"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." Thomas A. Edison

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Boca student ustin Fiorilli was recently named a 2007 Coca-Cola National Scholar and awarded a

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, a joint effort of Coca-Cola Bottlers across America and The Coca-Cola Company, recognizes high school seniors who have

civic excellence in schools and

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DAVID STERN **Designing Jewelers** HUMANE SOCIETY BENEFIT MAY 10.

Above, Carol & David Stern with Dax Stern.



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Boca's second-round draft choice

By Mario Sarmento

SPORTS EDITOR

Sabby Piscitelli didn't start playing football until his junior year at Boca Raton High.

On Saturday, he was a second round draft choice of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, fulfilling a lifelong dream of playing in the NFL.

"My agent was here; he had a couple of inside sources," Piscitelli said. "I knew I wasn't going to get out of the second round. My agent got a call from Tampa Bay and then I got the call from Coach (Jon) Gruden."

Gruden told Piscitelli he was about to be selected and added that he liked the way the former Bobcat played the game.

Piscitelli, a 6-foot-3, 224-pound safety from Oregon State University, was the sixth player at his position selected overall, and the 64th and final choice of the second round.

He had been watching the draft at his parent's home in Boca Raton surrounded by family and

friends, and when NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell stepped to the podium and called his name, Pisciitelli said, "The house just went nuts." Though he said he believed he was better than some of those safeties drafted

ahead of him, Piscitelli said, "I'm just blessed to be playing close to home."

\$20,000 scholarship. demonstrated academic and

Piscitelli's scouting report in NFLDraftScout.com was a glowing tribute to his talents. Piscitelli ran a 4.44 40-yard dash, had a 375-pound bench press and a 450-pound squat.

Scouts compare him to current NFL safety Adam Archuleta, though they say Piscitelli is both faster and has better range than the Chicago Bears veteran.

Now, as part of a defense-rebuilding draft with No. 4 overall pick Gaines Adams and third round choice Quincy Black, Piscitelli

can't wait to get started.

Part of the reason is the Bucs' historically great

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Norking on Downtown Boca

Gindroz, the consultant hired by Boca Raton to work on downtown development, reviews maps at the first of are working on a plan to craft a pedestrian walkway con-necting Mizner Park with Royal Palm Place. The second workshop is being held today, either in City Hall or the Community Center.

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Sabby Piscitelli

Police Blotter

Boca police probe

Boca Raton police are investi-

gating a fatal crash that occurred

about 8:44 p.m. Tuesday in the

6200 block of North Federal

Public Information Officer

Sgt. Jeff Kelly said a motorcycle

traveling northbound in the left

lane collided with a southbound

Jaguar which was attempting to

make a left hand turn. Kelly said

the motorcyclist was thrown from

the vehicle and came to final rest

He was identified as Larry E.

Pope, 37, of 207 NW Fifth Ave.,

Delray Beach, police said. Police

identified the driver of the Jaguar

as Patricia Gregg, 57, of 250 NE

Anyone with information re-

garding this crash is asked to

please contact Traffic Homicide

Investigator Mike Daly (561)

Boca Raton police arrested a

motorist on South Dixie Highway

just after midnight April 14 and

charged him with driving with

under the influence of alcohol.

A local man was arrested on

North Dixie Highway in Boca Ra-

ton about 12:30 a.m. April 14 and

He was taken to the county jail.

Third Ave., Delray Beach.

fatal crash

Highway.

under the car.

620-6081.

DUI arrest

Drug charge

Affordable housing plan for Boca gets public hearing tonight

By Dale M. King CITY EDITOR

The long awaited plan to bring affordable or "workforce" housing to Boca Raton will be aired tonight at a meeting of the Planning & Zoning Board. The session begins at 6 in City Hall.

Deputy City Manager George S. Brown said the proposal is not a new ordinance, but a change in the city's comprehensive plan. If approved by P&Z, it will go to the City Council for the final OK.

One paragraph in the cover letter from Planning & Zoning Director Carmen Annunziato seems to summarize the plan. "Based upon staff research and analysis, the city of Boca Raton is proposing a mandatory workforce housing program that will require developers [to] either construct workforce housing on site or contribute to a workforce housing trust fund in the form of a housing linkage fee."

One opted out

The city has already gone that route. Stiles Corp. of Fort Lauderdale, which is in the process of building 172 residential units off Yamato Road at Broken Sound Boulevard, has paid \$3 million to opt out of the affordable housing plan. All units will be market-rate residences.

As part of the proposal going to the P&Z Board tonight, said Annunziato, "the city shall develop a methodology to calculate the level of developer contribution to this Affordable Housing Fund in lieu of providing affordable housing on site. The contribution level shall be amended from time to time as costs fluctuate with the producer price index."

Boca's struggle with affordable housing has been going on for several years. It came to a head in 2004 when the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce presented a "white paper" on the need for workforce housing.

Proposed ordinance

The document was not received with gusto. So the Chamber returned in 2005 with a proposed ordinance. That has been the grist for the proposal going to P&Z tonight.

Annunziato said the current average household income in Boca Raton is \$64,000. "For a family of four, the income range [for affordable housing] would be \$51,500 to \$77,280 - \$96,600. That income would put a home of \$183,000 to \$275,000-\$330,000 within reach." He said that the current Palm Beach County multiple listing service says that as of June 29,2006, there were 1,285 single-family homes in Boca in that price range.

"The lack of affordable housing near employment centers in The contribution Boca Raton has serious consequences," said Annunziato. "The people who need this housing are the people who keep the community running – everyone from firefighters and policemen to school teachers, government and office workers."

Without affordable housing, he said, people would either have to live somewhere else and commute to Boca – or live and work outside the city.

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"The city shall develop a methodology to calculate the level of developer contribution to this Affordable Housing Fund in lieu of providing affordable housing on site. level shall be amended from time to time as costs fluctuate with the producer price index."

Carmen Annunziato Planning & Zoning Director

Boca advisory board meets tonight

Firefighters battle brush blaze south of Glades

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton firefighters responded to a brush fire along I-95 south of Glades Road Monday.

Crews arrived to find about an acre afire, said Public Information Officer Frank Correggio. Fire crews set up a command post on I-95 as units fought the fire from I-95 and along the railroad tracks behind Kings Deli on Military Trail, he said.

A local construction company, Down Right Engineering, working in the area, assisted fire crews with their front-end loader to pour sand and dirt on the burning brush.

Units from Boca Raton, Delray Florida Highway Patrol. The Department of Forestry sent a bulldozer to help cut firebreaks and clear paths.

The southbound entrance ramp to I-95 at Glades Road was closed to traffic. Police also shut down the right lane of I-95 from Glades Road about a quarter of a mile south to Palmetto Park Road where fire crews and apparatus worked.

control at about 6 p.m. FHP officers opened the road to traffic at about 9 p.m.

Two fire crews remained through the night to make sure that any hot spots would not reignite, Correggio said

ported, and the cause of the fire is undetermined at this time, he said. In total, about five acres of brush burned.

and correct any problems people

may have as members of the dis-

The board will also hold its elec-

tion tonight for chairman and vice

chairman. The meetings are open

abled community.

Beach and Palm Beach County were on hand to help fight the fire. Other agencies at the scene were Boca Raton Police, the Department of Transportation and

The fire was brought under

There were no injuries re-

arrangements.

charged with felony possession of 33 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to police.

Pole struck

Boca Raton police said a car lost control and hit a concrete light pole just south of 1450 N. Federal Highway about 6:45 a.m. April 14. The impact caused the light at the top to fall, and a wire was also snapped. Florida Power & Light was called to pick up the light and secure the pole. Police found skid marks in the grass leading up to the pole and red paint on the pole itself, a report said.

Fraudulent check

Boca Raton police are investigating a report of an attempt to pass a bad check at the Winn Dixie Store on West Camino Real April 14. Police said a man tried to cash a payroll check in the store. When a clerk went in the back to verify the check, the man fled, according to police.

Bike, surfboard taken

A Boca Raton resident told police April 14 that someone entered his residence through a side door and took a bicvcle and surfboard from the garage, police said.

OBITUARIES

MARGARET ANN RUDDEROW DELRAY BEACH

Margaret Ann Rudderow, 75, of Delray Beach passed away on Monday, April 30, 2007. Babione Funeral Home, east chapel is in charge of arrangements.

BASIL A. IAMPIETRO BOCA RATON

Basil A. Iampietro, 91, of Boca Raton passed away Saturday, April 28, 2007. Babione Funeral Home, west chapel is in charge of

WILLIAM J. MCGANN

2007. Babione Funeral Home, west chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

JEROME "JERRY" SHEER DELRAY BEACH

Jerome "Jerry" Sheer, 77, of Delray Beach passed away on Sunday April 29, 2007 at Hospice by the Sea Care Center. Jerry is survived by his wife of 38 years Anna, his children: Elizabeth, Kathy, Jonathan, LeeAnn, Natty, Nicole, & Joann, and his grandchildren: Clinton, Kayla, Lily, Brittani, Frankie Boy, Lanna, Anthony, Sarah, Nicholas, Jonathan,

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Boca Raton Advisory Board for the Physically and Mentally Challenged will meet tonight at 7 in the first-floor conference room at City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road.

to the public. This is an opportunity to discuss

MoveOn.org in Delray protests Bush veto

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MoveOn.org held a rally Wednesday in Delray beach to protest President Bush's veto of the Iraq Accountability Act - a bill to end the

Iraq war and bring the troops home safely in 2008.

Local members of MoveOn. org Political Action organized Wednesday's event, one of several hundred held around the country.

President Bush vetoed the bill despite its bipartisan majorities supporting it in both houses of Congress.

