

Jeffrey Epstein to agree to plea in prostitution case
Part-time Palm Beach resident to trade 18 months in prison, house arrest for end to federal probe.

By MICHELE DARGAN
Daily News Staff Writer

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Money manager and part-time Palm Beacher Jeffrey Epstein is scheduled to go before a judge Jan. 4 for a plea hearing in his felony prostitution case.

The hearing will be before Circuit Judge Sandra McSorley, the court docket shows.

Sources have confirmed that the deal will result in the Manhattan money manager serving 18 months in prison followed by house arrest.

In exchange for a guilty plea, federal authorities are expected to drop their probe into whether Epstein broke federal laws, the sources said.

Epstein, 54, was indicted in July 2006 on a felony charge of solicitation of prostitution.

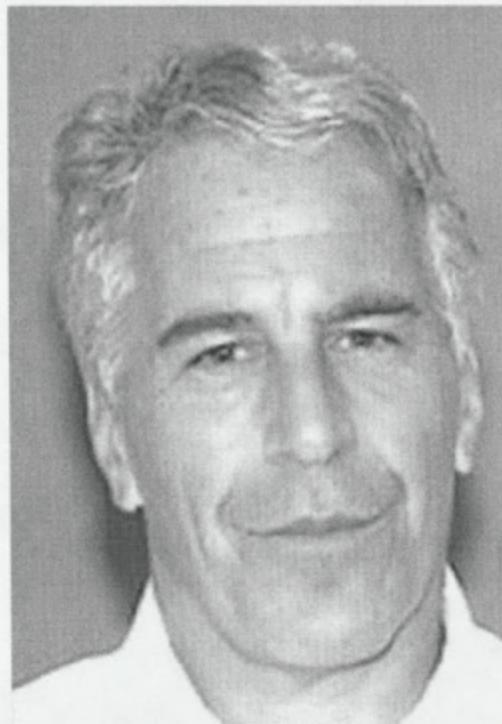
The charge capped an 11-month investigation by Palm Beach police that began after a woman told police that her 14-year-old stepdaughter might have been molested by a man in Palm Beach.

Police said Epstein paid five underage girls for massages and sometimes sex at his El Brillo Way home.

Investigators watched Epstein's 7,234-square-foot waterfront home and private jet, and rummaged through his trash to build their case.

They took sworn statements from five alleged victims and 17 witnesses.

The investigation also focused on Epstein's assistant, [REDACTED] of New York City, and



(enlarge photo)

Money manager Jeffrey Epstein accused of paying underage girls for massages, sometimes sex at his home on El Brillo Way.

██████████ of Royal Palm Beach, both of whom were paid to facilitate the massages and sex, police said.

Neither ██████████ nor ██████████ was charged.

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Epstein seeks to block unsealing of secret deal with feds

By SUSAN SPENCER-WENDEL

Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Wednesday, July 01, 2009

WEST PALM BEACH — A lawyer for financier Jeffrey Epstein have filed an emergency request with Fourth District of Appeal seeking to block the unsealing of Epstein's secret non-prosecution agreement with United States Attorney's Office.

A circuit judge has ordered the release of the documents at noon on Thursday.



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suing Epstein, together with an attorney for The Palm Beach Post, have pressed for the public release of Epstein's deal with federal prosecutors, arguing the public has right to see it and the victims have a right to use it in their litigation.

Epstein pleaded guilty in state court a year ago to solicitation of prostitution and procuring teenagers for prostitution. He was sentenced to 18 months incarceration, which is due to end five months early on July 22.

Attorney Jane Kreuzler-Walsh, a board-certified appellate attorney now working on Epstein's behalf, is asking the appellate court to quash that order.

"Production of these documents will cause irreparable harm ("cat out of the bag") to Mr. Epstein," she wrote.

Attorneys for women now

His plea followed investigations by both state and federal authorities of accounts of teenage girls brought to the money manager's Palm Beach manse for massages and sexual encounters.

At the time of his plea, his secret deal with federal prosecutors to avoid charges by them was sealed and placed in his court file without following court rules that govern sealing.

The seven-page agreement - which Epstein's own attorneys have referred to in federal filings as "unprecedented" and "highly unusual" - promises a behind-the-scenes look at justice for Epstein who, according to Vanity Fair, hobnobbed with the likes of Prince Andrew and former President Bill Clinton, as he managed accounts for billionaires.

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Epstein ruling likely to face appeal

The financier's accusers want the case unsealed to use in litigation against the Palm Beacher.



MARJORIE A. MCKINLEY

Age 84, passed away peacefully at home, June 22, 2009, with family by her side. Marge, of Bucyrus, OH, resided in Palm Beach County since 1971. She had careers in lithography, banking, and was music secretary at First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, for 17 years, in addition to raising five children. She enjoyed crafting, quilting, reading and doing crossword puzzles. Marge was a source of endless love, calm and support for her family, friends and anyone who met her. One of her many gifts was her ability to keep life's ups and downs in perspective.

She is survived by a sister, Rosemary Cowan; five children, William, Barry, John, Susan (Chuck), David (Yvette); grandchildren, Meghan, Emily, Elizabeth, Carly, Cody, Sarah, Sophie, Amanda, Jade, Olivia; beloved niece, Joanne Davis. She will also be missed by her faithful dog, Taylor.

Memorial services will be 10:00 AM Saturday, June 27 at Christ Fellowship, South Campus, Northlake Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens. Donations may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County.

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JOHNNIE H. PETTIFORD

Our Beloved Father Johnnie H. Pettiford was called to be with the Lord on June 22, 2009 in Boynton Beach, FL. He leaves to cherish his devoted children, Tracy Pettiford, Johnnie H. Pettiford and Lenwood "Slim" Pettiford all of Delray Beach, Trinetta Pettiford-Ledsome (Calvin) of Boynton Beach, FL; six grandchildren and a host of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Friends may call on Sunday June 28, 2009 from 6 to 8 P.M. at Keith Straghn Memorial Chapel. Funeral Services will be held Monday June 29, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. at the above listed chapel.

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By SUSAN SPENCER-WENDEL
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — A judge on Friday declined to suspend his ruling to unseal financier Jeffrey Epstein's secret non-prosecution deal with federal prosecutors, but delayed the document's release until Thursday.

The delay gives Epstein's attorneys time to challenge the ruling in the 4th District Court of Appeal.

"We'll let the appellate court tell us, teach us what the law in this case will be," Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath said.

Epstein's attorneys Jack Goldberger and Robert Critton argued that release of the confidential document would violate a federal rule restricting release of information about federal grand juries and would also cause Epstein irreparable harm.

"If the proverbial horse is out of the barn, you can't get him back in," Critton argued.

Attorneys for women now suing Epstein, together with an attorney for

months in prison.

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James H. Broderick, 72 years old, of West Palm Beach, FL, died at his home on Wednesday, June 24, 2009. Born in Yonkers, NY, Mr. Broderick had a promising athletic future until he contracted Polio in 1954. He graduated from the University of Miami, Class of 1961 and enjoyed being a member of the Hurricane Boosters Club. Mr. Broderick subsequently moved to West Palm Beach, and in spite of his physical challenges, loved sports, coaching baseball, and raising his family. He worked as a Stock Broker in Palm Beach for over 40 years; and was instrumental in establishing the Minor League Baseball Division at Phipps Park.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Lesley Broderick of West Palm Beach, FL; three children, Terry Broderick and his wife, Patti of Leesburg, VA; Danny Broderick and his wife, Marie of Fayetteville, GA; and Colleen Broderick of Los Angeles, CA; eight grandchildren, Tiffani, Chris, Bryan, David and Christina, and Ashley, Caroline, and Jacqueline; a brother, James Almy and a sister, Noel Almy, both of Atlanta, GA.

A Memorial Service in celebration of Mr. Broderick's life will be held at 6:30 PM on Friday, June 26, 2009 at Quattlebaum Funeral Home, 1201 South Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, from 5:00 PM until the time of Service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to: Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

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JAMES H. BRODERICK

Abner Daniel Bigbie, 71, of Altoona, FL passed away on Thursday, June 24, 2009 in Tavares, FL. Born in Lyons, GA, he moved to Altoona from Summerfield in 2006, before that Mr. Bigbie lived in West Palm Beach, FL. He played football for FSU before becoming an Industrial Arts teacher and coach for 32 years.

He is survived by his wife: Pam, Altoona, FL; sons: Abner Bigbie, Jr., West Palm Beach, FL and Michael Bigbie, Tallahassee, FL; brothers: Donnie Bigbie, West Palm Beach, FL, Charlie Bigbie, Keystone Heights, FL, and Sammy Bigbie, Live Oak, FL; sister: Evelyn Peoples, West Palm Beach, FL; three grandchildren.

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RUTH SIMON

Of Delray Beach, formerly of The Bronx, NY, 88, died on June 25.

She was married to Leo Simon for almost 69 years and raised two sons, Howard and Steven, who will be in her debt forever. She worked as a clerk for the New York Public Library. In addition to her husband and sons, she is survived by daughter-in-law Sharon Lutz, four sisters, Anne, Min, Celia and Lillian, three nephews, two nieces and many other relatives and friends.

A gravesite service will be held on Sunday, June 28, at 12:15 PM at Eternal Light Memorial Gardens, 11520 State Road 7, Boynton Beach. In lieu of flowers, donations to the ACLU Foundation of Florida, 4500 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33137 or to the American Lung Association or similar anti-smoking organization would be appreciated.

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NANCY LEA ZEILMANN DANIEL

Nancy passed away quietly after an unexpected illness. She graduated from Forest Hill High School in 1963, and married her high school sweetheart, Jack Daniel. They recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Her family moved to the Orlando area in 1976. She was a long time employee at Jacobson's and Dillard's, where she loved working in the children's dept. She was also an avid tennis player, an amazing cook and extremely dedicated to her family and friends. Nancy is preceded in death by her father, Emmert (Curly) Zeilmann and her step father James E. Garner.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, John (Jack) Richard Daniel II; three beautiful children, Katie Daniel O'Brien (husband Brian) of North Palm Beach, Michael Daniel and Kelli Daniel of Altamonte Springs; her mother, Deloris Garner of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; and two sisters, Susie Garner Strassburger (husband Ray) of Santa Fe, NM, Genie Garner Van Santen of North Palm Beach; and sister-in-law, Earlene Schmutz and brother-in-law, Joe Schmutz of West Palm Beach. Nancy was blessed with three grandchildren, CJ Lyons, and Brian and Brenna O'Brien; nieces and nephews, Stacy and David Barton of North Palm Beach, Steve and Cory Strassburger of Los Angeles, CA and Eric and April Strassburger of Bostic, NC; she has one grandniece, Kendall Barton of North Palm Beach.

Services will be held at Mizell-Faville-Zarn Funeral Home & Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery on Sunday, June 28 at 3:00PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to Hospice of the Comforter, 480 W. Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714, in memory of Nancy Daniel.

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AREA DEATHS

Palm Beach County

Aaltonen, Rose Marie, 83, of Lake Worth, died Wednesday. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Worth.

Bolley, Luther Ray, 58, of Greenacres, died Wednesday. Service in Michigan.

Carmadello, Alleen M., 50, of Boca Raton, died Thursday. Neptune Society, Pompano Beach.

Esposito, Dana Susan, 50, of Palm Beach Gardens, died Feb. 9. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Stuart. Service today.

Gaw, Tina, of Lake Worth, died Thursday. Tillman Funeral Home, West Palm Beach.

Germinal, Marie A., of Lake Worth, died June 16. Rubin Memorial Chapel, Boynton Beach.

Grello, Madeline P., 76, of West Palm Beach, died Sunday. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Worth.

Leaphart, Nina Kate, 96, of Royal Palm Beach, died Thursday. Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory, Royal Palm Beach. Service in South Carolina.

Martin, Margaret Z., 74, of Atlantis, died Wednesday. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Worth.

McCloskey, Edward, 77, of Boynton Beach, died Thursday. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Worth.

Meisel, Edith, 88, of Boca Raton, died Wednesday. Beth Israel Memorial Chapel, Delray Beach.

Owens, John Robert, 65, of West Palm Beach, died Wednesday. Quattlebaum Funeral Home, West Palm Beach. Service Tuesday.

Pacelli, Americo George, 96, of Boynton Beach, died Friday. Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral Home and Crematory, Boynton Beach. Funeral Monday.

Palmieri, Theresa, 92, of West Palm Beach, died Thursday. Tillman Funeral Home, West Palm Beach. Funeral in Rhode Island.

Rau, Lothar F., 59, of Lake Park, died Monday. Northwood Funeral Home

and Crematory, West Palm Beach.

Robinson, Hervine, 72, of Boynton Beach, died Monday. Shuler's Memorial Chapel, Delray Beach. Service today.

Valverde, Lidia P., 79, of Lake Worth, died Wednesday. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Worth.

Whitefield, Amy B., 91, of Lake Worth, died Wednesday. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Worth.

St. Lucie County

Cuoco, Eleanor I., 73, of Port St. Lucie, died Wednesday. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Stuart.

Hite, Jane E., 75, of Port St. Lucie, died Thursday. Yates Funeral Home and Crematory, Port St. Lucie.

North, Donald M., 52, of Port St. Lucie, died Wednesday. Yates Funeral Home and Crematory, Port St. Lucie. Service today.

Reeb, Norma L., 71, of Port St. Lucie, died Wednesday. Yates Funeral Home and Crematory, Port St. Lucie. Service Sunday.

Thomas, Mary J., 60, of Port St. Lucie, died June 19. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Stuart. Service July 10.

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The words they do not come.
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08 AUDI TT Silver/Grey, 97 miles, STK# D81319	\$50,700	\$7,993	\$42,707
08 AUDI Q7 White/Black, 19 miles, STK# Q88998	\$50,975	\$6,989	\$43,986
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began holding monthly crime-watch meetings in May after Emma Bates returned from a trip to the Bahamas to find her television, computer and .38-caliber Colt pistol missing from her home on West 26th Street. Burglars came in through her back door by chipping away the wood around the door lock.

Verdina Coleman was late to the crime-watch meeting of June 11 because the window of her home on 26th Street had been smashed that morning while she was at work. Coleman was lucky. A neighbor saw the 11:30 a.m. break-in and called 911. Police recovered her stolen video camera and arrested four young men.

Riviera Beach Police Cmdr. Michael Madden praised the crime-watch group for working together and for keeping a keen eye on the neighborhood, especially during the day when many homeowners are working.

"I have a hard-working group of detectives," Madden told them. "If we can get them the information, they'll run through walls to



Amon Yisrael rides along with officer Glen Meyer announcing 'no more break-ins, no more crime' as Monroe Heights residents marched through their neighborhood in a show of force against crime.

get somebody in jail."

Juvenile burglars can be back on the streets the day after being charged and booked, Madden said. That's one reason vigilance is so important in Monroe Heights.

Madden told residents to call the police department's non-emergency number to report unusual cars or people wandering the neighborhood, anything out of the ordinary. He told them to call 911 if

they see a crime in progress and to ask strangers their names to show that they're paying attention.

The police department's *District 2 Insider* newsletter advises residents to report violations of the city's curfew, which requires youths under 18 to be off the streets from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 12:01 a.m. until 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Madden also recom-

mends that burglary victims go to court to plead their cases as victims before the judge.

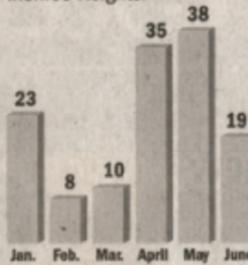
Bates, who has lived in her home for more than 30 years, vowed to fight the burglars as long as it takes to stop them.

"I can't sleep without a weapon," said Bates. "We've got to band together and fight these criminals."

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Rash of break-ins

Reported burglaries in Riviera Beach Police Service Area 21, which includes Monroe Heights.



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Show not over at Caldwell, chief says

By KEVIN D. THOMPSON
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

BOCA RATON — It's not a great time to be in the theater business.

Just ask Clive Cholerton, the Caldwell Theatre Company's newly appointed artistic director.

There have been whispers in the local theater community that the Caldwell owes money to vendors, is two months behind in mortgage payments and has not been managed effectively.

He said Friday that the Caldwell's woes have been greatly exaggerated. As for owing money to vendors or falling behind in mortgage pay-

ments, Cholerton would only say, "We're working with our vendors and the bank. We're doing everything to keep ourselves current and there are no plans for a foreclosure."

Cholerton replaced Michael Hall, the Caldwell's co-founder, on June 1. Cholerton joined the Boca Raton-based theater six years ago and has been its chairman of the board the past four.

To address its financial problems, Cholerton said the Caldwell plans to trim \$250,000 from its \$1.9 million operating budget this year.

Recently all the theater's executives took a 50 percent pay cut. Two

staffers left and three board members quit.

To reduce expenses, the theater will cut down on warehouse space and no longer finance apartments to house actors.

Cholerton said next season 95 percent of the actors the company hires will be local.

Despite the numerous challenges, Cholerton is bullish on the Caldwell's immediate future.

"We can get this turned around," he said. "We're working on having a great summer and having a great next year."

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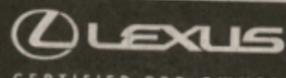
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'11 shortfall may hit \$110 million

Falling property values will torment county budget writers, officials say.

By PAUL QUINLAN
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Palm Beach County's real estate values will continue to fall next year by 10 percent or more, say county leaders, who estimate the deeper slide will open up a \$110 million budget gap in 2011.

The prospect of another gaping budget hole — this one, about 10 percent of the county's \$1.1 billion operating budget — will likely require a fundamental rethinking of what services the county government should provide and at what cost to taxpayers already grappling with

double-digit unemployment amid the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

Even as residential real estate shows signs of recovery, commercial property values, which had shown some resilience, are now plunging further, Property Appraiser Gary Nikolits said. He predicted a lagging commercial real estate decline would at least offset any slowing or stabilizing of residential values.

"I think next year is going to be at least

as tough, if not tougher," Nikolits said. "I wish I could be more optimistic."

The dire forecast emerged alongside new estimates that said Palm Beach County's tax base is on track to fall 12.9 percent this year, a decline not seen in more than a century, Nikolits said. The numbers were a slight, albeit insignificant, improvement over last month's estimate, which said the county's property

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Riviera Beach residents rally to battle crime

Monroe Heights neighbors take to the streets after a surge in burglaries.

By WILLIE HOWARD
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

RIVIERA BEACH — "No more break-ins, no more crime," Amon Yisrael repeated on the loudspeaker of a police cruiser as Monroe Heights residents walked slowly down West 26th Court with Mayor Thomas Masters carrying signs reading No Violence on My Block.

"Enough is enough," Yisrael said. "The law will be strictly enforced."

Thursday night's walk against crime was one of several Masters plans to lead in Monroe Heights as residents fight a recent rash of burglaries.

In Police Service Area 21, which includes Monroe Heights, burglaries spiked to 35 in April. Another 38 break-ins were reported in May, and 19 had been reported for June as of Tuesday.

A group called the 26th Street Pioneers and other Monroe Heights residents

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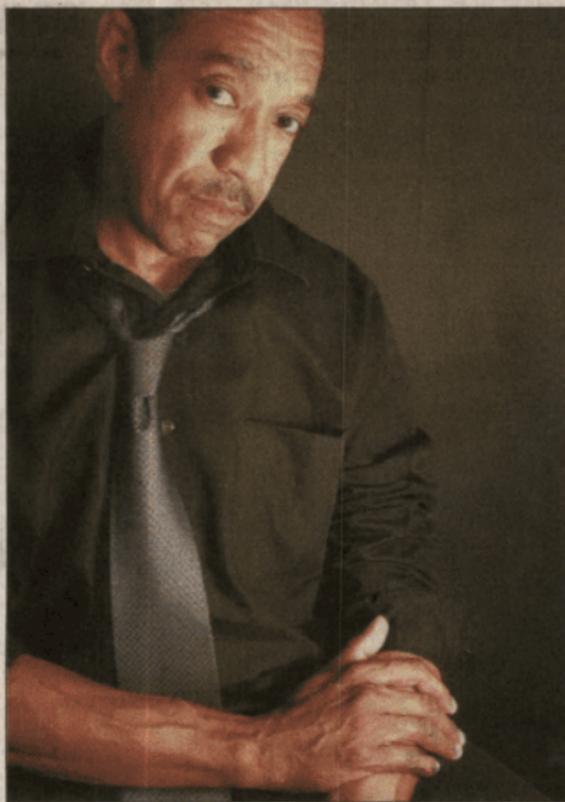


Photo by RICC ROLLINS

In the fight: Lorenzo Robertson, minority AIDS coordinator for Palm Beach County, edited *Silence Is Death, Unleashed Voices*.

STIGMA OF HIV/AIDS REMAINS

BREAKING THE SILENCE

A book gives voice to local people with the disease, in hopes others will get tested today.

By LONA O'CONNOR
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Over 13 years, Lorenzo Robertson and Ricc Rollins have been best friends and full-time comrades in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

So it was a natural progression for them to collaborate on *Silence Is Death, Unleashed Voices*, a book featuring the words and faces of 25 Palm Beach County people in the HIV/AIDS community.

Robertson, Florida's minority AIDS coordinator in Palm Beach County, and Rollins, a Tampa minister and photographer, debuted their book at a reception Thursday night. Their hope is to draw more attention to this year's HIV Test Day, to be held today at locations across the county.

To make the test available to as many people as possible, a few test locations will include nighttime hours, such as the Sunset Night Club in West Palm Beach, which will offer testing from midnight tonight until 5 a.m. Sunday.

Though overall HIV/AIDS infection numbers are decreasing, the virus still disproportionately affects black people. Of 530 Palm Beach County people who tested positive in 2008, 377 were black.

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Jupiter trip provides wounded troops respite from rehab

By BILL DIPAULO
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Army National Guard Spec. Keith Maul lost his lower right leg and lower right arm to a grenade in February near Baghdad, but not his spirit.

"I knew what the risk was when I signed up," said Maul, 20, wearing a Pittsburgh Penguins hat and a smile. "Now, I just want to have some fun with my family."

The Portage, Pa., native was one of five severely wounded

Army servicemen welcomed Friday night at Palm Beach International Airport in suburban West Palm Beach.

The servicemen and their families will spend a week in Jupiter away from the white sheets and plastic tubes at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

The families are staying for free in separate Jupiter homes owned by Jupiter residents Sara Ashworth Lankler, a West Palm Beach native and former

elementary education professor at Florida Atlantic University, and her husband, Alexander, a retired corporate attorney.

"We're part of the healing process. We're doing what government can't do," Ashworth Lankler said.

The trip was set up by Operation Second Chance, a Maryland-based nonprofit whose mission is to help wounded service women and men hospitalized at Walter Reed transition back to duty or to civilian life.

Operation Second Chance, which bought the plane tickets and rented transportation for the families, is making its first visit to Palm Beach County. The organization operates on private grants and donations.

Charter fishing excursions, gift cards from local grocery stores, restaurant meals and tickets to local sporting events have been donated for the Jupiter stay.

After the week is up, the servicemen will return to Walter

Reed.

"Jet skiing and some four-wheeling. That's what I'm looking forward to," said Corey Lyons, 23, an Army corporal and Avon Park native who lost his right leg below the knee a year ago. "I'm going to keep moving."

For more information about Operation Second Chance or to make a donation, go to operationsecondchance.org or call (561) 744-0190.

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METRO REPORT

POLICE BLOTTER

The lawyer for Anthony L. Martin, arrested this week in connection with a Houston murder 26 years ago, told a judge Friday morning he will fight extradition because he's not satisfied authorities have the right man. The 1983 Texas warrant said Martin had been a drug dealer and had slain one of his workers, Junior Galloway, when he learned the man was selling drugs for a competitor on the side. Kevin R. Anderson told Judge Richard L. Oftedal, "I haven't seen any documentation or warrant to suggest he (Martin) is who they say he is or if any of the paperwork is accurate."

Fairgrounds, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office said. He was heading north on Benois Farms Road, north of Belvedere Road, at about 3:30 a.m. Friday and was trying to round a curve when he went into the east shoulder, a report said. The driver overcompensated and flipped at least twice before stopping alongside a tree.

Authorities are asking the public to help them find a hit-and-run driver of a red sedan that fatally struck a man in May 2008 as he ran across South Military Trail, north of Lake Worth Road, at about 9 p.m. May 21, 2008. Francis E. Bartko, 54, died last month. The car should have damage to its front end. Anyone with information is asked to contact sheriff's office investigator Robert Stephan at (561) 688-3700.

TRAFFIC

Bryan O. Zelaya, 19, of suburban Royal Palm Beach, is in critical condition after losing control of his vehicle and flipping near the South Florida

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Driver hits, kills two road workers

By BILL DIPAULO
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

They are almost everywhere these days — road construction crews — on Interstate 95 and State Roads 7 and A1A. And the work is some of the most dangerous out there, say workers and authorities.

In the early morning hours of Friday, a driver plowed through a construction site on Alternate A1A in Jupiter, killing two workers and sending a third to the hospital.

The crash happened in the northbound lanes between Toney Penna Drive

and Frederick Small Road.

Steven Dunn, 53, of Stone Mountain, Ga., and Jesus Antonio Resendiz-Banales, 34, a Palm Beach County resident, died when they were hit by a northbound Toyota Solara while they were working on a county resurfacing project. A third worker, Clint Talley, 39, also a Palm Beach County resident, remains at Jupiter Medical Center.

No charges have been filed against the Toyota driver, Cynthia Castoro, 43, of Tequesta, who was

not injured. Police are awaiting toxicology reports, said Jupiter police spokeswoman Sally Collins-Ortiz.

The word spread quickly to other road crews Friday morning.

"Watch this, this guy won't move over," shouts Wayne Retty, waving his red flag to warn an upcoming black SUV to slow down to protect landscapers trimming the median on U.S. 1 just south of Donald Ross Road.

Sure enough, the driver — on a cellphone — stays in the lane, buzzing by at

about 50 mph just a few feet away from Retty.

"It's dangerous work. We have to concentrate on our jobs. We need the public to slow down and be careful at construction sites," said county road supervisor John Brand.

Road workers earn between \$10-\$18 hourly, he said, and they take safety training.

"We need more public safety education. Even with signs, doubling fines in construction zones and flaggers, we still have accidents," Brand said.

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Library worker spots missing DVDs

By ELIOT KLEINBERG
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

RIVIERA BEACH — DVDs for sale at a Riviera Beach thrift store caught the eye of a shopper who noticed some of them bore stickers identifying them as property of the Palm Beach County Public Library System.

The shopper should know: He shelves items for the library.

Riviera Beach police have recovered 174 DVDs and nine music CDs, Sgt. Pat Galligan said Friday.

Some were from the North Palm Beach library, but police have yet to determine if those were part of

the 192 DVDs, worth about \$4,800, that were stolen from that library between June 1 and June 11. Two people have been arrested in that case.

A student worker at the county system's Palm Beach Gardens branch had spotted the DVDs as he shopped at Thrift Store Items, 6831 N. Military Trail.

At an average price to the county of \$22.50 each, the loss was close to \$4,000.

Assistant Director Sharon Hill said the system has about 70,000 titles at its branches and simply didn't notice so many were miss-

ing.

Hill said the DVDs came from several of the county's branches and at least two music CDs were from the West Palm Beach Library.

Workers at the thrift store told police they had paid a man \$75 to \$100. A manager at the store did not return a call Friday.

Galligan asked anyone with information to call him at (561) 629-6032 or Crime Stoppers at (800) 458-TIPS (8477).

Staff writer Bill DiPaolo contributed to this story.

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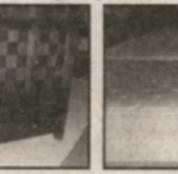
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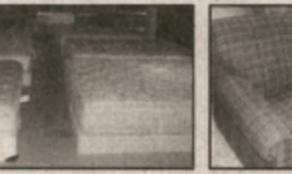
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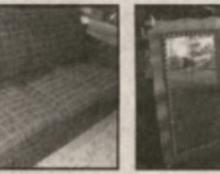
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AlliedCm	N	3.32	+69		DukeEng	N	14.41	-22	.96f	Maxvltt	Q	11.80	-20		SiriusAM	Q	36	-10	
AllsciptM	Q	14.74	-13.4		Dycm	N	11.53	+14		Maxvltt	Q	16.12	-48	.80	Smucker	N	48.38	-24	1.40f
Altria	N	16.48	-06	1.28	EMC Cp	Q	1.28	+02		McClatch	N	46	-22		SoCaroE pf	N	46.65	-75	2.50
AmCapId	Q	3.17	+45	.11f	EMC Cp	N	13.51	+02		McDnlds	N	57.00	-46	2.00	SthnCopp s	N	31.90	-31	1.07e
AEP	N	28.61	-31	1.64	Ekodak	N	2.95	+37		MedcoHts	N	45.74	-09		SwtGas	N	21.84	+27	.95
AmExp	N	23.76	-68	.72	Elcops	Q	18.05	+16		Merck	N	27.00	+43	1.52	SpectraEn	N	16.71	-13	1.00
AmIntOp	N	1.46	-		Engrps	N	40.30	-	.50	MetroB	N	29.85	-13	.74	Sphenon	N	4.19	+26	
Amgen	N	33.94	+1.04	2.68f	EngVstr	N	40.50	+1.05	3.58	MetroBcp	Q	20.43	+55		SprintNex	N	4.99	+31	
Aon Corp	Q	37.00	-56	.60	EntPrt	N	25.29	+18	2.15f	Micron	N	5.10	-20		SPOR	N	91.84	-24	2.64e
Apple Inc	Q	142.44	+2.58		ExcoRes	N	10.25	-68		Microsoft	Q	23.35	-44	.52	SPOR Fnci	N	11.92	+06	4.7e
ApidMati	Q	10.91	-06	.24	Exxon	N	50.70	-30	2.10	Motors	N	8.80	+36		Staples	Q	20.60	-	.33
AquaAm	N	17.03	+14	.54	ExxonBcp	N	69.05	-83	1.68f	Motors	N	28.62	+75	20m	StateSt	N	48.33	-	.04
AsiaPc	N	8.32	+13	5.10e	FairPoint	Q	2.70	-		Motorola	N	6.82	+15		StateSt	N	48.33	-	.04
AtlasEngy	N	20.25	+44	2.44	FPL Grp	N	56.69	-81	1.89	NCR Corp	Q	2.53	-11		StateSt	N	48.33	-	.04
ATMOS	N	25.10	-01	1.32	FPL Grp	N	56.69	-81	1.89	NCR Corp	Q	2.53	-11		StateSt	N	48.33	-	.04
AutoAero	N	17.23	+07		FPL Grp	N	56.69	-81	1.89	NCR Corp	Q	2.53	-11		StateSt	N	48.33	-	.04
BE Aem	Q	14.21	-25		FPL Grp	N	56.69	-81	1.89	NCR Corp	Q	2.53	-11		StateSt	N	48.33	-	.04
BE Aem	Q	14.21	-25		FPL Grp	N	56.69	-81	1.89	NCR Corp	Q	2.53	-11		StateSt	N	48.33	-	.04
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Interest Rates



The yield on the 10-year note fell, ending the week 7.4 percent lower. That's good for consumers. The yield is linked to mortgage rates.

PRIME	FED	YEST	6 MO AGO	1 YR AGO
3.25	13			
3.25	13			
5.00	2.00			

TREASURIES	YEST	PVS	NET CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD
3-month T-bill	.17	.16	+0.01	▲	▲	▲	1.71
6-month T-bill	.29	.28	+0.01	▲	▲	▲	2.14
1-year T-note	.44	.45	-0.01	▼	▼	▼	2.33
2-year T-note	1.09	1.10	-0.01	▼	▼	▼	2.65
5-year T-note	2.54	2.59	-0.05	▼	▼	▼	3.36
10-year T-note	3.50	3.54	-0.04	▼	▼	▼	4.00
30-year T-bond	4.31	4.33	-0.02	▼	▼	▼	4.63

BONDS	YEST	PVS	NET CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD
Lehman Long T-Bid	4.17	4.20	-0.03	▼	▼	▼	4.55
Bond Buyer Muni	5.43	5.43	-	▼	▼	▼	5.22
Lehman US Aggregate	4.14	4.28	-0.14	▼	▼	▼	5.18
Lehman US High Yield	12.61	12.66	-0.05	▼	▼	▼	10.63
Moody's AAA Corp	5.41	5.49	-0.08	▼	▼	▼	5.67
Lehman US Corp	6.04	6.15	-0.11	▼	▼	▼	6.35
WFB Bank	36.41	36.26	+0.15	▼	▼	▼	60.20

Commodities

Commodities like base metals and oil declined as investors refrained from making big bets on economically sensitive materials. A report suggested consumer demand is still soft. Gold rose.



FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	69.16	70.23	-1.52	+55.1
Ethanol (gal)	1.68	1.67	+0.54	+3.6
Heating Oil (gal)	1.73	1.78	-2.59	+22.7
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.95	3.85	+2.73	-29.7
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.87	1.89	-1.27	+85.6

METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG.	%YTD
Aluminum (lb)	0.75	0.76	-1.26	+5.8
Copper (lb)	2.29	2.30	-0.28	+63.8
Gold (oz)	940.70	939.10	+0.17	+8.5
Platinum (oz)	1203.00	1191.00	+1.01	+28.5
Silver (oz)	14.12	14.00	+0.88	+25.3

AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG.	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	0.82	0.81	+0.63	-1.8
Coffee (lb)	1.17	1.18	-0.68	+4.2
Corn (bu)	3.84	3.82	-0.46	-5.6
Cotton (lb)	0.53	0.53	-0.91	+7.2
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	202.80	198.00	+2.42	+19.7
Orange Juice (bu)	0.74	0.74	+0.47	+7.6
Soybeans (bu)	12.01	11.96	+0.42	+23.6
Wheat (bu)	5.34	5.33	+0.23	-12.6

Foreign Exchange

The dollar depreciated. A report showed consumers are saving more than they have in 15 years. That's good for the individual, but not great for the overall economy in the short-term.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	6MO	1YR
USD per British Pound	1.6531	+0.182	+9.8%	1.4677	1.9877
Canadian Dollar	1.1524	-0.053	-4.6%	1.2221	1.0118
USD per Euro	1.4077	+0.090	+6.4%	1.4067	1.5760
Japanese Yen	95.18	-70	-7.4%	90.58	106.66
Mexican Peso	13.2095	+0.150	+1.1%	13.4035	10.2887

EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	6MO	1YR
Israeli Shekel	3.9584	-0.126	-3.2%	3.8441	3.3704
Norwegian Krone	6.4537	-0.415	-6.4%	7.1061	5.0505
South African Rand	7.8915	-1.190	-15.1%	9.7154	7.9428
Swedish Krona	7.7821	-1.293	-16.6%	7.9491	5.9737
Swiss Franc	1.0818	-0.129	-11.9%	1.0675	1.0232

ASIA/PACIFIC	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	6MO	1YR
Australian Dollar	1.2375	-0.096	-7.8%	1.4577	1.0447
Chinese Yuan	6.8345	-0.031	-0.5%	6.8424	6.8667
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7501	-0.000	-0.0%	7.7501	7.8064
Indian Rupee	48.035	-4.90	-10.2%	48.431	42.5899
Singapore Dollar	1.4533	-0.026	-1.8%	1.4487	1.3646
South Korean Won	1277.50	+4.15	+3.2%	1.2985	1042.80
Taiwan Dollar	32.93	-0.7	-2.1%	33.02	30.40

Quotable

"We figured the push for this vehicle was more important than our jobs."
—Tony Medrano, a GM worker who helped lobby the company to build a new model in a Michigan plant

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Boca accountant pleads in tax case

The Associated Press
FORT LAUDERDALE — A wealthy Boca Raton accountant who is the first U.S. citizen charged in a wide-ranging tax probe of Swiss banking giant UBS AG pleaded guilty Thursday to filing a false tax return.

Steven Michael Rubinstein pleaded guilty to filing a false tax return in 2004, the U.S. Attorney's Office reported.

Rubinstein failed to report UBS income on his returns from 2001 to 2007, the Internal Revenue Service claimed. As part of his plea agreement, Rubinstein agreed to pay a 50 percent penalty for the year with the highest balance in the account as of June 30. That was 2004.

Rubinstein's name was among roughly 300 American account holders turned over to U.S. authorities by UBS in a deal that also required the Swiss bank to pay \$780 million in fines and restitution.

In a separate lawsuit filed in Miami, the IRS was seeking the identities of another 52,000 UBS customers suspected of using bank secrecy to shield assets from U.S. taxes. UBS is contesting the lawsuit.

Rubinstein was accused



Swine flu: Camp counselor, student from suburban Boynton camp fall ill on trip to Atlanta. Story, 3B



Giving back: Businessman prints T-shirts for charities at discount. Business, 6B



Frank Cerabino

Ritzy trip? It's no day at beach for poor officials

My heart goes out to the Palm Beach County commissioners who have slogged across the state to do the public's business at a luxury resort on Marco Island.

It's not as easy at it seems: You have to get up every morning at a beachfront resort, pull yourself away from the buffet, avert your eyes from the 18-hole golf course, sidestep the spa, and head to a meeting room for a discussion of plebeian topics, such as public transportation or homelessness.

It's enough to drive you back to your room for the scented soap and the mini-bar.

How easy can it be to focus on the homeless when you're staying in a resort that asks, "Searching for Paradise?"

