elected mayor of Cleveland at age 31, the youngest person ever elected to lead a major American city. Kucinich currently represents the 10th District of Ohio in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the chairman of the Domestic Policy Subcommittee of the House Committee on Oversight & Government Reform.

Political commentator James Carville will be the featured



Dennis Kucinich

speaker.

The evening's keynote speeches will be given by freshmen U.S. Representatives Ron Klein and Tim Mahoney, who captured previously held Republican seats in the November 2006 election.

National Garden Clubs choose Boca member as president

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Surrounded by four generations of family, Barbara May was elected and installed as president of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. for 2007-2009 at its annual meeting in Boston during Memorial Day weekend.

In 2001, Barbara joined the Boca Raton Garden Club, which is a member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Barbara, who is a snowbird, has a home in Massachusetts as well as in Boca Raton.

In her inaugural speech, she outlined her goals to "Nurture the Earth"-- planting native plants in community gardens, at schools and in personal, private gardens as a step towards conservation and sounder ecology practices.

A former teacher, she is fostering programs to educate school children about native plants and organic gardening. She has been working with the Boy Scouts in developing a "Native" badge.

She is sponsoring a native plant landscape design to be used in Habitat for Humanity homes. National Garden Clubs and Habitat for Humanity have been partners



Barbara May

(Special to the News)

in hundreds of landscaping projects across the country over the past eight years.

With more than 200,000 members in 7,000 clubs across the country, the National Garden Clubs, Inc., a 78-year-old organization, is the largest federation of garden clubs in the United States.

The National Garden Club has tree-planting programs, education courses, scholarships, patriotic and civic programs and maintains a website at www.gardenclubs.org

Liberty Property names Petry to head Boca/Miramar office

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Liberty Property Trust, the real estate investment trust that owns and manages nearly two million square feet of office and industrial properties in South Florida, has announced that Andy Petry has been named vice president of leasing and development for South Florida.

"Andy has been in the real estate arena for nearly 15 years and he has an excellent reputation in the marketplace," said Bob Goldschmidt, regional director and vice president, Liberty Property Trust. "We know that Andy will be successful in his new position of vice president of leasing and development and we look forward to watching Andy grow and increase the value of our portfolio in the region."

In his new role, Petry will be responsible for all daily activity in the region, including all leasing, property management, acquisition and development including build-to-suit opportunities.

Previously Petry was a senior vice president and director of leasing at Grubb & Ellis. During his four-year tenure, he was responsible for business development, service delivery and client relations for the firm's South Florida project leasing portfolio.

Petry earned both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Florida. He is a past president of NAIOP South Florida and currently sits on the board of directors.

Police Blotter

Delray police probe fatal crash

Delray Beach police are investigating a fatal car-motorcycle accident that occurred about 12:20 p.m. June 9 in the 900 block of SW First Street, police said.

Preliminary reports indicate that Darrell Woodlyn, 38, of Philadelphia, was heading east on his motorcycle in the 1000 block of SW First Street. Police allege he ran the stop sign at SW 10th Avenue, lost control and struck a car operated by Augustin Antoine, 61, of Delray Beach.

Police said Woodlyn had been wearing a helmet, but it was knocked off by the collision. He was taken to Delray Medical Center, where he later died of injuries sustained in the collision, police said.

Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to call Traffic Homicide Investigators Scott Gregory or Daniel Cramer at 561-243-7832.

Cash stolen

A woman complained to Boca Raton police June 6 that someone removed an envelope from her suitcase containing \$500. She was staying at a local motel at the time, police said.

Laptop taken

A Boca Raton resident told police June 6 that someone smashed the passenger window of his car and stole a laptop computer from the front seat, police said.

Vandalism incidents

A man from Boca Raton told police June 6 that someone broke the double doors off his mailbox and also ripped the red outgoing mail flag off the box. He said he suspects someone in the neighborhood did it.

In another case of vandalism, police said someone broke keys in the east and west entry doors of a business on Congress Avenue, police said.

A suspect also spray painted several letters on the main level parking garage at one of the condominium complexes on South Ocean Boulevard, police said.

Bench broken

Boca Raton police received a report June 6 that someone broke a concrete bench near the beach access area of Admiral Walk, police said.

Obituary

CHARLES PENOLA BOCA RATON

Charles Penola, 77, of Boca Raton passed away on June 5, 2007. Arrangements by A Cremation Service of the Palm Beaches.

WILLIAM PATRICK BECRAFT BOCA RATON

William Patrick Becraft, 61, of Boca Raton died Thursday, June 7, 2007. Babione Funeral Home, east chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Prakas Group brokers three restaurant deals

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Athan "Tom" Prakas, president/broker of The Prakas Group, Inc., a real estate brokerage firm specializing in commercial transactions, business, restaurants and hospitality properties, has reported the completion of a property sale, business sale and one lease transaction in recent activity in Palm Beach County.

Christian Prakas, restaurant/nightclub specialist, was exclusive broker for the following three transactions:

Select Investment Properties has purchased a 2,800 square foot building at 19-23 SE 5th Avenue, Delray Beach. The building is presently 75 percent leased including an insurance company and Blulce Lounge. The sale is valued at \$1,250,000. The Prakas Group, Inc. represented both the buyer and the sellers, Joseph Perraino and Frank Carucci of Joe's Pub Corp.

Khoury Synergy has purchased the 1,500 square foot Blulce Lounge at 19 SE 5th Avenue, Delray Beach. The lounge serves

Mediterranean-themed dishes and crepes along with a full liquor bar. The sale is valued at \$175,000. The Prakas Group, Inc. represented the buyer as well as the seller, Taylor Smith of On The Rocks.

*Boca Tanning Club Deerfield, Inc. has leased 1,700 square feet of retail space for Boca Tanning Club, an upscale tanning salon, located at 215 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. The company has been in business for five years and has three other Florida locations including one in Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach. The deal is valued at \$215,000. The Prakas Group, Inc. is exclusive broker for Boca Tanning Club for all of South Florida. The Prakas Group, Inc. represented the lessee. The lessor, Investments Limited, represented themselves.

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

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Boca Raton nonprofits may lose funding from city

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

For months, Boca Raton has been girding for drastic budget cutbacks imposed by the state legislature.

There has been talk of service cuts. No mention of layoffs. But at Tuesday's City Council meeting, officials heard from the heads of several nonprofit groups that depend on the city for partial funding.

Mary O'Connor, president and CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County — which is located in the New Pines neighborhood of Boca Raton — asked council members to stave off any cutbacks to nonprofits — if possible.

Mary Barnes from the Alzheimer's Community Care Center urged the same.

Past assistance

During the past few years, in every budget cycle, the city allocates more than \$400,000 to about three dozen nonprofit organizations. The groups apply for the money, then attend a public hearing to explain their requests. In the end, the council approves as many proposals as money allows.

Just last week, the city sent a letter to all of the nonprofits calling attention to the special legislative session now going on in Tallahassee and the cutbacks that it may bring.

"Proposals being considered by the state legislature may result in significant revenue reductions to the city of Boca Raton," said Linda Davidson, director of the Office of Management and Budget, who wrote the letter.

State mandates

"If property tax reductions mandated by the state legislature are significant, it is very likely that the majority, if not all, of the funding to nonprofit organizations will be eliminated from the city's budget."

O'Connor said the Boys and Girls Club received \$10,000 from the city last year. "That may not seem like a lot," she said. If the club doesn't get it this year,

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"we will have to eliminate a staff member, which will leave 20 children without services."

She asked the council to "take this into consideration when you do your budget."

Councilman Peter Baronoff noted that the cutbacks "will be mandatory. We are not imposing them, but Tallahassee is. I am troubled already."

Barnes, who said the Alzheimer's group received \$26,000 from the city last year, also talked about the need for the service to area residents. "We bring patients advocacy and intense support."

Jim Gregory of Boynton Beach — who cofounded the group with Barnes several years ago — also spoke in favor of continuing funding.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

On property tax relief: Do no harm

By Dominic Calabro

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Florida TaxWatch commends the Governor and the Florida Legislature for committing to resolve inequities and excessive growth in the state's property tax system during next week's special session.

But in their push to bring quick relief to taxpayers, they must be careful to do no harm.

Legislators are faced with many significant issues that cannot be forgotten in their efforts to craft solutions. Florida's current property tax structure is not fair: long-time homesteaders, protected by the unintended, harmful effects of the Save Our Homes amendment, are paying an increasingly smaller proportion of taxes. But that means that non-homesteaders, business property owners, new home buyers, second and third homeowners, renters and "snowbirds" have been absorbing the huge increases in property taxation and local government spending Florida has seen over the last several years.