"The November election was a mandate to end the war. When President Bush vetoed this bill, he vetoed the will of the American people," said Wilson Saavedra, a local developer and 19-year resident of the Delray Beach/Boca Raton area.

Federation sponsors 'Girls Night Out'

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Have a good time. Benefit a good cause. That is exactly what's behind the upcoming Metro Women's "Girls' Night Out," an evening of fun, socializing, networking and laughing. It takes place takes place Wednesday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. at FunKey Nutz Dueling Piano Bar, 303 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton.

Attendees will also enjoy a special comedian guest appearance and entertainment throughout the evening.

The \$36 entry fee includes two premium cocktails, hors d'oeuvres ca.org/metro, call 561-852-5093.

and live entertainment. A minimum contribution of \$118 to the 2007 UJA/Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Women's Annual Campaign is also required.

"It will be a fun, laid back evening for women to meet new friends and take a break from the every day grind. Plus, it's an event you can feel good about on every level because the proceeds go to a great cause," said event co-chair Wendy Lipsich. It is also chaired by Ollie Louis and Julie Cohen.

To register, visit www.jewishbo-

BOCA RATON

William J. McGann, 66, of Boca Raton passed away on April 30,

& Jace. Babione Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements 561-395-8787.

Boca Explorers help raise money for Fallen Firefighters

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Members of the Boca Raton Fire Explorers helped Baskin Robins raise money for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The local Explorers took part in events at the Baskin Robins Ice Cream on Yamato Road just west of I-95 and Congress Avenue.

Explorers were on hand along with a Boca Raton fire truck to help promote the event. They also promoted the Explorer Post and displayed some of their awards.

Baskin Robins offered a 31-cent scoop night. Last year, Baskin Robins donated more than \$100,000.00 to the foundation.

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Boca teacher Marilyn Peyton Corbin stands in front of the Lions' Gate in Mycenae, Greece, home of Agamemnon.

Boca teacher travels the modern day Odyssey

By Nicol Jenkins STAFF WRITER

Marilyn Peyton Corbin always dreamed of reliving the epic tale of a Greek hero she's recounted to her students.

"I've taught the epic the Odyssev for many years and I always professionally had a fantasy or dreamed of re-creating the journey," she said.

Her dream recently came true. Through the George E. Andrews II Endowed Chair for Fac-

ulty Excellence offered at Saint Andrew's School in Boca Raton, the English teacher traveled through the modern day Odyssey.

Last Spring Break, Peyton Corbin and her husband went to the islands off Greece, Italy, Sicily, Malta, the tip of Africa, and surrounding islands. In June, she will make another trek to Greece and Turkey, and other neighboring areas. During the first trip, the Boca teacher visited various sites taking more than 1,000 photographs and jotting down notes so she could bring the experience back to the classroom.

"I turned it into a powerpoint presentation for all the ninth-

"We were able to find each place that we had researched and read about. Initially it was a daydream. I never thought it would come to fruition. It was just a professional dream."

However, that dream came full circle when she returned to her Boca Raton classroom. There, while students are reading the Odyssey Peyton Corbin recounts her journey through a PowerPoint presentation filled with photos.

"I showed the students all the places I had been to and I pointed out on the map where I had traveled," she said. "It seems so much more interesting and real to the students."

Once other teachers heard about the presentation, many asked Peyton Corbin to borrow the material. Additionally, an article in the school's newspaper sparked interested among alumni turned teachers.

"It was like a butterfly effect," she said. "Many alumni who are now English teachers want to use the powerpoint presentation in their classes." Among those teachers is one who is completing graduate work at UCLA. Peyton Corbin said she would

continue to use her experience in

future classes as well as her pas-

"I've loved mythology since

my early studies in grade school

and high school. And in teaching

the Odyssey it's representative of

the western civilization, culture,

government and art," she said.

"It's an all encompassing epic

sion for mythology.

Boca resident sends quilts to Guatemalan orphans

By Nicol Jenkins STAFF WRITER

As a former Boca middle school teacher, Joan Tavalaro's nature is to care for children.

"I really feel a connection with children, and I've always wanted to get kids involved in helping other kids," Tavalaro said.

She found an avenue in her new career at Food For The Poor, an international relief organization that provides aid to those in need in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The organization already has the Angels of Hope program that provides necessities such as food and supplies to orphans and sponsors more than 3,000 children. Food For The Poor has given aid to about 450 orphanages since 2006. And has selected 86 orphanages for the Angels of Hope program, which seeks \$34 a month to sponsor a child.

"Without orphanages children are forced to live in dangerous streets," said the Boca Raton resident. "We really work for the poorest of the poor."

Although Tavalaro delved into bringing aid to the program, she felt something was missing.

"I was searching for something that we could send that was different. We already send clothing, supplies and built schools," she said.

A light bulb went off when she thought about young children living in Guatemalan orphanages.

"In the orphanages in Guatemala it gets cold and I heard they have to layer clothing," Tavalaro said. "I thought we have to do something, something that would belong to those children."

She believed a warm blanket would bring comfort to those orphans. Thus the Angel Blanket program was formed with Tavalaro as coordinator.

So far, the program has collected about 100 blankets from donors even youngsters.

"My original intent was to have

cheting and knitting all over the United States," said Tavalaro, also Church and School Development Coordinator for Food For The Poor. "I am very enthused and fulfilled by my participation in the Angel Blanket Program. My desire to promote a worthy cause like the Angel Blanket program dates back to the days when I taught middle school. My wish to engage students to reach out to needy third world children has become an opportunity to influto participate in a very worthwhile and rewarding service."

She hopes to deliver at least 300 blankets to children in Guatemalan orphanages and "keep going."

"I want to give as many as we can," she said.

To contribute, contact 954-427-2222, Ext. 6883, jtavalaro@ foodforthepoor.com, or www. foodforthepoor.org.

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(Special to the News)

Leah Koppik-Hoffman and Boca Raton resident Joan Tavalaro, Food For The Poor Angel Blanket Coordinator, collect blankets for children living in Guatemalan orphanages.



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grade English classes," she said.

Some of her trip highlights included, "coming into the shore or protected harbor of Ithaca, Odysseus' home," Peyton Corbin said.

"It was amazing as an English teacher to be where he arrived in his homeland," she added.

She also followed Odysseus path climbing into Calypsos and the Cyclops' caves and touring Troy all the while imagining the ancient ruins.

"It seemed magical," she said.

with wonderful themes." Nicol Jenkins can be reached at njenkins@ bocanews.com or 561-549-0844.

Boca sober house lawsuit far from settlement, lawyers say

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

Attorneys representing the plaintiffs in the federal lawsuit challenging Boca Raton's ordinance regulating sober houses say the case is far from being settled.

"There is no end in sight," said William Hill, who represents Boca House, Awakenings and a number of other facilities used as sober houses.

"We are not near settling," said James K. Green, an ACLU lawyer representing the residents of sober houses.

Even Boca Raton Mayor Steven Abrams said the case is "far from being settled."

Local officials have vowed to continue fighting the suit, even though the financial clock is ticking. The case could cost Boca Raton upwards of \$2 million.

"Based on our public records request, the city has spent \$600,000 to \$700,000 defending itself," said Hill. "We have spent about a million with some additional costs." Green said he has submitted a bill for \$286,000.

"The city shows no sign of letting up," Hill added.

Two suits

Boca Raton is facing two related federal suits. Manko's litigation says the city's 2002 ordinance relegating sober houses to districts where medical facilities and hotels are allowed – and not allowing them in residential zones - was discriminatory.

The U.S. Department of Justice has also filed a similar suit against the city. Both are pending, though efforts have been made to settle some parts of the legal challenges.

Boca adopted the ordinance five years ago after neighbors complained that residents of sober houses were frightening them and their children.

The mayor said he does not know what the final cost to the city will be. Boca, he said, is represented by an outside law firm

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TAKING STOCK Fat Ollie's skinny on 529s

Dear Mr. Berko:

We have a son who is 10 and another who will turn 16 next month and we are agonizing over how to pay for their college educations. We're both 35 and don't have any savings plans to tap but we both have new jobs and can now save \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year, which we could put in a 529 college plan for our youngest. We could borrow our 16-year-old's college costs by taking a home equity loan on our house, which doubled in price from when we bought it in 2002. We read your column about Lending Tree Mortgage Co. and don't want to make a mistake when we do a home loan. So can you recommend a mortgage company for us? We don't want to make a mistake with a 529 savings plan either. So what do you think of these plans and which would you recommend? D.S.

Elgin, Ill.

Dear D.S.:

I'm glad that your new jobs allow you to save \$5,000 a year. But you must be dumber than mustard on a mango to pay for your kids' college costs before you've saved a nickel for your retirement costs. You and many others have been snookered by Wall Street's self-serving "give your child a college education" advertising then segue into the advantages of a brokerage-assisted 529 plan and you get snookered double-time.

My friend, Fat Ollie, a bald, retired college professor with a Ph.D. in history, is the best banjo-picker this side of the Ozarks. Fat Ollie believes that 529 plans rank with health maintenance organizations, subprime loans, the national debt and honest politicians as one of the grandest frauds perpetrated on America's citizenry.



Berko

You and many others have been snookered by Wall Street's selfserving "give your child a college education" advertising

grow to \$62,000 when Junior is college age. And that's about 60 percent of the cost of four years at Bachus University in 2015. Fat Ollie and I believe there

are three caveats:

1. Your money must average 10 percent for eight uninterrupted years, at which time it would grow to \$62,000, and 10 percent

Boca mom Sheryl Pattek, shown left, hands her daughter Arianna Pattek flowers after she was recognized for winning the Igniting Creative Energy Challenge and \$1,000 for Spanish River High School in Boca Raton.

Boca teen is first state winner of **Igniting Creative Energy Challenge**

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

Unknowing of an imminent surprise, Arianna Pattek sat in her AP chemistry class checking her homework.

