"A person reveals his character by nothing so clearly as the joke he resents."

Georg Christoph Lichtenberg

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By Dale M. King CITY EDITOR

Former Boca Raton Police Chief Andrew Scott, who faces a \$5,000 fine and public censure for allegedly helping a Miami TV news reporter reach a local businessman by telling one of his officers to stop the man's car, has offered his take on the complaint.

Scott – who quit the force

Feb. 1, 2006 and is now a security consultant – told the *Boca Raton News* "the individual stopped was not a 'developer,' he was a handyman who did tile work. Tile work that was done in a shoddy manner to an elderly couple who tried to have him fix it, [but] to no avail."

"Hence, the investigative reporter was contacted by the elderly couple to assist in getting the matter fixed. Ironically, once the reporter interviewed the handyman, he repaired the deficient work to the

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Former Boca Raton Police Chief Andrew Scott

Arts Festival a success despite some 'issues'

By Dale M. King CITY EDITOR

Like any first-time event, Festival of the Arts Boca that ran from March 2-11 had a few glitches.

In spite of "some issues," said Charlie Siemon, a member of the Centre for the Arts, which organized the event, "we think we did very well."

Conceived last year as a partnership between Centre for the Arts and IMG Artists, the plan was to bring concerts, lectures and films to the Mizner Park Amphitheater. The annual Boca Bacchanal food and wine event was blended in.

IMG Artists also produces the Tuscan Sun Festival in Cortona, Italy, and Festival del Sole Napa, in Napa Valley, Calif., that opened last year.

Siemon said organizers are already looking to next year when the Festival will start a week later – to accommodate a return visit by the Russian National Orchestra. A number of artists, he said, are planning to come back, among them, Sir James and Lady Jeanne Galway, famed flutists who appeared this year.

The most scathing comment about the festival came in an email from a woman who took organizers to task for failing deal with "roaring cars" passing nearby and "totally deafening noise from motorcycles."

Siemon said police blocked off



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Commissioners approve film, TV tech grant

Film Festival poster unveiled

By John Johnston MANAGING EDITOR

County commissioners have approved a \$166,000 Film and TV Tech Prep Grant Agreement with The Palm Beach County Film & Television Commission (FTC).

Separately, commissioners agreed to amend the current FTC contract, adding \$20,000 for advertising, travel and public relations in marketing the Palm Beach International Film Festival.

And in both cases, Film Festival Chair Yvonne Boice told the *Boca Raton News* "I appreciate that the county recognizes that film and TV is a really viable industry."

"And the more the county can do in support of this industry," she added, "The greater will be the long-term cultural and economic benefit to the county."

In the meantime, the festival hosted its annual kick-off event at the Sonoma Café in Delray Beach with the unveiling of "the most exciting, cutting edge festival poster in its 12-year history," according to Festival Executive Director Randi Emerman.

Official Poster Artist Deborah Bottorff "has been a great asset to the festival and we are so grateful for the masterpiece she created," said Emerman, adding: "As our programming is near and the poster has been unveiled, we are all excited for the 2007 Festival, which will surely be record-breaking." Of her work the artist herself said, "I am a dedicated volunteer in the community for non-profits involving children. I am incredibly inspired by organizations that are devoted to providing opportunities for hard-working children, and this poster portrays the beauty of South Florida and the achievements of the Palm Beach International Film Festival."

Program Outline

Commissioners said the Film and TV Tech Prep Program accomplishes several things:

• Prepares high school students for film and TV career pathways.

• Creates a future film and TV workforce.

• Provides educational, financial and logistic resources for high school and college students and teachers.

Entering its 11th year of operation, the \$166,000 agreement will provide the Film & TV Tech Prep Program with funding for operational, education and equipment expenses.

Commissioners said the specific 2007 program plan includes:

• Re-configuration and repair of existing equipment and some facilities.

• Training workshops to instructors and students.

• Purchasing and distributing of available equipment and edu-

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(Special to the News)

Extreme Makeover

Lauren La Porte, shown left, and Georgia Christakis were among about 70 student volunteers from Boca Raton Community High School that recently transformed the exterior of the Florence Fuller Child Development Center West campus. As part of the school's National Honor Society project, students spent two days performing an Extreme Makeover; this included painting the building's exterior. Additionally, Home Depot in Boca Raton volunteered time and resources including pressure cleaning, rust removal, and painting. traffic for the Itzhak Perlman concert, one of the final events. He said planners will try to be more atuned to traffic noise when setting next year's schedule.

He said it was difficult to put up a large tent for Sunday's Bacchanal Grand Tasting event, then break it down for the finale, which began early, at 6 p.m. "We are going to sit with the Bacchanal people and smooth out the bumps," he said.