In addition to creating those inequities, Save Our Homes has trapped people in their homes—making it too costly to either downsize or move into a larger home to accommodate family needs.

Florida TaxWatch is hopeful that as they meet next week, state legislators will look beyond the desire of only homesteaded property owners who want additional

tax breaks. Legislators must take a thoughtful, comprehensive look at Florida's entire property tax system and address the inequities within the state so that all property owners pay their proper share and no one group is forced to shoulder the burden.

They must create a system that allows families to move to another home without seeing their property tax bill triple, while also bringing relief to non-homesteaders and businesses.

While it is not fair for the property tax burden to be distributed inequitably, it also is not fair for tax relief to be placed solely on the shoulders of certain local taxing bodies. Property taxes are controlled by the state, counties, cities and special districts—and each can afford to go on a healthy fiscal diet to provide relief to every property owner.

To date, state leaders have only been looking to certain local governments to reduce taxes and trim expenses.

To provide both meaningful and equitable property tax reform, state leaders also should consider special taxing districts and school districts. Those school property taxes that are legislatively imposed saw increases of \$545 million in additional required local effort this year alone.

The newly released Quinnipiac University poll of 1,174 Florida voters reminds us that while citizens want super-sized property tax cuts, they do not want reduced

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services. So the question is, How do we balance tax cuts with revenue and spending reductions in ways that ensure we trim waste and eliminate lower-priority programs and inefficiencies, while protecting important core local government services?

Everyone should share in this belt-tightening with uniform sacrifices.

The Legislature should consider appropriate flexibility for local governments and remove some unnecessary red tape and constraints. Property tax cuts must

be accompanied by responsible spending cuts.

We are hopeful that our leaders will provide high public stewardship that will look outside the ordinary and balance tax cuts and revenue reductions with spending reductions that do far more good than harm.

How they are done and where they are done, mean a great deal to Floridians and Florida's economic future.

Dominic Calabro is President and CEO of Florida TaxWatch

Rosson named dean of graduate studies at FAU

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Florida Atlantic University Provost John Pritchett has named Dr. Barry Rosson as the university's new dean of graduate studies.

Responsible for overseeing the Office of Graduate Studies, Rosson will provide leadership to an office that has the primary responsibility of assisting prospective students in learning about the university's graduate programs, graduate recruitment efforts, graduate admissions and review and recommendations regarding graduate program proposals and changes.

He will also work with the other university deans in enhancing graduate program development.

"I am certainly looking forward to working at Florida Atlantic University and to being a part of its future with regard to graduate education," said Rosson. "It's an honor to be given the opportunity to work with the faculty, staff and other administrators on initiatives to enhance the university's graduate programs."

He said he would "welcome any occasion to interact with the graduate students on ways in which the university can enrich their learning experiences."

Rosson began his academic career in 1991 as an assistant professor within the department of civil engineering at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, achieving tenure and promotion to professor. He also served as associate chair of the department of civil engineering, director of graduate studies in the College of Engineering, and most recently, as associate dean of



Dr. Barry Rosson

the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

"There was a superb pool of candidates for this position," said Pritchett. "Barry's long academic and promotion record set him apart from the other candidates."

Rosson has received numerous awards for service, advising and teaching. He has contributed to the publication of 20 manuscripts in peer-referred journals and four technical publications. Rosson has participated in 20 conference presentations and been awarded contracts and grants in excess of \$3 million.

He completed his bachelor's degrees at Texas A&M University and doctoral degree in structural engineering at Auburn University.

In a search that took about seven months, 50 candidates from around the nation applied for the position. Of those applicants, three finalists were chosen to interview with a cross section of the university.

Rosson will begin his duties as dean of graduate studies July 1.

West Boca baseball gets \$8,000; Levis JCC receives \$20,000

By John Johnston

MANAGING EDITOR

County commissioners have approved spending \$8,000 to help offset the cost of uniforms for participants in the West Boca Youth Baseball. The programs are operated year-round.

Funding will come from the District 5 Recreation Assistance Program, and the program will serve approximately 650 youth, commissioners said.

Also in District 5, commissioners have signed a \$20,000 agreement with the Adolph and Rose Levis Jewish Community Center, Inc. This funding is to help offset the Center's costs for its Camp Kavod summer camp program for special needs children. Camp Kavod serves approximately 40 children, commissioners said.

Land Plat

Separately in District 5, commissioners have approved an exchange and civic site dedication agreement with Boynton Beach Associates X, LLLP, a development entity controlled by G.L. Homes. The agreement is pursuant to the county assembling 62.96 acres of land on Acme Dairy Road south of Boynton Beach Boulevard, for park and civic purposes.

The total area to be platted

is 125.816 acres and includes county property, (52.165 acres); the Palm Beach County School District, 33 acres; Boynton Beach Associates X, LLLP and Boynton Beach Associates XVIII, LLLP (40.651 acres).

Commissioners said that the agreement with Boynton Beach Associates (BBA) required BBA to plat the property and the county to join in the plat. The county is signing the plat as a property owner within the platted area. Parks and Recreation is planning to develop a district park on the county's property, said commissioners.

Other Business

In other recent business, commissioners:

- Asked the Property Appraiser's Office to step up efforts to catch residents who illegally file homestead exemptions. Since 2004, PBC investigators have allegedly recovered less than \$325,000 in lost tax revenue, fines and interest from homestead cheaters compared with approximately \$9.5 million for Broward County.

- Agreed to ask the BCC advisory panel to review a county policy that limits to five the number of children allowed in an in-home day care. State rules currently al-

low up to 10 children.

- Approved a 50-year agreement with Condado, Inc. for construction access to sand dunes on Singer Island.

- Approved a resolution naming a portion of the US 1 bridge over the Loxahatchee River in Jupiter after former Jupiter Mayor Carlin White.

- Approved a change order to a \$61.7-million contract with James A. Cummings, Inc. for construction of a new long-term parking garage at Palm Beach International Airport, enabling the county to save approximately \$1.4 million in sales taxes.

- Agreed to accept a conveyance of .25 acres from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The county and South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) are jointly developing the Intermodal Transfer Facility located at the southeast corner of Banyan Boulevard and Clearwater Drive in West Palm Beach. Additional land is needed to build an access roadway for the transfer facility, commissioners said, and FDOT's 0.25 acres will be used for that purpose.

- Approved a \$350,000 agreement to purchase 0.47 acres adjacent to Westgate Park to in turn

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provide space for replacement of Fire Rescue Station No. 24 within the expanded park property.

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One Boca lawyer disbarred; one lawyer is suspended

By John Johnston
MANAGING EDITOR

Paul Robert Golis, 2000 Glades Road, Suite 306, Boca Raton, is among four lawyers recently disbarred by the Florida Supreme Court.

Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1984, Golis admitted that he converted \$223,575 in trust account funds to his personal use. The Bar said those uses included payment of a federal tax lien, corporate and personal credit card debt and law firm operating expenses.

The disbarment is effective immediately; however, repayment of all funds to the Bar's Clients' Security Fund will mean Golis would be eligible to apply for re-admission to the Florida Bar, the Bar said.

In a separate action, Boca Raton attorney Masha K. Bach, 17768 Maplewood Drive has been reprimanded by the Court for failing to provide her client with a written statement about the outcome of a lawsuit, and how a contingency fee for that lawsuit was determined.

The court said Bach also violated Bar rules regarding conflict of interest, as her husband and his business partners were parties to the suit.

Bach was admitted to the Bar in 2000.

South Florida

In other actions, the Court:

• Disbarred Manuel Marcelo Arvesu, 201 Alhambra Circle, Suite 502, Coral Gables, retroactively to June 30, 2006, with leave to seek readmission after five years, pursuant to a May 31 court order. An audit determined that between December 2003 and June 2005 there were large shortages in Arvesu's trust accounts. Among other things, the Court said Arvesu may have commingled personal and operating funds with trust account funds



and distributed client funds prior to collection.

• Suspended Mark Irwin Blumstein, 4581 Weston Road, No. 203, Weston, effective 30 days from a May 9 court order. Blumstein failed to produce trust account records compelled by a grievance committee subpoena. He will remain suspended until he certifies full compliance with the subpoena, the Court said.

• Disbarred Albert D. Diamond, 1060 W. 47th St., Miami. Diamond was disbarred in November 1998. However, in 2005, he wrote letters and took other actions that constituted the unlicensed practice of law.

