



"Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them."

Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC)

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Portability, other tax reform proposals gaining momentum

By John Johnston
MANAGING EDITOR

The Florida Department of State has approved the format for a petition to help Florida homeowners with homestead exemptions keep



Gary Nikolits

lower tax bills even if they move – popularly known as "portability."

"The approval clears the way for supporters to begin collecting signatures needed to place "Save Our

Homes Portability" on the November 2008 ballot," said Palm Beach County Property Appraiser Gary Nikolits.

"The Florida Legislature could add the issue of Portability to its January special session agenda and adopt our ballot language," said Nikolits, a member of the Board that sponsors the petition drive. "That would save us the work of gathering the nearly 750,000 signatures needed to place the issue on the ballot," he added.

"I think (the portability proposal) has merit," Commissioner Mary McCarty told *The Boca Raton News*. "Once more people take a look at it, we will start to hear about any shortcomings there may be. But it's a solid start."

Commissioners Want
At the same time, County Commissioners as a group

have weighed in with six specific tax and/or assessment reform items, including portability. Commissioners will forward for consideration by the special legislative session Jan.



Mary McCarty

15-19, the following recommendations:

• Assessments on commercial and rental property should be determined by implement-

ing a calculation based on generated income or the "actual" purchase price as opposed to the current method involving the highest assessment of the potential use, based on alternative options or possible redevelopment.

- Amending the Florida Constitution to allow "portability" of the "Save Our Homes" reduction on homesteaded properties.
- Extension of the "Save Our Homes" cap of 7-10 percent to other residential and commercial properties.
- Improved statewide consistency of the property assessment process.
- Increased restrictions

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Cabinet approves lease for new Boca Hospital on FAU Campus

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

Barely a week after the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees first viewed the "footprint" of the new Boca Raton Community Hospital on FAU's Boca Raton campus, Florida's Cabinet has approved the hospital's request to sublease the property.



Frank T. Brogan

BRCH hopes to begin construction of a new hospital in 2008 – one that will serve as a community medical facility as well as the primary teaching hospital for FAU's physician education partnership with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Completion is projected for 2011.

"The teaching hospital will provide an important learning experience for the physicians of tomorrow," said FAU President Frank T. Brogan. "The opportunities created by this partnership will propel FAU forward in becoming a cornerstone of medical education and research."

The parcel of land that FAU will lease comprises 38 contiguous acres located

on the southeastern corner of its Boca Raton campus at the intersection of Glades Road and Florida Atlantic Boulevard. The initial lease term is 99 years, commencing in 2006, with an option to renew the lease for one additional term of up to 99 years.

The lease also sets the terms upon which FAU will support BRCH's attempt to purchase the parcel from the state, should BRCH choose to do so.

Initially, the hospital offered to exchange with the university a parcel of land equal to what it planned to use. But no such site could be found. After that, FAU and the hospital negotiated a lease agreement.

"Plans are already under way to design and construct the safest hospital in America," said BRCH President and CEO Gary Strack. "Through our organizations' shared resources and vi-



Gary Strack

sion, the South Florida population will have access to the very best medical care, and will be assured of

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Boca church wants to bring its high school to Fourth Avenue site

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

Boca Raton Community Church wants to modify its master plan and move its high school onto its campus at 600 NW Fourth Ave., according to plans filed in City Hall.

City Planner Jennifer Simon said the church plans "to bring its high school onto the campus." The eventual plan, she said, is to move the church-oriented buildings and services to the west side of the street and the educational component on the east side.

She said with the high school on church property, there will be more people on the site.

The church has filed plans to construct a three-story sanctuary center and a two-story ministry center. Drawings in the city's develop-

ment services office show an athletic field – a baseball diamond specifically – in the parking area west of Fourth Avenue.

The three-story building would house the gymnasium, classrooms, an assembly area and cafeteria along with meeting rooms.

Plans – which are in the preliminary stage – also show an expanded recreation center with locker rooms, restrooms, a weight room, tennis office, a new swimming pool and new tennis courts.

The Planning Advisory Committee recently reviewed the plans, Simon said. "We have asked the applicant to respond to a number of questions."

The proposal includes a request for an easement as well as a partial abandonment of



(Dale King/STAFF PHOTO)

Boca Raton Community Church wants to relocate its high school onto its campus on NW Fourth Avenue as part of a modification to its master plan.

Fourth Street. City staff is questioning that aspect as it will, according to an initial report, have an impact on people trying to access the children's museum, the skate park, the teen center and the Community Center.

Simon said the plan will

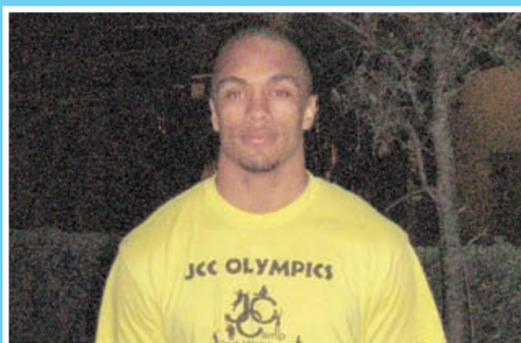
eventually have to be approved by the City Council. The church will then have to return to the Planning & Zoning Board for approval of a site plan.

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Raising Holiday funds



(SPECIAL TO THE NEWS)

Boca Raton Community High School student Rebecca DeAssis wraps presents at Town Center at Boca Raton mall. Students from the school have been raising funds for the band and color guard this season by providing holiday shoppers with the service.



Attending University Club reception are; Mike Brewer, University Club President Alene Brewer, Cecelia Davenport, FAU Executive Vice President for University Advancement Lawrence Davenport, Courtney Brogan, FAU President Frank T. Brogan '81.

Club holds annual holiday reception

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The University Club of the Florida Atlantic University Foundation held its annual holiday party at the Eleanor R. Baldwin House on the Boca Raton campus. Hosted by FAU President and Mrs. Frank T. Brogan, and University Advancement Executive Vice President Lawrence Davenport and Mrs. Davenport, the event brought together close to 100 members and friends of The University Club for an evening of dinner and holiday cheer. Dance music by "Sasha" provided a lively touch to the evening.

The University Club, now in its 30th year, is a major fundraising organization of the FAU Foundation, Inc. In addition to its annual holiday party, it holds

regular meetings, as well as an annual fundraiser. This year's fundraiser, "Let the Good Times Roll!" will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2007, at the Boca West Country Club. The event, a brunch and silent auction, will have John and Susan Whelchel as its honorary chairs. John Whelchel is a Florida certified general contractor and president of Florida Aquastore & Utility Construction Inc. Susan Whelchel is deputy mayor of the city of Boca Raton.

For additional information about joining The University Club or to make reservations for the upcoming fundraiser or any other University Club events, contact Jane Regan at 561-297-2082 or regan@fau.edu.

New Turnpike entrance opens

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

The new southbound entrance ramp from West Atlantic Avenue in West Delray to Florida's Turnpike is now officially open.

Work crews were still clearing away debris and caution signs by mid-afternoon on Tuesday. The entrance opened in time for morning rush hour.

Electronic message signs and men wearing luminous green vests were posted along the road to notify drivers not to use the old entrance. Attendants were also handing out pamphlets to drivers.

Motorists who use the old entrance by mistake will learn a hard lesson. They will have to drive north to the Boynton Beach Boulevard exit where they will be given directions on making a U-turn to go south.

To avoid confusion, drivers are reminded that the new entrance ramp is on the west side of the Turnpike.

A new southbound exit to West Atlantic Avenue is scheduled to open in January, turnpike officials said.

The new entrance ramp has two driveways — one for people to pay tolls, a second for those using SunPass.

Reconstruction work along the Turnpike is aimed at modernizing the Delray Beach interchange and to widen the road to six lanes between Atlantic Avenue and Lantana Road.

POLICE BLOTTER

Suspect took cab to rob bank, police say

Delray Police said that Donald Martin Hendricks, 46, was arrested and charged with robbing the Bank of America office at 1001 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, about 9:45 a.m. Dec. 18.

According to reports, Hendricks called a cab to pick him up at a South Ocean Boulevard hotel. He placed his bicycle in the trunk of the taxi and proceeded to the Bank of America, police said.

