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Who's gonna turn on cable?

Boca to state: stop messing around in local business

By John Johnston
MANAGING EDITOR

It's not that Boca Raton Deputy City Manager George Brown doesn't like consumers. "We just don't want the state messing around in local business," he told *The Boca Raton News*.

Which is why Boca's city council has approved a resolution opposing HB 529 — called the Consumer Choice Act of 2007, a proposed law dealing with what it calls "video programming" but what amounts to what everyone else calls "cable TV." Delray Beach has approved a similar resolution opposing the bill.

HB 529's chief supporter is a group called FreedomWorks. FreedomWorks has mounted a national campaign to change the law and take cable TV franchise power away from local and county governments -- putting it in the hands of the state.

"Under the current law, companies that want to provide video programming are required to apply for a franchise on a town-by-town basis," says FreedomWorks Florida Coordinator Tom Gaitens. "This time-consuming and costly process acts as a barrier to

competition as the application process is expensive and can take years to complete."

Gaitens said this process "does not reflect developments in technology that have allowed phone, wireless, cable, satellite, and other providers to offer consumers choices in video programming options."

HB 529 "allows consumers to take advantage of new technologies by streamlining the franchise application process for potential providers. When companies compete to provide service, consumers win through more choices and lower prices," he said.

Nationwide

FreedomWorks has been involved in trying to change cable TV franchise law in Michigan, North Carolina, Indiana, Kansas, and Texas.

None of which impresses Boca's Deputy City Manager Brown.

Generally, federal law creates a framework by which state and local governments can regulate cable systems. That framework allows state and local governments to create local

franchise authorities (LFA) that license cable operators to provide services in a community. Federal law prohibits an LFA from awarding an exclusive franchise or unreasonably refusing to award an additional competitive franchise within its jurisdiction.

Although LFAs have the authority to grant multiple franchises within a given community, the national trend has been that nearly all local communities have only one cable provider.

Brown doesn't disagree, but says there's a reason for that.

"We only have one (cable TV provider)" he says, "but that's not because we haven't asked -- literally begged." The market hasn't responded because "they tell us they're not interested in providing that service in this market."

Translated, Brown says, that means cable

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Boca Rep applauds felon rights restoration

By John Johnston
MANAGING EDITOR

In what some say is a move that will help to slam shut the revolving criminal justice door, District 90 State Representative Kelly Skidmore (D-Boca Raton) told *The Boca Raton News*, "This marks a milestone in Florida history."

Overcoming the negative vote of State Attorney General Bill McCollum, the Board of Executive Clemency and the Cabinet has voted 3-1 to automatically restore a felon's rights once his or her sentence has been served.

Heretofore, Florida was one of only a handful of states where felons' rights were not immediately restored. However, the new



Kelly Skidmore

rule is not without qualifications, Skidmore said. In order for rights to be automatically restored, the following conditions must be met:

- Sentence must have been completed.
- There are no pending criminal charges.
- All victims' restitution has been paid.
- The person has not committed certain severe offenses, or qualifies as a habitual violent offender, violent career criminal or sexual predator.

Among the "severe offenses" are: murder, attempted murder, attempted felony murder, man-

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Boca dad: Crossing guards sending wrong message

By Nicol Jenkins
STAFF WRITER

Victor Dell-Isola takes his job seriously.

Each weekday morning and afternoon, he puts on his yellow and orange vest and directs a group of backpack strapped youngsters across Palmetto Park Road and 12th Avenue in Boca Raton.

As a crossing guard for the city of Boca Raton, Dell-Isola prides himself on keeping children safe on the way to and from school.

For Dell-Isola that means waiting until the light signals that it's safe to walk across the street.

"We always wait for that crossing signal to come up before we cross a child. Otherwise it's not safe," said Dell-Isola, who's worked as a crossing guard on

that corner with three others since January.

However, Boca father Mike Bacarella says otherwise.

Dropping off and picking up his three children at various Boca schools, Bacarella said he's observed crossing guards walking children across the street when the stoplight signals not to walk. The local father said he's seen this occur at Palmetto and 12th Avenue, Camino Real and 12th Ave, and Glades and Dixie Highway, among others.

"I see it all the time. Why can't they wait for the right sign and walk our kids across the street then? It only takes a minute," he said. "It seems to me we are programming our children every day to walk across the street when it's unsafe. Every single day they walk to school

and everyday they are taught to walk when it says not to. Why can't the crossing guards walk our children across at the proper time when the sign says it is okay to walk?"

Bacarella is worried the crossing guards may program children to walk across the street at the wrong time and in turn cause an accident.

"It will eventually be second nature to the children to just walk across the street when it says not to," he said. "Now is the time to correct this problem before someone gets hurt or killed."

The father further believes that proper training is necessary.

"Whoever is in charge of crossing guards should give

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(Dale King/Staff Photo)

Ice Rink Update

Mickey Gomez, recreation services director for Boca Raton, gives City Council members an update Monday on a proposal to build an ice rink in the developing de Hoerne Park. The council decided to advertise a "request for proposals (RFP)" looking for contractors to build the 90,000 square foot facility that may house as many as three rinks.



(Special to the News)

Home Design Guru successfully partners with Office Depot

Christopher Lowell, the Emmy Award-winning designer, author and television personality, recently visited with executives from Office Depot to discuss the upcoming launch of a variety of new additions to the Christopher Lowell Collection of office furniture and accessories, available exclusively at Office Depot. The partnership between Office Depot and Lowell, began in 2003. The launch of the first collection was the most successful in Office Depot's history. Office Depot's Christopher Lowell Collection is available in four unique styles – Town, Country, City and Shore, at all store locations and from www.officedepot.com. Lowell noted that a recent Office Depot commissioned survey found that over one-third of respondents would like their home furniture to reflect their personality and be both stylish and functional. "The designer pieces allow office spaces to be elegantly created anywhere in the home – meeting both the needs and desires of consumers," Lowell added. Shown are, from left, Gail Schwartz, Furniture Merchant for Office Depot with Christopher Lowell.

Saint Andrew's School senior receives \$2,500 from national achievement scholarship program

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

Being classified as a minority can have its advantages and disadvantages.

Andre Davies of Boca Raton has experienced both.

Most recently, the local student experienced the benefits.

Davies, a senior at Saint Andrew's School and graduate of the South Florida Summerbridge program at Saint Andrew's, has been selected as a finalist and winner of a National Achievement \$2,500 scholarship.

"I feel great and honored. I think the program is important to stimulate minorities and it's great to be a part of it," Davies said. "A lot of minorities have a hard time. There are a lot of resources for them but the program is still really important. This gives a lot of people chances they wouldn't have otherwise."

Davies, 18, was among more than 140,000 students who took the 2005 PSAT/NMST to enter the 2007 National Merit Scholarship program. He also requested consideration in the National Achievement, in which only Black Americans can participate.

Last fall, Davies was among about 1,600 participants in the National Achievement program to be named a semifinalist. Then, he was chosen with 1,300 others



(Special to the News)
Saint Andrew's School senior Andre Davies recently received a \$2,500 National Achievement scholarship.

sometimes people stick to their own cultures."