Then came a knock on the door followed by familiar faces with flowers in hand that jolted Pattek out of her chair.

Pattek's mother Sheryl and father stood in front of the classroom with business officials and county School Board members cheering and congratulating Pattek for winning the Igniting man, Account Executive of John-

Creative Energy Challenge and \$1,000 for Spanish River High School in Boca Raton.

Pattek won for her project Bright Idea with the goal of having 1,000 people switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's) in homes and businesses to save energy.

"You are awesome. You are a leader and you bring a bright future to the rest of us," said School Board member Paulette Burdick, as she shook Pattek's hand.

Then came the big check worth \$1,000 delivered by Nancy Ash-

"You are awesome. You are a leader and you bring a bright future to the rest of us."

> Paulette Burdick School Board member

son Controls.

"It was her tremendous impact and commitment to the environment," said Ashman.

Pattek also received a certifi-

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cate, an MP3 player from Charles Bastien of Philips Lighting and a \$300 savings bond.

(Nicol Jenkins/Staff Photo

"One of the reasons she was chosen was because of the scope of her project. She went from A to Z and a lot of people only go half through while she took it full scope," Bastien said.

Pattek is Florida's state-level winner of the Igniting Creative Energy Challenge, an educational competition that encourages students to develop imaginative ways to conserve energy and protect the environment.

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But what did she win the recognition for?

Pattek and classmate Jenna Heffernan created the project Bright Idea to get 1,000 people to switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's) in homes and businesses to save energy.

"Everyone has heard on the news lately about global warming reports and people's perceptions are that they can't change anything but in reality changing out one light bulb can make a huge difference," she said. "It can lower energy costs for your home and decrease cooling costs."

Pattek scored the highest among more than 60 entries statewide to receive this recognition. More than 2,000 students applied nationwide. The Igniting Creative Energy Challenge is sponsored and funded through an educational grant by Johnson Controls, Inc., with additional support from Philips Lighting Company and the United States Energy Association and is administered by the National Energy Foundation.

"I can't believe my little program of changing out light bulbs would become as successful as it has," she said.

Pattek said she would continue the project but shoot higher.

"We're going to set a new goal and be more ambitious. We'll probably go for 3,000 light bulbs," she said.

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Fat Ollie, skinny as a broomstick, is no stranger to money. Fat Ollie sees 529 plans as a gold mine for brokerage industry and as a leaky, diminishing asset, touting meaningless tax deductions for parents - which are less than the fees and commissions parents pay to invest in the plan.

We believe that the optimum time for a kid to attend college is after he's spent seven years on his knees, sweating in the trenches at 9-to-5 jobs and paying taxes. The real world will eat him alive, chew him up, spit him out and without that personal experience, a college degree isn't worth the spew from a camel's mouth. We suggest that you tell the 16-yearold lad (right now) that when he finishes high school he must get a job. And when he does demand two things: fund an Individual Retirement Account and fund a college savings program. If he does, then he might be college material.

If you disagree, then I suggest you ring your human resources people because I am unable to recommend any home lenders in Illinois and the HR folks at your company are a real savvy group of people.

Both Fat Ollie and I agree that a 529 plan for your 10-year-old isn't worth its weight in wet rocks. If you can save \$5,000 a year for eight years, which earns 10 percent every year, it would

a year for eight straight years, which is very hard to do.

2. If the Dow drops 12 percent in the sixth year and 8 percent the seventh year (post contributions), your 529 would only be worth \$46,000 after investing a total of \$40,000.

3. Today's kids need six to seven years to complete the curriculum we finished in four years and their classes are a grossly watered down version of the classes we took.

So the inescapable conclusion is that \$5,000 invested each year for eight years in a 5 percent certificate of deposit is guaranteed to be worth \$50,000 while the same amount of money in a 529 plan may be worth less. And while you're likely to pay a broker \$2,000 in commissions plus \$400 in fees for eight years, (which probably exceeds the total tax savings) a bank won't charge you a centime and will probably give you a couple toasters, some umbrellas, dozens of golf balls and all the ballpoints your kid can use.

So if you insist on investing \$5,000 a year for your lad because you care less about your retirement comfort, then forget a 529 and CD that money at your bank.

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

Delray Commissioners approve wi-fi; Sundy House expansion

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

The Delray Beach City Commission Tuesday night dealt with something old and something new.

On the contemporary front, the board approved a contract to bring wi-fi service to the Atlantic Avenue area.

On the historic side, the board approved the expansion of the Sundy House, a combination restaurant and inn that's steeped in antiquity. Commissioners OK'd a pact with Delray Wi-Fi Inc. to supply the service. It is a private company that will provide wi-fi and bear the cost.

Waiting to approve

The board planned to approve the contract two weeks ago, but at that meeting, Mayor Rita Ellis and Vice-Mayor Fred Fetzer were not in attendance.

According to the pact, wi-fi services will be offered in the area from State Road A1A to I-95, along Atlantic Avenue and and a

few blocks each way.

In an effort to fill the so-called "digital divide" – for people who do not have computers – City Attorney Susan Ruby said the agreement includes a provision for 100 free computers and free wi-fi to homes with children – and whose household income is below the poverty level.

The agreement followed a meeting with the technology committee of the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Regarding Sundy House, commission-

ers approved a request to expand the residential-type inn on South Swinton Avenue. Seaside City Development Group wants to expand the number of units on the site from the current 11 to 84.

New units

This would be done, officials said, by adding three new units at the Sundy House, 54 on a block north of the establishment and 16 on a parcel to the east of it.Sundy House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, is located in the Old School Square Historic District.

In other business, the commission approved a resolution that will allow the city

to claim certain reimbursements in a bond that may be approved later this year.

The commission in March gave initial approval to a \$40.6 million bond issue to cover expenses relative to various parks, the Old School Square Parking Garage, a new environmental services building and the Intracoastal Park.

The vote came at the final meeting attended by former Mayor Jeff Perlman, who spoke strongly against the bond because of the city's debt situation and uncertain financial future.

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FAU offers summer food services program

FROM STAFF REPORTS

As summer draws near, students at the Florida Atlantic University Weppner Volunteer Center are preparing for their annual Summer Food Service Program.

The program is 70 percent funded by a grant from the Florida Department of Education, and provides meals for eight summer camps in the Boca Raton, Deerfield Beach and Delray Beach areas during the months of June, July and August.

Nutritionally balanced meals will be provided to all children, regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age, or national origin, when breakfasts and lunches at school are not available.

All children, ages 18 and under and enrolled at the qualifying campsites, are eligible for meals at no charge. More than 650 underprivileged campers will benefit from the program this year alone.

The campers participating in this program are youths who receive free or reduced-price school lunches at area public schools during the school year. The summer food program provides relief to underprivileged families when faced with the



financial burden of providing their children with adequate daycare and nutrition during the summer months.

The camps participating this year include: Boys and Girls Club, G.A.T.E. Salvation Army, Milagro Center, City of Deerfield at Park Ridge Elementary, Youth Activity Center, Pearl City CATS and West Side Park Recreational Center.

Area businesses, restaurants and individuals are asked to sponsor the program each year and, without them, this program would not be possible.

Donations make a difference in enabling this program to get better quality food to more underprivileged children as the need increases. An account has been set up in the FAU Foundation to support this program. Checks may be made payable to the FAU Foundation / Summer Food Program and sent to:

FAU Weppner Volunteer Center, UC 207

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defense, which led them to the 2002 Super Bowl.

Piscitelli has already been compared in the Tampa media to former Tampa Bay safety John Lynch, one of the best players in franchise history.

"He's one of the all-time greats," Piscitelli said. "I wish he was still here so I could learn from him."

The Boca Raton native will have a crucial mentor in Tampa Bay defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, acknowledged as one of the best defensive minds in the game.

"Coach Kiffin is somebody special," Piscitelli said. "I think it will be great learning from him."

Piscitelli will also be indoctrinated into a new defense, the Cover 2 that has been a staple in Tampa Bay since Tony Dungy took over the head coaching duties in 1995.

"I played probably a totally different scheme (at Oregon State)," Piscitelli said. "Here, I'll use some different skills to make plays."

Piscitelli can play either safety position and he holds up very well against the run. No less an authority than Sports Illustrated's Paul "Dr. Z" Zimmerman wrote in his draft analysis Monday, "I'm getting really strong vibes about a couple of defenders with great agility and athleticism, safety Piscitelli and linebacker Black."

That's high praise indeed for a player who once upon a time was named *Boca Raton News* District 10 Class 5A Division Defensive Player of the Year and was an all-conference selection as a senior. And Piscitelli knows he is being counted on to become a force in Tampa Bay.

"Somebody said they don't draft a second-round player unless they expect them to play right away," Piscitelli said. "I know I can." "I knew I wasn't going to get out of the second round. My agent got a call from Tampa Bay and then I got the call from Coach (Jon) Gruden."

Sabby Piscitelli

Delray Beach to host 'ultimate' bed race May 18

FROM STAFF REPORTS

This year's bed race sponsored by the Pineapple Grove Arts District won't be just your average race. It will be the Ultimate Bed Race Challenge, pitting all former bed race winners against one also being held on May 18.

"We are very excited to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Bed Race," said Sue Keleher, program manager for Pineapple Grove Arts District. "The Ultimate Bed Race Challenge is a fun way takes contestants through a series of obstacles, will run from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a Street Dance with live entertainment from 8 to 10 p.m. following the conclusion of the award ceremony.

Racing teams are made up

298 Pineapple Grove Way.

The annual Bed Race is produced by Pineapple Grove Arts District. This year's event is sponsored by the Community Redevelopment Agency, Downtown Development Authority, City-Walk and Moe's Southwest Grill, among others. For more information, contact Sue Keleher at (561) 279-9952.