• Suspended Robert Alvarez Rudolph, 8027 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, for 91 days effective 30 days from a May 18 court order. The Court said Rudolph accepted a \$30,000 fee to finalize the will of a client's father. He then filed papers to set aside the last will and testament of the client's father, without discussing this strategy with the client, which put the client at risk of losing \$1 million. He also failed to transfer records related to the case to the client's new lawyer and failed to provide any accounting for the \$30,000 retainer fee.

• Suspended Robert Alvarez Rudolph, 8027 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, effective 30 days from a May 18 court order. Rudolph failed to comply with a requirement of a November 2005 "report of minor misconduct" that he execute a rehabilitation contract with Florida Lawyers Assistance,

Inc. He also failed to attend a required anger management workshop. Rudolph will remain suspended until he certifies compliance, the Court said.

• Suspended Larry Jay Safron, 12900 S.W. 7th Court, Apt. B-308, Hollywood, for 18 months effective retroactively to Sept. 21, 2006, pursuant to a May 14 court order. Safron entered a no contest plea to felony possession of two controlled substances, heroin and cocaine. At final hearing he gave an account of the events leading to his arrest that is contradicted by the Probable Cause Affidavit that was the basis for his arrest and conviction.

• Suspended Valerie M. Velella, 609 N.W. 8th St., Dania Beach, for 18 months effective retroactively to Oct. 20, 2006, pursuant to a May 10 court order, and ordered to make restitution of \$5,000 to a client. Velella failed to take any significant action in an estate case after accepting a \$5,000 fee for her services and failed to communicate with her client, the Court said.

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

For space purposes, only Boca Raton, Delray Beach, and South Florida lawyers are listed in this story.

Ian M. Berkowitz

SBA loan programs can help businesses raise capital



Ian Berkowitz

This week, I am beginning the first installment in a multipart series of columns on business capital or what I like to call, "finding money for your business."

As previously discussed in last week's column there are many ways to finance your business. The two main ways are either through raising equity or debt. This week I'm going to focus on debt, and more specifically, the SBA loan programs.

Before we get into the nuts and bolts, let's examine an overview of the programs and purpose. The SBA's main programs for business loans are the 7(a) program, the 504 program, the international trade programs and the Microloan program. The decision of which program best fits your business capital needs is dependent on your uses, purposes and requirements for the money.

The fiscal year 2006 was a big year for SBA loan programs. The 7(a) loan program provided 90,483 business owners with business loan guarantees in the aggregate amount of \$13,758,200,000. The 504 CDC loan program provided 8,162 business owners with business loan guarantees in the aggregate amount of \$5,700,000,000. The Microloan program, which guarantees loans up to \$35,000 to a business owner, guaranteed the aggregate amount of \$18,700,000. These are big numbers and the government expects 2007 to be even a bigger year to assist small businesses.

Loans are guaranteed

The main factor to know about the SBA government loan programs, are that they are government guarantees for a borrower in support of a loan to a commercial lender. The loan program functions like having your rich Uncle Sam backing your loan request by guaranteeing payment to the lender. SBA works directly with a variety of lenders to guarantee your loan. The SBA categorizes lenders by the level and knowledge of their participation in and with the SBA lending programs. The highest level is a preferred lender, then certified, and then participating. The higher the level lender you go to, the easier it will be to access the government guarantee program.

The next question is which program is best for you. There are many government loan programs available; however, I am focusing on the most used and available loan programs for all types of business owners.

The 7(a) loan program is the flagship business loan program intended to assist entrepreneurs to obtain financing when they might not be eligible for business loans through normal lending channels. It is also the SBA's most flexible business loan program, as financing can be used for working capital, purchasing machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures, acquiring land and buildings, making leasehold improvements, and debt refinancing.

Maturity rates

Loan maturities go up to 10 years for working capital and generally up to 25 years for fixed assets and a borrower can usually finance up to 90 percent of the borrower's needs. The 7(a) Loan Program has a maximum loan amount of \$2 million dollars.

The 504 CDC loan program is used for fixed-rate financing to small businesses in order to acquire real estate, machinery or equipment for expansion or modernization. Many times, a 504 is used along with a 7(a) loan and also includes more than one lender. Typically, a 504 loan is structured where a loan is secured from a commercial SBA lender as the first priority lienholder and a second loan is secured from a Certified Development Company as the second priority lienholder.

The maximum SBA 504 loan is \$2 million for a non-manufacturer and up to \$4 million for manufacturers. Financing under the 504 program can be obtained for up to 90 percent of the borrower's needs and can be amortized 10 to 20 years.

The final loan program I wish to mention is the SBA Microloan program. This program is intended to provide short-term loans of up to \$35,000 to small businesses and not-for-profit child-care centers for working capital or for purchases of inventory, supplies, furniture, fixtures, machinery and/or equipment. The SBA makes or guarantees a loan to an intermediary, who in turn, makes the microloan to the applicant. Quite often, micro loan lenders also provide management and technical assistance.

Depending on your specific purpose for borrowing money there may be other programs available to you. There are many international trade loan programs if you are an exporter. There are also loan programs such as the SBA low doc program, which is an expedited loan processing program for loans up to \$150,000.

• *The SBA's main programs for business loans are the 7(a) program, the 504 program, the international trade programs and the Microloan program. The decision of which program best fits your business capital needs is dependent on your uses, purposes and requirements for the money.*

My suggestion and recommendation is to go to the SBA's web site at www.sba.gov in order to explore all loan programs available to you.

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Haven receives \$10,000 from Schmidt Foundation

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Haven, an alternative home for young men ages 9 to 18, has received a \$10,000 grant for general operations from The Schmidt Family Foundation.

"The Schmidt Family Foundation has been a major supporter of The Haven for many years," said Don Stewart, the Haven's executive director. "They truly believe in our program and they are committed to helping our community. We are very thankful for their continued support."

Since 2000, the Schmidt Family Foundation has donated \$128,000 to The Haven.

"Assistance to The Haven has been heartfelt by our Foundation due to the wonderful work and unending commitment of Don Stewart and the staff and volunteers who make things happen for the young men in their care," said Maria Levix, executive director of The Schmidt Family Foundation. "We are proud to partner with such a fine organization."

The Schmidt Family Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to helping people help themselves. By providing an appropriate financial catalyst, the Foundation gives individuals the means to alleviate suffering or

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The Haven is an alternative home for young men who have been placed in protective care by the state of Florida. The program is designed to foster the development of each young man's self-esteem and independence in a safe, loving and stable alternative home while teaching the skills necessary for them to become self-sufficient.

For information on how to help the young men at The Haven, call (561) 483-0962 or visit www.haven4kids.org.



(Nicol Jenkins/Staff Photo)

Boca Raton son and father Zachary Wolff, shown front, and Peter Wolff at the newly opened local business Postal Sweets. The business is a post office with a store filled with candy, Webkinz, European cards, classic board games, musical gift bags, pet purses, and other gifts for all ages.

Boca father and son open post office with sweet treats

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

"Look at this," said Peter Wolff, with a glimmer in his eyes as the stuffed animal began to rock back and forth and sing a tune.

In the next breath, "They really look real and feel it," said Wolff, as he placed a shaggy haired dog purse on his shoulder.

The next aisle over, Wolff was immersed in a wonderland of every child's dream where candy dotted the walls in bright colors. On the opposite side, old-timers could remember younger years in the nostalgia section.

"You never see those anywhere," said Wolff, pointing to rows of candy favorites from Juju Fruits to Razzles.

Other little trinkets and specialty gifts line the walls of Postal Sweets, a post office within a store filled with "something for all ages" located in North Dixie Center in Boca Raton. Peter's son Zachary Wolff runs the newly opened Boca Raton business.

The store still bears the Post Office sign but once inside customers are greeted to displays of unique gifts—some you can't find anywhere else, especially at a post office. Webkinz, stuffed

animals that become virtual pets on-line, fill the storefront in the thousands and because of immense popularity are sold out in stores nationwide— but not at Postal Sweets. "We have 10,000 of them and another 10,000 in the warehouse," said Zachary Wolff, President of Postal Sweets. "And we've had someone come from Vero Beach and New Jersey and all over the country for them."

After college graduation, Zachary was running the Carvel two doors down from the post office when the former owner became ill and had to sell the business. That's when an idea for a store inside a post office flourished.

"The post office was a draw, but we said to ourselves what else could we put in here that people could leave with?" he said. "We thought candy is something everyone likes and we love candy too."