Although graduating this year, Davies will pass on the cultural fair to a junior at Saint Andrew's School. However, the student said he would start the cultural fair on his college campus if there wasn't one already.

As for college, Davies said he's still undecided as to where he will be attending. But the list is full of Ivy League universities including Princeton, Harvard, and Duke.

One thing that is certain is his

New attorney joins Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The law firm of Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin, P.L., based in Miami and Boca Raton, has announced that registered patent attorney Michael Tschupp has joined the firm, practicing in the area of intellectual property protection and commercialization.

"We are pleased to welcome Michael to the firm," said Howard Berlin, managing partner. "His knowledge and experience in patent litigation will benefit our clients' ever expanding needs in this area of the law."

Tschupp will focus on intellectual property, concentrating in patent litigation and trademark litigation. He holds a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center. His professional memberships include the Florida Bar, New York Bar, New Jersey Bar, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Prior to joining Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin, he was an attorney in New York City.

career path.

"I'm going to study medicine. I want to be a neurosurgeon," Davies said. "I've always wanted to be a doctor. I don't know why. I just like helping people and I love science."

Davies said he'd also continue to promote cultural awareness.

"Everyone comes from somewhere. It's important to share that with others," he said.

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Boca police probe rash of residential burglaries

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton police are investigating recent daytime residential burglaries that have occurred in the western part of the city between St. Andrews Boulevard and Powerline Road south of Glades Road.

Police spokesman Sgt. Eric Lawrence said that "during the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., the suspects appear to be knocking on doors to ascertain whether the resident is at home. If the resident is not at home, the suspects use force to gain access to the front door and then ransack the house."

According to Lawrence, in one case, a male knocked on a resident's door, and when she answered, he asked if she needed her driveway cleaned. During the timeframe that he was in the neighborhood, a burglary occurred.

The subject was described as a black male, approximately 5'10-6 feet tall with medium length dreadlocks. Items taken in the burglaries consist of jewelry, cash, plasma televisions, cameras, computer equipment and a gun.

The police are asking residents to take measures to safeguard themselves from residential burglaries by doing the following:

Secure all doors and windows when out of the residence, and be certain to activate the alarm system in the audible mode. Make a list of valuable items, including the serial number of the item and any identifying markings.

Take photos or video of valuable items and store the photos in a safe location.

Get to know neighbors and their vehicles. Also communicate with neighbors regarding keeping a watch on one another's property.

If suspicious individuals, vehicles, or activity is seen in the neighborhood, contact the police immediately.

If anyone has any information regarding these burglaries, they are asked to contact Detective Michelle Vezina or Detective Joseph Pirro at 561-338-1264.

Police Blotter

Caught with marijuana

While checking the parking lot of a Boca Raton business March 28 where auto burglaries have been rampant, police arrested a man and charged him with possession of 29 grams of marijuana, which was found on his person, police said. He was taken to the county jail without incident, according to police.

her residence between November 2006 and March 15, police said.

Student loses phone

A Lynn University student reported to police March 28 that he lost his cell phone while on campus.

Car burglarized

Boca Raton police said a car parked on NW Second Avenue March 28 was burglarized. Police said someone entered the car by punching out the driver's door lock. The thief took \$1,119 in cash from the glove compartment, police said.

Stolen jewelry pawned

A Boca Raton woman told police March 28 that jewelry taken from her home during the past four months has turned up at a pawnshop in Delray Beach, a police report said. The woman said a bracelet and ring were taken from

OBITUARIES

BARBARA ELLSWORTH CONNELLAN

Barbara (Ellsworth) Connellan, died April 4, 2007, widow of the late James A. Connellan has died at the age of 84 after a brief illness. Born in New London, Connecticut, Mrs. Connellan was raised in Bristol, Connecticut and graduated from Westbrook Junior College in Portland, Maine in 1942. She married James Augustine Connellan, Sr., a prominent Portland attorney in 1943 and began raising her family of three children at her home in South Portland, Maine where she lived for 36 years. Her many volunteer activities included Camp Fire Girls of America, the Junior League, the Osawantha Garden Club and the building committee for the Hamlin School in South Portland. She returned to the University of Maine to finish her education, receiving a Master's Degree in Library Science in 1971. Mrs. Connellan first became a librarian at Lincoln Junior High School in Portland, winning grant money to renovate the library, making it more accessible to both students and teachers. She later became a librarian at Portland High School. She began her retirement in Hollywood, Florida as a widow with the untimely death of her husband in 1982. Her grandchildren Kate and Joe became her focus along with enjoying the many cultural activities available in South Florida. She was an active bridge player with the Hollywood Woman's Club, an avid supporter of the South Florida Friends of Jazz, and a regular attendee of the Jackie Gleason Theater in Miami Beach and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. She loved walking the Broadway in Hollywood and spending her Sundays doing the New York Times Crossword Puzzle under an umbrella on the beach. Mrs. Connellan was a world traveler, attending 33 Elderhostels throughout Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. In June of 2006, Mrs. Connellan moved to West Hyannisport, Massachusetts with her daughter Martha. She spent her last summer on the Cape, attending Tanglewood, the Melody Tent, and the Cape Playhouse. Her survivors are daughter

Barbara C. Marcus (Jeffrey) of Indian Harbour Beach, Florida; daughter Martha Connellan of West Hyannisport, Massachusetts; son James A. Connellan, Jr. of Boca Raton, Florida; grandchildren James Joseph Connellan (Cheryl) of Leander, Texas; and Katherine Rose Connellan of Tallahassee, Florida. She is also survived by three great-granddaughters: Anna Rose, Emma Mae, and Cara Jo of Leander, Texas. A celebration of Barbara's life will be held in Hollywood, Florida at a later date. Any donations in her name may be made to the Centerville Public Library, 585 Main Street, Centerville, Massachusetts 02632.

OPAL LEE MCELROY SIEGLITZ

BOCA RATON

Opal Lee McElroy Sieglitz, 95, of Jacksonville, formerly a 35 year resident of Boca Raton, died on Monday, April 9, 2007. She is survived by 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandsons. Arrangements are under the direction of Hatcher Cremation. Memorials can be made to Community Hospice Foundation, 4114 Sunbeam Rd. Ste 101, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

MARTHA "NELL" ARRINGTON BOYNTON BEACH

Martha "Nell" Arrington, age 81, of Boynton Beach passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 10, 2007. Nell was born in Prater, Virginia on May 18, 1925 to Alexander and Margaret Deel. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Arrington and second husband Robert Yurgalevich. Nell is survived by her loving daughter Sandra Lucigno; beloved granddaughter Lucy Lucigno; two sisters, Bonnie Owens and Virchel Owens; several nieces and nephews. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2007 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm with a 7:00pm funeral service at Babione Funeral Home, west chapel 561-483-9500.

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Community policing station lease in West Boca extended one year

by **John Johnston**
MANAGING EDITOR

County commissioners have extended the lease of a community policing station in West Boca Raton.

An agreement with the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Richard and Carole Siemens Jewish Campus for use of a 1,770 sq. ft. building located at 9378 SW 210th Street in Boca Raton has been extended through May 2008, commissioners said. The three-year lease began in 2004, with two, one-year extension options.