Ian M. Berkowitz U.S. to help boost small businesses

A someone who helps businessmen and women take action to start, grow and expand their dreams of entrepreneurship, I come into contact with many inventors and developers of a wide variety of products and services.

The quest by men and women to tinker and create is at an all time high. I personally believe that some of us, by nature, are always looking for ways to "build a better mousetrap."

The numbers confirm the growth. In 2005, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office received approximately 418,000 patent applications and in 2006 that same government agency granted approximately 197,000 patents.

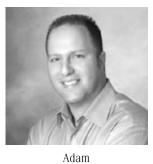
Inventing and innovating is growing steadily. We are truly living in an incredible time of tremendous technology development, and massive innovation even with general products and services.

Many of you might not be aware of this but the U.S. government has a great financial grant program available for inventors, developers, visionaries and innovators. The Small Business Innovation Research Program, commonly referred to as the SBIR program, is a government assistance program that provides a vehicle for entrepreneurs and small businesses to explore and exploit their technological potential.

Business boost

The SBIR program creates a boost to entrepreneurs and innovators by providing the money necessary for entrepreneurs to maximize their profitability from the commercialization of their invention.

The SBIR program targets the small business community because that is where the most innovation is created and innovators thrive. The program requires that a specific percentage of federal money be set aside for small businesses for research and development in order to protect small businesses and enable them to compete on the same level as larger businesses. SBIR program allocated dollars fund the critical startup and development stages of small businesses and in turn encourage the commercialization of their technology, product, or service into the marketplace. Since its enactment in 1982, as part of the Small Business Innovation Development Act, the SBIR program has helped thousands of small businesses to compete for federal research and development awards. The criterion for obtaining your piece of the pie is truly simple. Your business must be American-owned and independently operated, be a for-profit entity, the principal researcher developing the technology must be employed by the business and the company cannot employ more than 500 employees. If you meet the criteria then you are eligible to apply.



Berkowitz

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another to determine an ultimate champion.

The event will be held Friday, May 18.

The challenge honors the 10th anniversary of the Wackona Bed Race, Parade and Street Dance,

to take this year's competition to the next level."

The Wackona Parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Ocean City Lumber Complex and will travel west on Atlantic Avenue to Pineapple Grove Way. The race, which of four runners, one "queen" or "princess" riding in the bed, and one substitute. The entry fee is \$150 per team with a minimum age requirement of 18. Applications are available at the Pineapple Grove Arts District offices at

Long tongue costs

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Orchid bees use extraordinarily long tongues to drink nectar from the deep, tropical flowers only they can access. Researchers have long suspected that this kind of exclusive access came with a mechanical cost.

According to common sense and a classic law of fluid mechanics, it's just plain hard to suck thick, viscous nectars up through a long straw. Now, Brendan Borrell at the University of California, Berkeley has confirmed this prediction for the first time: orchid bees with long tongues suck up their nectars more slowly than bees with shorter tongues.

Everyone knows just how busy bees can be, but orchid bees are basically sacrificing speed at flowers for exclusive access to them, says Borrell.

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Student elections run smoothly at FAU

By Dale M. King CITY EDITOR

The "nightmare" election of 2006 on the campus of Florida Atlantic University has yielded to a much smoother process this year.

"It think it [2007 election] went fine," said Dr. Charles Brown, vice president of student affairs. "Students have elected a president and a vice president, plus a governor on each of the other campuses."

President Frank T. Brogan called on Brown to straighten out the student electoral system after a fiasco last year that included the impeachment of the 2006 president and at least one botched election afterward.

"The election process was a nightmare," said Austin Shaw, who just stepped down as SG president and a member of the Board of Trustees. "There was no leadership for three months. It gave the university a black eye."

Late last year, Brogan — sick of what he called six months of "unacceptable" behavior — brought in Brown to deal with the problem. **New constitution**

The most noticeable difference

between 2006 and 2007 was a total rewrite of the student constitution - a document that was considered old and shopworn. Working with Brown, students revised the document, cutting it to 13 pages and clarifying duties of the judicial, executive and legislative branches of student government.

The new document calls for two elections per year — one in the spring for executive leaders, another for other student representatives.

"I guess you could say the new constitution was one factor" in making the election process run smoothly, Brown said. "We also worked very closely with the students."

According to the FAU Web site, Tony Teixeira and Abraham Cohen were elected president and vice president by a small margin (899-873 votes) over Jared Torres and Rakibur Joarder.

An installation ceremony, Brown said, is scheduled Monday.

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Funding guarantee

Each year, 11 federal departments and agencies are required by the SBIR program to reserve a portion of research and development funds for award to small business. These agencies include: Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human 1Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation.

Annually, these agencies designate their research and development priorities, advertise their needs and then accept proposals. However, you can go to an agency with your idea and pitch your technology in order to make it a priority for them.

Once proposals have been submitted, the agencies then make SBIR awards based upon the small business' qualifications, degree of innovation, technical merit, and future market potential.

Small businesses that receive awards then begin a three-phase program. Phase I is the startup phase. Awards up to \$100,000 are given at Phase I to a business for approximately 6 months support in order to explore the technical merit or feasibility of an idea or technology.

Awards up to \$750,000 are given during Phase II for a period of up to 2 years to expand Phase I results. During this time it is expected that the research and development work is performed and that the business evaluates the commercialization potential.

Only Phase I award winners are considered for Phase II. Phase III is the period during which Phase II innovation moves from the laboratory into the marketplace. At this stage the government is counting on the business to find funding in the private sector or by some other non-SBIR program federal agency funding. What are you waiting for, put your pen to paper and get going.

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Scouting friends have lunch

The 2007 Boca Raton Friends of Scouting Luncheon was recently held at the Boca Raton Marriott. Honorary Chair and Guest Speaker was FAU football coach Howard Schnellenberger.

1 - From left, front row: Jonny Kass, Joey Kass. Middle row: Steven Weisz, Bernie Budd, Kyle Williams, Tripp Joachim, Andrew Weisz and Brandon LeWinter; back row: Daniel Olbrych, Eric Coyra-Calienes, Christopher Olbrych, David Williams, Gregory Olbrych and Armando Calienes

2 - From left: Joey Kass, Jonny Kass and Tripp Joachim enjoy conversation over lunch

3 - From left: Brandon LeWinter, Andrew Weisz, and Jonny Kass with Scout leader Jennifer Thomason, perform a skit using the word "Aloha" pre-lunch

(Melissa Korman/Special to the News)







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St. Andrews, community support Israel's 'Red Cross'

FROM STAFF REPORTS

T na Rae and Neil Fox and Myrna and Danny Keisman were busy as L the co-chairs of the private dinner and concert with composer Marvin Hamlisch to benefit Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's Red Cross.

More than 175 guests attended the event, which took place recently at Congregation B'nai Israel in Boca Raton.

During dinner, Neil Fox, president of St. Andrews Friends, thanked major supporters including Shirley Shapero, who along with her husband, William, founded the group, and former President Leo Brown, who was most instrumental in developing the ambulance procuring program.

Collectively, the St. Andrews community has sent 92 fully equipped lifesaving ambulances to Israel in 14 years, which is more than any other community in the world.

"Tonight is the kickoff for a twoyear effort to raise two million dollars for the all important Jerusalem MDA Emergency Medical Station, the busiest and most vital emergency medical facility in Israel, which is in great need of renovation, ' said Fox.

"All funds raised tonight will help to meet our commitment to paying for the ground floor." The station, built more than 50 years ago, is the regional headquarters and serves three hospitals and the largest and most diverse population in Israel. More than 300 MDA staff and 600 volunteers work at the station, which houses 40 ambulances, a regional blood bank and training center for paramedics.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, along with his 98-year old mother, his daughter and sister, and NYC officials broke ground for the rebuilding of the Magen David Adom (MDA) Emergency Medical Station in Jerusalem Feb. 1. The station, named in memory of the mayor's father, William H. Bloomberg, will be the "flagship" of Magen David Adom's network of facilities in Israel, serving the nation's capital and its largest and most visited city.

The renovated station will include new pedestrian walkways, access roads and separate parking levels for automobiles and MDA service vehicles. The entire main building will be upgraded and public access will be dramatically improved.

The entire facility will be handicapped accessible and in compliance with all fire and environmental regulations. In addition to new quarters for the crews, classrooms, offices and meeting rooms, there will be a new GPS (Global Positioning System) Control Room on the operations and ambulance level to dispatch and manage MDA Jerusalem's fleet of emergency vehicles.

After dinner, guests moved into the sanctuary and heard Hamlisch and J. Mark McVey, his tenor of choice, who played several of his award winning scores.

1 - Co-chairs Neil (president) and Ina Fox and Daniel (treasurer) and Myrna Keisman of St. Andrews Friends.

2 -- Composer Marvin Hamlisch with Andrea and Harvey Rafofsky, president of the Southeast Region.

3 - Leo Brown, former president, says the hamotzi with Dan Keisman, treasurer, by his side, and Bob Schwartz, Southeast Region Director, standing behind him.

(Special to the News)





Boca woman named to board at Kravis Center

FROM STAFF REPORTS

named two new community leaders

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The Raymond F. Kravis Cen- chairman and president since versity's Merrick Society, a Grand ter for the Performing Arts has its inception in January 1993. Founder of the Society of Univer- tional Bank of Florida, one of the

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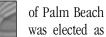
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to its board of directors including a woman from Boca Raton.

Laurie S. Silvers was elected to a three-year term, as was Michael J. Bracci of Ju-

piter.

Laurie S. Silvers The elections took place at the Kravis

Center board's annual meeting. The new board members will begin terms immediately.

