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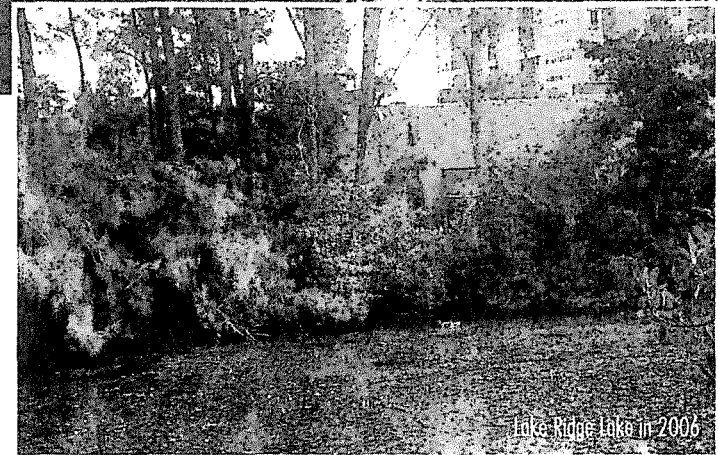


PLEASE HELP SAVE THE LAKE RIDGE LAKE

Lake Ridge Lake in 2002

Dear Lake Ridge Inhabitants,
I would like to introduce you to Herbert. Herbert is a seven foot iguana who use to live in the Lake Ridge lake (picture on pg. 8) When I moved to Lake Ridge 5 years ago, Herbert lived with Penny, a soft shell turtle; Big Mouth, a guppy fish; Chip and Dale two crazy squirrels, and hundreds of birds including egrets, herons, blue joys and ahangas, a bird currently on the worlds endangered species list.

Unfortunately, I am not sure Herbert lives here anymore; I have not seen him for three years. Like Herbert, many of the fish, turtles and birds have also begun to disappear. In



Lake Ridge Lake in 2006

the last few years the LakeRidge community has enjoyed tremendous growth and is now recognized as one of the nicest, most elite neighborhoods to live in; but this has come at a cost to our lake & its wildlife. The construction in our neighborhood has increased the value of all our homes, but has cost us many of our trees, increased our pollution levels and is driving out our

wildlife. The greatest impact has been to our extremely rare fresh water lake.

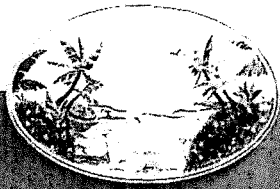
Our lake and its wildlife offer one of the most unique characteristics of Lake Ridge. **Our neighborhood was named after this lake! We all live on the ridge of the lake! Lake Ridge...get it?**

Unfortunately, the construction and hurricanes of last year claimed many of our

trees, but more astonishing is the garbage and pollution which is now destroying our lake and killing its wildlife!

The good news is **it is not too late to save our lake and its wildlife, but we need your help!** The lake can be treated, new trees can be planted, and the garbage can be removed but this requires financing, time and effort.

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The Lake Ridge News is the official newsletter of the Lake Ridge Community. Published 12 times a year, this publication is designed to educate the Lake Ridge residents of neighborhood-oriented current events and issues, and to offer residents Lake Ridge-specific discounts from various local merchants.

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RECYCLE FACTS



Recycling 101

With the involvement and enthusiasm of people like you, recycling is back! and so are thousands upon thousands of recycled products made from materials that would otherwise be piling up in our nation's landfills. It doesn't just make sense. It makes a huge difference to our environment, our quality of life, and our country's future.

Why It's Important

As stewards of the environment, we are responsible for preserving and protecting our resources for ourselves and for future generations.

Getting Back To Basics.

Recycling is really just common sense, and until the "modern era," it was a common household activity. Before the 1920s, 70% of U.S. cities ran programs to recycle certain materials. During World War II, industry recycled and reused about 25% of the waste stream. Because of concern for the environment, recycling is again on the upswing. The nation's composting and recycling rate rose from 7.7% of the waste stream in 1960 to 17% in 1990. It's currently up to around 30%.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Community Police Academy

The 14 week Police Academy for residents of Fort Lauderdale begins February 8, 2007 and continues each Thursday evening for 14 weeks until May 10, 2007. The classes begin at 6:30 and end at 9:30 p.m. Applications are available in the Police Department lobby, or by calling the Training Unit at 954 828-6428.

Several citizens from Lake Ridge have completed this course, and found it helpful to enroll with a friend or neighbor. The academy enlarges one's appreciation of the role of the police in our neighborhood. Please let me know if you sign up for the course.

Water Conservation

We had, thankfully, a record-low rainfall from January to October, 2006. Now we are threatened with mandatory water conservation actions unless we voluntarily conserve.