The annual lease cost is \$10; however the lease prohibits use of the building for the holding of detainees, the use as a transfer site for persons under arrest, or as a building used by persons on a work release program.

The agreement also provides for the county to pay for all utility costs, commissioners said.

Other Business

In other recent business commissions:

- Approved a \$159,885 contract with Lanzo Lining Services, Inc., for the construction of Loxahatchee River Road and Eagle's Nest Drive culvert improvements. The work will include lining the existing culverts under both roads with flexible pipe, commissioners said.

- Amended an agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to add \$17.4 million in Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funds to the agreement. The money will be used for wid-

ening and resurfacing improvements on SR-704/Okeechobee Boulevard from west of SR-7 to east of Jog Road. This makes a total of \$23.9 million committed to that project, commissioners said.

- Approved an agreement with Seacoast Utility Authority for re-lease of Seacoast's interests in a parcel of land required for a right turn lane on Military Trail. Commissioners said the agreement requires the county to pay for any future relocation costs of the utility facilities when and if requested by the county.

- Adopted a resolution to authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings against one parcel whose total appraised value is \$7,000. The land is needed for the improvement of the intersection of Gateway Boulevard and Congress Avenue, commissioners said.

- Approved spending \$88,000 to install speed reduction humps on Edgemoor Road, Upland Way and Westchester Drive in District 2.

- Approved a Joint Project Participation Agreement (JPA) with the City of West Palm Beach for the construction of an emergency mast arm traffic signal at the intersection of Broadway Avenue (SR 5/US 1) and 49th Street. The city has built and currently operates a fire station on the corner of the intersection, and will pay \$350,000 to the county for the work.

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slaughter, DUI manslaughter, sexual battery, attempted sexual battery, sexual performance by a child, aggravated child abuse, transmission of computer pornography, buying or selling of minors, kidnapping, attempted kidnapping, false imprisonment, luring or enticing a child, aggravated battery, attempted aggravated battery, armed robbery, attempted armed robbery, carjacking, attempted carjacking, home invasion, attempted home invasion, poisoning of food or water, abuse of a dead human body, first-degree burglary, attempted first-degree burglary, arson or attempted arson, aggravated assault, aggravated assault or aggravated assault on law enforcement officer, first-degree trafficking in illegal substances, aircraft piracy, unlawful throwing, placing or discharging of destructive device or bomb, facilitating terrorism.

Skidmore said the rights being restored include the right to vote, serve on a jury, apply for occupational licenses and the ability to hold public office. The right to own a firearm, however, will not be restored under this new ruling, Skidmore said.

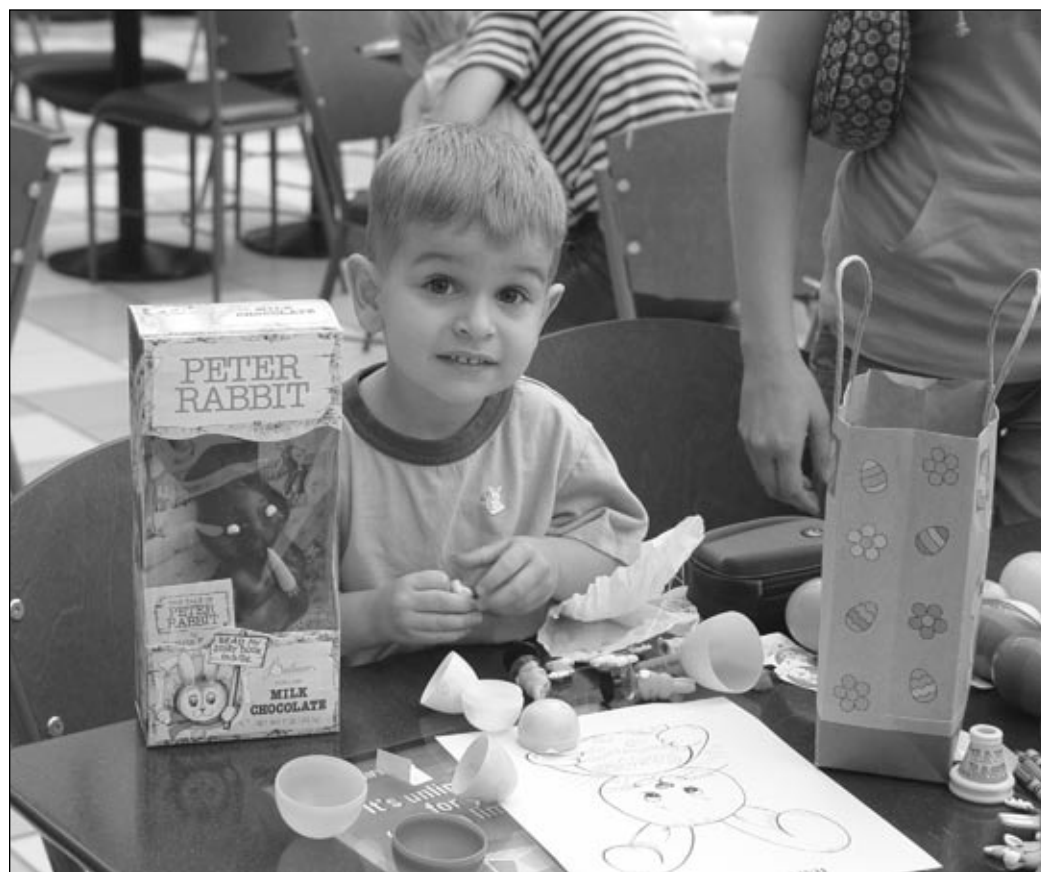
"This is indeed an historic moment for Florida," said Skidmore. "Many legislators have worked tirelessly for years and years to achieve automatic restoration of civil rights. With today's support of the Governor and Cabinet, their relentlessness has finally paid off."

Randy Berg, executive director of the Florida Justice Institute in Miami told the *Boca Raton News*: "People need to have their civil rights restored immediately after prison so they can get decent jobs, earn a living, support their families and pay taxes. If they can't, it can very quickly become a self-fulfilling prophecy of going back to what they know --- a life of crime."

Nationwide, some 1.4 million ex-felons in 13 states are prohibited from voting --- and Florida heretofore led the nation in the number of ex-felons who don't get civil rights restored, according to Berg. "Only 15 percent get rights restored," he said, and that leaves about 700,000 without civil rights."

Sitting on the board that made the decision, Governor Charlie Crist said after the vote: "I believe in simple, human justice --- when someone pays their debt to society, it is paid in full. There is a time to move on."

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(Special to the News)

Easter egg hunt treasure

Cody Hudson from Coconut Creek eagerly opens the eggs he found on an Easter Egg Hunt to discover hidden treasures. It was part of seasonal fun at Town Center at Boca Raton mall.

Boca looking for developer to build ice skating rink

By **Dale M. King**
CITY EDITOR

Boca Raton has pretty much nailed down a site for a proposed ice skating rink.

The next step is to find someone to build it.

That process will begin in earnest shortly when the city advertises a "request for proposals (RFP)" to build the rink on municipally owned land in the developing de Hoernle Park off Spanish River Boulevard.