But the Boca father and son wanted more than sweet treats. The duo began collecting unique trinkets and traditional favorites at international gift shows. While waiting in line to send mail, customers can shop for an array of goodies ranging from "funky" shoe collectibles, European cards,

classic board games, musical gift bags, pet purses, drinking card games for college students, Yankee candles, and stuffed animals. Among these gifts, customers can chance their luck with a Lotto ticket.

"You can get a gift for anybody no matter what age," Zachary said.

His father, who is Vice President of Postal Sweets, says the family plays an integral role in choosing the store's products.

"We feed off each other since we're different generations. I take care of the 40s and 50s and he takes care of the 20s and 30s. And even my 12-year-old daughter helps pick out products," Peter said. Even his younger son will start working at the post office/store this summer. "The entire family plays a part in the business. We always call them for ideas."

And the best part?

Besides working as a family, Zachary said it's "having customers walk out with a smile."

"When the customers are happy, it's my ultimate thrill," he said.

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(Special to the News)

Dave Buck, shown left, Anne Tanis, Aaron Stowell, Debbie Simon, Sabrina Sheehy-David, Rocki Rockingham, Melissa McCullough, David Worthington and Judy D'Amato.

Kids in Distress receives training grant from Jarden Consumer Solutions

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Kids In Distress received a \$20,000 grant from the Jarden Consumer Solutions (JCS) Community Fund to recruit and train new foster families in Palm Beach County and to support the therapeutic services critical to Kids In Distress' preschool in Broward County.

The Jarden Consumer Solutions Community Fund is the Boca Raton-based Company's employee-funded charitable giving entity. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the Community Fund provides monetary grants to qualified charitable organizations that engage in community development initiatives serving the communities where JCS employees live and work.

Recognizing the importance Kids In Distress plays in the lives of abused and neglected children in South Florida, Jarden Consumer Solutions has supported its work for the past three years.

"The employees who donate to the Jarden Consumer Solutions Community Fund recognize the

outstanding record of achievement Kids In Distress has in helping at-risk children and preserving families in South Florida," said Rocki Rockingham, JCS vice president, community relations and communications. "We are proud to continue our partnership with Kids In Distress by supporting the organization's programs."

Since 1979, Kids in Distress has had a demonstrated record of caring for and treating abused and neglected children through a full continuum of care that includes emergency shelters, therapeutic services, abuse prevention, foster care and adoption. This year, Kids in Distress provided assistance to more than 7,000 children and families in Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

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How ants make super-highways

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Certain army ants in the rainforests of Central and South America conduct spectacular predatory raids containing up to 200,000 foraging ants. Remarkably, some ants use their bodies to plug potholes in the trail leading back to the nest, making a flatter surface so that prey can be delivered to the developing young at maximum speed.

The raid always remains connected to the nest by a trail of forager traffic, along which prey-laden foragers run back to run back to the nest. This trail can be extremely uneven and full of 'pot holes' as it passes over leaves and branches on the forest floor.

The study, by Dr Scott Powell and Professor Nigel Franks at the University of Bristol, and reported in the journal *Animal Behavior*, shows that these living 'plugs' improve the quality of the surface. This increases the overall speed of the traffic and results in an increase in the amount of prey delivered to the nest each day.

Professor Franks said: "I think every road user who has ever inwardly cursed as their vehicle bounced across a pothole—jarring every bone in their body—will identify with this story. When it comes to rapid road repairs, the ants have their own do-it-yourself highways agency."

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As of June 1 hurricane season has officially begun. As we all know, Florida is experiencing a homeowner's insurance crisis. After a hurricane, it can take months and even years before homeowners are able to settle with insurance companies. During this time a refinance may not be possible due to damage to your home and a cash crunch may result.

Why not be pro-active and set up a no closing cost equity line in the event that this situation occurs? By utilizing a home equity line of credit, homeowners can draw upon their line and pay interest only on the portion they use. If the line is not needed then no payments are due.

Even if you as a homeowner can't prove your income or assets, often times your mortgage banker can help you get approved in less than 48-hours and protect your home. This allows you to make the necessary repairs without ever having to wait for your insurance reimbursement.

Failure to plan is a plan to fail. Carefully review your current insurance policy and make sure you are covered for property casualty, windstorm and flood. Often times homeowners think they are covered only to find out later on they are not.

Deductibles for hurricane related damage could potentially run into thousands of dollars. Do you have a reserve fund set up in case this occurs? Would you be able to carry all of your housing expenses plus relocation to new living quarters for your family?

Now is a great time for homeowners to call their local mortgage banker and review their financing situation and prepare for the season ahead.

Protecting your largest asset is one of the smartest things any homeowner can do.

Let's all hope for the best, but prepare for the worst!

Louis Spagnuolo has been a licensed mortgage banker for the past 14-years. He is also a licensed Florida Realtor® and licensed Florida insurance agent. He graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in finance.

Many Charter Schools closed

By Nicol Jenkins
STAFF WRITER

In the past few years, many Boca charter schools have closed because of allegations of mishandling funds, failing school grades, or not having enough students, teachers or funds to stay open.

Another Boca charter school has recently closed its doors leaving Boca Raton with only three charter schools.

Additionally, the closures have tainted the reputation of county charter schools in general making many believe they are doomed for failure.

"What's disturbing is that many charter schools enter out of philanthropy but sometimes it becomes a business plan and how they can make money. Education is then put on the back burner," said Palm Beach County Superintendent Dr. Art Johnson. "They start to lose focus."

With this freedom, Johnson said charter schools have the opportunity to succeed and fail. The district has approximately 40 county charter schools.

"The problem is that charter schools are over charter governance and are independent from the school district. They have the freedom and right to succeed and in addition they have the right to fail," Johnson has said.

Failing Charters

Boca Raton has seen many charter schools come and quickly leave town. In the past two years, about four charters have either closed or merged with another charter.

A shortage of qualified teachers in math, science, reading, and exceptional student education forced the closing of Palm Beach Military Academy in Boca Raton in November. The school was only open for three months. In the past, other county charters have closed or become alternative schools because of failing school grades or financial difficulties. Spanish Academy students transferred to Boca Raton Charter School because the school couldn't afford to remain open on its own.

But the worst case in Boca Raton was Corebridge Educational Academy, which closed last June. The closing came unexpectedly to 116 students and left about eight teachers not being paid about \$5,000 each.

Another Closure

The Gulfstream Goodwill Career Academy in Boca Raton recently closed its doors to 56 students, according to Cindy Maunder, director of charter schools at Gulfstream Goodwill Academies. The last day of school

was also the last for the charter school. Maunder said the focus will be on the other two charters: the Goodwill Transition Academy and the Goodwill L.I.F.E. Academy, which are in Boynton Beach and West Palm Beach. Those two charters focus on helping those with special needs transition from high school to the real world.

"We are focusing our area on working with people with disabilities," she said.

The Boca charter's mission was to help at-risk youth complete high school and was open for three years, which is longer than most charters. Maunder said the administrators met with each individual student to help them find new schools and transfer credits. Most went

charter school.

"Judge us for us, not for anybody else," said Wayne Owens, owner of Charter School of Boynton Beach, which is located in Boca Raton.

As for other area charters that have closed because of financial allegations, Owens said that should not reflect on others.

"Look at chain restaurants. What if one McDonalds closed, would that put a statement on all McDonalds in America? No," Owens said. "People lump everything together, but in everything there are good and bad aspects. Every charter school is an individual school."

Mission

Each charter school has a mission that sets them apart from public schools and owners say this allows them to reach those students left behind in the public school system. Boca Raton Charter School offers an International Studies program from kindergarten to fifth-grade. Potentials South serves special education students ages 3 to 10.

Charter School of Boynton Beach seeks to serve students from kindergarten to sixth-grade with a focus on preparing students for a global world. About 188 students across the county and in Boca Raton attend the school that moved to Boca in January after a shooting occurred in the Boynton Beach mall where the school was previously located. Owens said the school focuses on cultural study, foreign language, and technology.

"Starting in kindergarten students take foreign language. We have Spanish, French and a Japanese club," he said.

Succeed

What Owens believes makes some charter schools succeed is the smaller classes and individualized attention.

"We cater to each individual child. You have to make each child feel special

and want to come to school," he said. "I greet each student as they walk in the front door and ask how they are doing. They need that. It's more of a family aspect."

Owens added that the school also doesn't focus on solely FCAT instruction.

So with parents having charters schools and others to choose from, the future of education is not one size fits all.

"Like shoes, with education one style may not fit all. Now parents can choose," Owens said.

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Cindy Maunder
Director of Charter Schools
Gulfstream Goodwill Academies

back to public schools or other charters.

