

"To deny that [the people] are frequently led into the grossest of errors, by misinformation and passion, would be a flattery which their own good sense must despise." Alexander Hamilton

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Let's start in our own backyard

Creed lead singer advises, donates \$10,000 to Haven boys

Don Stewart, Executive Director of the Haven, shown left, Jacqueline Stapp, and Scott Stapp, lead singer of Creed. The Stapps recently donated \$10,000 to the Haven, an alternative home for boys placed in protective care by the state. Page 9

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Amended bill approved to annex 1,949 acres in Southwest Boca Raton

But will it matter?

By John Johnston
MANAGING EDITOR

"We worked hard all session, and we've reached a great compromise," State Rep. Adam Hasner (R-Delray Beach) told the *Boca Raton News*.

West Boca Raton residents have been concerned about a proposed Broward County annexation of about 1,949 acres on the Broward side of the Hillsboro Canal, but land actually part of Palm Beach County.

The concern is that, and without a ban on extending both Riverside Drive and University Drive back across the canal, the proposed development of about 2,800 homes on about 1,500 of those annexed acres, would

mean heretofore relatively quiet Southwest Boca Raton, would become road congestion central.

However, the interests of those Southwest Boca Raton residents "are preserved," in an amended annexation bill, said Hasner.

Bill Amended

After numerous local skirmishes and much posturing by both proponents and opponents of the annexation plan, the new Hasner sponsored bill recently sailed through both legislative bodies, and now "has gone to the Governor," Hasner said. The governor is expected to sign the bill soon.

The amended annexation bill, however, contains language that - and while it appeases the Boca Raton residents - also effectively

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(Rebecca Coleman/Society Editor)

"Book Tour by Proxy"

Three weeks prior to heading out on a national book tour for her new book, *Murder with Reservations*, top selling Fort Lauderdale-based author, Elaine Viets, suffered a stroke. A group of Viets' friends, Boca Raton News book reviewer and author, Prudy Taylor Board; *Murder at the beach* book store owner, Joanne Sinchuk; and authors, Randy Rawls, Barbara Parker and Kristee Montee decided the show must go on and launched the first in a book-tour-by-proxy concept. The idea caught on and Viets' friends in 25 states will host similar events. Pictured at the Viets book launch at *Murder on the Beach* are Prudy Taylor Board, Randy Rawls, Joanne Sinchuk, Barbara Parker and Kristee Montee holding a photograph of Elaine Viets and copies of her books.

Church creates classroom space

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

A church in the north end of Boca Raton has gotten the City Council's approval to enclose a walkway to create additional classroom space.

The council unanimously approved the request of Ascension Catholic Church at 7250 N. Federal Highway to enclose the existing covered walkway and turn that area into classrooms. City Planner Susan Lesser said enclosing the walkway would create just over 1,000 square feet of space.

No one spoke against the proposal at a City Council hearing Tuesday night. Lesser said the church will also make changes around its 7.5-acre site to meet city codes. She said the church will add landscaping and install a bus shelter in front of the building. A second access driveway will be added, she said.

She said the church has 252 parking spaces, more than enough to meet the city's requirement of 250.

The church was built in 1977, she said, and two one-story buildings — for administrative and residential use — were added in 1992.

The Planning & Zoning Board gave the project a favorable recommendation at its March 22 meeting.

Other business

In other business, the council voted to eliminate two easements on the property at 900 South Ocean Blvd. to allow the Boca Raton Resort & Club to renovate its beach club on the east side of the Intracoastal.

The easements — one for utilities, the other for ingress and egress — are "in conflict with the proposed development," said Planning & Zoning Director Carmen Annunziato.

Following a public hearing, the council also voted to give the Environmental Advisory Board the authority to review and approve dune management plans seaward of the coastal construction control line if the plans do not involve buildings or infrastructure.

The council also approved a contract with Seating Constructors USA Inc. to replace the bleachers at Sugar Sand Park and Florida Atlantic University, at a cost of \$61,958.

City officials also voted to purchase about \$1.2 million worth of automobiles and light trucks for city use. The buys will be spread about eight dealers.

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(Special to the News)

Morton's partners with Red Cross

Morton's The Steakhouse is partnering with the American Red Cross and the nation's leading women in wine to recognize America's "Women of Spirit" at exclusive wine dinners to be held May 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Morton's restaurants in 38 cities, including the Boca Raton location at 5050 Town Center Circle. Morton's will donate a portion of the ticket proceeds from the dinner and a silent auction to the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Laura DePasquale, shown, master sommelier with Palm Bay Imports, will host the wine dinner in the private dining boardroom at the Boca Raton location.

Boca man to head capital campaign for Miami Science Museum

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boca Raton resident William E. Fenton Jr. recently joined the Miami Science Museum as the senior vice-president of development, where he will be responsible for directing the \$275 million capital campaign.

The Miami Science Museum recently launched the campaign to build a 200,000 square-foot facility in Museum Park, formerly known as Bicentennial Park.

"In planning to open the doors

of our new building in 2011, we are looking to the best and brightest in the field to lead our capital campaign over the next few years," said Gillian Thomas, museum president and CEO.

"Bill comes to the museum with more than 30 years of professional experience. We look forward to the expertise and insight he will bring to building and expanding the Miami Science Museum in South Florida."

Before joining the Miami Sci-

ence Museum, Fenton was vice president for institutional advancement at Southern Catholic College in Georgia and at Barry University in Miami, where he managed capital campaigns. Fenton also served as CEO of three American Red Cross chapters, most recently in Palm Beach County, where he helped raise \$15 million for Hurricane Andrew disaster relief.

"From a model 'green' facility to a wildlife center and aquarium, I look forward to the part I will play to bringing a new state-of-the-art science building to South Florida," Fenton said. "I welcome the challenge to inspire the museum's vision in potential donors and visitors."

Fenton received his bachelor's degree from the University Of Notre Dame, master's degree from Stan-



William E. Fenton Jr.

ford University, and is a Ph.D. candidate at Barry University.

The Miami Science Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute.

Police Blotter

Digging machine hits gas line

Sheriff's deputies closed the section of SW 18th Street from Powel Road to Military Trail west of Boca Raton Tuesday morning after a digging machine struck a gas line and caused an explosion and fire, said Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue.

No one was hurt, officials said. A spokeswoman for the nearby Edgewater Pointe Estates retirement community said residents there were uninjured, and had access in and out through a rear gate.

Investigators said the apparatus was working for Comcast Cable.

Trespassers charged

Boca Raton police arrested a Tampa resident about 3:45 a.m. April 28 at a Boca home. A report said he was visiting his girlfriend and refused to leave after being

told several times to do so. Earlier that morning, police said, the pair had an altercation, and the man threw a picture frame at the woman, hitting her in the head. She signed a refusal to prosecute form, police said.

In another incident, Boca Raton police arrested two men for trespassing and for loitering and prowling about 4:15 a.m. April 28 after they were found hiding in a kiosk at the Town Center at Boca Raton mall, police said.

Shed entered

Boca Raton police responded to a call about a burglary at a maintenance shed at Broken Sound Country Club about 6 a.m. April 28. Officers said the suspects pried open a door and removed a computer, four chain saws and three hedge trimmers.

OBITUARIES



Phyllis Bridge Dow

Phyllis (Yager) Bridge Dow passed away on May 4, 2007 following a long illness. She was a resident of Boca Raton for 40 years. A loving wife and dedicated mother, she was born to Eva Yager and Amos D. Bridge on June 2, 1920 and lived in Hazardville, CT. Prior to marrying, Phyllis worked in Washington, D.C. as a writer and journalist, her final job being at The Washington Post. Phyllis married her beloved husband, Tsung-I Dow, Professor Emeritus at Florida Atlantic University, on March 9, 1952 and was a devoted mother to their four children. Following the birth of their first child, Jonathan, who was born profoundly deaf, she returned to college studying deaf education and speech pathology to best assist in raising Jonathan. The love and attention she gave to Jonathan's special needs was equally

shared with her other children and captured the spirit and care she devoted to her children. Phyllis is survived by Tsung-I, her husband of 55 years, and her children, Jonathan and his wife, Shoham, of Bat Shelmo, Israel, Alexandra of New York City, Deborah and, her husband, Glenn Hutchins, of Rye, NY, and Christopher of Flagstaff, AZ along with seven grandchildren, Shai, Gil and Zohar Dow, Nicholas and Isabella Dow, and James A. and Philip Bridge Hutchins, who was named after his maternal grandmother. Phyllis was predeceased by her sister, Janet Brown of East Lansing, MI, and is survived by her brother, Allyn G. Bridge and his wife, Charlene, of Moreno Valley, CA. Phyllis volunteered extensively while living in Boca Raton and relished her chats with her children's friends. She and her husband traveled extensively and treasured their role as grandparents. A memorial service will be held in Boca Raton at Hospice By The Sea on May 12th from 1 to 3 p.m. followed by a memorial service in Washington, D.C. in June, 2007. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The March of Dimes.