City Council members on Monday gave City Manager Leif Ahnell the green light to find a builder.

Status report

The action followed a presentation by Recreation Services Director Mickey Gomez, who updated the council on the status of the rink that has been in the discussion stages since last summer.

Gomez said he could issue the RFP within two weeks. Ahnell said the city will put up the land; a private company will do the construction.

The recreation services director said plans call for one or more buildings totaling about 90,000 square feet to house two National Hockey League-sized rinks and possibly a third Olympic-sized rink.

Plans also call for a parking lot that will accommodate up to 400 cars, seating capacities of 400 to 2,000 people, a fitness room, skate-changing area, four team locker rooms, sports medicine room and a shop to sell figure skating and hockey equipment.

City officials said they would like to add an enclosed children's play area, heated rink-side seating and wireless Internet capacity.



Perks for city

Ahnell said the city would not operate the rink, but the entity that does must set aside ice time for city programs and give residents priority registration and a 15 percent discount. Also, the city may get a piece of the profit.

Councilman Bill Hager asked if the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District would work with the city on the rink in any fashion. Ahnell said he would ask them in a letter, but Gomez said the district "has a lot on its plate."

He said it will take about three months for bids to be processed. A decision may be made by the end of the year.

Israeli 'Portraits of Survival' on display at FAU in Boca

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The One Family Fund is sponsoring a photo exhibit featuring the work of international artist, Jason Schwartz, at the Hillel Center on the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University.

The display, called "Portraits of Survival," shows victims of terror attacks in Israel. The exhibit runs through April 22, and is open to the public without charge. For group tours, contact Daleena Segui at 305-931-4545 or daleena@onefamilyfund.org.

The One Family Fund is Israel's central organization in helping the 60,000 men, women and children who are bereaved and injured by terrorism.

Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach and Students for Israel are displaying this exhibit for FAU, for Boca Raton and Palm Beach County communities.

"The exhibit is a very personal, meaningful way for students and visitors to connect with the recent tragedies in Israel and the Middle

East," said Darin Diner, Hillel executive director. "Perhaps if we



can move from the coldness of the evening news to the touching stories of individual lives, we can eventually find greater respect and value for each human life and the peace we all crave."

Schwartz photographed about 150 victims of terror during an intensive three-week period in January 2006 when he traveled throughout Israel with One Family caseworkers.

One Family Fund raises and distributes more than \$3 million a year to provide individualized and programmatic support of Israel's terror victims, regardless of religion and race.

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them a lesson on safety," he said. "Or is this how they are training them? Like anything else, they wait until a kid gets crippled or killed before they change it."

But Dell-Isola insists that at least for himself, he always crosses when the light says its appropriate to do so. He says crossing guards are put through training before being put on the job. This training includes watching films, onsite training and frequent checks from supervisors to make sure the guards are doing the job correctly.

"We were taught never to cross the children until we see the crossing walk sign. It's not something that's taken lightly," he said. "The parents have entrusted me with the safety of their children and if I made a mistake I wouldn't be able to live with it."

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(Nicol Jenkins/Staff Photo)

Crossing guard Victor Dell-Isola guides youngsters across the street at Palmetto Park Road and 12th Avenue in Boca Raton. However at that corner and others Boca dad Mike Bacarella says crossing guards are walking children across the street when the signs say don't walk and in turn programming them to walk at the wrong time.

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Dear Mr. Berko:

I think I have a good but unusual problem. In late 2002, I wrote and told you that my wife and I sold our huge home in Durham, N.C., because our children are gone and married. We sold that home and moved into a much smaller but very comfortable new home. After buying the smaller home we had \$83,000 in cash remaining. Our only stock market experience is about \$101,000 in some utility stocks that have done very well over the past 30 years we've owned them because we have reinvested all the dividends. When we asked you what to do with \$83,000, you advised us to put it into an Equitable variable annuity because we did not want any risk, because it guaranteed to pay us 6 percent on our \$83,000 investment, because it was tax-deferred, because Equitable would guarantee our \$83,000 death benefit no matter how bad the market performed and because it would increase in value if the market did. Well, all those things happened and our variable annuity after three years and four months is worth \$142,000. And we are very grateful for your wise advice.

Now here's our worry. What if the stock market gets weak and the Dow Jones falls by 10 percent or 25 percent? The value of our investment could easily go back to the guaranteed \$83,000 and we'd be back right where we started. But if we sell it before the contract period ends (like today) we will have to pay ordinary income tax on a \$59,000 gain plus a 6 percent "early-out" penalty fee to Equitable based on our \$83,000 investment. So what do we do to protect ourselves? Sell the annuity and pay the taxes or continue to hold it and hope the market doesn't fall? And at our ages (70 and 72) we are concerned that we may not have enough time to ride it out. But we would like to preserve and guarantee our

\$59,000 gain. How can we do this?

G.T.

Port Charlotte, Fla.

Dear G.T.:

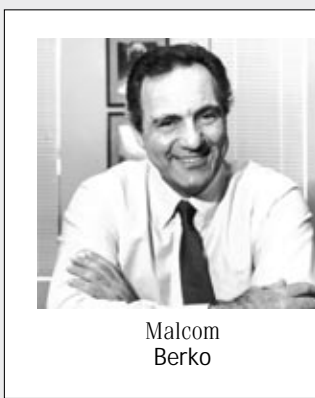
You've asked a question that's extremely important to many investors who own Equitable and other variable annuities. And while I'd like to believe that the market will continue its uninterrupted upward momentum, I'd be a fool and a blithering idiot if I did.

Oh, I think the market will continue higher. In fact I'm convinced that it will continue much higher and that the Dow Jones Industrial Averages could exceed 25,000 in the next dozen years or so. And 25,000 is not much of a stretch because that gain represents a 6 percent average annual compounded return over the coming dozen years. However, between now and then, it's quite likely that there will be some serious declines and those declines (possibly in the neighborhood of 2,000 or 3,000 points) will be mighty scary. I guarantee it! And in the process many investors will get a severe dose of the megirms, the fantods and perhaps serious case of PSMD (post-stock market disorder).

But you're right as a rain: the value of your Equitable annuity could fall back to \$83,000 and you will have lost all your gain. And you're also right as a rainbow: if you liquidate your annuity you will have to pay ordinary income taxes on your gain plus a 6 percent "early-out" (before the eight-year contract period ends) penalty.

But there's a solution and it's called a "1035" exchange transfer to another variable annuity which will accomplish five objectives and put you way ahead of the curve ball. So:

1. The 1035 transfer allows you to move a low-cost basis annuity to another insurance company and avoid federal income taxes on the gain in value. So if you move your Equitable annuity worth \$142,000 to (for example) MetLife's variable annuity there



Malcom Berko

will be zero tax consequences.

2. You will then lock in a new \$142,000 market value "living benefit," which with MetLife steps up every year. Your old Equitable living benefit never steps up but its death benefit (to the beneficiary) does every five years.

3. MetLife will guarantee you 6 percent income on \$142,000 or \$8,520 vs. Equitable guarantee of 6 percent income on \$83,000 or \$4,980 and which is a \$3,540 difference.