The last performance this year featured jazz trumpeter Arturo Sandoval, who peformed with the Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia, with Alexander Platt conducting. Following that show, the Latin band Tiempo Libre hit the stage.

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THE THIRD OF A THREE-PART SE-RIES BY SMALL BUSINESS ATTOR-NEY IAN BERKOW-ITZ ON WHAT SMALL BUSINESS NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT A VITAL MARKETING TOOL:

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POLICE BLOTTER

Youth charged with assault

Missing items

from her apartment. These include clothing, a gold chain and a pock-

Credit card fraud

fraudulent use of her two credit cards. She said the cards have since

Stolen car recovered

merce Boulevard March 7. The 2006 Chevrolet was stolen from Enter-

BB gun stolen

Credit fraud

Boca Raton police said a man walked out of the Kmart Store on

Boca Raton police recovered a stolen rental car on Park of Com-

A woman from Boca Raton reported to police March 7 the theft and

A Boca Raton woman told police that several items are missing

vandalism to a residence, police said.

etbook, according to police.

been cancelled.

Boca Raton police were called to a home on Apache Lane in Boca Raton March 7 to halt a fight between a father and son, police said. Officers arrested the juvenile son on charges of simple assault and

TAX MATTERS Avoiding Tax Pitfalls of Inherited Property

ty from a family member or Lexpect to, you should know how the value of the property is calculated for tax purposes. This is important because the principle -known as "basis" - is used to figure your gain or loss when you sell or otherwise dispose of the property. Individuals can bequeath their appreciated assets in such a way to help their heirs minimize the amount of tax they will pay on the gain when they eventually sell or otherwise divest themselves of the inherited property.

How the Basis **Rules Work**

When you inherit property, its basis is equal to its market value at your relative's date of death --not the value at which it was originally purchased. This principle is the "step-up" basis rule. For example, your grandfather purchased Caterpillar stock in 1940; you inherit the stock when he dies in 2008. Let's say that he bought the stock for the price of \$250, and by 2008 its value has increased to \$70,000. The basis you will use when you calculate any gain on selling the stock will be \$70,000.

f you have inherited proper- If you eventually sell the stock for, say, \$80,000, your tax liability will be on the \$10,000 difference.

Keep in mind that the rules may be different if you owned the property jointly with your grandfather. The step-up basis rule applies to property you inherit; it may not apply to any property you jointly held with your grandfather prior to your inheritance—depending upon how the joint ownership was created. For property inherited from individuals dying after 2009, there will be certain dollar limits on the amount of property appreciation to which a step-up basis will apply.

The Hidden **Cost of Gifts**

The basis rules are very different in the case of gifts. If your grandfather decided to present the stock to you as a birthday gift while he was alive, the step-up in basis would be lost. This is known as the "carryover" basis rule: In the case of a gift, you as the recipient take the same basis your grandfather had when he purchased the property (just \$250 in the case of the stock), plus a portion of any gift tax, if any, paid

by your grandfather. Say you sell the stock three years later for \$80,000. You will pay tax on the difference between the original purchase price and the sales price -a hefty \$79,750.

Now that residential real estate values are heading downward, it may be helpful to remember that the basis of an asset at the time of purchase can decline, if in fact the property value drops after the date of purchase. If, for example, you inherited your grandfather's personal residence after his death and its value has decreased since the time of purchase, its basis is the lower value at the date of his death. If you were to receive the property as a gift, you would be obligated to take the date-of-gift – or market value at the time you received it- as your basis when determining the extent of your gain or loss on a sale. In this case, your grandfather is in the best position to receive a tax benefit on the loss, and should sell the property while he is alive.

Congress, recognizing that some taxpayers have contrived transactions to make the basis rules work to their benefit, has passed rules to prevent some of these tactics. In one scenario, a



taxpayer who owns stock with a \$3,000 basis and \$20,000 value gives it to an elderly aunt. The intent is for the same nephew to inherit the stock when the aunt dies, while taking the higher value at the date of her death. Under the current tax rules. if the aunt dies within a year of when the nephew presented the gift and she

of Florida and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He is also a certified financial planner and certified senior advisor. Please consult your tax advisor for details and assistance in applying this general information to your specific situation.

'Lederman's Heroes' will walk the walk for cancer

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR Jonathan Lederman, 41, of Boca Raton, is on a mission to help those affected by cancer.

He's captaining a team – Lederman's Heroes - to take part in the East Boca Relay for Life March 24-25 at Spanish River High School.

"I've been a cancer society volunteer for nine years," Lederman told the Boca Raton News - five years in Broward County, the late four in Boca.

"Money raised from this effort will be used for education, advocacy, research, and services provided by the American Cancer Society

naria ceremony at 9:00 p.m.