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North Broward Preparatory Schools (NBPS) appoints Dr. Kathleen Rotella as Director of Lower Schools

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Kathleen Rotella, a 30-year veteran in the field of private education, will join the North Broward Preparatory Schools (NBPS) as Director of Lower Schools. The position becomes effective July 1.

"Dr. Rotella brings a consistent record of high achievement to our lower school campuses in Coconut Creek and Coral Springs, Florida," said NBPS Headmaster David V. Hicks. The school serves students residing in Boca Raton as well.

As Director of the Lower and Intermediate Schools at Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Miami, Dr. Rotella developed strong physical education, summer, after-school, and laptop technology programs. More recently, she headed up the middle school at St. Mark's in Fort Lauderdale. There, she designed a schedule that prioritized academic excellence and extra-curricular activities with the physiological characteristics of middle school children.

In 2006, Dr. Rotella was selected as one of 71 Fellows for special training as heads of schools by the National Association of Independent Schools. She participated in a leadership institute, attended a series of NAIS conference workshops, and completed a leadership project that focused on analyzing students' standardized test scores

and using the findings to develop individual student profiles and customized teaching strategies that improved performance.

Dr. Rotella received a bachelor of science degree in Education from Florida International University followed by a master's degree in Physical Education from the University of Miami. She resumed her studies years later and earned a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Rotella moved to South Florida in 1960. She and her husband currently live in the Coral Ridge area of Fort Lauderdale.

Dr. Rotella also serves as vice president of the Broward County Non-Public School Association. Among her responsibilities are the planning and coordination of the organization's annual Pinnacle Awards luncheon.

"More important than any of these achievements are her love of children and her delight in working with teachers, parents and students," Hicks said. "Kathleen [Kitty] is very enthusiastic about her new appointment. Additionally, with her love of family and sports, she plans to be visible at both NBPS campuses and looks forward to the school year with high hopes and high expectations."

Continuing, Hicks said, "We, too, have our sights set on the stars next year and I am confident that, under Dr. Rotella's caring leadership, our children will reach those stars."

The North Broward Preparatory Schools (NBPS) is one of the oldest private college preparatory institutions in the area, having

been established 50 years ago. It is a member of The Meritas Family of Schools worldwide, which provides NBPS students with travel and enrichment opportunities not available at other area college preparatory schools.

Contact www.nbps.org or 954-736-4694.

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County accepting bids for workforce housing property

By John Johnston

MANAGING EDITOR

Palm Beach County is currently soliciting bids to purchase a .26-acre parcel of improved land at 328 Urquhart Street in Lake Worth. A 1,152 square foot single-family home sits on the property.

For the past three years the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBCSO) has used the property as a community revitalization substation; the property was acquired through foreclosure of code enforcement liens in January 2003, and is no longer needed in the area.

The county has set the minimum bid at \$109,000, according to Property Specialist Nicholas Lambiase, Jr. However, sale of the property does come with some restrictions, Lambiase told *The Boca Raton News*. If some within three years of its purchase, the property:

- Must be homesteaded.
- Must be sold to someone earning not more than 140 percent of the area median income.

In 2003, the property was appraised in "as is" condition at \$67,000. Law Enforcement Trust Funds were used for the acquisition of, and improvements to the property. Today, the property is assessed at \$109,214 and was recently appraised at \$200,000, Lambiase said.

Open House

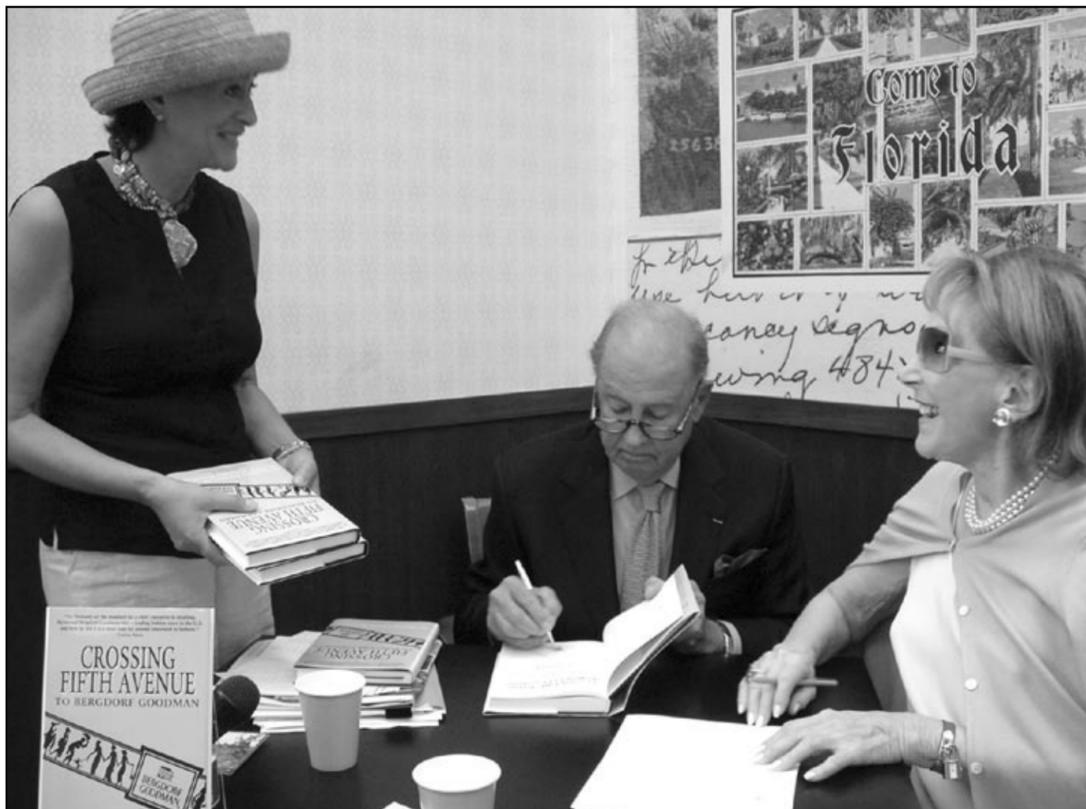
Proceeds from the sale will be used to reimburse the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, with the excess going into the county's general fund. A 10 percent preference in the ranking of bids will be given to PBC governmental employees, including employees of the board of county commissioners, sheriff's office, clerk and comptroller, property appraiser, tax collector, supervisor of elections and school board.

Additionally, Lambiase said that bids will only be considered from persons whose household incomes do not exceed 140 percent of the local area median income, as determined by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and adjusted for family size. The property is being sold "as is" and subject to the aforementioned deed restrictions.

A property open house will be held Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lambiase said, adding that all bids must be received by 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 16. Bids will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration in June.

Further information may be obtained from Lambiase at (561) 233-0237.

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(Rebecca Coleman/Society Editor)

Signing at Barnes & Noble

Ira Neimark, former CEO of Bergdorf Goodman, appeared at Barnes & Noble Boca Raton, May 5. Fresh from book-signings and speaking engagements in New York and Washington, Neimark spoke about his life in luxury retailing and signed copies of his new book, *Crossing Fifth Avenue to Bergdorf Goodman*. Neimark was an airman stationed in Boca during World War II. One of the guests at the book signing was Sheila Sheppard, pictured above with Ira Neimark and his wife Jacqueline. Sheppard, associate director for the Center for International Programs & Services at Lynn University, worked at Bergdorf Goodman when Neimark was CEO—the two had not met for over 20 years. Florida Atlantic University's Business School has invited Neimark to lecture in the fall.

FAU to host seminar on insurance, housing, transportation, and taxes

FROM STAFF REPORTS

South Florida leaders and the general public are invited to the Fourth Annual Regional Leadership Forum to be held at Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton campus on Wednesday, May 23, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at FAU's Live Oak Pavilion, University Center.

This forum will focus on pressing issues, including homeowners insurance, affordable and workforce housing, transportation gridlock and the impacts of reducing property taxes on the provision of services.

This forum has been designed to encourage discussion and debate among the panelists and participants, and to encourage attendees to help develop regional solutions

and take personal action.

"It is vital that community and business leaders be engaged at a regional level about the issues facing our region, if we want to remain globally competitive and meet our common goals," said Anne Hotte, executive director of the Leadership Broward Foundation, Inc.

The keynote speaker is Katy Sorenson, Miami-Dade County commissioner. The panel discussion on insurance will include Ellyn Bogdanoff and Jack Seiler, state representatives; Jim Drake, McKinley Financials and Lisa Miller, former deputy, Insurance Commission.

The housing panel will include Jim Carras, Carras Investments, and Suzanne Cabrera, ED Hous-

ing Leadership Council.