Hendricks then entered the bank and produced a note demanding money. He made off with \$3,000, police said.

Police said the suspect got back into the cab and he changed his clothing. Hendricks got out on Andrews Avenue and got on his bike.

Officers stopped him as he rode southbound across Atlantic Avenue and into an alleyway, but let him go because the clothing didn't match.

Police went to the beachfront hotel later and arrested him, a report says.

Serious injury in Boca car crash

Boca Raton police are investigating a car crash that left five people seriously hurt. It occurred at 9:42 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Jog Road and NW 38th Street.

A 2002 Lexus collided with a 2006 Scion, said police. The Lexus was attempting to complete a left turn into the parking lot of St. Andrews School from southbound Jog Road.



Frank Corressio/Special to the News

The occupants of the Scion were transported to area hospitals with serious injuries. They were identified as Jackie Underlay, 23, Jose Solis, 24, Tennile Stander, 19, Sharna Siebritz, 18, and Sheena Solomon, 22. All are from Boca Raton except Solis, who is from Miami, police said.

Anyone with information about the crash is asked to contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Chris Somers at (561) 620-6141.

Bothered by calls

A Boca Raton woman told police Dec. 6 that for the past two months, she has been receiving about 11 phone calls and text messages a day from a male acquaintance. She said she receives the calls at work and at home, according to police.

TV taken

A resident of Boca Raton told police Dec. 6 that someone broke into his parents' home and stole a 32-inch television as well as an auto battery charger, police said.

OBITUARIES

LILLIAN GASSEL BOCA RATON

Lillian Gassel, 95, of Boca Raton, passed away on December 18, 2006. She is survived by her daughter Marsha Potchtar. Arrangements by Kraefer Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

MORRIS SCHWAB

Morris Schwab, 89, of Harrisburg passed away Tuesday at the Boca Raton Community Hospital, Boca Raton, FL. He was born on September 9, 1917 in New York to the late David and Rose (Spector) Schwab. He was the CEO of Credential Leasing Corp and an officer and Board member of D&H Distributing Co. He was on the Board of Commonwealth Bank of Harrisburg, which later became Mellon Bank.

A 1940 Penn State graduate, he was on the board of Alumni Association. He received its first outstanding alumni council member award. He also was instrumental in the formation of the Holocaust Studies Chair. He was the president of the Jewish Community Center and on many of the Federation's committees over the years and was a member of both Beth El and Chisuk Emuna. He was incredibly active in the Harrisburg community. He was on the boards of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, Jewish Community Center and founder of it's Endowment Campaign, B'nai Brith. He was also instrumental in Harristown Redevelopment. He won the United Jewish Communities of North America Endowment Achievement Award and recently with his wife Linda endowed a Holocaust Reading Room at the Penn State Harris-

burg Campus. Predeceased by Leona Schwab (first wife) sister Reva Rainess and grandchild Eddie Rubin. Survived by his wife Linda Swidler Schwab and children Richard (Elizabeth) Schwab, James (Emelie) Schwab, Andrew (Dorothy) Schwab and Elisabeth (Louis) Narrow. Also survived by brother Israel (Elaine) Schwab. Also children Sandra (Josh) Greenberg, Adina (Robert) Sanker and Steve (Jenny) Rubin. Grandchildren: William (Leslie) Schwab, Kathy Schwab, Marcy Schwab (Andrew Doane), Debra Schwab (Jay Weiner), Eric Narrow, Julia Narrow, Erica and Lauren Sanker, Eileen Greenberg and Ali and Caroline Rubin. Also 6 great grandchildren: Clara, Sarah, Ethan, Benjamin, Sophia and Max. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday) at the Beth El Temple Cemetery Chapel with Rabbis Eric Cytryn and Ron Muroff officiating. Burial will be in the Beth El Cemetery. Shiva will be observed through Sunday evening at 3020 Green Street with minyan beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Arrangements by Hetrick Funeral Home, Inc. 3125 Walnut St. Harrisburg. Memorial contributions can be to Beth El Temple, The Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, Chisuk Emuna Congregation, or the Eddie Rubin Camp Fund at the Harrisburg JCC. To send condolences please visit www.hetrickfuneralhome.com.



Aqua Crest Pool renovations underway

By John Johnston
MANAGING EDITOR

Palm Beach County Commissioners have approved a \$271,157 contract with M.A.C. Construction, Inc., to renovate restrooms at Aqua Crest Pool in Delray Beach.

The work itself will consist of interior remodeling of the restrooms/locker rooms including replacement of all plumbing fixtures, shower stalls, privacy partitions, sink counters, and mirrors. Work will also include epoxy floor coating, painting and providing temporary facilities during construction.

Work at the 2.6-acre pool complex, located at 2503 Seacrest Blvd., is slated to be completed in 90 days, commissioners said.

Homeless Agreements

Separately, commissioners have executed a \$22,000 agreement with the Salvation Army to operate the Salvation Army Center of Hope, an emergency shelter/transitional housing facility located at 1577 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

The county received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement for FY 2006-07 of \$7,100,250; program income is projected to be \$300,000, for a total of \$7,400,250. Receipt of these funds was based on the county providing public services fair housing activities and activity delivery costs.

Commissioners said this



(Special to the News)
Aerial view of the Aqua Crest Pool, covering 2.6 acres on Seacrest Blvd. in Delray Beach.

agreement would allocate \$22,000 for the provision of shelter, meals, and appropriate supportive services to 70 homeless individuals per day for a total of 275 unduplicated homeless individuals per year. These are federal CDBG funds that require no local match, commissioners said.

A separate \$25,000 agreement with The Salvation Army will provide transitional housing and support services to homeless individuals at The Salvation Army Center of Hope.

The county will receive a total of \$302,666 in ESGP funds for FY 2006-07 to assist the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, commissioners said. Funds will be used for the operation and maintenance of emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities, and homeless prevention activities. This agreement utilizes federal funds,

and the required match will be met by the agency. No match from the county general fund is required, commissioners said.

Other Business

In other business commissioners:

- Tabled a proposed \$549,027 county jail expansion contract with STH Architectural Group, Inc./Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, Inc., pending further staff review.

- Renewed a sublease agreement with the Grove Market Shopping Center for approximately 4,050 square feet of office space operation for unincorporated Royal Palm Beach's temporary Fire Rescue Station No. 22; annual cost is \$140,137, commissioners said.

- Amended an agreement with Cass, Levy and Leone, L.C. The accounting firm was retained to investigate the \$1.55 million fraud at Discover Palm Beach County. Commissioners approved the original agreement with a preliminary cost estimate of \$20,000; an additional \$25,000 is needed to complete the work, commissioners said, and is provided for in this amended agreement.

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Drive
Safely Boca

Correction

A recent *Boca Raton News* story about overcapacity roads contained some misinformation. The story said Boca Raton wants to constrain NW Second Avenue north of Yamato Road. The road is already constrained, meaning it cannot be widened. Also, plans call for Glades Road eventually to be widened to eight lanes. The story incorrectly named a different street.

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World has seen 12 'genocides' since Holocaust, says FAU educator

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

After the Holocaust that decimated Jews and other minorities in Eastern Europe during World War II, "we said 'never again,'" Dr. Rosanna Gatens, director of the Center for Holocaust & Human Rights Education at Florida Atlantic University, told the Boca Raton Rotary Club Sunset at a recent meeting.

"But there have been 12 major genocides since 1945," she said. Mass killings in Darfur are still going on.

"Why does genocide persist?" she asked. "Why do educated men and women submit minorities to indignity? Why do people ignore mass violence committed by governments?"

To answer those, "you have to put yourself in the position of 'what would I do?'"

Also, she said, legislatures create laws that allow genocide to go unchecked. "All the things the Nazis did to the Jews, the Gypsies, the gays — that was legal. The powers



(Dale King/STAFF PHOTO)
Dr. Rosanna Gatens, director of the Center for Holocaust & Human Rights Education at Florida Atlantic University, discusses the program at a meeting of the Boca Raton Rotary Club Sunset.

came through the regular legislative process. People who are used to following the law found them hard to fathom."

People rationalized it, she said, by saying, "I was just following orders."