"Teams will have a variety of booths set up where patrons can make donations and receive food, raffle entries and a variety of relay related items," he said.

"I am asking everyone to donate at least \$9 as every increment of 18 represents life as the 18th letter of the Hebrew alphabet is Chai and represents life," Lederman said. "The \$9 also represents 50 cents for every hour that I will be walking. This is a great way to honor and re-

David A. Katzman is a certified public accountant licensed to practice in the State

has bequeathed the stock to him, the nephew cannot benefit from the step-up basis and retains the earliest basis of \$3,000.

West Palmetto Park Road about 4:35 p.m. March 6 after removing a BB-gun from its packaging and putting it in his pants, police said.

Police said a man opened a credit card account at Nordstrom's in the Town Center at Boca Raton mall March 6 using the Social Security number of an Illinois man who has the same name. Police said they are still investigating the matter.

prise Rent-A-Car in Fort Lauderdale, police said.

Bike stolen

A man told Boca Raton police March 6 that someone stole his bicycle from the Walgreens on SW Second Avenue. He told police he left the bike outside and went in the store for five minutes. When he returned, it was gone.

Man had no permit

Boca Raton police arrested a man March 6 for soliciting in the area of Sweet Maple Lane without a valid permit, police said. The man had been arrested five days earlier in the city for the same violation, police said. He was processed at the police station and taken to the county jail, police said.

Wallet stolen

A Boca Raton woman told police March 6 that someone stole her wallet from her purse while she was shopping at the Publix on West Palmetto Park Road. In the wallet were credit cards and a blank check, police said.

Compressor taken

A resident of Boca Raton reported to police March 6 that someone stole the air conditioner compressor from the north side of her house, which she is in the process of selling. Her air conditioner service man said whoever took it knew what he was doing because it was removed in a clean manner. The unit is valued at \$2,400, police said.

CITY OF BOCA RATON NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES

The City Council of the City of Boca Raton will be interviewing applicants to fill vacancies on the following Boards:

BOCA RATON ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED

Four vacancies. There is no residency requirement to serve on this board.

Appointed members make recommendations to the City Council regarding issues confronting the physically and mentally challenged members of the community.

CITIZENS' PEDESTRIAN AND BIKEWAY ADVISORY BOARD

Two vacancies. Must be a resident and a qualified elector of the City of Boca Raton.

Appointed members assist in implementing a pedestrian and bikeway system consistent with the requirements of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

ELDER AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD

One vacancy. Must be a resident of the City of Boca Raton.

The Elder Affairs Advisory Board provides a forum for residents to voice concerns and issues relating to the over age 50 population. assists in developing educational programs for elders, and makes recommendations to City Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Two vacancies. Must be a resident and a gualified elector of the City of Boca Raton.

Members of this Board provide constructive advice and counsel to the City Council and city departments regarding environmental protection and conservation. Members shall be knowledgeable concerning environmental problems and concerned with the need to effect reasonable solutions thereto.

MARINE ADVISORY BOARD

One vacancy. Must be a resident and a qualified elector of the City of Boca Raton.

The Marine Advisory Board makes recommendations to City Council regarding issues related to waterways within the City of Boca Raton. The open position is for a professional engineer with experience in marine and coastal matters.

PEARL CITY BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

One vacancy. Must be a resident of Dixie Manor, Pearl City or Lincoln Court.

In recognition of the historical significance of Pearl City, the Boca Raton City Council created the Pearl City Blue Ribbon Committee. Its purpose is to advise City staff regarding the implementation of the Pearl City Master Plan and to advise City Council regarding the progress of such implementation.

Interviews will be conducted at the Monday, April 9, 2007 Workshop Meeting, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, and at the Tuesday, April 10, 2007 Regular Meeting, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Appointments will be considered at the Regular Meeting.

Interested persons should contact the Board Coordinator in the Office of the City Clerk at 393-7743 for additional information regarding the mission of, and qualifications for, each board. Appli cations are available in the Office of the City Clerk, 201 West Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33432 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and on the City's website: www.myboca.us. An application is necessary in order to be considered for appointment. Applications should be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk, preferably by Friday, March 30, 2007.

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He sponsors a team each year, mainly for people who are not affiliated with a church, synagogue, organization or company. Membership on his team is still open, and people can sign up by visiting www.acsevents.org/relay/fl/eastbocaraton.

The event begins March 24 at 2 p.m. on the grounds of Spanish River High and runs through 8 a.m. March 25. "Many events are scheduled throughout the relay, including a survivors ceremony at 5:30 p.m. March 24 and a lumi-

member those affected by cancer." "No amount is too small," he said. "Money raised from this effort will be used for education, advoca-

cy, research, and services provided by the American Cancer Society." He noted that "Lederman's He-

Jonathan Lederman

Volunteer

roes" also has a cancer survivor in Marilyn Kress, "who will be walking with us." The relay chairman, Mary Beth Tate, is also a cancer survivor.