The transportation panel will include Jim Cummings, JA Cummings Construction; Allen Harper, Esslinger, Wooten, Maxwell Realtors; Jeff Koons, Palm Beach County commissioner and Joe Giulietti, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.

The local expenditure (taxes) panel will include Stacey Ritter and Lori Parrish, Broward County property appraiser.

This event is sponsored by the South Florida Leadership Council, a partnership organization dedicated to functioning as a catalyst for cooperation among leaders, creating synergy and vision for the benefit of the South Florida community. The council includes representatives from Leadership

Martin County, Leadership Palm Beach County, Leadership Broward and Leadership Miami.

Additional partners include the South Florida Regional Resource Center, a partnership between Florida Atlantic University's Center for Urban & Environmental Solutions, the Collins Center for Public Policy and the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils; Rothberg Associates; the Urban Land Institute Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council.

For more information on this forum, contact MaryBeth Burton at FAU at mburton@fau.edu or 954-762-5261.

Michael and Madelyn

Savarick Music Competition

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Department of Music in Florida Atlantic University's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters will host the 2007 Michael and

Madelyn Savarick Annual Music Competition May 12 at the University Theatre on FAU's Boca Raton campus.

The competition will start at 12:30 p.m. and there will be a free concert at 7:30 p.m. featuring performances by first-place winners along with performances by

guest visiting artist Dean Peterson (opera), Sean Murray (Tuba), Ed Turgeon (piano) and Heather Coltman (piano).

FAU's Department of Music would like to thank Madelyn Savarick for her generous support to underwrite this annual competition with additional support from Mr. and Mrs. Albert Maroone and the Wachovia Foundation for competition awards.

For further information, call 561-297-3820.

Boca Council to get workforce housing ordinance June 12

By Dale M. King

CITY EDITOR

It took a long time for Boca Raton's proposed workforce housing ordinance to come before a major municipal board.

And when it did, it didn't pass muster. The Planning & Zoning Board recently rejected the amendment to the city's comprehensive plan on a 3-3 vote. Tie votes are considered a loss.

Still, said Planning and Zoning Director Carmen Annunziato, the proposal will go to the City Council June 12 with a recommendation to deny. It will be presented as a resolution, with no discussion.

Because of summer break, a public hearing will not be held until Aug. 15. Then, Annunziato said, the measure goes to the Department of Community Affairs for review. A second hearing will be held 60 to 90 days later.

Lacks specifics

Some P&Z members said they feel the proposal lacks specific information about the process of creating workforce housing — also called "affordable housing." Also questioned at the meeting was the idea that a developer could pay to "opt out" of providing affordable housing.

Rick Coffin, one of the Planning Board members who voted in favor of the affordable housing ordinance, said he was not entirely pleased with it. "But it's

a start," he said.

"I felt we needed more information," said Coffin. "But it would be a first step. I was not content with the proposal, but it is necessary to move forward."

In a memo to the Planning Board, Annunziato said the ordinance creates 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."

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, paid \$3 million to opt out of the affordable housing plan. All units will be market-rate residences.

"The lack of affordable housing near employment centers in 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."

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Boca teacher receives excellence in teaching award

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

In her students' eyes, Carmen Ashley is the best teacher ever.

A recent award supports her students' praise.

Ashley recently received the 2007 Alma Award for Excellence in Teaching award. She was honored at an award ceremony held at the Parkland Country Club by the Alma Foundation, which recognizes outstanding teachers in private schools in Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.

"I felt honored to be recognized for something I do on a daily basis that I love to do," said Ashley, whose a sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade reading teacher at Saint Andrew's School in Boca Raton.

Ashley, an 8-year veteran of Saint Andrew's School, was also awarded a basket of chocolates and a \$1,000 check.

Middle School Head Ann Haynes praises Ashley for reaching students.

"Carmen was responsible for the creation and implementation of our new reading strategies and comprehension courses at Saint Andrew's Middle School," said Haynes. "She was selected for this honor because of the effective instruction that she provides

and the meaningful relationships that she fosters with all members of the Saint Andrew's community."

The Alma Foundation winners are selected not only for academic excellence, but also on dedication, extracurricular contributions, and personal character. Ashley has been teaching for ten years including at North More Elementary School in West Palm Beach and two years as a teaching assistant at the University of Florida.

"Overall, I love knowing I can make a difference with students on a daily basis," she said.

Ashley thinks she is popular with students because of her ability to cater to each student on an academic level and by tapping into students' natural curiosity for reading. Although learning critical reading skills has academic applications, Ashley believes that reading is a springboard for discussions of life's lessons.

"Students need to learn to be tenacious and passionate readers," she said. "I find it very rewarding to use my course to teach



(Special to the News)
Dr. Ann Marie Krejcarek, Assistant Head of School, shown left, Carmen Ashley, reading teacher, and Ann Haynes, Middle School Head. Ashley, a teacher at Saint Andrew's School in Boca Raton recently received the 2007 Alma Award for Excellence in Teaching.

that lesson."

Ashley found that reward as a student inspired by an English teacher.

"I've wanted to become a teacher since the ninth-grade. I had the same English teacher for four years and she was very inspiring and I wanted to be like her and help kids be better readers and writers," said Ashley.

She then went on to receive her bachelor's in elementary education, master's in reading education and specialist Ed. S. degree in reading education.

"I really enjoy being around

kids. I like their honesty and spirit for life. They're not jaded like adults," she said.

Each day, Ashley tries to connect her students to reading. She has beanbags and a sofa in her classroom where students can enjoy some free time to read any book they choose.

"I try to make a connection with the kids and make it relevant to their lives," she said. "I want to open new doors for them."

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TAKING STOCK

Is big oil running out of gas?

Dear Mr. Berko:

What do you think will happen to energy prices over the next couple of years and what do you think about investing in oil stocks? I missed the boat five years ago because I didn't have the money to invest. Now I've got about \$30,000 that (if you think this is the time) I'd like to put into various oil issues like Exxon, Conoco, BP, Chevron, etc. So I would appreciate your thoughts on the timeliness of investing in oil issues now and what you think the best oil stock investments would be for me. I just want to buy class. I'll be a long-term investor and do not want to speculate. My brother-in-law, who is an analyst for Merrill Lynch believes that oil prices could break below the \$50 level this year. That would be great but it would also be bad for oil stocks.

What are your thoughts?

N.W.

Kankee, Ill.

Dear N.W.:

The price of a barrel of crude oil resembles the speeding path of a giant Coney Island roller coaster. In mid-July 2006, oil nearly rose to \$80 a barrel and pundits, seers, gurus and the suits on the Street thought that the "crude stuff" was going to poke through \$100.

The price of oil will always do what it's supposed to do but never when it's expected to. As the momentum began to slow, world sentiment became moderately bearish and one could purchase all the crude he wanted at \$50 a barrel. In fact, some of the suits were certain crude was headed to the high \$30s and low \$40s. They were wrong once again. Oil reversed its downward plunge and moved from \$50 a barrel to over \$60 by February/March of this year.

The suits tell us that oil plunged from nearly \$80 to \$50 due to an unusually warm November, December and January. They're partially correct. Some say that the price of crude fell 25 percent (to \$60) because the Saudis, for political reasons, want to reduce Iran's petrol profits. I think that's tommyrot, but it sounds politically correct to American ears. The International Energy Agency tells us that "oil used by industrialized nations fell 0.6 percent last year, most likely a response to higher prices." While that's true, I strongly doubt that a 0.6 percent drop in demand would cause prices to crash by 25 percent.

I'm convinced that the real reason for the rise and subsequent crash in crude prices is not political, not warm weather nor reduced demand. Rather I believe it may be the ruthless traders at Lehman Brothers, Credit Suisse, Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs, UBS, CitiGroup and hedge funds who covertly and possibly in concert, create and thrive on price volatility. Their mastery at dissimulation, chimera, illusions and guile has generated record profits for Goldman, Lehman, Merrill, etc. The process of making money knows no loyalty, no country, no rules and is without conscience.

I believe oil prices will remain at this level for a good part of 2007 and we might even see oil at \$50 once again this year. However, I think that \$50 oil may be a floor price and I'm not enthusiastic about the stocks in the oil patch in 2007. I believe that we may become accustomed to oil at \$70 to \$75 a barrel for the next couple of years and perhaps watch the price head higher from there. The reason is simple as Simon: falling reserves and dwindling supplies.

It's acknowledged that Mideast oil reserves are nearly half-empty.



Malcom Berko

The price of oil will always do what it's supposed to do but never when it's expected to. As the momentum began to slow, world sentiment became moderately bearish and one could purchase all the crude he wanted at \$50 a barrel.

New principal to lead Don Estridge High Tech Middle

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

The local school praised for technology and innovation will soon see a new face in charge.

And that leader already has about 12 years of administrative experience— and beyond that— years of educational knowledge under her belt.

Karen Whetsell will soon become the former principal of Crestwood Middle School in Royal Palm and the new head at Don Estridge High Tech Middle School

in Boca Raton.