A founder of Hollywood Media of Miami International Advisory



she served as university. chief executive She is also a Dean's Circle officer from 1989 member of the January to March 1992 University of co-vice Miami School of Law. chairman from March 1992 to In recog-

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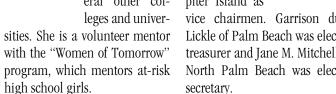
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Michael J. Bracci

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Director Emerita for a threeyear term. Retiring board members Patricia Cook, A. Ephraim Diamond, John B Dodge, George T. Elmore, Judith B. Good-

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William A. Meyer

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Breathing: more than in and out

FROM STAFF REPORTS

high school girls.

While working to find novel ways to treat the life-threatening disease of cystic fibrosis, researchers at the University of North Carolina have discovered that the rhythmic motion of the lungs during normal breathing is a critical regulator of the clearance of bacteria and other noxious materials. Research, funded by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the National Institute of Health, is published in The Journal of Physiology.

Their findings have important implications in the understanding and treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF), the most common fatal genetic disease in the United States (30,000 sufferers) and the UK (7,500 sufferers). As a result of CF, the body produces abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, leading to difficulty in breathing and chronic, life-threatening lung infections. Dr. Brian Button and colleagues at the University of North Carolina's Cystic Fibrosis Research and Treatment Center found that the rhythmic motion of the lung during normal breathing is important in establishing the rate of mucus clearance and can help the lung in responding to changes in lung environment, such as during a lung infection.

More importantly, in CF, they found that rhythmic motion of the lung could result in re-hy-

dration of the airways and acceleration of mucus clearance, thus promoting lung health in CF patients. The researchers speculate that this may explain the preservation of mucus clearance in young CF patients prior to the onset of chronic infections.

The UNC researchers also suggest that these studies provide an understanding of the mechanism underlying the observed beneficial effects of physical and deep-breathing exercise in CF patients. "We believe that knowledge gained in these studies will be useful in developing novel therapeutic regimes to increase mucus clearance in the lungs of CF patients", said Dr. Button.

County. She has been a guest lecturer at Harvard, Duke and several other col-

Khoury of Jupiter Island as leges and universities. She is a volunteer mentor with the "Women of Tomorrow"

vice chairmen. Garrison duP. Lickle of Palm Beach was elected treasurer and Jane M. Mitchell of North Palm Beach was elected

Coca Cola Scholarship By Nicol Jenkins STAFF WRITER

campaign to bring support to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and in a few months filled 250 e packages totaling more than \$2,000 worth in supplies.

"There are brothers, sisters, moms and dads that have been over there for a long time and they don't have the simple things," said the 18-year-old.

This also holds a special meaning for Fiorilli since his uncle has been serving in the military in Afghanistan for a year.

Fiorilli, a senior at American Heritage School of Boca Raton/ Delray Beach, hoped the Support Your Troops campaign with help from the Forgotten Soldiers would bring aid and awareness and it proved successful. However, the project also brought unexpected accolades.

the form of national recognition and a \$20,000 scholarship. Fiorilli was recently recognized as one of the country's most outstanding high school seniors by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and has been awarded a \$20.000 National Coca-Cola Scholarship for college.

ustin Fiorilli started a to Pepsi. I always have it in my house," he said.

> The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, a joint effort of Coca-Cola Bottlers across America and The Coca-Cola Company, recognizes high school seniors who have demonstrated academic and civic excellence in schools and communities.

> "The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is proud to name Fiorilli a 2007 Coca-Cola National Scholar. Justin Fiorilli has shown a steadfast commitment to educational excellence, leadership and service to his school and community," said Sandy Williams, Chairman of the Board of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and President of **Corinth Coca-Cola Bottling Works** in Corinth, MS.

Besides receiving a four-year college scholarship totaling \$20,000 with \$5,000 given each And those accolades came in year for educational use, Fiorilli also traveled to the Coca-Cola factory.

> Fiorilli joined 249 high school students who competed for the 50 National Scholarships of \$20,000 and 200 regional scholarships of \$10,000 during the Coca-Cola Scholars weekend held in Atlanta, Georgia. Scholars were chosen Nicol Jenkins can be reached



viewed

with a National Selection Committee representing education, business, government and arts leaders from across the country.

"We could have any Coke product you could ever imagine and it was free," he said.

The Coca-Cola Scholars program was created in 1986 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Coca-Cola and to establish a legacy for the education of tomorrow's leaders through college scholarships, officials said. Including the 2007 Class of Coca-Cola Scholars, the Foundation has awarded more than 3,750 Coca-Cola Scholars with a total of \$32 million in scholarship awards.

Fiorilli plans to attend either George Washington University or NYU and study constitutional law. That goal goes back to his uncle.

"I respect what he does with the military and he has inspired me in a lot of different ways," he said. "I want to make a difference and change things but in a peaceful way."

at njenkins@bocanews.com or 561-549-0844.

Planner advises to examine options before 'cashing out'

By John Johnston

MANAGING EDITOR **V**7hen making decisions that affect retirement, there are two primary things a person probably shouldn't do, said Peter Tust:

• Cash out a 401(k) plan instead of rolling it over when changing jobs.

• Rely exclusively on home equity for retirement income.

Tust, a Boca Raton retirement planning advisor, joins others nationwide who echo similar sentiments.

In general, experts nationwide say that cashing out is only one of many mistakes being made by individuals managing their own retirement funds through 401 K plans.

According to a study in American Prospect magazine, 401-K plan participants make serious mistakes at every step along the way. A quarter of those eligible choose not to participate; more than half fail to diversify investments, many over-invest in company stock, and almost none rebalances his or her portfolios in response to age or market returns less than 10 percent of those who do contribute the maximum.

And most importantly, said Tust, is that many cash out when changing jobs.

Tust points to another recent survey by well-known human resources firm Hewitt and Associates. The survey shows that about half of employees that leave jobs choose to cash out 401(k) plans instead of rolling them over.

"This trend might seem harmless at the time, but it can jeopardize future retirement," said Tust.

Tust points to two (of many) reasons that the cash out option is often chosen:

• To pay for increased health insurance premiums.

• Losses in stock value or other investments.

"People aren't used to paying several hundred dollars a month to insure families. Insurance costs combined with a loss in stock value or other investments; make people feel the need for ex-

up in real estate, but it shouldn't be the only source for retirement savings."

The Options

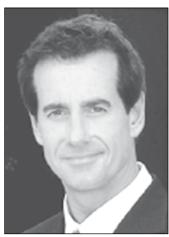
Tust said that what would be lost by cashing out needs to be examined beforehand, i.e.:

• Income taxes on the withdrawal could result in a higher tax bracket

• A 10 percent penalty if under age 59½.

• Giving up years of tax-deferred compounding.

Longer life expectancies, are also creating the "need for enough savings to cover longterm health care," he said. "After you look at what you're going to lose, look at why. Is it because you need the money to pay off high interest credit card bills or is it because you don't want to go through the hassle of transferring the money to another account? To avoid regret, you should look at all your choices before making a decision. He listed the options



Peter Tust

as follows:

• Rollover into an IRA – You won't be limited by the investment options in a new employer's plan and you can take distributions from the IRA without penalties under certain circumstances. In short, you'll retain the ability to borrow from the account.

• Rollover into a new employer's 401(k) – Not all companies allow such rollovers. But if you like the plan, the rollover will allow you to consolidate your savings in one place.

• Rollover a portion – It doesn't have to be all or noth-

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tra money now. They also believe that they'll make up for it down the road." Many people would also "rath-

er pay penalties and taxes than wait for a larger return," Tust said.

As well, the rising value of real estate "has people believing the value of homes will replace retirement savings. And it's true that a lot of money can be tied

ing. This can be a great option for those that need money now, but realize they will also need it later.

• Liquidate – If it's really going to improve your life, then it can be a viable option.

"But there's a difference between life and lifestyle. Be careful to distinguish between the two," said Tust.



'Green' practices are good for the Earth – and for bottom line

Several Boca buildings are environmentally friendly

FROM STAFF REPORTS

It's official. Going Green is where corporate America is heading. As the term corporate social responsibility becomes synonymous with good business practices, developing a corporate environmental policy or "going green" is what many major retailers and corporations are beginning to do.

Clearly, it's great for the earth and now, for a company's bottom line, too. 93 percent of Americans believe that companies have a responsibility to help preserve the environment. 83 percent will trust a company more if it is socially and/or environmentally responsible.

According to "It's Good To Be Green," a report released recently by SmartReply, a provider of mobile, voice, and loyalty communications for the retail industry, companies fully engaged in environmental strategies are already reaping strong bottom-line benefits and increased brand loyalty. But for those companies who don't have a green policy - watch out -- they may risk losing more than just more profit.

Already in Boca

At Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, the new Christine E. Lynn School of Nursing is in the process of being certified as "green." The school's new engineering building will also be environment friendly, as are several other structures in the planning stages.

Spurred by the steady upsurge of consumer environmental awareness - which some pundits have attributed to the likes of Whole Foods, Hybrids and Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" - the number of companies "going green" is likely to implode over the next few years. From conserving energy to building environmentally friendly homes, to reducing packaging and marketing materials, more companies are heeding calls from most prized asset. Consumers' actions demonstrate that they are looking for the companies they do business with to develop a sustainability strategy, or risk losing their business to "greener" firms. As a result, many are jumping onto the ethanol fuel-driven recycled bandwagon. What was once a defensive action will soon become the norm, rather than the differentiator. In a recent study carried out by cause-related marketing agency Cone, 45 percent of respondents said that advertising was the favorite way to learn about a company's corporate responsibility and environmental policy, beating websites or packaging. 72 percent would pay more for environmentally sound purchases if it saved them money in the long run. But what does it take for a company to truly go green? SmartReply's report highlights the growing importance of developing and implementing an environmental strategy to stay ahead of the competition. It also shares insight and data from the world's leading environmental and business experts.

adoption of sustainable business practices is being discussed in nearly every major corporation about the globe, to the benefit of P&L's.