Maunder admits that charter schools favor various challenges including teacher shortages, less students and less support from the district.

"The biggest challenge is we are public schools but don't get the same dollar amounts and we don't have the number of students regular public schools have," she said. "They have a lot support and we at charter schools wear many hats. We're secretaries and administrators and many other roles."

'Not Every Charter'

Despite a less than stellar reputation, a Boca Raton charter school owner says that's not the case for every

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Boca Raton city leaders view plans for expansion of The Haven

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

Boca Raton city leaders recently joined officials from The Haven for a tour of the nonprofit's facility and the unveiling of plans for its expansion.

"This is both a critical and exciting time for us, as The Haven reaches out to Boca Raton's leadership for support and awareness of our incredible program

and specific plans for growth," said Director of Development Jim Gavrilos.

The Haven is an alternative home for young men that are part of the foster care system.

The roundtable discussion of the expansion -- the first of a series -- has led by Haven Executive Director Don Stewart. It covered topics ranging from the general operations of The Haven to spe-

cific changes to Florida statute affecting the Boca Raton community.

Stewart also shared some of The Haven's achievements with the group as well as its plans for future growth to the specific requirements of Florida's Road to Independence Act. That law requires The Haven to prepare its young men with educational, life and work skills that will help them

transition successfully from foster care on their 18th birthdays.

Joining The Haven staff and several members of the organization's Board of Directors were Boca Raton Fire Chief Tom Wood, Deputy Police Commander John Sullivan; Kristin Bomas, who leads PATH (People Advocating The Haven) and City Council members Bill Hager and Peter Baronoff.

Stewart said the event served as the first of a series of activities to bring city and county leadership, local business leaders and local educators to The Haven for a first-hand look at its programs.

Stewart explained that the Haven was built from a community outreach effort started in 1976 to provide assistance to youth in need.

In the early years, a small

Delray Beach house served as "home" to boys ages 8 to 14. Today, The Haven is an alternative home for young men, ages 9 to 18, who have been placed in protective care.

Each year, The Haven provides its comprehensive program to an average of 75-80 young men with the average length of stay of more than three years - with many staying until age 18.

He said the Haven's mission is to develop each young man's self-esteem and independence in a safe, loving and stable alternative home.



(Special to the News)
Haven Executive Director Don Stewart answers questions about the agency's plans for expansion.

"The Haven works as a team to make each day one of balanced satisfaction," he said, "while teaching the skills necessary for the boys to become self-sufficient and proud adults."

Information about The Haven is available at www.Haven4Kids.org or by calling 1-561-483-0962.

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'Large is smart' in cities

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cities are considered by many to be a blessing and a curse. Large cities generate considerable wealth, they are home to many high paying jobs and are seen as engines of innovation. But cities also generate pollution, crime and poor social structures that lead to the urban blight that plagues their very existence.

Now a team of researchers, including an economist from Arizona State University, has studied the growth of cities in different parts of the world and has come up with general equations that can foretell their consumption of resources and their contributions to society. The work has debunked the notion that cities act like biological organisms, that once they start they grow, and consume and contribute at predictable linear rates.

"It's true that large cities have more problems, they are more congested, they create more pollution and they have more crime," said Jose Lobo, and ASU economist in the School of Sustainability. "But also because of their size, cities are more innovative and create more wealth. Large cities are the source of their problems and they are the source of the solutions to their problems."

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Will small businesses be ready if a hurricane hits in 2007? A survey commissioned by Office Depot says more than half of small business owners nationally are not worried about the impact of a disaster on their operations.

- Two-thirds (64 percent) of those companies without a plan contend, "We don't need it."

- One in five businesses (18 percent) do not back up computer data.

"Not having a plan or back-up system in place can result in a business closing for good," said Jon Toigo, an IT veteran and author of many books on disaster planning and recovery. "Just as you would prepare your home and family for a potential disaster, it's important that you also ready your business."

Boca businesses don't seem to display a blasé attitude. The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce just held a preparedness seminar for businesses. Not only that, its Web site is rife with links to information about storm prep and protecting your business before and after storms. Coincidentally, there's even a link to the Office Depot hurricane preparation site.

Personal Preparation

The message to businesses seems to be the same given to residents. Preparation is a personal thing. Institutions can offer advice, but residents and businesses have to carry it out.

Nicole Gasparri, from the office of City Manager Leif Ahnell, led three hurricane preparation workshops for home and condo owners this year and last. She said businesses — usually restaurants — call the city after a storm to say they have generators and are open. Otherwise, the city has little contact with the business community vis a vis preparation.

"We have policies and procedures in place," said Lee Davidson, general manager of General Growth Properties, which operates Mizner Park. "We send out a memo every year and we have a

manual with information about Boca and Palm Beach County."

Still, it's up to individual store owners to do the work. For store owners, he said, "The biggest decision is, as the storm approaches, should the store be closed."

Offices, too

Mizner Park also has business offices, which don't depend on foot traffic. "In that case, there's not a lot of preparing to be done."

During 2004 and 2005, Mizner Park was hit hard by hurricanes, which took down many trees and blocked roads.

Thinking back and looking ahead, Davidson noted that storeowners have dealt with storms, so that "for the most part, everyone is prepared."

To help business owners, Office Depot has created a free downloadable brochure entitled "Expecting the Unexpected: Disaster Preparedness Strategies for Small Business" available at www.officedepot.com/getprepared.

"Readiness planning is vital to business survival," author Toigo added. "A sound contingency plan can help your small business respond effectively to a crisis, and prevent that crisis from becoming a full-fledged disaster."

Toigo stressed the cyber-damage that storms can inflict. "Disaster recovery planning does not have to cost a lot of money. A \$1 piece of media, like a CD-R, to store important data such as key customer lists, vendor details and presentations, could make a big difference in being able to keep your business running.

TAKING STOCK**They're open to closed-end funds**

Dear Mr. Berko:

We have \$22,000 we want to invest in five closed-end funds with yields between 8 percent and 9.5 percent and we don't care if the funds trade at a small premium. We're seeking high income and can afford to take risks with this money but still, we'd like your recommendations to be solid issues, not the 12 percent to 15 percent yields several brokers have shown us. This \$22,000 comes from the cash value of a \$300,000 life insurance policy we've owned for 38 years and no longer need. So if we could generate about \$150 a month from this money (to cover a senior membership at our new health club) we'd be very happy. Another couple that we know has a little more to invest for income. They've been reading your column for many years and will also buy the issues you recommend because they have benefited from your advice several times in the past.

R.O.

Elgin, Ill.

Dear R.O.:

I have anointed the following five closed-end funds with a kiss of dragon's breath for staying power and a sprinkle of pixie dust for good luck, and hopefully these issues will not only maintain their dividend payouts but possibly increase them a tad or two over the coming years.

There are a number of closed-end funds paying 12 percent to 15 percent but I think the brokers who suggested those funds might be daft and you're wise to disregard their advice. A significantly superior alternative is to invest equal amounts of money in each of the following five issues.

Alliance All-Market Advantage Fund Inc. (AMO-\$13.80), which traded in the high \$30s and low \$40s between 1998 and 2001, pays a quarterly dividend of just

a tad under 33 cents a share and yields 9.41 percent. This is AMO's lowest payout since its inception when it came public at \$11 a share in 1994. Though AMO trades at a 7.8 percent premium, several analysts for whom I have high regard believe that its unique portfolio structure and strong dividend argues persuasively for its purchase. AMO owns a "core" portfolio of 25 issues that "are highly regarded at any point in time." The balance of the small \$48 million portfolio consists of issues with "exceptional growth potential." However, Alliance Bernstein (a classy management group) uses short-selling, leverage, options and futures to generate the attractive 9.41 percent return. Meanwhile, it's not unreasonable to anticipate an AMO dividend increase in the next 10 months or sooner.

Evergreen Income Advantage Fund (EAD-\$14.75) pays a monthly dividend of 11.5 cents, its lowest payout since coming public at \$15 a share in February of 2003. The current dividend yields a solid 9.41 percent making this a good income issue, even though EAD trades at a small 1.8 percent premium. This closed-end fund invests about 80 percent of its large \$1.4 billion portfolio in loans, preferreds and bonds like Case New Holland 9.25 percent, Huntsman International 11.5 percent, Universal Hospital Services 10.1 percent, Ford 9.75 percent, all of which are below investment grade. About 34 percent of EAD's portfolio is leveraged to increase its total return.