Lederman can be reached at 561-367-9281 or at rd1299@aol.com.

Dale M. King can be reached at 561-549-0832 or at dking@bocanews.com.

Smith joins Robb & Stucky as Boca boutique manager

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gregory K. Smith has joined Robb & Stucky Interiors as boutique manager at the Boca Raton showroom.

The boutique is a 5,000-squarefoot space showcasing high-end accessories, gift items, fine linens and china, bathroom appointments and towels and floral accessories.

Previously, Smith served as home furnishings manager for a major department store, and also worked in customer service.

"My goal is to make our boutique even more fabulous than it

already is, and to provide our clients with the very best, personalized service," he said.

Founded in 1915 in Fort Myers, Robb & Stucky is a nationally recognized interior design studio and home furnishings retailer with showrooms in Florida, Texas and Arizona. Robb & Stucky's Boca showroom is located in Mizner Park at 200 Plaza Real.

Commissioners OK grant

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cational resources to participating county schools and Palm Beach Community College.

• Producing the 12th Annual Palm Beach International Film Festival Student Showcase of Films (SSOF) award ceremony, the SSOF opening film, and the Students Movie Premiere.

• Increase awareness about and visibility of the industry through production of seven commercials, identifying the county's cluster industries and the international

distribution of student-produced programming.

• Developing an on-line voting competition around the finalists of the SSOF and structure an alumni program for past winners of the SSOF to track success in the industry.

The 12th annual Palm Beach County International Film Festival is slated for April 19-26.

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Gregory K. Smith



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Total Wine & More

The Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library received a \$5,000 donation from "Total Wine & More." The gift was presented to Betty Cash, president of The Friends of The Boca Raton Public Library, at the grand opening of the "Total Wine & More" store in Boca Center on Military Trail. Attending ribbon cutting ceremonies are, from left, Mayor Steven Abrams, "Total Wine & More" founder David Trone, Boca Raton Library Services Director Catherine O'Connell and Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library President Betty Cash.

Boca attorney earns mitzvah award



Boca attorney Craig Donoff, left, received a mitzvah award from the Jewish Community Foundation. He is pictured with, from left, his wife, Judy Donoff, Pamela and Howard Kaye and Donald Tescher.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton attorney Craig Donoff received a mitzvah award for "continuous leadership and support of the Jewish community."

few U.S. attorneys with two Master of Law Degrees (in Taxation and Estate Planning, from the University of Miami). He is also the author of two books.

Following greetings by Jewish Community Foun-Donoff was honored at the Third Annual Mitzvah dation Chair Tom Kaplan, Donoff and others were recognized by Elyssa Kupferberg, Professional Advisory Committee Chair, and David Pratt, Foundation Vice Chair.

Dr. Man CERTIFIED PLASTIC SURGEON

Too young for a facelift?

Dear Dr. Man: I'm 45 years old and I'm in great shape. The problem is that I have the body of a 30 year old but the face of a 50 year old. I have droopy eyebrows and wrinkles on my forehead. I really want to get a facelift, but I never thought people so young get them. Can you please give me more details about a facelift and tell me if I'm too young to get one?

Signed, Molly in Boca

Dear Molly: The face of plastic surgery has really changed over the years. It used to be that most people getting facelifts were in their late 50's or early sixties. Nowadays, we see people coming in earlier (usually in their mid-forties). Since there are less drastic, more minimallyinvasive procedures, patients no longer need to wait until aging is extreme.

Today's facelifts have evolved from years past. They entail more than just lifting and tightening of the skin. There are many excellent procedures out there, depending on each patient's individual needs.

One procedure is a full facelift, which addresses the mid-face, jowls and neck area. Incisions begin at the temples and go under and beyond the ears, extending laterally into the nape. With a full facelift, the skin and tissue are repositioned and fat is often reduced, repositioned and sometimes added. Then, the skin is redraped and excess skin is removed.

Another procedure is a midfacelift, which uses similar techniques as a full facelift, but generally does not include work on the neck and jowls. The incisions begin at the temples and go under the ears or begin at the temples and curve back into the hairline just above the ears.

Another alternative for people whose problems lie mainly in the top part of their face is a forehead lift (a.k.a. "brow lift"). A forehead lift can help reduce deep creases, horizontal lines and furrows in the forehead. It can also help lift heavy, droopy eyebrows



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Man

that can create a hooding effect over the eyes. The procedure helps restore a more youthful, refreshed look to the area above the eyes. It also helps to improve the horizontal lines and furrows that can make a person appear angry, sad or tired. The procedure is done with an endoscope using small incisions.