Here is how to do that:

1. lawns need only one inch or inch and a half of water every week
2. save water in your house by taking shorter showers, turning water off while washing, shaving, etc.
3. wash only full loads in clothes and dishwashers
4. reduce excessive toilet flushing

In the event of a declared water shortage, your water bill will likely increase. Call SFWMD Water conservation hotline at 800 662 8876 for more info.

Holiday Tree Disposal

Residents may put the trees out for pickup with their bulk trash on January 18. All decorations, lights, tinsel, nails, locks, tree stands or any other decorative materials must be removed.

Election of Board Members

Just a reminder that our General Meeting scheduled for January 31, will include election of Board members for 2007. All of the present Board members are standing for reelection but one member has moved from Lake Ridge and is not standing for election. So Gus Sotillo must be replaced, and any/all of us are eligible to be replaced.

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The Garbage Crisis

The world has changed a lot in the past century. From individually packaged food servings to disposable diapers, more garbage is generated now than ever before. The average American discards seven and a half pounds of garbage every day. This garbage, the solid waste stream, goes mostly to landfills, where it's compacted and buried. As the waste stream continues to grow, so will the pressures on our landfills, our resources, and our environment.

Recycling - An Important Part Of The Solution

The more we recycle, the less garbage winds up in our landfills and incineration plants. By reusing aluminum, paper, glass, plastics, and other materials, we can save production and energy costs, and reduce the negative impacts that the extraction and processing of virgin materials has on the environment.

How It Works

There are three parts to the recycling process, each one essential to making the system work: collection, manufacturing and buying. These three components are so important that they are represented by the three

"chasing arrows" of the recycling logo.

Collection - Don't Send Recyclables To The Landfill

In this phase, materials are separated from the waste stream and prepared to become raw materials. Different cities and municipalities have different systems for sorting and collecting materials that can be recycled. Most communities now have recycling bins for curbside collection, or recycling stations where the materials can be taken.

Manufacturing - Using Recycled Materials Instead Of Virgin Raw Materials.

Recovering the materials is just the first step. There must also be a market for it - companies that want the materials and are able to remanufacture them into consumer products. Sometimes these companies have to invest a significant amount of money in adapting their manufacturing processes to accommodate the use of recycled materials in their products.

Buying - "Close The Loop" By Buying Products With Recycled Content

In order to make recycling economically viable, there must be a market for recycled products. If people buy them, companies will be encouraged to make them, and the whole system works.

Dos And Don'ts Of Recycling

Every community has its own guidelines for what should and should not be recycled, and how the process should take place. Take a few moments to find out these details. Call your local public works department or recycling organization. That way you can be sure that you're doing your part, and doing it right.

In general, here are a few things to keep in mind:

Cleanliness Counts. Rinsing cans and keeping boxes out of the weather makes them easier to process. That keeps costs down.

If supplied with a bin, pay attention to what goes in. Take it upon yourself to be an accurate recycler. A cereal box is probably great, but a greasy pizza box may not be. Maybe milk jugs are good, but not the caps. Check the lid of your recycling bin for guidelines, or make a call or visit your municipal web site to find out the rules. Then, follow them.

Good bets. Tin cans, aluminum cans, newspaper, magazines, phone books, plastic beverage bottles, milk jugs, glass bottles and jars, cereal boxes, other clean and dry cardboard boxes.

Probably not. Plastic grocery bags, Styrofoam, light bulbs, food-soiled paper, wax paper, ceramics.

Hazardous wastes have their place. Household hazardous wastes like paint cans, motor oil, antifreeze, car batteries, pesticides, pool chemicals, etc. usually need to be disposed of separately. Again, check your community resources and guidelines.



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City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County residents are invited to safely dispose of their household hazardous waste and electronics on Sunday, January 21, 2007 at Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Day. This one-day collection event will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 101 N. Andrews Avenue, just west of City Hall in Fort Lauderdale.

With proof of residency, residents can drop off hazardous household items and electronics at no charge. Items generated by businesses will not be accepted.

Acceptable items

paint, paint thinners and strippers, gas cylinders, pesticides, insecticides, antifreeze, fluorescent light bulbs, automobile, mercury and rechargeable batteries, used motor oil, automotive fluids and gasoline solvents, fire extinguishers, flares, propane tanks, car batteries, lawn and pool chemicals and household cleaners.

Residents may also bring old electronics such as computers, televisions, fax machines, printers and cell phones for free disposal. To dispose of business-generated electronics, please call 954-577-4160.

Unacceptable items

explosive materials, biohazardous (medical) waste, microwaves, stereos and business-generated items.