Pacholder High Yield Fund Inc. (PHF-\$9.98) came public in 1988 at \$19.75 a share. It trades at a 1.3 percent discount to net asset value and certainly has been a lousy investment for current shareholders who bought it as an initial public offering 19 years ago. PHF's price and dividend have collapsed more than 50 percent since coming public

but the current payout appears sustainable according to Norton Chervitz, a closed-end fund analyst with Greystoke Consulting. Using leverage (41 percent), PHF invests in debt issues such as CCH Holdings 11 percent, Team Health 11.25 percent, Constar International 11 percent and Alliance One 11 percent, in its \$220 million portfolio. PHF's dividend of 7.5 cents per month yields 8.94 percent.

Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc. (HIX-\$11.11) has a \$1.1 billion non-leveraged portfolio of high-yield bonds managed by the venerable people at Legg Mason. HIX trades at a 6.8 percent discount to net asset value and its monthly 7.5-cent dividend (down from a high of 13 cents in 2000) yields 8.48 percent and management believes it should be able to increase this dividend in the next 15 months. Meanwhile, HIX's share price is down from its \$15 IPO offering in 1998. According to Thomson Financial, HIX has earned an average annual 9.5 percent total return since inception over 9 years ago.

Nuveen Multi-Strategy Income & Growth Fund 2 (JQC-\$13.72) owns a leveraged (32 percent) \$1.9 billion portfolio of issues with well-known names such as Washington Mutual, Banco Santander, J.P. Morgan, Citigroup and Merrill Lynch. JQC came public in June of 2003 at \$15 and paid 98 cents a month. Today's 95-cent monthly dividend yields 8.19 percent and Nuveen, an old-line, estimable investment firm believes they should be able to increase JQC's monthly dividend as well as its net asset value in the coming 11 months.

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



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Six generations and growing

The family of Lillie Bell Evans, 94, of Delray Beach, recently gathered to recognize six generations.

When Lillie Bell turned 90, family historian Collie Evans-Jones said she had 10 children, 58 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and 48 great-great-grandchildren.

Since then, one great-great-great-grandchild has been added along with seven more great-great-grandchildren, bringing that total to 55.

The family is planning a reunion for Lillie Bell's 95th birthday Sept. 12.

Making up the six generations are: Lillie Bell Evans, daughter Lula Mae Brown, grandson Bobby Brown, great-granddaughter La Tonia D. Brown, great-great-granddaughter Kyshawna Brown-Miller and great-great-great-granddaughter Keonna L. Smith.

In the meantime, the family got together for a Mother's Day reunion at Lillie Bell's Delray Beach home. She told her family members she enjoys going to the Palm Beach Kennel Club and the Seminole Casino.

The day before Mother's Day, the family got together in the clubhouse at 700 Lindell Blvd. for a photo shoot.

Before moving to Delray Beach, Lillie Bell lived on NE 15th Terrace in the Pearl City section of Boca Raton. She and her family used to work on Butts Farm.

John Edward James, Lillie Bell's grandson, is writing a book about her.



1 – Six generations of Lillie Bell Evans' family includes, from left, Lillie Bell Evans, daughter Lula Mae Brown, grandson Bobby Brown, great-granddaughter La Tonia D. Brown, great-great-granddaughter Kyshawna Brown-Miller and great-great-great-granddaughter Keonna L. Smith.

2 – Photo taken two years ago of Lillie Bell getting her nails done by granddaughter.

3 – Lillie Bell Evans with her great-grandchildren who will be graduating from high school this year. From left, Rashema Jenkins, Alexis Sinkfield, Lillie Belle and Allecia Sinkfield.

4 – Family photo taken outside the clubhouse at 700 Lindell Blvd. in Delray Beach.



(Special to the News)

Water Barrels can be essential water contributor

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Rain catchment systems may one day make an essential contribution to resolving our water crisis. After all, we get lots of rain here in South Florida. The trick is to retain it for when we need it.

As residential irrigation accounts for nearly 50 percent of the typical household's water consumption, rain catchment systems can significantly reduce the use of treated tap water, lowering monthly water

bills substantially.

Some rain catchment systems consist of a large tank and require cover, filtration and treatment. However, other methods of water collection from rooftop runoff can provide an ample supply of "soft" water that contains no chlorine, lime or calcium. Because it tends to have fewer sediments and dissolved salts than municipal water, rain water is ideal for gardens, planter

beds, indoor tropicals like ferns and orchids and even automobile washing.

While lined retention ponds can irrigate large tracts, simple rain barrels provide enough water for the average homeowner. Rain barrels, made from food-grade black recycled plastic, hold around 57 gallons of water. They're attached to the downspout from your gutter and come with a five-foot overflow

tube which you can direct to your planter beds. The spigot at the base of the barrel connects to your garden hose.

"While homeowners can irrigate new plantings enough during the first month to get their root systems established, rain barrels and catchment ponds could really cut the strain on our limited water resources when used on the rest of the landscape," said Elise Ryan, nurs-

ery owner and member of the Grow Smart Task Force.

It only takes 1/4 inch of rainfall runoff from the average roof to completely fill the 57-gallon barrel. In fact, rain barrels can repay their \$30 cost in only a month or two. Furthermore, a rain barrel diverts water runoff from the foundation of your house, making it more secure.

Rain barrel assembly (down-

spout, splash lid, screen and hoses) shouldn't take the average homeowner more than an hour to install. Rain barrels work on gravity and need no electricity.

If you have questions about any of these Water Smart 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.

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Dining Guide

AMERICAN/ STEAKHOUSES

Abe & Louis Glades Plaza
2200 W. Glades Rd. Boca Raton, FL – 561-447-0024. Lunch Monday thru Friday, Dinner nightly, Weekend Brunch.

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

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

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

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

Bogart's Bar & Grille
Muvico Palace 20 – 3200 Airport Road – 561-544-3044. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Brewzzi Glades Plaza
2222 Glades Rd. Boca Raton – 561-561-417-3401. Dinner nightly.

Bucky's Bar-B-Q
1198 N. Dixie Hwy. Boca Raton – 561-750-5421. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Carmen's Radisson Bridge Resort
999 Camino Real. Boca Raton – 561-750-8354. Dinner Wednesday – Saturday, Brunch Sunday.

Dada
52 N. Swinton Ave. Delray Beach – 561-330-3232. Nightly 5pm-2am

Gaucho Rodizio
4060 N. Federal Hwy. Lighthouse Point – 954-784-7667. Lunch and Dinner nightly.

Gotham – The Shoppes at Addison Place. 16950 Jog Rd. Delray Beach – 561-381-0200. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner Monday – Saturday.

Chops Lobster Bar
– 101M Royal Palm Place – 101 Plaza Real S. Boca Raton – 561-395-2675

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

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

Henry's
The Shoppes at Addison Place – 16850 Jog Rd. Delray Beach – 561-638-1949. Lunch Monday – Saturday, Dinner nightly.

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

J. Alexander's
1400 Glades Rd. Boca Raton – 561-395-9875. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Kathy's Gazebo Café
4199 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton – 561-395-6033. Lunch Monday – Friday, Dinner Monday – Saturday.

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.

Max's Grille
Mizner Park – 404 Plaza Real. Boca Raton – 561-368-0080. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Morton's, The Steakhouse
Shops at Boca Raton – 5050 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton – 561-392-7724. Dinner nightly.

New York Prime
2350 N.W. Executive Center Drive. Boca Raton – 561-998-3881. Dinner nightly.

The N9Nz
The Garden Shops 7036 W. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton – 561-392-5040. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Opus 5
Shops at Boca Center 050 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton – 561-544-8000 Lunch, Monday-Friday 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. Dinner nightly.

Ruth's Chris Steak House
225 N.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton – 561-392-6746. Dinner nightly.

Seasons 52
2300 N.W. Executive Center Dr. Boca Raton – 561-998-9952. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Shore Restaurant and Bar
6 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach – 561-278-7878. Lunch and Dinner daily.

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

Sonoma Café & Bistro
640 E. Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach – 561-243-8581. Dinner Monday-Saturday.

The Sundry House / De La Tierra
106 S. Swinton Ave. Delray Beach – 561-272-5678. Lunch Tuesday-Saturday. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Brunch Sunday.

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

ASIAN/SUSHI Bangkok in Boca
– Royal Palm Place – 500 Via de Palmas, Ste. 79. Boca Raton – 561-394-6912. Dinner nightly.

Bluefin Sushi Thai Grill
861 Yamato Rd. Boca Raton – 561-981-8986. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Cay Da Vietnamese
– 7400 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton -561-998-0278. Lunch Tuesday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Chin Chin
499 S. Federal Hwy. Boca Raton – 561-393-3737. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Daimatsu Sushi
41 Royal Palm Place – 200 SE Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton. 561-361-7557.