Not ideal. Certainly, the fact that taxpayers are ponying up about \$10,000 to help pay for the trip to the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort comes as some solace.

But it's a true test of public service, and I'm not talking about the champagne and chocolate-dipped strawberries that come with the resort's "escape romance" package.

They deserve a break, and a tan

This is no escape for our public servants. It wasn't their idea to take time out from the daily task of finding ways to lay off county workers and grind out a few dollars from an overstretched budget.

They're just part of a Florida Association of Counties gathering. And so it's only fitting that four of our commissioners and some staffers show up.

After all, one of the seminars is on "honest services and public integrity." Not having Palm Beach County public officials at that discussion would be like holding a steroids chat without the team-mates of Manny Ramirez, Alex Rodriguez and Barry Bonds.

So I applaud them. It took a great deal of courage for our county commissioners to go to this conference, knowing full well that they'd be criticized by commission hopefuls such as Karl Dickey, who has suggested checking them for tan lines when they return.

I mean, c'mon, Karl. Some of that tanning will certainly be warranted. A golf outing is actually part of the schedule, and there may be some accidental tanning during the early moments of the sunset dinner cruise.

Fertile ground for ideas

I think you just need to trust that our commissioners are working hard, instead of imagining the worst, which would be that Commissioners Jeff Koons, Karen Marcusa, Steve Abrams and Shelley Vana are there to take advantage of the resort's "fertile turtle package" — a pituitary gland-stimulating couples massage combined with fertility-promoting aromatherapy and a "special offer for couples who actually conceive during their visit."

Ugh. Now look what you made me do: Ruin everybody's breakfast.

Are you happy? All this distrust of your public officials has led to a visual that will take hours to erase.

So just take a few deep breaths. Calm down. It's no big deal. Our commissioners are just learning how to get by in these tough times by spending a few days at a beachfront resort in Southwest Florida.

It's not as if they've disappeared to Argentina.

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Lake Worth High in trouble

Rated one of the state's worst schools, it will be shut down if it doesn't go from a D to a C grade.

By LAURA GREEN
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Lake Worth High School was named among the state's worst schools on Thursday.

The school has performed so poorly under federal standards that it was named

one of 17 "intervene" schools, meaning it requires the state's immediate intervention.

If Lake Worth High does not improve from the D grade it earned last week to a C next year and come closer to meeting federal standards, it will be shut down.

If that happens, students could be sent to other schools. Or the school could be reopened as a district-managed school, a charter school or even a privately managed school.

Principal Ian Saltzman could not be

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Palm Beach County school ratings

The level of sanction and support increases with each category, with "intervene" being the worst.

- Prevent I: 33 schools
- Correct I: 68 schools
- Prevent II: 11 schools
- Correct II: 32 schools
- Intervene: 1 school



A G-Star School of the Arts student cameraman Marcos Gasc (center) prepares to shoot a scene Thursday.



The kids are the crew



Shriyantha Wimalasekera operates the boom mic on the set of A Dog-Gone Tail: Destiny's Stand.



Staff Photos by TAYLOR JONES

Actors Ron Palillo (left) and Barry Bostwick work a scene Thursday in west Boca Raton for A Dog-Gone Tail: Destiny's Stand.

G-Star students making movie

The teens work with famous actors and do all the jobs a Hollywood film crew would do.

By LESLIE GRAY STREETER
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Since Greg Hauptner founded G-Star School of the Arts six years ago, there have been two feature-length films shot on the Palm Springs campus. Now a third movie shoot has taken up residence at G-Star, but the biggest differ-

ence between it and the previous projects is obvious the minute you walk onto the set.

"This crew has a curfew," Hauptner said this week, as 17-year-olds with headsets walked carefully around 15-year-olds scrutinizing the next shot in the foyer of the suburban Boca Raton home where

scenes were being shot. "We lose crew members because they say 'My mom's here to pick me up. I gotta go.'"

Those teenaged grips, editors, assistant directors and actors have been running around Palm Beach County for two weeks filming A
See G-STAR, 5B ▶

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Appointed or not, Rep. Taylor to seek Greene's seat in 2010

By GEORGE BENNETT
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — State Rep. Priscilla Taylor will run for a Palm Beach County Commission seat in 2010 regardless of whether Gov. Charlie Crist appoints her to the now-vacant post this year.

Taylor, D-West Palm Beach, is one of four finalists to replace Addie Greene, who stepped down from the commission April 30 because of health concerns. The governor's appointee will serve through November 2010, when the seat is up for election.

"While I have the utmost respect



Taylor

for Gov. Crist and I do hope certainly that I am the governor's choice ... I see no reason to wait on the governor's decision to launch my campaign," Taylor said at a Thursday news

conference.

Greene, who attended Taylor's announcement, said she is disappointed her former seat has been vacant for nearly two months.

"My constituents are now looking at me, blaming me because the

See TAYLOR, 4B ▶

Judge agrees to unseal Epstein's sex scandal deal

By SUSAN SPENCER-WENDEL
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — A circuit judge agreed Thursday to unseal a deal billionaire Jeffrey Epstein struck with federal prosecutors to avoid their filing of charges in the wake of his sex scandal with underage girls.

Circuit Judge Jeff Colbath said he would not release Epstein's agreement with federal prosecutors until Monday, allowing him time to redact the



Epstein

names of victims. Colbath ruled that the deal had not been sealed properly.

Jack Goldberger, Epstein's attorney, immediately asked for a stay of Colbath's decision to unseal the agreement in order to appeal it. A hearing on that request is set for this morning.

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MOSQUITO SPRAYS

PALM BEACH SPRAYS — Mosquito spraying from trucks is scheduled to begin Wednesday and continue as needed throughout the city's neighborhoods. The spraying, depending on the weather, will start about an hour before sunset and continue for about two hours after sunset. Palm Beach County also has begun spraying in unincorporated areas. For more information about spraying in the city, go to pbgfl.com. Residents can request spraying in their neighborhoods by calling (561) 804-7000. The Aerial Spray Hotline for the county is (561) 642-8775.

RIVIERA BEACH

RIVIERA BEACH — Frustrated by the lack of specifics in a revised marina redevelopment plan, the city council Wednesday set a July 22 deadline for Viking Developers LLC and the Community Redevelopment Agency staff to deliver cost estimates and details of land swaps proposed for the redevelopment of the marina and surrounding properties. In September, Viking Developers responded to the city's request for proposals with a \$500 million plan to rebuild the marina, Bicentennial Park and Newcomb Hall as well as adding a parking garage, a hotel, offices, shops and restaurants.

Riviera budget proposals may result in 40 job cuts

By WILLIE HOWARD
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

RIVIERA BEACH — As many as 40 police officers, firefighters and general employees could lose their jobs under budget-cutting scenarios presented to the city council Thursday.

Because the taxable value of city property is expected to drop 16 percent during the budget year that begins Oct. 1, the city is expected to bring in \$2.5 million less in property tax revenue at the current tax rate of \$8.43 per \$1,000 taxable value.

Revenues from permit fees and other sources also are down.

Under the tightest

budget scenario, with no tax increase, 60 full-time positions would be cut — 14 police officers, 21 firefighters, four communications officers and 21 general employees.

Councilman Shelby Lowe noted that 22 positions are vacant, meaning about 40 employees would be laid off under that scenario.

Under a second proposal that calls for increasing the tax rate by 50 cents per \$1,000 taxable value, to \$8.93, the city would keep all police and firefighters but would cut 30 full-time positions — about 10 percent of the general employee work-

force — and seven part-

time positions. A third scenario that increases the tax rate by \$1 per \$1,000 taxable value, to \$9.43, also calls for eliminating 30 full-time and seven part-time positions but takes less money from reserves — about \$500,000 versus \$2 million under the first two scenarios.

All three scenarios presented Thursday call for all employees to take one unpaid day off a month for a savings of \$1 million. All department heads have been told to cut their budgets by 10 percent.

City Manager Ruth Jones plans to present a tentative budget to the council by July 30.

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Man, 42, faked sleepover to assault girl, 8, cops say

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The 8-year-old said "John" had invited her to a sleepover birthday party for his daughter.

But there was no party or even a daughter. Instead, the girl told authorities, John Henry Peek spent the night sexually assaulting her.

A judge Thursday ordered Peek, 42, of suburban West Palm Beach, held without bail. He is charged with sexual battery on a child under 12, technically a felony punishable by death.

According to a Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office report, the victim's

mother said a man she knew only as John invited the girl to a sleepover birthday party for his daughter.

The mother said that when she dropped the girl off on June 16, she saw children playing outside and saw pizza and children's videos inside. The next morning, the woman said, "John" dropped off her daughter at 6 a.m., saying his girlfriend and daughter had been in an accident.

The woman said the girl told her she wasn't feeling well.

The mother said she saw physical signs of the assault and asked the girl

about them. She said the girl told her "John" had given her beer, had kissed her and had fondled her.

On Monday, the girl spoke with investigators from the Child Protection Team. She told them the man "did nasty stuff to me," the report said. She repeated to them what she had told her mother and added that Peek had exposed himself to her.

On Wednesday, the report said, Peek came into the sheriff's office and admitted to investigators that he'd molested the girl, but only at her request. Peek said she had seduced him.

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Deal reached on school cops' pay

By MARC FREEMAN
Sun-Sentinel

Negotiators Wednesday reached a tentative agreement on a new three-year contract for Palm Beach County school police officers.

It includes a salary freeze for all of this year, and the option to reopen negotiations for pay issues for 2010 and 2011.

The deal, subject to ratification by the officer members of the county Police Benevolent Association, came together after seven months of sporadic

talks between the union and the school district. School bus drivers, secretaries and other employees had already agreed to contracts that did not include raises.

District administrators said budget reductions and the state's weak economy prevented them from offering salary increases.

The police contract includes some new non-salary benefits for the 144 officers on the force, including perfect attendance awards.

Man arrested in Boca liquor store robbery

By ADAM PLAYFORD
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

A man was arrested Wednesday and accused of robbing a Boca Raton liquor store in March by smashing through the store's front door with a vehicle and then snatching several bottles of rum, according to Boca

Raton police.

According to a police release, Fabian Vazquez told detectives that he burglarized the ABC Liquor Store at 6998 N. Federal Highway on March 16.

The vehicle, a Mercury Sable, was reported stolen that same day and was lat-

er found in Delray Beach after a tip from a suspect in an unrelated case, the release said.

That suspect also pointed police toward Vazquez, it said.

Vazquez was charged with burglary and theft.

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Camp counselor, at least one child get illness on trip

The Jewish Community Center sports camp cut short their Atlanta visit after symptoms showed.

By MICHAEL LaFORGIA and LONA O'CONNOR
Palm Beach Post Staff Writers

A camp counselor and at least one child from a suburban Boynton Beach Jewish Community Center sports camp came down with swine flu during a sports trip to Atlanta earlier this week, officials said.

"Several children subsequently began exhibiting flu-like symptoms, so we cut short the trip," JCC spokesman Scott Bernarde said in a statement Thursday. "The group returned to Boynton Beach on Wednesday."

County health officials now are watching what they are describing as a mild outbreak at Hochman JCC, at 8500 Jog Road west of Boynton Beach.

"Starting this week, we experienced an increase in children and counselors with flu-like symptoms at our camp in Boynton Beach," Bernarde said. "They were sent home and must be symptom free for at least 24 hours and

have a doctor's note before returning to camp."

Health department officials learned Wednesday of several cases among summer campers and counselors, said spokesman Tim O'Connor.

"One of the counselors tested positive and there are two other kids we assume are positive," said O'Connor, adding that public-health nurses have been calling families whose children became sick.

"We're not finding any severities," he said.

O'Connor advised the standard response to flu: consult a physician and stay home if you have symptoms.

JCC camp officials sent e-mails to parents this week advising families to keep sick children at home. The Hochman JCC has 275 children aged 5 to 14 and 35 staffers.

Bernarde said there have been no reports of illness at the JCC's other camp near West Palm Beach.

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Pahokee middle school breaks ground

By LAURA GREEN
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PAHOKEE — In the football-loving city of Pahokee, it rivals even the new football stadium.

Pahokee's middle school students are finally getting a home of their own.

The school district broke ground Thursday on a three-story middle school with capacity for 736 students.

Students in grades seven through 12 now share the Pahokee Middle/

Senior High. The new school opens in 2010.

Ranking the city's major events in history, Pahokee Mayor Wayne Whitaker said the new school is "almost number one."

It's being built on the old high school football field.

The new football stadium will be ready for the start of the season in August.

Alfred Jones, the school district's senior projects administrator, said every-

where he goes in Pahokee, residents want to talk about the projects.

"I'm stopped on the street and people are asking me questions," Jones said. "They're telling me how beautiful the stadium is and they can't wait for the new middle school."

The school also will serve as the city's first hurricane shelter.

Now residents have to drive about 10 miles to Belle Glade. And while that may not seem far, Whitaker said some

residents brave storms in their homes. With a shelter close to home, more residents will be safe, he said.

Once middle school students move out of the high school, some spare space will be turned into a clinic, Jones said.

Another plus is separating the middle and high school students.

"You don't want that (seventh) grade girl intermingling with 17-, 18-year-old boys," Whitaker said.

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Kickball fest to aid fallen officers' families

By JASON SCHULTZ
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ROYAL PALM BEACH — It is an American pastime that most people haven't played since they were pint-sized children on the hallowed fields and frozen tundras of their elementary schools.

On Sunday, however, dozens of full-grown men and women from the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue and several restaurants will take to a Royal Palm Beach field to compete and reclaim their former athletic glory at the game of kickball.

Scott Cotton, a bartender at Max & Erma's in Royal Palm Beach, organized the tournament to raise money for the families of police officers and firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Cotton, the former owner of a restaurant in Tampa, said he almost became a police officer and likes to organize events to help police and fire agencies.

Kickball Fest

Where: 151 Lamstein Lane, Royal Palm Beach
When: Sunday, 1-7 p.m.
Cost: \$5
Questions: E-mail Scott Cotton at rpbkickballfest@yahoo.com

"It started as a thing between us and Duffy's," but then blossomed into a full-blown tournament, Cotton said, adding that he chose kickball because it required less equipment than softball or baseball.

Deputy Roy DeMarco said he will be playing on one of two sheriff's office teams — one team will be deputies who patrol the Wellington area and the other will be those who cover Royal Palm Beach. A team from the fire department also will play, along with teams from Max & Erma's, Duffy's, Hoot-

ers and Outback restaurants in the Wellington and Royal Palm Beach areas, DeMarco said.

Cotton said the village of Royal Palm Beach donated the use of the field, and friends and co-workers will help organize face paintings and raffles to raise money.

One thing the teams may be short on is experience. When asked how long it had been since he had played kickball, the 43-year-old Cotton simply laughed.

"It's probably been at least 20 years," he said.

DeMarco said he hadn't played since he was a child. But he said his team of Wellington-area deputies planned to practice their kickball skills this week.

Cotton will make the tournament an annual event in Royal Palm Beach.

"If I get 50 people I'll be happy," he said. "If I get 250 people I'll be ecstatic."

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Lake Worth must make decision on water plant

The city has to act soon on a proposed facility to get a \$2.5 million grant.

By WILLIE HOWARD
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer
LAKE WORTH — City commissioners must make key decisions soon on the proposed reverse-osmosis water treatment plant if they want \$2.5 million in federal stimulus money for plant construction.

Utility Director Rebecca Matthey told commissioners Tuesday that they must decide at the July 7 commission meeting whether to build a deep injection well and must authorize engineering work to update 2-year-old plans for the water plant if they want to meet deadlines for the stimulus money.

The 4,000-foot-deep injection well is needed to dispose of the briny byproduct of the reverse-osmosis water treatment process, which presses salty water from the deep aquifer through a membrane to make drinking water.

The city's plans for the reverse-osmosis plant

were tabled two years ago after the state denied permits for an ocean outfall to dispose of the brine water.

The city already has three wells to serve the reverse-osmosis treatment plant, which it plans to build near the existing water plant near Lake Worth High School.

If the commission agrees to solicit proposals to build the deep injection well and authorize engineering work for the reverse-osmosis plant design on July 7, bid packages for plant construction would be distributed in early August. Bids would be opened in early September, and commissioners would award a contract later that month.

To receive the \$2.5 million grant, the water plant construction contract must be awarded by Oct. 1.

Commissioners could decide whether to pursue a plant that will produce 4.5 million gallons a day

or scale back to one that produces 3 million gallons a day.

Water from the reverse-osmosis plant would supplement water treated at the existing city water plant, which draws water from shallow wells. Permits call for withdrawals from the surface wells to gradually decline in the years ahead.

The cost of a 3 million-gallon plant and a deep injection well is estimated at \$25 million.

If the commission follows the schedule outlined by Matthey, the reverse-osmosis plant should be completed in 2012.

Still unknown is how much, if any, water the city will purchase from Palm Beach County under a 2008 agreement. The commission voted in May not to pay the county \$6 million due under the county water agreement and instead attempt to rework terms of the contract.

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Greene hopes announcement prods Crist to fill seat soon

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governor has not filled the seat," she said. "That's why I'm hoping what she (Taylor) is doing today will get back to the governor and maybe this will make him hasten filling the seat."

Crist spokesman Sterling Ivey said the governor's office is following normal procedures in filling the vacancy. He said he did not know a timeline for announcing the appointment.

Greene, who was the county's only black commissioner, announced her intent to resign in March and said she hoped Crist would name a black appointee to represent minority-dominated District 7. The district runs from Lake Park to Delray Beach and is 48.4 percent black, 5.5 percent Hispanic and 40.1 percent white.

In April, Crist interviewed four black candidates: Taylor, Riviera Beach Councilwoman Bobbie Brooks, businessman Randy Johnson and retired educator Vincent Goodman.

Taylor, 59, owns an insurance agency and served on the Port of Palm Beach commission from 1998 to 2004, when she was elected to the state House. Her House seat is likely to attract a slew of candidates, including at least two people who attended her Thursday conference: Delray Beach City Commissioner Mack Bernard and former Democratic state Rep. James Henry "Hank" Harper Jr.

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Greene Wants a black appointee to represent District 7 in her place.

Man, 3 rescue workers hurt after crash

By ANDREW MARRA and KATHLEEN CHAPMAN
Palm Beach Post Staff Writers

WEST PALM BEACH — Police on Thursday were investigating a crash that sent three city firefighters and a pickup driver to the hospital late Wednesday.

The pickup driver is in critical condition at St. Mary's Medical Center after officials say he smashed a West Palm

Beach Fire-Rescue truck by mowing through a red light at the corner of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard and Congress Avenue.

"Apparently, he was in bad shape," city spokesman Chase Scott said. "We had to extricate him from the vehicle."

He said the three fire-rescue workers were not as seriously injured in the crash, which happened just after 10 p.m., but were

treated at a local hospital as well.

The city's fire-rescue truck had significant damage to its front-left side. The impact shattered all the windows on the pickup and deployed its air bags.

"If it had been a family in a regular truck they would have been dead," Scott said.

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FUNERAL NOTICES

JAMAAL T.C. ANDERSON
27, of West Palm Beach, FL, passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 20, 2009. There will be VISITATION TODAY Friday, June 26 from 8-8 PM and a celebration of life at 10 AM on Saturday, June 27 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 1111 36th Street, West Palm Beach, FL. Bishop O'Shea Granger, Pastor, Dr. Phillip A. Brazier, Pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, officiating.

Arrangements entrusted to: Timothy E. Kitchens & Staff L.C. Potliff Funeral Home, 317 N.W. 6th Street, Pompano Beach Florida 33060.
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JAMES H. BRODERICK
James H. Broderick, 72 years old, of West Palm Beach, FL, died at his home on Wednesday, June 24, 2009. Born in Yonkers, NY, Mr. Broderick had a promising athletic future until he contracted Polio in 1954. He graduated from the University of Miami, Class of 1961 and enjoyed being a member of the Hurricane Boosters Club. Mr. Broderick subsequently moved to West Palm Beach, and in spite of his physical challenges, loved sports, coaching baseball, and raising his family. He worked as a Stock Broker in Palm Beach for over 40 years, and was instrumental in establishing the Minor League Baseball Division at Phipps Park.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Lesley Broderick of West Palm Beach, FL; three children, Terry Broderick and his wife, Patti, of Leesburg, VA; Danny Broderick and his wife, Marie, of Fayetteville, GA, and Colleen Broderick of Los Angeles, CA; eight grandchildren, Tiffany, Chris, Bryan, David and Christina, and Ashley, Caroline, and Jacqueline; a brother, James Almy and a sister, Noel Almy, both of Atlanta, GA.

A Memorial Service in celebration of Mr. Broderick's life will be held at 6:30 PM on Friday, June 26, 2009 at Quattlebaum Funeral Home, 1201 South Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, from 5:00 PM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to: Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

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KEVIN DOYLE CASSIDY
Kevin Doyle Cassidy, 43, of Okeechobee went to be with our Lord Sunday, June 21, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy; four children; Kevin and Kyle of Venus, Kristina of West Palm Beach and Kaleb of Wellington; three step-sons; Eric, Ryan and Brandon of Okeechobee. He also leaves behind a sister, Lynn Sullivan of Wellington; brothers, Darryl of West Palm Beach and Todd of Chesterfield, SC and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 27 at 11:00 AM at St. Peter's UMC in Wellington. Interment will be in South Carolina.

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PATRICIA A. DANIELS
81, of Okeechobee, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2009. She was born on April 14, 1928, in Somerville, Massachusetts.

Surviving family members include her husband, Mike Naico; children, Lynne Cheatham and Peter Daniels; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by son, Philip Daniels. Her extended family also includes the Naico family children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

The family will receive their friends from 10 AM until Noon on Saturday, June 27 at the funeral home. A funeral service will follow at Noon with Pastor Blaine Whit officiating. Patricia will be laid to rest immediately following the funeral service at Lake Worth Memory Gardens.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to:
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ROBERT L. NEIL
Robert L. Neil (Neil Electric), passed June 22, 2009 at West Palm Beach.

Funeral services will be June 26, 2009, Friday, 11:00 AM at Sinai-Memorial Chapel, 15200 Jog Rd., Delray Beach, FL 33446, (561) 865-1747.

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TROND R. ISAKSEN
Trond R. Isaksen, 58, passed away Friday, June 19, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer.

A long time resident of Lantana he leaves behind a son, Kristian; two sisters, Elsa Watson (Craig) and Inger Lewis (Lester) and a host of family and great friends.

There will be a celebration of his life on Saturday, June 28, 2009 at 12 PM in lieu of flowers please make a donation to Hospice of PBC.

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SHELDON H. GROSS
Sheldon "Shelly" passed away on June 23, 2009 in Palm Beach Gardens, FL at the age of 88. Born and living most of his life in Philadelphia, PA, Shelly was a renowned theatrical producer and impresario, who founded and helmed the Music Fair chain of theaters (Westbury Music Fair, Valley Forge Music Fair and others) for forty years, and produced numerous Broadway shows and national tours.

Prior to entering the theater world, Shelly served as a communications officer in the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II and worked as a radio and television broadcaster in the early days of TV. Shelly was also a writer, having four novels published, an avid fisherman, a chess player, and a joke-teller extraordinaire.

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He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Joan; his sons, Byron of Los Angeles, CA (Ricky Tovim), Rick of Estero, FL (Debra Hardesty) and Dan of Wellesley, MA (Anne Marie Becker); four grandchildren, Tim Moffitt, Ted Moffitt, Jake Gross, and Liiaanna Gross; niece, Roberta Katy; nephew, Larry Katy and goddaughter, Sara Jamison.

A Memorial Service will be held on July 11, 2009 at 2 PM at The Devonshire in Palm Beach Gardens. Memorial donations can be made to Palm Beach Dramaworks, 322 Banyan Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401, a nonprofit theater that Shelly was actively involved in supporting in his later years.

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DOROTHY A. LANG
Greene County/Dorothy A. Lang, also known as "Mimi" passed away June 23, 2009, at her home. She was 73 years young.

Dorothy was born in Aliceville, Alabama on December 5, 1935, to Jesse C. and Annie A. (Hall) Bone. Her family moved to Winfield, Alabama in 1950, where she met her husband, Jack. Dorothy and Jack were married on July 4, 1954, and shared over 54 wonderful years together. They moved to West Palm Beach, FL, in 1956, and lived there until retirement in 1997. She then returned to Alabama in 1997 and has lived at Lang's River Roost until her untimely departure from this life. Dorothy was very passionate about life, family, her children and grandchildren. She always wore a smile and loved "being happy." She also had a beautiful voice and loved to sing and put on a show.

Dorothy was a long-time member of the Church of Christ. She was currently a member of the Aliceville Church of Christ.

She is preceded in death by her beloved parents, Jesse C. and Annie A. (Hall) Bone and sister, N. Ruthe Burgess.

She is survived by her husband, Jack B. Lang, three children, daughter, Teresa A. Annunziata (Mark), and son, Deborah J. Mackendrick (Keith) and son, Michael S. Lang, brother, Louie C. Bone (Barbara) and sister, Betty J. Davis (Johnny), seven grandchildren, Kristin J. Annunziata, Maria A. Annunziata, Mark A. Annunziata II, Lauren Brooke Lang, Logan Brianna Lang, Jesse Haywood Lang, Colton "Coltrane" J. Mackendrick, many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 2PM at the Aliceville Church of Christ, 629 3rd Avenue.

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JOANNE LEIBMANN
65, of Venice, FL passed away on June 24, 2009. She is survived by her husband Frank Leibmann of Boca Raton, Frank and Patricia Leibmann of Venice, FL; three sisters: Margaret Murphy of Troutman, NC, Leanne Hoff of Loxahatchee, FL, Patricia Kramer of Boynton Beach; and five grandchildren: Amanda, Hayley, Dillon, Destiny and Madison.

Friends may call on Sunday, June 28, 2009 from 7PM to 9PM at the LORNE & SONS FUNERAL HOME, 745 NE 6th Ave., (N. Fed. Hwy), Delray Beach. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday, June 29, 2009, 11:00 AM at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 843 NE 4th Ave., Boynton Beach with burial to follow at the Boynton Beach Cemetery.

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FRANK CULLEN LUCIUS
Frank Cullen Lucius died on 24th of June, 2009, at Greenville Memorial hospital. Mr. Lucius 87, resided at Clemson Downs, Clemson, SC.

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM Sunday, June 28, 2009 at Clemson Downs, Clemson, South Carolina, in the Ernie Corley Center.

A native of Ellott, he grew up in West Palm Beach, Florida, and was the son of Charles Green and Marie Cullen Lucius. He graduated from Palm Beach High School and held a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering from Clemson College.

He was an Army Engineer veteran of World War II serving in the Pacific. He was a member of the Enlisted Reserve and American Legion.

He was a resident of Aiken from 1953 to 1977 and retired from E. I. DuPont with 40 years service at the Savannah River Plant in the Project Department.

Mr. Lucius was a member of St. John's Methodist Church where he served on the Administrative Board and was a member of the Methodist Men's Club.

Survivors are two nephews, Charles B. Lucius III, of Marietta, GA, and Frank H. Lucius of Greensboro, NC, and two nieces, Anne Kleithes, of Columbia, SC, and Marie Taylor, of Greenville, SC.

The Mackey Mortuary, Greenville, SC. Obituaries and online registry at www.mackeymortuary.com.

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LILA JUANITA DANIELS
Funeral Service for the late Lila Juanita Daniels who passed away June 18, 2009 after a long illness.

She leaves to mourn one son, Regina Daniels (Delores); two daughters, Lois Grimes and Pauletta Salmon (Lee); host of grands; great-grands; great-great-grands and two dear friends, Mary Alice Gordon and Wylene Davis.

Services will be held Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 801 8th Street, West Palm Beach, FL. Viewing at Stevens Funeral Home, 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

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MARJORIE A. MCKINLEY
Age 84, passed away peacefully at home, June 22, 2009, with family by her side. Marge, of Bucyrus, OH, resided in Palm Beach County since 1971. She had careers in lithography, banking, and was music secretary at First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, for 17 years. In addition to raising five children, she enjoyed crafting, quilting, reading and doing crossword puzzles. Marge was a source of endless love, calm and support for her family, friends and anyone who met her. One of her many gifts was her ability to keep life's ups and downs in perspective.

She is survived by a sister, Rosemary Cohan; five children, William (Barry), John, Susan (Chuck), David (Yvette), Carolyn, Meghan, Emily, Elizabeth, Carly, Cody, Sarah, Sophie, Amanda, Jade, Olivia; beloved niece, Joanne Davis. She will also be missed by her faithful dog, Taylor.

Memorial services will be 10:00 AM Saturday, June 27 at Christ Fellowship, South Campus, Northlake Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens. Donations may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County.

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MARSHALL DAVID RIDLON
Marshall David Ridlon, 41 of West Palm Beach, died Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Marshall was born in Portland, ME March 4, 1968. He has been a resident of Florida since 1979.

Surviving Marshall is his mother, Cindy of NC; his father, Art (Ann) of Tequesta; a brother, Sam (Daria) and their sons, Jake and Behr-Behr; his uncle, Eddie; Ohlin; aunt, Martha Jo Nichols; uncle, Walter Ridlon; several cousins, many friends; especially Joy Rudman of NC who loved him dearly, and the McCollum family who claimed him as their own. He will be missed by all of these and by all who ever knew him.

Funeral Services will be held at Noon on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at Quattlebaum Funeral Home, 1201 South Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The family will receive friends at 11:00 AM until service time.

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RUTH SIMON
Of Delray Beach, formerly of The Bronx, NY, 88, died on June 25.

She was married to Leo Simon for almost 69 years and raised two sons, Howard and Steven, who will be in her debt forever. She worked as a clerk for the New York Public Library. In addition to her husband and sons, she is survived by daughter-in-law Sharon Lutz, four sisters, Anne, Min, Cella and Lilian, three nephews, two nieces and many other relatives and friends.

A gravesite service will be held on Sunday, June 28, at 12:15 PM at Eternal Light Memorial Gardens, 11520 State Road 7, Boynton Beach. In lieu of flowers, donations to the ACLU Foundation of Florida, 4500 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33137 or to the American Lung Association or similar anti-smoking organization would be appreciated.

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AMY B. WHITEFIELD
Amy B. Whitefield, 91, passed away surrounded by her beloved family on June 24, 2009. A resident of Lake Worth since 1955, Amy was born February 27, 1918 in Richmond, VA. She attended Westhampton College, University of Richmond, and later worked for the American Oil Company. On September 12, 1942, Amy married Burnal Thomas "Tommy" Whitefield, who was then serving in the U.S. Navy. Amy lost the love of her life and best friend of 56 years when Tommy passed away at her side on June 30, 1999.

Amy is survived by their children: Diana Martin of Somerset, NJ; husband, Charles; daughter, Margaret B.T. Whitefield, III (Tom) of Jacksonville, FL; daughter-in-law, Carol Hope Whitefield; children Lara, Adam and Benjamin; Benjamin's wife, Lori, and daughters, Kaya and Riley. Amy Hadfield of Roswell, GA; son, James (Jamie) and his wife Kelli, Jane Shupak of Greer, AZ; and husband, Robert. She is also survived by a sister, Ina Powell of Roanoke, VA, many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Amy's life will be celebrated Saturday, June 27, 2:00 PM at The Church of the Guardian Angels, 1325 Cardinal Lane, Lantana. In lieu of flowers, her family would appreciate memorial contributions to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 or charity of your choice.

Mama, you will live in our hearts forever.
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WILLIAM "BILL" WODA
Age 92 of Boynton Beach died June 23, 2009. Bill was born in Akron, Ohio and served his country during WWII in the Army National Guard. He was a member of the American German Club of the Palm Beaches.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A Funeral Service will be held 4PM, Saturday, June 27, 2009 at Boynton Memorial Chapel, Boynton Beach. A visitation will be held from 2:30PM until the time of service. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Hospice of Palm Beach County.

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In Loving Memory Joanne Hudak
Mom, not a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts. You are missed more than you would have imagined. Love Always, Jamie & Jessica
MARCH 9, 1955 - JUNE 26, 1999

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In Loving Memory Joanne Hudak Mom, not a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts. You are missed more than you would have imagined. Love Always, Jamie & Jessica MARCH 9, 1955 - JUNE 26, 1999

State puts schools in categories

► **SCHOOL from 1B**

reached for comment. The state Department of Education released the ratings.

John F. Kennedy Middle, which had been an intervene school last year and risked being shut down, improved its rating this year.

The state switched to the rating system last year as a way to differentiate generally high-performing schools that fail to meet some federal standards from those

Only 23% of Palm Beach County schools met federal standards in 2009.

that are chronically failing.

In 2009, only 23 percent of Palm Beach County schools met federal standards, but most schools won't face sanctions.

Schools are divided into five cat-

egories, with varying levels of punishment and support from the state and the school district.

At the lowest level of sanction, the district must put together a support team, such as curriculum specialists and trainers, to help the school. At the most intense level, the school's teachers and administrators are replaced with those who have a track record of improving test scores and turning around a school.

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Epstein scheduled for release in July

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Attorneys for women now suing Epstein, as well as attorneys for *The Palm Beach Post*, had asked Colbath to release the deal, arguing the public and the victims have a right to see it.

"There is nothing more fundamentally important than for the public and press to observe how the government is doing its job," *Post* attorney Deanna Shullman said. "There is great public interest in how everybody in this case is doing their job."

Goldberger argued that the confidential agreement Epstein struck with federal prosecutors should remain confidential. Included in it, Goldberger said, are references to federal grand jury proceedings, which are secret and protected by federal rules. A federal judge should decide the issue, he said.

Attorneys Spencer Kuvin and Brad Edwards, who represent some of the women now suing Epstein, both said they were not surprised by Epstein's attorney moving to appeal.

"Any chance to stall in any way and keep the agreement out of public disclosure, they will take it," said Edwards outside court.

He will have served about 13 months of an 18-month sentence.

Epstein pleaded guilty nearly one year ago to solicitation of prostitution and procuring teenagers for prostitution and was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

A sheriff's office official confirmed Thursday that Epstein will be released from the Palm Beach County Stockade on July 22 — nearly 13 months into his sentence.

Sheriff's office spokesman Eric Davis said Epstein has earned gain time for good behavior and for participating in a work-release program.

The saga began years ago after Palm Beach police began investigating reports that young women were being brought to his manse on El Brillo Way to massage him and have sex with him in exchange for money.

Displeased with the way the state attorney's office handled the case, Palm Beach police later forwarded information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Some teens skipped camp to work on film

► **G-STAR from 1B**

Dog-Gone Tale: Destiny's Stand.

A kids' movie about a courageous shelter dog and her young human friends, it's the first feature with a student crew shot at G-Star or anywhere.

"On the first two movies, (the production) came in with a whole crew set and the students were interns, but now they're doing everything," Hauptner said, as Tony-winning actor Barry Bostwick, who plays the movie's villain, conferred with screenwriter/actor Ron Palillo, who has grayer hair but the same face he had 30 years ago when he was *Welcome Back Kotter's* Arnold Horshack.

Palillo and Bostwick are being paid for their participation per the rules of the Screen Actors Guild, but are donating their salaries to the

school's scholarship foundation.

"The purpose of this is education and an experience (the kids) can use for their whole careers," said Bostwick, best known as the dim-bulb mayor on TV's *Spin City* and his Tony-winning role in Broadway's *The Robber Bridegroom*. "It's OK if we have to block (a scene) three or four times if they're learning."

The student crew of about 100 is working in every conceivable position on the film. Many of them skipped going to camp and taking paying jobs to work long days, tote equipment and sweat during many outdoor shots.

"My mom said it was, either this or surf camp. And I really wanted to go to surf camp," said Ashlee Hudak, 15, a student script supervisor and actor from West Palm Beach. "But I'm glad I did this."

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North Palm duo accused of stealing library videos

By **BILL DIPALO**
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

NORTH PALM BEACH — Almost 200 videos have been stolen from the village library, prompting tighter security and questions from officials on how they are going to replace almost 8 percent of the village collection.

"That's a big whack," Village Manager Jimmy Knight said. "It's going to be difficult to find money for new videos."

Village police arrested Edward Walters, 39, and

Elaine Ruiz, 40, both of the 500 block of East Wind Drive on charges they stole 42 videos from the library on Anchorage Drive. But lots more have recently vanished.

Librarians, after an audit, reported to police that 192 videos from the collection of 2,500 were stolen between June 1 and June 11. The stolen videos are valued at about \$4,800.

Staff writer **Eliot Kleinberg** contributed to this story.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PALM BEACH COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 2 (NSP-2)

On July 30, 2008 the United States Congress approved Public Law 110-289 - Title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, 2008 (HERA), appropriating to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding for emergency assistance for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes and residential properties. HERA was amended, and appropriated an additional \$2 billion nationwide for the same purpose. This second round of neighborhood stabilization funds, referred to as Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP-2) is available through a competitive process and in order for Palm Beach County to obtain these funds, the County must submit a funding application to HUD no later than July 17, 2009.

HUD's Description, Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2
The purpose of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program is to assist in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed residential properties. All activities funded under the program must be used to provide benefits to individuals and families whose incomes do not exceed 120% of the median income. At least 25% of the grant must be expended on eligible activities that will provide housing for persons or families whose income is at or below 50% of the area median income. NSP eligible activities include: A) creation of financing mechanisms for purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed upon homes and residential properties; B) purchase and rehabilitate homes and residential properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed upon in order to re-sell, rent, or redevelop; C) establish land banks for homes that have been foreclosed upon; D) demolish blighted structures; and E) redevelop demolished or vacant properties.