The best way to decide which procedure is right for you is to visit a board-certified plastic surgeon to discuss your options. Good luck!

Dr. Daniel Man is a board-certified plastic surgeon who has dedicated his life's work to helping people look younger and improve their appearance through cosmetic surgery. He is a noted author, artist, inventor and educator.

Run for Kids In Distress

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Bull Run, benefiting Kids In Distress, is scheduled for March 25.

This 5k/10K run will be held at Spanish River Park in Boca Ration. Volunteers are needed to help with various tasks including registration, putting up signs along A1A, and passing out water from 6 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Students will be given community service hours.

Contact http://active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1375349

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Society Cocktail Reception from the Jewish Community Foundation's (JCF) Professional Advisory Committee. JCF is the planned giving arm of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

"Jewish philanthropy is something I've been involved with a good part of my life," Donoff said. "I'm just happy to be able to help the Federation and the people with needs in our community. I'm lucky to be in a position to direct clients to do the same."

Donoff took the opportunity to discuss his family's new donor-advised fund of the Foundation. He has established the Craig and Judi Donoff Philanthropic Fund in memory of his son, Chase Donoff, to help special needs children by providing after school programming, currently a serious community gap.

A tax attorney for more than 33 years, Donoff practices in Living Trusts, Estate Planning, and Post Mortem Estate Tax Planning and Administration.

In addition to holding a Juris Doctor Law Degree from the American University, Donoff is one of the

Larry Blair and Howard Schwartz were inducted into the Mitzvah Society as committed individuals who have referred clients, resulting in endowment gifts to the Jewish Community Foundation. Mitzvah Society members David Pratt, Elyssa Kupferberg, Ron Siegel, Mark Schaum, Stephen Melcer, Francine Cole, and Al Gortz, were recognized for continuing to encourage gifts to the Foundation by referring their clients.

Don Tescher, Mitzvah Society chair and co-sponsor of the event, acknowledged the Society's critical role, "to help preserve and enhance the future of our Jewish community."

The event was hosted by Pamela and Howard Kave at their home, and sponsored by Tescher Gutter Chaves Josepher Rubin Ruffin & Forman, P.A., and Barry Kaye Associates Incorporated.

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Scott fires back

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satisfaction of the elderly couple."

"No one covered that," Scott said, "nor did any media outlet consider that this type of working relationship with the media occurs all the time."

Scott also said that Jeff Kelly, who was a provisional sergeant at the time, "was not 'ordered' to stop anyone by me. This is duly noted in the ethics stipulation. Kelly was asked by a subordinate supervisor if he would be involved. He did so without hesitation and willfully. His deposition in this matter confirms that."

Scott said Kelly "also admits in his deposition that he filed a complaint due to union pressure."

The incident involving the TV reporter came to light during an investigation of Scott's invention in the arrest of Boca developer Gregory Talbott in September 2005. The union filed a complaint saying that Scott violated state statutes by coming to the station and telling officers on duty not to send Talbott to the county jail. Talbott had been arrested after a disturbance at the Luna Pazza Restaurant.

Both City Manager Leif Ahnell and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement cleared Scott. And the Commission on Ethics, which originally found "probable cause" that Scott's behavior that night was not ethical, has dismissed the complaint.

"I suspect since the union realized I did not violate com

any laws by the Talbott decision, they went fishing for more any allegations, real or imagined. Ergo, Kelly's absurd allegations."

Scott also said that "the stipulation with the Ethics Commission does not reflect that I agreed I committed an ethics violation, rather, it stipulates that I accept the Ethics Commission determination that they say I violated an ethics statute." He called it "a very distinct difference." It is more the equivalent of a "nolo contende" plea.

The ex-chief said it was "interesting" that no media "looked into why the state dropped the first ethics violation, considering this was the 'battle-cry' of the union at the time. Could it be that Mr. Talbott's well publicized heart problems (as reported by the Boca News and other papers about his son saving his life after suffering a heart attack) was indeed the true and only reason why Mr. Talbott was diverted from the county jail that night -a decision rightfully within my purview as chief of police."

"The state dropped the ethics violation because I did not violate an ethics law," Scott said. "I agreed to the stipulation purely for financial reasons - not culpability reasons."

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Dr. Levine

Dear Doctor,

Years ago I was diagnosed with gout. I had no flare-ups for years until recently. I am young, healthy and take no medications, but I started a diet to lower my cholesterol a few months ago. If red meat makes gout worse, why has my gout become worse on my healthy diet of chicken, fish, and vegetables?

ore than 5 million Americans can relate to your frustration with the symptoms of gout. Gout is the most common form of inflammatory arthritis in men. Men are affected more frequently than women (6.6 versus 3.9 per 1000). Gout is a disease characterized by high blood uric acid levels and deposits of urate crystals in the affected joints.