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Boca Valley Shopping Plaza – 7461 N. Federal Hwy. Boca Raton - 561-241-0400. Lunch Monday-Saturday, Dinner nightly.

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Gary Woo Asian Bistro
3400 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton – 561-368-8803. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

House of Siam
25 N.E. 2nd Ave. #116. Delray Beach. 561-330-9191. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

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

Japango – Riverstone Shoppes of Parkland 7367 N. State Road 7. Parkland – 954-345-4268. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Kansai – 7140 Beracasa Way. Boca Raton – 561-395-8862. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Kyoto Sushi Sake
25 NE Second Ave. Delray Beach – 561-330-2275. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

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

Lemon Grass Asian Bistro
420 E. Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach – 561-278-5050. Lunch Tuesday-Thursday, Dinner Tuesday-Sunday.

Mai Hibachi
4801 Linton Blvd. Delray Beach – 561-499-2766. Lunch and Dinner daily.

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

Osaka Sushi
9168 Glades Rd. Boca Raton – 561-451-1707. Lunch Monday-Saturday, Dinner nightly.

P.F. Chang's
1400 Glades Rd. Boca Raton – 561-393-3722. Lunch and Dinner daily.

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

La Cigale
253 S.E. 5th Ave. Delray Beach – 561-265-0600. Dinner nightly.

Sapa
499 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton – 561-353-4600. Lunch Monday thru Friday, Dinner nightly.

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

Soba Sushi
Mizner Park 415 Plaza Real. Boca Raton – 561-620-0606. Lunch Tuesday-Saturday, Dinner Tuesday-Friday.

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

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

Sushi Thai
100 NE 2nd St. Boca Raton – 561-750-4448.

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

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

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

Uncle Tai's
Shops at Boca Center – 5250 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton – 561-368-8806. Lunch Monday-Saturday, Dinner nightly.

Yama
44 E. Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach – 561-266-9929. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

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

Boheme Bistro and Grill
1118 E. Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach – 561-278-4899. 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).

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

Cucina D'Angelo
Shops at Boca Center – 5050 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton – 561-750-2344. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Cucina Rosano
16950 Jog Rd. Delray Beach – 561-499-9419. Dinner nightly.

Le Pavillon
14812 S.E. Military Trail. Delray Beach – 561-499-9882. Dinner nightly.

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

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

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).

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

Bistro 52
100 E. Atlantic Blvd. Delray Beach -561-274-7077. Lunch and Dinner daily.

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

Caffe Luna Rosa
34 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach – 561-274-9404. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily.

Carrabba's Italian Grill
6909 S.W. 18th Street. Boca Raton – 561-544-8838 – 335 E. Linton Blvd. Delray Beach – 561-266-9393. Dinner nightly.

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Cugini Grille
270 E. Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach – 561-274-6244. Lunch daily in season, Dinner nightly.

Euro Bistro at Royal Palm
231 SE 1st Ave. Boca Raton – 561-347-6420. Lunch and Dinner.

II Girasole
Tropic Square – 1911 S. Federal Highway. Delray Beach – 561-272-3566. Lunch Monday-Sunday, June-November.

II Marco
Royal Palm Place – 99 S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton – 561-447-6722. Dinner nightly.

Josephine's – 5751 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton. 561-988-0668. Dinner nightly.

La Finestra
Royal Palm Place – 507 S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton – 561-997-1165. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

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

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

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

Louie Louie Too
201 E. Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach – 561-276-3600. Lunch and Dinner daily.

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171 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton – 561-391-1515. Lunch Monday-Friday, 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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Tulio's Café
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Cabana El Rey
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116 N.E. 6th Ave. Delray Beach – 561-243-9499. Dinner Tuesday-Saturday.

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Town Center – 6000 W. Glades Rd. Boca Raton – 561-447-2112. Lunch and Dinner daily.

McCormick & Schmick's
University Commons – 1400 Glades Rd. Boca Raton. 561-394-2428. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly, Sunday brunch.

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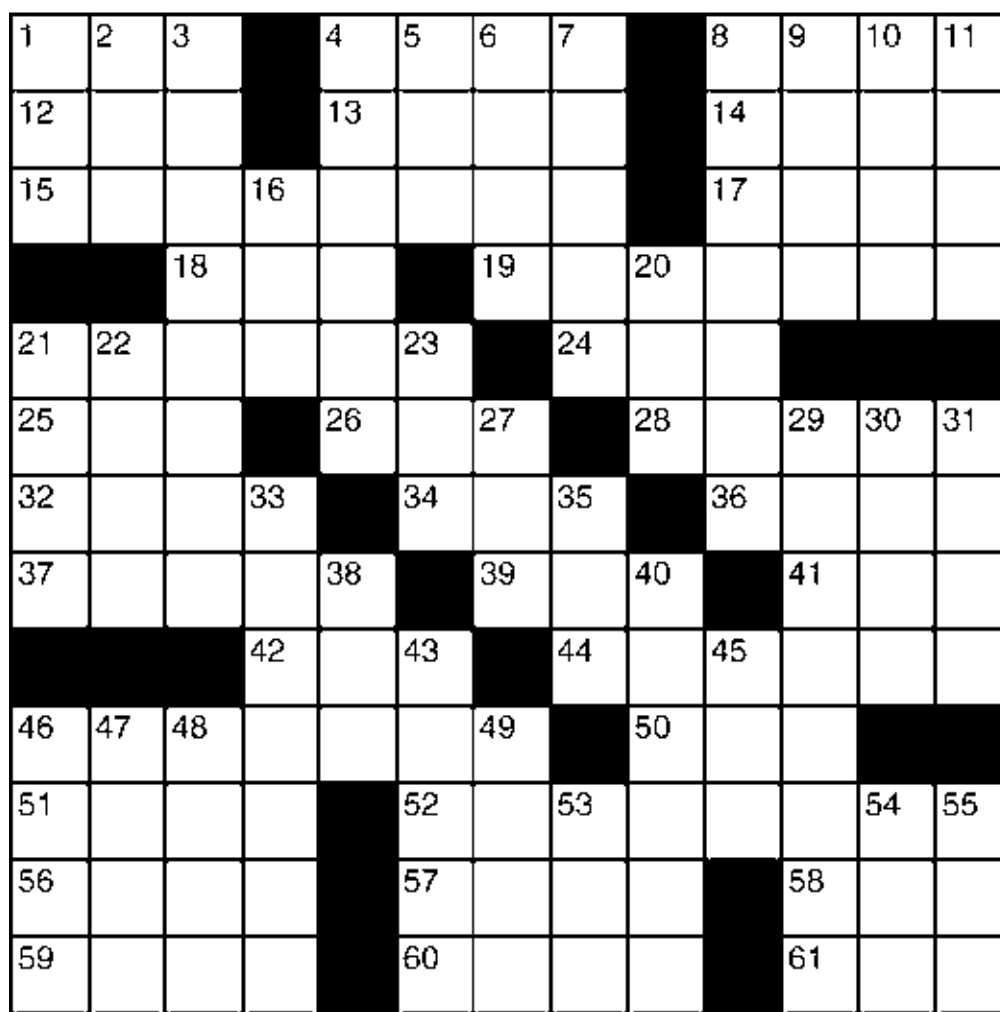
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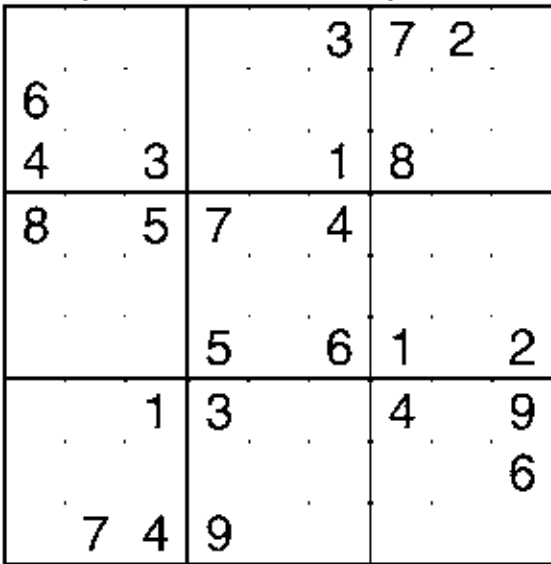
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Sudoku

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers to 9 in the empty squares so that each column and each 3x3 contains the same number only once.