Proposed Program Activities
Palm Beach County will apply for a total amount of \$50 million under the NSP-2 divided over four activities as follows:

- Second Mortgage Loan Program:** Funds will be utilized as a second mortgage to reduce the housing costs - or below 120% AMI with at least 25% of the funds going to households with incomes no greater than 50% AMI. The program will be implemented by HCD. Second mortgage criteria will vary for each income group with very low income households receiving a greater amount of funds. Funding request-\$9.15 million.
- Residential Redevelopment Program:** This activity offers grants and/or loans for the purchase of vacant and foreclosed residential properties, intended to be resold or rented, after repairs, to eligible potential homebuyers or renters. Eligible applicants under this category are: municipalities with inter local agreements with Palm Beach County, public agencies, and CLIs, CHDOs, CDCs, CRAs and other non-profit organizations located in Palm Beach County. HCD will distribute these funds via a RFP/NOFA process. This program will be targeted to households earning less than 80% AMI. Funding request-\$20.13 million.
- Neighborhood Redevelopment Program:** This activity will provide grant and/or loan assistance through an RFP/NOFA to municipalities, non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, non-profit organizations in partnership with for-profits, and other local agencies to: redevelop or rehabilitate foreclosed and vacant residential properties for reuse as affordable rental housing; and to purchase vacant residential land upon which new rental housing shall be constructed. At least 25% of units assisted under this program shall be set aside for households at or below 30% AMI. It is anticipated that these units will be occupied by households who are part of Palm Beach County's Homeless Continuum of Care. At least 55% of the new or redeveloped units must be leased to households earning less than 50% of AMI, with the remainder of the units being leased to households earning up to 120% of AMI. The applicants must secure first mortgage financing or gap financing. Funding request-\$16.47 million.
- General Administration and Planning Costs:** HCD is proposing to utilize no more than 8.5% or \$4.25 million to plan and implement the NSP-2 Program over a period of 3 years. Funding request-\$4.25 million.

Written comments on the proposed application will be accepted by HCD at 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, until July 6, 2009.

Palm Beach County's Board of County Commissioners (BCC) will discuss the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 and consider for approval this application at a regular meeting to be held July 7, 2009. All interested parties are invited to attend. The BCC meeting is to be held as follows:

Location: Palm Beach County Governmental Center
BCC Chambers (6th Floor)
301 North Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Time: No time certain (BCC meetings begin at 9:30a.m.)
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2009

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADA, THIS AD CAN BE REQUESTED IN ALTERNATE FORMAT. AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST WITH AT LEAST THREE DAYS NOTICE (CONTACT HCD AT (561) 233-3616.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN BASED ON
THE ADOPTED EVALUATION AND
APPRAISAL REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Palm Springs shall hold public hearings in the Village Hall, located at 226 Cypress Drive, Palm Springs, Florida to consider Text Amendments to the adopted Comprehensive Plan based on the Village's Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report and to transmit the proposed Amendments to the Florida Department of Community Affairs. These hearings shall be held as follows:

Land Development Board meeting on **Tuesday, July 7, 2009** at 6:30 p.m.
Local Planning Agency public hearing on **Thursday, July 23, 2009** at 7:15 p.m.
Village Council public hearing on **Thursday, July 23, 2009** at 7:30 p.m.

The Amendments are for the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-10
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALM SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BASED ON THE VILLAGE'S ADOPTED EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT AND UPDATED DATA AND ANALYSIS, WHICH INCLUDE AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT OF THE FUTURE LAND USE, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE, CONSERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENTS OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS AMENDED; TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE EXISTING GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANDATES SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES, AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL OF THESE AMENDMENTS TO THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND OTHER APPLICABLE AGENCIES FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Copies of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments may be viewed by the public at the Village Clerk's Office or the Land Development Office located at 226 Cypress Drive, Palm Springs, Florida, from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

The public is invited to attend this meeting and/or submit written comments to the Village Clerk's Office regarding the Amendments.

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND HE MUST ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. PERSONS WHO NEED ACCOMMODATIONS IN ORDER TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE VILLAGE CLERK AT 561-965-4010 AT LEAST 3 DAYS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING IN ORDER TO REQUEST SUCH ASSISTANCE.

Village of Palm Springs
Virginia M. Walton, CMC, Village Clerk

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▲ NASDAQ	1,829.54	+37.20
▲ S&P 500	920.26	+19.32
▲ RUSSELL 2000	509.18	+14.23
▼ 10-YR NOTE	3.54%	-0.15
▲ CRUDE OIL	\$70.23	+\$1.56

Home builders help stocks up

NEW YORK — Investors rushed back into stocks as profits at a handful of companies indicated the economy might be gaining strength. Gains in home builders, retailers and other consumer discretionary stocks led the market sharply higher Thursday.

THE MORNING LINE

New jobless claims increase

WASHINGTON — The Labor Department said Thursday that new jobless claims jumped unexpectedly last week. And the number of people continuing to receive unemployment aid rose more than expected.

The figures indicate that jobs remain scarce even as the economy shows some signs of recovering from the longest recession since World War II.

A revised reading on gross domestic product — the broadest measure of the nation's output — said the economy posted a 5.5 percent annualized decline from January through March. That was slightly better than the 5.7 percent estimate made a month ago.

Mortgage rates up slightly

WASHINGTON — The average rate for a 30-year fixed mortgage was 5.42 percent, up from 5.38 percent a week earlier, mortgage company Freddie Mac said Thursday. Rates on 30-year mortgages fell to a record low of 4.78 percent earlier this year. But then they rose as high as 5.6 percent earlier this month after yields on long-term government debt, which are tied to mortgage rates, climbed as investors worried that the huge surplus of government debt hitting the market could trigger inflation.

AIG to reduce debt by \$25 billion

NEW YORK — American International Group Inc. said Thursday it will reduce outstanding federal loans by \$25 billion by giving the government a preferred stake in two units that will be spun off from the insurance giant. AIG is placing two life insurance subsidiaries — American International Assurance Co. and American Life Insurance Co. — into special purpose vehicles ahead of planned initial public offerings. As part of the plan, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will receive preferred interests in the SPVs which will eventually be independent companies once a public offering is completed.

Oil up on positive economic news

NEW YORK — Oil prices jumped above \$70 a barrel Thursday after the government said that the economy may be faring better than previously thought. In a revised reading on gross domestic product in the first quarter, the Commerce Department reported a 5.5 percent annualized decline from January to March, rather than the 5.7 percent it reported a month ago. The slowing economy has slashed demand for energy as factories shut down and fewer people drive to work or take leisure trips.

Lennar's orders up, stock surges

MIAMI — Stuart Miller, CEO of Lennar Corp., tried to temper enthusiasm about a housing market recovery, but investors zeroed in on one number: a 63 percent spike in new home orders between the builder's first and second quarters. While Lennar still posted a slightly wider quarterly loss, its stock jumped 17 percent (NYSE: \$9.19) and led the entire sector in a rally Thursday.

— Palm Beach Post wire services.

The pump primer

Average prices for regular grade gas as of Thursday.

	This week	Last week
West Palm Beach, Boca Raton	\$2.77	\$2.79
Martin County	\$2.77	\$2.74
St. Lucie County	\$2.75	\$2.75
Indian River County	\$2.68	\$2.70
Okeechobee County	\$2.69	\$2.70
Fort Lauderdale	\$2.74	\$2.76
Miami	\$2.76	\$2.77
Orlando	\$2.64	\$2.64
Florida	\$2.69	\$2.70

Sources: AAA, Oil Price Information Service

STAFF GRAPHIC

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Bernanke fends off GOP's heat

On Capitol Hill, he denies coercing Bank of America to buy Merrill.

By JEANNINE AVERSA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facing an unusual political trial, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke disputed accusations Thursday that he

pressured Bank of America to acquire Merrill Lynch in a deal that cost taxpayers \$20 billion.

In a three-hour hearing of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Bernanke denied threatening to oust Bank of America CEO Kenneth Lewis if the bank's board members if they abandoned the takeover after discovering spiraling losses at Merrill.

"I never said that I would

replace the board and management" if Lewis decided to invoke a clause in the acquisition contract to try to stop the deal, Bernanke told the committee.

It was Bernanke's first public response since the committee launched an investigation into whether he or other government officials bullied Bank of America to stick with its plan to combine the two financial powers.

Throughout the day, Bernanke faced often hostile questions — unusual for a Fed chief, who typically commands deference in public.

Of Bernanke's denial that he threatened Lewis' job, Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, said: "With all due respect, I'm just not buying that."

Neither was Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who huffed: "This is not a socialist society."

Adopting the role of outsider, Republicans have turned See BERNANKE, 7B ▶

T-shirt business gives back



RAY GRAHAM/Staff Photographer

'We are using T-shirts as a vehicle to help the community,' says Jeff Firestone, who created his Boca Raton business CharITEES when he began to print T-shirts at a discount for local charities.

CharITEES helps printer, groups thrive

By TRACEY McMANUS
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

BOCA RATON — When his textile business slammed to a halt in 1998, Jeff Firestone looked around at the idle printing machines in his Miami warehouse and thought he had become a feast-to-famine story.

His financial partner of eight years had just backed out of their T-shirt production business, leaving Firestone needing a plan — and a use — for his printing equipment.

He needed a niche market. And when he began offering to print T-shirts at least 25 percent below market rates for the events of local charities, CharITEES was born.

Since relocating to Boca Raton in 2000, CharITEES has printed T-shirts for hundreds of charities nationwide with its low-cost pitch, and has donated thousands of dollars in products and cash to Palm Beach County charities.

"I believe in taking my profits and putting it back in the community," Firestone said. "There's a major disparity in this county of the haves and have-nots, and I want to equal that disparity."

Firestone donates 10 percent of his annual sales

CharITEES

Location: Boca Raton

Annual sales (2008): \$300,000

Business: CharITEES provides T-shirt design and printing at below market-rate costs to nonprofit organizations, schools, hospitals and camps.

Web site: www.CharITEES.org

revenue to local and national charities, which came to \$30,000 in donations in 2008.

The 57-year-old veteran of the printing industry chooses the charities that receive his donations on a need basis. But often when charities buy T-shirts from CharITEES, donations follow, he said.

For instance, he donated 50 shirts and \$400 towards a carousel for Child Life Institute's pediatric center Christmas Party last year.

And when Elinor Josephson bought nearly 1,000 shirts for staff and campers for the 2009 JCC Ted Weisberg camp in Boca Raton, she also received a \$350 donation to help support the camp's lunch program.

"What he gave us was the financial ability to help feed those kids," Josephson said.

His low prices have

given him an edge in the \$22 billion garment printing industry, attracting business from Chicago's DePaul University and The National Coalition for the Homeless in Washington.

Firestone does most of the networking, but he has recently hired sales representatives in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles on the condition they donate 5 percent of their yearly commissions to the charities of their choice.

By the end of this year, Firestone also plans to launch LiberTEES, a T-shirt printing company that uses all U.S. made materials and will employ Iraq war veterans as sales representatives.

"We are using T-shirts as a vehicle to help the community," Firestone said. "It started as a business, but now it's a labor of love."

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Stanford pleads not guilty to fraud

Prosecutors say he's a flight risk and want him held without bail.

By JUAN A. LOZANO
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas billionaire R. Allen Stanford pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges he swindled investors out of \$7 billion as part of a massive investment scam.

Stanford entered his plea during his arraignment in federal court. The financier was indicted on charges that his international banking empire was really just a colossal Ponzi scheme.

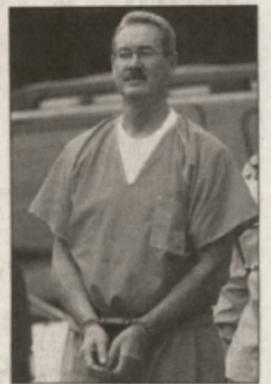
Laura Pendergest-Holt, Gilberto Lopez and Mark Kuhrt, three executives with the now defunct Houston-based Stanford Financial Group who were indicted along with their former boss, also entered not guilty pleas.

At a bond hearing shortly after the executives' arraignment, prosecutors argued Stanford should be held without bail as he awaits trial on fraud charges because he might have access to billions of dollars in secret funds.

Prosecutor Paul Pelletier said investigators found a secret Swiss account Stanford controlled that was drained of more than \$100 million in December 2008.

Jeffrey Ferguson, a forensic examiner hired to review the records of Stanford Financial Group and

See STANFORD, 7B ▶



DAVID J. PHILLIP/The Associated Press

R. Allen Stanford faces federal charges that he ran a \$7 billion scheme to defraud investors.

Boca supplement firm to refund \$10 million

By SUSAN SALISBURY
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

A Boca Raton-based company that markets non-prescription dietary and health supplements, including acai berry supplements, has refunded almost \$10 million to customers nationwide, Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum said Thursday.

The attorney general's office said it reached a settlement with Aton Solutions and its subsidiaries that resolves allegations surrounding 15-day free trials of its products. Customers were unable to cancel their subscriptions before being continuously billed a monthly fee of \$80 or

Aton's customers were unable to cancel a free trial.

more for products that they neither ordered nor wanted.

In March, the Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest issued a warning to consumers not to enroll online in supposedly free trials for acai berry products, and said there is no evidence to suggest that acai pills will help shed pounds, flatten tummies or perform any of the other commonly advertised functions.

Customers who filed complaints with the attorney general's office claimed they

were unable to contact the company or its subsidiaries — GIC LLC, SFL Nutrition LLC, Globalnet Pharmacies LLC and Glades Distribution Services — by telephone, e-mail or through the company's Web sites to cancel future orders.

Under the settlement with the attorney general's office, Aton and its subsidiaries have agreed to openly describe all terms and conditions of trial offers on the company's Web site and will disclose how and when the products may be

returned. The company also must maintain enough personnel to field cancellation requests.

The company has cooperated in the investigation that began in December and has said it will continue to issue refunds to any customers who have complaints.

Earlier this year, The Better Business Bureau of South Florida gave Aton and its related companies an "F" rating and received a total of 3,889 complaints about the company. Of those, 3,381 went unanswered, according to the bureau's report on the firm.

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DOW Trans.	3266.99	3106.41	3261.11	+136.96	+4.38%	▲	▲	▲	-7.80%
DOW Util.	349.08	358.12	358.12	+5.75	+1.63%	▲	▲	▲	-3.41%
NYSE Comp.	5911.30	5751.97	5911.03	+115.31	+1.99%	▲	▲	▲	+2.67%
NASDAQ	1829.67	1779.18	1829.54	+37.20	+2.08%	▲	▲	▲	+16.01%
S&P 500	921.42	896.27	920.26	+19.32	+2.14%	▲	▲	▲	+1.88%
S&P 400	575.69	558.48	575.69	+13.92	+2.48%	▲	▲	▲	+6.95%
Wilshire 5000	9416.62	9161.22	9412.19	+199.04	+2.16%	▲	▲	▲	+3.58%
Russell 2000	509.18	492.43	509.18	+14.23	+2.88%	▲	▲	▲	+1.95%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	EXC.	LAST	CHG.	DIV	NAME	EXC.	LAST	CHG.	DIV	NAME	EXC.	LAST	CHG.	DIV	NAME	EXC.	LAST	CHG.	DIV
AES Corp	N	11.12	+54		DixFinBul	N	8.98	+45	08e	LilyEI	N	35.33	+172	1.96	SabnR	N	44.00	+132	4.96e
ASA Ltd	N	63.71	+235	1.80e	DixFinBear	N	4.82	-27		LockHdM	N	81.13	+161	2.28	ShunB	N	14.60	+29	2.01e
AT&T Inc	N	24.85	+20	1.64	DixSCBear	N	22.74	-2.12		MGMMir	N	6.77	+08		SanDisk	Q	14.46	+36	
AbtLab	N	48.02	+103	1.60	DixSCBul	N	27.98	+227	09e	Manuif gs	N	18.57	+35	1.04	Sanofi	N	30.21	-163	1.42e
AbcGibinc	A	10.60	-20	.84e	DixLCBear	N	35.32	-2.49		MktV Steel	N	42.66	+139	1.36e	SchergPt	N	24.28	+60	.26
AcadiaPh	Q	2.19	+26		DixLCBul	N	33.92	+209	26e	MktV Agri	N	34.67	+48	28p	Schwab	Q	17.74	+29	.24
AdamsEx	N	8.42	+15	.64e	Disney	N	23.55	+65	.35	MarlentA	N	22.01	+74	.35	SeacoastBk	Q	2.48	+05	
AdvAuto	N	42.05	+104	.24	DowChn	N	15.88	+39	.60	MStewart	N	3.03	+11		SeagateT	Q	9.50	-37	
AdvEnrd	Q	8.92	+28		DuffShips	Q	5.81	+11		McClatch h	N	.88	+04		SeansHdgs	Q	65.54	-1.98	
AMD	N	3.64	-02		DuPont	N	25.29	+46	1.64	McDnlds	N	57.46	+116	2.00	SimonPm	N	51.53	+95	.48e
Aglysys	Q	5.37	+51	.12	DuffPhlp	N	17.00	+44	.20	MedcoHth	N	45.83	+06		SinixXM	Q	46	+06	
Alcoa	N	10.72	+51	.12m	DukeEngy	N	14.63	+23	.96f	Merck	N	26.57	+12	1.52	Srucker	N	48.62	+20	1.40f
AllgEngy	N	25.94	+22	.60	Dycm	N	11.39	+71		MetLife	N	29.98	+05	.74	SoCarE pf	N	47.40	-20	2.50
Altria	N	16.54	+33	1.28	ETrade	Q	1.26	+03		MetroBcp	Q	19.88	+38		SouthCo	N	31.78	+48	1.75f
AmCapltd	Q	2.72	+01	.11f	EMC Cp	N	13.49	+49		MicronT	N	5.30	+16		StbrCopp s	N	21.01	+87	1.07e
AEP	N	28.92	+38	1.64	Ekodak	N	2.58	-		Microsoft	Q	23.79	+32	.52	SwiGas	N	21.57	+34	.95
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AsiaPc	N	8.19	+25	5.10e	FPB Bncp	Q	2.70	+06		Newport	Q	5.91	+24		SP Inp	N	20.60	+57	.33
AtlasEng	N	19.81	+59	2.44	FPL Grp	N	57.50	+05	1.89	NewsCPA	Q	9.15	+16	.12	StateStr	N	47.48	+94	.04
ATMOS	N	25.11	+32	1.32	FairPoint	N	.52	-15		NikeB	N	51.28	-174	1.00	SteinMrt	Q	8.07	+25	
AutoNatr	N	16.96	+91		FithThid	Q	6.96	+18	.04	NokiaCp	N	14.69	+07	.52e	SubPpnt	N	42.30	+136	3.26f
BE Aero	Q	14.16	+20		FstNiagam	Q	12.27	+46	.56	NordicAm	N	32.04	+80	4.96e	Suncor gs	N	30.37	+141	.20
BioAm	N	12.35	-	.04	FstPotom	N	9.90	+25	.80m	Nordstn	N	19.61	+53	.64	Sunoco	N	23.84	+95	1.20
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Baxter	N	52.23	+180	1.04	FrontierCm	N	7.15	+14	1.00	OGC Engy	N	28.12	+106	1.42	TclmAZ	N	11.84	+53	
BayNrg g	N	17.02	+78	1.44	GAX	N	24.95	+119	1.12	OceanFnt	N	12.98	+51		TelemNZ	N	8.58	+36	.80e
BeckDok	N	70.91	+241	1.32	GenElec	N	11.86	+16	.40m	OfficeOpt	N	4.42	+32		TeSPaulo	N	22.24	+56	2.06e
BeckBath	Q	31.08	+2.69		GenPrt	N	33.21	+79	1.60	ONEOK	N	29.30	+117	1.60	TenHth	N	2.86	+18	
BerkHa A	N	86705	-95		Genwrth	N	6.69	+12		Oracle	Q	21.63	+37	.20	TennCnce	Q	5.60	+61	
BerkH B	N	2802	+8		GeoGrp	N	18.24	+50		Otelco un	Q	10.88	+38	1.08	Tenada	N	22.81	+95	
BlueGreen	N	2.72	+03		GeoGulf	N	.48	-05		PAC	N	40.22	+17	.40m	Tenayn	N	6.89	+31	
Boeing	N	42.53	+121	1.68	GlaxoSKn	N	35.52	-61	1.95e	PacGE pFA	A	25.60	+60	1.50	Terady	Q	48.07	+69	.53e
BostonSci	N	10.00	+49		GoldmanS	N	144.43	+1.78	1.40	Palm Inc	Q	14.02	+08		Thermt	N	21.35	+37	.44
BnMyS	N	29.89	+70	1.24	Goodyear	N	11.26	-		PangShip	Q	3.85	+05	.20	ThermoFis	N	41.79	+152	
BrodeCm	Q	7.88	-12		Graham s	A	14.15	+11	.08	ParkerHan	N	42.16	+111	1.00	3M Co	N	58.90	+142	2.04
BthEmat	N	16.50	+126		GNiron	N	92.00	+90	11.20e	Paychex	Q	25.06	-1.65	1.24	Toyota	N	77.67	+1.61	1.20
CH Engy	N	46.54	+107	2.16	GuPlainEn	N	15.30	+26	.83	Pearson	N	10.17	+06	.52e	Travlers	N	40.91	+15	1.20
CSX	N	35.26	+1.98	.88	GuangRy	N	24.75	+75	.59e	PepsiCo	N	53.99	+94	1.80f	TycoElec	N	18.00	-20	.64
CVS Care	N	31.20	+13	.31	Hallibrtn	N	20.64	+07	.36	Pmian	N	11.20	+25	1.55e	Tycolnt	N	26.55	+71	.81e
CaltonP h	N	1.90	+05		HarrisCorp	N	28.36	+41	.80p	PetroBras	N	40.36	+148	.95e	U-Store-It	N	4.51	+01	.10
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Cisco	Q	19.03	+42		HuntBnk	Q	4.41	+04	.04	PRUSMRE	N	20.45	-55	5.08e	Unitin	N	12.13	-	.80m
Citigrp	N	3.03	-01		ISHBraz	N	53.22	+05	2.03e	PRUSMFn	N	42.59	-1.66	.35e	Vale SA	N	18.08	-67	.54e
CitnSys	Q	32.03	+65		ISHJpn	N	9.52	+22	.12e	PRUSM	N	3.43	+10	.39e	Vale SA pf	N	15.66	+70	.54e
Coach	N	26.24	+88	.30	IShtain	N	10.14	+19	.60e	PRUITFn	N	3.86	+14	.12e	ValeroE	N	16.69	+66	.60
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PG1211	2007	LR	LR3 - SE7 - V8	BLACK/ALPACA	30650	29,930
PL1268	2006	LR	RANGE ROVER-LUXURY	SILVER/CHARC.	37945	42,822
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Simple mouth-swab test produces quick results

► HIV/AIDS from 1B

Edited by Robertson, *Silence Is Death* contains essays, poetry and fiction, accompanied by Rollins' photos of the writers.

The 2008 testing numbers show that *Silence Is Death* is a true statement, particularly in the black community, said Robertson, who lives and works in Pahokee and was diagnosed with AIDS 12 years ago.

"We're still dealing with the stigma, especially among the black community," Robertson said.

A simple test for HIV/AIDS can be administered by a mouth swab that produces results in 20 minutes. If the swab test indicates a positive reaction, a second test is administered and results are returned in two weeks.

State Sen. Chris Smith, D-Fort Lauderdale, is planning to be tested.

"I want to be tested by example," said Smith, whose district includes the Interstate 95 corridor from Riviera Beach to Fort Lauderdale. Smith will get the swab test at "Show You Know," an outdoor concert in Fort Lauderdale, where the only admission price is being tested.

Rollins recalled when

HIV Test Day is today

Here are a few of the locations offering testing. For the complete list, go to www.PalmBeachPost.com.

Boynton Beach
United Deliverance, Mobile Unit, Martin Luther King Boulevard and Seacrest Boulevard, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Call Caroline Hill at (561) 844-7071.

West Palm Beach
United Deliverance, Mobile Unit, 13th Street and Tamarind Avenue, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Call

Caroline Hill at (561) 844-7071.

Riviera Beach
St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 1524 W. 35th St., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free food and drink.

For more information, call 211. List of testing sites also available online at www.pbchd.com.

his friend Robertson became ill and tested positive for AIDS.

"You know how many T cells he had in his body? Eleven," said Rollins. The infection-fighting T cells in a healthy body number in the thousands.

"He had acute lymphoma. They said he would be dead in two days. He never complained, he never whimpered. Six months later, he started to gain weight. He is a walking, talking miracle."

Robertson said he was lucky to find a two-drug cocktail that has held his disease in check and al-

lowed him normal activity.

Even though Robertson's credibility as an advocate is impeccable, he says his work continues to be repeating the same message, often to people who don't even want to know whether they have the virus.

"It's better for you and your partners," said Robertson. "If you know your status, you're not unknowingly infecting people. I tell people that it's better to know, to take care of yourself and to improve your quality of life. That's what I want people to know."

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Aspiring broadcaster to be honored



Weaver

Officials from the Georgia university offering Damon Weaver a free ride will be recognizing him today.

The pint-size broadcaster will be given a full

scholarship to attend Albany State University during an alumni conference being held at 10 a.m. at Don Shula's Hotel and Golf Club in Miami Lakes.

Damon, 11, garnered national attention after an interview with then-vice presidential candidate Joe Biden, whom Damon

called his homeboy.

Since then, Damon has appeared on *Larry King Live*, Fox News, MSNBC, ABC and CNN.

He has also interviewed many celebrities, including Oprah Winfrey. He is still seeking an interview with President Obama.

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Stocks mixed on savings rate

NEW YORK — Stocks ended mixed Friday after the Commerce Department reported that personal spending, incomes and savings all rose in May. The trend suggests consumers are being extremely careful with their money. That's good for the individual, but not great for the overall economy in the short-term.

THE MORNING LINE

Stanford jailed until bail review

HOUSTON — Texas financier R. Allen Stanford, facing trial on charges he swindled investors out of \$7 billion, will spend at least the weekend behind bars after a federal judge Friday ruled to delay his release on bond.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner granted a prosecution request to delay a magistrate's order granting Stanford, once considered one of the richest men in America, a \$500,000 bond.

Hittner, who is presiding over Stanford's case, ordered for Monday to hear arguments on whether Stanford's bond should be revoked.

Temporary labs ready for Planck

JUPITER — The Max Planck Florida Institute will move in to its temporary labs at Florida Atlantic University's Jupiter campus on July 6, the institute announced Friday.

Max Planck's Dr. Claudia Hillinger, vice president of institute development, signed the sublease agreement on the 40,000-square-foot lab alongside FAU President Frank Brogan at the university's June 10 trustee's meeting. The first scientist to move in will be Nobel Laureate Dr. Bert Sakmann, whose work explaining how charged atoms move across neuron cell membranes earned him and a colleague the 1991 Nobel Prize in Medicine.

KB Home new orders rise

LOS ANGELES — Going into its second quarter, KB Home had everyone wondering whether the home builder could duplicate the standout performance of its first quarter — posting a 26 percent year-over-year increase in new orders for the first time in more than three years. The builder didn't even come close. On Friday, KB said new orders in the second quarter were 31 percent below the second quarter last year. The comparison to the first quarter fared far better, however, increasing by 59 percent.

'Jumbo' mortgages revived

NEW YORK — JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Citigroup Inc. are expanding in "jumbo" mortgages used to buy the most expensive homes, helping revive a market that shriveled amid a three-year jump in homeowner defaults.

JPMorgan resumed buying new jumbo loans made by other lenders this month, after halting purchases in March, spokesman Tom Kelly said. Borrowers must have checking accounts with the bank, he said. Citigroup is again offering the loans through independent mortgage brokers, spokesman Mark Rodgers said.

Report: Nestlé stonewalled FDA

NEW YORK — Inspection reports from a Nestlé USA cookie dough factory released Friday show the company refused several times to provide Food and Drug Administration inspectors with complaint logs, pest-control records and other information. The records, which date back to 2004, were made public after Nestlé's Toll House refrigerated, prepackaged cookie dough was discovered to be the likely culprit in an *E. coli* outbreak that has sickened 69 people in 29 states, according to the latest estimates from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC is investigating the outbreak along with the FDA.

Gas pump price slides 4 cents

NEW YORK — Pump prices fell every day this week, easing off a summer peak near \$2.70 a gallon as U.S. storage facilities swelled with unused gasoline. The national average for gasoline dropped less than a penny Friday to \$2.658 a gallon, according to auto club AAA, a Wall Street Journal and Oil Price Information Service. Benchmark crude for August delivery fell \$1.07 cents to settle at \$69.16 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange

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Summer airfare deals abound

If you've been hesitating to book a flight, it's time to act, travel insiders say.

By JOSHUA FREED
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — If you've been waiting for the lowest possible airfare for a trip this summer, it may be time to get off the fence.

Fares dropped for months while travelers held off buying tickets because they were afraid of losing a job or worried about affording even a scaled-back vacation. But with July 4 fast approaching and jet fuel prices

rising, some fares could be set to climb again.

Rick Seaney, CEO of FareCompare.com, said it looks like airlines are trying to halt the fare slide, with recent hikes of \$10 and \$20 round-trip. Still, he wrote in an e-mail that the minor increases in the past two weeks "have by no means completely curtailed the flood of cheap airline" tickets from the first half of the year. In fact, AirTran recently put out fares that hit new market lows on hundreds of routes, he wrote.

Memorial Day usually signals the end of the best time to book travel, but this year was different. With fewer

people traveling, the sales continued. A Travelocity survey shows fares down 17 percent for travel between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.

The travel Web site also says travelers are booking 86 days before departure instead of 90 days. That might not sound like a big deal, but Genevieve Shaw Brown, senior editor at the online travel Web site, said it takes lots of people booking later to move the needle that much.

Tom Parsons, CEO of Bestfares.com, recommends making a top-10 list and checking fares until you find
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Fares for travel between now and Labor Day are down 17 percent, according to a Travelocity survey.

Walmart upgrades



APRIL L. BROWN/The Associated Press

Steve Cantrell of Rogers, Ark., shops for produce at a renovated Walmart. The company's \$1.6 billion remodeling program of 3,600 stores will lower shelves and widen aisles to give clearer paths.

Retailer redoes stores, stock for high-spending customers

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
The Associated Press

The recession steered a new type of customer to Walmart — deeper in the pockets and suddenly looking for bargains. Now the world's largest retailer has to figure out how to keep that customer when the economy recovers.

So Walmart is bringing in more brand names, ditching scores of other products and even redesigning hundreds of stores to give them wider aisles, better lighting and better sight lines.

It's more than just a cosmetic upgrade. That new breed of customer also spends about 40 percent more than the traditional Walmart shopper, and the retailer senses an opportunity to accelerate its growth.

Jake Aditya Krishnan, a 42-year-old lawyer from San Jose, Calif. He used to buy only light bulbs at Walmart but now finds himself spending \$150 a month there, including buying workout clothes he used to get at Macy's.

"If I am able to get good stuff at Walmart, and I am able to save money, why would I change?" Krishnan asked. "I am seeing better brands, and the shopping experience is better" than before.

Walmart says that's no

Big box finances

Wal-Mart is trying to retain customers who turned to it during the current economic crisis by remodeling stores and upgrading inventory.



accident. It's placing a big bet on the redesign of most of its 3,600 stores, started last fall. This fiscal year, it plans to redo up to 600 at a cost from \$1.6 billion to \$1.7 billion.

The prototype for the remodeling includes lower shelves to make it easier to see across the store, better lighting and wider aisles. Expanded electronics areas will include interactive displays to test video games and portable gadgets.

The store now carries

brands like Dansk and Better Homes and Gardens, and its electronics section now stocks pricier products like Palm Inc.'s well-received Pre smart phone.

Whether it all works, Wall Street analysts say, depends in part on how quickly the behemoth retailer can remodel and keep shoppers satisfied. Concerns about how Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will keep its momentum have sent its stock down 13 percent this year.

The early signs are positive, putting pressure on the rest of the industry. Target Corp., whose sales have been hampered by its emphasis on nonessentials like trendy jeans, is expanding its fresh food offerings. Best Buy Co. is beefing up customer service.

"I believe a lot of what (Wal-Mart) is doing is working," said Joseph Feldman, a retail analyst at Telsey Advisory Group. "They are a threat to everyone."

Other discounters, including TJX Cos. Inc., which sells name-brand fashions and home furnishings, Costco Wholesale Corp. and BJ's Wholesale Club Inc., are focusing on how to hold on to new customers lured by low prices during the recession.

But Wal-Mart has a tall reputation to overcome.

Stimulus money winds up in savings

People socked away cash at the highest rate in 15 years.

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Households pushed their savings rate to the highest level in more than 15 years in May as a big boost in incomes from the government's stimulus program was devoted more to bolstering nest eggs than increased spending.

The higher savings rate is healthy in the long term, economists said. But without vigorous consumer spending, the government may have to do more to revive the economy, possibly through further tax breaks and spending.

The Commerce Department said Friday that consumer spending rose 0.3 percent in May, in line with expectations. But incomes jumped 1.4 percent, the biggest gain in a year and easily outpacing the 0.3 percent increase that economists expected.

The savings rate, which was hovering near zero in early 2008, surged to 6.9 percent, the highest level since December 1993.

The income increase reflected temporary factors relating to the \$787 billion economic stimulus program that President Obama pushed through Congress in February to fight the recession. That program included one-
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MEL EVANS/The Associated Press
A man empties a bag of coins into a counting machine at TD Bank in Fairless Hills, Pa.

Feds set warrant process for bailed-out banks

By DANIEL WAGNER
and MARTIN CRUTSINGER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration on Friday established its process for pricing billions of dollars' worth of warrants that large banks must repurchase to exit the \$700 billion bailout program.

The Treasury Department said the banks will make the first offer for the warrants. Treasury then will decide to sell at that price or the government and a bank cannot

agree on a fair price for the warrants, the two sides will have the right to use private appraisers.

Treasury also could auction to private bidders warrants from banks that choose not to repurchase them.

The banking industry endorsed the plan, but critics said it could shortchange taxpayers in the long run.

The warrants give the government the right to purchase shares of bailed-out banks at a set price in 10 years. If stock prices have risen by then, taxpayers could reap a

healthy profit.

But many of the banks already have paid 5 percent dividends on their Treasury investments and have bristled at paying an extra fee for a program they were pressured to join.

Treasury has faced pressure from Congress to get a good return for taxpayers, and from banks not to penalize them just as the industry stabilizes. Friday's announcement reflected a middle path: The purchase prices may be lower than the warrants would fetch on the open mar-

ket, but they still will cost the banks a substantial amount.

"Treasury faces a real dilemma here," said banking consultant Bert Ely. "Taxpayers ought to make some money for the risk they took here, but they were taking that risk for a lot less time than anyone anticipated."

Some of the nation's largest banks, including JPMorgan Chase and Morgan Stanley, have been eagerly awaiting Treasury's decision. They were among 10 banks that repaid a total of \$68 billion in bailout money last week.

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Tri-Rail opts to keep schedule

Money that would go to upgrading trains will go to avoid service cuts.

By MICHAEL TURNBELL
Sun Sentinel

POMPANO BEACH — Tri-Rail will limp along for another year without any cuts to its schedule.

The board that oversees the commuter train voted Friday morning to tap into \$8 million in county gas tax money to avoid drastic cuts in service this fall.

The money is normally used to pay for things like locomotives, new cars and station improvements.

Instead, it will be spent just to keep the trains running.

Tri-Rail's budget is taking a \$9 million hit next year because Broward, Palm

Beach and Miami-Dade counties plan to cut their annual subsidies used to run the trains.

While riders don't want to lose service, they also say passenger cars need to be upgraded or replaced.

"What I don't see anyone discussing is that the trains have been breaking down for the last couple of weeks because of the heat," said Steven Daun of Boca Raton, who rides the train on weekdays to Miami.

"Many of the air conditioners in many of the cars either don't work or circulate warm air. Tri-Rail has become the epitome of what mass transit shouldn't be."

Without additional cash for operations, Tri-Rail faced slashing the number of weekday trains from 50 to 30 and canceling all service on weekends and holidays starting Oct. 5.

Local governments weigh cuts to balance budgets

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values would drop 13.5 percent.

To collect the same amount of money this year as last year, the county would have to raise its property tax rate 14.9 percent.

Meanwhile, county budget-writers learned this week that the state will pass down about \$8 million less in revenues and sales taxes this year, bringing state contributions to 2001 levels.

"We can't catch a break," said Liz Bloeser, the county budget director.

The year stands in stark contrast to almost any prior year in Florida, where it seemed property values would increase as sure as the sun would rise. Real numbers always surpassed conservative expectations. County and city leaders made an annual habit of slashing tax rates. And still, more tax money rolled in, as values surged.

"This is exactly 100 percent different than the way it used to be," Bloeser said. "It's exactly stair-stepping back down the way we went up."

Cities are sharing in the pain. This year's hardest-hit appear to be Loxahatchee Groves, Lake Worth and Greenacres, whose property values are expected to plunge 26 percent, 24 percent and 22 percent, according to latest estimates.