Gatens noted that Florida is one of five states that mandates Holocaust education in public schools. The center at FAU is one of six in the state, she said.

The program "presents cutting-edge training and

resources to teachers involved in Holocaust and genocide education," she explained. "The center offers workshops, advanced seminars and summer institutes for K-12 teachers working in the fields of history, arts, languages, religious, science, technology, politics and social studies."

Teachers who take courses at the center impart to their students the importance of being "re-

sponsible and respectful people who can live in a pluralistic society."

She said the FAU center serves 322 schools in seven counties, including northern Broward County, Palm Beach County and five others north of here.

Gatens said the FAU program added "Human Rights" to its name based on the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights that was formulated a few years after the Holocaust ended.

"Human rights go way behind constitutional rights," she noted. FAU's education program advises people to "uphold the dignity of all persons. We want our students to become students of the world."

The ultimate goal of the program, she said, is to "edify students about the Holocaust era, but also to apply their knowledge and analytical skills to the events of past and present genocides."

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(David Martin Warr/Special to the News)
Yasmine Fosu, a first-grader at Pine Crest School in Boca Raton, shown front, handed turkeys to children at the Community Child Care Center in Delray Beach with boxing promoter Don King.

Pine Crest first-grader hands out turkeys with Don King

By Nicol Jenkins
STAFF WRITER

Three years ago, Yasmine Fosu asked boxing promoter Don King if she could help him hand out turkeys to less fortunate families. "He said yes and gave me all of his turkeys. Now I have to hand out 350 turkeys every year," Fosu said.

Fosu, now 6, recently handed out those 350 turkeys alongside King to children at the Community Child Care Center in Delray Beach.

This was just one of the stops on King's annual "Turkey Tour," a 40-year tradition that will result in more than 4,000 free turkeys given to families in need this year throughout Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. King also delivers turkeys to families in New York, New Jersey and Cleveland.

"It felt good to give out turkeys to families that weren't as fortunate as most people," said Fosu, a first-grade student at Pine Crest School in Boca Raton.

Kimi Zabihiyan, who is currently filming a documentary on Don King, said her daughter brought the idea of seeing the distribution first-hand to fruition.

"King asked her who she wanted to give the turkeys to and she said the children," her mother said. "Yasmine took [King] into the heart of it and took him to the kids. Usually he would just give

them to an organization, but now he gets to see the people. And he really enjoys it because he loves to meet all the kids."

The Boca mother said a life-long lesson is also learned.

"I like her going to these neighborhoods and seeing what's going on," she said. "Their lives are not like the Boca bubble."

Fosu and her mother will soon travel to New York to distribute more turkeys. The duo also hand out holiday gifts to those children residing at the Boca Raton Medical Center on Christmas Eve. Fosu dresses as an elf.

"The most important thing you can teach children and hope they learn and keep for the rest of their lives is that it is better to give than to receive," Zabihiyan said. "They get turkeys but we get so much more out of it. We get blessings and love."

Fosu said she enjoys seeing the children happy and meeting new friends.

"I make a new friend every year. Last year I met a friend named Jasmine and this year I met a friend named Akina," she said.

The mother and daughter said they would continue to deliver turkeys with King.

"She gets upset when they don't let her hand them all out," the mom said. "I think she wants to take over the project."

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\$1.3M to buy 'protection' land

By John Johnston
MANAGING EDITOR

Some \$1.3 million has been approved by Palm Beach County Commissioners to purchase a property located West of Runway 9L at Palm Beach International Airport (PBI).

The property was purchased from Frank W. Cathey, Trustee of the Frank W. Cathey Revocable Trust & Frank W. Cathey and Cheryl C. Crane, Co-Successor Trustees of the Virginia W. Cathey Revocable Trust.

Commissioners said the property would be purchased because it falls inside the airport master plan's Runway Protection Zone.

In separate airport news, commissioners approved a 5-year in-flight catering permit with Gate Gourmet to provide such services to commercial air carriers operating at PBI.

Gate Gourmet is the only company performing in-flight catering service at PBI, commissioners said — and began that service in 2001.

The service has now been provided beyond the contract conclusion date — and in turn has been provided on a



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month-to-month basis during the negotiations and approval process for a new permit. Gate Gourmet continues to submit seven percent of its gross revenues and is current with all payments, commissioners said.

Commissioners also agreed to terminate a hangar lease agreement for North County General Aviation Airport with Kent Leighton, Hangar Unit No. 7, Building 11200, and effective Nov. 30.

Other Business

In other business commissioners

- Approved a \$463,500 Homeless Assistance Grant Contract with the State of Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). The grant provides funding for construction of six affordable housing units. Adopt-A-

Family has been awarded the contract to construct the housing units; no county funds are required, commissioners said.

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AJC holds annual meeting

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Palm Beach County Chapter of American Jewish Committee held its annual meeting Sunday, Dec.

Dignitaries present included: The Honorable Congressman Alcee Hastings; H.E. Ivailo Kalfin, Bulgarian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs; Elena Poptodorova, Bulgarian Ambassador to the U.S.; Rayko Raytchev, Bulgarian Chief of Cabinet; Dimitar Tzantchev, Bulgarian Spokesperson; Valeri Yotov, Director, The Americas Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ted Vasilev, President, American Foundation for Bulgaria, Erkan Nur, President of Florida Turkish American Associations, Vural Cengiz,

President of ATAA.; Veteran Jewish Activist Shoshana Cardin; Karen Feller, Head of Donna Klein Jewish Academy; and leaders of Palm Beach Save Darfur Coalition, recipients of this year's the AJC Humanitarian Award.

Outgoing AJC President, Stephen Beiner spoke of his term as President and addressed the key issue of the importance of maintaining an ongoing relationship with the country of Bulgaria. Beiner discussed Bulgaria's acceptance of leaders and neighbors, without regard for religion, and its extraordinary defense of Jews during the Holocaust.

In turn, the Bulgarian Foreign Minister discussed life in Bulgaria and the de-

veloping trade interests between Bulgaria and the U.S.

Vice President Joyce Wernick Jacob's made a moving presentation of the AJC Humanitarian Award to Palm Beach Save Darfur Coalition.

The gathering also saw an address by Incoming President Bob Greenberg, and an introduction of new AJC Palm Beach County Chapter Executive Director, Danielle Levin.

Executive Director of U.N. Watch, Hillel Neuer, also gave a compelling and highly informative description of U.N. Watch's effort to counter-act what he called the U.N.'s deep-seated mistreatment of Israel.

NACD to hear president of Boca firm

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The National Association of Corporate Directors will meet Jan. 4 from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at the Westin Fort Lauderdale, 400 Corporate Drive, Fort Lauderdale.

The speaker will be Gerald M. Czarnecki, a seasoned CEO and corporate board member, who is also an experienced faculty

member for NACD.

In his current consulting practice, Czarnecki conducts strategic planning retreat sessions with a variety of Fortune 500 companies.

The cost \$35 for members, \$55 for guests. Continental breakfast and networking at 7:30 a.m.

Effect of tobacco ads may backfire

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tobacco company-sponsored anti-smoking advertising aimed at youths not only has no negative effect on teen smoking, it may actually encourage youngsters to smoke, according to a study co-authored

by an Oregon State University researcher.

Results from the study also show that tobacco industry-sponsored prevention ads aimed at parents often have harmful effects on students, also increasing their likelihood of smoking.

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Andrea's passion boutique opens at Mizner Park

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Celebrity-inspired fashions for men and women from the world's premier designers in Milan, Paris and New York are showcased at Mizner Park's newest boutique, Andrea's Passion, at 335 Plaza Real.

The shop features designers including Versace, Mandalay, Just Cavalli, Dolce & Gabbana, Alberto Makali and Montana Blu, with a selection ranging from gowns and dresses to casual sportswear, prom and mother of the bride fashions. Andrea's Passion caters to clients with fashion coordinators, personal shoppers and wardrobe consultants for a complete and enjoyable shopping experience.

The Mizner Park location is the third

for Andrea's Passion and the first in Palm Beach County, according to owner Andrea Warner. "From gorgeous upscale designer sportswear to glitz and glamour evening wear, we have become known as a boutique with the latest, must-have fashions," said Warner. "Our customers enjoy being trendsetters and our very knowledgeable fashion coordinators and personal shoppers make it fun and easy to shop with us."