In the olden days, patients were advised to limit their intake of animal protein, especially red meat. High protein intake, especially proteins high in purines like red meat and fish, has been considered a risk factor for gout for quite a long time. However, recent studies have given us more information on the association of dietary factors and gout. Your diet, while good for reducing cholesterol, may have actually included foods that are associated with an increased risk of gout.

You were correct to limit red meat (beef, pork, and lamb) to decrease your cholesterol and decrease your gout attacks. However, at the same time, you have increased the fish in your diet, and higher levels of seafood consumption increase your risk of gout exacerbations. Some people with high cholesterol cut back on milk products, attempting to cut back on the high cholesterol content in cheese. Guess what? A higher intake of low fat dairy products is associated with a decreased risk of gout. You can increase your dairy intake to decrease your likeli-



hood of a gout attack, but be smart and use only low fat or fat free dairy products to improve your gout and your cholesterol. Fortunately, eating a moderate amount of vegetables, even purine-rich vegetables, was not associated with an increased risk of gout.

You mention nothing about your alcohol consumption. If you enjoy a

drink, from now on choose a glass of wine. Heavy alcohol intake is associated with an increased risk of gout. Incredibly enough, wine intake decreases your risk! The protective mechanism for wine is unknown. Some hypothesize a connection with the antioxidants contained in wine.

You do not mention whether you are overweight. Being overweight increases your risk of gout attacks. If you need to lose weight, beware of extremely low carbohydrate diets that cause your body to make ketones. These diets can increase your uric acid levels. You do mention a high cholesterol, so make sure that your doctor also checks your blood sugar. Gout is associated with a syndrome in which people have a high cholesterol and insulin resistance (pre-diabetes). Consider taking vitamin C which can help increase your body's elimination of uric acid, and possibly help with gout prevention.

Finally, ask your doctor about medications to prevent flares of gout. Gout can become a chronic disease which can lead to bone deformities. If your gout keeps flaring despite dietary changes for prevention, these medications can prevent you from losing function in joints affected by your gout.

Questions can be sent to Dr. Levine at: drsaralevine@bellsouth.net

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Math bus tours help local students

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Circle, Square and Triangle equal Geometric Math.

These shapes and other math concepts have now been incorporated to a newly developed children's mathematics program for the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History's Narrated Bus Tours of Historic Delray Beach.

Mathematics teaching opportunities are represented in the architectural designs of various historic buildings and areas that are along the route of the museum's popular tours.

This past Thursday, the museum conducted the tour for 35 sixth graders from Marty Zabel's class at the Trinity Lutheran School of Delray Beach.

The tour was conducted in partnership with the Education Department of the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens. The onehour bus tour was followed by a Japanese tea ceremony and tie-dymg project. The history bus tour program was introduced in September 2006 for math teachers from Palm Beach County public schools that have been designated AAA schools for grades Pre-K through fifth grade. Lori J. Durante, executive director of the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History, developed this Children's Mathematics Narrated Bus Tour of Historic Delray Beach program and serves as the tour guide. The children's mathematics activities were developed based on the Florida Department of Education Standards. The Children's Department of the downtown Delray Beach Library has selected some children's books about math and numbers that the museum has incorporated into this newly developed mathematics program. Historic sites along the tour route include the 1926 Colony Hotel, the former Priscilla Hotel, Frog Alley neighborhood and the 1904 Trinity Lutheran Church (original building). For more information, call the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History at (561) 243-2662 or visit www.DelrayBeachBusTours.org.

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Decorative fabric giant fire forces move and 75% off liquidation sale

Boca Raton, FLORIDA - A small but devastating fire has forced the famous Boca Bargoons decorative fabric company to move and liquidate 1000's of rolls of fine decorative fabric. Their new location is just next door and within walking distance of their damaged location. The fire broke out last Wednesday night and took out a portion of the building which has rendered the building closed until the repairs can be made.

1000's of rolls of unique, oneof-a-kind fabrics ranging in retail prices of upwards of \$200 per yard have to be sold at 75% off their discounted prices.

Boca Bargoons lost a treasure of fine fabrics from their collection that can never be replaced. Fortunately most of their inventory was unharmed and will be offered to you at this amazing sale. Anyone who knows the quality of this prestigious fabric store understands the treasures that will await them starting today. With this additional 75% off sale you are guaranteed to find the bargain of a lifetime!

All types of big name fabrics will be sold including Scalamandre and Clarence House for just pennies on the dollar.

Even if you are not in the market for fabric right now, this liquidation sale will be worth you squirreling away fabrics for a rainy

day!

In the 15 year history of Boca Bargoons there has never been a sale like this! This new store location is stocked with top-name designer decorative fabrics and trims and this beautiful inventory is lining the walls, racks and everywhere they can!