Only Briny Breezes is expected to see an uptick — of about 2 percent, the figures show.

Resilient municipalities include Pahokee and Palm Beach, where values are expected to dip just 3 percent, the figures show.

North Palm Beach, which expects to see a 9.6 percent drop in values, expects to make further

Big tumble

Palm Beach County's property tax base shrank 12.9 percent this past year, the worst decline in a century, Property Appraiser Gary Nikolits said. The town of Loxahatchee Groves saw the sharpest estimated decline, losing more than a quarter of its value.

Local government	2008 taxable value	2009 taxable value	Change*
Atlantis	\$476.9 million	\$435.6 million	-8.7%
Belle Glade	\$337.0 million	\$314.4 million	-6.7%
Boca Raton	\$19.5 billion	\$17.7 billion	-9.3%
Boynton Beach	\$5.6 billion	\$4.6 billion	-18.2%
Briny Breezes	\$38.1 million	\$38.9 million	2.3%
Cloud Lake	\$7.2 million	\$6.0 million	-16.9%
Delray Beach	\$8.1 billion	\$7.0 billion	-14.4%
Glen Ridge	\$19.0 million	\$17.5 million	-8.2%
Golf	\$148.3 million	\$139.6 million	-5.9%
Greenacres	\$1.9 billion	\$1.5 billion	-22.5%
Gulf Stream	\$746.7 million	\$703.0 million	-5.9%
Haverhill	\$85.5 million	\$76.1 million	-11.0%
Highland Beach	\$2.1 billion	\$1.9 billion	-10.2%
Hypoluxo	\$385.8 million	\$308.4 million	-20.1%
Juno Beach	\$1.2 billion	\$1.0 billion	-12.0%
Jupiter	\$8.5 billion	\$7.6 billion	-10.2%
Jupiter Inlet Colony	\$245.7 million	\$223.9 million	-8.9%
Lake Clarke Shores	\$230.1 million	\$199.4 million	-13.3%
Lake Park	\$664.8 million	\$567.0 million	-14.7%
Lake Worth	\$1.9 billion	\$1.5 billion	-23.7%
Lantana	\$1.0 billion	\$869.7 million	-13.8%
Loxahatchee Groves	\$307.4 million	\$227.6 million	-26.0%
Manalapan	\$972.3 million	\$920.5 million	-5.3%
Mangonia Park	\$212.4 million	\$176.9 million	-16.7%
North Palm Beach	\$1.8 billion	\$1.7 billion	-9.6%
Ocean Ridge	\$838.8 million	\$727.2 million	-13.2%
Pahokee	\$94.7 million	\$92.2 million	-2.7%
Palm Beach	\$13.7 billion	\$13.3 billion	-2.8%
Palm Beach Gardens	\$9.6 billion	\$8.7 billion	-9.9%
Palm Beach Shores	\$601.4 million	\$534.9 million	-11.1%
Palm Springs	\$864.4 million	\$666.0 million	-23.0%
Riviera Beach	\$4.0 billion	\$3.4 billion	-15.7%
Royal Palm Beach	\$2.6 billion	\$2.1 billion	-19.3%
South Bay	\$62.7 million	\$57.5 million	-8.3%
South Palm Beach	\$371.7 million	\$308.2 million	-17.1%
Tequesta	\$926.2 million	\$828.5 million	-10.6%
Wellington	\$7.2 billion	\$6.0 billion	-16.6%
West Palm Beach	\$11.8 billion	\$9.7 billion	-18.1%
Countywide	\$159.6 billion	\$139.0 billion	-12.9%

* May not appear exact because of rounding
Source: Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office

STAFF GRAPHIC

cutbacks, despite eliminating the assistant police and assistant fire chief positions and outsourcing maintenance at its golf course and parks, Village Manager Jimmy Knight said.

In Riviera Beach, which faces a 15.7 percent drop in its tax base, the city council is considering cutting up to 60 positions,

including police officers and firefighters; imposing a mandatory one-day-a-month furlough for city employees; and dipping into reserves to balance the budget.

Staff writers Bill DiPaolo, Willie Howard, Lona O'Connor and Tony Doris contributed to this story.

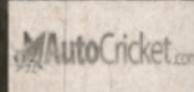
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Judge orders Jeffrey Epstein plea deal documents unsealed, but attorney seeks stay

By MICHELE DARGAN
Daily News Staff Writer

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath ruled today that the federal government's non-prosecution agreement for convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein should be unsealed Monday.

However, defense attorney Jack Goldberger immediately handed up a motion asking Colbath to keep the ruling in abeyance until after he appeals the ruling to the Fourth District Court of Appeal.

Colbath will hear arguments at 9 a.m. Friday.

The agreement was sealed when Epstein, of Palm Beach, pleaded guilty in June 2008 to two felonies: procuring a minor for prostitution and solicitation of prostitution.

As part of Epstein's state plea agreement, the U.S. Attorney's Office agreed not to prosecute Epstein on federal charges as long as he fulfills all requirements of his sentence and probation. The federal non-prosecution agreement has been under seal in state court.

There are more than a dozen civil lawsuits — both state and federal — pending against Epstein. All contain similar allegations: Epstein, through his employees and assistants, brought minor girls to his Palm Beach home on El Brillo Way for erotic massages and sometimes sex.

Fort Lauderdale-based attorney Brad Edwards, who represents three of Epstein's victims, asked Colbath to unseal the federal agreement to the public. Edwards asked that the records be unsealed on behalf of one of the victims, E.W. An attorney for The Palm Beach Post also asked that the records be unsealed.

Edwards and his clients have seen the agreement after a federal judge ruled that they are allowed to see it. But that ruling bars Edwards and anyone else who sees the document from disclosing the terms to anyone else.

Edwards has said he wants to use that document "in the deposition of various material witnesses" relative to his cases.

Radaronline.com has reported that Epstein has "secretly been helping the feds unravel a Ponzi scheme" related to the June 2008 indictment of two former managers of Bear Stearns

Mortgage Investment Fund. Epstein's rep, Howard Rubenstein, confirmed last year that Epstein is "Major Investor No. 1" in the indictment, which says he lost about \$57 million.

Goldberger filed court papers asking that the documents stay sealed for the following reasons: "to prevent a serious imminent threat to the fair, impartial and orderly administration of justice; to protect a compelling government interest; to avoid substantial injury to innocent third parties and to avoid substantial injury to a party by disclosure of matters protected by a common law and privacy right, not generally inherent in these specific type of proceedings, sought to be closed."

Epstein will be released from the Palm Beach County Stockade July 22, after serving less than 13 months of his 18-month sentence for procuring a minor for prostitution and solicitation of prostitution.

Teri Barbera, spokeswoman for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, confirmed his release date Tuesday.

Epstein's projected release date had been Sept. 24, but gain time — which includes his participation in a work-release program — moves the date up to July 22, Barbera said.

Epstein has been in the work-release program since Oct. 10, where he is allowed out of the stockade six days a week, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., to go to his West Palm Beach office, the Florida Science Foundation, monitored by an ankle bracelet and accompanied by a deputy.

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Unseal the Epstein deal

A rich, middle-aged Palm Beacher who preyed on girls almost 40 years younger already has received too many breaks from the system. He doesn't deserve another.

In July 2008, at the age of 55 and after paying the equivalent of a small country's gross domestic product in legal fees, Jeffrey Epstein escaped federal charges and pleaded guilty in state court to a pair of charges related to his luring five girls — ages 14 to 17 — to



Epstein

his house. The girls undressed and massaged him in return for \$200 to \$300. He's serving only 18 months in the Palm Beach County Jail, and he's serving only nights. And now he wants just one more favor.

When Epstein entered his state plea, the terms of his federal deal were sealed from the public. That violated normal procedures. Attorneys for some of the victims, who have filed civil lawsuits, want that plea deal unsealed, probably because the details would help their cases.

But given the nature of this case, there's also a public interest. One condition of the federal plea, for example, was that he take the state deal. That's why *The Post* also is seeking to have the file unsealed. Epstein's lawyers,

Palm Beach sex offender deserves no more breaks.

of course, want it kept secret. Last week, a Palm Beach County judge set a hearing for June 25.

Epstein attorney Jack Goldberger claims that the file should stay sealed to protect the "orderly administration of justice" and "protect a compelling government interest." Oh, and third parties might get hurt. The compelling interest is Epstein's, and there is no privacy issue since the victims themselves are making the request.

Palm Beach police spent 11 months investigating Epstein, only to see then-State Attorney Barry Krischer kick the case to a grand jury. Mr. Krischer backed off when one of Epstein's gold-plated attorneys, Alan Dershowitz, announced that some of the victims had posted MySpace comments about their alcohol and marijuana use.

Epstein's "best" defense has been that he didn't know the girls were underage. "How he verified that," Mr. Goldberger said, "I don't know." Investigators found a high school transcript in Epstein's house. He didn't know? The public should know what Jeffrey Epstein did, and what the system did for him.

Improving flu symptoms

Six area residents may not like it, but China's new attitude toward public health will mean a safer world.

In 2003, China drew justified criticism for trying to cover up an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, known as SARS. Authorities worried that the news would hurt the country's economy. The issue showed the conflict between the information-repressing China and the sell-all-goods-to-the-world China. When it came to public health, China

couldn't have it both ways.

As *The Post* has reported, some students from The Benjamin School were quarantined, with almost no notice, after being exposed to swine flu. A West Palm Beach accountant who has swine flu also was quarantined. But last week, the World Health Organization declared a swine flu pandemic. China acted properly. What may seem like overreaction now looks good compared with the underreaction six years ago.

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Suit accuses jailed tycoon of sex crime

Jeffrey Epstein is in the county stockade.

By SUSAN SPENCER-WENDEL
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — The line of civil lawsuits against billionaire financier Jeffrey Epstein has grown again, with the filing of at least the 12th claim by a young woman who also says she was lured to his Palm Beach mansion as a teen and sexually abused.

Prominent Miami attorney Robert Josefsberg filed the most recent federal lawsuit last week, on behalf of the Jane Doe 101 who allegedly visited Epstein a few times while 17 years old and was paid \$200 at least once for her time there, according to the complaint.

The lawsuit mirrors facts alleged in other suits: that Epstein had a predilection for teenage girls, identified poor, vulnerable ones and lured them to his home via other young women. The teens describe ascending a staircase lined with nude photographs of young girls and to the spa room where Epstein would appear in a small towel.

Miami attorney Adam Horowitz, who represents six other Jane Does, said Monday that

the cases are still in the "discovery" process, with plaintiffs requesting from Epstein phone records, pictures, videos. Horowitz said Epstein is refusing to turn over the materials, citing a Fifth Amendment right not to do so. "Stonewalling and delaying," Horowitz said. "I'm not surprised."

Horowitz said he has asked U.S. District Judge Kenneth Marra to order Epstein to turn over the information.

A local attorney for Epstein, Jack Goldberger, did not respond to a request seeking comment.

Epstein was jailed in July 2008 following a plea deal where he was sentenced to 18 months in jail for solicitation of prostitution and procuring a person under the age of 18 for prostitution and must register as a sex offender. He is serving his sentence at the Palm Beach County Stockade, according to jail records, and is due out in September.

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he refused to stop talking about his houseboat case.

The city tried to evict Lozman from the marina in 2006, citing a marina resident's claim that Lozman's dog bit him on the ankle. Lozman challenged the eviction in court, claiming it was being made in retaliation for challenging former Mayor Michael Brown's waterfront redevelopment plan, which never came to fruition.

Lozman represented himself in the January 2007 trial before Palm Beach County Judge Peter Evans and convinced a jury that he should be

Royal Palm man one of four arrested in Broward

By JASON SCHULTZ
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

A Royal Palm Beach man is one of four people charged with killing a Sunrise man last weekend in Broward County. Investigators believe the suspects killed the wrong man and that the slaying stemmed

from cellphone texting, according to a Broward County Sheriff's Office report.

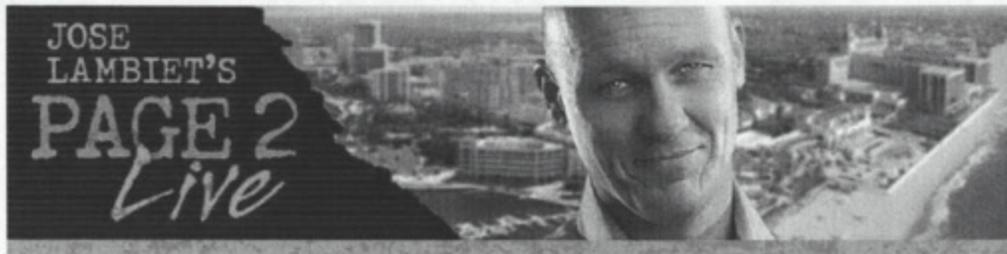
Henry Mancilla, 24, was found shot dead Saturday morning behind the driver's seat of a gold Mitsubishi Galant at a Lauderdale Lakes intersection.

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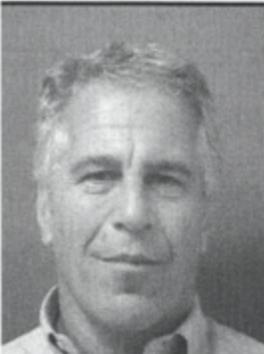
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[Sex offender Epstein on the hot seat, again!](#)

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Billionaire sex offender **Jeffrey Epstein** is spending his nights at the county stockade, but that hasn't prevented him from getting sued yet again.

Only this time, it's not by a very young suburban girl who performed sex acts for him.

The 56-year-old massage-loving Epstein is now accused of stiffing a contractor who built a larger dock for his \$10.7 million Palm Beach home and dredged the Intracoastal to allow access to bigger ships.

The West Palm-based Palm Beach Marine Construction filed in federal court here.

"He owes \$105,000 for the dredging and my client has been trying to collect since August," said **Alexander Lian**, the attorney for Palm Beach Marine. "Apparently, Mr. Epstein blew his top when he saw the bill. Still, 100 grand shouldn't really matter to him.

"This happens often with wealthy people. They have the time and the money to take someone to court and try to get a better deal."

So far, Epstein paid the contract's original \$30,000. But an Epstein gofer, according to the lawsuit, told the contractor to keep dredging and the final bill swelled. At the time, Epstein was unavailable. He'd just started serving 18 months for his guilty plea on two prostitution-related charges, including for procuring a woman younger than 18.

Lian's filing shows the contractor also placed a lien on Epstein's home.

The man who repped Epstein when the contract was signed, **Douglas Shoettle**, said he had no comment.

Epstein is also being sued by two of the girls he is accused of fondling. They say they were dropped off at his home and paid to perform various sexual services.

A friend of former prez **Bill Clinton** and magician **David Copperfield**, Wall Street prodigy Epstein was facing decades in prison after Palm Beach Police found out he did business with girls as young as 14. But his guilty plea bought him a lighter sentence and a registration as sex offender.

Already, Epstein is allowed to leave the stockade every morning to work at his office. He's supposed to return to the county jail every night, according to State Attorney spokesman **Mike Edmondson**.

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Attorneys push to open sealed deal Epstein made in pleading guilty to procuring teens for prostitution

By SUSAN SPENCER-WENDEL

Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

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And so it was.

But Florida rules of judicial administration, as well as rules of the Palm Beach County court system, require public notification that a court document has been or will be sealed, meaning kept from public view. The rules also require a judge to find a significant reason to seal, such as protecting a trade secret or a compelling government interest.

Yet no notification or reason occurred in Epstein's case, according to court records.



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Epstein's own attorneys, in federal filings, have referred to his confidential deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office, struck in

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September 2007, as "unprecedented" and "highly unusual."

And it was "a significant inducement" for Epstein to accept the state's deal, observed the state judge who accepted his plea, County Judge Deborah Dale Pucillo.

Epstein now faces at least a dozen civil lawsuits in federal and state courts filed by young women who said they had sex with him and now are seeking damages.

Attorneys for some of those women want Epstein's agreement with federal prosecutors unsealed and will ask Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath to do so today.

"It is against public policy for these documents to have been sealed and hidden from public scrutiny. As a member of the public, E.W. has the right to have these documents unsealed," wrote former Circuit Judge Bill Berger, now in private practice and representing one of the women.

The Palm Beach Post also will ask Colbath to unseal the agreement. Post attorney Deanna Shullman will argue that the public has a right to know the specifics of Epstein's deal.

According to various media accounts, Epstein moved in circles that included President Clinton, Donald Trump and Prince Andrew. "International Moneyman of Mystery," declared a 2002 New York magazine profile of Epstein.

Epstein, 56, is in the Palm Beach County Stockade, serving an 18-month sentence after pleading guilty nearly a year ago to felony solicitation of prostitution and procuring teenagers for prostitution.

He is allowed out from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., escorted by a deputy, said Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Teri Barbera.

During a Palm Beach Police Department investigation, five victims and 17 witnesses gave statements. They told of young women brought by his assistants to Epstein's mansion on El Brillo Way for massages and sexual activity, and then being paid afterward.

At Epstein's plea conference last year, his attorney, Jack Goldberger, and then-Assistant State Attorney Lanna Belohlavek approached Pucillo in a sidebar conference. Pucillo, who had left the bench nine years earlier, was there as a senior judge filling in temporarily.

According to a transcript, Goldberger told Pucillo that Epstein had entered a confidential agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office, in which federal prosecutors brokered not pursuing charges against him if he pleaded guilty in state court, Pucillo then said she wanted a sealed copy of the agreement filed in his case, and Goldberger concurred that he wanted it sealed. Belohlavek later signed off on it.

The Florida Supreme Court has expressed "serious concern" and launched an all-out inquiry into sealing procedures across the state following media reports in 2006 of entire cases being sealed and disappearing from court records.

"The public's constitutional right of access to court records must remain inviolate, and this court is fully committed to safeguarding this right," the justices wrote in their final report.

Epstein's office on Tuesday referred any questions to Goldberger, who declined to comment. Pucillo also has declined to comment, citing a judge's inability to discuss an open case.

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Judge rules Jeffrey Epstein agreement to remain sealed

By MICHELE DARGAN
Daily News Staff Writer

Monday, February 16, 2009

A federal judge has ruled that a non-prosecution document under which the government agreed not to pursue federal charges against sex offender Jeffrey Epstein will remain under seal — at least for now.

The U.S. Attorney's Office and Epstein's lawyers reached the agreement before Epstein pleaded guilty to state felony charges, and the document is under seal in Epstein's state criminal file.

Representing two of Epstein's victims, attorney Brad Edwards asked to have the document unsealed as part of his federal lawsuit against the Manhattan money manager. Although Edwards and his victims have seen the agreement, Edwards says in his pleadings that the government has "inaccurately described the agreement ... creating a false impression that the agreement protects the victims."

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Marra ruled that the claims, even if true, haven't damaged Edwards' case.

"If and when such alleged mischaracterizations become relevant to an issue to be decided by the court, the parties will be given the opportunity to advance their positions and the court will resolve the issue," he wrote. "If disclosure of the agreement will be required for the court to resolve this issue, appropriate disclosure will be ordered."

Seeking to keep the agreement sealed, Assistant U.S. Attorney [REDACTED] argued that the agreement is not part of any case before Marra.

"The non-prosecution agreement has never been filed under seal in federal court," he wrote.

He also denied that the agreement has been inaccurately described.

Marra sided with [REDACTED] on the argument that the agreement was not filed in federal court "under seal or otherwise."

On Aug. 14, Marra ruled that the non-prosecution agreement would be unsealed for Edwards and any of the victims who want to see it. But the ruling bars Edwards and anyone else who

sees the document from disclosing the terms to anyone else.

In his motion to unseal, Edwards said he wants to be able to discuss the terms of the agreement with other victims and their attorneys as well as with other victims' rights groups such as the National Alliance of Victims' Rights Attorneys.

The desire to discuss the agreement with third parties is not justification for unsealing the document, Marra ruled.

"If a specific tangible need arises in a civil case ... relief should be sought in that case," he wrote.

Epstein, 56, is serving 18 months in jail for soliciting prostitution and procuring a minor for prostitution.

Under the agreement, federal prosecutors will defer their decision on whether to prosecute Epstein on federal charges until 90 days after Epstein completes all requirements of his state sentence. If he abides by all court conditions and restrictions, the federal case would be dropped.

In addition to the state criminal case, there are nine federal and seven state lawsuits pending against Epstein. All contain similar allegations: The Manhattan money manager, through his employees and assistants, brought minor girls to his Palm Beach home at 358 El Brillo Way for erotic massages and sometimes sex.

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HE AND FOUR SIBLINGS SERVED IN WWII

Five brothers leave a legacy of service

A Jupiter veteran's military funeral recalls his 'wonderful life,' and the extraordinary wartime sacrifice he and his family made.

By BILL DIPAULO
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Another member of the Greatest Generation was laid to rest Tuesday amid the roar of a Navy airplane salute and the quiet tears of his family and friends.

"This is not a sad time," said Alex Hewko's widow, Barbara, standing near the resting place of her husband of 58 years at the South Florida National Cemetery west of Lantana. "This is a celebration of a wonderful life."

Mr. Hewko, 90, was one of five brothers from Northampton, Pa., who served in World War II. When their sons left, the servicemen's parents put stars in their windows. They lived in fear of a government telegram.

Mr. Hewko was the eldest of the five sons of Ak-senty and Anna Hewko, who were born in Ukraine. He was the leader, the best athlete, the first to

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2002 USA Today photo

They answered the call

Alex Hewko (from left) and brothers Ben, Wass, Pete and John hold photos from their service days during World War II at a 2002 gathering at Wass' home in Northampton, Pa. Wass, now 85, and John, 86, are the only surviving brothers. Wass attended Alex's funeral, but John was ill.

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Aerial salute to South Florida veteran

A Navy P-3 Orion flies over the burial site Tuesday of decorated World War II pilot Alex Hewko at the South Florida National Cemetery.

'He was like our dad. He worked in a bakery. He cut people's hair to earn money. We all looked up to him.'

WASS HEWKO, talking about his oldest brother, Alex

Women want sex plea deal unsealed

Their attorneys will ask a judge to open Jeffrey Epstein's records.

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First Guantanamo detainee arrives in U.S. to face trial

By PETER FINN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration for the first time has transferred a Guantanamo Bay detainee into the United States, flying the suspect to New York early Tuesday to face federal charges in the 1998 East Africa embassy bombings.

U.S. Marshals took custody of Ahmed Ghailani, a Tanzanian, at the military prison in Cuba and moved him to the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, officials said. Ghailani later pleaded not guilty in federal court.

Wearing a blue prison uniform but no handcuffs, Ghailani was told he has a right to legal counsel and that he needs to fill out financial forms if he wants a court-appointed lawyer.

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Duck wings

Vendor: Maple Leaf Farms, Milford, Ind.

Why they're hot: They have some of the same 'fowl' flavor as a chicken wing, but they're a lot bigger. 'They're like the size of a drumstick,' said Vicki Jones, a vendor rep.



Sugar-free cocktail mixers

Vendor: Revolution, Miami

Why they're hot: A margarita has 500-plus calories. Revolution is aiming to target the 'skinny girl' bar-hopping crowd with mixers that have no more than 10 calories a serving (alcohol not included).

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Obama's budget rules proposal not exactly 'pay as you go'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Obama on Tuesday proposed budget rules that would allow Congress to borrow tens of billions of dollars and put the nation deeper in debt to jump-start the administration's emerging health care overhaul.

The "pay-as-you-go" budget formula plan is significantly weaker than a proposal Obama issued with little fanfare last month.

It would carve out about \$2.5 trillion worth of exemptions for Obama's priorities over the next decade. His health care reform plan also would get a green light to run big deficits in its early years. But over a decade, Congress would have to come up with money to

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cover those early deficits.

Obama's latest proposal for addressing deficits urges Congress to pass a law requiring lawmakers to pay for new spending programs and tax cuts without further adding to deficits projected to total about \$10 trillion over the next decade.

If new spending or tax reductions are not offset, there would be automatic cuts in so-called mandatory programs — although Social Security payments and the Medicaid health care program for poor

and disabled would be exempt and cuts to Medicare would be sharply limited.

"The 'pay-as-you-go' rule is very simple," Obama said. "Congress can only spend a dollar if it saves a dollar elsewhere."

Last month, Obama suggested a tougher plan that would prohibit Congress from swelling the deficit in one year by putting off until later years the tax increases or spending cuts to pay for it.

The requirement for legislation to be financed over the coming decade generally mirrors existing congressional rules and reflects the likelihood that Obama's health care plan will add many billions of dollars to the deficit in the early years.

Senate hastens hearings on Sotomayor

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats, determined to seat Sonia Sotomayor on the Supreme Court quickly, announced mid-July hearings on her nomination Tuesday in a surprising move that angry Republicans said clouded the prospects for the nomination and other legislative business.

GOP leaders lashed out after Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, announced that he would

convene the hearings July 13 — considerably earlier than Republicans wanted — saying the date presents a "fair and adequate" schedule in line with the timeline for past Supreme Court nominees.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., called the Democrats' tactics "heavy-handed" and urged them to reconsider the schedule.

President Obama has pressed the Senate to vote on confirming Sotomayor to the high court before it leaves for recess in August.

House passes 'clunkers' bill to aid car sales

The law would encourage drivers to conserve fuel.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House on Tuesday approved a "cash for clunkers" bill that aims to boost new auto sales by allowing consumers to turn in their gas-guzzling cars and trucks for vouchers worth up to \$4,500 toward more fuel-efficient vehicles.

President Obama has encouraged Congress to approve consumer incentives for new car purchases as part of the government's work to restructure General Motors and Chrysler.

The House approved the bill 298-119.

Local Democrats Alcee Hastings, Ron Klein and Robert Wexler sided with the majority.

Republican Tom Rooney voted against the measure.

Supporters pushed for the measure to stimulate car sales and increase the fleet of fuel-efficient vehicles on the nation's highways.

The auto industry has sought the incentives after months of poor auto sales. In May, overall sales were 34 percent lower than a year ago.

"Stimulating sales is the only way to get the auto industry back on its feet," said Rep. Donald Manzullo, R-Ill.

General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC have received billions of dol-

lars in government aid and the entire auto industry has watched car sales plummet during the past year. In May, overall sales were 34 percent lower than a year ago.

"Our industry has been stuck in neutral and really has not started to move," said Larry Kull, president of Marlton, N.J.-based Burns Kull Automotive Group, which includes General Motors, Honda and Toyota dealerships.

The vehicle scrapage bill has been under negotiations for months as lawmakers try to find a solution that boosts car sales while providing some environmental benefits.

Proponents have pointed to similar programs in Europe that have enhanced auto sales.

Opponents said the bill failed to include incentives for used vehicles and represented an artificial incentive for the industry.

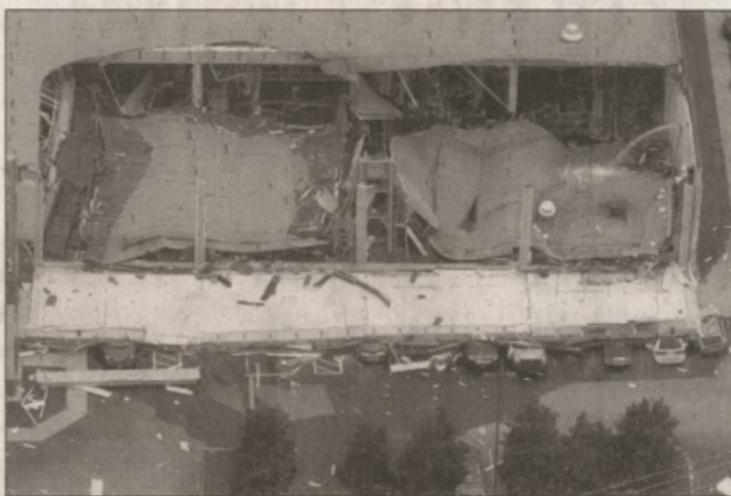
"It's defying the laws of economics and saying we can manufacture enough of a demand to keep the auto industry afloat," said Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz.

Separately, House and Senate appropriators were discussing providing \$1 billion to a supplemental war funding bill for the "cash for clunkers" program, which aims to generate about 1 million new auto sales.

Since the yearlong vehicle program is expected to cost \$4 billion, lawmakers would attempt to find the additional money later this year.

'I saw a fire, and things just started exploding.'

JANELLE LYNCH, an eight-year worker at the plant



THOMAS BABB/The Associated Press

A ConAgra Foods plant at Garner, N.C., exploded Tuesday, killing two and injuring dozens.

Plant blast kills 2 workers

The Slim Jim meat products facility's wall collapses.

The Associated Press

GARNER, N.C. — Police say they have found the bodies of two people in the rubble of a Slim Jim meat products plant that was rocked by an explosion Tuesday.

Garner police Sgt. Joe Binns said Tuesday night that the bodies had not yet been recovered.

The search continued for a third person believed to have been inside the plant, Binns said.

More than 40 people were taken to hospitals after the blast at the ConAgra Foods Inc. plant just south of Raleigh. The explosion blew workers off their feet and collapsed a wall, crushing parked cars. Three firefighters needed medical attention after inhaling ammonia gases.

The explosion left gaping holes in the roof. An exterior wall collapsed, smashing cars parked next to the 500,000-square-foot building.

Some of the more than 300 employees on duty described chaos after the explosion. Authorities could not say exactly where in the plant the blast happened or what caused it.

"I was getting ready to pick up a piece of meat off the line, and I felt it

— the percussion. And you could feel it in my chest, and my ears popped," said worker Chris Woods. "One of the guys I was working with got blown back. His hat flew backwards."

Janelle Lynch, who works at the plant for eight years, said she saw flames and ran. She planned to leave through the cutting department, but the roof started to collapse. She went in the other direction, escaping through a warehouse.

"I saw a fire, and things just started exploding," Lynch said.

ConAgra Foods spokesman Dave Jackson said someone called the plant over the weekend, threatening to start a fire. He said company officials don't believe the threat was connected to the explosion.

Four people were in critical condition at UNC Hospitals with burns over as much as 60 percent of their bodies, said Dr. Charles Cairns, professor and chairman of the department of emergency medicine at the University of North Carolina.

The Environmental Protection Agency was on the scene to monitor the air, but officials said there was no threat to people living near the plant.

Abortion doctor's clinic shuttered

The Washington Post

CHICAGO — The family of slain abortion provider George Tiller announced Tuesday that it will not reopen his Kansas clinic, eliminating one of the few medical practices in the country that performed abortions late in pregnancies.

Abortion opponents welcomed the closure, while supporters of a woman's right to choose lamented the decision as a product of violence and harassment.

A prominent Colorado abortion provider said he understands the family's decision but fears that the news, announced 10 days after Tiller's slaying, will inspire tactics designed to drive others out of business.

"It's hideous that it's come to this," said Warren Hern, who is among a handful of doctors known to perform abortions late in a pregnancy. "The anti-abortion movement got exactly what they wanted. For the last 20 or 30 years, they've wanted him dead and his clinic closed. And they got it."

The question is, "Who's next?"

The American Life League noted in a news release that Tiller, 67, had aborted thousands of fetuses and said the group is "working actively for the day when the remaining 731 abortion clinics across America shut their doors."

Tiller's suspected killer, Scott P. Roeder, replied, "good, good" when told of the clinic's closing.

Tiller died from a gunshot fired inside his church.

Bird alerts little help for aircraft, pilot says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shortly after takeoff, the pilot of Flight 1549 remarked on two things almost immediately: a breathtaking view of the Hudson River and the sickening thump of birds hitting his engines.

Warnings about the birds probably would not have helped, Capt. Chesley Sullenberger told federal safety officials Tuesday as they looked for ways to prevent a recurrence.

"In my experience, the warnings we get are general in nature and not specific and therefore have limited usefulness," Sullenberger said at a hearing by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The board began three days of hearings into safety issues arising from the Jan. 15 accident, including efforts to prevent bird strikes and the ability of engines to withstand collisions with large birds. Other issues include whether Federal



Sullenberger

Aviation Administration aircraft standards are adequate to protect passengers in the event of a forced water landing.

In the case of US Airways Flight 1549, the Airbus A320 suffered a rupture near the tailcone that sent water gushing into the cabin after its forced landing on the Hudson River. All 155 aboard managed to escape the sinking craft.

A cockpit voice recorder transcript released by the board showed Sullenberger and copilot Jeffrey Skiles were admiring their surroundings less than a minute before their plane struck a flock of Canada geese and lost thrust in both engines.

Sullenberger told the board that he didn't attempt to return to New York's LaGuardia Airport because he thought, "I cannot afford to be wrong."

Jose Lambiet's Page Two will return Friday.

1733 'Poor Richard' almanac goes for \$556,500

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A rare copy of Benjamin Franklin's *Poor Richard* almanac has made someone rich — selling at a New York City auction for more than half a million dollars. It's the second-highest price ever paid for a book printed in America.

The Sotheby's auction house said the 1733 book sold for \$556,500 on Tuesday to an anonymous bidder. The almanac's presale estimate was \$150,000. The book was discovered recently at the local his-

torical society in Berwick, Pa., a town of 10,000 residents north of Philadelphia.

Sotheby's written Americana expert Selby Kiffer said it's one of three known copies of the Franklin classic from 1733.

Five bidders participated in the sale, one in the room and four by phone. Sotheby's said they included private and institutional collectors.

Sotheby's said the sale was exceeded only by the \$1.4 million paid for George Washington's copy of the *Federalist Papers* in 1990.

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Swine flu pandemic could be imminent

The World Health Organization wants to avoid 'adverse effects.'

The Associated Press

GENEVA — The World Health Organization said Tuesday a spike in swine flu cases in Australia may push it to finally announce the first flu pandemic in 41 years. It also expressed concern about an unusual rise in severe illness from the disease in Canada.

WHO flu chief Keiji Fukuda said the agency wanted to avoid "adverse effects" if it announces a global outbreak of swine flu. Fukuda said people might panic or governments might take inappropriate actions if WHO declares a pandemic.

Some flu experts think there is a pandemic and that WHO has caved in to some nations' requests that a declaration be postponed.

"On the surface of it, I think we are in phase 6," or a pandemic, said Margaret Chan, WHO's director-general.

Chan said it was important to verify the reports that the virus is becoming established outside North America before declaring a pandemic.

"I need to be convinced that I have indisputable evidence," she said.

Chan will hold a conference call with governments today to verify some of the reports before making a formal announcement.

WHO said the virus has infected 26,563 people in 73 countries and has caused 140 deaths.

Insurgents hit luxury hotel in Pakistan



MOHAMMAD SAJJAD/The Associated Press

Medical workers treat an injured guest Tuesday at the Pearl Continental Hotel.

Massive blast kills 11

The attack is in response to the Swat Valley offensive.

The Washington Post

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A massive truck bomb exploded outside a luxury hotel in northwestern Pakistan's provincial capital Tuesday night, killing 11 people and injuring at least 50, officials said.

The attack marked the latest salvo by insurgents who have vowed to avenge an army offensive in the nearby Swat Valley, and it underscored their ability to strike at some of the country's most heavily fortified targets.

Peshawar's Pearl Continental Hotel had been considered an oasis of relative security in a city that has become a front line in the battle between the Pakistani government and radical Islamist groups such as Al-Qaeda and the Taliban. The hotel, a local landmark, had been popular among foreigners, including aid workers who have been using it in recent weeks as a base for their efforts to assist the more than 2 million Pakistanis displaced from their homes by the fighting in Swat.

The bomb, estimated to contain more than 1,000 pounds of explosives, caused one section of the hotel

to collapse. The dead included at least two foreigners, according to law enforcement and hospital sources. One was an official with the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, a U.N. spokesman said. He had been part of a group of U.N. staff who had been working to assist the displaced.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Lou Fintor said there was no indication that Americans had been injured or killed. U.S. government personnel had been prohibited from the hotel because of security concerns.

The Pearl Continental, part of a chain of Pakistani hotels, is one of the few in Peshawar that caters to foreign visitors and well-to-do Pakistanis. It is located in one of the most heavily fortified areas of the city.

Police and an intelligence official reported that two vehicles were involved in the attack. First, a Toyota Corolla drove up and distracted the guards, then a mini-truck followed. The truck's passengers opened fire on the guards at the gate as the truck sped toward the building. Moments later, the blast shook the hotel and reverberated across the city.

Airlines replace monitors after Air France crash

The Associated Press

RECIFE, Brazil — Airlines moved quickly Tuesday to replace speed monitors like those suspected of feeding false information to the computers on Air France Flight 447 and possibly leading the plane to break up over the Atlantic Ocean.

Seventeen more bodies were pulled from the sea Tuesday, bringing the number recovered to 41. Another 187 have yet to be found. The first remains were brought to land by helicopter and will be flown to this coastal city today for identification.

Federal police began visiting families in Rio de Janeiro to collect genetic material — hair, blood, a cheek swab — to help identify the corpses.

Figuring out where the victims were seated and studying their injuries might help explain what brought down Flight 447 as it flew into thunderstorms on May 31, according to Peter Goetz, a former managing director of the National Transportation Safety Board.

With the plane's data recorders still missing, investigators have been focusing on the possibility that external speed monitors — called Pitot tubes — iced over and gave false readings to the plane's computers in a thunderstorm.