"Sometimes an opportunity comes along and it's difficult to say no to," said Whetsell, who will take on the title of principal at Don Estridge sometime this summer. "It's a technology, magnet school and I have a great deal of technology and magnet experience. It was a good match."

Don Estridge school officials feel the same.

"She's a wonderful person and a perfect choice for Don Estridge. And she's already widely received

in the community," said Don Estridge High Tech Middle assistant principal Michael McCurdy.

Whetsell said she would continue with the technology program offered at the school but "there are a few things on the burner for next year." Those include a video game curriculum where students design video games and an artificial intelligence robotic system.

"The technology department has invested a lot of time and research into these two programs," she said. "I hope to tie the video



(Special to the News)

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game curriculum to academic standards and it gives the students some vision for the future."

As for Whetsell, her future wasn't always clear. As a college student, she was on her path to receiving a marketing degree until an elective course in education changed her mind.

"I walked out of that course believing that there is still a profession that can really make a difference," said Whetsell, who went on to obtain a degree in education and then became an elementary teacher.

Years later, a principal saw potential in Whetsell and convinced her to seek an administrative degree. She then went back to school and obtained a master's degree in education leadership. Later she became principal at Poinciana Elementary where she stayed for ten years and most recent Crestwood Middle.

"I enjoy the ability to work with teachers and make a school-wide impact on student achievement," she said.

Now she'll mold the young techie minds at Don Estridge.

CITY OF BOCA RATON PROPOSED FY 2007-08 ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN WITH FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Pursuant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 24 CFR Part 91, et al, Consolidated Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs, it is required that the City of Boca Raton submit an annual update (Action Plan) of its FY 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan. The 2007-08 Action Plan consists of a description of all activities that will be undertaken in FY 2007-08 (10/1/07 through 9/30/08) to address priority needs. The 2007-08 CDBG Entitlement allocation is \$496,413.

Notice of Plan Availability and Public Hearing

It is also required that the City of Boca Raton, before City Council adoption of the Action Plan, make the Plan available to citizens, agencies, and other interested parties for their review and comment. At least 30 days must be allowed to receive these comments and they should be considered in the preparation of the final Plan.

In compliance with the above requirement, the City of Boca Raton hereby informs the community that the FY 2007-08 Action Plan will be available at the Community Improvement Office, City Hall, Room 240, 201 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33432, from May 10 to June 8, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, telephone 561-393-7797 (561-367-7046 for the hearing impaired.)

An additional opportunity to comment on the 2007-08 Action Plan will be provided at a public hearing to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 8, 2007 in the First Floor Conference Room at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. Written comments are encouraged and may be submitted at the hearing or mailed to the address listed above by no later than June 8, 2007. Copies of the proposed Action Plan will also be available during normal business hours at the following locations.

Boca Raton Public Library 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Boca Raton, FL 33432	Lois Martin Community Center 1350 N. Dixie Highway Boca Raton, FL 33432	New Pines Neighborhood Center 300 Newcastle Street Boca Raton, FL 33487
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Teresa McClurg, Community Improvement Administrator
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Williamson named poetry festival assistant director

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Palm Beach Poetry Festival recently announced the appointment of Susan R. Williamson as Assistant Director.

Williamson will work with founding director Miles Coon to continue to bring some of the nation's most prominent poets to South Florida.

Now a resident of both Boca Raton and Charlottesville, Virginia, Williamson has previously worked with the Virginia Festival of the Book, the Charlottesville Writing Center, as editor-in-chief of Streetlight Magazine, and as an associate publisher at Tupelo Press.

"Susan brings great experience in literary event planning and community outreach, plus she is herself a prize-winning poet," said Coon. "She definitely has a lot to offer to every aspect of the Palm Beach Poetry Festival, which completed its third annual event last January with 96 workshop participants from 21 different states and the U.K."

"Every year we attract talented workshop participants and the best faculty poets to South Florida," said Coon, who shares more than a love for poetry with Williamson. They are both graduates of the University of Virginia. "Susan and I have had long discussions about the role that poetry and poets play in our culture. Through the Festival, we hope to transform those people who now dismiss poems as difficult to understand or who might have had a negative poetry experience while in grade school."

"When I attended the 2007 Palm Beach Poetry Festival, I once again became excited about the possibilities of extending the audience for poetry," added Williamson. "Miles has found a way to host some of the best poets writ-



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ing in America today and he's offering those who travel here and the local community a priceless opportunity. I am thrilled to be part of the Palm Beach Poetry Festival."

Details on the next Palm Beach Poetry Festival, scheduled for Jan. 21-26 at Old School Square in Delray Beach, will be announced soon. The fourth annual festival is presented in partnership by Palm Beach Poetry Festival, Inc. and Old School Square Cultural Arts Center.

The Palm Beach Poetry Festival is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering the writing, reading, performance, and appreciation of poetry by presenting an annual festival and other poetry events in Palm Beach County that feature America's finest poets. The goal is to provide a nationally recognized learning opportunity for writers of poetry and a world-class, life-enriching series of cultural events for our listening audiences. As a Florida nonprofit corporation, part of the Festival's mission is to organize educational outreach programs that bring the pleasures of poetry to Palm Beach County.

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(Special to the News)

Wycliffe Charities Foundation board member Howard Kronhaus, shown left, Wycliffe Charities Foundation President Marian Rubin, Hospice of Palm Beach County President and CEO Dave Fielding, and Wycliffe Charities Foundation board member Bob Nass.

Wycliffe Charities Supports Hospice of Palm Beach County

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Hospice of Palm Beach County is the recipient of a \$25,000 donation from the Wycliffe Charities Foundation, Inc.

Members presented the check to Hospice of Palm Beach County President and CEO Dave Fielding April 20. The funds will be used

to support Hospice of Palm Beach County's patient care program.

"The members of the Wycliffe Charities Foundation have generously supported Hospice of Palm Beach County for more than a decade," said Fielding. "We are more than grateful for their long-standing commitment to our or-

ganization."

"Hospice of Palm Beach County does wonderful things for so many people," said Marian Rubin, President of Wycliffe Charities Foundation. "This is our way of giving back." Since 1996, members and residents of the Lake Worth Community have

given over \$183,000 to support Hospice of Palm Beach County programs. The donations have supported a variety of Hospice of Palm Beach County services including its pharmacy and Music Therapy program.

SPCA says 3,500 people and pets took part in fundraising walk

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jonathan Lappin, CEO and executive director of the SPCA Wildlife Care Center, has announced that the organization's recent Walk for Wildlife 2007 and a special VIP Reception the night before raised approximately \$100,000.

For the second year in a row, Jeff Corwin, the Emmy-winning host on the Animal Planet cable network, headlined both events. Some people from Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties participated in WCC's fifth annual Walk for Wildlife, a 1.25-mile walk that took place in Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach. Many of the human walkers were accompanied by their companion animals, including snakes, iguanas, dogs, cats, ferrets, parrots, lizards and skunks.

It was the largest event in WCC's 38-year history, Lappin said, representing a 75 percent increase in number of participants over last year's Walk.

Corwin kicked off the walk, posed for pictures with the crowd, and participated in an official ribbon-cutting with Jeffrey Arciniaco, WCC's board president; Lt. Sherry Schlueter, board vice president and CEO Lappin. Deerfield Beach Mayor Albert R. Capellini proclaimed April 2007 as SPCA Wildlife Care Center Month.

The day's activities included a special FunZone from Wando City, bounce houses, a rock climbing wall, games and competitions, educational programs. Home Depot helped kids build birdhouses, and other items. Live music was provided by the Burnt Biscuit

Band.

The night before the Walk, Jeff Corwin joined Jon Lappin and about 100 people at a special VIP Reception at Northern Trust Bank's Rooftop Garden in Fort Lauderdale.

In addition, Keyes Company Realtors of Lighthouse Point pledged to donate 10 percent of its net commission to WCC when someone sells or purchases a property through Sue Jessen, Grace Rocco or Rich Carlson, and specifically requests this special donation to the SPCA Wildlife Care Center.

"This year's walk represented a 75 percent increase in number of attendees," said Lappin. "This type of response is a clear indication that South Florida residents are beginning to embrace our wildlife populations and their declining prospects due to explosive land development, abuse and the undesirable intersection with human populations."

Serving the tri-county area, the mission of WCC is to rescue, rehabilitate and release native wildlife that have been harmed or displaced; to treat and place certain domestic, exotic and farm animals and to educate the public toward co-existence with all animals.

With five acres of property, three full-time ambulances, the help of 70 employees and 600 volunteers, WCC is home to some 700 injured, harmed or orphaned wildlife at any given time.



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Save-a-Pet founder Gertrude Maxwell with Jeff Corwin, Emmy-winning host from the Animal Planet network.