Quoted in the report is Pat Kachura, senior vice president for ethics and consumer affairs for the Direct Marketing Association - "this is all about doing the right thing for the earth, but it's also about doing the right thing for the brand image of the company."

As today's consumers have shown that they are committed to preserving the environment – so much so that they are willing to shift purchase decisions and brand loyalties towards green retailers – retailers, manufacturers and corporations are also growing increasingly more committed.

According to Michael P. Washburn, head of marketing for the Forest Stewardship Council, going green "is not about feeling good about a habitat

93 percent of Americans believe that companies have a responsibility to help preserve the environment. 83 percent will trust a company more if it is socially and/or environmentally responsible.

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Going Green

According to SmartReply's report, the business case for the

for some owl somewhere that you can't pronounce." When companies are behaving more responsibly, "you see things like more stability, more long-term availability of supply and less turnover of suppliers. And when you have to manage fewer dynamics in a relationship you just operate better." The result? Better business all around.

In the end, however green any company decides to go, it still remains about customer relevance. The key to being profitable – sustainable or otherwise - for any business lies in finding out what people really care about, and in helping them attend to what they care about. The sooner a company can start planning and implementing a green strategy, the faster it will reap the customer relationship benefits and bottom-line results. People care about protecting the environment and they want the brands they do business with, to care too.

Blue Coast, Sandoway, partner for Earth Day cleanup

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Blue Coast Foundation, in conjunction with the Sandoway House, hosted a beach cleanup April 21 in honor of Earth Day.

More than 200 people attended the event to help clean up the coastline in Delray Beach and to partake in the planned festivities for the Earth Day celebration. Activities included fun educational games for youth attendees, "planting your own flower" stations as well as a children's DJ.

The Blue Coast Foundation was in attendance to inform those concerned about the environment about the Foundation's mission to help clean up coast lines across the U.S. and sponsor annual water testing in marinas and reefs. The attendees for the event also had the opportunity to be one of the first to sign up for the Blue Coast Foundation's license plate, pending Florida state approvals.

"We are so pleased with the turnout today," said Charles Andrews, creator of the Blue Coast Foundation. "It is encouraging to see so many people taking a role in the improvement of our coastlines and beautiful oceans, which is the sole mission of our Foundation."

This event gave everyone the opportunity to take part in Blue Coast Foundation's mission to help clean up the coastline. It also gave parents the opportunity to teach children how important it is to keep waters clean.

This is just one of the many events the Blue Coast Foundation sponsors.

The Blue Coast Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and regeneration of water in the country's marina and reef areas. The Blue Coast Foundation will take this delegation cross-country working with community leaders nationwide. The signature nationwide tour will offer water tests in reef areas and marinas at no cost, and will provide those test results as well.

1 - Manny Gutierrez, Missy Reynolds, Susan Ricciardi, Kim Kanouse, Nicole Biscuiti, Charles Andrews, and Daniell Washington

2 - Beach day cleanup volunteers enjoy the activities that took place





in celebration of Earth Day.

(Special to the News)

Low-cost rabies clinic and pre-registration for pet shelter

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control is offering lowcost rabies vaccinations, tags and microchipping for dogs and cats May 12 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Pre-registration for the pet friendly shelter will also be available for qualified residents. The location is Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control, 7100 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach.

The rabies vaccination, tag and microchip total is \$15 per animal. All dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier.

Pet owners should prepare for the 2007 hurricane season by pre-registering for the pet friendly shelter, a disaster shelter for pet and people. The pet friendly shelter in Lake Worth is available to residents living in a mandatory evacuation zone or in a mobile home in the event of an approaching hurricane.

To pre-register, all dogs and cats must be currently vaccinated against rabies, wearing a rabies license tag, be microchipped and protected against fleas and ticks with medication.

Dogs and cats should be protected against rabies, a fatal disease. A rabies vaccination and tag are required by law for pets four months or older. All puppies



and kittens less than four months old are required by law to wear a Juvenile Rabies License tag. If an animal becomes lost, microchipping is good for pet identification at most veterinary offices and animal shelters.

Contact 561-233-1271 or www. pbcgov.com/pubsafety/animal.

Smoking and caffeine may protect against Parkinson's disease

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In families affected by Parkinson's disease, the people who smoked cigarettes and drank a lot of coffee were less likely to develop the disease, say researchers at Duke University Medical Center.

The findings suggest that both genetic and environmental factors may influence the development of Parkinson's, a progressive neurodegenerative disease marked by

trembling of the arms and legs, stiffness and rigidity of the muscles and slowness of movement.

Previous studies have suggested that smokers and coffee drinkers have a lower risk of developing Parkinson's disease. However, this is the first study to look specifically at cigarette smoking and caffeine consumption within families affected by the disease, the researchers said. suming copious amounts of caffeine carry risks and should not be taken up in an attempt to avoid developing Parkinson's disease, cautions study investigator Burton L. Scott, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of medicine.

Smoking cigarettes and con-

'Fun About Town' exhibition at Palm Beach International

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Artists, do you want your work to receive broad exposure and possibly sell?

If so, enter your artwork for exhibition at one of the County's most visited locations. "Fun About Town" is the theme of the 2007 summer/fall exhibition, which showcases residents

Palm Beach County's Art in Public Places Program is issuing a call to visual artists who reside in Palm Beach County to submit artwork to be considered for

a four-month exhibition at the Palm Beach International Airport. Exhibition dates are June 6 through Oct. 3.

"Fun About Town" is the theme of the 2007 summer/fall exhibition, which showcases residents and visitors immersed in the natural environment and cultural art scene of Palm Beach County. In order for entries to be considered for selection, the content presented

Sell it.

must reflect the exhibition theme. Artists may obtain a copy of the Call to Artists: at Palm Beach County's Art in Public Places Web site: www.pbcgov.com/fdo/art. Click on "Calls to Artists". Additionally, by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Palm Beach County Art in Public Places, 3200 Belvedere Road, Bldg., 1169, West Palm Beach, 33406.



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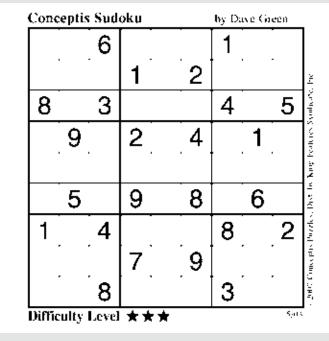
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Sudoku

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CANCER June 21-July 22

 $\star \star \star \star$ Your imagination might be an inordinate source of ideas, but making them work on a practical level could take talent. Explore ways to ground some of these nuggets of ingenuity. Tonight: Exercise, which might look like housework or mowing the lawn!

despite confusion. Tonight: Sit in your abilities. Tonight: Buy a back and observe. Allow others to plant or treat yourself to a favorite dessert.

> SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21

 $\star \star \star$ Know when to back down

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track, creating an interesting, dynamic triangle of opinions. Being stubborn just won't work! You also could overindulge and cause your finances to have a major headache. Assume more control. If you are single, you seem to have a revolving door of possibilities. What will work could be another story. Move slowly. If you are attached, you might want to allow your sweetie to have greater say. He or she might see how to resolve certain convoluted life situations. SAGITTARIUS gets to the bottom of a problem.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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this year. Partners and authority

figures often think on a different

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

 $\star \star \star \star$ You hit frustration when trying to home in on the common good. Tension builds no matter how generous or gentle you might be. You would be well advised not to worry so much. Reach out for others. Tonight: Let your mind romp.

TAURUS April 20-May 20

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Others could make heavy demands. Certainly an element of confusion about which way to turn and what to do punctuates your day. Let go of judgments and just hear others out. You don't always need to agree. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI May 21-June 20

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You might want to take the high road rather than get caught up in a nebulous and difficult situation. Know when to call a timeout. Think positively

LEO July 23-Aug. 22

 $\star \star \star$ Take your time. There are so many diverse winds, you might want to sit out until you know what works for you. Consider your options before you jump right in. Changes occur the longer you observe. Tonight: Let your imagination out.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22

 $\star \star \star \star$ Speak your mind. You also might have the bestlaid plans but see them go up in smoke. This process could be a bit uncomfortable, but your best bet is to lie back and take action only when it is a must. Tonight: Head on home.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22

HHH Expenses could be high or difficult to handle. Knowing when to say "enough" could be important. Laughter and understanding help diffuse a difficult or confusing situation. Know that not only you but also others are not getting all the facts. Tonight: Hook up with friends.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21

 $\star \star \star \star$ With the whirl of energy that surrounds you, it might be upsetting to see plans fall apart. You also might need to rethink certain choices if you notice this pattern developing. Have faith

and make a decision more carefully. You might not have all the right answers just yet. Listen and sort through mixed messages. Late in the day or tomorrow, move on key issues. Tonight: Do your thing.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Where your friends are is where you might want to be. A commitment could cause a problem. You might find out that a situation is confusing. Let your imagination run with the ball, especially on a work-related matter. Tonight: Take some downtime.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18

 $\star \star \star$ Responsibilities pop up left and right. Take a step forward and handle a personal matter. Your creativity moves in a new direction. Look at goals and what could be very important. Aim for more of what you want. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES

Feb. 19-March 20

 $\star \star \star \star$ Take the high road and detach. Some of the confusion that surrounds you could be coming from you not grasping all the facts. Step back and make what you want happen. You come from a creative, dynamic mind-set. Tonight: Accept the responsibilities dropped on you.