Andrea's Passion is the latest in a series of new shops to open at Mizner Park, including Fila, Bikini Shop, Herringbone & Hound and Janie & Jack. Others will soon follow. Two new restaurants, Dubliner and Truluck's, also are set in the new year.

Shopping center sold for \$14.8 million

FROM STAFF REPORTS

RJS Realty Group has announced the sale of Harbor Plaza, a 45,361 square foot strip center located at the northeast corner of Linton Boulevard and Federal Highway in Delray Beach, for \$14,800,000.

Fairway - Harbor, LLC, an Alabama entity, purchased the property from locally based New Harbor Partners, LTD, which had owned the property for more than 18 years. The center, built in 1982 and situated on 6.23 acres, is anchored by Carrabba's Italian Grill and Panera Bread, and includes a host of established local operators. It has extensive frontage on both Federal Highway and Linton Boulevard.

RJS Realty Group was

the exclusive agent for the seller and the sole broker in the transaction, arranged by Steve Miskew, the company's Managing Director.

"Harbor Plaza is exceptionally situated at a vibrant intersection and has an impressive, established tenant roster," said Miskew. "It should prove to be an excellent investment for the new owner."

The purchase was financed with a new loan from UBS, arranged by Bob Dockerty of Delray Beach-based Dockerty Romer & Co.

The sale of Harbor Plaza and the May 2006 sale of a portfolio of office and retail properties for \$33.2 million, bring RJS' sales in Delray Beach alone to almost \$50 million this year.

The portfolio purchase in May included the \$25.9 million sale of the 84,819 square foot Linton Center office buildings, directly south of and adjacent to Harbor Plaza.

"It has been a very active year for us throughout South Florida, and we've found ourselves particularly busy right in our own backyard", said Miskew.

RJS Realty Group, formed in 1986 by company President Bob Sullivan and Miskew, provides investment sales and advisory services to institutional and private owners of investment-grade real estate. The purchaser has retained Strategic Realty Services of West Palm Beach to provide property management and leasing services.

Dr. Smith joins FAU faculty

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Marlaine Smith, RN, PhD, AHN-BC, FAAN, has been named the Helen Karpelenia Persson Eminent Scholar and associate dean for academic programs at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University. Smith is widely recognized as a renowned scholar, researcher and educator with a long and sustained record of commitment to the discipline of nursing.

"We are so pleased to have Dr. Smith join the faculty," said Dr. Anne Boykin, dean of FAU's College of Nursing. "Her outstanding leadership experience, excellence in teaching and research, and dedication to making a difference in the lives of those seeking healthcare are only a few of the gifts she brings to the College community."

As holder of the Helen Karpelenia Persson Eminent Scholar Chair in Community Caring, Smith will provide leadership in transforming health care through research, teaching and influencing public policies related to health care.

Smith's research primarily has focused on the im-



Dr. Marlaine Smith

ported as professor and associate dean for academic affairs. Her many honors and awards include the National League for Nursing Martha E. Rogers Award for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship in Advancing Nursing as a Science. Smith is also a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. Her research and scholarly works are published in leading nursing and interdisciplinary journals.

Smith earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Duquesne University; a master's degree in public health and a master's degree in nursing, with a focus in education and oncology, from the University of Pittsburgh; and a doctoral degree in nursing from New York University.

"I want to educate nurses so that they really touch the lives of people receiving our care," said Smith. "We need to work together to create environments that preserve relationship, choice and the wholeness of the persons, families and communities. I believe that caring relationships are central to the healing process."

portance of touch and how it impacts healing and quality of life. In 2003, Smith and Dr. Jean Kutner, chair of the Division of Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, received the largest grant ever awarded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for the investigation of the efficacy of massage therapy. This multi-site clinical trial focused on the potential for touch to diminish pain and other symptoms of advanced cancer in end-of-life care.

Smith held numerous leadership positions at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center-School of Nursing, where she recently

Ian M. Berkowitz

You can't beat seniors for getting the job done

A pervasive statement from a tremendous number of my clients and seminar students is that good help is hard to find. It also seems that once you find the help, train them and give them the tools to succeed, soon afterwards they start planning their exit strategy which often may include setting up their own shop to compete directly against you.

Young and new job seekers are focused on getting the right experience with the right firm or company and learn, learn, learn. I did the same thing when I chose to practice law for the U.S. Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C. until I felt I learned all I could and then took that experience out into the private sector as a private attorney. However, there is one way to spend time and effort creating a dedicated workforce without the fear of educating a short-lived employee.

There is a large growing area of research supporting the notion that the contributions and work ethic of seniors can give business owners a real way to create a stable, educated and dedicated workforce - unlike their grandchildren. An increasing number of seniors are remaining in the workforce well after retirement age, some remaining in their pre-retirement fields, and others going in a new direction.

Some need the money, others want to try something new, and still others are just bored with traditional retirement and want to stay busy. Whatever the reason, the number of seniors working past retirement is growing fast and shows no sign of slowing

down.

Recent statistics confirm that an overwhelming number of seniors desire to remain in the workforce far longer than we or they ever expected. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, there are more than 16 million Americans over age 55 that are either working or looking for jobs, and older workers are getting new jobs at an annual rate of 4.1 percent.

The Social Security Administration is predicting the percentage of gainfully employed 65-70 year olds will be 30 percent, and 70-79 year olds will be 20 percent by 2020. According to AARP, 72 percent of all workers today plan to work after retirement and 33 percent of all retirees re-enter the job market within two years of retirement.

Whether work is a choice or a necessity, these seniors find they remain healthier longer, learn to be more open-minded and flexible, and often have a more fulfilling life. Working seniors use their wisdom, knowledge and experience to teach younger generations. Often they possess and bring confidence to the workplace and also possess less fear of making mistakes. Today's working seniors are also willing to try new things and not afraid to learn something entirely new.

I love telling the story of the creation of the Callaway Golf Company to emphasize this point. Ely Callaway, who was former president of Burlington Industries and a lifelong golfer, founded the company in 1982 at age 63. Callaway had retired and found that he needed something to do on a



Ian M. Berkowitz

regular basis that brought him a bit more daily challenge. Little did he know what he would soon create. He identified a business to acquire and took \$400,000 from his own savings to acquire this small California company that made golf clubs. Callaway believed he could revolutionize the golf club industry.

"People had been making golf clubs for 300 years," Callaway told a group of entrepreneurs in 1994. "The major manufacturers of golf clubs weren't willing to take a risk on a radically new design." Having played golf since he was 10 years old, Callaway was interested in the tool and believed he could make a difference. The rest is history.

That type of insight combined with the use of a tremendous lifetime of experiences is what seniors may bring to your business in order for it to grow into a dynamic success.

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

Free hurricane safety services for qualified Delray Beach residents

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Free hurricane shutters, exterior doors and garage doors are available to income-eligible applicants through an exciting new program. We Help Community Development Corporation and Volunteer Florida Foundation's Hurricane Relief Fund, with the support of Americorps Vista, will be providing free hurricane safety items to qualified low-income homeowners in Delray Beach.

The City of Delray Beach Community Development division is partnering with these agencies to provide income-eligible homeowners in Delray Beach the opportunity to strengthen their properties against natural disasters, such as hurricanes. Applicants can apply for these free services, which provide homes with weather resistant front doors, back doors, garage doors and/or whole house window hurricane shutters. This service is made possible through a grant from the My Safe Florida Home program, managed by the Florida Department of Financial Services.

The Delray Beach Neighborhood Resource Center will serve as a local certification site where a We Help CDC representative will be accepting applications beginning December 27, 2006. We Help CDC will maintain regular office hours at the Neighborhood Resource Center (located at 141 SW 12th Avenue, Delray Beach) each Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. through March, 2007. Appointments are not necessary and applicants must bring copies of the following documents with them to apply:

- Most recent check stubs (3)
- Previous (1) year 1040 tax return
- If self-employed, tax return, profit & loss statement
- Proof of any other regularly received income: social security, pension, military benefits, monetary gifts, etc
- Copy of driver's license and/or other picture ID for all homeowner(s)
- Copy of Social Security Card(s) for all homeowner(s)
- **Proof of Homestead Exemption**
- Proof of Insurance Coverage that must include windstorm coverage

In order to qualify maximum annual income per household must be 80 percent or less of the median income for Palm Beach County; which for a family of four is \$51,500. The We Help Community Development Corporation will hold all personal information in the strictest confidence.