Ardath Rosengarden, shown left, and Joseph Fedaesek

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Ian M. Berkowitz

Congress leveling the contractual playing field for small businesses

Congress has done it again, this time, in favor of small business. As a regular business traveler to Washington, D.C., I always try to pay a visit to the "Hill" in order to see what's going on with Congress and their activities related to small businesses. Having spent a lot of time in Washington, D.C., small-business issues are great for sound bites, but are often lean in substance.

A few weeks ago, I was in Washington, D.C., and was extremely pleased to have received, hot off the presses, H.R. 1873, The Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act, directly from the House Small Business Committee.

If you have been following the media, you have probably noticed many recent reports regarding the number of government contracts that are being awarded to large businesses over small businesses, especially when awarding contracts overseas. Although the government goal is to award 23 percent of all government contracts to small businesses, this annual goal is sometimes more a dream than a goal.

As I've reported in past columns, last year, the federal government exceeded that goal by awarding 25.4 percent of all government contracts to small

businesses. It seems that the accuracy of that number has been challenged by some. Therefore, Congress is looking to make sure that this goal is clearly established and accurate reporting is a priority.

The Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act amends The Small Business Act and provides for greater controls, goals, oversight and relief, which ultimately will benefit small businesses and the overall small-business community.

There are few major highlights that I call significant in this new piece of legislation. The most significant change is that the 23 percent goal for awarding government contracts to small businesses is to be increased to 30 percent. Furthermore, the small business set-aside requirement will apply to all GSA schedule contracts. For the small-business community, this means that almost one third of all government contracts shall be reserved for small businesses all over the country.

In numbers, that means approximately \$98 billion dollars a year will be available to all types of small businesses. The bill will also require that companies that fit into multiple categories only be counted toward a maximum of two categories for purposes of

an agency's goal achievements.

The components of the bill that deal with oversight and relief to small businesses, give Congress and the Small Business Administration some real strength in verifying and confirming the accuracy of the federal government's business going to small businesses. Agency procurement decisions that award contracts to small businesses will now be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

In addition, businesses and trade organizations, besides the SBA, will be able to appeal against those agencies that are making awards that are not in the interest of small businesses.

Finally, if a company is determined by the SBA not to be a small business, that company is flagged, making it ineligible for small business set-asides.

Prime contractors, also known as large contractors, will have additional responsibility to keep better track of the amount of business that they are giving to small businesses.

The proposed bill requires prime contractors to report all subcontracting to small businesses as a percentage of the total dollar amount of the contract award. It also creates an incentive for prime contractors by

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giving them bonus credits when they achieve their subcontracting goals. The proposed bill also creates a disincentive by publicly listing the names of contractors that do not accomplish their

subcontracting goals on a registry to be maintained by SBA.

The final thing I like most about the proposed bill is that it requires the SBA to make contact, within 30 days, with any small



Ian Berkowitz

business that enters its data into the Central Contractor Registry, which is the main registration for all government contractors. This means that small businesses will have direct contact with the SBA shortly after they take the affirmative step to register as a government contractor. I believe this will create an incentive for small businesses to utilize the SBA and all of the resources it makes available to budding new government contractors.

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

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FAU's Green Center to study driving risk of mild Alzheimer's

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University will be conducting a research study that will determine if medication can prolong the period of time in which individuals with mild Alzheimer's disease can drive safely.

The Memory and Wellness Center at FAU is the only location in the country where this study is being conducted.

Peter Holland, M.D., research scientist, and Ruth Tappen, Ed.D., director of the Memory and Wellness Center, will be conducting this placebo-controlled, double blind study, which is being sponsored by a major pharmaceutical

company. The Memory and Wellness Center is actively recruiting volunteers for this important study.

"With the lack of public transportation in South Florida, taking away an individual's ability to drive is a serious matter," said Holland. "If we can show that the individual's period of safe driving can be extended for a year or more

with an FDA-approved Alzheimer's medication, it will significantly improve his or her quality of life and enhance public safety."

Subjects will participate in the study for one year and complete comprehensive assessments, including vision tests, cognitive measures and driving tests. All subjects must be diagnosed with mild Alzheimer's disease and will

be closely monitored by a physician.

Eligible participants will receive assessments and study medication at no cost and will be reimbursed for transportation expenses.

According to a report recently released by the Alzheimer's Association, there are now more than five million people in the United States living with Alzheimer's dis-

ease. The greatest risk factor for Alzheimer's is increasing age.

With 78 million baby boomers beginning to turn 60 last year, it is estimated that someone in America develops Alzheimer's every 72 seconds.

For more information about this study, call 561-297-0502.

Annexation from Page 1

defuses the momentum for annexation in the first place - home development in what's known locally as the Golden Wedge.

"We amended the bill to make the annexation contingent upon the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) determining that the roads weren't necessary," Hasner explained.

DCA is the state agency that would need to approve any modification to the current land use plan. The "roads" in this case are aforementioned University Drive and Riverside Drive - extension of which over Hillsboro Canal to accommodate proposed home development in the annexed acres - has been bitterly opposed by residents there and by County Commissioner Burt Aaronson.

And DCA has already said it wouldn't sign off on any pre-annexation plan to permanently ban University and Riverside extensions.

A perpetual prohibition against the road extensions "would not



Adam Hasner

be appropriate and additionally it would create a bad precedent," DCA Secretary Thomas G. Pelham said in a March letter to Hasner adding:

"The ability to serve the public with an adequate system of mobility is an important growth management objective."

Which would seem to make the about-to-be-approved annexation approval a moot point - because then development would be effectively reduced because a University and Riverside extension ban is not likely to be approved by DCA -- down the road, as it were.

Emergencies?

Annexation discussion only began seriously two years ago -- soon after landowners representing 1,436 of the 1,949 acres submitted a plan to Palm Beach County for building more than 2,800 homes in the area known locally as the Golden Wedge.

In turn, the City of Parkland subsequently told Palm Beach County that it would want to then annex about 1,500 of those acres into the city. And it's the potential for that kind of growth that in turn wouldn't be possible if University and Riverside drives were then stopped at the post annexation Broward/Palm Beach County line.

The alternative point of view is that those opposing road extensions over the Hillsboro Canal are ignoring that, without extensions, persons in life threatening situations are that much further removed from emergency services.

The governor is expected to approve the annexation legislation.

And then the serious development road show (no pun intended) gets underway.

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Shops at Boca Center – 5250 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton – 561-361-4551. Lunch and Dinner daily, Late night Monday – Saturday.

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

Bogart's Bar & Grille

Muvico Palace 20 3200 Airport Road – 561-544-3044. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Brewzzy Glades Plaza

2222 Glades Rd. Boca Raton – 561-750-5421. Dinner nightly.

Bucky's Bar-B-Q

– 1198 N. Dixie Hwy. Boca Raton – 561-750-5421. Dinner nightly.

Carmen's Radisson Bridge Resort

999 Camino Real. Boca Raton – 561-750-8354. Dinner Wednesday – Saturday, Brunch Sunday.

The Grille on Congress

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

Grand Lux Café

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

Houston's

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

J. Alexander's

1400 Glades Rd. Boca Raton – 561-395-9875. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Kathy's Gazebo Café

4199 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton – 561-395-6033. Lunch Monday – Friday, Dinner Monday – Saturday.

Kee Grill

17940 N. Military Trail. Boca Raton – 561-995-5044. Dinner Monday-Saturday.

Linda B's

41 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton – 561-367-0200. Dinner nightly.

Mariposa

Neiman Marcus at Town Center – 5860 Glades Rd. Boca Raton – 561-544-2320. Lunch daily, Dinner Monday-Saturday.

Mark's at the Park

Mizner Park – 344 Plaza Real. Boca Raton – 561-395-0770. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Max's Grille

Mizner Park – 404 Plaza Real. Boca Raton – 561-368-0770. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Maxwell's Chop-house

– 501 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton – 561-347-7077. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Morton's, The Steakhouse

Shops at Boca Raton – 5050 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton – 561-392-7724. Dinner nightly.

New York Prime

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

The N9Nz – The Garden Shops

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

Opus 5 – Shops at Boca Center

– 5050 Town Center Circle. Boca Raton – 561-544-8000. Lunch, Monday-Friday 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. Dinner nightly.

Ruth's Chris Steak House

225 N.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton – 561-392-6746. Dinner nightly.

Seasons 52

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

Six Tables

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

Watercolors Cafe

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

ASIAN/SUSHI

Bangkok in Boca

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

Masamune Japanese Rest.

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

Mido's

Royal Palm Plalce – 508 Via de Palmas.



Bluefin Sushi Thai Grill

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

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

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

5 Spice Asian Street Market

Shoppes at Blue Lake – 1200 Yamato Rd. Suite A1. Boca Raton – 561-989-1688. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Fuji

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

Gary Woo Asian Bistro

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

Ichiban

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

Kansai

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

La Tre

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

Masamune Japanese Rest.