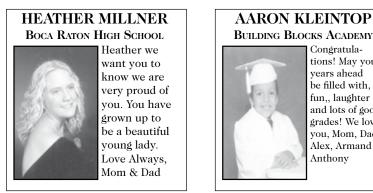
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YOUR TEAMS ARE OUR TEAMS

Bulls reach state semifinals again

By Mario Sarmento SPORTS EDITOR

After spending the entire regu-

lar season doing the little things wrong, the West Boca Raton High softball team has suddenly found the winning combination.

The Bulls have put together a season-high five-game winning streak that has coincided with the start of the playoffs, and on Tuesdav night West Boca edged District 14-5A rival Dwyer High 1-0 despite being no-hit by Panthers pitcher Jenee Loree.

"Great game, it could have gone either way," West Boca coach Ron Hoyt said.

Like the regional quarterfinal against Bayside High, which West Boca won 3-1, the Bulls were able to make the little plays to win the game, while their opponents squandered opportunities.

Dwyer threatened to score in the very first inning, when Julian Watson led off with an infield hit and went to second base on a passed ball.

With two outs, Claire Hosack

singled to right and Watson head- ready." ed home.

But Bulls rightfielder Mallory Soffin made a perfect throw to cut down Watson at the plate.

The Panthers would have another chance in the fifth inning, when they put two on with two out and had Loree at the plate.

But Hoyt may have saved the game when he called Leslie Slota on to pitch, and she induced Loree to ground out to third base to end the threat.

"She hit Elise (Kittrell) twice, she ripped the ball last time, and this girl keeps the ball low," he said of Slota. "I said, 'We've got to make a change.""

Slota did a smiliar job against Bayside, when she came on in the fourth inning with the bases loaded and got out of that jam to keep the game tied. It's a role she's very comfortable in.

"I live for these situations," she said.

"I love coming out when there's runners on when we're down, or anything like that. And I was just hit two batters and walked two

The Bulls struck for the only run of the game in the fourth. when Kittrell reached on a ball hit under the glove of third baseman Sloane Caruso.

Sophomore Dani Bustamante took over as a courtesy runner and went to second on a bunt by Jessica Soupart.

Alyssa Palmieri was hit by a pitch and Katie Sooker hit into a Fielder's Choice to move Bustamante to third.

Then came the pivotal play of the game, as Loree, who struggled with her control all night, bounced a pitch that catcher Hosack had go in and out of her glove.

Bustamante, who was already racing home on a suicide squeeze play, scored easily from third.

"As soon as I saw the passed ball, I was already going, and I knew I was going to be there," Bustamante said. "It was an awesome feeling."

Loree pitched a complete game and struck out seven, but she also



Mario Sarmento/Staff Photo

West Boca Raton High has won five straight games since the playoffs started, and the Bulls are in the Class 5A state semifinals for the second straight year.

others.

Now the Bulls (17-12) are back where they thought they'd be at the start of the season, in the Class

5A state semifinals. West Boca will play Newsome High in Plant City next Friday at 7 p.m.

keep on peaking," Hoyt said. "Last year, we were there all year. Now we just keep on going up. I feel "Now, all of a sudden we just like we're ready."

West Boca, American Heritage advance to semis

NEWS STAFF REPORTS

Brian Busch (8-0) allowed just three hits and one earned run and went 2-for-3 with an RBI to help lead the West Boca Raton baseball team to a 3-1 win over Sebastian River High in a Class 5A regional quarterfinal Tuesday.

The Bulls (25-4) will play at St. Thomas Aquinas in a regional semifinal on Friday.

Sebastian River (15-14) scored its lone run in the first inning on a wild pitch from Busch.

Sean Bukovich led off the bottom of the first for the Bulls with a walk. Matt Cornwell sacrificed him



Stallions celebrate titles

By Mario Sarmento SPORTS EDITOR

American Heritage-Delray celebrated its boys and girls tennis teams, which both won Class 1A state championships, with a trophy presentation in the school gymnasium on Wednesday.

"It went really well," American Heritage coach Brian Schleifer said. "It was just nice to have everyone get recognized."

The entire school, from third grade up, was invited to the celebration, where the players were given their state championship medallions and presented their state championship trophies to the headmaster. In addition to winning the team competitions for boys and girls, four of the five boys won individual state titles, going undefeated along the way. For the second straight year, Joe Cadogan won No. 1 singles, as he did at the regional and district levels, and he was part of the overall state doubles championship with Jamal Adderly. Rehki Little, Sho Higuchi and Chris Lawson joined Cadogan as the other singles championship winners. On the girls' side, Nicole Stanziola went undefeated and claimed the No. 2 singles title, and Maria Lazeris also went undefeated and captured the title at

No. 3 singles.

The pair also teamed up to win the doubles championship.

Both boys and girls' teams had to defeat formidable opponents on the way to the title, and both defeated Nick Bolliteri's Bradenton Prep girls and boys teams in the finals.

'They came out so determined and so focused," Schleifer said.

One year ago, the girls lost to Ransom Everglades in the final, and the boys team was soundly beaten by Sagemont School at regionals.

Schleifer said those losses drove his kids, adding, "We worked hard to make sure we got another chance."

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to second with a bunt, then Bukovich scored on Busch's single up the middle. Mason Mattlin followed with an RBI single to make it 2-1.

panelli singled to right and scored on Mark Sanchez's single to right.

In a Class 2A regional quarterfinal Tuesday, Brian Knapp went 2-for-3 with two runs and one RBI and Chris Fox went 1for-2 with three RBI and two runs scored to help American Heritage rout Coral Springs Christian 12-1 in five innings.

Billy O'Connor was 1-for-3 with two RBI for the Stallions (22-6), who will host Miami-Palmer Trinity in Friday's regional semifinals.

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In the fourth inning, C.J. Cam-

In a Class 3A regional quar-Plantation-American

Jon Way/Special to the News

Sean Bukovich and the West Boca Raton High baseball team advanced to the Class 5A regional semifinals Tuesday with a 3-1 win against Sebastian River High.

Heritage routed Pope John Paul Boca Raton in Thursday night's for touchdowns. II High 13-2.

Hector Sanchez had a two-run homer and Eric Homer added a solo home run to help the Patriots (23-5) defeat the Eagles (9-19).

Ryan Tufts and Rich Lobkowicz each had an RBI for the Eagles.

Volleyball

Spanish River High swept Atlantic High 25-5, 25-14, 25-20 in the District 10 Volleyball tournament at Boca Raton High Tuesday.

final at 7 p.m.

The Bobcats (13-4) outlasted West Boca Raton 26-28, 25-21, 25-23, 16-25, 15-12.

Flag football

West Boca Raton quarterback Rachael Espendez threw for two touchdowns and rushed for another as the Bulls defeated Lake Worth 26-6 in a second-round state play-in game on Tuesday.

Bulls wide receiver Dorothy The Sharks (23-3) will meet Dorvilier caught two passes, both

West Boca will host the state championship, along with all quarterfinal and semifinal games this weekend.

The first score was set up by a bad snap on a Lake Worth punt that put West Boca at the Trojans' 5-yard line.

On fourth down, Espendez scrambled for an 8-yard touchdown to give the Bulls a 7-0 lead. Late in the half, Espendez connected with Dorvilier for a 34yard TD to make it 14-0.

New football hires

Spanish River High and Pope John Paul II High will have new coaches on the sideline this year.

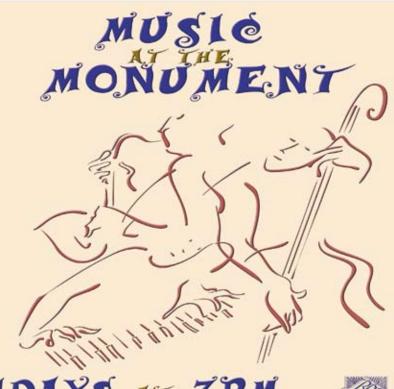
Mike Dudeck takes over for Dirk Moran at Pope after spending the last three years as the Eagles' defensive coordinator.

Moran is leaving for personal reasons to return to his native Puerto Rico.

Dudeck is also a math teacher at Pope.

"I was very pleased," he said. "To tell you the truth, I applied for

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<u>16</u> FAU softball seeks conference crown

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

With the Sun Belt Conference regular-season title on the line, the FAU softball team will face Florida International at home in a three-game set to end the conference schedule before squaring off with Stetson to end the regular season.

The Owls (33-22, 13-8 SBC) are one game back of Troy (14-7 SBC), who sits atop the conference standings, and a half-game back of Louisiana-Lafayette (13-7) in second-place.

FAU can finish no worse than fifth and a single FAU win or a single South Alabama (10-10) loss will mean they can finish no worse than fourth. Middle Tennessee (12-8) currently sits a halfgame back of the Owls in fourth.

In order to earn the regularseason title, FAU must sweep the Golden Panthers and get some help both ULL and Troy hold the tie-breakers by virtue of the season-series. Troy must lose at least two games to South Alabama, and Louisiana-Lafayette has to lose at least once to Louisiana-Monroe this weekend.

Mandie Fishback, a Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year candidate, enters the final week batting .351 with seven home runs and 29 RBI.

She took her first SBC Player of the Week honor for her efforts last week against Western Kentucky and Middle Tennessee, and leads the Owls in batting average, doubles, home runs, total bases, slugging percentage, on-base percentage and fielding percentage. She was 10-for-16 with three home runs in FAU's 5-1 road trip last week.

Blair Bodenmiller leads the Owls with 30 RBI. She also sits atop the conference with 20 RBI in conference play.

Jenna Lopez leads FAU with 16 stolen bases, the sixth-best total in the Sun Belt, and has been hit by the pitch a school-record 13 times this season, the 15th highest total in the nation.