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5. While your living benefit with Equitable will always be \$83,000, your living benefit with MetLife (which never decreases) will increase every year as the market value rises. So if the MetLife policy grows to \$160,000 next year your new "lock-in" living benefit is \$160,000 and MetLife guarantees you 6 percent income on \$160,000 or \$9,600. And it can never be less.

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Temple Beth El to put 'sacred space' in West Boca

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

Temple Beth El of Boca Raton wants to "put a sacred space" in West Boca, said Senior Rabbi Dan Levin.

With that in mind, the synagogue is moving ahead with plans to build a religious school, a pre-school and a community center at the corner of U.S. 441 and Yamato Road.

The largest synagogue in Boca Raton, Temple Beth El is under contract to purchase the land from a developer who is buying the parcel from the county. That developer plans to construct a commercial plaza, a group home for the Jewish Association for Residential Care (JARC) and the Temple Beth El project.

"We would love to start con-

struction," he said. "Hopefully, we can begin early next year — and complete it within the year," the rabbi told the *Boca Raton News*.

The temple began several years ago to look westward. Initially, it acquired a piece of land near Loggers Run, but it was not exactly what the synagogue wanted. "It was a little too far south," said Rabbi Levin.

The synagogue even began working with an architect, and filing zoning proposals with the county for the Loggers Run area plot of land.

Rabbi Levin said Temple Beth El learned about a development at 441 and Yamato, but that builder was dealing with another Jewish school.

The deal apparently didn't

work, and Temple Beth El stepped in. It contracted to use the Yamato-441 parcel, withdrew its zoning requests and sold the other property.

The rabbi said the new facility will reach out to the enlarging western community where many Jews reside. However, the temple on Fourth Avenue will remain the focus of services for the congregation.

He said special services may be held occasionally in the western facility.

Plans say the new center will include 10 pre-school classrooms, 10 religious education classes and a multi-purpose area.

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Anderson heads Caucus of Black Elected Officials

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Dr. Arthur Anderson was recently elected president of the Palm Beach County Caucus of Black Elected Officials for 2007-2008.

"I am pleased to have such a wonderful opportunity to serve as president of the Palm Beach County Caucus of Black Elected Officials," Anderson said. "I truly believe this organization plays an extremely vital role in the community and the county and I look forward to accomplishing much this year."

The purpose of the Palm Beach County Caucus of Black Elected Officials is to improve the quality of life of black and other citizens through planning and strategizing, developing community awareness, involvement in establishing and influencing political policies and conditions relative to economic growth, social, civic



Dr. Arthur Anderson

and educational issues in various communities.

Anderson was elected Palm Beach County supervisor of elections in August 2004, making him the first African American elected to a constitutional office in the county.

He was also the first African American to serve as chairman of

the Palm Beach County School Board and the first African-American to serve on the Florida Pre-paid Post Secondary Education Finance Board.

Anderson is involved with several community organizations and has received numerous awards and recognitions, such as the Distinguished Professor Award from Florida Atlantic University College of Education and was recently named by SUCCESS Magazine as one of the 50 Most Powerful & Influential Black Professionals in South Florida.

He received his bachelor's degree in elementary education and his master's in guidance and counseling from Wayne State University. He earned his doctorate in Higher Education Administration, Institutional Research and Student Personnel, from Michigan State University.

Child Survivors/Hidden Children share Yom Hashoah service

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Child Survivors/Hidden Children will join with Beth Ami Congregation at 1401 N. Fourth Ave., Boca Raton, in the Yom Hashoah Service and Commemoration Sunday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Gerald Weiss and Cantor Elliott Dicker will lead the

service.

Child Survivors/Hidden Children members Norman Frajman and Andrew Hartmann will serve as the keynote speakers and musical presentations will be performed by composer Judith Evan Goldstein and soloist Sherry Redler.

The commemoration will give

Holocaust survivors the opportunity to light memorial candles for their lost families and the second, third and fourth generation children will light a candle honoring the families' renewal and the establishment of the spiritual land, the State of Israel

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Compost is a wonder worker for gardens. It's absolutely free and will keep your plants healthier... especially during droughts.

Composting is simply speeding up the process of decomposition of organic matter. For best results, mix materials high in

nitrogen (fresh grass clippings, kitchen scraps) with those high in carbon (dried leaves, shredded wood and newspapers).

While a bin will help contain a compost pile, it is not necessary. You can choose an inconspicuous, well-drained spot in your garden, cover it with shredded newspaper and then pile on leaves, grass clippings, straw, woody brush, vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, eggshells and/or sawdust. Note: Do not use diseased plants that will spread the disease, meat scraps that may attract animals or pet manure that can carry disease.

The beauty of composting is that you simply let decomposing organisms like worms, fungi and bacteria do their thing. If you turn your pile every day or two, you should get compost in less than four weeks. In case it looks dry, sprinkle a little water on your pile. Finished compost will smell sweet and be cool and crumbly to the touch.



You can work compost into the soil around any new plants that you're installing in your landscape; it will help hold moisture even after the 30-day establishment period which allows you extra watering for new plantings..

*Note: Using newly chipped wood, vermiculite, perlite, tire chunks or pea gravel is not recommended.

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Cable from Page 1

TV operators want to cherry pick the market. "We want service throughout the city, or on some reasonable build out schedule, but they only want certain communities that are more appealing in terms of customers."

Call The State

But Brown adds there's an even bigger problem with taking cable

TV franchise powers away from local government.

"It takes away a local government's control of its own rights of way," he says, and the state could then issue a franchise to string up wire in a city right of way." The city would lose control over potential property damage and "aesthetic" issues, Brown says.

Another problem, Brown says, "is that these businesses in turn are using these rights of way to make money." And with the city controlling the franchise, "in exchange for the privilege of making money off a public asset, the city gets something in exchange."

And that is not necessarily money, Brown says. The most im-

portant thing the city gets is that citizens have local access to the provider.

Not so under HB 529. Under the proposed legislation, customer complaints would have to be filed with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This would include "service or billing issues," he says, and would

include larger policy type complaints. "All would have to be filed in Tallahassee."

"Let's be realistic," he adds, "if someone is not getting service anyway, they're going to call the city, but then we won't have any authority to act upon them."

But in general, Brown says, the question comes down to "home

rule."

"We don't want the state messing around in local business," he repeats, adding that even the ability for the city to negotiate with a provider for a local government channel, "would go away."

Which is what Brown would like to happen with HB 529.

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Lynn presents free concert Saturday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Conservatory of Music at Lynn University will host a free public concert in Boca Raton's Mizner Park on Saturday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The performance by the Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra will be conducted by Jon Robertson and will be held at the Count de Hoernle Amphitheater.

The general public is invited to bring blankets, folding chairs and refreshments as they enjoy an evening of classical "Americana" music under the stars. The full musical program is available online.

Serving as a center for the celebration of music, education and cultural life in South Florida, the Conservatory at Lynn University offers South Florida residents more than 70 performances each year by the conservatory's students, alumni, faculty and guest artists. The conservatory also serves the region's aspiring musicians and the community-at-large through its music preparatory program.

