

Rite of Passage



Little Matthew St. Aubin, age 16 months, got his first hair cut by "Auntie" Robin at Genny Hair Salon in Homestead. He cried the entire time and not even cheese doodles could stop the tears! Mom, Barbara St. Aubin, saved a lock of hair to remember his baby curls.

Homestead reservists depart for CACTUS ALOHA



Staff Sergeants Adam Cartwright and Trish Anderson salute as 93rd Fighter Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Jose "Hoser" Monteagudo approaches his aircraft Aug. 11 at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. 482nd Fighter Wing pilots and maintainers headed to Hickam Air Force Base to train with the Hawaii Air National Guard in exercise Cactus Aloha. (Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Bucky Parrish)

Principal for a Day



On Tuesday, October 10, Councilman Jeff Porter participated in the Principal for a Day program at South Dade Senior High. Councilman Porter spent part of the day with Mark Mijuskovic, principal for South Dade Senior High, learning about all the responsibilities and challenges that he deals with every day. "It was an eye-opening experience," stated Councilman Porter. "You don't realize how much goes into doing this job. I have tremendous respect for Mr. Mijuskovic."

BY MASTER SGT. RAY SARRACINO

482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

For members of the 482nd Fighter Wing traveling to EXERCISE CACTUS ALOHA in Hawaii, the adventure was in the journey.

Initially scheduled to board a C-5A "Galaxy" from the 68th Airlift Squadron, a part of the 448th Air Wing based in San Antonio, Texas Aug. 12, they received the disappointing news that the aircraft had been delayed and could not meet the scheduled departure time.

Undaunted, the travelers hunkered down for another night and prepared for an Aug. 13 early-morning departure. Upon arriving at the 93rd Fighter Squadron building Sunday morning they were greeted by the site of a massive tail of a C-5 jutting out over the tree-tops. This was the aircraft that would take them and their equipment to Hawaii.

A few short briefings later they were on their way to the flight line to board the aircraft and head for their first stop: Refueling at March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

PIT STOP

A short five hours and about 2,500 miles later they landed in California for

a planned four-hour pit stop. The terminal crew at March welcomed the travelers as they made themselves at home. While waiting, good news came in the form of two buses from March ARB who came to pick up and deliver the travelers to the base exchange. A welcome alternative to watching reruns in the terminal.

After the trip to the BX, it was back to waiting when word came that the C-5 was experiencing some minor maintenance trouble and departure might be delayed. Some exchanged knowing glances, others worried about access to clothing and toiletries in the event of being stranded overnight, while yet others expressed confidence in the maintainers' diligent approach to safety. As it turns out, the troubles were indeed minor and the aircraft was readied for departure.

Upon boarding, travelers staked out their seats and hunkered down for the approximately six-hour flight to Honolulu. They arrived at Hickam AFB almost 24 hours after leaving Homestead ARB. After another very short briefing, the travelers began the process of settling in for the two-week long exercise. They were tired, hungry and jet-lagged, yet ready and motivated to do their best to make it a successful experience for everyone involved.

The Real Race Experience
2 race tracks
European karts
& timing systems

Come Play With Us!

Now forming new
racing leagues:
Rookie: 8-14 yrs. old
Pro: 15 & up
SIGN UP TODAY!

Birthday Parties
Group Discounts
Corporate events
Game Room
Snack Bar

SPEED DEMONS
OF FLORIDA CITY



KART RACING & ARCADE
305.246.0086
453 N. Krome Ave.
Florida City, FL

www.speeddemonskarting.com

"We'll Leave You Wanting to Race Again!"

To the families of those
who have suffered or died
from cigarette smoking



The Florida Supreme Court has issued a major decision affecting the rights of cigarette smokers.

The Florida Supreme Court upheld a jury verdict that found:

- Cigarettes cause cancer.
- Nicotine in cigarettes is addictive.
- Cigarettes are unreasonably dangerous.
- Cigarette companies tried to mislead the public.

This ruling may affect any cigarette smoker who died or was sick from cancer or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) before January 1, 2000. There is a limited time to exercise these rights. This is an important step, and you may want to learn more. Your call will be kept strictly confidential.

(The hiring of a lawyer is an important decision that should not be based solely upon advertisements. Before you decide, ask us to send you free written information about our qualifications and experience.)

Panter, Panter & Sampedro, P.A.