Jen Musillo, who earned her second SBC Pitcher of the Week honors for her five-win week during FAU's road trip, is the ace of the pitching staff.



Special to the News

FAU shortstop Mandie Fishback is one of the leading candidates for Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year. The Owls take on FIU and Stetson to end the regular season. FAU is just one game behind conference leader Troy in the Sun Belt.

She leads the conference in ERA at 1.35 and conference victories with 12. In 186 2/3 innings of work, she has struck out 220 batters and held opponents to a .181 batting average. The Owls' team ERA of 2.04 is among the top 50 in the nation and Musillo is in the top 40 among individuals.

Despite a batting average that ranks seventh in conference play, the Owls have scored the second-most runs with 85, just three behind Louisiana-Lafayette which has scored 88. The Owls lead the Sun Belt with a 2.28 ERA in conference play and with 150 strikeouts. FAU has the Sun Belt's top-rated defense with a .969 fielding percentage.

The Golden Panthers have the Sun Belt's fourth-ranked offense with a .258 batting average in conference play but have scored just 66 runs on the year, the third-lowest total in the conference. Their pitching staff ranks fifth with a 2.58 ERA and the team's defense is tied atop the conference with FAU with a .969 fielding percentage. Kim Rodriguez ranks fourth in the Sun Belt with a .387 batting average, 87 points behind Fishback's conference-best .474 clip. Monique White has seven home runs to tie her for the lead in conference play and has scored 16 runs, which ties her for fourth.

Penni Eastman has been the Golden Panthers' best pitcher in conference action, posting a 1.93 ERA and a 6-4 clip. She has struck out 45 in 65 1/3 innings of work

FAU will wrap up the regular season in a non-conference game against Stetson. The Owls defeated the Hatters 6-4 on April 19 to improve their series edge to 32-15 all-time.

FAU's three-game set with Florida International will kick off with a doubleheader on Friday, starting at 6 p.m. at FAU Softball Stadium. Saturday's game, scheduled for 6 p.m., is also senior night.

The Owls' final regular season game, against Stetson, is scheduled for May 7 at 2 p.m.

Chiera Golf Classic raises more Than \$170,000 for summer camp

Lynn baseball falls to St. Thomas

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The Lynn University baseball team dropped its final road game of the regular season, 12-1 to St. Thomas University Tuesday night. The Fighting Knights managed eight hits as they fell to 32-21 overall.

Lynn didn't have a runner advance past second base until the ninth inning.

Steven Somers scored the Blue and White's lone run on a balk by reliever Tim Davis.

St. Thomas (42-12-1) scored in four of the first five innings and was aided by five Fighting Knights' errors.

Nicolas Boisvert led LU with two hits.

The Blue and White return to action Friday at 3 p.m. when they host Florida Southern in the final home series of the regular season.

Lynn golf

The Lynn women's golf team dropped two spots to sixth at the NCAA South Regional Tournament despite improving threestrokes from the previous day.

Natasha Morgan remains in contention for medalist honors after closing the day's play tied for fifth individually.

Morgan and Brandt each saw a one-stroke decline on day two, carding rounds of 75 and 76. Maha Haddioui made out the best in the second round, decreasing her score by five strokes from round one to shoot a 76.

Megan Mangone and Manavi Halwasiya shot rounds of 84 and 85, respectively.

Lynn (625) shot a 311 on the day but remains 14 strokes behind co-leaders Florida Southern (611) and Rollins College.

West Florida is close behind at 612, with Nova Southeastern (616) still in the thick of things.

The top two teams advance to the NCAA Division II National Golf Championship in Pensacola,

Four tennis players earn all-SSC honors

Four Lynn University men's tennis players collected All-Sunshine State Conference honors for the 2007 campaign.

Three Fighting Knights earned first team accolades while Head



Mike Perez

first team selections Julien Carsuzaa, Lorenzo Cava and Dennis Riegraf. Half of the six first team recipients represented the Blue and White.

Carsuzaa, a sophomore, earned first team honors for the second consecutive season. Named Freshman of the Year last season, he went 15-3 playing primarily in the second position. Carsuzaa was 13-3 in the second position and 2-0 at No. 3 singles.

Cava, a sophomore as well, was also named to the second team for the second year in a row. Currently the No. 2 player in the country, he spent two weeks in the top spot while putting together a 17-2 record solely at No. 1 singles.

The tandem of Cava and Carsuzaa was also named first team in doubles as well, compiling an 11-5 record in the top position. Cava picks up first team doubles honors for the second year in a row while Carsuzaa was a second team selection a year ago.

Rounding out the first team selections was senior Dennis Riegraf. Leading the SSC with 19 victories and only two losses, he also firmly imprinted his name in the Lynn record books.

Riegraf became the program's alltime leader in doubles wins in 2007 and is just three singles wins away from tying that LU record as well.

Picking up second team honors was sophomore Denis Reinert. Undefeated in SSC play, he put together a 17-1 record playing primarily in the fourth position.

Riegraf and Reinert also teamed to earn second team doubles honors.

The pair went 15-1 splitting time between the second and third positions.

Lynn returns to action this week as it hosts the 2007 Southeast Region Championships at the McCusker Sports Complex. The Knights begin first round play against Catawba College on Thursday at 10 a.m.

tennis players garnered All-Sunshine State Conference honors for the 2007 campaign, as announced by the league office today. Head Coach Mike Perez was also selected Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season and an SSC record sixth time.

Perez' also won Coach of the Year honors on the men's side, repeating in back-to-back seasons with both squads. He also led the Fighting Knights to consecutive SSC Championships with both teams, the first time that has been done in conference history. In his 18th season with the Blue and White, Perez recently collected his 600th career victory earlier this season.

Leading the way for the Knights was first team selection Alexandra Schunk. A second team choice a year ago, Schunk tallied an 18-4 record playing primarily in the second position. She went 5-1 at No. 1, 12-3 at No. 2, and 1-0 at No. 3 singles.

Picking up second team honors after being named Player of the Year last season, junior Victoria Weltz earned All-SSC accolades for the third time. Playing mostly in the top position, she tallied a 12-8 overall record including 10-7 at No. 1 and 2-1 at No. 2 singles.

Also on the second team was senior Gedvile Norkute, the Blue and White's Most Valuable Player in 2007. Earning the same honor a season ago, she led the Knights with a 19-1 record playing primarily in the third position. Norkute went 3-0 at No. 2, 12-1 at No. 3, 3-0 at No. 4, and 1-0 at No. 5 singles.

Rounding out the singles accolades, freshman Katerina Jiskrova was named honorable mention in her rookie season. Playing primarily at the third and fourth positions, she went 0-1 at No. 2, 5-1 at No. 3, 10-1 at No. 4, and 1-0 at No. 5 singles.

The duo Schunk and Weltz were also named second team in doubles. Posting an undefeated 19-0 record, the tandem went 2-0 at the top spot and 17-0 in the second position. Weltz picked up first team honors a year ago while Schunk was named honorable mention in 2006.

Lynn returns to action this week as it hosts the 2007 Southeast Region Championships at the Mc-Cusker Sports Complex. The Knights begin first round play against Newberry College on Friday at 10 a.m.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

More than 200 golfers, tennis players and celebrity athletes joined recently at The 14th Annual Nicholas R. Chiera Golf and Tennis Classic to support American Cancer Society's "Reaching Out to Cancer Kids" (R.O.C.K.) programs.

The annual dinner and golf and tennis extravaganza, held at Ibis Golf and Country Club, raised \$170.000, which included a generous donation of \$21,000 from charity supporter and Florida Panthers player Olli Jokinen. For next year, Jokinen and his wife pledged to donate \$1,000 for every

home goal scored throughout the sends families dealing with canregular season.

This year's presenting sponsor was once again KSM Electronics and their owners, Mel Zucker and Steve Benjamin. Raising \$1.9 million in 14 years, the Chiera event has become the single largest fundraiser for Reaching Out to Cancer Kids, a program that sends local, cancer-afflicted children to a very special summer camp at the Boggy Creek Camp facility in Eustis.

In addition to sending kids to summer camp, the event also funds and awards two college scholarships to cancer survivors as well as cer to a weekend retreat in Disney World. Speakers at the event this year included cancer survivor and R.O.C.K. college scholarship recipient, Ella Leung, who is currently attending the University of Miami, as well as Savanah Frye and Kyle Pacheco, R.O.C.K. campers.

Beginning with a fundraising dinner and auction at the Delray Beach Marriott, the event included golf and tennis tournaments, with special appearances by sports celebrities including Olli Jokinen, Stephen Weiss and Jay Bouwmeester of the Florida Panthers.

Coach Mike Perez was also selected Coach of the Year for the Women make All-SSC second consecutive season. Highlighting the awards were

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it last time as well."

Dudeck was one of five candidates interviewed by a seven-person search committee.

With Moran resigning so close to Tuesday, the start of spring practices, Dudeck became the obvious choice due to the smooth transition.

"Coach Moran and I have similar philosophies," he said.

Dudeck has already hired an offensive coordinator to run the spread offense that Moran installed last season.

Four Lynn University women's

Tuesday, he said 37 players came out for the first day of practice, with another 12-13 to follow in the next few days.

With last year's starting quarterback, Ryan Tufts, graduating, backup Phil Brinkman is the likely candidate to be the next Eagles' quarterback.

This year, Pope won't have to deal with West Boca Raton, Pahokee or Glades Central on its schedule, but the Eagles still have to go against Boca Raton,

district rival and state runnerup Clewiston and other larger schools.

Still, coming off of last year's two-win season, Dudeck said he thinks the program will continue to rise.

"I expect us to have a better record than we did last year," he said.

At River, Perry Schneider takes over for Bob Braunstein after back-to-back 1-9 seasons.

Schneider has coached for 32 years, and was previously at Taravella High.



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