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green



Answer to previous puzzle

Table with 2 columns of numbers: 3 2 1, 4 9 5, 7 8 6, 5 7 9, 8 6 2, 4 1 3, 6 8 4, 1 7 3, 9 2 5, 2 1 7, 6 4 8, 5 3 9, 4 6 5, 3 1 9, 8 7 2, 8 9 3, 5 2 7, 6 4 1, 1 4 8, 2 5 6, 3 9 7, 7 3 6, 9 8 1, 2 5 4, 9 5 2, 7 3 4, 1 6 8

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Thursday, June 14, 2007: This year you'll have the opportunity for a new beginning in your life. Ask yourself what you would like to change, then proceed with focus and direction.

with a loved one at a distance. You might not understand what is happening here. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER June 21-July 22 You have much to think about. Understand what needs to happen through a process of empathizing and understanding the other parties.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Zero in on what you want. How you deal with a situation could be considerably different from what you originally intended.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Can you find a midpoint or a place where both parties can feel happy? Yes, if you can break past black-and-white thinking.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You touch someone on a deep, caring level. You might not know what to do with what is happening.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Allow others to come to you. Trust that they will right now, especially if you are mentally and emotionally open.

Make special time for a special person.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Respond to the special people in your life. You might feel a touch restrained, but right now let go of your preconceived notions.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Easy does it. You might want to try a new approach or routine. You can do whatever you decide is OK.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your ability to read between the lines helps. Finally someone steps forward and expresses his or her true nature.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Get down to basics, maintaining an eye on what is reasonable and possible. You might see someone in a totally different light if you relax and work with a situation.

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222 Restaurant/Hotel/Club

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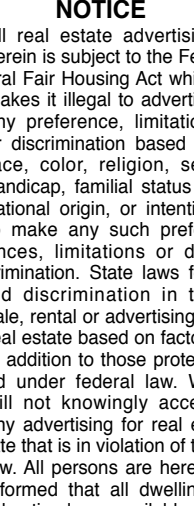
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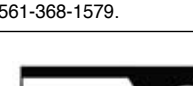
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Spanish River's Broadnax gets back in the game

By Mario Sarmiento
SPORTS EDITOR

For four years, all Jason Broadnax heard was that he needed to go back to football.

Broadnax had been a star linebacker at Spanish River High, but even though he had been contacted by a few schools to continue his playing career at the collegiate level, Broadnax instead decided to get a job at a local hospital as a life support technician.

"My parents really weren't supportive of me going off to different states like California, so I just got a job," Broadnax said.

But the itch remained, as Broadnax watched many of his friends, including best friend and former Spanish River teammate Chris Ceasar, play football at the next level.

Some, like Lance Frazier and Jason Geathers, even went on to play in the NFL.

"Everybody kept after him about going back, going back," said Broadnax's aunt Maggie Nelson. But it wasn't until Broadnax decided to return to school to earn an associate degree to help him with his medical career that he finally decided to give football another chance.

"I figured, since I'm going back, I might as well play football," he said.

Even Broadnax's mother — who

had previously opposed him playing in college — gave her blessing, which might have had something to do with the fact her son was still fielding calls from various schools.

Some of those who expressed interest included the University of Florida, Nebraska and Minnesota.

But at that point, Broadnax was no longer looking for approval.

"Me being older and not depending on anyone else, it was my choice," he said. "I didn't want to hit 40 and then say, 'I could have done that,' cause I hear too many stories about 'I could have done that.'"

Broadnax went as far as he possibly could from balmy South Florida — Minnesota, where he enrolled at Hibbing Community College.

"Cold, negative-60 up there," Broadnax said. "In Florida, I wasn't used to that."

He also wasn't used to being the old man of the group, but at 22, Broadnax was an easy target for his younger teammates.

"They called me 'old man,' 'granddaddy,' stuff like that, they made some jokes," he said.

The jokes stopped when Broadnax took on his roommate, a former high school All-American in North Carolina, and beat him in the 40-yard dash.

Playing the game again was easy,

but Broadnax found that adjusting to the football lifestyle was something else. That meant working out, and most importantly, doing things according to a rigid schedule.

Broadnax started the season slowly, but after he started seeing double- and triple-teams, he knew he was finally back to playing at the level he had been accustomed to.

He tried to transfer to Benedict College in South Carolina to play at the Division II level, but a snafu left Broadnax one credit short from being accepted. So he returned to Hibbing, and in his second season, Broadnax recorded a team-high 13 1/2 sacks.

In the end, it turned out to be a good break. After finishing his two years at Hibbing, Broadnax recently signed a scholarship to play at Division I-AA school North Carolina A&T, which is where Ceasar finished his college career this past season.

"They went crazy," Ceasar said of the tape he showed his old coaches at A&T. "When they talked about him, they said he had the perfect build for the type of defense they're trying to run. You have to be very fast and athletic to play the 3-3-5 defense, and you have to be big. So he's got those (skills)."

Broadnax is a defensive end/linebacker, but he'll probably get



Mario Sarmiento/Staff Photo

Former Spanish River High football player Jason Broadnax spent four years in the work force before returning to the sport at age 22. Broadnax recently signed a scholarship to play Division I-AA football at North Carolina A&T.

more playing time at the latter position in A&T's defense.

Ceasar said that when they played together at River, Broadnax was every bit as talented as some of his heralded teammates who went on to play at the next level and beyond.

And even though he was de-

railed for four years, Broadnax thinks his detour may have been a blessing.

"It could go both ways," he said. "Some people might knock me because of my age. But they could like me because of my maturity."

Now, at 25, Broadnax is shooting for a career in pro football. It's

no longer for himself though, as Broadnax is now engaged and has a three-month old son to support.

After overcoming the challenges he's faced since high school, Broadnax is not ready to let his dream slip away again.

"I know I can do it," he said. "I know I'm ready for that level."

Boys & Girls Club tournament raises \$25,000



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Forty players participated in the 5th Annual Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton Tennis Tournament.

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The 5th Annual Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton Tennis Tournament presented by Citi was recently held at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

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nis Hoover winning and receiving a Tiffany & Co. engraved crystal platter for their stellar play.

As presenting sponsor of the Tournament, Citi presented the Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton with a check for \$10,000.

Players and spectators enjoyed pre-event snacks provided by Pizza

Fusion and lunch from Carrabba's Italian Grill while participating in the silent auction.

The children of the Boys & Girls Club were the real winners, with more than \$25,000 being raised at this annual event to support the after-school and summer camp programs of the Club.

Speed to Succeed camp starts Thursday

By Mario Sarmiento
SPORTS EDITOR

After the initial success of last year's Speed to Succeed football camp, the event returns this year. This time, the setting will be Plumosa Elementary School in Delray Beach.

The camp offers equal parts football and academics, as student athletes are required to attend an SAT/FCAT preparatory course provided by the South Florida Scholarship and SAT Preparation Foundation (SFSSP) before they hit the field for the Speed and Agility Camp provided by XPE Sports, Inc.

The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Students will come face-to-face with some of their NFL heroes Saturday, who will be on hand to instruct them in the afternoon sessions.

Among the NFL players who will be in attendance are the Cleveland Browns' Jamal Lewis,

Hines Ward of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Minnesota Vikings' Khree Smith.

Local sports stars like 2007 NFL draft pick David Clowney (Atlantic High), NFL Europe's Omar Jacobs (Atlantic) and North Carolina

State defensive back Jimmie Sutton (Boca Raton High) will also be at Plumosa.

Last year, Saint Andrew's School football coach Jamael Stewart, who is also the South Florida Scholarship Director and helped found the camp last year, thought it would be a disaster.

Only 10 kids had registered, but on the first day of camp more than 100 signed up to participate. The weekend ended with 130 kids attending.

This year, Stewart is hoping for 200 attendees.

To participate in the speed and agility drills, students must first attend the SAT/FCAT prep in the morning.

"We want to tell them that football is great, but school comes first," Stewart said.

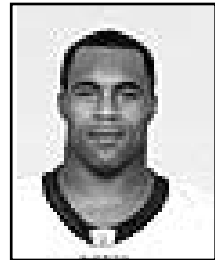
Stewart has already heard from one student about the impact the camp had on him, as West Boca Raton High junior Edtson Saint Fleur told Stewart he recently scored a 25 on his ACTs.

Attendees will also listen to a lecture about gang prevention, given by a local minister who had been imprisoned for 20 years on a murder charge.

Lunch will be provided by Longhorn Steakhouse and the Delray Beach Police Department.

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