A key part of the investigation relies on a burst of 24 automatic messages the plane sent during the last minutes of the flight. The signals showed the plane's autopilot was not on, officials said, but it was not clear if the autopilot had been switched off by

Seventeen more bodies were retrieved, bringing the total to 41.

the pilots or had stopped working due to conflicting airspeed readings.

The L-shaped metal Pitot tubes jut from the wing or fuselage of a plane and are usually heated to prevent icing. The pressure of air entering the tubes lets internal sensors measure the speed and angle of flight. A malfunctioning tube could mislead computers controlling the plane, causing it to dangerously accelerate or decelerate.

Air France said it began replacing the tubes on its A330 and A340 jets in May after pilots reported several incidents of icing leading to a loss of airspeed data and that it had already replaced the Pitots in smaller A320 jets after similar problems were reported.

"What we know is that other planes that have experienced incorrect airspeed indications have had the same Pitots. And airplanes with the new Pitot tubes have never had such problems," said Air France pilot Eric Derivry, a spokesman for the SNPL pilots union.

While no cause has been established for the disaster, Derivry said the Pitot failures create "a web of presumptions, but only presumptions."

The monitors had not yet been replaced on the A330 that was destroyed May 31 during the flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris.



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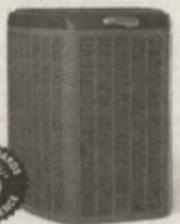
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Public has right to know details of deal, Post attorney will claim

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such as protecting a trade secret or a compelling government interest.

Yet no notification or reason occurred in Epstein's case, according to court records.

Epstein's own attorneys, in federal filings, have referred to his confidential deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. attorney's office, struck in September 2007, as "unprecedented" and "highly unusual." And it was "a significant inducement" for Epstein to accept the state's deal, observed the state judge who accepted his plea, County Judge Deborah Dale Pucillo.

Epstein now faces at least a dozen civil lawsuits in federal and state courts filed by young women who said they had sex with him and now are seeking damages.

Attorneys for some of those women want his agreement with federal prosecutors unsealed and will ask Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath to do so today.

"It is against public policy for these documents to be sealed and hidden from public scrutiny. As a member of the public, E.W. has a right to have these documents unsealed," wrote former Circuit Judge Bill Berger, now in private

practice and representing one of the women.

The Palm Beach Post also will ask Colbath to unseal the agreement. Post attorney Deanna Shullman will argue that the public has a right to know the specifics of Epstein's deal.

According to various media accounts, Epstein moved in circles that included President Clinton, Donald Trump and Prince Andrew. "International Moneymen of Mystery," declared a 2002 *New York* magazine profile of Epstein.

Epstein, 56, is in the Palm Beach County Stockade, serving an 18-month sentence after pleading guilty nearly a year ago to felony solicitation of prostitution and procuring teenagers for prostitution.

He is allowed out from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., escorted by a deputy, said Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Teri Barbera.

During a Palm Beach Police Department investigation, five victims and 17 witnesses gave statements. They told of young women brought by his assistants to Epstein's mansion on El Brillo Way for massages and sexual activity, and then being paid afterward.

At Epstein's plea conference last year, his attorney, Jack Goldberger, and then-Assistant State At-

torney Lanna Belohlavek approached Pucillo in a sidebar conference. Pucillo, who had left the bench nine years earlier, was filling in temporarily as a senior judge.

According to a transcript, Goldberger told Pucillo that Epstein had entered a confidential agreement with the U.S. attorney's office in which federal prosecutors brokered not pursuing charges against him if he pleaded guilty in state court. Pucillo then said she wanted a sealed copy of the agreement filed in his case, and Goldberger concurred that he wanted it sealed. Belohlavek later signed off on it.

The Florida Supreme Court has expressed "serious concern" and launched an all-out inquiry into sealing procedures across the state following media reports in 2006 of entire cases being sealed and disappearing from court records.

"The public's constitutional right of access to court records must remain inviolate, and this court is fully committed to safeguarding this right," justices wrote in their final report.

Epstein's office on Tuesday referred any questions to Goldberger, who declined to comment. Pucillo also has declined to comment.



Alex Hewko's widow, Barbara, is comforted by her four sons — Bob (from left), Eric, Alex Jr. and Jon — and Alex's brother Wass (second from left) at the funeral Tuesday at the South Florida National Cemetery west of Lantana. Mr. Hewko and his wife were part-time Jupiter residents.

When war ended, all 5 brothers returned to native Pennsylvania

► MR. HEWKO from 1A

enlist. He saw the most combat. He rose to the highest rank of the brothers.

"He was like our dad," said Wass Hewko, 85, one of two surviving brothers. "He worked in a bakery. He cut people's hair to earn money. We all looked up to him."

The other surviving brother, John, 86, is ill and was unable to attend Tuesday's ceremonies, which included services at Oceanview United Methodist Church in Juno Beach.

Alex Hewko was a pilot in the South Pacific, where he was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for flying missions over New Guinea. Another brother, Peter, was a Marine and was injured in a near-fatal bus accident in California. Ben served on the USS Corry off Normandy.

The youngest, John, was serving aboard a troop carrier in London when it was hit by a German V-1 buzz bomb. He survived.

Wass served as a cook aboard a Navy troop carrier.

When the war ended in the summer of 1945, all five brothers returned to Northampton.

Alex and Barbara met at a Christmas party and married five years later.

"He was a hunk," said Barbara, her eyes shining. "What a dapper dresser. And such a dancer. He was so full of life."

The couple bought a home in Pennsylvania and had four sons. Three played on football scholarships at the University of Florida.

"Dad wouldn't admit it, but he could

throw a better pass than any of the coaches," said son Bob Hewko, 49, speaking during a cheerful video of his father's life at the church ceremony.

After the war, Mr. Hewko worked for 25 years in the Navy's aviation supply office in Philadelphia as the program director of the Navy P-3 Orion aircraft, and in the private sector for several aeronautics and space-related corporations.

He played for two years as a catcher in the St. Louis Cardinals' minor league system and played football as a running back as part of an on-base military team in Jacksonville during World War II.

Like most servicemen from his generation, Mr. Hewko said little about his military service. The Hewkos kept their home in Willow Grove, Pa., and seven years ago bought a second home in Jupiter. Mr. Hewko died on May 28.

Since his death, his sons have learned that their father worked with the CIA and played a role in secret missions in Vietnam and Korea.

Those military contacts allowed his sons to win the OK for Tuesday's flyover of a P-3 Orion during the military ceremony. An assistant to U.S. Navy Secretary Ray Mabus called Mr. Hewko's son Jon on Mabus and said the plane would pass 300 feet above their father's grave in a salute at precisely 1:25 p.m.

"I get chills walking through here," said Bob, stepping gingerly between the white tombstones at the cemetery, which in 50 years is expected to have about 200,000 graves. "It's so honorable. Dad would be proud."

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Senator questions whether transfer complies with law

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Asked by the judge how he wished to plead, Ghailani answered in English, "Not guilty."

Ghailani faces multiple charges and, if convicted, could face the death penalty for his role in the bombing of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, which killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

"Ahmed Ghailani is being held accountable for his alleged role in the bombing of U.S. Embassies in Tanzania and Kenya and the murder of 224 people," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a statement. "The Justice Department has a long history of securely detaining and successfully prosecuting terror suspects through the criminal justice system, and we will bring that experience to bear in seeking justice in this case."

Ghailani was indicted in New York before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, captured three years later and held in a secret CIA prison overseas before being placed in Guantanamo in 2006. Four of his named co-conspirators have been tried and convicted and are serving life sentences in a super-maximum security prison in Colorado.

The decision to move Ghailani to the United States, which wants to shut the military prison but has faced congressional resistance to the transfer of any Guantanamo inmates into the U.S. for resettlement, trial or further detention.

It drew immediate criticism from Republicans.

"The administration has made the decision to begin transferring these terrorists to the United States, in spite of the overwhelming opposition of the American people and serious questions from members of Congress of both parties," said House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

A conference committee, made up of Senate and House members of the defense appropriations subcommittees, has been considering language that would restrict the administration's ability to move detainees out of Guantanamo without a comprehensive plan for where to place them. Lawmakers also want assurances that bringing detainees into the U.S. presents no risk to national security.

Noting a bill, passed 90-6 last month, that banned the transfer of detainees from Guantanamo to U.S. prisons, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the president was ignoring the "clear desire of Congress and the American people."

McConnell also questioned whether Obama has the authority to move Ghailani under current law. He declined to say whether Congress would consider further action to stop the administration from bringing other detainees here for trial.

But Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin, D-Ill., strongly defended Obama's decision, noting that the U.S. already has many accused terrorists in its prisons.

In a speech last month, Obama signaled that Ghailani's transfer was imminent and that "after over a decade, it is time to finally see that justice is served." The decision to transfer him followed a review of his case by a Justice Department-led task force examining the cases of all 238 detainees who remain at Guantanamo.

Federal prosecutors allege that Ghailani obtained bomb materials, scouted the embassy in

Bernard Madoff, meet Ahmed Ghailani

■ For the next few weeks, the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York will be home to both Madoff, the disgraced financier who pleaded guilty to masterminding a \$65 billion Ponzi scheme, and Ghailani, accused of helping coordinate the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

■ Federal inmates are held at the center until their cases are resolved. Madoff is scheduled to be sentenced June 29, when he likely will head to prison.



Madoff

17 detainees may head to South Pacific

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is nearing agreement with the remote South Pacific island nation of Palau to resettle a group of Chinese Muslims now held at the Guantanamo Bay detention center, officials say.

As they attempt to fulfill President Obama's order to close Guantanamo by early next year, administration officials are looking to Palau to accept some or all of the 17 Uighur detainees because of fierce congressional opposition to releasing them on U.S. soil.

Last year, a federal judge ordered the 17 released into the U.S. after the Pentagon combated them by offering "entagony determinants." But an appeals court halted the order, and they have been in legal limbo ever since.

Palau, with a population of about 20,000, is an archipelago of eight main islands plus more than 250 islets that is best known for diving and tourism. It's about 500 miles east of the Philippines in the Pacific Ocean.

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IN BRIEF

State senator wins three-way Democratic primary in Va.

RICHMOND, Va. — State Sen. R. Creigh Deeds won Virginia's three-way Democratic primary for governor Tuesday with shocking ease, defeating a former Clinton White House insider and a former legislative colleague.

The victory sets up a Deeds rematch with Republican Bob McDonnell, who beat him in the 2005 attorney general election by 233 votes out of nearly 2 million cast.

Deeds had about half the vote with nearly all precincts reporting. His foes, former Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe and Brian Moran, had about a quarter of the vote each.

Fla. graduation rate fifth-lowest in U.S.

TAMPA — Florida's high school graduation rate is among the lowest in the nation, though progress is being made in several districts, including St. Lucie County, according to a study released Tuesday.

The annual "Diplomacy Count" report by the non-profit Editorial Projects in Education determined that 57.5 percent of Florida students completed high school on time with a regular diploma in 2006, compared to 69.2 percent nationwide. That was slightly lower than the 2005 graduation rate of 60.8 percent and the fifth-lowest nationwide.

St. Lucie saw an improvement of 11 percent.

Senate panel OKs drilling off Florida

WASHINGTON — A Senate approved opening the eastern Gulf of Mexico to oil and gas drilling, including an area rich with natural gas 10 miles off the Florida Panhandle. A 45-mile no-drilling buffer would be maintained off most of Florida's coast.

The provision was tacked onto a broader energy bill by a vote of 13-10 in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The committee was expected to advance the legislation this week.

The area stretching from 125 to 300 miles off Florida's coast was singled out for protection by Congress in 2006 as part of a deal with Florida lawmakers that made available 8.3 million acres to oil and gas development. The protected region is to remain off limits to energy development until 2022.

Screen Actors Guild ratifies two-year deal

LOS ANGELES — Members of the Screen Actors Guild have voted to ratify a two-year contract covering movies and prime-time TV shows made by the major Hollywood studios.

Tuesday's vote, with 78 percent in favor, comes just less than a year after the last contract expired.

N. Brinker, developer of Chili's chain, dies

DALLAS — Norman Brinker, a restaurant mogul who popularized the salad bar and built a worldwide casual dining empire that includes Chili's Grill & Bar, died Tuesday at age 78.

Mr. Brinker died at a hospital in Colorado, according to a funeral home official in Colorado Springs. He suffered complications related to pneumonia while on vacation.

Before retiring in 2000, he built the Chili's chain of more than 1,000 restaurants. The company now has 1,700 restaurants in 27 countries.

— Palm Beach Post wire services

NEWSMAKERS

Today's highlights

At 85, former president plans another skydive: Former President George H.W. Bush plans to celebrate his 85th birthday Friday by making a parachute jump in Maine, where he has his summer home. Jim Appleby, a Bush aide, said Tuesday that Bush will make a tandem jump with a member of the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team. Their landing zone is near a church in Kennebunkport. Bush made his first jump as a Navy pilot when his plane was shot down over the Pacific during World War II. He also made two jumps apiece on his 75th and 80th birthdays.

'Perfect Storm' survivor fined for illegal fishing: Fisherman and author Linda Greenlaw, who survived the nor'easter that was the basis for the book and movie *The Perfect Storm*, was fined \$31,500 on Tuesday for fishing illegally in Canadian waters last fall. The Canadian government also seized her swordfish catch. "I've got to either catch a lot of lobsters or sell a lot of books to pay the fine," Greenlaw said Tuesday from her home in Maine.

Portrayed in the film by Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Greenlaw played a prominent role in the story written by Sebastian Junger. She was the last person in contact with the Andrea Gail, a swordfish boat out of Gloucester, Mass., that sank with all hands during the 1991 storm. Greenlaw, 48, said didn't realize she had breached Canada's 200-mile fishing limit as she was attempting to retrieve part of her fishing gear.

CBS, Letterman close to extension: David Letterman and CBS are close to a deal that would keep the late-night comic on the *Late Show* through at least the spring of 2012. That represents a two-year extension of Letterman's current deal, set to expire next year. CBS will also pay Letterman's production company, Worldwide Pants, a smaller licensing fee than it is getting now, consistent with its efforts to cut programming costs across the board with the downturn in television advertising. It's not immediately clear what that would mean for Letterman's paycheck, which has been reported in the range of \$30 million to \$35 million. His salary is set by Worldwide Pants, not by CBS.

— Palm Beach Post wire services

Quote of the day



I'm proud of my sexuality. I embrace it. It's just another part of me.

— ADAM LAMBERT, the *American Idol* runner-up from San Diego, in a *Rolling Stone* interview where he acknowledges that he's gay, and says it shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone. Lambert, 27, who signed a recording deal with RCA Records on Tuesday, talks about sex, drugs and his *Idol* experiences in the March edition. He's on the cover.

Charity gifts in U.S. fell 2 percent in '08

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Charitable giving by Americans fell by 2 percent in 2008 as the recession took root, only the second year-to-year decline in more than a half-century, according to an authoritative annual survey released today.

Particularly hard hit were social-service charities, which suffered a 12.7 percent drop in donations at a time when most of them were reporting increased demand for their services.

The last previous overall drop in giving was in 1987, the year of the record-shattering Black Monday stock market collapse.

The Giving USA Foundation, which has conducted the survey since 1956, expressed relief that the 2008 decrease was not worse, given that many Americans lost more than 2 percent of their wealth during the year.

However, the report underscored the daunting circumstances facing America's nonprofits, many of which have been forced to lay off staff and cut programs because of declining revenue.

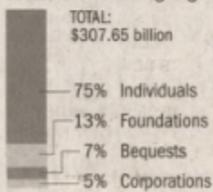
According to the report, total giving in 2008 was \$307.65 billion, down from a record \$314.07 billion in 2007. Two-thirds of public charities experienced decreases — among the few sectors that were religious and international affairs organizations.

"We definitely did see belt-tightening," said Del Martin, chair of the Giving USA Foundation. "This drop in giving

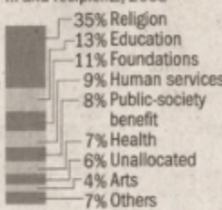
Donations drop

In 2008, giving in the U.S. decreased 2 percent from the previous year. It was the first decline since 1987.

Source of charitable giving ...



... and recipients, 2008



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meant that nonprofits have had to do more with less over the past year, but it could have been a lot worse."

The report predicted tough times throughout 2009 for the social-service sector.

Of 228 organizations that were surveyed, 60 percent said they were cutting expenses, including programs and staff, because of funding shortages.

Among organizations serving young people, 74 percent said they were underfunded and unable to meet current demand.

Major national nonprofits such as the Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and the American Red Cross have laid off workers.

Picasso sketches stolen in Paris

The Associated Press

PARIS — A red notebook of 33 pencil drawings by Pablo Picasso has been stolen from a specially locked glass case in the Paris museum that bears the painter's name, authorities said Tuesday.

The book is believed to be worth \$11 million, a police official said.

The theft took place between Monday and Tuesday morning at the Picasso Museum. The thief removed from a glass case that "can only be opened with a specific instrument," the Culture Ministry said.

A museum employee discovered the notebook

missing Tuesday morning from the second-floor display case, the police official said anonymously. The museum is closed on Tuesdays.

There was no surveillance system in the room where the book was displayed, the official said.

The stolen sketchbook, with the word *Album* inscribed in gold on the front, dated from 1917 to 1924, the Culture Ministry statement said. It is 6.3 inches by 9.5 inches.

The Picasso Museum is dedicated to the Spanish-born painter, a founder of the Cubist movement and leading 20th-century artist.

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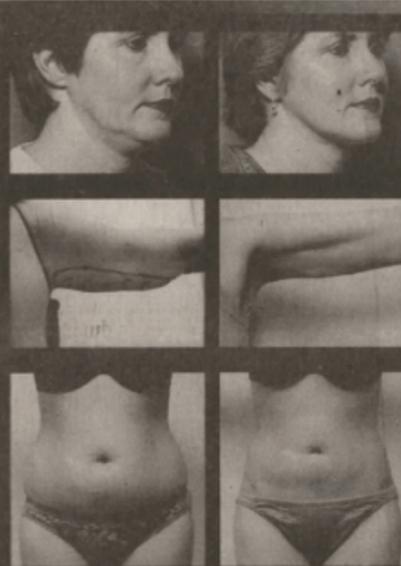


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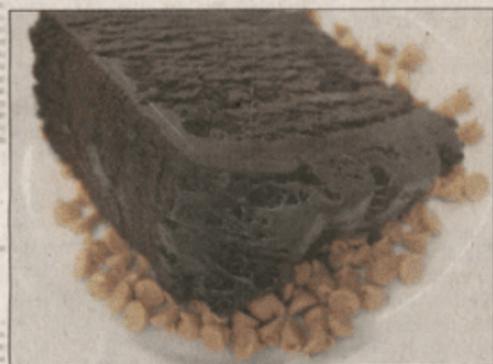
5 FABULOUS FOOD NOTIONS



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Sweet potato fries

Vendor: ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston, Eagle, Idaho
Why they're hot: Consumers are tired of the same old fry — and like the 'healthy' aspect of sweet potatoes (even if they're still fried). Plus, the fries can be used as dessert.



Big chocolate cake

Vendor: Sweet Street Desserts, Reading, Pa. (represented by distributor AFM)
Why it's hot: Sweet Street's Big Chocolate Cake (yes, that's what it's called) is designed to make a statement — it's dense, dark and very, very big. Restaurants like it because it costs them under 3 bucks a slice, but that slice can easily sell for three times that when nicely plated.

Ready-to-serve pulled pork and beef

Vendor: Brookwood Farms, Siler City, N.C.
Why it's hot: True barbecue restaurants have the time and tools to make pulled pork the right way, slow cooking it for hours and then shredding it. Most other restaurants don't. Made the old-fashioned way (over a charcoal fire), it's packaged in a sealable container and gives those non-cue places a chance to still serve authentic 'cue.



— Charles Passy

Everyone's looking for next big thing

Staying on top of trends can help restaurants survive during tough economic times.

By CHARLES PASSY
 Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

For all the financial woes local restaurants are facing, food supplier Greg Bates believes there is hope. And it comes in the form of a duck wing. "They're taking off in sports bars," said Bates, of KeyImpact Sales, one of an estimated 400 vendors pushing their products at a restaurant trade show Tuesday at the South Florida Fair's Aircraft Expo Center. The annual event, organized by Cheney Brothers Inc., a Riviera Beach-based food distributor, is all about giving restaurateurs a way to hook customers. And when many are struggling to stay afloat, especially during the off-season, it's a message they wanted to hear: Attendance soared to an estimated 5,000 restaurant owners, country club managers and other food-service professionals, a 20 percent increase over the previous year.

"They're looking for new products or innovative ways to use old products," said Kinna Denowitz, a marketing director for Cheney. The 84-year-old company, which has produced the restaurant "buyer's show" for nearly two decades, serves as the year-round local sales representative for companies and brands at Tuesday's event. But it's one thing for a chef to read about a product in a sales brochure; it's another to taste a Cuban spring roll (think a Cuban sandwich in the form of an egg roll) or a "crisscut" sweet potato fry.

Nicolle Baker of ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston ("North America's premier supplier of frozen potato, appetizer and vegetable products") was hawking the fries, saying the whole sweet-potato-fries category was attracting interest.

"They have that better-for-you appeal, even though they're not necessarily better for you," she said. But will any one menu item keep a restaurant in business?

It's not so much about a single item as about staying on top of trends, said Kevin Walters, food and beverage vice president at The Breakers in Palm Beach. The smart restaurateurs — and the ones most likely to survive — are always looking for the next big thing, he said.

"Ten years ago, it was espresso. Five years ago, it was olive oil," Walters said.

Of course, there's a whole behind-the-scenes aspect to the restaurant biz. Which is why for every company hawking such would-be culinary classics as pizza "logs" and pretzel rolls, there were ones pushing such none-too-sexy staples as floor mats and dish-washing detergent.

And in a center-of-the-floor showcase, Cheney Brothers reps were promoting a \$15,000 dishwasher with four wash cycles.

Even during tough times, restaurateurs and other food-service professionals must value clean plates. When asked how the dishwashers were doing, Cheney exec Ron Hall pointed to the floor model of the \$15,000 machine.

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many workers in a constant state of anxiety. John A. Challenger, CEO of the company, says there could be a further decline in cuts this summer, but the psychological impact on workers is established and many like those in your office are in "job protection mode." Think what you like, but don't say anything. No one knows what the future holds. It wouldn't hurt for you to look busy too.

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Bust the driver license ring

Criminals use lots of tools, from assault weapons to lock picks. But one of the most sought-after tools is an official driver license. That's why law enforcement came down so hard on the operation in the Delray Beach office supplying Florida licenses to illegal immigrants. That's why the crackdown must continue until it shuts down the entire operation.

As *The Post* reported Monday, employees at the driver license bureau were accepting bribes of \$500 to \$2,500 in return for issuing valid licenses to illegals who supplied bogus immigration papers and usually didn't even take the driving test. The licenses can be useful for such relatively harmless scams as avoiding arrest and deportation if stopped by a police officer while driving.

But South Floridians know that there are much darker reasons why criminals obtain driver licenses. Mohamed Atta and other 9/11 hijackers had driver licenses to help avoid difficult questions and buy airplane tickets. Ease of travel by air and on the road also is a reason that drug mules would want driver licenses.

Because of all the ways criminals can use driver licenses, law enforcement correctly set up a task force. It was led by the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office and included the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, police departments in Boynton Beach and Delray Beach, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Florida Highway Patrol.

The task force has arrested five women who worked at the Delray Beach driver license office and one Haitian immigrant who allegedly provided fake immigration

Floridians know why criminals want them.

documents. State Attorney Michael McAuliffe said in an interview that won't be the end of it. "The investigation is very active and focused," he said, "so you'll see a second round in a timely manner."

Mr. McAuliffe said the probe, which started in February, likely would spread to new people and new offices in Palm Beach County.

Mr. McAuliffe said that he's seen no evidence of terrorism. He would not say whether there was evidence of drug trafficking or whether higher-ups in the scheme have yet to be arrested. But it seems safe to assume that a scam on this scale — hundreds or even thousands of licenses were issued fraudulently — could not have been financed by individual immigrants seeking minimum-wage jobs.

Mr. McAuliffe said his investigation was centered "in this community," but that he suspected it could be going on elsewhere, a thought echoed by David Westberry, communications director for the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles that runs the license offices. "As strong as we think our quality assurance is," he said, "recent arrests have given us a reason to step back and make sure the integrity of (licensing) is upheld."

A few states allow illegal immigrants to have driver licenses. Recently, though, Michigan and Maryland ended the practice. State employees in Delray and elsewhere who were issuing phony licenses weren't just misusing their jobs. They were endangering public safety.

'The investigation is very active and focused, so you'll see a second round in a timely manner.'

MICHAEL McAULIFFE
Palm Beach County state attorney

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Should Florida allow illegals to legally obtain driver licenses?

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Late move, but smart move

After years of failing to properly finance KidCare and making it as hard as possible for parents to enroll their children in the state's subsidized health insurance program, state legislators finally did something right.

They passed a bill, which Gov. Crist signed last week, that streamlines the application process for KidCare and expands the program so another 50,000 children can join. KidCare provides coverage to children whose parents work but can't afford coverage. There are nearly 800,000 uninsured children in Florida.

Perhaps because the idea came from former Gov. Lawton Chiles, a Democrat, the Republican-led Legislature hamstrung the 11-year-old program from the start. First, legislators limited the coverage. Then, legislators made it hard for parents to enroll by increasing the paperwork required to prove eligibility and decreasing the amount of time to sign up. The state also cut marketing that would inform parents about KidCare.

As a result, enrollment in KidCare dropped. The state had to return to the federal government nearly \$140 million in matching money. If that isn't a serious political crime, we don't know what is.

Richard Robleto, executive director of Florida Healthy Kids Corp., which administers KidCare, said the agency for years has tried to have the administrative barriers to the program eliminated. The legislation,

Health care for more kids of the state's working poor.

he said, is a move in that direction: "I think this was a very good first step in making it easier for families to get coverage and to keep that coverage."

The law requires KidCare to attempt to verify eligibility electronically from external sources first before requiring families to produce documents. Parents who pay more than 5 percent of their income for group health insurance no longer must wait six months after dropping the more expensive coverage before being eligible for KidCare. That wait has been cut to two months.

Mr. Robleto said the six-month waiting period was an "extreme burden" for families who did not want to be without coverage for so long. Also, families that miss a premium payment will lose coverage only one month instead of two months.

Mr. Robleto said the bill and the money provided for the year means that KidCare can add 45,000 to 50,000 children to the current 250,000. There also will be a study of the outreach effort. Still, as he says, more needs to be done. "I hope I will be going back to the Legislature and saying: Thank you very much. We enrolled those 50,000 and now we need more money." Having done right, legislators should do even better.

Charles Krauthammer

The settlements canard

'Dictating' no settlements not feasible.

Obama the Humble declares that there will be no more "dictating" to other countries. We should "forge partnerships as opposed to simply dictating solutions," he told the G-20 summit. In Middle East negotiations, he told al-Arabia, America will henceforth "start by listening, because all too often the United States starts by dictating."

An admirable sentiment. It applies to everyone — Iran, Russia, Cuba, Syria, even Venezuela. Except Israel. Israel is ordered to freeze all settlement activity. As Secretary of State Hillary Clinton imperiously explained the diktat: "a stop to settlements — not some settlements, not outposts, not natural-growth exceptions."

What's the issue? No "natural growth" means strangling to death the thriving towns close to the 1949 armistice line, many of them suburbs of Jerusalem, that every negotiation over the past decade has envisioned Israel retaining. It means no increase in population. Which means for every child born, someone has to move out. No community can survive like that. The obvious objective is to undermine and destroy these towns — even before negotiations.

— To what end? Over the past decade, the U.S. government has understood that any final peace treaty would involve Israel retaining some of the close-in settlements — and compensating the Palestinians accordingly with land from within Israel itself.

This idea is not only logical, not only accepted by both

Democratic and Republican administrations for the past decade, but was agreed to in the letters of understanding exchanged between Israel and the U.S. in 2004 — and subsequently overwhelmingly endorsed by a concurrent resolution of Congress.

Yet the Obama State Department repeatedly has refused to endorse these agreements or even say it will honor them. This from a president who piously insists that all parties to the conflict honor previous obligations.

The entire "natural growth" issue is a concoction. It's farcical to suggest that the peace process is moribund because a teacher in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem is making an addition to her house to accommodate new grandchildren — when Gaza is run by Hamas terrorists dedicated to permanent war with Israel and when Mahmoud Abbas, having turned down every one of Ehud Olmert's peace offers, brazenly declares that he is in a waiting mode — waiting for Hamas to become moderate and for Israel to cave — before he'll do anything to advance peace.

In his much-heralded "Muslim world" address in Cairo Thursday, President Obama declared that the Palestinian people's "situation" is "intolerable." Indeed it is, the result of 60 years of Palestinian leadership that gave its people corruption, tyranny, religious intolerance and forced mili-

tarization; leadership that for three generations — Haj Amin al-Husseini in 1947, Yasser Arafat in 2000, Mr. Abbas in December 2008 — rejected every offer of independence and dignity, choosing destitution and despair rather than accepted by settlement not accompanied by the extinction of Israel.

In the 16 years since the Oslo accords turned the West Bank and Gaza over to the Palestinians, their leaders — Fatah and Hamas alike — built no schools, no roads, no courthouses, no hospitals, no institutions that would relieve their people's suffering. Instead they poured everything into an infrastructure of war and terror, all the while depositing billions (from glib Western donors) into their Swiss bank accounts.

Mr. Obama says he came to Cairo to tell the truth. But he uttered not a word of that. Instead, he issued but one concrete declaration of new policy: "The United States does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements," thus reinforcing the myth that Palestinian failure and statelessness are the fault of Israel and the settlements.

Blaming Israel and picking a fight over "natural growth" may curry favor with the Muslim "street." But it will only induce the Arab states to wait like Mr. Abbas: sit and do for America to deliver Israel on a platter. Which makes the Obama strategy not just dishonorable but self-defeating.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Post now backs expediency over public process?

The *Post's* strong editorial endorsement of the Palm Beach County supervisor of elections' request for Riviera Beach warehouse space is contrary to another major *Post* editorial position regarding county government: integrity of public process.

What did the state attorney's grand jury philosophically discuss and what would an inspector general say about this specific proposal: that the selection of the proposed site was not transparent, not competitive and the deal shouldn't be done. The site was identified among a number of potential properties and was selected by the supervisor without any public process. The price will be negotiated with the owner knowing that he has been selected as having the favored site. Other potential competitors were not given the opportunity to bid. This is all contrary to thoughts expressed in the grand jury report.

So, if there were an inspector general, what would happen in this case? Nothing? County staff expressed concerns about the preceding and other shortcomings with

the Riviera site as compared with the current county-owned site to the county commission, but the commission felt the same as *The Post*: that turning down the supervisor's request was unacceptable. No one wants to be perceived as having impeded the supervisor, whom the public elected, from doing her duties as she sees fit.

So, it appears *The Post* thinks that expediency — time constraint, in this case — is sufficient justification to violate tenets of good government as called out by the state attorney and grand jury. There are always expediencies, sometimes real, sometimes less so. What was done is not illegal. As we move forward to address how county government functions in the future, and what new bureaucracies, if any, are going to be formed to protect the public interest at taxpayers' expense, people need to remember cases like this.

ROBERT WEISMAN
Palm Beach County administrator
West Palm Beach

Too soon to stop harsh tactics that work?

President Obama labels the harsh interrogation techniques of the Bush administration "brutal" and "torture." Dick Cheney said they were lawful, safe, successful and not torture. This fundamental disagreement probably never will be reconciled. But the American people can examine and judge these other important issues:

First, is it wise to change policy while we still are subject to terrorist attack? Next, is it time for Mr. Obama to provide the evidence to support his claims that harsh techniques do not work and serve as an Al-Qaeda recruiting tool? Mr. Cheney said the measures did work on three high-value terrorists, averting an attack on Los Angeles, when milder methods did not.

Finally, on the day Mr. Obama gave the nation his Guantanamo vision, his administration announced that the first of the terrorist detainees will be tried in New York. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., concurred. What will Mr. Obama and Sen. Schum-

er do if the man is acquitted and freed to walk the streets of New York? Does this proposal, like the promise to close Gitmo, need more vetting before implementation?

RAY ELDERD
Palm Beach Gardens

Renaming party dinner a slap to true heroes

In answer to a letter-writer, I don't understand how a lobbyist can say that the Palm Beach County Democratic Party in changing the name of the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner to the Truman-Kennedy-Johnson Dinner.

This is a major fund-raiser and has always been called Jefferson-Jackson in honor of our third and fourth presidents. Thomas Jefferson was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. Andrew Jackson helped to shape the party and was a hero in his time. Truman used atomic bombs on Japan, killing 120,000 innocent people. Johnson escalated the war in Vietnam that ended up costing 58,000 American lives. He was a one-term president. Even Barack Obama said

that he wanted a recovery plan that would put people back to work, "not because I believe in bigger government." I don't. Changing the name of this fund-raiser does not reflect current Democratic policies. Let's not casually cast aside our history and those who are held in high esteem to this day.

LYNN ANDERSON
Lake Worth

Judge's ignorance of law is no excuse, or is it?

Let me get this straight. A Palm Beach County circuit judge claims two homestead exemptions, and it took a battle between the judge and his wife's ex-husband to bring it to the appraiser? Something's very wrong here.

First, there's incompetence at the appraiser's office. Second, Judge Martin Colin wasn't aware that two homestead exemptions was illegal? Yeah, right. It's a travesty for all of us who follow the law, pay our property taxes honestly and work hard to do the right thing.

STEVEN GIDDENS
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David Brooks

Cautious at heart

Sonia Sotomayor had bad timing. If she'd entered college in the late-1950s or early-1960s, she would have been surrounded by an ethos that encouraged smart young ethnic kids to assimilate. If she'd entered Princeton and Yale in the 1980s, her ethnicity and gender would have been mildly interesting traits among the many she might possess.

But she happened to attend Princeton and then Yale Law School in the 1970s. These were the days when what we now call multiculturalism was just coming into its own. These were the days when the whole race, class and gender academic-industrial complex seemed fresh, exciting and just.

There was no way she was going to get out of that unscarred. And, in fact, in the years since she has given a series of speeches that have made her a poster child for identity politics. In these speeches, race and gender take center stage. It's not only the one comment about a wise Latina making better decisions than a white male; it's the whole litany. If you read just these speeches you might come away with the impression that she was a racial activist who is just using the judicial system as a vehicle for her social crusade.

And yet her history and conversations with her colleagues suggest this is not the main story. If you look at the whole record, you come away with the impression that Judge Sotomayor is a hardworking, careful-thought-unspectacular jurist whose primary commitment is to the law.

When she left Yale, she didn't take the route designed to reinforce her ideological dispositions. She became a prosecutor with District Attorney Robert Morgenthau in Manhattan. She told *The New York Times* in 1983 that in making this decision, she faced "a tremendous amount of pressure from my community, from the third-world community at Yale. They could not understand why I was taking this job."

In the years since, she has not followed the easy course. More than any current member of the Supreme Court, she worked her way up through the furnace levels of the legal system. And when she reached a position of authority, she did not turn herself into an AI Sharpton in robes.

She is quite liberal. But there's little evidence that she is motivated by racialist thinking or an activist attitude.

Tom Goldstein of *Scotusblog* conducted a much-cited study of the 96 race-related cases that have come before her. Like almost all judges, she has rejected a vast



majority of the claims of racial discrimination that came to her. She dissented in only four of those cases. And in only one did she find racial discrimination where they did not. Even with what she calls

her "Latina soul," she saw almost every case pretty much as they did.

When you read her opinions, race and gender are invisible. I'm obviously not qualified to judge the legal quality of her opinions. But when you read the documents merely as examples of persuasive writing, you find that they are almost entirely impersonal and deracinated.

To my eye, Judge Sotomayor's opinions are the products of a clear and honest if unimaginative mind. She sticks close to precedent and the details of a case. There's no personal flavor (in the boring parts one wishes there were). There's no evidence of a grand ideological style or even much intellectual ambition. If you had to pick a word to describe them, it would be "restraint."

Looked at in her totality, Judge Sotomayor seems to be a smart, careful, hard-working judicial professional, who along the way picked up a patina of 1970s race-, class- and gender-consciousness.

It's interesting to compare Judge Sotomayor's thinking with Barack Obama's. On the grand matters of race in America, they are quite different. Judge Sotomayor has given a series of speeches arguing that it is not possible or even desirable to transcend our racial or gender sympathies and prejudices. During the presidential campaign, then-Sen. Obama gave a speech in Philadelphia arguing for precisely that, calling on America to move beyond the old categories and arguments.

Judge Sotomayor sometimes draws a straight line between ethnicity, gender and behavior. President Obama emphasizes our multiple identities and the complex blend of influences on an individual life.

Yet in practice, they do have a lot in common. In practice, Judge Sotomayor is a liberal incrementalist. Her careful opinions embody the sort of judicial minimalism that President Obama and his aide Cass Sunstein admire most.

In short, Judge Sotomayor's career surpasses the crude categories she sometimes articulates. Despite the ideas she picked up while young, she has, over many years, chosen to submit herself to the discipline of the law, and she has not abused its institutions. I hope she's confirmed.

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Madoff Jewish? Big deal.