"A Law Firm dedicated to protecting Florida's Families"

305-662-6178

6950 N. Kendall Drive
Miami, Florida 33156

Telefax: (305) 662-9472
/ 1-800-PANTERLAW

www.panterlaw.com

Congratulations Farm Family of the Year



Dade County Farm Bureau's 2006 Farm Family of the Year Helen Borek and Family, J.E. Borek and Sons Farms of Princeton, Florida. Standing L to R: Michael Borek (Michael Borek Farms), Richard Borek (Richard Borek Farms), Tommy Borek (Super 6 Farms), Steven Borek (Steven Borek Farms) Seated L to R: Joe Borek Jr (South Florida Red Potato Farms), Helen Borek and Bobby Borek (Robert Borek Farms).

Exotic plant management plan in works

Everglades, Dry Tortugas, Biscayne National Parks and the Big Cypress National Preserve along with five other South Florida and Caribbean parks are seeking public input, through November 22, 2006 on a proposed Exotic Plant Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EPMP/EIS).

The parks included in the EPMP/EIS are Big Cypress National Preserve, Biscayne National Park, Canaveral National Seashore, Dry Tortugas National Park, Everglades National Park, Buck Island Reef National Monument, Christiansted National Historic Site, Salt River Bay National Historic Park and Ecological Preserve, and Virgin Islands National Park.

Park officials say the proposed plan and draft EIS analyze alternatives for establishing guidelines that would be used to determine when and how to manage non-native plants. This includes the use of mechanical, physical, chemical and biological control methods and criteria for considering use of passive or active restoration for treated areas.

Exotic plants are ecologically harmful, frequently displacing or otherwise impairing the function of native plant communities. They can also alter historic landscapes, damage cultural resources, and interfere with visitor use and enjoyment. The draft EIS looks at three management alternatives.

Those who wish to review and com-

ment on this document may do so by visiting: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkId=374&projectId=10033&documentID=16855>.

Even though using this Website is recommended, written comments may also be submitted to: Sandy Hamilton, National Park Service - Environmental Quality Division, Academy Place, P.O. Box 25287, Denver CO 80225 or *Everglades & Dry Tortugas National Parks*, 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead, FL 33034-6733, or *Biscayne National Park*, 9700 SW 328 Street, Homestead, FL 33033-5634.

Comments must be postmarked, transmitted, or logged by midnight November 22, 2006. Comments will be considered in preparing the final plan and impact analysis. Comments are typically treated as a public record and made available for public review following the conclusion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

Individuals may request that the National Park Service withhold their name and/or address from public disclosure. If you wish to do this, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Individuals using the website can make such a request by checking the box "keep my contact information private." NPA will honor such request to the extent allowable by law, but commenters should be aware that NPS may still be required to disclose a commenters name and address pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

Chamber Member Page

These advertisers are members of the Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce. To join the Chamber call (305) 247-2332

FAMILY MOTOR SALES CORP.

We Finance everyone! Good, bad, and no credit!

Cars - Trucks - SUV Sales

Phone: 305-258-0624
Fax: 305-258-3767

24285 South Dixie Highway
Homestead, FL 33032



www.familymotorsales.com



Funeral Home

**27100 Old Dixie Highway
Miami, Florida 33032
Tel. (305) 247-4218**

Massage Therapy
By Ray Carrillo LMT

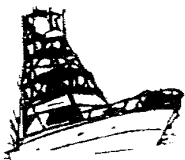
- SWEDISH MASSAGE
- DEEP TISSUE
- HOT STONE
- PRENATAL MASSAGE
- SPORT MASSAGE
- AROMA THERAPY
- BACK & NECK
- COUPLES

LOCATION: 123 N. Krome Ave., Suite 104, Homestead, FL. Across from Main Street Cafe. Lic. # MA 37293

To Make your Appointment... Call
305-389-1839 Open from 9am to 8pm Every Day

SMITTY'S BOAT TOPS & MARINE EQUIPMENT

Manufacturers Mercury & Nissan
Fiberglass Products Motor Sales & Service
Boat Tops Embroidery
Leaning Posts & Rocket Launchers Licensed & Insured
Boat Seats - Railings Custom Canvas and Cushions
Windshields - Carpet
Fabric & Fittings - Foam Custom Welding Fabrication
Truck • Boat Covers
Agricultural Sewing
Detailing • Towers - Hard Tops Se Habla Español