This sacrifice fire sale features gorgeous silks, exquisite tapestries, fabulous cotton prints and more all at prices that have never been seen and will never be seen again!

So if you love beautiful decorative fabric and want a deal of a lifetime as well, come into Boca Bargoons this week.

Their new location is right nex: door to their flagship building (which is closed for repairs) a. 176 N. W. 20th St. and they car still be reached at (561)392 5700. Come in early for best selection! Sale starts today at 10am.

Festival

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Platt "was really good," said Siemon. He is expected to encore next year.

Some performers played to large crowds, but Siemon said the only one that sold out was Perlman. In fact, at the last minute, the Festival added 500 more seats by popular demand.

Siemon said every performer praised the Festival.

Dale M. King can be reached at 561-549-0832 or at dking@bocanews.com.

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Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Monday, March 19, 2007: New beginnings are possible if you let go and flow. Revise and update how you see various situations. Discussions emanate from a sense of direction. Think twice before you act. You often feel you are about to boil over. Learn to say "no" or back down. Focus on maintaining clarity of both your mind and your actions. If you are single, you might meet people left and right. You have high charisma and the ability to magnetize others. You do need to become a bit less self-involved if you want a bond to evolve. If you are attached, you will want to defer more often to your sweetie if you want peace and a stronger bond. ARIES understands and sees eye to eye with you.

big changes lie ahead. Your ability to understand evolves. Tonight: Gather bills. CANCER

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June 21-July 22 $\star \star \star$ As the day gets older. you become better. Many responsibilities will head in your direction. You need all the energy you can muster. "Enjoyment" and "pleasure" become bywords to feeling good. You have much to smile about. Tonight: Happy as long as you act on what you want.

loved one. The end result might not be good. Tonight: Know when to put a halt to the activity. SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21





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

ARIES March 21-April 19

 $\star \star \star$ You walk into a new beginning. You might want to do some thoughtful, deep evaluation. Your creativity is on the upswing. Finish what's necessary, with efficiency and forethought. Prioritize. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS April 20-May 20

 $\star \star \star \star$ Relate intensely to someone very sYou have strong opinions. You will step up to the plate and handle things. Sometimes you might want to think about different styles and ways. Understanding takes you in a new direction. Laugh and be easygoing. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Use the earlier hours to express your needs. How you handle someone could change dramatically. Head out the door knowing that

LEO July 23-Aug. 22

 $\star \star \star \star$ New beginnings are possible if you look past the obvious. Listen to news that is forthcoming. Absorb what is being said and go forward. Understanding helps you make solid choices. Tune in to your higher self. Tonight: Settle in and listen.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22

 $\star \star \star$ Togetherness breeds more togetherness. Talks need to be about basics and where projects are heading. You encounter pressure and new beginnings. Listen to what others openly share. Still, you might decide to keep your own counsel. Tonight: Anchor in.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22

 $\star \star \star \star$ You could be uncomfortable about what is demanded of you. Pressure is building, and you will take a stand. Your words could cause others to backtrack. That response could be most appropriate. Tonight: Know when to call it a day.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ YYou might want to understand what motivates others to go in certain directions. A risk might have you backtracking where others might be dancing to a new tune. Be very careful with a child or

 $\star \star \star \star$ Take a step forward. Evaluate what could happen. Stay on top of work and remain in sync with those around you. You might be more controlling and touchy than you are aware of. Let your creativity flourish. Tonight: Anchor in.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19

 $\star \star \star$ You might want to approach situations more openly, though you need to pull back and think. Anchor in and know what must be done. You have a strong sense of direction. Use your strong value system for decision making. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18

 $\star \star \star \star$ How you value a friendship could change substantially. Your need to dialogue and make strong decisions comes forward. You might want to revise your thinking vis-a-vis a decision or choice. Take charge and head in a new direction. Tonight: Tell it as you see it.

PISCES

Feb. 19-March 20

 $\bigstar\bigstar\bigstar\bigstar$ Allow greater flow and energy to head in your direction. Sometimes you are under the gun as you look at a different approach. You laugh, and someone else responds. You have what it takes to draw more, including money. Tonight: Question a friend.

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YOUR TEAMS ARE OUR TEAMS

Bulls look to keep winning in Gary Carter National Grand Slam

By Mario Sarmento

SPORTS EDITOR

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For the second straight year, the West Boca Raton High baseball team will compete in the Gary Carter National Grand Slam Tournament this week, starting with a 7 p.m. game against Regis Jesuit High from Aurora, Colo. at Florida Atlantic University Stadium on Monday.

The tournament started last year as a joint effort between Bulls coach Brian Joros and Palm Beach Central High coach Scott Benedict.