This service is part of a \$250 million appropriation by the Florida Legislature during the 2006 Session to create the Florida Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program, now referred to as My Safe Florida Home and administered by the Florida Department of Financial Services. A portion of this appropriation has been allocated specifically for low-income homeowners, managed by a grant to the Volunteer Florida Foundation's Florida Hurricane Relief Fund

For more information, please call We Help CDC (561) 992-5854 or stop by the Neighborhood Resource Center Wednesday's from 1 to 5 P.M., or Friday's 8 am to noon.



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Tax

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in obtaining an "agricultural" utilization designation.

The last item is of particular concern to Commissioner Burt Aaronson who has consistently complained, "all it take are three cows, and you can laugh at the taxman."

'Makes Sense'

Property appraisers who must administer the program if it is adopted wrote the portability language, Nikolits said. "It simply makes sense that if property appraisers have the responsibility of implementing portability, they would be the best ones to write the proposal. Property appraisers understand how it should work to make it fair to taxpayers and taxing authorities alike," Nikolits said.

Under the proposal, a homeowner with a Homestead Exemption could transfer a cap valued up to \$400,000 to a more expensive property. If a homeowner is moving down in the market, that transfer could not exceed 50 percent of the market value of the new property. Portability would be permitted throughout the state.

According to Nikolits, the \$400,000 limit on what could be transferred to another property covers about 96 percent of the properties in Palm Beach County. "The committee was careful to make certain you would not devas-

tate the budgets of smaller counties where property values are generally lower than they are here; that are why we wrote the limit when moving to a less expensive property," Nikolits said.

Nikolits said that opponents of the portability measure, "typically city and county government officials," contend that it would reduce revenues to government coffers and make it difficult to pay for growth.

Nikolits disagrees: "The way we have written the measure, we don't believe there will be any detrimental affect on local governments; in fact it will provide for an economic stimulant to what is becoming a stagnant real estate market," he said.

Portability would in fact add two sales that the real estate market would not have had, "and stimulate construction for the building industry and sales for the home improvement and furnishing industries." Portability would also provide more money from documentary stamps, sales taxes, real estate commissions, building permit fees and other items," he said.

"With portability everyone wins," said Nikolits.

The petition form is available on the Property Appraiser's Web site at

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Hospital

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having an ample supply of well trained physicians and nurses to treat them."

BRCH will construct a 530-bed hospital with the capacity to expand up to 700 beds. The hospital will provide to FAU an environment to support undergraduate medical education and graduate medical education programs, nursing programs and allied health related professions customary to primary teaching hospitals within major academic medical centers.

The hospital will include resident/student conference rooms, a conference center with teleconferencing capabilities -- including an auditorium and small group conference rooms -- resident sleeping quarters with lockers, resident dining facilities, a resident lounge, a medical library with state-

of-the-art IT systems and increased square footage in other areas of the hospital to accommodate students and residents.

In May 2005, the Florida Board of Governors approved expanding FAU's medical education partnership with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine to a full four-year regional medical campus. Last January, the FAU Board of Trustees approved a Regional Academic Medical Center Agreement among BRCH, FAU and UM.

The proposed sublease finalizes the commitment to house FAU's medical education programs in the teaching hospital that BRCH will construct on FAU's Boca Raton campus.

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Alternative Motorcycle gift day



(Melissa Korman/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS)

More than 40 members of the Alternative Motorcycle Club recently made a holiday gift donation to The Children's Place at Home Safe. The Children's Place at Home Safe provides for the care and treatment of abused, abandoned, and neglected infants and children with facilities from Boca Raton to West Palm Beach. The organization has been serving Palm Beach County families for over 27 years. Founded in 1994, Alternative M.C. is a family oriented club comprised of motorcycle enthusiasts who are proud to be alcohol and drug-free. The Florida chapter of Alternative M.C. is one of 16 nationwide chapters and is a member of the South Florida Coalition of Clubs and the South Florida Presidents Council. Alternative M.C. is a group of men and women who carry the message of the Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous 12-step program and assist treatment centers and individuals in need of help with the disease of addiction.

School district unblocks access to gay websites

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

Students who are gay will now have access to log onto supportive websites in Palm Beach County schools.

Nine months after a student publication first disclosed that the School District of Palm Beach County had filtered out access to gay supportive web sites from the School District's computers, those filters have been removed.

"Sites are blocked to protect students. There is an appeal process; and if the site is found to be not harmful, it can be unblocked. That's what happened in this case," said School District spokesman Nat Harrington.

Area gay rights groups have applauded the district's action.

"This is great news for teachers and students in our public schools," said Rand Hoch, President and Founder of the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council, a non-profit organization whose site was one of those which has been blocked by the School District. The Council has been working to advance equality for Palm Beach County's gay and lesbian community since 1988.

"Allowing access to up-to-date information provided by the Gay, Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and other supportive organizations will

assist administrators, faculty and students in making our public schools a more accepting environment for all students," Hoch added. "The County's five GSAs will benefit as well."

GSAs (Gay Straight Alliances) are student organizations, which give gay students and their allies a safe and supportive place to meet.

Last March, an Inlet Grove High School senior published an investigative report disclosing that while Palm Beach County's teachers and students were denied access to gay-supportive web sites on the District's computer system, they could access the anti-gay web sites of the Traditional Values Coalition, the American Family Association, and Focus on the Family from any School District computer. Inletspin.com editor-in-chief Joe Dellosa, reported that the web sites of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (www.glsen.org), Gay Straight Alliance Network (www.gsanetwork.org) and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (www.pflag.org) were among those being blocked by the School District.

When this was brought to the attention of the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council, the Council enlisted the support of both Lambda Legal and the ACLU of Florida, Hoch said.

For several months, Lambda Legal senior staff attorney Greg Nevins and ACLU of Florida Legal Director Randall Marshall had been working with the district to find a solution to this problem. As a result, the district is considering switching to the filtering software currently used by the School District of Miami-Dade County.

"That software appears to be much better, not lumping gay sites into a "alternative lifestyles/ fetishes" category that school officials would want to block," Nevins said.

When Hoch met with district attorney Bruce Harris, he learned that the GLSEN web site was still being blocked.

"I had referred your request relating to this website to administrators. The site was reviewed by them and a determination was made that the site be blocked due to profanity found on it," Harris stated.

Shortly after, Harris informed the Council that the

district had removed the filter blocking the GLSEN website, according to Hoch.

"We applaud the efforts of the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council and thank the Palm Beach County School District for recognizing that GLSEN's website is an important resource for enriching school climate and helping create safe schools for all students, regardless of sexual orientation," said GLSEN Deputy Executive Director Eliza Byard.

"Unfortunately, Internet filters remain very blunt instruments: important and well-intentioned efforts to ensure that young people are not exposed to inappropriate information can also lead to blocking access to important internet resources," Byard added. "We are pleased that students and educators in Palm Beach County will now have access to GLSEN resources through its website."

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Mileusnic named NCCI customer operations officer

FROM STAFF REPORTS

NCCI Holdings, Inc., of Boca Raton has announced that Mark Mileusnic has joined the firm as Chief Customer Operations Officer.

Prior to joining NCCI, Mileusnic spent almost 20 years with Chubb Insurance Companies in a variety of management positions around the world, including postings to the Asia Pacific region and India, where he established and ran company operations. Most recently, Mileusnic served as vice president, Account Service/Underwriting Center Manager for Chubb at the company's Itasca, Ill., office.

In his new position, Mileusnic will be responsible for maintaining the Customer Operations business unit. This division is responsible for products and services delivered to carriers, self-insurers, state funds, and agents, including customer satisfaction and bottom-line results. It also includes the Customer Service Call Center, Product Management, Assigned Risk, Experience Rating, and Affiliate Services.

He will report directly to NCCI President and CEO



Mark Mileusnic

Stephen J. Klingel.