727 So. Krome Ave. (305) 245-0229 • (305) 248-0714
Homestead, Florida 33030 USA 1-800-338-0229 • Fax# 245-9715

www.berrypaint.com



305-248-8822

Wood Blinds • Shutters • Duets • Stone • Marble

No Job Too Big or Too Small

896 North Homestead Blvd. (US1) • Homestead

Fax 248-1686 246-0209



PROFESSIONAL • DEPENDABLE • PROVEN

• ROOFING • RE-ROOFING • ROOF REPAIRS • MAINTENANCE

QUALITY PAYS

Metal Roofing - Wood Shingles & Shakes

Fiberglass Shingles - Built Up Roofing

Single Ply Roofing - Waterproofing

Tile Roofing - Sheet Metal Shop

FREE ESTIMATES

CC017513

Serving Miami and The Florida Keys



8881 SW 208 Terr. • \$370,000

Beautiful 3/2.5 home in desirable Pelican Bay. This Dominica model features beautifully upgraded cabinets in both kitchen and baths. Tile throughout, carpet in bedrooms, large master, formal dining, living room, and family room. Lowest maintenance fee around! Only \$102.00 paid quarterly. Seller contribution up to \$5000 to be paid towards closing costs.



Ricardo "Rick" Ortega
Realtor Associate

Cell: **305.301.0051**

www.mydiscountrealty.com

10281 Sunset Dr., Suite 103B • Miami, FL 33173 • Off. 305.267.8811 Fax. 305.357.5052



YOUR "FULL" PARTY RENTAL AND SPECIAL EVENTS PROVIDER

FROM BACKYARD PARTIES TO LAVISH GALA EVENTS WE CATER TO YOUR PERSONAL NEEDS.

- TENTS • TABLES • CHAIRS • LINEN
- DINNERWARE • FLATWARE
- PLANT/TREE RENTALS
- GENERATORS • FLOORING
- PORTABLE A/C UNITS (FOR TENTS)
- STAGES, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE.

FOR QUOTES, PLEASE CALL

786.243.0725 OR **305.345.8048**

WWW.PRESTIGETENTS.COM

DELIVERY AVAILABLE TO ALL AREAS • FREE DELIVERY WITH A MINIMUM

WINHOLD MONTESSORI SCHOOLS, INC.

17555 SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY

• East of US1 • At Perrine Park entrance • North of Miami Children's Hospital

305-253-3225

www.winholdmontessori.com

**Now enrolling for:
2006-2007
School Year**

DCF License # C11MD0496

Serving the Community with Quality Education since 1982



Toddler Program

• 18 mo. to 3 yrs.

**Pre-School/Kindergarten
3 yrs. to 6 yrs.**

Happy Holiday

Luncheon & Dinner Party Cruises

aboard the **MT Celebration**
 92' Luxury Dinner Yacht - Seated Buffet Dining
 Full Bar & Beverage Service - Professionally Staffed
 3 Hr. Cruise - Coast Guard Certified & Insured

Exclusive use of Yacht - No Boat Fee

Full Menu Selection w/Hors d'Ourves Full China,
 Stemware and Linen Service - Festive Holiday Decorations
 Onboard DJ w/Upper Deck Dance Floor

Owner Hosted
 and Operated
 Book Direct

Limited Dates
 Available

\$49.⁵⁰ p/p Luncheon Cruise

Monday thru Friday
 w/ Full Luncheon Menu - Beverage Service -
 Boarding from Coconut Grove
Free Parking

\$69.⁵⁰ p/p Dinner Party Cruise

Sunday thru Thursday
 w/DJ - Seated Dinner Buffet - Full Bar & Beverage
 Service - Holiday Decor
 Boarding Coconut Grove
Free Parking

www.yachtcelebration.com

E-Mail: bayescape@aol.com

305-445-8456 X104

Office Hours Monday thru Friday

All access courtesy of CBS



Left: Adrienne Denaro is surprised by CBS Early Show's weatherman Dave Price, when her name was called as the winner of the All Access Pass promotion.

Bottom: Denaro poses with Sheryl Crow at Crow's concert in Vancouver. The All Access promotion provided a last minute trip for Denaro to a Sheryl Crow and John Mayer.



Homestead resident Adrienne Denaro became a lucky winner of CBS Early Show's All Access Pass promotion when she was picked for a last minute whirlwind trip in September.

"The CBS Early Show sent me on a Private Bombardier Jet to Vancouver for the Sheryl Crow and John Mayer concert where I got to hang out with the stars backstage! It was awesome," enthused Denaro. "Then I flew back first class on Continental. I also got to hang out with the Early Show Weatherman Dave Price for the whole thing!"

She said she won because her application told them that she is getting married in March and that the All Access

trip could be her last hoorah!

Footage from her adventure was shown on the Early Show on September 26. See the clip of her winning on www.CBSnews.com/earlyshow

"It was very, very awesome," said the winner.