Featuring conservatory students and faculty, the evening's works will include the Star Spangled Banner arranged by Peter Breiner; Leonard Bernstein's Candide Overture and selections from West Side Story; Aaron Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man and Hoe Down from Rodeo, Gerde Grofe's On the Trail from Grand Canyon Suite, Leroy Anderson's Bugler's Holiday and George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue.

Tilt-Con completes building

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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Ian M. Berkowitz

Competition can make you a better business person

I have a few clients who have developed some tremendous products and services and consider their competition to be slim to none. Those types of products and services are often one of a kind, many of them very highly technical, and are often highly specialized and developed for a relatively small population.

Unfortunately, I have many more clients, like many of you, who have businesses in highly competitive markets and are trying to find new ways to beat the competition and create a competitive advantage.

Depending on who you talk to, competition is either good or bad. Those that say that competition is good tend to see competition as a motivating factor to strive to be the best, improve their offerings to the public and do it all at a competitive price. Those that say that competition is bad tend to see competition as a motivating factor to sacrifice the quality of their product or service, create a stressful atmosphere for their employees, and may even operate their businesses with low morals and business ethics in order to "effectively" compete.

Staying on top

I personally believe that competition is what makes me a better attorney and business consultant to and for my clients. It forces me to stay on top of my game, possessing the knowledge and skills needed to help my clients. Whatever you believe, here are a few tips on how you can become a bit more competitive in the global marketplace.

One big idea with many subparts needed to increase your competitiveness is for you, the business owner, to focus on your knowledge of the competition and specifically your competitors.

You should know them as well as you know yourself.

In order to be more competitive, you always need to survey the marketplace and know what your competitors are doing both well and not so well. Once you analyze their offerings and their execution then you can find ways to add value to your offerings and distinguish yourself to attract those customers.

Finding gaps in your competitors' offerings and identifying their missed opportunities will give you the upper hand on exploiting those areas to your benefit. Use that information to further enhance what you can offer to your customers and educate them as to why you are better, more reliable, trustworthy and even more valuable than your competitors.

The second major idea to increase your competitiveness is to focus on your customers. Too often, business owners are simply thinking of the day-to-day activities of running the business and lose sight of the customer experience.

Stay up-to-date

Always keeping up-to-date on your customer's needs, wants, desires and experiences will keep you on the cutting edge of maintaining them as a customer and greatly enhance your opportunities for gaining new customers.

Sometimes we forget the customer and lose sight of why we are in business in the first place. We are all first in business for our customers. All successful businesses are constantly striving to make the customer experience the best it can be. If you don't believe it, look at all of the marketing that is done around us. It all focuses on happy people having happy experiences.



Ian M. Berkowitz

A few ways to execute these ideas is to conduct surveys regularly with your employees and your customers. These types of activities can be formal or informal and should focus on getting ideas on how your employees can best serve your customers and what your customers are getting out of their experience with your business.

Focus groups are also valuable in order to take the pulse of the marketplace and identify whether or not changes are required to keep one step ahead of the competition.

Finally, stay current and read what is going on in your industry. Industry associations, suppliers, vendors and others who are in your industry or supporting your industry can provide you with much information about what is going on in order for you to stay ahead of the curve.

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Lynn University's 2007-08 SGA officers are Armando Castillo, shown left, Gene Prousnitzer, Bernard Londoni, Michael Griffith, Lynette Hidalgo and Joey McNamara. (special to the News)

Lynn students elect new SGA officers; select second consecutive president from Congo

By Nicol Jenkins
STAFF WRITER

Fleeing from a war erupting in the Democratic Republic of Congo, watching rebels kidnap his father, and seeking refuge in an unknown land may appear to overshadow Bernard Londoni's recent presidential win for the Student Government Association (SGA) at Lynn University in Boca Raton.

But instead his struggles will strengthen his term as SGA President where Londoni said he'd use his experiences to push for international and all students' rights.

"My motive to run for office was to see how to improve student services on campus and mostly the passion I have for helping students," Londoni said. "I want students to have the very best services on campus. I want to represent students on all levels when they have a problem with administration, faculty or staff members."

The 2,700-student campus recently elected Londoni, its second consecutive SGA president from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Last year's SGA president was Fiston Kahindo.

Londoni, a sophomore majoring in international relations and minoring in international business, will be joined by a diverse

cabinet including: Vice President Armando Castillo, a sophomore from Guatemala, Chief Financial Officer Michael Griffith, Secretary Gene Prousnitzer, Knights Activity Team Chair Joey McNamara, and Residence Hall Association Chair Lynette Hidalgo. The newly elected officers will officially take the reins April 24.

With the new leaders, Londoni said he would push for more scholarship opportunities for economically challenged students, increase student services on campus, and identify those services and then pass the needs on to administrators.

"I will take the time to talk to as many students one-on-one as possible to find out what they need and want," he said.

However, Londoni admits he will never forget his past. Growing up in Eastern Congo with his mother, father, two sisters and brothers, Londoni said he was living a normal life until the war broke out in his town of Eastern Congo. Londoni said he was 17 at the time.

"We heard gun fire and even saw how people were killed when we were running. It was dangerous. We hid in a bush," he said.

The next day, Londoni and his family returned home but all was not safe. The rebels began searching homes looking for those who did not support them. Londoni's

father, who was a church leader, was kidnapped.

"We assumed he was killed," he said.

Filled with grief and fear, Londoni and the rest of his family fled to Harare, Zimbabwe. While working at the American Embassy, a college fair changed his direction. He received a scholarship to Lynn University in Boca Raton. A smaller campus and a more diverse international population also influenced his decision.

With his most recent presidential win, Londoni said he would advocate for student needs. He hopes to host an event on campus where international students can educate others about culture.

"This year I want to try to make sure that domestic students benefit from international students' presence on campus," he said.

In the future, Londoni hopes to make a difference in another country.

"I want to try to work with an international organization to assist people who are economically disadvantaged," he said. "My idea is to go back to Congo to help. And I'd love the chance to go to Africa and contribute to the development of the country. I believe I may play a big role in African government."

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SECNAP appoints Krantz to advisory board

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton-based SECNAP, a managed network security services provider and manufacturer of anti-Spam software, has appointed Jeffrey Krantz to its advisory board.

Krantz has more than 25 years of experience ranging from operating system architecture, design, and development to business development. He worked for IBM in the MVS Advanced Technology group as well as the OS/2 Architecture and Design team.

He was the lead architect and designer for Citrix's first product and was responsible for the architecture, design, and development of Citrix's remote Windows graphical presentation technology on OS/2 server, NT server, and its various client implementations.

Krantz has also authored many software patents, programming books and PC articles.

Commenting on his appointment, CTO Michael Scheidell said, "Krantz will join the advisory board and will assist in the decision process as we expand and develop our product portfolio".



Jeffrey Krantz

"I am very excited to join the SECNAP Advisory Board," Krantz said. "Managed network security is an important area of computer technology that still requires very innovative and fast moving products and solutions."

SECNAP is located at 6421 Congress Ave., Boca Raton.

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(Special to the News)

Adina Serell and Caneste Succe from the Supervisor of Elections office discuss voting options with Zilvinas Mardosas, a student at Florida Atlantic University's MacArthur Campus in Jupiter, as he signs up to register to vote.