"Mark's extensive industry experience gives him a rich understanding of the challenges and issues that carriers face," Klingel said. "We are pleased that he has agreed to join our management team."

NCCI Holdings, Inc., serves the workers compensation industry with an array of products and services that enable insurers and other stakeholders to access and use workers compensation data to establish accurate loss costs, calculate experience rating modifications, manage residual market mechanisms, and reduce overall costs.

Temple Emeth presents lecture program

Temple Emeth in Delray Beach will sponsor a lecture and entertainment program called "Famous Personalities of the 20th Century."

The four-part program presented by Shirley Moskowitz begins on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 2 p.m. The first one is "Jewish Jazz & Klezmer Revival - a story of a musical legacy which combines the energy of jazz and the artistry of the classics with the vibrant power of East European tradition.

Donations are \$45 for the series. Reservations can be made by calling the Temple at 561-499-3536.

Taking Stock

Glamis Gold is certainly limited

Dear Mr. Berko:

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E.P. Everett, Wash.

Dear E.P.:

Glamis Gold Ltd. (GLG, TO-\$49.90) isn't my cup of tea. First of all, there's something about the name "Glamis" that bothers me. It sort of feels like the word "glakit," a Scottish word that means foolish or giddy.

I remember way back in 1980, when gold was more than \$840 an ounce and I told my dad that several honest people I knew had purchased a gold claim in Nevada and were selling shares to raise operating costs. He scoffed and replied, "A gold mine is nothing but a huge hole in the ground with a bunch of liars standing on top." Those

"several honest people" and their dozen investors lost more than \$620,000, and if you decide to buy 150 shares of GLG, you could have a similar opportunity on a smaller scale. I hope you understand that I'm telling you, "Don't buy that stock!"

Glamis explores, develops and extracts gold (and other precious metals) from huge ground holes in California, Nevada plus the sovereign nations of Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala - countries whose leaders are not well-disposed to the United States. That concerns me.

GLG, which generated \$244 million in revenues in 2005, has been around for a long time, has a tidy balance sheet, \$88 million in debt, a strong cash position, a book value of \$5.29 per share, 166 million shares outstanding and expected earnings in 2006 of 66 cents for each share. Those numbers can give me the warm fuzzies. But with the stock trading at \$49.90, GLG shares sell at a high, nose-bleeding, dizzy and unrealistic 68 times earnings. I think you gotta be dumber than feathers on a flounder to buy a stock with that price-earnings ratio, especially when there is not an inkling of a dividend in sight.

Compounding my caution is one fact and one opinion. Fact: GLG is home ported in Nevada, a state that caters to and notoriously comforts

stock swindlers. Opinion: Many investors wiser than I believe that the price of gold has already reached its apogee and its value may continue to move lower.

But if you must own a gold stock, I have two recommendations.

First, consider owning Market Vectors - Gold Miners ETF (GDX-\$39.80), an exchange-traded fund that does a yeoman's job of replicating the price and yield performance of the AMEX Gold Miners Index. GDX, run by Van Eck Associates Corp., invests in all the securities that comprise the index in proportion to their weighting in the index. So far, GDX, which commenced trading in May of this year, does not pay a dividend.

My next recommendation is Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold (FCX-\$58.95). FCX, with \$4.7 billion in revenues, is the largest copper and gold mining company in the world and, unlike GLG, it pays a \$4.75 dividend that yields 8 percent. Unlike GLG, FCX trades at a reasonable 8 1/2 times its \$6.83 earnings this year.

Yes, I'm familiar with Thomson Financial and those folks do a good job of providing statistical data on various issues. Their information is current, accurate and clearly presented and they cover huge ranges of stock. However, I'm uncomfortable using Thomson Financial because their delivery system - from their



Malcolm Berko

mainframe to your computer - is not always dependable. That can be terribly frustrating when you need that information immediately.

I like the heck out of Value Line, but this service only covers about 1,500 issues and that's too limiting.

I don't like Standard & Poor's because the statistical data on their tear sheets is usually six months old. S&P seems to devote an inordinate amount of white space repetitively defining its glossary of terms. And S&P has reduced the number of issues it covers in order to reduce costs.

However, I profess a liking for two Web sites: www.stockconsultant.com and Yahoo Finance (<http://finance.yahoo.com/market-update>). Neither of those Web sites will cost your investment club a penny and the information as well as the presentation is superb.

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Boca Raton residents sponsor seminar

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton residents Rhoda and Emmanuel Shemin, along with Alan Berger, the Raddock Family Eminent Scholar Chair in Holocaust Studies in Florida Atlantic University's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, present the first annual International Shemin Dialogue Seminar entitled "Christianity, Islam and Judaism after 9/11: Creating Conditions for Foster Clarity and Understanding." The seminar will be held on Monday, February 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Live Oak Pavilion of the University Center on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road. The seminar is free but registration is required by calling 561-297-2979 or visiting www.fau.edu/shemin.

The three keynote speakers for the event are Dr. John Pawlikowski, professor of social ethics at the Catholic Theologic Union and president of the International Council of Christians and Jews; Dr. Khaleel Mohammed, associate professor of religious studies at San Diego State University; and Rabbi Dr. Riccardo Di Segni, the chief rabbi of Rome, Italy. FAU President Frank T. Brogan will open the seminar, and Berger will serve as moderator.

Pawlikowski is a priest of the Servite Order. He has written and edited several books including "The Challenge of the Holocaust for Christian Theology," and "Good and Evil after Auschwitz." Pawlikowski was appointed by former President Carter to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in 1980 and reappointed to three successive terms on the Council by former President Clinton and President Bush.

Mohammed is originally from Guyana and has studied in several countries, most notably in Saudi Arabia where he read Islamic Law at the Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University. He obtained his Ph.D. in Islamic law from McGill University and later went to Brandeis University as a postdoctoral fellow in Islamic Studies, where his research focused on the image of the Jew in the Islamic oral tradition.

De Segni was ordained in 1973 at the Collegio Rabbinico Italiano and began

teaching there in 1974. In 1999, he became the director of the school and in 2001 was elected chief rabbi of Rome. De Segni is also a member of the editorial board of several Jewish papers and has edited several books in Italian on liturgy and halakha.

The Shemin Dialogue is the creation of Rhoda and Emanuel (Manny) Shemin, local residents who have taken a special interest in opening lines of communication on the subject of Christian, Islamic and Jewish relations. In bringing these three influential and internationally-known religious leaders together, the couple hopes to create a foundation for dialogue and education that can translate into meaningful action.

Manny Shemin is the founder of Shemin Nurseries, the first wholesale distributor of horticultural and landscape products to the professional trades. After a 1975 visit to Israel, he became involved in Israel's agricultural industry and co-founded, with Israeli horticulturalist Dr. Isaac Nir, Genesis Seeds, Ltd., one of the largest organic seed production companies in the world. Shemin also established an agribusiness course at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. His work led him to meet Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and he currently serves as an advisor to the Israeli Ministry of Agriculture. In April of 2006, the faculty of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Quality Sciences at The Hebrew University awarded Shemin the Certificate of Honor, recognizing his long-term contributions to agricultural research and his contribution to the education of generations of agricultural scientists.

The Shemins are now in retirement, though Manny Shemin is still a member of the board of directors and special consultant to the president of Shemin Nurseries. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of Syracuse University and is a member of the Board's Executive Committee. Shemin and his wife spend a portion of the year in Florida, where Rhoda Shemin has served on the Board of Advisors of FAU's Lifelong Learning Society for more than 10 years.

'Unique And United' at Morikami Park Elementary

FROM STAFF REPORTS

First-grade students at Morikami Park Elementary School discovered more about who they are at special unit entitled "Unique and United" Dec. 22.

This was a fun-filled morning celebrating world traditions and holidays to help students understand the purpose of each celebration and the sharing of different cultures, school officials said.

Students performed songs from a variety of cultures/countries. All the classes in the first grade level will participate in a dragon parade. The 32-foot dragon was created and designed by the students and the art teacher. To remind spectators of the coming New Year, 28 students paraded in the dragon. Students within the audience wore or held symbols that represent a particular holiday and culture. First-grade teachers, Fine Arts teachers, and parents were all involved in the project.