By HINDA MANDELL

Jewish news flash: Not everyone is as keenly aware as you are that the world's most notorious Ponzi schemer is Jewish.

A professor of mine who closely followed news about Bernard Madoff had no idea about his religious background. As it turned out, she was hospitalized when Madoff's Jewish affiliation, and the disproportionate number of his Jewish investors made news. And after her release, it never measured on her radar. Another professor expressed surprise to learn that Jews may be sensitive to Madoff's religious background.

Neither professor is Jewish. That's the point.

Cognitive psychology instructs us that information important to us is kept in the forefront of our minds. Perhaps the professors didn't associate Madoff and Jewish because Judaism does not place their radars on high alert. As a Ph.D. student studying Madoff, I have spent much time thinking about how people of various religious backgrounds react to Madoff's Jewish identity.

People with a Jewish identity (of which I'm one) seem to have reached a consensus that Madoff's Jewish background may fuel anti-Semitism. But we also tend to assume that non-Jews will think less of us simply because Madoff shares our religious customs. In February, Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, wrote in *The Post* that the Madoff story prompted "an outpouring of anti-Semitic comments on mainstream and extremist Web sites." His statement leads me to believe that anti-Jewish ex-

pression was commonplace, and perhaps increased, thanks to Madoff and the Internet's anonymity.

However, a survey I conducted in March as part of my research contradicts that statement. The anonymous, online survey was completed by 178 individuals from across the U.S. It was sent to Jewish e-mail lists and a Christian seminary in Boston, and Christian e-mail lists in New York. It also was posted on the Web site of the *Jewish Journal of Los Angeles*.

Jewish respondents generally agreed that "Madoff gives Jews a bad name," with the Jewish average resting at "I feel this way often." Non-Jews, however, had a different response. Whether one identified as Protestant, Catholic, Christian or having no religious affiliation, the average response was the same: It fell smack in the middle of "I feel this way rarely" and "I never feel this way." So much for non-Jewish respondents thinking that Madoff is a dark smudge on all Jews.

Generally, Protestants, Catholics, Christians and those without religious affiliation did not find Madoff's religion to be relevant. Instead, his religious identity was more important to Jewish respondents; 59 percent have thought at some point that they would feel better if Madoff were Protestant, Muslim, Catholic or Hindu.

Regardless of these differences, my survey also finds a similarity between the groups. All religious groups agreed that the media focus on Madoff's Jewish background was

"just right." Respondents probably recognized that Madoff's Jewish background played a role in how he recruited investors. Therefore, they saw media coverage of this fact as relevant to the story, even if Madoff's specific religion was irrelevant to them.

While I cannot generalize, the findings still offer insight. Jews may be surprised to learn that non-Jewish respondents have expressed cool-headed opinions about Madoff's religious background, not anti-Semitic ramblings. Non-Jews may be surprised to learn how sensitive Jewish respondents are to Madoff's religion, and the extent to which Jewish respondents worry about how non-Jews think about them.

Not surprisingly, Madoff's religion is a source of shame for many Jews. It's impossible to reflect on Jewish concern over what "the Gentiles must think" without acknowledging a history pockmarked with extreme persecution. If the Madoff scandal took place in early 20th-century Europe, one can imagine it prompting a pogrom against Jews. But if the survey results are any indication, Jews are their toughest critics.

Cognitive psychology can help explain that, too. When something is dear to you, you seek to protect its reputation. Personal issues such as religion are intertwined with identity. And while Madoff's house of cards toppled, identity is a much harder enterprise to collapse.

Hinda Mandell, a doctoral student in mass communications at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University, has reported on Madoff for *The Boston Globe*.

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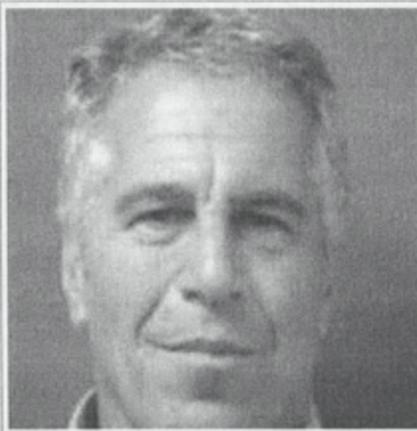
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WEST PALM BEACH, FL -- Attorneys representing several young women suing Palm Beach billionaire Jeffrey Epstein were in court today, asking a judge to unseal what they call a "sweetheart deal" made between Epstein and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Federal prosecutors agreed not to pursue charges against Epstein, now 56, when the financier agreed to plead guilty to state charges last year.

The Palm Beach billionaire was convicted of procuring teenagers for prostitution.

"I can't think of any other reason why it would happen in this case, but for his power, influence and wealth," said the plaintiffs' attorney Brad Edwards.

The sealed agreement, says Edwards, contains information relevant if not vital to their civil case.

"And every day that goes by their rights are violated," said Edwards' law partner William Berger, "and why should their rights be violated any further?"

Epstein's attorney argues the deal his client made with federal prosecutors should remain sealed.

"You've got to remember that it was the court that asked the record to be sealed and it was done during the course of the proceedings," said Epstein's lawyer Jack Goldenberger.

Deanna Shullman, another attorney, weighed in as well. Shullman, representing the media and the public's right to see what's in those documents, says there was, as best as

she can tell, no compelling legal standard applied when the judge originally sealed the documents.

"The frustration is we have no idea why these records were sealed because it seems to have been sealed by a simple agreement of the parties," said Shullman.

Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath seemed inclined to agree the deal should never have been sealed in the first place, but gave Epstein's lawyers until Friday to file papers and arguments persuading him otherwise.

They're scheduled to meet again in court June 25th.

"Justice delayed is justice denied and that's where we are now," said a disappointed Edwards.

"He's not getting special treatment," insisted Epstein's lawyer Jack Goldberger, "The law does not require the

records to be sealed under these circumstances."

Edwards says they have been allowed to read the sealed agreement between Epstein and federal prosecutors. And while they're legally bound from discussing it, they say if it is eventually unsealed, the public will be "outraged" by what's in it.

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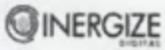
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Judge delays ruling on request to unseal plea deal in sex case

By SUSAN SPENCER-WENDEL
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — A circuit judge on Wednesday did not unseal the deal that money manager Jeffrey Epstein of Palm Beach struck with federal prosecutors to avoid charges, opting instead to give Epstein's lawyers a chance to demonstrate why it should remain hidden from public view.



Circuit Judge Jeff Epstein Colbath acknowledged at a hearing that Epstein's deal was not sealed in state court in accordance with the rules.

"I don't see where any of the procedures were ever followed," he said.

Colbath has given Epstein's defense attorney, Jack Goldberger, an opportunity to argue that the document was properly sealed and asked lawyers to submit briefs to him by Friday. Colbath also set a full hearing for June 25.

women now suing Epstein are asking Colbath to unseal the deal that Epstein brokered with federal prosecutors. A lawyer for *The Palm Beach Post* also has joined in the request.

"It's a secret agreement. A secret, sweetheart agreement," said former Circuit Judge Bill Berger, who now represents some of the women.

"Everybody was in on this deal except the victims and the public," Berger said. "The public should be outraged it has gone as far as it has."

A second attorney representing the women, Brad Edwards, has seen the sealed document. A federal judge allowed him and his clients to view it, but not to discuss its contents.

Edwards said the women were "outraged" at what had been negotiated without their knowledge. A reporter asked Edwards if he thought Epstein received special treatment by federal prosecutors.

"Are you kidding? It's transparent. Certainly no

one else gets treated like that," Edwards said.

Epstein, 56, a reported money manager of billions, is currently serving an 18-month sentence in the Palm Beach County Stockade after pleading guilty nearly a year ago in state court to felony solicitation of prostitution and procuring teenagers for prostitution.

The saga began years ago when the Palm Beach Police Department began investigating whether young women were being brought to Epstein's mansion on El Brillo Way to massage him and have sex with him in exchange for money.

Epstein's attorneys, in federal filings, have referred to sealed documents as a deferred prosecution agreement with federal prosecutors and have called it "unprecedented" and "highly unusual."

Goldberger said his client has not received any special treatment.

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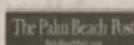
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Drive nets \$1.3 million for charities

Four organizations raised 'safety net' cash for 30 local nonprofits.

By SONJA ISGER
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

After being hit with the double-barrel crisis of fewer donations and more people in need of basics such as food and shelter, more than 30 local charities were shown a glimmer of hope Wednesday.

They will be getting a piece of \$1.3 million raised

in just one month.

The organizers report that the payoff is bigger than the charities' bottom lines.

They say more than 11,300 families and 200,000 individuals will receive food; the money will provide shelter to more than 14,925 families. More than 27,525 patients will get access to health care and 518 children of working poor parents, homeless children and those living with elderly caretakers began summer camp this week.

The four biggest funders of nonprofits in Palm Beach and Martin counties set out to raise the money on May 1.

The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, the Allegany Franciscan Ministries and Quantum Foundation called it the Safety Net Challenge.

They report that private donors pitched in more than \$291,000, corporate donors such as

Bank of America came up with another \$50,000, and foundations such as the Roy J. Zuckerberg Family Foundation and the John S. and James L. Knight foundations contributed \$100,000.

The amount raised was then matched to bring the total to more than \$583,000. And then the four funders said they would donate another \$708,000 and change.

The final sum: \$1.29 million.

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Tennis tour idea losing in Delray

By MARIA HERRERA
Sun Sentinel

DELRAY BEACH — A promoter who wants to bring an international tennis tournament to Delray Beach must change his proposal for the city's budget task force to recommend approval.

Mark Baron, whose Match Point Inc. runs the International Tennis Championships and the ATP World Tour, asked the city last week to co-sponsor the ATP Champions Tour and pay \$375,000, plus an annual 3 percent increase for the next 20 years.

"The end result is that he's supposed to revise the contract," said Todd L'Herrou, a member of the task force, after the group met with Baron on Tuesday. "It would be very hard to recommend approval at this point."

Baron said the ATP Champions Tour is played around the world and features retired players such as John McEnroe and Pete Sampras. Baron billed the tour as the first of its kind in the United States.

Opposition to the event is mounting.

Renzo Raiss, a Delray

Revise the contract, the city's budget task force tells a promoter.

resident who worked with professional tennis players in the 1970s, said the tour has not been successful in other cities in the country.

"This is normally a sponsorship of a hotel to stimulate a bit of interest in the location," he said.

Raiss said he would organize his neighbors against the proposal should taxpayers be stuck with the bill.

Delray is facing a 15 percent decrease in tax revenue, or about \$7 million, and officials said they already have been criticized for sponsoring other tennis events.

The city's budget task force said last year that such sponsorships are costing Delray about \$2 million a year because of a 25-year agreement with Match Point. The deal makes the city responsible for cleanup, security, prize money and maintenance of the center to ATP standards.

FAU to accept fewer medical students

By KIMBERLY MILLER
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

BOCA RATON — Fewer future doctors will be accepted to the fledgling medical program at Florida Atlantic University as the school wrestles with overall budget cuts of \$16.7 million.

The program, which is part of the University of Miami's medical school, plans to drop new enrollment to 48 students this fall from initial hopes of admitting 64 annually.

The College of Biomedical Science's share of the university's total budget reduction plan is \$1.5 million. The budget proposal was presented to a committee of FAU's board of trustees during a meeting Wednesday.

About 130 students are currently enrolled in the

Budget cuts will lower new enrollment to 48 instead of the goal of 64 students annually.

university's medical program.

The medical school opened at FAU in August 2004, enrolling an initial 16 students who took their first two years of classes in Boca Raton and the final two years at UM.

A full-four year program at FAU opened in 2007 — a year ahead of schedule and one reason school officials aren't overly concerned about the current reduction in enrollment.

"We are not immune to what is happening statewide and nationally," said Ken Jessell, FAU's vice president for university finance, about the \$16.7 million cut — the single

largest reduction in university history.

Overall, FAU proposes cutting 45 majors, 140 unfilled jobs and 30 filled positions. Five of those filled positions are tenured faculty in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, which underwent a reorganization this year.

Faculty members have expressed concerns about how their colleagues were laid off, stating during a meeting last week that the reorganization was a way to circumvent tenure policies that require less experienced faculty to be laid off first.

FAU President Frank Brogan, in an exchange

that belied his normally jovial demeanor, said the personnel decisions made during the budget cut process were not an attack on tenure.

"FAU respects tenure as much as any other state university," Brogan said.

"As president of this university, I want that quote to be entered into the record in a way that cannot be misunderstood and shouldn't be accepted as anything but what I mean it to be. This university supports tenure. That's a fact."

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Trustee policy backs materials law

Florida Atlantic aims to give some teeth to the affordability measure.

By KIMBERLY MILLER
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Florida's auditor general will review university textbook purchases to ensure compliance with a new law requiring schools to seek out cheaper materials for students.

A Florida Atlantic University trustee committee adopted a policy Wednesday to comply with the law, learning that if professors don't comply, they will be called out in the audit.

Students had expressed concerns that there were no repercussions for non-compliance.

"This has been a hot issue for students because of increased tuition and increased fees," said FAU student government President Tiffany Weimar. "But

while the implementation is great, a strong follow-up is missing."

FAU Associate Vice President for Financial Affairs Dennis Crudele said he hopes the attention from state auditors will help with enforcement.

The new textbook affordability law was passed in 2008.

It requires several initiatives including:

- Ensure textbook access to students who cannot afford to buy their own.

- Post a list of required textbooks at least 30 days before the first day of class so students can shop around for the best deals.

- Require professors to state their intent to use all items that come with a textbook such as CDs, which can increase a book's cost.

- Determine the need for a new edition of a book when one is assigned.

- Ban professors and employees from receiving payment from publishers for assigning their books. Professors are allowed to receive royalties on their own writing.

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Service Hearing Schedule

The customer service hearings scheduled in your area will be conducted by the Commission at the times and places indicated below:

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.
Daytona Beach City Commission Chambers
City Hall
301 S. Ridgewood Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Wednesday, June 24, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.
Brevard County Governmental Center
Commission Room, Building C, 1st floor
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Melbourne, FL 32940

Wednesday, June 24, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.
Palm Beach County Governmental Center
Jane Thompson Memorial Chambers, 6th floor
301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Thursday, June 25, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.
Broward County Main Library Auditorium
100 S. Andrews Avenue
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Thursday, June 25, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.
Miami Science Museum
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Friday, June 26, 2009 – 10:30 a.m.
North Dade Regional Library
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The purpose of these customer service hearings is to take testimony from the public on the quality and adequacy of FPL's service and other matters related to FPL's petition for a rate adjustment. Members of the public who wish to present testimony are urged to appear promptly at each scheduled hearing time since the hearing may be adjourned early if no witnesses are present to testify.

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If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the customer service hearing, Commission staff will attempt to give timely, direct notice to parties. Notice of cancellation of the meeting will also be provided on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.state.fl.us>) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.



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Water district won't raise tax rate

Managers hope that property values don't fall as far as expected.

By PAUL QUINLAN
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

The South Florida Water Management District will not hike its property tax rate despite plans to finance the state's priciest-ever conservation land purchase amid a historic plunge in real estate values, leaders said Wednesday.

The agency expects revenues to drop about \$340 million this year, in part because property values across the district's 16

counties in South and Central Florida are anticipated to plunge 12.3 percent, water managers said.

The district is planning a \$1.5 billion budget for the 2010 spending year, which begins Oct. 1.

The agency's tax rate is 62.4 cents for each \$1,000 of taxable value. At that rate, the owner of a \$250,000 home with a \$50,000 homestead exemption would pay \$124.80 to the district.

Wednesday's discussion came as the district prepares to finance Gov. Charlie Crist's monumental Everglades restoration plan: a \$536 million purchase of 73,000 acres of

U.S. Sugar Corp. farmland.

The concept calls for eventually building a chain of reservoirs and marshes that could re-create the historic flowing connection between Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades.

The land deal alone will saddle the district with \$45.7 million in annual debt payments over the next 30 years, Budget Director Doug Bergstrom told the district's board at a meeting in Naples.

Water managers maintain that the deal with U.S. Sugar — downsized twice from Crist's original plan to buy out the company for \$1.75 billion — would not

impair the district's ability to perform its core duties of flood control and water supply management.

The one silver lining to this year's dire budget season: Water managers are optimistic that district-wide property values actually may drop less than 12.3 percent as June estimates tend to be overly conservative, Bergstrom said.

The board will meet in July to review the proposed budget before holding two public hearings in September. The district also must submit the budget to Crist, who has the power to veto it.

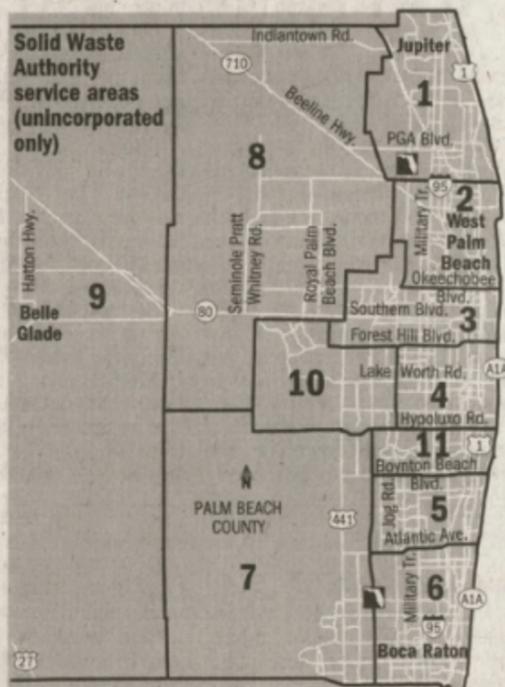
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Paying for disposal

Palm Beach County commissioners gave initial approval Wednesday to a plan that would increase the county's garbage-hauling rates by as much as 13 percent for residents of the unincorporated areas. Rates for residents inside municipalities will not increase. A public hearing on the plan is set for Aug. 19.

Service area	Current rate*	New rate*	Percent change
1	\$366	\$406	11%
2	\$405	\$453	12%
3	\$282	\$306	9%
4	\$277	\$300	8%
5	\$258	\$278	8%
6	\$235	\$250	6%
7	\$292	\$318	9%
8	\$427	\$479	12%
9	\$507	\$575	13%
10	\$331	\$365	10%
11	\$256	\$276	8%

*Rate includes per-home assessments plus fees for curbside pickup. Customers with containerized service pay much smaller fees.



Source: Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County STAFF GRAPHIC

Copter to spray west county mosquitoes

By BILL DIPALO
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

If you're an adult mosquito, Friday night would be a good time to bug out of western Palm Beach County.

A Huey helicopter is scheduled to spray D-brom, a chemical that bumps off the irritating insects by disrupting their nervous systems.

Spraying will start at sundown and is planned for four hours over 215,000

acres west of Military Trail in south county, the Glades, Wellington, Jupiter Farms, Palm Beach Country Estates, Caloosa, Loxahatchee, The Acreage and Royal Palm Beach.

"The mosquitoes are really annoying people," said Gary Goode, environmental analyst with the Palm Beach County mosquito control division.

The spraying is necessary because of recent rains, Goode said.

The 15.7 inches of precipitation recorded in made May the second wettest month since 1890, when 16.2 inches fell at Palm Beach International Airport. This year's heavy rains followed one of the driest November-to-May dry seasons on record, according to the National Weather Service.

If South Florida has steady precipitation, the rains will wash away the eggs that the insects lay

on the ground. But if rains are heavy for two weeks, then drop off for the next two weeks, the eggs will have time and a place to hatch, Goode said.

Rubbing out nuisance mosquitoes — females can lay 200 eggs every time they bite — is the goal of Friday night's spraying.

So far, the county has had no reports of disease-carrying mosquitoes, Goode said.

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Above-average depths in much of Everglades

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executive director of water resources, during a board meeting in Naples. "This has been a soaking rain from the top of the system to the bottom."

Water now has reached above-average depths in vast swaths of the Everglades that had run dry.

Meanwhile, monitor wells whose drying had triggered last month's tightening of restrictions now have filled to above-average levels, with some reaching some of the highest levels seen in decades, said Peter Kwiatkowski, the district's director of resource evaluation.

Watering limits

These restrictions are in place for most of South Florida and the Treasure Coast, including Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties. Water managers may make them permanent.

- Odd-numbered addresses:** Watering allowed Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Even-numbered addresses and properties with no address:** Watering allowed Thursdays and Sundays.
- Hours:** No watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Exceptions:** One-day-a-week limits remain in Lake Worth. No restrictions are in effect for Highland Beach, which draws all of its water from the Floridan Aquifer.

"Rainfall has recharged the aquifer levels to the point where things are in really great shape," he said.

The region is not entirely in the clear, water managers cautioned.

July usually ranks as

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the driest month of the wet season. Water managers said they cannot be sure whether the wet season will bring below- or above-average rainfall, although forecasts suggest the latter.

Exceptional one-day-a-week watering limits will remain in place in a few communities, including the city of Lake Worth, where saltwater threatens to intrude on vulnerable coastal wells.

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Union files complaint against Jupiter rehab center

By BILL DIPALO
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

JUPITER — Charging management with trying to bust their union, members of the Service Employees International Union filed charges Wednesday with the National Labor Relations Board against the owners of Courtyard Gardens Rehabilitation Center.

Formerly Jupiter Care Center, the 120-bed private

facility on Thelma Road was taken over June 1 by the new owners, based in North Palm Beach. They have hired about 30 of nearly 135 former employees of Jupiter Care Center, many of whom had worked at the facility for about 20 years and made about \$12 per hour, said SEIU organizer Ucha Ndukwe.

About 90 percent of the former workers are union members.

"We want the rest of the employees to get their jobs back. The new company did not hire them because they are trying to get rid of the union," Ndukwe said.

Deb Peck, spokeswoman for Courtyard Gardens, declined to comment on specific charges.

The company also owns Courtyard Gardens Assisted Living facility on Indian Creek Parkway.

Courtyard Gardens has

reduced the workforce to about 70 full- and part-time employees.

The facility, which required about 135 employees at capacity, now has about 70 patients, Peck said. Most of them, both adults and children, are long-term and on Medicaid, she said.

SEIU represents about 16,000 health-care workers in Florida and the Southeastern United States.

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Aaronson: Authority's debt load a concern

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set for Aug. 19.

Meanwhile, Commissioner Burt Aaronson said he is concerned about the amount of debt the authority is carrying, and questioned whether commissioners should continue to seek an alternative location for a new landfill.

In 2007, the authority scrapped plans to build the new landfill on 1,600 acres it owns next to the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Environ-

mentalists argued that the landfill would damage wildlife and water quality in the refuge, the northernmost remnant of the Everglades.

Commissioners are evaluating two new sites. But Aaronson said the plan would cost the county \$70 million.

"It is a very difficult thing for me knowing full well that we have this piece of property," Aaronson said. He added: "We should take advantage of anything that doesn't cost us money."

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Convict admits strangling Lake Worth waitress in '83

By JASON SCHULTZ
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — Justice in the slaying of a waitress was served 25 years late, but it finally came Wednesday after a 69-year-old man admitted strangling her, according to the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office.

Bruce Albert Tessier was already serving three decades in prison for mur-

dering an Alachua County woman when he was sentenced to 37 more years on Wednesday. He pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the Sept. 29, 1983, death of Lynn C. Julin.

The 29-year-old was found strangled in her



Tessier

Lake Worth apartment. "It's been a long time since Lynn has been gone," said her mother, Beverly Julin, 83, of Sebastian. "We've all mourned her, and I'm just glad it is over."

Julin said her daughter had five brothers and one sister and the news of Tessier's plea will help them all find closure.

According to the state attorney's office, Tes-

sier was Julin's neighbor in 1983 and on probation after being convicted of sexual battery. In April, he was charged in Julin's death after DNA evidence found on her nightgown linked him to the case.

"What I feel sadly about is all the people who suffered from the time my daughter died, the people he was responsible for killing," Beverly Julin said,

referring to the woman Tessler was convicted of killing in 1992 in Alachua County. "That is who I feel sad for."

At the time of Julin's slaying, media outlets and investigators wondered if her death was connected to the slayings of three other waitresses. Gayla McNeil, 30, of Cocoa Beach, was found dead west of Delray Beach on Oct. 21, 1983;

Elizabeth Ann Hucco, 29, of Lake Worth, was found dead in September in Melbourne; and Carla Lowe, 21, of Pompano Beach, was found dead in Delray Beach on Nov. 13, 1983.

After Tessier's arrest, sheriff's officials and Delray Beach police said they did not have any evidence that Tessier was involved in the other three murders.

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Dispatcher honored for talking Boca dad through son's delivery

By CHRISTINA DENARDO
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

BOCA RATON — It was 5 a.m. and Kenn Hauptert had just awakened to his wife's screams. She was in labor.

Hauptert picked up the phone to call the doctor, but when his wife, Teresa, screamed again, he dropped the phone to run back into the bedroom. He could see the baby's head.

Hauptert hung up on the doctor and called 911. On the other line was Jessica Sullivan, a Boca Raton 911 dispatcher who helped Hauptert deliver son Justin, who weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

"Without her I would have been lying face-down on the floor," said Hauptert. "I was ready

to pass out."

On Wednesday, three months after Justin was born, Sullivan became the first civilian to receive her department's Distinguished Service Award.

Sullivan, who has worked for the city for six years, was nearing the end of her 12-hour shift when she got the call from Hauptert. She guided him through delivering the baby to tying the umbilical cord.

"It was amazing to hear him cry on the other end," said Sullivan, who lives in Port St. Lucie.

After receiving her award, Sullivan cradled Justin in her arm. "He is absolutely adorable," she said.

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Benacquisto gets key GOP backing

By GEORGE BENNETT
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

The primary is more than 14 months away, but key Republicans lined up Wednesday behind Wellington Councilwoman Lizbeth Benacquisto in her bid for a state Senate district that could be a partisan and geographic battleground in 2010.

Three key GOP senators — Senate President Jeff Atwater, Majority Leader Alex Diaz de la Portilla and former Senate President Ken Pruitt — endorsed Benacquisto to represent District 27, which stretches to Fort Myers.

In backing Benacquisto, the senators passed over former

Republican state Rep. Sharon Merchant of Palm Beach Gardens, who has said it is "highly likely" she will enter the race.

Along with the senators' endorsements, Benacquisto on Wednesday picked up the support of Matt Caldwell, the Lee County Republican who was the party's 2008 nominee for that Senate district.

District 27 is now represented by Sen. Dave Aronberg, D-Greenacres, who last week launched a 2010 campaign for attorney general.

In addition to Republicans Benacquisto and Merchant, Democratic attorney Peter Burkert of Fort Myers is expected to run.

In District 27, about 54

percent of voters live in Palm Beach County and 45 percent in Lee County, with a smattering in Glades and Charlotte counties. Democrats hold a 40-to-36 percent registration edge.

About 60 percent of the district's Republican voters live in Lee County.

In garnering Caldwell's endorsement Wednesday, Benacquisto said she would support a redistricting after the 2010 census that creates at least one Senate district with a majority of Lee County voters. The three senators who now represent parts of Lee County — Aronberg and Republicans Mike Bennett and Garrett Richter — live in other counties.

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AREA DEATHS

Palm Beach County

Albright, Edna Foster, 89, of Juno Beach, died Wednesday. Edgley Cremation Services, West Palm Beach.

Allen, Sylvester, 84, of Boynton Beach, died Friday. Shuler's Memorial Chapel, Mangonia Park. Service Saturday.

Alvarez, Javier, 64, of Atlantis, died May 29. Genesis Funeral Home, Hollywood.

Bannister, Clarence, 83, of Royal Palm Beach, died Saturday. Shuler's Memorial Chapel, Mangonia Park. Funeral Saturday.

Bussey, Harvis, 77, of Riviera Beach, died June 2. Shuler's Memorial Chapel, Mangonia Park. Service Saturday.

Cameron, Marian E., 87, of Atlantis, died Wednesday. Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral Home & Crematory, Boynton Beach. Memorial service Saturday.

Chiapponi, Guy Francis, 23, of Jupiter, died Tuesday. Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory,

Royal Palm Beach. Memorial service Saturday.

Dixon, Gosslin W., 72, of West Palm Beach, died Monday. Royal Palm Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, West Palm Beach.

Gold, Jack, 80, of Boynton Beach, died Tuesday. Beth Israel Memorial Chapel, Boynton Beach. Service Monday.

Gregory, Joseph A., 80, of West Palm Beach, died Friday. Edgley Cremation Services, West Palm Beach.

Gummere, Jerry Victor, 75, of Wellington, died Wednesday. Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory, Royal Palm Beach. Visitation Monday.

Kellner-Feinstein, Diane S., 63, of Delray Beach, died Friday. Weiss Memorial Chapel, Boynton Beach. Memorial service Sunday.

Paugh, Josephine Ann, 93, of West Palm Beach, died Tuesday. National Cremation Society, Lake Worth.

Perez, Gilberto, 47, of Lake Worth, died Saturday. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Worth.

Pletenik, Samuel, 91, of Boynton Beach, died Monday. A Cremation Service of the Palm Beaches, Boynton Beach.

Prater, Martha E., 91, of Lantana, died Saturday. Tillman Funeral Home, West Palm Beach. Service Sunday.

Rendon, Oscar, of Delray Beach, died Sunday. Genesis Funeral Home, Hollywood. Memorial service Saturday.

Rodriguez, Eugenio, 64, of West Palm Beach, died June 2. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Worth.

Rothstein, Violet, 86, of Boca Raton, died Tuesday. Levitt-Weinstein Memorial Chapel, West Palm Beach. Service Friday.

Ruiz, Maria E., 83, of Boca Raton, died Monday. Hudson Memorial Chapel, Delray Beach.

Russo, Anthony, 96, of Boca Raton, died Sunday. Neptune Society, Pompano Beach.

Schattie, John G., 92, of Lake Worth, died Monday. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Worth.

Sprow, Patsy L., 79, of Wellington, died Monday. Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory, Royal Palm Beach.

Walling, Wanda G., 93, of Lake Worth, died Monday. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Worth.

Weissel, Ira M., 97, of West Palm Beach, died Tuesday. I. J. Morris Funeral Directors, West Palm Beach.

Winston, Howard L., 82, of Boynton Beach, died Monday. Riverside Gordon Memorial Chapel, Delray Beach.

Martin County

Pusieko, Jeffrey, 51, of Stuart, died May 30. Martin Funeral Home and Crematory, Stuart.

Wadsworth, Irma, 88, of Stuart, died Monday. Aycock Funeral Home, Stuart. Funeral in New York.

St. Lucie County

Burke, Glory H., 82, of Port St. Lucie, died Wednesday. Yates Funeral Home and Crematory, Port St. Lucie. Service Monday.

Crist, Charles McKinley, 40, formerly of Fort Pierce, died June 4. Stone Brothers Funeral Home, Fort Pierce. Visitation Friday and Saturday; service Saturday.

Fuller, Emmett Jr., 83, of Fort Pierce, died Friday. Stone Brothers Funeral Home, Fort Pierce.

Lee, William C. Jr., 47, of Port St. Lucie, died Sunday. Martin Funeral Home and Crematory, Stuart.

McMartin, Mary Jane, 74, of Port St. Lucie, died Friday. Yates Funeral Home and Crematory, Port St. Lucie. Visitation and service Friday.

FUNERAL NOTICES



MILLER BOUIE, Jr.
Miller Bouie, Jr., age 78 of Deerfield Beach, FL went home to be with the Lord on June 3, 2009. He leaves to cherish a wife, Mrs. Nora Bouie of Deerfield Beach, five sons and two daughters and a host of other relatives and sorrowing friends.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 1:00 PM at St. Paul AME Church, 119 NW 5th Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444. Visitation will be held Friday, June 12, 2009, 6 PM to 8 PM at Shuler's Memorial Chapel, 606 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444. Professional Service entrusted to Shuler's Memorial Chapel, Delray Beach, FL.

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JOHN GILBERT SCHATTIE
John G. Schattie, 92, a man of many talents, passed away on June 8, 2009.

Survivors include his dedicated and loving wife of 66 years, Jewel; children, John, Edwin and Glenda; grandchildren, Susie, Liss, Michael, John and Robert; sister, Kay and brother, Thomas; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

John was born in Hazelton, PA. Upon his release from service in the Army, he spent his career with the Board of Water Supply as a purchasing agent for the City of New York. In 1960 John graduated first in his class from the RCA Institute. Jewel and John relocated to Lake Worth where they have lived for the last 38 years.

There will be a Memorial Service this Saturday, June 13 from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the Del Lago Chapel, 131 South Lakeside Drive, Lake Worth. All County Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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BIRTIRUM REMMING
Birtirum Remming, age 62, of Delray Beach, FL went home to be with the Lord on June 6, 2009. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Mrs. Glenda Remming of Delray Beach; two sons and one daughter and a host of other relatives and sorrowing friends.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 12:00 PM at Shuler's Memorial Chapel, 606 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444. Professional Service entrusted to Shuler's Memorial Chapel, Delray Beach, FL.

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ADAM SCOTT FUSCO
Adam Scott Fusco 26, a native of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, died in a tragic ATV accident on May 24, 2009 in Blue Ridge, GA.

He is survived by many family and friends who love and will miss him dearly.

A day for Adam is June 13, 2009. For info call (561) 762-2592 / (561) 201-9290.

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MARY K. BERNACKI
Age 79 of Jupiter, FL, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 8, 2009 in West Palm Beach. Born in New Haven, CT, she had been a resident of Jupiter for twenty-six years, retiring from Durham, CT. Prior to coming, she was a Licensed Practical Nurse at Middlesex Memorial Hospital and Queens Convalescent Home, both in Middletown, CT. Mrs. Bernacki was a long-time parishioner with Notre Dame Catholic Church in Durham, CT.

Survivors include her loving husband, Henry S. Bernacki of Jupiter; one daughter, Maureen A. Bernacki of Jupiter; two sons, Henry Bernacki of Jupiter and Peter S. Bernacki of Durham, CT; one grand-daughter, Leah Bernacki; one great-grandson, Tyler Kobus and one great-granddaughter, Sadie Kobus. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jessie and Dora Kline and her two sons, Leon J. and Michael H. Bernacki.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9 AM, Saturday, June 13, 2009 at St. Peter Catholic Church, 1701 Indian Creek Parkway, Jupiter, FL. The family suggests contributions to "Go Red for Women" c/o American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX, 75231-4596.

Taylor & Modene Funeral Home Family Owned & Operated (561) 744-2030, Jupiter, FL

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ROBERT E. WISE
Age 80, of North Palm Beach, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, June 8, 2009. He was a tool & die maker and designer in Elkhart, Indiana. He retired from Pratt & Whitney in 1994. He was an Army Veteran of WWII. Robert helped to build three churches in the area, and was a volunteer for the Palm Beach County Schools for twenty-eight years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn; his children; step-children; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; also several brothers, step-brothers and step-sisters.

Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 11:00 AM at the HOWARD-PRICE FUNERAL HOME, 754 US Highway One, North Palm Beach. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Salvation Army, 2109 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33409.

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LYDIA DENISE SLOAN-SMITH "Lit"
Age 48, of Boynton Beach, FL passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2009.

She is survived by her son, Michael B. Edwards of Boynton Beach; her loving mother, Helen Sloan of Boynton Beach and her father, Russell Sloan who preceded her in death. One brother, Lloyd Sloan (Nicole) of Port St. Lucie, FL and one sister, Cheryl Sloan-Patterson of Boynton Beach and a host of loving family members.

Viewing will be held Friday, June 12, 2009 from 6 to 8 PM at Boynton Beach Church of God, 135 N.E. 7th Ave., Boynton Beach. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, June 13, 2009, 12:00 Noon at the above named church. Bishop Kenneth B. Jones, Pastor.

STRAGHN & SON TRI-CITY FUNERAL HOME, In-Charge of Arrangements.

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SYLVESTER ALLEN
Sylvester Allen, 84, of Boynton Beach, FL entered into eternal rest at home in the loving care of his family on Friday, June 5, 2009.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories, a devoted wife of 64 years, Ruby B. Allen; children, Arnold Allen, Sr. (Mirian), Kirk Allen (Ruby), Theresa A. Weatherspoon (Leonard) and Wesley Allen; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; thirteen sisters; six brothers; adopted mother, Trudie Hands; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends.

Viewing will be held on Friday, June 12, 2009 6:00 - 9:00 PM, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 900 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL. Homegoing Service will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009, 11:00 AM at above listed church.

Shuler's Memorial Chapel, Mangonia Park, FL (561) 882-4255

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PEARL FEINBERG
Pearl Feinberg, 94 of Royal Palm Beach, FL and formerly of Monticello, NY passed away on June 9, 2009. Mrs. Feinberg was predeceased by her beloved husband, Dr. Nathan I. Feinberg D.P.M. in 2001.

She is survived by loving daughters, Dee Sabers and Lolly Gruber (Candyman); cherished grandchildren, Llyse Gruber, David Sabers (Mari) and Laura Sabers-Jensen (Etan); adored great-grandchild, Aidan Jensen. Also will be missed by many nieces, nephews and great, great nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Jewish Child & Childrens Services - P.O. Box 220627, West Palm Beach, FL 33422.

Chapel services will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 1:00 PM at I. J. Morris Funeral Directors, 5411 Queechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33417 (561) 683-8676. Interment to follow at Royal Palm Memorial Gardens.