Caution urged when seeking foreclosure

BY BERNARD WILLIAMS



Today's economic climate is brewing the perfect storm of rising costs for already stretched South Florida homeowners: rising adjustable-rate mortgages, three-fold increases in windstorm insurance and climbing property tax assessments. This may be the tipping point that sends many spiraling towards foreclosure and seeking help from companies specializing in saving their home and restoring their credit.

While many homeowners watched their property values double in recent years, the boom has not always brought good news.

When interest rates were low, those who refinanced with adjustable rate mortgages are now seeing big jumps in their monthly payments.

Combine that with the higher windstorm rates and property taxes, and some homeowners are suddenly paying an extra \$1,000 per month.

Mix in a health problem, divorce or job loss and a homeowner can quickly fall behind in their mortgage and face the possible loss of their home.

"As the number of homeowners facing foreclosure grows so do the number of scam artists and dishonest businesses taking advantage of those with few options."

warns Bernard Williams, President of American Home Rescue, (AHR).

AHR is unique in that it provides comprehensive real-estate and credit restoration services as it also seeks to establish legislative reforms and professional standards that will regulate and control those involved in the industry. Vice President Ana Silva, adds, "With our expertise, we have helped so many people.

"Unfortunately, there are a lot of people looking to take someone's home through deception and deceit," said Lonnie Pennington of American Home Rescue. "We are working to clean up this industry by forming an association with standards and an accreditation process to weed out these unethical operators.

Homeowners facing foreclosure are suffering enough."

He added that they use a team approach when helping homeowners, using experts in finance, law, taxation, insurance and probate to assist homeowners as they get back on their feet. They even take the unusual step of arranging home repairs and maintenance to increase a home's value for refinancing.

"We assist the homeowner and show them how they can use their equity to save their home and restore their credit," said Lakeisha Marion of American Home Rescue. "These people are really going through a difficult time and are just looking for peace of mind."

Pro-Max
 PAINT CORPORATION

Serving South Florida for over 12 years since 1994.

Pro-Max specializes in the quality repainting of exterior commercial and multi-family residential buildings. Whether it's an office building, apartment building, or townhome development, Pro-Max has the experience to insure a quality long lasting paint job. In conjunction with major paint manufacturer's like Sherwin Williams and Benjamin Moore we offer a 7-year labor and materials warranty on all of our work. If you're looking for a quality paint contractor, give us a call!



Phone: (305) 253-7900

Fax: (305) 253-0059

Web: www.promaxpaint.com

Painting - Waterproofing - Pressure Cleaning - Concrete Restoration

CC194BS00486

Two-for-one stock split at TIB

Two-for-one stock split at TIB

On September 27, 2006, TIB Financial Corp., parent of TIB Bank of the Keys, announced that its Board of Directors has approved a 2-for-1 stock split for TIB Financial Corp. shareholders of record on October 9, 2006. TIB shareholders of record on October 9 received one additional share of Common Stock for each share owned. Certificates for the additional shares will be issued to shareholders on October 23, 2006 and the stock will begin trading on

Nasdaq on a split-adjusted basis the following day. Additionally, the Board of Directors approved the increase in the number of common shares authorized from 20,000,000 to 40,000,000.

"We believe the stock split will make the stock more affordable to the individual investor, while keeping the resulting price per share and number of shares outstanding comparable to other industry leading companies," said Edward V. Lett, Chief Executive Officer and

Did you know . . . ?

BY KATIE EDWARDS

Is Dade agriculture worth saving?

The average farmer feeds 280 people per acre. If roughly 37,857 acres of fruits and vegetables were harvest in 2005, then Miami-Dade County farmers fed 10.6 million people. Now that's food for thought!

The county's burgeoning nursery industry reported over \$1.9 billion in

sales with 40,837 jobs tied directly to the production, landscaping and sale of horticultural crops.

Our subtropical farming region boasts some of the most diverse crops of any other section in the country. Our niche as the nation's winter bread basket has ensured that consumers can buy "Fresh from Florida" fruits and vegetables grown safely in American soil.

Yahoo — we've moved

First United Methodist Christian School is pleased to announce that they have moved into their new building. If you have a 2-3 yr old and are looking for a good and reputable preschool there are still openings.

Contact the school office for more details. 305-248-7992.

*From all of us to all of you...
Happy ☐
Thanksgiving!*

**Local.
Long Distance.
Internet.
Wireless.
All of the above.**

 **BELLSOUTH**

Listening. Answering.SM

1.888.757.6500
bellsouth.com