Elections chief completes 'college week' voter sign-up

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office recently completed its first official "College Week" voter registration drive. The series of events held at the end of March were to encourage university-level students to register to vote.

Campuses across Palm Beach County participated in the drive, which Elections Supervisor Arthur Anderson said has been very successful with high school students in the past.

This year, college students had the opportunity to register, update their current information, request an absentee ballot and some were able to try out a voting machine.

They could also sign up for temporary staff positions and volunteer opportunities for community outreach. Each registrant was given a specially designed red, white and blue "iVote" silicon bracelet.

One registration drive took place at the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University, where some government and social work classes actually received a civics lesson in the classroom. The drive also took place at the FAU MacArthur campus in Jupiter, Career College, Keiser College, Lynn University, Medvance Institute, Nova Southeastern University, Palm Beach Atlantic and the various Palm Beach Community College campuses, and also

the University of Phoenix.

A total of 366 students were registered, with the majority choosing Democrat as their party affiliation and a handful signing up to be poll workers for future elections.

The bi-annual iVote Project is coordinated by Adina Serell, special projects coordinator for the SOE office.

"Looking ahead to the next major election in 2008, the current momentum around young voter turnout is a group all parties will be targeting," said Serell. "The Palm Beach County Elections Office hopes to encourage students to become active in the electoral process, as well as to volunteer," she added.

Klein honored

U.S. Rep. Ron Klein, D-District 22, thanks Americans United for Change for honoring him as a "Champion of the Middle Class." Both he and U.S. Rep. Tim Mahoney were recognized with the award for leadership in passing the middle class agenda in the 110th Congress, including legislation to allow Medicare to negotiate cheaper prescription drugs for seniors, raise the minimum wage and slash student loan interest rates in half. The award presentation took place at the Mae Volen Senior Center in Boca Raton.

(Melissa Korman/Special to the News)



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Annual Delray Affair opens Friday for three days

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 45th Annual Delray Affair – the arts, crafts and entertainment street festival extending more than 10 city blocks and side streets along Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach – opens Friday.

Admission is free. There will be artists and craftspersons, home cooked foods, non-stop entertainment on three stages and strolling entertainers.

The city has announced road closures and alternate shuttle bus routes for the event.

During the Delray Affair, from 4 a.m. April 13 to 2 a.m. April 16: Vehicular traffic will be blocked at NW/SW 1st Avenues (west of Swinton) to the Intracoastal along Atlantic Avenue. Delray Affair activities will extend north to NE 1st Street and south to SE 1st Street. Traffic going north and south will use (Federal Highway, 5th and 6th Avenues) that will be police controlled.

Due to the above road closures, the free Downtown Roundabout Shuttle Bus routes and schedules

will be modified:

Bus schedules for the event are Friday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Buses will use the downtown by-passes (1st SE & 1st NE) while traveling back and forth to the beach from the Tri Rail station (Route 1) or the Delray Beach Public Library (Route 2).

For more information, call (561) 243-7190.



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Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sitarist's rendition
 - 5 Pouch
 - 8 Seditary deposit
 - 12 Beige
 - 13 Swelled head
 - 14 Freshly
 - 15 Send forth
 - 16 Lair
 - 17 Start over
 - 18 Man's hat style
 - 20 Campus area
 - 22 Etui's cousin?
 - 26 Invigorating
 - 29 Coop occupant
 - 30 Street address?
 - 31 Tramp's love
 - 32 Pickle container
 - 33 Actress Jessica
 - 34 Whatever amount
 - 35 Pitch
- DOWN**
- 1 Coral structure
 - 2 Pinnacle
 - 3 Crossword diagram
 - 4 Final exam?
 - 5 Car style
 - 6 Census statistic
 - 7 Triumph over
 - 8 Fergie, less familiarly
 - 9 Like wax fruit
 - 10 Started
 - 11 Teeter-totter
 - 19 Sartorial problem
 - 21 Sailors' org.
 - 23 "USA Today" feature
 - 24 Spheres diagram
 - 25 Ark skipper
 - 26 Applaud
 - 27 Hindu princess
 - 28 Writer of pastoral pieces
 - 32 Mandible
 - 33 Acids' neutralizers
 - 35 Pig stealer of rhyme
 - 36 Winter ailment
 - 38 Survives
 - 39 Nervous margin, maybe
 - 43 Pop flavor
 - 44 — out a living
 - 45 Society newbie
 - 46 Motorists' grp.
 - 48 Rep. or Dem.

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Answer to previous puzzle

6	9	3	2	5	8	7	4	1
4	1	2	9	3	7	6	5	8
8	7	5	6	4	1	2	9	3
5	6	8	4	7	9	1	3	2
9	4	7	3	1	2	8	6	5
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7	2	4	8	9	3	5	1	6
1	5	6	7	2	4	3	8	9

Difficulty Level ★★

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

1								8
5			3	2				1
	7		6					9
	4		2					5
	2	1		4				3
	5		7					6
		5		1				8
8			2		6			
	2						7	5

Difficulty Level ★★★

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 Thursday, April 12, 2007:
 This year you will want to head in a new direction and create much more of your desires. Waiting for the right time might no longer serve you. Think in terms of a change involving a dynamic idea. Listen to news that heads in your direction this year, especially if it opens doors. Many times you will want to step back and think rather than get caught up in a story or situation. School or travel could play a significant role in your life and development. If you are single, romance might make you dewy-eyed, more so than in many years. This person might walk a totally different path. If you are attached, you'll open up to change and more creativity. Allow life to flow, and don't get so uptight. A vacation together cements your relationship. AQUARIUS is a pal.

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
 ★★★★★ You want to do something very different or unusual. You also might find that your creativity could be a touch stifled. Use your instincts with a child or friend. Remember, others have imagination too! Tonight: Find the action.

TAURUS
 April 20-May 20
 ★★★★★ You are on top of your game. Listen to the feedback that you are getting. New beginnings will occur if you are open to your creativity. Your instincts come through in a professional matter. You are on top of your work. Tonight: Stay in sync with others.

GEMINI
 May 21-June 20

★★★★★ Work with others. Read between the lines. You might want to try something quite different. Allow feedback. If you find someone who has insight, you might be bewildered by what you can come up with. Tonight: Say "yes."

CANCER
 June 21-July 22
 ★★★★★ Work with one individual, and you'll see the light. How you deal with someone could make a big difference. You might want to rethink a personal matter. You are on top of your game. Creativity occurs. Tonight: Work with others.

LEO
 July 23-Aug. 22
 ★★★★★ Discussions are animated and very different. You are full of enthusiasm. Creativity opens new doors. You have imagination and follow-through. You have a way of opening up people's imagination. Do just that. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

VIRGO
 Aug. 23-Sept. 22
 ★★★★★ You might want to get as much done as possible. First, the weekend looms close by. Second, it's time for a break or change of pace. You laugh when others get uptight. Work with one person and help him or her see the other side of an issue. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LIBRA
 Sept. 23-Oct. 22
 ★★★★★ Allow loved ones and those you deem creative to add more to your life. You see life with renewed interest. Know which way to turn. You understand far more than you realize. Loosen up when dealing with others. Tonight: Ever playful.