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

Mido's

Royal Palm Plalce – 508 Via de Palmas.

Boca Raton – 561-361-9683. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Osaka Sushi

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

P.F. Chang's

1400 Glades Rd. Boca Raton – 561-393-3722. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Phuket Thai Restaurant

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

Siam Sea

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

Soba Sushi

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

Stir Crazy Café

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

Sushi Ray

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

Sushi Zen

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

Taisho

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

Tempura House

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

Uncle Tai'

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

CONTINENTAL Bistro Provence

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

Gigi's Tavern

Mizner Park – 346 Plaza Real. Boca Raton -561-368-4488. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Johannes

47 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton. 561-394-0007. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. (closed July-September).

Le Pescatore

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

Le Rivage

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

Meson Madrid

Royal Palm Place – 309 Via de Palmas. Boca Raton – 561-447-4006. Dinner nightly.

Soupcon

The Polo Shoppes – 5030 Champion Blvd. Boca Raton. – 561-997-2922. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday.

Spontane

432 E. Atlantic Avenue. Delray Beach – 561-276-8848. Lunch Tuesday-Sunday, Dinner Wednesday-Sunday.

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7000 W. Camino Real. Boca Raton – 561-368-8580. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Tiramisu

170 W. Camino Real. Boca Raton – 561-338-9692. Dinner nightly (Monday-Saturday during summer).

Touche

187 S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton – 561-750-6966. Lunch and Dinner daily (closed June-September).

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6750 N. Federal Hwy.

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183 W. Camino Real. Boca Raton – 561-361-3034. Lunch and Dinner Tuesday-Sunday.

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4400 N. Federal Hwy. Boca Raton – 561-391-2120. Dinner nightly.

Pranzo

Mizner Park – 402 Plaza Real. Boca Raton – 561-994-3495. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Renzo's of Boca

– 5999 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton – 561-994-3495. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

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N. Federal Hwy. Boca Raton – 561-368-5520. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday.

Ristorante Bova

1450 N. Federal Highway. Boca Raton – 561-362-7407. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

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Royal Palm Place – 301 Via de Palmas. Boca Raton – 561-367-9779. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Rustic Cellar

Royal Palm Place – 409 S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton – 561-392-5237. Lunch and Dinner daily.

Saporissimo

366 E. Palmetto Park. Boca Raton – 561-750-2233. Lunch Tuesday-Sunday, Dinner nightly.

Trattoria Romana

499 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton – 561-393-6715. Dinner nightly.

La Villetta

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

La Viola

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

Luna Pazza

171 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Boca Raton – 561-391-1515. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

Cuban Café

3350 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd. Boca Raton –

561-750-8860. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly (closed Sunday June-November).

Inca Grill

515 N.E. 20th St. Boca Raton – 561-395-3553. Lunch and Dinner Tuesday-Sunday.

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201 N.W. 1st Ave. Boca Raton – 561-394-5449. Lunch Monday-Saturday, Dinner nightly.

Blue Coyote

Wharfside Plaza – 6861 S.W. 18th St. Boca Raton – 561-362-9022. Lunch daily, Dinner Thursday-Monday, Closed Wednesday and Sunday.

Moquila

99 S.E. Mizner Blvd. Boca Raton – 561-394-9990. Lunch Monday-Friday, Dinner nightly.

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513 N.E. 20th Street. Boca Raton – 561-347-6600. Lunch and Dinner daily.

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Louis Spagnuolo

Home sale survivor tips

Louis Spagnuolo has been a licensed mortgage banker for the past 14-Years. He is also a licensed Florida Realtor® and licensed Florida insurance agent. He graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in finance. Real Estate 2.0



Louis Spagnuolo

Over the past few years, home sellers have had an easy time when it came to selling homes. Whether it was an MLS listing or even a simple "FOR SALE" sign in the front lawn, it didn't take much effort to sell.

Homes all over were selling for more than their most recent comparables. It seemed each week we saw a record sale for almost every community.

As we begin to enter the busiest time of the year for home sales, a lot has changed.

We have now entered "Real Estate 2.0." Sellers are dropping asking prices, buyers are demanding concessions and lenders are tightening guidelines- creating South Florida's version of the "Perfect Storm".

What can you the home seller do to survive?

First, set a realistic value for your home. This is the biggest mistake most home sellers make. Divest from the emotional attachment to your home and

order an independent appraisal to see what your home is actually worth today. This way you can set the correct price and know that your buyer will obtain financing.

Second, work with people who are recognized as industry leaders. These are the people who will be here today, tomorrow and for the next 10-years. The right Realtor, Mortgage Banker and Appraiser can make all the difference in the world.

Third, understand that we are now in a Buyers market. If you want to sell, listen to your team of professionals. Their experience and advise will get your home sold.

Like all things in life, the only constant is change. Adapt to the current market conditions and reap the rewards.

South Florida is here to stay. Follow the instructions above and so will you.

Let's start in our own backyard

By Nicol Jenkins

STAFF WRITER

In many instances Scott Stapp saw his childhood in the 48 boys he visited this week. Many of those boys grew up in unthinkable situations before finding a home at the Haven in Boca Raton.

"I've been where you are," Stapp told the boys on a recent visit to the Haven. "I remember sleeping in my car for two weeks in the winter and not eating for a couple days."

Stapp also grew up without like many of the young boys residing at the Haven, an alternative home for young men who have been placed in protective care by the state.

"My mom was a single mom and worked two jobs. I ran the streets till I was 12 years old. I've been in jail, not a prison jail but a cell," he said.

But he went from a kid growing up on welfare to a Grammy award winner for his vocals as lead singer of the band Creed. Stapp said he achieved his dreams by "never giving up"- that motto helped the band sell over 20 million albums including well-known songs My Sacrifice and With Arms Wide Open.

In addition to offering guidance, Stapp, who currently resides in Boca Raton with his wife Jacqueline and 8-year-old son, also provided monetary support to the Haven- \$10,000 worth.

"A lot of big time celebrities want to help feed the kids in Africa and help those with AIDS and I do care about that and want to help eventually, but let's start with the problems here. Let's start in our own backyard," he said.

That backyard is Florida, which is third in the nation for the number of children in foster care. And out of that number, 48 boys from 9 to 17

years old find comfort at the Haven where they live like any other teenager- they attend public school, work part time jobs, learn to cook and iron, and some are even on basketball leagues.

"We like to think we're on the cutting edge of giving them hope," said Jim Gavrilos, Director of



Development at the Haven.

But the boys must grow up fast. Once they turn 18, law forces them to leave the place they have learned to call home.

"At 11:59 on their 18th birthday a young person is dismissed. We literally have to walk them to the gate," said Gavrilos.

But what makes the Haven different is "We just can't let them loose," Gavrilos said. Instead programs guide them into adulthood. Those include counseling and setting young men up in apartments and helping with rent and utilities for a year after they leave the facility.

And that's where donations such as the one from Stapp come into play. Despite funding from the state, the alternative center must raise about \$750,000 a year to keep the place running. The center has received donations from local celebrities including the Jason Taylor Foundation and now the Scott Stapp Foundation.

Tough life turns to music

Born to a single mom and living on welfare, Stapp recalls sharing a bed with his two sisters and "being the poor kid in school." That's why he's feels a connection with the boys at the Haven.

"I have a heart for these guys. I've been through it," he said.

In his teen years, Stapp said he was on the wrong path running the streets and having run-ins with the law. "I was heading down the road to jail."

But when his mother married a dentist and former Air Force officer, his outlook changed. "He put something in me and I finally understood."

A music career, however, wasn't always on his mind. He attended college on a baseball scholarship, but changed his focus to music after hearing a band one night at a party.

"I went to a party and there was a band and I saw all the girls watching. I thought I can sing better than that guy," he said, joking. "Everyone knows you get into rock and roll or play the guitar to meet girls."

But he started much younger singing in plays and at malls when he was only 8 years old.

"I've been involved in music my whole life and never thought of it as a career. It just took awhile to figure it out," he said. "But then I had the dream and I made the decision to be the biggest rock band in the world."

And thus Creed was formed.

Advice

Stapp told the boys he's always available to talk and would stop by to "hang out" and "play basketball."

He left them with advice he's lived by. "The best is yet to come. Remember the best is yet to come," he said. "Don't give up hope."

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(Special to the News)

An honor guard from the Boca Raton High School Sea Cadet program posts the colors at the start of the spring formal held by the Boca Delray Council of the Navy League.

Boca Delray Council of the Navy League holds spring formal

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Boca Delray Council of the Navy League recently held its spring formal.

The opening ceremonies consisted of the posting of the colors by an honor guard from the Boca Raton High School Sea Cadet Program.

Following the posting of the colors, the invocation was given by the Council's Chaplain, Duane Timm.

Council President Julie Herring welcomed a number of new members and their guests who joined others for dinner and dancing.