Bloomingdale's to host March of Dimes benefit

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bloomingdale's will host a special day of shopping to benefit the March of Dimes on Thursday, Jan. 18, in its four South Florida stores including the Town Center at Boca Raton mall store. Bloomingdale's will also make a \$10,000 donation to the March of Dimes South Florida division. January is national birth defects prevention month.

For more information, call 561-394-2228.

Balance training better than Tai Chi for older adults

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Physicians and physical therapists in recent years have explored whether tai chi, balance programs and fitness routines can help decrease the likelihood that older adults will fall and injure themselves. Many of these programs have shown promise, but their relative value is still open to debate.

Now, a study from researchers at the University of Michigan Health System and the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System suggests that a program focusing on increasing step length and speed is more effective at improving mobility and balance than tai chi. While tai chi — a Chinese martial art form consisting of slow, rotational movements and weight-shifting — offers many benefits, the researchers say, they're not as great as those produced by a balance-training program.

"Our results indicate that in older adults with at least mild bal-

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ance impairment, Combined Balance and Stepping Training (CBST) results in modestly greater improvement in balance, stepping and functional mobility compared to tai chi training," says senior author Neil B. Alexander, M.D., professor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, at the U-M Health System, and acting director of the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

"What this tells us is that if you want to improve your ability to balance and walk, try a program that focuses on improving balance while moving and the ability to step quickly and further," he says of the study, which appears in the new edition of the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. "Data from this study can help determine which balance training program may be most optimal to improve balance and eventually reduce falls. Among older adults, falls are becoming an increasing problem, so it is important that we find ways to help prevent them in the first place."



FAU presents two free lectures

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Raddock Family Eminent Scholar Chair in Holocaust Studies in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters at Florida Atlantic University will present two lectures in January.

The first is entitled "And Life is Changed Forever: Child Holocaust Survivors" with Robert Krell, a child who survived the Holocaust in hiding. This lecture will take place Jan. 14 at 4 p.m. Then Jan. 21 at 4 p.m., William Gralnick of the American Jewish Committee will present "If Everyone is Watching the Foreign Terrorists, Who is Looking Under the Rug Here at Home?" Both lectures will take place in the Performing

Arts Building, room 101, on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, and both lectures are free and open to the public.

Krell was born in The Hague, Holland on August 5, 1940. He was hidden from 1942 to 1945 with the Munnik family and returned to his parents who also survived in hiding. In 1951, the Krells moved to Vancouver, British Columbia. Krell graduated from The University of British Columbia with an M.D. in 1965, continued in psychiatric training in the United States and then returned to Vancouver to work.

In his private practice, Krell treated Holocaust survivors and their fami-

lies, and Dutch survivors of Japanese concentration camps. He established a Holocaust Education Centre in 1994 in order to continue teaching programs for high school children as a warning of the consequences of unchecked racism and intolerance. For these activities, Krell received the 1998 State of Israel Bonds Elie Wiesel Remembrance Award.

Krell has published several books, including his latest, which he co-edited, *And Life is Changed Forever: Holocaust Childhoods Remembered*. Presently, his interests remain in psychiatric treatment of aging survivors of massive trauma and participating

in programs against racism and prejudice.

Gralnick is the retired director of the Southeast Region of the American Jewish Committee (AJC). He has become well known for his work with Catholic and Protestant Church leaders throughout the southeast, having coordinated inter-religious dialogues with the Catholic Church, the Presbyterian Church, the North Carolina Baptist Association, and the Greek Orthodox Church. Gralnick also has founded three offshoots of the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry, and the international "Project Lifeline Letters." That project won a national award from AJC.

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 - 17 Detail, for short
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 - 33 Iodine source
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 - 28 Slow but steady victor
 - 32 Football attire
 - 33 Skate-boarder's protective item
 - 35 African antelope
 - 36 Time of your life?
 - 38 Made a decision
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Yesterday's Answer

Sudoku

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

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Answer to previous puzzle

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5	9	7	8	6	2	3	4	1
1	3	9	6	5	7	8	2	4
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006:

This birthday year, consciously work on approaching life from a different perspective. The key to your success is to keep in mind that you are in the last year of an 11-year cycle. As a result, there might be some completion and other matters that need tending to. You want to begin your new 11-year cycle next year at this time with excess baggage tossed away. If you are single, be extremely discriminating with whom you hook up. This person might not be what you believe or think. If you are attached, frequent timeouts together will build the relationship. CAPRICORN understands you well.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

Be aware of what might be going on with this person. Discuss this issue with someone whose judgment you trust. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER June 21-July 22

★★ Slow your pace and listen more to what others are saying, whether it is the grocer or your boss. With perspective, you might understand some of the recent uproar. Trust a friend to tell you what is going on. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22

★★★★ Your imagination and creativity unfurl. Others aren't able to stay away from the magical Lion. Still, certain errands or other such to-dos demand your attention. Put your energy where it counts. Tonight: Easy does it.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22

★★★ Personal matters might dominate more than you would like. By the afternoon, with some creativity and imagination, you can unlock from what appears as a routine. Pressure builds if you don't have an outlet. Tonight: Very spunky, aren't we?

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22

★★★★ Speak your mind in the morning, but it might be wise to clam up in the p.m. Keeping your own counsel will prevent you from getting locked into a negative situation. Recognize that you have only so much energy and time. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21

★★★★ Before you do anything, please make sure you know what you are spending and when and where. You might want to initiate talks before a problem

ensues. Communication can and will flourish. Don't take any risks right now. Tonight: Hang out or run last-minute errands.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21

★★★ Tally up costs before the problem, not afterward. Ultimately, you will be able to get past any hassles if you follow these procedures. Tap into your imagination. Your ideas flow as they rarely have before. Tonight: Finish up any errands or shopping.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19

★★★★ You are in your element. Though someone might provoke your anger, you don't need to say anything. Could you be slightly reactive? Process things first before saying anything. The day might get older, but you get more vigorous. Tonight: Wish-upon-a-star time.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18

★★ If you feel uneasy about a party, friend or spending, step back. Before you find yourself upset, disengage. Consider the most positive interpretation of what is happening. Give someone the benefit of the doubt. Tonight: Spruce up the pad.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20

★★★★ Speak your mind, but choose your words with care. Your tone also might have something to do with a strong reaction you get. Remember what you want and expect. A meeting or get-together provides much fun and good will. Tonight: Where people are.

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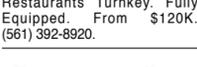
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City Hall Council Chamber
201 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, Florida, 33432

SUBJECT OF HEARING: CA-06-06/06-95000008
CA-06-06/SPA/06-95000008

Petition of Curt Keyser, Pinnacle Development Services, Inc., on behalf of North Federal, Inc., for a conditional use approval to convert an existing vehicle repair building with gasoline sales to a convenience store with gasoline sales for the **Spanish River Chevron**, located at 4055 North Federal Highway.

Petition of Curt Keyser, Pinnacle Development Services, Inc., on behalf of North Federal, Inc., for a site plan approval for a convenience store with gasoline sales with technical deviations from Chapter 23 of the City Code regarding driveway reservoir distances for the **Spanish River Chevron**, located at 4055 North Federal Highway.

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Sports

YOUR TEAMS ARE OUR TEAMS

Maher shines at Holy Cross

By Mario Sarmiento
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a frustrating first two college seasons for Boca Raton Community High alumnus Ryan Maher.

Maher, a two-time first team All-Area selection who caught 10 touchdown passes his senior year as a Bobcat, was floundering at Holy Cross.

The 6-foot-1 wide receiver caught just four passes in two years, and the lack of opportunities started to weigh on him.

"Kind of, but I don't think I was mature enough," Maher said. "I was still getting adjusted, and we had great players in front of me."

When Maher's number was finally called this season, he exploded for a team-high 69 catches, 797 yards and six touchdowns.