Safety Precautions for Household Hazards Waste Items

- Wear protective gloves.
- Do not mix products.
- Keep all items in their original containers with the lids tightly sealed. If the items are not in their original containers, residents should clearly label each item to identify the contents inside.
- Put leaking products in a large plastic container and use a non-flammable absorbent, such as cat litter, to pack around leaking products.
- Do not smoke near items or place items near sources of heat.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, which is co-sponsored by the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County Waste and Recycling Services and Partner Cities, was created to bring hazardous waste disposal services into the community and to provide an additional drop off location for county residents. By offering alternatives for the safe disposal of HHW, the City of Fort Lauderdale and surrounding cities are taking a pro-active role in protecting the environment and preventing these items from ending up in landfills or contaminating water sources and wastewater treatment plants.

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By Susan Lavery
and Ellen Sherman

Harold Berlin was one of the owners of the Sun Garden Apartments in the 1000 block of NE 11th Avenue until the buildings were sold in 2004 and he retired. When he first purchased in the troubled neighborhood of Lake Ridge in 1992, he saw the need to fight crime and clean up the streets, and began by organizing a rental association to help landlords get rid of problem tenants. He also sought to improve relations between landlords and homeowners, eventually resulting in a merger with the local homeowner's association and their incorporation into the Lake Ridge Civic Association.

He organized weekly meetings at the police department to discuss neighborhood issues, and was the neighborhood's spokesman at many of these meetings, as well as commission meetings and meetings with local judges urging longer sentences for repeat prostitutes and the closing down of a local "hotsheet" motel. He also established and chaired the association's crime committee and our first Crime Watches and Crime Walks.

When the city received funding to begin a community policing initiative, Harold lobbied to have it headquartered in

the Lake Ridge neighborhood, and in competition with other neighborhoods, took community and police leaders on a guided tour of Lake Ridge. From this effort Lake Ridge became "Ground Zero" in the establishment of the community police effort and its offices on 13th Street. He donated space in his apartment complex for a police substation, which housed bicycles for the local bicycle patrols and confiscated items from drug raids. He also met with city commissioners and the traffic engineers and designed the first system of traffic barricades throughout the neighborhood to break up and direct outwards the vehicle traffic that cruised the streets for drugs and prostitutes. These are just a few things Harold did, not including the countless late hours spent planning, or sometimes just spent chasing criminals from the streets and local properties.

Harold Berlin was a visionary back in 1992, and put his resources, imagination, intelligence, and hard work into helping the neighborhood successfully fight a serious crime problem and a bad reputation. He was especially delighted when Lake Ridge grew in popularity, began gentrifying, and the prices of the single-family homes began to skyrocket. That, he felt, sealed his success.

Harold passed away on November 24, after a long battle with cancer. His friends and family will miss him greatly:

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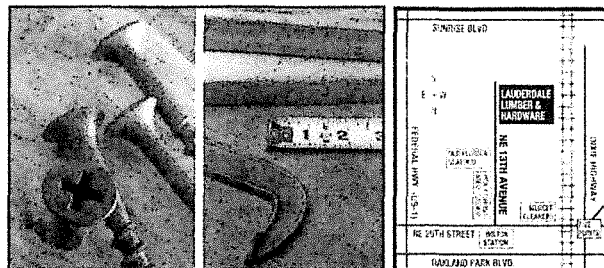
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My name is Erin, I am your neighbor and I am working with our association to try and save our lake. The Lake Ridge Association will be accepting all donations and placing them in a separate Save Our Lake Fund. Please, for our neighborhood, our lake and its wildlife, please make a small donation and help us save our lake! Checks can be made to The Lake Ridge Civic Association and mailed to 1118 NE 18th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304. Please note on the check or the envelope the funds are for the Save our Lake Fund!