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NICHOLAS A. TERZIS
Nicholas A. Terzis, 53, passed away last Thursday, June 4, 2009 of a heart attack due to complications after surgery while at Jupiter Medical Center. Nick was born on April 21, 1956 in Newburyport, MA to Alexios N. and Mary G. Terzis. He graduated from Newburyport High School in 1974 and earned his engineering degree from the University of Massachusetts. He was a brilliant man and had an illustrious career with Pratt & Whitney, Florida Pneumatic and Advanced Turbine Products to name a few. He was passionate about everything he did and loved jets, motorcycles, cars, animals and children.

In addition to his parents he is survived by his sister, Lusia Terzis of Jupiter, and his best friend and roommate, Adie Higgins; his dog, Lucky and their cat, Sooty, as well as aunts, uncles and cousins in Massachusetts.

His friends and family are planning a celebration of Nick's life this Saturday, June 13 at the Yard House at Downtown in Palm Beach Gardens from 2 - 5 PM.

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HARVIS BUSSEY
A longtime resident of Riviera Beach, FL, departed this life on June 2, 2009.

He is survived by his wife Mildred Bussey; nine children; Bernard, Evarn, Charles, Dennis, Denise, Annette, Arnette, Honda and Paul Bussey; preceded in death by one son, Edward; two brothers, McArthur and William Bussey; three sisters, Laura Brinson, Irene Acres and Mary Allen; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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WILLIE BURR VEASY
Willie Burr Veasy, 69, of Fort Lauderdale, FL passed away June 6, 2009.

Funeral Service Saturday, June 13, 2009 - 11:00 AM at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 868 W. 9th St., Riviera Beach, FL. Viewing Friday 5:00-8:00 PM at the church. Arrangements by Roy Mizell & Kurtz Funeral Home, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

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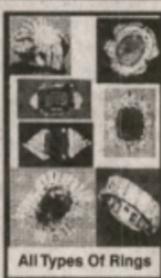
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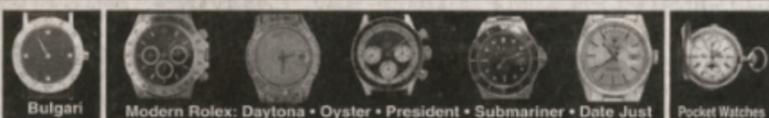


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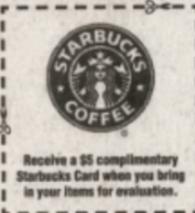
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▼ RUSSELL 2000	923.71	-4.22
▲ 10-YR NOTE	3.96%	+0.10
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Oil prices hit new 2009 high

HOUSTON — Oil prices surged again Wednesday to a new high for the year with investors pouring money into crude markets as a hedge against inflation. Adding to crude's advance was new government data that showed an uptick in U.S. demand for gasoline.

THE MORNING LINE

Local foreclosure filings spike

Foreclosure filings spiked in Palm Beach County in May, research firm RealtyTrac says in a report released Thursday.

According to RealtyTrac, 3,782 homes entered some stage of foreclosure, up 33 percent from April and up 42 percent from May 2008. In St. Lucie County, 1,293 homes received foreclosure filings, down 9 percent from April but up 13 percent from May 2008. And in Martin County, 256 homes went into foreclosure, up 17 percent from April and up 1 percent from May 2008.

Nationally, foreclosure filings were reported on 321,480 properties in May, a decrease of 6 percent from the previous month but an increase of nearly 18 percent from May 2008. One in every 398 U.S. homes received a foreclosure filing in May.

Piper Aircraft names new CEO

VERO BEACH — Piper Aircraft Inc. is getting a new top executive. The Vero Beach-based plane maker announced Wednesday that James Bass, its president and chief executive officer since 2005, will resign on June 26.

Kevin Gould, Piper's vice president of operations, will take over as CEO. John Becker, a 20-year Piper veteran and vice president of engineering, will become president.

Bass said his goal when he took the helm at Piper was to turn around the then-struggling company and make it attractive to a buyer. The Asian investment firm Imprimis bought the firm April.

Regulators warn Sterling Bank

LANTANA — Federal and state regulators have ordered Sterling Bank to improve its risk management and keep a close eye on past-due loans.

In an enforcement action released by regulators Wednesday, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and the Florida Office of Financial Regulation said Sterling Bank must, among other things, be "adequately staffed by qualified and trained personnel" and create "an acceptable written plan to strengthen the bank's management of commercial real estate."

The 22-year-old bank has assets of \$421 million and reported a loss of \$2 million in the first quarter of 2009. Sterling Bank has five offices in Palm Beach County and two in Broward County.

Rain to boost state orange crop

ORLANDO — Rain is expected to boost Florida's orange crop to 159.6 million 90-pound boxes for the 2008-09 season, up by 2 million boxes from last month's estimate, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Wednesday.

The USDA said the increase this year is made up entirely of Valencias, now estimated at 75 million boxes. But not all citrus fared as well, as grapefruit is forecast to now come in at 21.8 million boxes, down 3 percent from a month ago. The entire crop totaled 26.6 million 85-pound boxes in the 2007-08 season.

Starbucks: Over-charges resolved

NEW YORK — Starbucks Corp. said Wednesday it has repaid all 1 million customers the gourmet coffee chain inadvertently double-charged on Memorial Day weekend.

A processing computer problem caused the company to bill some credit and debit card customers twice on May 22 and May 23. The error occurred at about 7,800 company-owned stores in the U.S. and Canada.

Starbucks spokeswoman Trina Smith said all the double charges were resolved as of May 29. She added that Starbucks is not aware of any outstanding charges but said any customers with questions should contact the company's customer relations hot line at (800) 23-LATTE.

—Palm Beach Post staff and wires

Fiat completes Chrysler takeover

The new company will focus on fuel efficient vehicles.

By TOM KRISHER and KIMBERLY S. JOHNSON
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Italy's Fiat is the new owner of most of Chrysler's assets, closing a deal Wednesday that saves the troubled U.S. automaker from liquidation and places a

new company in the hands of Fiat's CEO. The deal creates a leaner company known as Chrysler Group LLC, which is not in bankruptcy protection and is free of billions in debt, 789 underperforming dealerships and burdensome labor costs

that hobbled the old Chrysler LLC. Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne immediately was named CEO of the new company, which said in a statement that it would soon reopen Chrysler factories that were idled during the bankruptcy process, costing the automaker \$100 million per day. The new company will focus on smaller vehicles, areas



The 'new' Chrysler Fiat says Chrysler plants idled by bankruptcy will start up soon.

in which Chrysler was weak. "Work is already under way See CHRYSLER, 9B ▶

'RV-ing' remains popular amid recession



Photos by SARAH GRILE

'The demand for RV-ing is still unbelievably strong,' Silver Palms RV Village developer Bill Harvey says. Since construction began last July, Harvey has sold about one-third of the completed 167 sites.

RV resort builder hopes to keep business rolling in

By TRACEY McMANUS
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

OKEECHOBEE — In a pocket of land north of Lake Okeechobee, past the winding nature trails that fill this 5,600-person town, Bill Harvey is patiently waiting.

He waits for the flock of snowbirds traveling in recreational vehicles headed for the warmth of the South. But the commercial real estate developer's also hoping to point those travelers to his new Silver Palms RV Village, a \$15 million project built on faith that a recession could never kill Americans' passion for RV travel.

"The demand for RV-ing is still unbelievably strong," Harvey said, "and it's not something people are willing to give up now."

Harvey bases that optimistic outlook on the fact that over the past five years, nearly 50 Florida campgrounds have been sold to developers and turned into condos and strip malls. That's left a gaping hole in the demand for RV sites, he said; one he aims to fill.

A PKF Consulting study has shown that even with gas prices on an upswing, RV vacations can be 27 percent to 61 percent less expensive than other forms of travel for the savings on hotel, airfare and rental car costs.

As families turn to vacationing in mobile homes, Campgrounds of America, a chain of 450 RV parks in North America, reported a 3 percent increase in campers this Memorial Day weekend.

"A lot of people are camping today instead of other forms of travel," said Bobby Cornwell, executive director of the Florida Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds. "It's the RV sales that are down; not because of a lack of popularity, but it's ... lending and being able to get financing."

In fact, new RV sales are down 57.6 percent in the past year because of financing trouble, but Cornwell said current owners of mobile homes are camping now more



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than ever. Harvey said those faithful to the RV lifestyle are now demanding a new generation of campsites, equipped with the amenities of a recreation center and the atmosphere of a country club.

When construction wraps up on Silver Palms in late July, the park will be a part of this new species of campgrounds — with a pool, hot tub, 9,000-square-foot clubhouse with a ballroom, lakes and daily activities for residents. Moreover, the RV sites sit in the landscaped, 90-acre gated community and are paved in flashy stone.

Since construction began last July, Harvey has sold about one-third of the completed 167 sites. Eventually, the park will have 512 RV sites, starting at \$55,900, which Harvey said people are willing to pay to be able to own their own site in a competitive market.

"I felt really good at the prospect of moving forward and spending millions on this," he said. "There's nothing in Okeechobee that's even close to us."

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Bailout plan offers small businesses up to \$35,000

By JEFF OSTROWSKI
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

WELLINGTON — After spending billions to bail out banks, taxpayers are poised to offer a much smaller amount for loans to struggling small businesses.

Starting Monday, employers can apply for loans of up to \$35,000 through the Small Business Administration's America's Recovery Capital program. The terms are generous: No payments for the first year, and no interest for five years after that.

Not everyone will qualify. To land one of the emergency loans, a small business must

be in trouble — but not too much trouble.

Borrowers must face "immediate financial hardship," SBA says, meaning that their sales are falling or they can't pay employees or lenders. But borrowers also must be "viable," defined as positive cash flow for at least one of the past two years.

Borrowers can't be more than 60 days behind on any loan, must have "an acceptable business credit score" and must present a convincing plan for surviving the recession.

"You've got to show us what you're going to do," said Tom



Miranda

Gallman, an SBA manager in Fort Pierce.

Gallman spoke to 25 small business owners Wednesday at a seminar in Wellington organized by the Palms West Chamber of Commerce.

Lenders said they're still waiting for details from the SBA about the program, but they predict a flood of interest from borrowers.

"I'm assuming everybody in the room is going to at least ask the question," said Jaene Miranda, chief execu-

tive of the Palms West Chamber of Commerce.

Lenders from Wachovia, SunTrust, TD Bank, Washington Mutual and National City said they'll make loans through the SBA program. However, all said they'll offer the loans only to businesses that already have accounts with them.

The SBA has \$250 million for the America's Recovery Capital loans. It expects to make about 10,000 loans nationwide.

For more information, visit <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/> or <http://clearanprogram/index.html>.
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County won't get ethanol facility

UF instead plans to build the plant closer to Gainesville.

By SUSAN SALISBURY
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Palm Beach County has been jettisoned as the site of a University of Florida ethanol plant.

In the plans for two years, the proposed \$20 million research and demonstration plant was slated to be built next to Florida Crystals Corp.'s Okeelanta mill and refinery near South Bay.

But University of Florida officials said Wednesday that revamped plans now call for building a smaller plant closer to Gainesville, where it will benefit from proximity to UF's faculty and staff.

With Verenium Corp., BP and Lykes Brothers proceeding with plans to build a 36 million-gallon-a-year commercial cellululosic ethanol plant in Highlands County that will use similar technology, the idea of a demonstration plant became obsolete.

"The process moved faster than the project," Florida Crystals' spokesman Gaston Cantens said Wednesday. "That combined with the fact that the \$20 million was not going to be sufficient to build the project we had anticipated and no other funds were available led to this change."

In 2007, the state legislature awarded \$20 million to UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Research to agricultural sciences plant to commercialize UF Professor Lonnie Ingram's patented technology for producing ethanol from the woody parts of plants. The "next-generation" biorefinery will produce ethanol and plastics from agricultural residues and woody materials, said Joe Joyce, UF executive associate vice president for agriculture and natural resources.

Also in 2007, a UF panel chose the southwestern Palm Beach County location from among six contenders. Florida Crystals had agreed to provide the land and utilities for the plant. Buckeye Florida

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METRO REPORT

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POLICE BLOTTER

A sex offender charged last week in a quarter-century old "cold case" rape of a 3-year-old girl in Boynton Beach was in Palm Beach County court Wednesday and ordered held without bail. Walter Earl Taylor, 39, was arrested June 4 in Lake City, where he now lives, Boynton Beach police said. He is charged with sexual assault on a person under 12, and was booked into the Palm Beach County Jail Tuesday night.

Charges that a Buffalo Bills fullback exposed himself outside a woman's home in Port St. Lucie have been dismissed because the woman who reported the incident now says she didn't see the man exposing himself and couldn't give other details, authorities said Wednesday. Corey McIntyre, 30, who played football at South Fork High School in Stuart and lives in Indiantown, was arrested on a warrant charging him with indecent exposure related to a March 20 incident.

A suburban West Palm Beach man sexually assaulted a woman Monday after she refused to work for him as a prostitute, authorities say. Pedro Martinez, 42, was charged with sexual assault, felony battery and possession of a weapon by felon. He was ordered held in lieu of \$60,000 bail Wednesday. The attack occurred as Martinez and the 31-year-old woman were drinking and smoking marijuana in an apartment in the 5100 block of Jaczko Lane, according to a Palm Beach County sheriff's report.

A Loxahatchee woman who authorities say drove drunk into a head-on collision with her 23-month-old son in the back seat has been charged with injury DUI and child abuse. Diann Lopez, 34, was booked Monday morning at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's officials reported that on April 18, she was driving on Seminole Pratt Whitney Road when she



crossed a double yellow line, side-swiped a Honda and slammed head-on into a pickup driven by Kelsea Frick, 17, of Loxahatchee. In Lopez' car, deputies found an 18-pack of beer, reports said. The child was turned over to a family member.

TRAFFIC

A 23-year-old Jupiter man who wrecked his car on Interstate 95 near Palm Beach last week has died from his injuries. Guy F. Chiapponi was southbound on the highway north of Belvedere Road about 3:20 a.m. on June 3 when he lost control of his car, Florida Highway Patrol officials reported. The car spun, hit a guardrail and flipped. He was taken to St. Mary's Medical Center, where he died Tuesday afternoon. The FHP report indicated that the crash was alcohol-related and that Chiapponi was not wearing a seat belt. A passenger, Willie M. Booker of Riviera Beach, suffered minor injuries.

LAKE WORTH

Residents can stack large piles of tree limbs and other vegetation beginning Monday. City officials said no citations for excess vegetation will be issued through June 19 as part of Green & Clean Week, intended to encourage tree trimming for hurricane season. Residents should put vegetation on the curb on regularly scheduled pickup days. For information on permitted



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Chick-fil-A to feed 5,000 for free

WEST PALM BEACH — Five thousand free Chick-fil-A chicken lunches will be distributed today at City Center, Mayor Lois Frankel tells a news conference Wednesday. The fast-food chain also donated 2,000 sandwiches to six homeless shelters, a spokesman said.

tree-trimming methods, call city horticulturist Martin Cybulski at (561) 586-1720 or the grounds maintenance division at (561) 586-1677.

RIVIERA BEACH

The Community Redevelopment Agency meeting scheduled for Wednesday was canceled and rescheduled for June 24. The city council, sitting as the CRA's board, was scheduled to discuss terms submitted by Viking Developers LLC for the redevelopment of the city marina.

BRIEFLY

Palm Beach County will get \$2.2 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help restore 192,300 cubic yards of sand that eroded from beaches last year as a result of Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricane Hanna, county environmental managers said Wednesday. The money represents the federal share of a \$2.9 million project to rebuild shoreline damaged by the storms.

TALLAHASSEE — Charles E. Fetscher Jr., 62, of Wellington was appointed to the Palm Beach County Housing Authority on Wednesday by Gov. Charlie Crist. Fetscher, a processor with KAF Processing, was appointed to a term that ends Jan. 20, 2013. He succeeds Sally Hamadeh Byrd.

TREASURE COAST

FORT PIERCE — Two Fort Pierce residents were arrested Tuesday after deputies discovered tools used to make counterfeit money in their home on Yedra Avenue, the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office said. Brenda Hopkins, 46, was arrested on charges of counterfeiting money and possessing tools for counterfeiting. Ronald Jensen, 51, was arrested on charges of counterfeiting money, possessing tools for counterfeiting and tampering with evidence. Both were taken to the St. Lucie County Jail. Deputies found counterfeit \$20 bills in their home, according to a sheriff's report.

TREASURE COAST

Teacher suspended in boy's vote-out can keep contract

By CARA FITZPATRICK
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

FORT PIERCE — A tearful plea from supporters, the St. Lucie County School Board voted unanimously Wednesday to uphold a one-year unpaid suspension of Wendy Portillo, a teacher who asked students last year to vote on whether a child could stay in class, but rejected a recommendation to terminate her continuing contract.



Portillo

Portillo, a 12-year veteran of Morningside Elementary, put her head down and wept after the vote. When she looked up she was smiling.

"I didn't think this was going to happen, and I'm just happy I'm going to go

back to doing what I love," she said after the personnel hearing.

Portillo, who will finish her suspension in November, faced a tougher punishment.

Superintendent Michael Lannon recommended that Portillo be suspended without pay for a year, returned to an annual contract and prohibited from teaching young children again in St. Lucie. He had considered, but ultimately rejected firing her.

Portillo appealed the punishment to the state Division of Administrative Hearings, but the judge ruled against her. School board members had to decide Wednesday whether to accept the judge's ruling in full or, to modify it. Their parameters for doing so were

narrow. The incident, in which Portillo asked her kindergarten students to vote on whether then 5-year-old Alex Barton could remain in class, polarized the community and attracted an onslaught of attention. Students voted 14-2 for him to leave.

That Alex was later diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism, and had been under evaluation for it at the time only added to the controversy.

Melissa Barton, Alex's mother, didn't attend the hearing. She said she and her family had been threatened since the incident. She removed Alex from public school afterward.

She called Wednesday's decision "disgusting."

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Renter fatally shoots driver in yard

The Royal Palm grad was trying to steal a trailer, deputies say.

By JASON SCHULTZ
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

A former baseball pitcher at Royal Palm Beach High School was shot and killed Tuesday while trying to steal a trailer full of car-detailing supplies from a man's front yard, Palm Beach County sheriff's investigators said.

That account does not make sense to the family of 22-year-old Jason Boden of Loxahatchee.

"He was a wonderful boy, and he did a lot for

the community," said his shocked mother, Sandra Boden. "He was probably helping out a friend."

Sheriff's investigators believe Boden backed his truck into a yard in the 5800 block of Coconut Boulevard, near Royal Palm Beach, shortly before 4 p.m. There is no evidence that he knew the man who lived there, but Boden hooked up a trailer full of car-detailing supplies to his truck, then started to drive away, said sheriff's office spokeswoman Teri Barbera.

While leaving, the trailer hit the house's awning.

The man who rents the home then looked out his window, grabbed a handgun and went outside,

Barbera said. The renter, whose identity has not been released, called 911.

As Boden tried to unhook the trailer from his truck, the man demanded his keys so he could not get away.

The two men struggled, and the gun went off, Barbera said. Investigators do not believe the man intentionally shot Boden, Barbera said.

Boden, who graduated from Royal Palm Beach High in 2004, died at the scene. He did not have a criminal record.

The case will be turned over to the state attorney's office to determine whether charges will be filed.

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Nine male manatees pursued a female while trying to mate Sunday on Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

Give them privacy, manatee club says

► MANATEES from 1B

slapping their tails, hugging each other with their flippers, and occasionally piling up on sandbars or the beach.

Tuesday's beaching was tame compared to the spectacle on Lauderdale-by-the-Sea on Sunday, when a female in heat was pursued by nine males. Onlookers snapped photos of the manatees cavorting in the shallow surf as the fire department kept order.

Katie Tripp, director of

science and conservation at the Save the Manatee Club, said that with each animal weighing in at more than 1,000 pounds, a herd of amorous manatees can be quite a sight.

"It's really no wonder that people get fascinated," Tripp said, "when you get 5, 10, 15, manatees splashing around in the shallow water."

The act itself is over in 15 to 30 seconds, but a female in heat may attract many eager males that pursue her for days. Marine biologists don't agree

on why they sometimes swim onto the beach — it might help with mating, or maybe the females just get tired.

If all goes well, a calf will be born in about 12 months.

It's fine to watch the manatees mate from a distance, Tripp said, but give them a little privacy.

"If they can not really know that you are there, that's really for the best," Tripp said. "Just stay back and allow them to focus on making new manatees."

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Still a secret: Judge denies requests to unseal court documents in Jeffrey Epstein's case. **Story, 3B**



University of Florida says no: Palm Beach County won't be the site of an ethanol plant. **Business, 8B**

Rules on watering won't get tougher

By PAUL QUINLAN
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

You can thank the rain for preventing water managers from imposing even stricter limits on your sprinklers.

Had this spring's severe drought continued, one-day-a-week restrictions might have been imposed in Palm Beach and Broward counties, leaders of the South Florida Water Management District said Wednesday.

Instead, most of the region will remain under the two-day-a-week sprinkler limits that water managers ultimately are trying to make permanent.

Today the district will consider relaxing the one-day-a-week watering restrictions it had clamped last month on Miami-Dade County and the Keys, just before four weeks of near-daily rain jolted South Florida. People in those counties also will be allowed to water on two days a week.

"Coming off of the driest six months on record, we ended up with the wettest May on record," said Terrie Bates, the district's assistant deputy

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Kudos for a very special delivery



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BOCA RATON — Dispatcher Jessica Sullivan beams Wednesday as Kenn Hauptert cradles son Justin, 3 months, after Sullivan received a Distinguished Service Award for talking Hauptert through the delivery when he called 911. **Story, 6B**

Lake Worth pier a place for manatee passion

By KATHLEEN CHAPMAN
and ANDREW MARRA
Palm Beach Post Staff Writers

LAKE WORTH — Lifeguards surrounded a female manatee who had beached herself near the Lake Worth pier Tuesday morning, afraid that she was sick or injured.

They closed the beach

around 9 a.m., and tried to nudge her back into the surf. But after she swam away, Tim Ehmke, chief lifeguard for Lake Worth Ocean Rescue, said they realized that she hadn't been in any distress after all.

It seems that she just needed a break from a libidinous male who wasn't taking a hint.

Manatees mate in earnest during the warmer months, and this time of year, rescue groups get quite a few concerned calls from people who don't know what they are witnessing.

The normally solitary, docile animals can gather in mating herds during the summer.

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County OKs trash fee hike

The commissioners' budget proposal would affect rates in unincorporated areas.

By JENNIFER SORENTREUE
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Palm Beach County commissioners signed off Wednesday on a budget proposal that would increase garbage-hauling rates by as much as 13 percent for residents in unincorporated areas.

The commission, meeting as the county's Solid Waste Authority, unanimously approved the increase with little debate.

The increases are the second in a five-year plan meant to recoup the cost of new contracts with waste haulers. The amount of the increase would vary depending on location, with 13 percent increases hitting residents in unincorporated areas west of 20-Mile Bend.

Authority managers began warning residents about the sharp hikes in 2007, as haulers faced higher fuel, employee and equipment costs.

A separate assessment the authority levies on all homeowners, including those living in cities and towns with their own garbage pickup service, would remain flat.

A public hearing on the budget is

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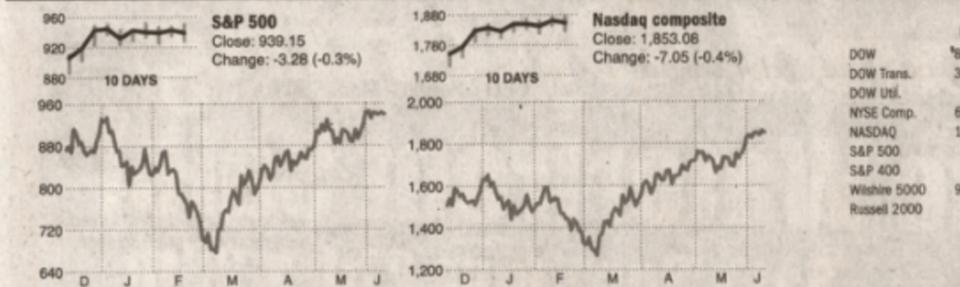
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AK Steel	N	20.09	+0.99	.20	DigAngel	Q	1.29	+0.04		Lockheed	N	82.93	-1.08	2.28	Satyam	N	4.94	+1.30	.15e
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AcadiaPh	Q	2.28	-		DixSCBull	N	31.00	-25	.07e	MtV Agri	N	37.90	+34	.28p	SwanHdgs	Q	69.36	-04	
AdamsEx	N	8.63	-04	.64e	DixLCBull	N	36.59	-30	.15e	MarintA	N	24.31	-57	.35	SemiHR	N	22.00	-02	.46e
AdvAuto	N	43.50	-85	.24	Disney	N	25.10	-23	.35	MStewT	N	3.36	-		Sequenon	Q	4.09	-1.21	
AdvEntd	Q	10.26	+22		DowChm	N	17.56	-31	.60	NarveIT	Q	12.92	+08		SimonProp	N	52.60	-77	.48b
AMD	N	4.82	+07		DryShps	Q	7.24	-07		McClatch	N	.66	-09		SiriusIM	Q	.34	-01	
Adventx	A	.21	+03		DuPont	N	26.77	-16	1.64	McDnids	N	58.36	-72	2.00	Smucker	N	43.26	-49	1.40f
Aglyys	Q	5.95	-90	.12	DuffPhelp	N	15.93	+11	.20	McDcolth	N	44.50	+15		SoCaroE pf	N	48.30	+80	2.50
Alcoa	N	11.49	+34	1.2m	DukeEng	N	14.14	+06	.92	Merck	N	25.59	-13	1.52	SouthCo	N	29.05	+42	1.75f
AligEngy	N	25.96	+02	.60	Dycorn	N	11.66	-29		MetLife	N	32.27	-76	.74	SthCopp s	N	24.10	+20	1.07e
Altria	N	17.07	-28	1.28	Elrade	Q	1.59	+06		MicronT	N	5.86	+28		SwiGas	N	21.51	-16	.95
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Cisco	Q	19.95	-13		ISHBraz	N	55.92	-06	2.17e	PHUSRE	N	3.91	-20	.88e	Utrin	N	14.40	-14	.80e
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Avoid another 'firestorm'

It's been slightly more than a year since teacher Wendy Portillo let her kindergarten students at her kindergarden Elementary in Port St. Lucie "vote" 5-year-old Alex Barton out of her classroom. We said that Ms. Portillo should not be allowed to teach again. We still think that reinstating her is a mistake.

But the district didn't fire her. And last week the St. Lucie County School Board unanimously decided not to revoke Ms. Portillo's long-term contract and place her on a year-to-year contract that would have made it easier to dismiss her. The board, however, did vote to uphold Ms. Portillo's one-year suspension without pay. The suspension is over in November.

The case attracted worldwide attention, and school board member Kathryn Hensley summed up its effects: "This became an emotional firestorm that crucified everybody."

As far as Ms. Portillo goes, the best thing is to declare the case closed. She has paid a price in humiliation and salary. She will be under scrutiny if she returns to the classroom.

With the decision about the individual teacher concluded, other issues become more important. Alex's mother, Melissa Barton, has

Issues go beyond one St. Lucie County teacher.

said that her son — who later was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome — had been making progress since the incident. She has worried, however, about the message it sends if Ms. Portillo gets to teach again. She also says that people unhappy with her for pressing the case against Ms. Portillo have threatened her. Clearly, Alex will need continued help from his parents, the district, health-care professionals and possibly the police.

Most important is for the district to follow through with proposed changes to prevent this kind of thing from happening. Ms. Portillo did not have sufficient training or support when faced with a very disruptive child who had been identified as needing special instruction.

The district has a number of problems. It faces big budget cuts even as its FCAT scores, SAT results and the percentage of students passing Advanced Placement tests all lag behind state averages. Such district-wide problems could overshadow issues with students such as Alex. If that happens, sooner or later there will be another firestorm.



Portillo

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Unseal the Epstein deal

A rich, middle-aged Palm Beacher who preyed on girls almost 40 years younger already has received too many breaks from the system. He doesn't deserve another.

In July 2008, at the age of 55 and after paying the equivalent of a small country's gross domestic product in legal fees, Jeffrey Epstein escaped federal charges and pleaded guilty in state court to a pair of charges related to his luring five girls — ages 14 to 17 — to his house. The girls undressed and massaged him in return for \$200 to \$300. He's serving only 18 months in the Palm Beach County Jail, and he's serving only more. And now he wants just one more favor.

When Epstein entered his state plea, the terms of his federal deal were sealed from the public. That violated normal procedures. Attorneys for some of the victims, who have filed civil lawsuits, want that plea deal unsealed, because that plea deal unsealed, probably because the details would help their cases.

But given the nature of this case, there's also a public interest. One condition of the federal plea, for example, was that he take the state deal. That's why *The Post* also is seeking to have the file unsealed. Epstein's lawyers,

Palm Beach sex offender deserves no more breaks.

of course, want it kept secret. Last week, a Palm Beach County judge set a hearing for June 25.

Epstein attorney Jack Goldberger claims that the file should stay sealed to protect the "orderly administration of justice" and "protect a compelling government interest." Oh, and third parties might get hurt. The compelling interest is Epstein's, and there is no privacy issue since the victims themselves are making the request.

Palm Beach police spent 11 months investigating Epstein, only to see then-State Attorney Barry Krischer back off when one of Epstein's gold-plated attorneys, Alan Dershowitz, announced that some of the victims had posted MySpace comments about their alcohol and marijuana use.

Epstein's "best" defense has been that he didn't know the girls were underage. "How he verified that," Mr. Goldberger said, "I don't know." Investigators found a high school transcript in Epstein's house. He didn't know? The public should know what Jeffrey Epstein did, and what the system did for him.



Epstein

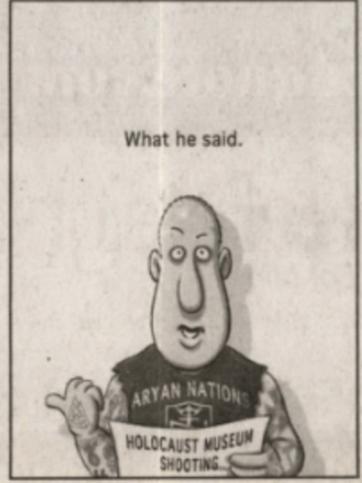
Improving flu symptoms

Six area residents may not like it, but China's new attitude toward public health will mean a safer world.

In 2003, China drew worldwide criticism for trying to cover up an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, known as SARS. Authorities worried that the news would hurt the country's economy. The issue showed the conflict between the information-repressing China and the sell-all-goods-to-the-world China. When it came to public health, China

couldn't have it both ways.

As *The Post* has reported, some students from The Benjamin School were quarantined, with almost no notice, after being exposed to swine flu. A West Palm Beach accountant who has swine flu also was quarantined. But last week, the World Health Organization declared a swine flu pandemic. China acted properly. What may seem like over-reaction now looks good compared with the underreaction six years ago.



CLAY BENNETT/Chattanooga Times Free Press

Who would Jesus outsource?

"There cannot be two masters in the management of business," said George F. Baer, who was master of the Reading Railroad at the start of the 20th century. "God in his infinite wisdom has put the hands of business into the control of Christian gentlemen."



Tom Blackburn

They lost General Motors. GM now seems to be under the control of unsaved labor unions that were explicitly excluded by Mr. Baer's theology of management. Sharing in the mastery is "government," a word that conservatives use the way a rapper repeats four-letter words — to shock fans and sell downloads.

A lot depends on what you mean by "government." If you are referring to the ways in which we collectively seek the common good, government is all of us, and GM is our problem.

The Obama administration got in the driver's seat hoping to avert runaway unemployment and prevent the public from being stuck with the autoworkers' pensions and medical care. The engine was shot, as it turned out, and the car has no brakes. We are getting the unemployment, and probably will end up with the pension and medical care, neither of which will be as good for the retirees as it was when GM had it.

Along the way, we ran over people who had loaned the company money, the

Christ, health care no longer fit biz models.

bondholders. We will pay a price for stifling lenders, and probably sooner rather than later. That is a moan for another column.

For a while after World War II, American companies could be warm cocoons. They paid enough to clothe and feed a family, and then they provided more than bare Social Security for old age and the kind of health care governments in other countries pay for with taxes. They even backed bowling leagues for the grown-ups and ball teams for the kids.

Then America went back to Mr. Baer's management theology and dropped the sissy stuff. A new generation of masters discovered outsourcing. We changed; GM couldn't. That's how we all ended up with it.

The change is adored by people who would have only a 1-in-4 chance of inserting a time card correctly. They say health care can continue the way it has, with some tax tweaking, even though the way it runs needs employers to pay for insurance, and increasingly they don't.

Maybe I'm reading the wrong Web sites, but I see more sympathy for the downtrodden bankers who got us into the current mess than for the folks at GM who went down with the mess. The bankers took our money, spent some of it lobbying against the common good, used their clout to clear the way back to greed with a half-baked "stress test" and now want our tears because

we told them not to use our money to reward themselves the way that God in his infinite wisdom wants them to be rewarded.

As for the effort to find sugar and make lemonade out of GM, you can stand around screaming at "socialism" or "Pelosi, Pelosi" for all I care, until the rubes send money. But if you want Americans to have health care, you have to get it through either the government or companies like General Motors. And if you excoriate GM and its unions for their health care, you aren't going to get it through them for very long. You probably won't get it through them forever anyway, whatever you do. So, what are you going to do?

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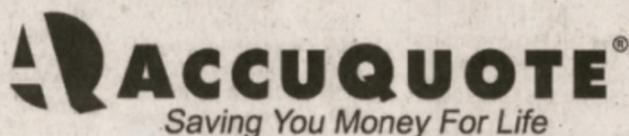
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Avoid another 'firestorm'

It's been slightly more than a year since Wendy Portillo let her kindergarten students at Morning-side Elementary in Port St. Lucie "vote" 5-year-old Alex Barton out of her classroom. We said that Ms. Portillo should not be allowed to teach again. We still think that reinstating her is a mistake.



Portillo

But the district didn't fire her. And last week the St. Lucie County School Board unanimously decided not to revoke Ms. Portillo's long-term contract and place her on a year-to-year contract that would have made it easier to dismiss her. The board, however, did vote to uphold Ms. Portillo's one-year suspension without pay. The suspension is over in November.

The case attracted worldwide attention, and school board member Kathryn Hensley summed up its effects: "This became an emotional firestorm that crucified everybody."

As far as Ms. Portillo goes, the best thing is to declare the case closed. She has paid a price in humiliation and salary. She will be under scrutiny if she returns to the classroom.

With the decision about the individual teacher concluded, other issues become more important. Alex's mother, Melissa Barton, has

Issues go beyond one St. Lucie County teacher.

said that her son — who later was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome — had been making progress since the incident. She has worried, however, about the message it sends if Ms. Portillo gets to teach again. She also says that people unhappy with her for pressing the case against Ms. Portillo have threatened her. Clearly, Alex will need continued help from his parents, the district, health-care professionals and possibly the police.

Most important is for the district to follow through with proposed changes to prevent this kind of thing from happening. Ms. Portillo did not have sufficient training or support when faced with a very disruptive child who had been identified as needing special instruction.

The district has a number of problems. It faces big budget cuts even as its FCAT scores, SAT results and the percentage of students passing Advanced Placement tests all lag behind state averages. Such district-wide problems could overshadow issues with students such as Alex. If that happens, sooner or later there will be another firestorm.



Should Wendy Portillo be allowed back in the classroom?

<http://blogs.PalmBeachPost.com/opinionzone>

Unseal the Epstein deal

A rich, middle-aged Palm Beacher who preyed on girls almost 40 years younger already has received too many breaks from the system. He doesn't deserve another.

In July 2008, at the age of 55 and after paying the equivalent of a small country's gross domestic product in legal fees, Jeffrey Epstein escaped federal charges and pleaded guilty in state court to a pair of charges related to his luring five girls — ages 14 to 17 — to his house. The girls undressed and massaged him in return for \$200 to \$300. He's serving only 18 months in the Palm Beach County Jail, and he's serving only nights. And now he wants just one more favor.

When Epstein entered his state plea, the terms of his federal deal were sealed from the public. That violated normal procedures. Attorneys for some of the victims, who have filed civil lawsuits, want that plea deal unsealed, probably because the details would help their cases.

But given the nature of this case, there's also a public interest. One condition of the federal plea, for example, was that he take the state deal. That's why *The Post* also is seeking to have the file unsealed. Epstein's lawyers,

Palm Beach sex offender deserves no more breaks.

of course, want it kept secret. Last week, a Palm Beach County judge set a hearing for June 25.

Epstein attorney Jack Goldberger claims that the file should stay sealed to protect the "orderly administration of justice" and "protect a compelling government interest." Oh, and third parties might get hurt. The compelling interest is Epstein's, and there is no privacy issue since the victims are making the request.

Palm Beach police spent 11 months investigating Epstein, only to see then-State Attorney Barry Krischer kick the case to a grand jury. Mr. Krischer backed off when one of Epstein's gold-plated attorneys, Alan Dershowitz, announced that some of the victims had posted MySpace comments about their alcohol and marijuana use.