SCORPIO
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21
 ★★★★★ Take your time making a decision. You come from a fi-

nancial perspective. Your creativity will surge if you just land in the right spot. You accomplish a lot quite effectively. Family provides important feedback. Tonight: Do not take someone for granted.

SAGITTARIUS
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21
 ★★★★★ You might want to try another approach. If your intuition directs you down a certain path, follow through. Your imagination plays a big role in the events that surround you. Go with it. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

CAPRICORN
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19
 ★★★★★ Use care with investments. What feels like a good purchase might not be. Understanding might be one matter; making strong decisions might be another. Build stronger understanding. Tonight: Buy a new item or two.

AQUARIUS
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18
 ★★★★★ You are in your element and accomplish much more than you thought possible. Take the first step and don't feed a misunderstanding. Make peace rather than war. Investigate new possibilities. Tonight: Be yourself.

PISCES
 Feb. 19-March 20
 ★★★★★ You might not agree, and you might not need to anyway. Use your instincts with a financial matter. If you need to, take a walk and think through a decision. Take charge and act. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

BORN TODAY
 Singer, actor David Cassidy 1950, actor Andy Garcia 1956, actor Nicholas Brendon 1971)

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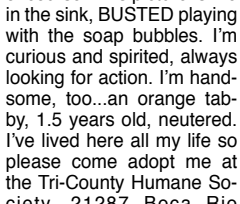


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West Boca Raton High soccer player Tyler Umstead and basketball player Jessica Zielske signed college scholarships on Wednesday. To Umstead's left is Faulker University coach Brett Mitchell. Standing behind them (from left) are father Richard Umstead, assistant West Boca coach Nick Jordan and mother Michelle Umstead. Behind Zielske are (from left) father Scott, Bulls coach Holly Ismail and mother Debbie.

More area athletes sign to play at collegiate level

By **Mario Sarmento**
 SPORTS EDITOR

West Boca Raton High seniors Tyler Umstead and Jessica Zielske will be taking their games to a new level next season, as both signed college scholarships to continue their playing careers Wednesday.

Umstead, a defender on the Bulls' regional finalist soccer team, signed a letter of intent to play at Faulker University in Alabama.

"I went up there for a tryout during one of the weekends, and had a great time hanging out at the campus," he said.

Umstead, who played pretty much everywhere at West Boca, does not yet know what position he'll play at Faulkner.

He plans on earning a major in engineering, but as he said, "It's still pretty much up in the air."

Boca United coach Eric Eichmann has been there since the beginning, when Umstead first started playing for him as a 9-year-old.

"Right from the start, Tyler has always had a burning desire for the game," Eichmann said.

Zielske, a point guard on the girls basketball team, will play at St. Thomas University in Miami next year.

"It's not too far away from home, but it's not too close to home," she said. "I'm pretty comfortable with the girls down there and with the coach."

St. Thomas will move up from the NAIA to Division II next year.

If Zielske does not start, she said she will still play major minutes.

"It's exciting," she said.

It's been a basketball odyssey for Zielske, who started as a freshman at Spanish River, transferred to Boca Raton High, where she played two seasons and was an All-Area selection last year, and transferred to West Boca where she finished her career this year.

"There is an amazing work ethic that is de-

manded of you at this school," she said. "And I definitely had never been put through anything like that before this year. So, Coach Ismail, her work ethic definitely got me ready."

Zielske already knows she will major in education, and she plans on working towards a minor in psychology.

"She's worked for years to achieve this," Zielske's father Scott said. "She'll be a good student and a good athlete."

Also signing Wednesday was a large contingent from Pope John Paul II High: Candice Carmine (basketball/Jacksonville State), Kelli Midden (cross country/West Florida), Timmy Webb (baseball/PBCC), Natalie Basore (basketball/Lynn University), and Alex Redfern (lacrosse/Loyola College in Baltimore).

Andrea Mascaro (Lehigh University) was accepted to participate in cross country and track, while Dina Emde was accepted to Harvard University to participate in track.

Firefighters to raise money for children's burn foundation

NEWS STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services in conjunction with the Firefighters and Paramedics Benevolent Fund, Inc. will be hosting the 27th Annual Boca Bum Softball Tournament at Patch Reef on Saturday. Tournament games begin at 8 a.m. and continue through Sunday.

The public is invited to attend and admission is free. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Children's Burn Camp of Florida. This camp is part of the Children's Burn Foundation of Florida Inc.

Every year Firefighters from Boca Raton volunteer a weekend at burn camp as a "bum buddy". This getaway provides

children, who are burn victims, a weekend of fun and entertainment while interacting with other children and Emergency Service Personnel.

Twenty-Seven Fire Department softball teams, from across the state of Florida will be competing in this charitable event. Tax-deductible donations are welcome and can be made to the Boca Raton Firefighters and Paramedics Benevolent Fund. All donations collected at this fundraiser will be given to the Children's Burn Foundation of Florida, Inc. Last year the firefighters raised over seven thousand dollars for the Children's Burn Foundation.

For more information contact Joanne Barnes at 561 367-6780.

DeCosta leaving Lynn basketball

NEWS STAFF REPORTS

Lynn University Director of Athletics Kristen Moraz announced the resignation of Pam DeCosta as women's basketball coach Wednesday to accept the head coaching position at NCAA Division I San Jose State University. DeCosta compiled a 45-66 record in four years with the Fighting Knights, her first head coaching job.

"While we are saddened by the departure of Coach DeCosta, we wish her the very best in her new endeavor," said Moraz.

High school track

American Heritage-Delray placed fourth in both the girls and boys competition at the District 14-1A meet on Tuesday at Westminster Christian.

Sixth-grader Bridgette Berry finished second in the girls long jump, fourth in the high jump, and along with fellow sixth-grader Mandy Freeman, helped the 4x400 relay advance with a second-place finish.

Freeman was third in the long jump and fourth in the 100 meters.

On the boys side, Wendell James won the 400, and Heritage won the 4x100 relay and took third in the 4x400 relay. Shomari Sinclair also advanced with a third-place finish in the shot put.

Sinclair's brother, Hasani, qualified in the boys 100 by finishing third; teammate Jonathan Barrett finished fourth in the triple jump; Aaron Bent-Trinder was fourth in the 110-meter hurdles and Darius Milines finished fourth in the boys 200.

Boca Raton Christian's Jay Cross won the boys 800 meters, and the Blazers' Spencer Morton finished fourth in the boys 100.

Volleyball

Kyle Langner had six kills and four blocks and James Stampnick added 12 assists and four service points to lead Spanish River (18-3) to a 25-7, 25-11, 25-9 sweep of Santaluces on Tuesday.

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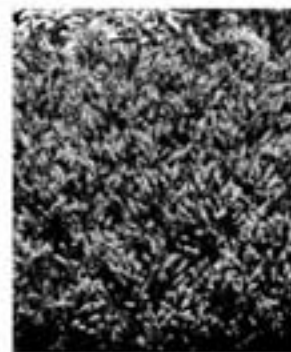
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