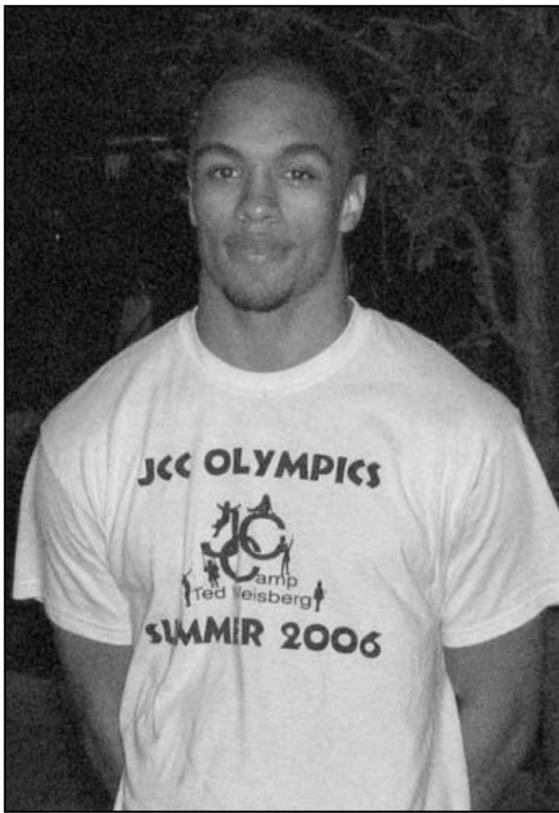
The banner season was enough to earn Maher a slew of postseason honors, including an All-Patriot League selection and a place on the New England Division I-AA All-Star Team.

With individual success came team success, as the Crusaders finished with their best record in six years at 7-4, good enough for third in the Patriot League.

Part of the credit went to a spread offense third-year coach Tom Gilmore installed that suited his players.

"The defense was pretty established, they had a lot of guys coming back," Maher said. "But the offense had a lot of new guys. No one really knew about us, so we came in with the attitude that we had to make a name for ourselves, and just trust in each other."

The end results surprised even Maher.



MARIO SARMIENTO/STAFF PHOTO
Boca Raton Community High alumnus Ryan Maher led Holy Cross in receiving and was an All-Patriot League and New England Division I-AA selection.

"It was anyone's guess as to whether it would happen, but we didn't know if our offense was going to click," he said.

"We had a young quarterback (Dominic Randolph), who I wasn't sure what he was going to do, but he came out and had a great year. He didn't get the recognition he deserved."

Randolph, a sophomore, completed 61.5 percent of his passes and threw for 19 TDs and 2,237 yards this season.

Maher's achievements have led to questions about whether he will throw his hat into the ring in the NFL after his senior year.

But for now, the junior is focused on next season.

"I want to lead the league hopefully, try to

win the Patriot League," he said.

Maher would like to play professional football, but he knows the main reason he is at Holy Cross is to get an education.

Maher is a sociology major, and he would like to go on to law school if football doesn't pan out.

While he's back in Boca, Maher plans to visit his old coaches and teammates at Boca Raton High, and pass on some of the lessons he has learned.

"I'd like to talk to a lot of the younger football players and tell them to keep their grades up, and little things like that," Maher said. "Football's always important, but you can't do anything without grades."

Scots make run at The Rock

By Mario Sarmiento
SPORTS EDITOR

Saint Andrew's School is making a run at The Rock Holiday Classic, as the Scots won their first two games Monday and Tuesday to solidify a spot in the tournament semifinals Wednesday. (Results were not available at press time).

The Scots improved to 12-1 overall after a 50-42 win over Bishop Verot (6-4) on Tuesday.

Ali Heller and Hillary Sacks each scored 13 to lead Saint Andrew's, while Ellie McCutcheon added 11.

On Monday, the Scots rode a 16-6 first quarter lead to a 41-27 win over Boynton Beach (7-4).

Sacks and Emily Blum each paced the team with

10 points, and Heller added nine.

Saint Andrew's is the only local team left in the winner's bracket, as West Boca fell to Riverdale, TN 75-43 Tuesday.

The Bulls (12-2) were led by Laura Doyle, who scored eight points, and Jessica Zielski and Vanessa French, who scored seven each.

West Boca played Notre Dame Academy Wednesday (results were not available at press time).

Boca Raton also won its first game, 52-36 over Palmetto High Monday.

The Bobcats got 22 points from Danielle Caruso and 12 from Courtney Winter.

Boca (8-4) lost to Miami Pace 46-20 on Tuesday. Lindsey Mullin led with

seven points.

Atlantic Community High lost both games and was knocked out of the event on Tuesday.

The Eagles lost 75-49 to Riverdale on Monday.

Kaneisha Saunders led with 32 points and five three-pointers.

Saunders led the Eagles (9-3) in scoring again with 20 points in a 45-40 loss to Franklin Road Academy.

Other scores were:

Tuesday

Jensen Beach 53, Notre Dame Academy 45;

Monday

Notre Dame Academy 51, Winter Park 35;

Jensen Beach 42, Franklin Road Academy;

Bishop Verot 65, North Broward Prep 27; Miami Pace 46, Newsome 14.

Imperials rub out Orlando Aces

NEWS STAFF REPORTS

The Palm Beach Imperials split a pair of home games this week.

On Tuesday, the Imperials defeated the Orlando Aces 125-106.

Carl Jenkins led the Imperials with 23 points and 17 rebounds.

Palm Beach (4-6) fell to the Jacksonville Jam 121-114 Monday.

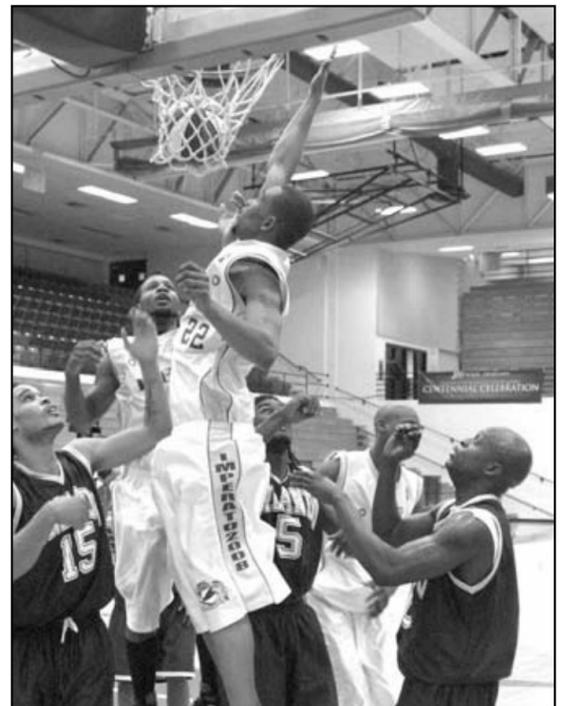
Bobby St-Preux led the Imperials with 38 points, eight rebounds and three blocks. Jenkins added 19 points and 17 rebounds.

Anthony Lumpkin led the Jam (11-3) with 28 points and eight rebs.

Palm Beach hosts the Miami Tropics for two games on Thursday and again on Wednesday of next week.

FAU falls to UNC

DeAndre Rice made his 2006-07 debut and led the Florida Atlantic University men's basketball team with 13 points, but it wasn't enough as the No. 2 ranked University of North Carolina Tar Heels cruised to a 105-52 victory on Tuesday night at the Dean



ARUNA GILBERT/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
The Palm Beach Imperials battle the Orlando Aces on Tuesday night. The Imperials won 125-106 to improve to 4-6 this season.

Smith Center in Chapel Hill, NC.

The Flint, MI native went 4-for-15 from the field, 2-for-8 from behind the arc, and had three assists.

The Owls had a difficult

first-half, allowing a season-high 65 points in a half while scoring a season-low 18 points in a half. They went 8:15 without a field goal, a span that saw UNC go on a 24-0 run.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

ACTS Retirement-Life Communities, the not-for-profit parent company of Boca's St. Andrews Estates and Edgewater Pointe Estates, recently hosted its 13th annual ACTS Charities Fund Golf Classic at the Atlantis Country Club and raised \$32,537. From left are ACTS Event Coordinator Lee Ziomek, Jim Hudgins (THW Design), Dave West (OmniCare), John Nicolay (Bovis Lend Lease) and ACTS Vice President Charlie Coxson. Additional sponsors KSR Capital Advisors, GE Appliances, Orme Electric, Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP and Prudential Financial were also showcased.

ACTS Retirement-Life raises \$32,537

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