There was a traditional raffle for two baskets of cheer donated by the council's treasurer, Paul

Zulkoski. Proceeds will be used to fund future activities of the Boca Raton High School Naval Junior ROTC and Sea Cadets programs.

The Boca Delray Council has recently "adopted" the USS McInerney. The ship is actively engaged in intercepting illegal drug traffic off the coast of Florida. On its short visit to the Port Everglades, the captain and crew hosted a reception on the ship's flight deck for the council members and the families of the crew. Representatives of the Broward, Everglades and Fort Lauderdale Navy League Councils and the Broward Navy Days joined in the festivities.

The captain of the ship, Patrick Holub welcomed everyone

on board and the Boca Delray Council's President, Julie Herring, presented a plaque to the ship on behalf of the council.

The Navy League is a civilian organization whose primary mission is the support of sea services. It fosters interest in maintaining a strong Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine as part of a sound national defense.

In addition, the Navy League assists in training and education of youth by supporting an active Naval League, Sea Cadet Program and a Junior ROTC program at Boca Raton High School.

For information about future activities, contact Julie Herring at (561) 883-7971.

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'Future Stars' shine over

FROM STAFF REPORTS

"Future Stars" finalists entertained an audience of more than 550 as they performed in the 4th annual competition showcase Saturday at Boca Raton Community High School.

Rotarians Dr. Dennis Frisch and Melissa Lallo were the masters of ceremonies.

The 2007 Future Star winners in various categories are as follows:

- Middle School Vocal: 1st place, Kendra Fulmer of St. Andrews School; 2nd place, Amanda Marino; 3rd place, Georgia Sackler of BAK Middle School of The Arts.

- Middle School Dance: 1st place, "Kaboom" from The Fusion Force Dance company of That's Dancing; 2nd place, Gabriella Snow of Boca Raton Middle School; and 3rd place, "Knock on Wood" featuring Emily Bonani, Cheyanne Kolinac, Stasia Ginopoulos, Michaella Saffer, Rachel Smith, Addison Soch, and Zoe Salter.

- High School Vocal: 1st place, Jessie Hoffman; 2nd place, Raye Ledermen of Dreyfoos School of The Arts High School; and 3rd place, Alexa Heller.

- High School Dance: 1st place, Shana Saffer of Dreyfoos School of The Arts who dances at Dance Extreme; 2nd place, Alyssa Restivo of Spanish River High School and Dances at Dance extreme; and 3rd place, "Binga Banga" from the Donna Tucci School of Dance

"I appreciated the opportunity to introduce the art of dance to people that might not otherwise get to see it," said 1st place Future Star Shana Saffer. "There were parents of vocalists, and people from the community that do not even know about all the talented dancers we have locally."

"This was definitely our best show yet," said Boca Raton Rotary President-elect, Ken Davis. "Hats off to Mike Berkman — executive director who really did his magic again to make this a professional production with tremendous entertainment value and helping to make available to talented students the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience."

"This group of more than 70 extremely talented young people from local area schools were singing and dancing in this showcase event and they were absolutely terrific," said Rick Taylor, chairman for The Rotary Club of Boca Raton fundraiser.

The judges from the community included; Boca Ballet executive director Dan Guin and ballerina Anne Polajenko, vocal instructor, Vicki Levy White, the-



atrical teacher Sharon Chudnow and theatrical producer Jami Vass.

The committee for this annual event included Rotary Club members

Mike Berkman, Gary Dorfman, Dr. Dennis Frisch, Ingrid Fulmer, Doug Giordano, Arden Habay, Sam Hosn, John Johnson, Jon Kaye, Dr. Robert Klein, Melissa Lallo, Don Londeree, Dr. Ken Mogell, Doug Mumaw, Mariana Oprea, Neil Saffer, Tracey Sempowich and Rick Zimmer

Developed and sponsored by The Rotary Club of Boca Raton under its Youth Services and Community Outreach program along with the support of local businesses, friends, parents and other sponsors the event is brought to life through donations and in-kind services.



Future Stars

1 - *Kaboom (Song) Large Dance Group Middle School*

2 - *Look at Me (Song) Alyssa Restivo Dance Solo High School*

3 - *Brianna Trappe Vocal Middle School*

4 - *Rotary speaker, Michelle Berkowitz & Alex Bookstein who sang a vocal duet in the high school category and won "Judge's Choice" award.*

5 - *The Judges*

6 - *Pleasantly Blue (song) Michaella Saffer Dance Solo Middle School*

7 - *Kendra Fulmer (in tears), gets a big hug from fellow contestant, after receiving the award for 1st place in the Middle School Vocal category*

8 - *Why (Song) Dance Group High School*

9 - *Hit me with a Hot Note (Song) Gabriella Snow Dance Solo Middle School*

10 - *Binga Bango Dance Group High School (Audience's Fav. award)*

11 - *Pleasantly Blue (song) Michaella Saffer Dance Solo Middle School*

12 - *Amanda Marino Vocal Middle School*

13 - *Rotary speaker*

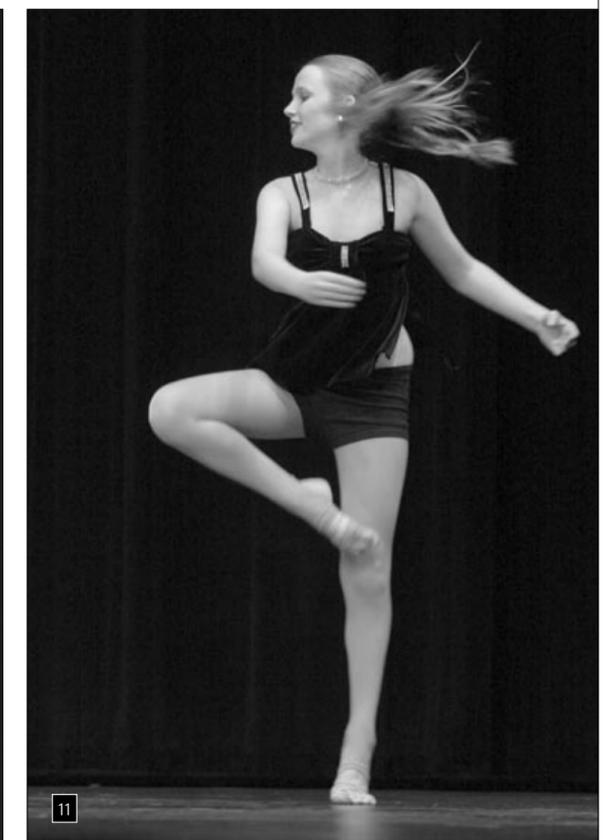
14 - *Why (Song) Dance Group High School*

15 - *Raye Ledermen Vocal High School and 2nd place*

16 - *Why (Song) Dance Group High School*



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 - 25 Carbon compound
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 - 27 Cat call
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 - 32 Rooks
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 - 35 Swelled head
 - 36 Venusian vessel
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 - 46 Eminem's genre
 - 48 "A mouse!"

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-9

Sudoku

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

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Thursday, May 10, 2007:
You often swing between what you must do and what you want to do. This juggling could exhaust you and confuse others this year. Pull back and communicate your limits in a manner in which others can hear and respond. Often a partner is trying to respond, but one of you becomes frustrated. Learn to eye the long term more carefully, and you'll gain the needed results. Network and broaden your horizons. If you are single, your life could take an unexpected turn. Be open to others who sometimes can be challenging. If you are attached, share more with your significant other. PISCES proves his or her friendship. 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
★★★★ Zero in on key issues quickly and effectively. Visualize more and share this process. You easily mobilize others with this mind infusion. Be careful how much you spend making a project happen. Everyone has his or her limits! Tonight: Find your pals.

TAURUS
April 20-May 20
★★★ If you want something done a certain way, then you need to do it yourself. Others could be contentious, or perhaps they simply don't get your message. Work on improved communication. Allow a partner time to adjust. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20
★★★★★ Reach out for someone you care about. Though you think you're sure about what is going on, if you clear your mind

you might discover otherwise. Consider opportunities that come from an associate in a backhanded manner. Tonight: Say "yes."
CANCER
June 21-July 22
★★★★ Allow someone else to run with the ball. You might not understand exactly what is happening, but you want to get to the bottom of an issue. Let this person do the digging. Consider yourself in it for the adventure. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22
★★★★ If you keep hitting a brick wall, try to find another route. Pull away in order to find solutions. Sometimes you work on certain givens. Try not to right now. The more open you are and the more you break away from established thinking, the greater your success will be. Tonight: Make time for a favorite person!

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
★★★ Others like you very different style and attitude. You might need to rethink a decision that revolves around a child or loved one. Think positively, and you can bypass a disagreeable or uncomfortable situation. Tonight: Go home before you decide.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22
★★★★ Let your hair down. If you feel uncomfortable with a key person, then reverse gears or add your charming sense of humor. You might need to realize how easily you can defuse a hot situation. Think before you leap. Tonight: Wind down early.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21
★★★ If you can work from home, by all means, do so. If you want to approach someone differently, allow yourself that luxury. Hold back as long as you can.