The Broncos won the 12-team event last year, but the stakes are higher this season, as 16 total teams, including eight from out-ofstate, will be competing for this year's crown.

Joining the Bulls, Broncos and Raiders are Cardinal Newman High, The Bolles School, Dwyer High, Providence High,, Jupiter High, Orangewood Christian School, Wellington High, Norman North High (Okla.), Charlotte Christian High (NC), Taft High (CT), Battleground Academy (Tenn.), Monsignor Bonner High (Penn.) and Eureka High (Mo.).

Norman North High is the third-ranked team in the state of Oklahoma, Charlotte Christian has won eight of the last nine state championships in North Carolina and Taft High is coached by former Major League Baseball player Rico Brogna.

All games will be played at West Boca Raton, Palm Beach Central, Little Fenway and FAU Stadium.

The championship game is set for Thursday at 7 p.m. at FAU Stadium, and it will be televised live on ESPN Radio and on television on the Comcast Network.

"The tournament's going to be excellent preparation for the rest of the year," Joros said. "We play four games in four days."

Joros is hoping for at least as good a finish as last year, when his Bulls placed third behind Palm Beach Central and Jupiter High, even with the stiff competition they'll have



West Boca Raton High senior John Bukovich (right) hopes to lead the Bulls to the Gary Carter National Grand Slam title this week. The championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at FAU Stadium.

to face.

"It will be tougher," he said. "At the same time, we have our sights set on winning it."

The Bulls enter the tournament coming off of their only loss of the season, a surprising 4-2 defeat to Atlantic Community High Wednesday night.

Last year West Boca started the season 15-0 and lost just three games, but the final loss was a shocking defeat to Dwyer in the district semifinals, denying the Bulls a spot in the state playoffs.

This year, Joros feels his team is better prepared for the playoff run.

"I absolutely think we have more balance (in our lineup)," he said. "Last year we relied on (Ryan) Whelan and (John) McVey to carry us. We had to play small ball.'

Now the Bulls have hitters such as C.J. Campanelli, who is leading the team with a .450 average, and Sean Bukovich, who Joros said has been the most consistent hitter the

Bulls have had this season. Zach Marcus, Mason Mattlin and Brian Busch have also delivered in the clutch.

Last season, the Bulls relied heavily on their pitching to carry them, and though starters Justin Dechert and Cody Adelman have graduated, it's still the team's strength this year.

Busch, the 6-foot-3 lefthander, has been dominant, compiling a 4-0 record and a 0.50 ERA.

"He throws three pitches for strikes and he throws it where you want him to throw it," Joros said. Those three pitches are an upper 80s-low 90s fastball, a changeup, and a nastv slider.

Busch has also had plenty of help from Mark Shevrock, Dusty Albanese and Joe Ozarowski, whose contrasting styles have helped the Bulls to a 0.77 overall ERA.

"Mark's a 6-foot-5, 240-pound, hardthrowing guy," Joros said. "Dusty's a low-80s guy who throws a heck of a slider. Ozarowski's gotten some huge district starts."

The staff has dominated despite not having its true No. 2 starter, Sean Adelman, for the entire season. Adelman has missed all 12 games with inflammation in his labrum. He should be back in 2-3 weeks.

"He's a 90-92 guy with a really good slider," Joros said of the 6-foot-3 righthander, whose addition should make the Bulls even more formidable when the district playoffs start.

As for Monday, Joros said he'll decide between Shevrock or Ozarowski to start against Regis Jesuit.

The action starts at 10 a.m. Monday with games between Cardinal Newman and Providence at West Boca and Dwyer and Charlotte Christian at Palm Beach Central.

Tickets are \$7 per day for the four-day event. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, go to www.leaguelineup. com/nationalgrandslam.

West Boca tennis starts 6-1

By Mario Sarmento SPORTS EDITOR

The West Boca Raton High boys tennis team is off to a 6-1 start so far this season, with the Bulls' only loss coming to Spanish River High.

The defending district champions are led by No. 1 player Evan Bernstein, who is undefeated this season.

"He trains hard, works very hard at it," Bulls coach Steve Pemberton said.

"Smart player, and he's got that left-handed kick serve that gives people problems."

Newcomer Izzy Ilbakkah has been a revelation at the No. 2 position, with Mike Swartz at No. 3 and a pair of undefeated players, Alex Martinez and Alberto Salazar, playing at No. 4 and No. 5 respectively.

"We're solid all the way through," Pemberton said, adding that Boca Raton High wil probably be the strongest competition for the district title.

The Bulls are also deeper than they were last year, when St. Thomas knocked them out of the playoffs in regionals.

The goal this season is to repeat as district champs and go deeper into the postseason.

"I hope so, if everyone stays healthy," Pemberton said.

The Bulls host Spanish River again in their next match, Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.



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