Epstein's "best" defense has been that he didn't know the girls were underage. "How he verified that," Mr. Goldberger said, "I don't know." Investigators found a high school transcript in Epstein's house. He didn't know? The public should know what Jeffrey Epstein did, and what the system did for him.

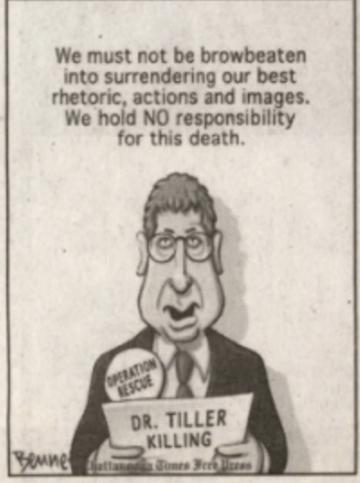
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Six area residents may not like it, but China's new attitude toward public health will mean a safer world.

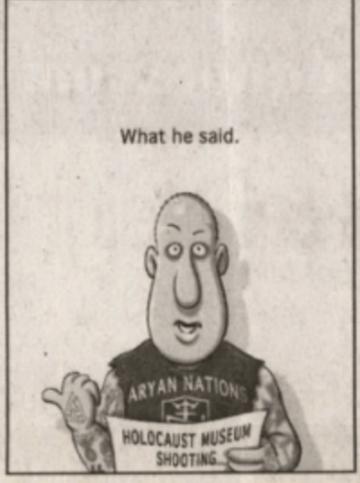
In 2003, China drew justified criticism for trying to cover up an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, known as SARS. Authorities worried that the news would hurt the country's economy. The issue showed the conflict between the information-repressing China and the sell-all-goods-to-the-world China. When it came to public health, China

couldn't have it both ways.

As *The Post* has reported, some students from The Benjamin School were quarantined, with almost no notice, after being exposed to swine flu. A West Palm Beach accountant who has swine flu also was quarantined. But last week, the World Health Organization declared a swine flu pandemic. China acted properly. What may seem like over-reaction now looks good compared with the underreaction six years ago.



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What he said.

CLAY BENNETT/Chattanooga Times Free Press

Who would Jesus outsource?

"There cannot be two masters in the management of business," said George F. Baer, who was master of the Reading Railroad at the start of the 20th century. "God in his infinite wisdom has put the control of business into the hands of Christian gentlemen."



Tom Blackburn

They lost control of General Motors. GM now seems to be under the control of unsaved labor unions that were explicitly excluded by Mr. Baer's theology of management. Sharing in the mastery is "government," a word that conservatives use the way a rapper repeats four-letter words — to shock fans and sell downloads.

A lot depends on what you mean by "government." If you are referring to the ways in which we collectively seek the common good, government is all of us, and GM is our problem.

The Obama administration got in the driver's seat hoping to avert runaway unemployment and prevent the public from being stuck with the autoworkers' pensions and medical care. The engine was shot, as it turned out, and the car has no brakes. We are getting the pension, and probably will end up with the pension, and medical care, neither of which will be as good for the retirees as it was when GM had it.

Along the way, we ran over people who had loaned the company money, the

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bondholders. We will pay a price for stifling lenders, and probably sooner rather than later. That is a moan for another column.

For a while after World War II, American companies could be warm cocoons. They paid enough to clothe and feed a family, and then they provided more than bare Social Security for old age and the kind of health care governments in other countries pay for with taxes. They even backed bowling leagues for the grown-ups and ball teams for the kids.

Then America went back to Mr. Baer's management theology and dropped the sissy stuff. A new generation of masters discovered outsourcing. We changed; GM couldn't. That's how we all ended up with it.

The change is adored by people who would have only a 1-in-4 chance of inserting a time card correctly. They say health care can continue the way it runs, with some tax tweaking, even though the way it runs needs employers to pay for insurance, and increasingly they don't.

Maybe I'm reading the wrong Web sites, but I see more sympathy for the downtrodden bankers who got us into the current mess than for the folks at GM who went down with the mess. The bankers took our money, spent some of it lobbying against the common good, used their clout to clear the way back to greed with a half-baked "stress test" and now want our tears because

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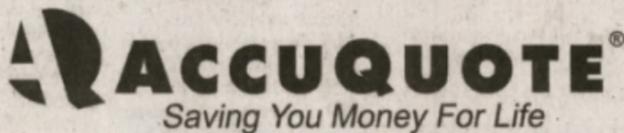
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White House warms to co-op plan as health option

A compromise would expand coverage but with no direct control.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With Republicans fighting the idea of a government-run health insurance plan, Obama administration officials said Sunday that they are open to a compromise: a cooperative program that would expand coverage with taxpayer money but without direct governmental control.

Congress begins work

this week on putting President Obama's goal of universal health coverage into law. But some lawmakers are expected



Sebelius

to introduce specific plans that run counter to Obama's political promises.

The concessions could be the smoothest way to deliver the bipartisan health-care legislation that the administration seeks by its self-imposed August deadline, officials said.

"There is no one-size-fits-all idea," said Health

and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. "The president has said, 'These are the kinds of goals I'm after: lowering costs, covering all Americans, higher-quality care.' And around those goals, there are lots of ways to get there."

Some of those ways, though, run counter to the White House's earlier positions and those of Obama's political base.

While supporters from his left have advocated a government-run option — championed by an ailing Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and his surrogate,

Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn. — presidential aides and congressional leaders in both parties have sought a speedy compromise.

Leading that pack: the cooperative approach, similar to rural utilities that have government financial support but operate independently. Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., who chairs the Budget Committee, has offered the co-op idea as a way to avoid a bruising and protracted political wrangle on Capitol Hill.

"This really isn't, to me, a matter of right or wrong," Conrad said. "This is a

matter of: Where are the votes in the United States Senate?"

That political situation has guided most of the talks. While Democrats control both chambers of Congress, they have only 59 senators — one short of the number needed to end a Republican filibuster.

Even if Al Franken were seated as Minnesota's second senator, Kennedy and Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., are suffering health problems that could preclude them from casting votes to end the procedural delay.

To offset the numeric challenge, Conrad proposed a compromise that drew interest from moderate Republicans, including one who helped Obama pass his economic stimulus plan over GOP objection.

"It's far preferable to the government-run plan that has been discussed by the administration," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine. "We need to better understand how it would work. But it's certainly better than a Washington-run plan."

Candidate asks that elections be voided as riots persist

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The Washington Post

TEHRAN — A defiant Mir Hossein Mousavi, leading an opposition movement against President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, called on his supporters Sunday to continue protests against the outcome of the election in which Ahmadinejad was proclaimed the landslide winner. Mousavi asked the influential Guardian Council to declare the elections void because of fraud and irregularities.

Riots erupted for a second day, with gunshots heard in several locations in Tehran and unrest in the Caspian Sea city of Rasht and the central Iranian city of Shiraz, witnesses said in phone interviews. A large rally is planned by Mousavi supporters for this afternoon in Tehran.

On Sunday, Ahmadinejad led a victory rally near Vali-e Asr



BEN CURTIS/The Associated Press

Supporters of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad react as he speaks at a rally in Tehran on Sunday. Tens of thousands attended waving the nation's flag, the symbol of his campaign.

square attended by tens of thousands of people waving Iranian flags, which his campaign adopted as its symbol. At an earlier news conference he declared the Iranian elections a "true manifestation of people's right to decide their own destiny."

"Some ... say the vote is disrupted, there has been a fraud," he said at the rally. "Where are the irregularities in the election?"

Young members of Iran's voluntary paramilitary force, the *baseej*, car-

ried batons as they roamed the streets in groups on motorcycles, many wearing black helmets and green vests. Ahmadinejad said the demonstrators were "a few weeds that are making problems." To cheers, he said there would be no more place for them in Iran.

In asking the Guardian Council to nullify the elections, Mousavi wrote on his Web site, "I believe this to be the only way to return the general trust and support of the people for the government." The site is

now blocked in Iran.

The council is a 12-member commission that must validate the elections before an official winner can be declared. Council members are appointed by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, and the head of the judiciary. The council vets candidates and has the power to veto laws deemed inconsistent with Islam.

It has not yet acted, although state media have already pronounced Ahmadinejad the victor. Mousavi complained to the council about interference from security forces and the use of irregular procedures in the election.

"Those who with great violations have issued results unbelievable for the Iranian nation, are now trying to stabilize those results and start a new era in the history of our nation," Mousavi's statement said. He added that the protests were not about him. "They are because of worries over the new method of political life which is being forced onto our country," he wrote.

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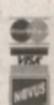
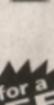


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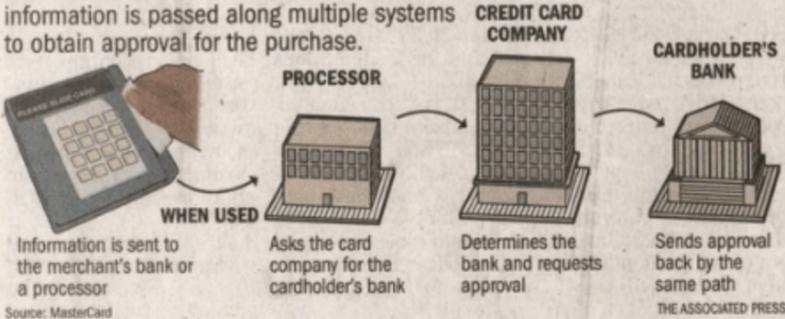
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Many openings for hackers

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Credit cards vulnerable to fraud, probe finds

Many companies do the bare minimum to protect consumers.

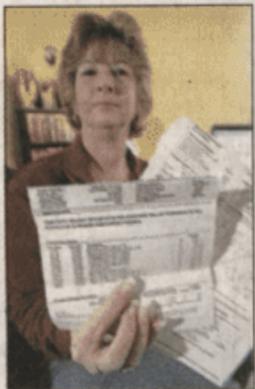
The Associated Press

Every time you swipe your credit card and wait for the transaction to be approved, sensitive data including your name and account number are ferried from store to bank through computer networks, each step a potential opening for hackers.

And while you may take steps to protect yourself against identity theft, an Associated Press investigation has found the banks and other companies that handle your information are not being nearly as cautious as they could.

The government leaves it to card companies to design security rules that protect the nation's 50 billion annual transactions. Yet an examination of those industry requirements explains why so many breaches occur: The rules are cursory at best and all but meaningless at worst, according to the AP's analysis of data breaches dating to 2005.

It means every time you pay with plastic, companies are gambling with your personal data. If hackers intercept your numbers, you'll spend weeks straightening your



2009 Associated Press file photo
Pamela LaMotte holds disputed credit card bills from accounts hackers tapped into.

mangled credit, though you can't be held liable for unauthorized charges. Even if your transaction isn't hacked, you still lose: Merchants pass to all their customers the costs they incur from fraud.

More than 70 retailers and payment processors have disclosed breaches since 2006, involving tens of millions of credit and debit card numbers, according to the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse. Meanwhile, many others likely have been breached and didn't detect it. Even the companies that had the payment industry's top rating for computer security, a seal of approval known as PCI compliance, have fallen victim to huge heists.

Companies that are not compliant with the PCI standard — including one in 10 of the medium-size and large retailers in the United States — face fines but are left free to process credit and debit card payments.

Most retailers don't have to endure security audits, but can evaluate themselves.

Credit card providers don't appear to be in a rush to tighten the rules. They see fraud as a cost of doing business and say stricter security would throw sand into the gears of the payment system, which is built on speed, convenience and low cost.

That is of little consolation to consumers who bet on the industry's payment security and lost.

It took four months for Pamela LaMotte, 46, of Colchester, Vt., to fix the damage after hackers tapped two of her credit card accounts in a breach traced to a Hannaford Bros. grocery store.

LaMotte, who was unemployed at the time, says she had to borrow money from her mother and boyfriend to pay \$500 in overdraft and late fees — which eventually were refunded — while the banks investigated.

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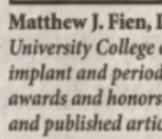
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CIA chief chides Cheney's 'gallows politics'

'It's almost as if he's wishing' for another U.S. attack, he says.



Panetta Cheney

WASHINGTON — CIA Director Leon Panetta says former Vice President Dick Cheney's criticism of the Obama administration's approach to terrorism almost suggests "he's wishing that this country would be attacked again, in order to make his point."

Panetta told *The New Yorker* for an article in its June 22 issue that Cheney "smells some blood in the water" on the issue of national security.

Cheney has said in

several interviews that he thinks Obama is making the U.S. less safe.

He has been critical of Obama for ordering the closure of the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, halting enhanced interrogations of suspected terrorists and reversing other Bush administration initiatives he says helped to prevent attacks on the U.S.

Last month the former vice president offered a withering critique of Obama's policies and a de-

fense of the Bush administration on the same day that Obama made a major speech about national security.

Panetta said of Cheney's remarks: "It's almost, a little bit, gallows politics. When you read behind it, it's almost as if he's wishing that this country would be attacked again, in order to make his point. I think that's dangerous politics."

Asked if he agreed with Panetta, Vice President Joe Biden told NBC's *Meet the Press* that he wouldn't question the motive behind Cheney's criticism.

"I think Dick Cheney's judgment about how to secure America is faulty," Biden said. "I think our judgment is correct."



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U.K. reports 1st swine flu death

Scotland emphasizes 'that the risk to the general public remains low.'

The Associated Press

LONDON — A person with underlying health conditions died of swine flu in Scotland on Sunday — the first reported death from the illness outside the Americas, health officials said.

Britain has been harder hit by the virus — known as H1N1 — than elsewhere in Europe. Earlier Sunday, Britain had reported another 61 cases of swine flu, bringing the U.K. total to 1,226 cases.

"Tragic though today's death is, I

would like to emphasize that the vast majority of those who have H1N1 are suffering from relatively mild symptoms," Scottish Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon said. "I would reiterate that the risk to the general public remains low and we can all play our part in slowing the spread of the virus by following simple hygiene procedures."

Health authorities expect to see more swine flu cases and deaths worldwide not that it has been declared a pandemic. The World Health Organization said last week that the virus has not become any more lethal, but is now unstoppable.

So far, swine flu appears to be a relatively mild virus, and most people who get it do not need treatment to get better.

Protect civilians, Karzai tells U.S. commander

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — President Hamid Karzai told the incoming commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan on Sunday that the most important part of his new mission was to protect Afghan civilians.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal takes up his command today. The four-star U.S. general, a former special forces commander, is expected to bring a fresh ap-

proach to an increasingly violent eight-year war.

President Obama has increased the U.S. focus on Afghanistan this year, ordering 21,000 additional troops to the country as the U.S. military begins to pull out of Iraq.

Civilian casualties have long been a point of friction between Karzai and the U.S., and the early warning reflects Karzai's impatience over the continued killings of Afghan

villagers during military operations.

In May, dozens of civilians were killed when U.S. and Afghan troops backed by U.S. fighter aircraft battled militants in southwestern Farah province. The Afghan government says 140 civilians died, while an Afghan human rights group says about 100 were killed. The U.S., however, says no more than 30 civilians were killed, and 60 to 65 militants.

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Pakistan sends army to hunt Taliban chief

The offensive is in an area where bin Laden also may be hiding.

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan ordered its army to go after the country's top Taliban commander, a feared militant whose remote stronghold could prove a difficult test for troops but whose demise would be a major blow to the insurgents here and in Afghanistan.

The announcement Sunday of the operation in South Waziristan, rumored for weeks, came hours after a suspected U.S. missile strike killed five alleged militants there. The move will likely please Washington, which considers the tribal region

a particularly troublesome hideout for Al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters implicated in attacks on U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Owais Ghani, the governor of North West Frontier Province, told reporters in Islamabad late Sunday that the government felt it had no choice but to resort to force against Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud and his network. Past army action in the region had usually faltered or ended in truces.

"Baitullah Mehsud is the root cause of all evils," Ghani said, noting a slew of suicide bombings that have shaken Pakistan in recent days.

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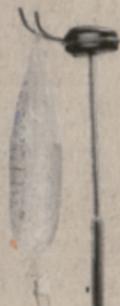


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trapped in a flaming go-cart May 25 west of Jupiter and suffered major burns, he needed emergency specialized burn care. He became the latest victim evacuated from Palm Beach County to Jackson, the closest burn center certified by the American College of Surgeons.

There are 53 such centers in North America, including two more in Florida at Shands hospital in Gainesville and the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Delray Medical Center and St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach received funding after the Sept. 11 attacks to treat multiple burn patients in case of another large terrorist attack, but the centers are not certified to treat major burns.

Any person suffering serious burns in Palm Beach County should be taken to one of those locations. If necessary, staffers there will send the patient to Jackson Memorial.

Waiting to whisk burn victims off the copter is Namias' team — which will eventually include nurse specialists, physical therapists and psychologists.

"More than any other kind of medicine, treatment of burns is an activity," Namias said. "The doctor alone isn't that important."

Namias said the popular perception is correct: Nothing causes more pain than burns.

"Pain management is one of the most important things we do," he said.

At first, most burn victims are heavily sedated to relieve the initial agony. For the majority, one of the first steps will be the operating room, where dead skin and tissue must be removed. For that, they are anesthetized in what otherwise would be an excruciating procedure.

Sometimes other se-



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SPECIALIZED CARE: Physical therapist Orlando Sendon treats Burn Center patient Darryl McLetchie, who suffered major burns to his arm and hand in an industrial accident. Burn victims are susceptible to infection.

rious injuries must be treated: broken bones suffered in leaps from flaming houses or injuries incurred in car crashes.

The team then goes into a vault where it stockpiles cadaver skin from organ donors. That skin is used to cover wounds, but only temporarily.

"Eventually the body will reject skin from the one else, and we need to harvest skin from the victim in order to do the graft," Namias said.

Burn surgeons cannot use skin from other people for final grafts because they cannot employ the immune system suppression drugs used in other transplants, Namias said. Burn victims are so susceptible to infection that their immune systems cannot be interdicted.

While waiting for a graft, the patient must be stabilized, which is extremely tricky. The bodies of burn victims often no longer recognize 98.6 degrees as a normal

body temperature and reset their internal thermostats to as high as 101.5 degrees.

"That means an increase in metabolism, which means they need many more calories in order to begin to heal," Namias said. "For major burns, we'll give them 3,500 calories per day. If they could eat Whoppers, that would be easy, but many are so sedated, they can't eat, so we put it into them through IVs, and that's a lot of calories to pump into a body that way."

Fluids are also an issue. "Your average appendix patient will get about 3 liters per day," Namias said. "A major burn patient will need as much as 30 to 35 liters per day."

Physical stability isn't the only issue. The psychology of burn patients begins with the shock and pain of the fire and possible deformities.

"But these incidents are also typically associated with some other tragedy,"

Namias said. "The house has no home, and they have no home."

"Maybe somebody else was injured or killed. And we have lots of people who worry about the cat. 'No one has seen the cat.'"

Burn victims often suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome, he said.

Meanwhile, the grafting goes on.

"We can save people with burns over 90 percent of their bodies," Namias said. "We harvest skin from the victim, and we have machines that expand the skin as much as six times, create a mesh from it, and then it grows in."

Some patients need "10, 20, 30 operations" for both functional and cosmetic reasons, he said.

And there is always the pain, which is managed so that as much as possible patients remain alert, walking and in physical therapy.

Darkey Cohn, 64, of Key West was admitted to the Burn Center on May 16 with second-degree burns over almost half of his body after a house fire.

"I certainly expected a great deal more pain," he said. "The first thing they do is manage the pain without doping you all up."

Cohn said that has made his recovery much quicker. Originally expecting three months in the hospital, he believes it will be closer to a month.

The Burn Center also gives courses in how to prevent burns. Children removing hot soup from microwaves is a new source of serious injury, Namias said.

But the traditional causes still provide him with most of his cases — smoking in bed, roofers pouring hot tar, and especially people frying food.

"Homemade french fries," he said, wincing. "My recommendation is if you want french fries, go to McDonald's."

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Today's highlights

Obama women get royal treatment: First lady Michelle Obama, on a visit to London last week, got permission from Queen Elizabeth II for a guided tour of Buckingham Palace with her daughters, Sasha and Malia. They were shown around the queen's official residence and its gardens, and the queen herself greeted them afterward, according to a royal source who spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting was private.

Nails in the coffin: Nine Inch Nails frontman Trent Reznor said their performance Sunday at the Bonna-roo Music Festival was their last in the country. The group performed in the early morning hours Sunday at the Manchester, Tenn., festival, shortly after Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band wrapped up. "It just dawned on me that this is our last show ever in the United States," Reznor said. "Don't be sad. I'll keep going. But I think I'm going to lose my ... mind if I keep doing this, and I have to stop."

Moviegoers still hung over: The Warner Bros. comedy *The Hangover* hauled in \$33.4 million to remain the top box-office draw for a second straight weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. Disney's latest Pixar Animation hit, the action comedy *Up*, came in a close second again with \$30.5 million. Debuting at No. 3 with \$25 million was *The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3*.

— Palm Beach Post wire services

C. Albin, renowned chef at Four Seasons, dies at 61

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Christian "Hitsch" Albin, who fed the world's luminaries for decades as executive chef of The Four Seasons — a restaurant that invented the "power lunch" — has died. He was 61.



Mr. Albin

Mr. Albin died at New York University Medical Center on Saturday, five days after being diagnosed with cancer.

The Swiss-born chef's hearty laughter filled the ritzy Manhattan restaurant's kitchen for 36 years. He served guests from Jacqueline Onassis and Elton John to President Clinton, Princess Diana and Martha Stewart.

"He was our hero: the man we always turned to when we knew we had to achieve the impossible,"

said a statement released by the 50-year-old restaurant's managing partners, Julian Niccolini and Alex von Bidder.

The "impossible" at times meant wealthy guests "who would ask for everything you can possibly imagine!" Mr. Albin joked recently. "Like, an English muffin with an egg on top, for dinner."

He sent a waiter out to buy muffins — and the special request was served alongside fancier fare such as filet of buffalo.

A bigger-than-life man, he put in 14-hour days at the restaurant off Park Avenue. With him in the kitchen, The Four Seasons won a James Beard Award, equivalent to a culinary Oscar.

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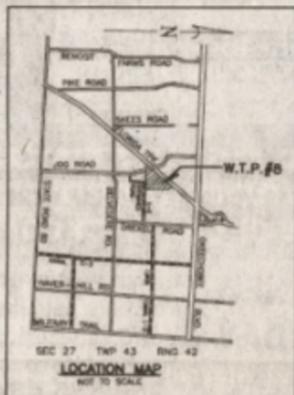
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Circuit's goal: Ensure people not 'deer in headlights'

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That circuit has begun requiring borrowers and lenders to meet before their first court appearances, leading to many cases being settled. Meanwhile, Palm Beach County Circuit Court last week launched a pilot program to help homeowners understand options that could keep them in their houses.

But action from Tallahassee has been limited, even with nearly 11 percent of mortgages in Florida in foreclosure — the highest rate in the country, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. Foreclosures in Florida dropped from April to May but were still up 50 percent from the same time last year, according to RealtyTrac released Thursday.

During the spring session that ended last month, state lawmakers introduced 15 bills to address foreclosure issues. But 10 bills never received a hearing, including several that would have required mediation between lenders and borrowers. The Center for Responsible Lending estimates that one of every three homeowners facing foreclosure in Florida could stay in their homes with mediation.

Instead, lawmakers approved just two foreclosure-related bills: one to comply with new minimum federal regulations for lenders and another to increase court costs for foreclosure cases from \$300 to as much as \$1,900.

The state "should have done more," said state Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink, a Democrat running for governor.

Sink pointed to the

Supreme Court survey

The Florida Supreme Court's Task Force on Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases is planning to recommend changes to foreclosure procedures and is asking homeowners to share their experiences with borrowers, mortgage holders and attorneys involved in the process.

To complete the court's survey, click here: www.flicourts.org/gen_public/adr/index.shtml

state Financial Regulation Office's failure to regulate mortgage lenders, a problem that allowed thousands of people with criminal records into the industry. The circuit's chief resigned in August after the problems were first reported by *The Miami Herald*, but a replacement still has not been hired.

Attorney General Bill McCollum, a Republican also running for governor, called the foreclosure crisis a "very tough issue" that his office has tried to address by cracking down on fraud. But he said options for helping homeowners are limited.

"It is not something you can pump money out to avoid foreclosures," he said. "We don't have the resources to do that. There is no bailout in the state of Florida."

Gov. Charlie Crist noted the rise in foreclosures in his State of the State speeches in 2008 and this year. But he has never included any specific foreclosure-related bills among his legislative priorities.

"We want to do all we can to help people," Crist said when asked about the state's responsibility to address foreclosures. "It's a tough time right now."

Crist pushed banks to halt foreclosures during

the holidays last year and ultimately settled on a voluntary moratorium. Crist's press office could not verify whether any banks participated.

Crist also named a foreclosure task force in February 2008, including elected officials and people from the banking and real estate industries. But the panel made just one recommendation to the legislature: to increase protections for people with subprime loans.

Lawmakers did not adopt it.

"There is just not an inclination to give the light of day to any of these foreclosure remedies," said Rep. Darren Soto, D-Orlando, whose "Foreclosure Bill of Rights" would have delayed payments for many homeowners.

McCollum, who created a Mortgage Fraud Task Force in 2007, said homeowners facing foreclosure

need to be more proactive with their lenders. "In many cases the lender can and will work this out," he said.

Several states, including Ohio and New Jersey, have implemented aggressive programs to require mediation between bankers and lenders. In Florida, two Leon County circuit judges made a proposal in December to the state's 20 judges to create similar mediation programs.

Three of the state's 20 judicial circuits have enlisted the nonprofit Collins Center for Public Policy to offer mediation.

The first such program arose in the Treasure Coast's 19th Circuit, where borrowers and lenders are required to meet before their first court appearance. In the past month, 22 of the first 31 mediated foreclosure cases in the circuit were settled with renegotiated loans.

In Palm Beach County, Chief Circuit Judge Kathleen Kroll signed an order to require banks to consider revising a loan at the homeowner's request. The court receives an average of 500 new foreclosures each week.

Last week, the courts in Palm Beach County began a service to make

attorneys and law school interns available to walk homeowners through the paperwork. On Thursday, the first day the information sessions were available, 26 of 142 eligible homeowners attended.

"We want to at least have some contact with

these people so they're not deer in headlights," said Palm Beach County court general counsel Amy Borman. "We want to help."

Staff writer Susan Spencer-Wendel and staff researcher Niels Heimeriks contributed to this story.

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Each will have its own flag, its own national emblem, its own government. Neither will threaten the security or survival of the other."

But Netanyahu insisted on "ironclad" guarantees from the United States and the international community for Palestinian demilitarization and recognition of Israel's Jewish character.

Given those conditions, Netanyahu said, "we will be ready in a future peace agreement to reach a solution where a demilitarized Palestinian state exists alongside the Jewish state."

He also said that no new settlements would be created and no more land would be expropriated for expansion but that "normal life" must be allowed to continue in the settlements, a term he has used to mean that limited building should be allowed to continue within existing settlements to accommodate "natural growth."

While this position did diverge from Netanyahu's previous statements, he delivered it on Sunday in a speech he had billed as a major foreign policy address, one he had urged Obama to watch. It came 10 days after Obama bluntly rejected "the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements" in his Cairo address to the Muslim world.

The White House reaction was positive, if limited, focusing on what it called "the important step forward" of Netanyahu's support for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs reiterated Obama's commitment to a two-state solution that "can and must ensure both Israel's security and the fulfillment of the Palestinians' legitimate aspirations for a viable state," and he said that Obama "welcomes Prime Minister Netanyahu's endorsement of that goal."

In moving closer toward the American and international consensus for a two-state solution, Netanyahu risked alienating right-wing ideologists within his party and his governing coalition.

Citing the biblical vision of Isaiah of swords beaten into plowshares, Netanyahu said of the Palestinians, "We do not want to rule over them, to govern their lives, or to impose our flag or our culture on them."

But beyond the idea of a state, he seemed to offer little room for compromise or negotiation.

He referred repeatedly to the West Bank, the territory presumed to comprise the bulk of a future Palestinian state, by its biblical name of Judea and Samaria, declaring it "the land of our forefathers."

Netanyahu made no mention of existing frameworks for negotiations, like the U.S.-backed 2003 peace plan known as the road map.

He did not address the geographical area a Palestinian state might cover, and he said that the Palestinian refugee problem must be resolved outside Israel's borders, rejecting the Palestinian demand for a right of return for refugees of the 1948 Arab-Israeli War and their millions of descendants.

He insisted that Jerusalem remain united as the Israeli capital. The Palestinians demand the eastern part of the city as a future capital.

"Benjamin Netanyahu spoke about negotiations, but left us with nothing to negotiate as he systematically took nearly every permanent status issue off the table," said Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator. "Nor did he accept a Palestinian state. Instead, he announced a series of conditions and qualifications that render



Ultra-Orthodox Jews protest after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech Sunday at Bar Ilan University.

a viable, independent and sovereign Palestinian state impossible."

Palestinian negotiators have long refused to recognize Israel as a Jewish state, contending that it would prejudice the refugees' demand for a right of return and would be detrimental to the status of Israel's Arab minority.

Ron Dermer, Netanyahu's communications director, said that Palestinians' recognition of Israel as a Jewish state was "not a precondition" for negotiations. But, he said, "there will not be an agreement without that recognition."

Timed to coincide with the Israeli evening television news, Netanyahu's speech was rich in Zionist rhetoric and seemed aimed as much at the Israeli public as at the Obama administration. Experts said it was unlikely to cause a political earthquake here, because it largely expressed the prevailing consensus in

Israel. "It was a balanced speech that the coalition can live with," said Efraim Inbar, the director of the Begin-Sadat Center.

Contrary to the expectations of many here, Netanyahu did not make the threat of nuclear Iran a focal point though he described it as one of the greatest challenges facing Israel, along with the global economic crisis and forging of peace.

He called on all Arab leaders to meet with him and discuss peace and for Arab countries and entrepreneurs to cooperate in advancing the Palestinian economy and to engage in regional projects with Israel.

Regarding Gaza, where the militant Islamic movement Hamas holds sway, Netanyahu said it is up to the Western-backed Palestinian Authority to establish the rule of law there and "overcome" the group.

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Attorney seeks to prevent billionaire Epstein from hiding assets abroad

By SUSAN SPENCER-WENDEL

Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

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WEST PALM BEACH — An attorney representing one of the passel of young women now suing billionaire Jeffrey Epstein is asking a federal judge to appoint a receiver to take over Epstein's property to prevent him from hiding or transferring assets abroad.

Bradley Edwards also has asked that the receiver order Epstein post a \$15 million bond to ensure money is available if the women prevail in their lawsuits seeking damages because of the sexual contact they say Epstein had with them as minors.

Jeffrey Epstein



Billionaire financier Jeffrey Epstein has been

sentenced to 18 months for felony solicitation of prostitution following accusations by teen girls.

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In a request entered into the court record Friday, Edwards wrote that Epstein, a man of "phenomenal wealth," now faces more than two dozen lawsuits. The woman he represents is seeking more than \$50 million in damages.

"Accordingly, Epstein has currently pending against him lawsuits seeking more than \$1 billion in damages. He thus faces financial ruin," Edwards wrote to U.S. District Judge Kenneth Marra.

Edwards cited no direct

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evidence that Epstein is transferring assets abroad. He argued that because Epstein is a sophisticated money manager and is allowed out of the Palm Beach County Stockade

each day to work at his office, he has the skill, the means and motive to be transferring assets abroad.

Epstein is serving an 18-month sentence in the stockade after pleading guilty nearly a year ago to state charges of felony solicitation of prostitution and procuring teenagers for prostitution. Epstein is allowed out of the stockade, though, each day from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., a spokeswoman for the sheriff's office recently said.

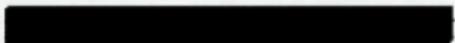
The saga began years ago after Town of Palm Beach police investigated reports that young women were being brought to Epstein's manse on El Brillo Way to massage him and have sex with him in exchange for money.

Attorneys representing the women have questioned Epstein about his sexual activities with their clients as well as his finances. Epstein has responded by invoking his right to remain silent and not incriminate himself.

"The silence in the face of these questions speaks far louder than words," Edwards wrote. "As Justice Brandeis recognized long ago 'Silence is often evidence of the most persuasive character.' "This is plainly one of those situations."

An attorney who represented Epstein during the questioning, Robert D. Critton Jr. of West Palm Beach, did not respond to an e-mail seeking comment.

On Thursday, Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath, will consider whether to unseal a deferred-prosecution agreement Epstein entered with federal prosecutors. Attorneys have said that they seek to unseal that document in part to use it in striking at Epstein's right to remain silent.



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Judge to decide whether to unseal documents in Epstein deal

By SUSAN SPENCER-WENDEL

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WEST PALM BEACH — A Palm Beach Circuit Court judge will again consider today whether to unseal a deal that purported billionaire Jeffrey Epstein struck with federal prosecutors to avoid charges by them following his sex scandal with underage girls.

Attorneys for women now suing the money manager, as well as the Palm Beach Post, have asked Circuit Judge Jeff Colbath to unseal Epstein's federal deferred-prosecution agreement. The hearing is set for 1:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Epstein



Billionaire financier Jeffrey Epstein has been

sentenced to 18 months for felony solicitation of prostitution following accusations by teen girls.

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Recently in court, Colbath acknowledged that Epstein's deal with the feds had not been sealed in accordance with state and local court rules.

"I don't see where any of the procedures were ever followed to begin with," Colbath then said.

He has since given Epstein's attorney, Jack Goldberger, an opportunity to argue that the document was properly sealed and why it should remain so.

The deal promises a look at the behind-the-scenes



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justice struck for the New York money manager who according to *Vanity Fair*, hobnobbed with the likes of Prince Andrew and former President Bill Clinton.

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"It's a secret agreement. A secret sweetheart agreement," former Circuit Judge Bill Berger who now represents some of the women has said. "Everybody was in on this deal except the victims and the public. The public should be outraged it has gone as far as it has."

A second attorney representing the women, Brad Edwards, has seen the sealed deal after a federal judge allowed him and his clients to view it, but not discuss its contents.

Edwards would only say that the women were "outraged" that it had been negotiated behind their backs. A reporter asked Edwards if he believed Epstein received special treatment by federal prosecutors.

"Are you kidding? It's transparent. Certainly no one else gets treated like that," Edwards has said.

Epstein is currently serving an 18-month sentence in the Palm Beach County Stockade after pleading guilty a year ago in state court to felony solicitation of prostitution and procuring teenagers for prostitution. Epstein is allowed out, though, each day from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., a spokeswoman for the sheriff's office has said.

The saga began years ago after Town of Palm Beach police began investigating reports that young women were being brought to his manse on El Brillo Way to massage him and have sex with him in exchange for money.

Displeased with the way the State Attorney's Office handled the case, Palm Beach police later forwarded information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Epstein's own attorneys, in federal filings, have referred to Epstein's deferred prosecution agreement with federal prosecutors as "unprecedented" and "highly unusual."

Goldberger has said he believes the law allows the record to continue to be sealed and is opposing it being opened. Epstein has not gotten any special treatment, according to Goldberger.

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Jeffrey Epstein to get out of jail early: July 22

By **MICHELE DARGAN**
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Convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein will be released from the Palm Beach County Stockade July 22, after serving less than 13 months of his 18-month sentence for procuring a minor for prostitution.

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Teri Barbera, spokeswoman for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, confirmed his release date Tuesday.

Epstein's projected date was September 24, but gain time — which includes his participation in a work-release program — brings his release date to July 22, Barbera said.

Radaronline.com has reported that Epstein has "secretly been helping the feds unravel a Ponzi scheme" related to the June 2008 indictment of two former managers of Bear Stearns Mortgage Investment Fund.

Epstein's rep, Howard Rubenstein, confirmed last year that Epstein is "Major Investor No. 1" in the indictment, which says he lost about \$57 million.

Epstein's attorney Jack Goldberger could not be reached for comment.

Epstein, 56, has been in the work-release program since Oct. 10, where he is allowed out of the stockade six days a week, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. to go to his West Palm Beach office, the Florida Science Foundation, monitored by an ankle bracelet and accompanied by a deputy.

The Manhattan money manager has been incarcerated since June 30, when he pleaded guilty to two felony counts: soliciting prostitution and procuring a person under 18 for prostitution. As part of the plea agreement, Epstein must serve one year of house arrest after his release and register as a lifelong sex offender.

In addition to the criminal case, there are more than a dozen civil lawsuits — both state and federal — pending against Epstein. All contain similar allegations: Epstein, through his employees and assistants, brought minor girls to his Palm Beach home for erotic massages and sometimes sex.

As part of his state plea agreement, the U.S. Attorney's Office agreed not to prosecute Epstein on federal charges as long as he fulfills all requirements of his sentence and probation. The federal non-prosecution agreement is under seal in state court.

Fort Lauderdale-based attorney Brad Edwards represents three Epstein victims and has asked Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath to unseal the non-prosecution agreement to the public. A hearing is set for Thursday, when Colbath will issue a ruling.

Edwards and his clients have seen the agreement after a federal judge ruled that they are allowed to see it. But that ruling bars Edwards and anyone else who sees the document from disclosing the terms to anyone else.

Edwards said he wants to use that document "in the deposition of various material witnesses" relative to his cases.

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