You'll do much better dealing with people later on. Your creativity will surge as well. Tonight: Use your imagination once more.
SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

★★★★ Say what you are feeling, though be careful to soften the edges of what others might consider a harsh statement. There is no purpose in hurting others' feelings. Fight an urge to sequester yourself. Tonight: Head on home.
CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
★★★ Hold yourself back from making a purchase, especially if you aren't comfortable. Sometimes you don't see the whole situation. Take your time making a decision. Don't allow others to pressure you. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
★★★★ Use the daylight hours. Don't allow someone to push you too far or cause you a problem. Acknowledge what is happening, yet stay on course. Use discretion with spending. You cannot lose for winning. Tonight: A little moderation goes a long way.

PISCES
Feb. 19-March 20
★★★ Step back and be patient. Someone might be revving up your energy or choosing to push your buttons. This person believes he or she is helping you. Pull back and see the situation through new eyes. Not everything is as you think it is. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

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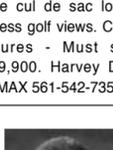
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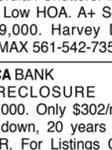
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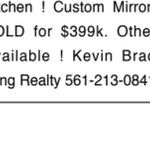


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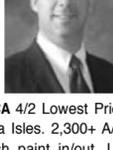


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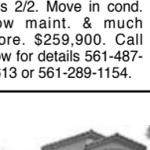
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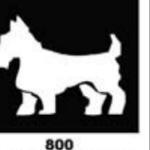


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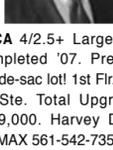


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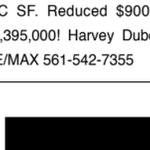
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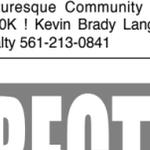
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YOUR TEAMS ARE OUR TEAMS

Bulls' season ends

By Mario Sarmiento
 SPORTS EDITOR

The best season in West Boca Raton High baseball history ended Tuesday night in a thrilling, 5-4, 9-inning loss to Port St. Lucie High in a Class 5A regional final.

The Jaguars (23-6) scored three runs in the top of the ninth inning, then withstood a two-run rally by the Bulls to hold on.

With a runner on second base, shortstop Mike McGee, who started and pitched the first eight innings of the contest, caught a soft liner from Bulls shortstop Matt Cornwell for the final out.

It was nearly the second time the Bulls had rallied to tie the game in the final inning.

Back in the seventh, West Boca scored two runs on two hits — after being held to one hit over the first six innings — to tie the game at 2-2 and force extra innings.

"I've never been so proud of a team," Bulls coach Brian Joros said. "They battled back in the seventh and found a way to push two runs across — a lot of clutch hitting."

In the ninth, the Jaguars' Josh Prime doubled to lead off the inning, and Colton Rudd and Joe Gaudreaux walked to load the bases. Tony Degoralano then leaned into a pitch and was hit,

scoring Prime.

After Mike Mesh popped up for the second out, McGee came through with a two-run double.

But just as they had in the seventh, the Bulls mounted a last-ditch effort in the ninth.

Reliever Andrew Durden retired the first two Bulls, then walked Rick Versace, who was replaced by courtesy runner Nick Worrall. Zach Marcus walked, then both runners scored on a two-run double by Sean Bukovich to left center.

Sophomore Jesse Hunter came on to end the threat when he induced Cornwell to line out.

"I didn't feel like we were out of the game until they caught that last ball," Joros said. "I felt like we had something coming. We put two across, and Buk just missed hitting that one out that would have tied it up. Game of inches, and inches went against us today."

The first six innings had been all McGee. The Florida State University signee dominated the Bulls, allowing just one hit and striking out eight batters.

But with one out in the seventh, a throwing error allowed Mason Mattlin to reach first base.

Courtesy runner Vinny Pernice came on and went to third on an infield hit by C.J. Campanelli, then scored on a wild pitch to cut the



West Boca Raton High coach Brian Joros (right) gathers his Bulls after they fell 5-4 in nine innings in the Class 5A regional final to Port St. Lucie High.

Mario Sarmiento/Staff Photo

lead to one.

Mike Sanchez then hit a dribbler that got past the second baseman, allowing Campanelli to score the tying run.

Port St. Lucie had a chance to go ahead in the eighth when the Jaguars loaded the bases with no outs. But a suicide squeeze gone

wrong allowed Tony Degoralano to be tagged out in a rundown between third and home, and Steve McGee flied out to end the threat.

Steve, Mike's younger brother, had the game's first big hit when he hit a Brian Busch fastball over the wall in left centerfield for a solo home run in the top of the

second.

The Jaguars added another run in the sixth when Andrew Durden drove in Mike Mesh with an RBI single.

Busch pitched seven innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits, while striking out 10. Bukovich and Sanchez each had two

hits, as West Boca finished its first playoff run with a 26-5 record.

"It was one heck of a season," Joros said. "We came together as a group. We did some things that from the coaching staff on down we weren't able to do last year. I'm very proud of this team as a whole."

Stallions advance to state semis, Sharks qualify for state tournament in Orlando

By Mario Sarmiento
 SPORTS EDITOR

The American Heritage-Delray High baseball team is back in the Class 2A state semifinals, and the Stallions used an unlikely weapon to defeat Pompano Beach-Highlands Christian 8-3 in a regional final Tuesday.

After tallying just eight home runs the entire season, American Heritage exploded for two roundtrippers in its playoff win.

American Heritage (24-6) will face North Florida Christian in the state semifinals on May 16.

Leadoff hitter Chris Fox hit a blast over the rightfield wall for his first home run of the season.

The Stallions added three more runs in the frame on Rocky Anthony's RBI single and Nick Zamora's two-run double.

Highlands Christian rallied for three runs to make it a 5-3 game in the fifth, when another timely Stallions home run settled the issue.

This time, Sean Albury hit a ball over the center field fence to give American Heritage a four-run lead.

Fox scored the final run from second base on a throwing error to complete the Heritage victory.

Stallions starter Ricky Anaya struck out

11 batters in the win.

Volleyball

Spanish River High swept Parkland-Douglas High 25-12, 25-18, 25-10 in a state play-in game Tuesday to advance to the state tournament.

The Sharks (25-3) will play South Broward High (21-7) at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Orlando.

Gustavo Cintron finished with nine kills and 16 digs, Kyle Langner had eight kills and 16 digs and Carson Grissing had 28 assists.

Football

West Boca Raton High will play its spring football game next Friday at 7 p.m. at Nova High.

The Bulls will play the Titans for a half, then take on Pembroke Pines Charter School in the second half.

Diving

Boca Raton native Jevon Tarantino will have an opportunity to compete against the world's best divers on Thursday in the AT&T USA Diving Grand Prix.

The event will be held at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex from Thursday-Sunday.

Tarantino will compete in the men's 3-meter dive and the synchro 3-meter.

Competition will be conducted in four events for both men and women: 3-meter springboard, 10-meter platform, 3-meter synchronized springboard and 10-meter synchronized platform.

The Fort Lauderdale Diving Team and the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, along with USA Diving, are hosting the event.

The schedule is as follows:

Thursday
10 a.m. — Men's 3-meter Prelims/Semis

3 p.m. — Women's Platform Prelims/Semis

6:30 p.m. — Men's Synchro 3-meter Final

Friday
10 a.m. — Women's 3-meter Prelims/Semis

2:15 p.m. — Men's Platform Prelims/Semis

6:45 p.m. — Women's Synchro 3-meter Final

Saturday
1 p.m. — Women's Platform Final

Followed by Men's 3-meter Final

Followed by Women's Synchro Platform Final



Heritage tops Omni

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

American Heritage Boys Middle School tennis team is undefeated this year and lived up to its reputation.

The Stallions defeated Omni Middle School 6-1 on Tuesday.

Omni won only one match, when Bryan Sloatsky defeated Skye Waterman, 8-3.

The match was tied at two games each, but Sloatsky found his rhythm and won six of the next seven games to close out the match.

The Omni boys team is now 5-2 this season.

Arthur Mourjan played first singles against a strong player from American Heritage, Zack Gross. Mourjan lost 8-3.

Dylan Krost played second singles against Skye Waterman's twin brother, Cody Waterman, and lost 8-2.

Results are as follows:

1st singles - Mourjan loses 8-3

2nd singles - Dylan Krost loses 8-2

3rd singles - Sloatsky wins 8-3

4th singles - John Gomer loses 8-2

5th singles - Evan Lahr loses 8-5

1st doubles - Sam Jacobs and Jason Schaum lose 8-5

2nd singles - Matt Buckman and Alex Buruchian lose 8-5

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