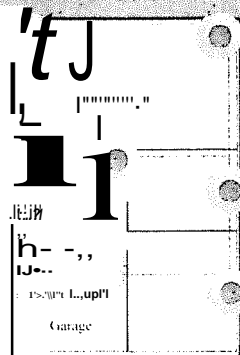
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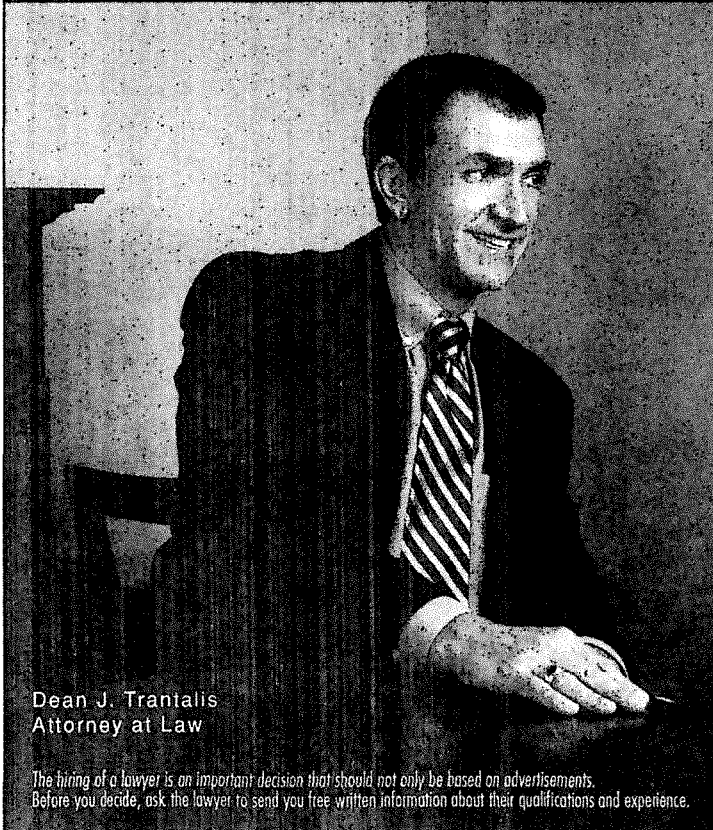
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Remember that the Aquatic Complex is also open to the public for open lap swimming. The pools at the complex are heated, so you can continue your swimming routine in consistent temperatures throughout the winter. With the Intracoastal as your backdrop, the facility is also the perfect venue to rent for an upcoming holiday or birthday party!

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Dates: Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, January 28 - February 13, (No Class 2/11)

Times: Tue./Thurs. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sun. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$225 (Includes all materials)

Lifeguarding

Prerequisites: Participants must be at least 15 years old, complete a 500-yard swim (200 freestyle, 100 breast stroke, 200 mixed) and retrieve a 10 lb brick from a depth

of 10' and swim 20-yards with the brick out of the water.

Dates: Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, March 13 - March 27,
Times: Tue./Thurs.: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sun.: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: \$200 (Includes all materials)

SABA Design Competition - fantasy fish

Broward General Medical Center and The South Andrews Business Association would like to invite you and your students to participate in a community wide local art competition. The winners will have their art work displayed on large banners on South Andrews Avenue between State Road 84 and Davie Blvd. We are asking the school art department if they would like to have it brought into the classroom.

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THIS MONTH AT-A-GLANCE

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7 Sundok Jazz Brunch Riverwalk, Downtown FL 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-B28-5985	8 Monty Python's Spomolot Broward Center (Through 1/21) Tix.: 954-462-0222 Trash pickup	9	10	11 Trash, yard waste, & recycle pickup	12 Rod Stewart B.A.C. Tix.: ticketmaster.com Jazz on the Square The Village Grille Commercial Blvd. & A1A 7 p.m. Info.: 954-776-5092	13
14 Urban Outdoor Gourmet Market 1201 E. Las Olas Blvd. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Glenn Miller Orchestra Porker Playhouse 7 p.m.	15 Trash pickup	16	17	18 Trash, yard waste, & recycle pickup Bulk Trash Pickup	19 Jazz on the Square The Village Grille Commercial Blvd. & A1A 7 p.m.	20 CVC Project at Snyder Park 8 a.m. to noon Info.: 954-828-5005
21 Household Hazardous Waste Day Info.: 954-462-0222 fiesta Ft Lauderdale Las Olas Riverfront 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info.: 954-527-0627	22	23 Afternoon Teo Fairchild Tropical Garden 3 p.m. Reservations Required: 305-663-8091	24	25 Turnout Broward Center Tix.: 954-462-0222 Trash, yard waste, & recycle pickup	26 Jazz on the Square The Village Grille Commercial Blvd. & A1A 7 p.m. Info.: 954-776-5092	27 Maroon Moonlight Movie: Knut Rockne Huizenga Plaza Film Starts @ Sunset
28 Urban Outdoor Gourmet Mkt 1201 E. Las Olas Blvd. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info.: 954-462-4166	29 Hungarian Symphony Orchestra Broward Center Tix.: 954-462-0222 Trash pickup	30	31 LRCA General Mtg Bennett Cafeteria 7 p.m. Red Hot Chili Peppers BankAtlantic Center 7:30 p.m. Tix.: www.ticketmaster.com	1 Trash, yard waste, & recycle pickup	2 Jazz on the Square The Village Grille Commercial Blvd. & A1A 7 p.m. Info.: 954-776-5092	3
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A look ahead

February 12 Chicago Symphony Orchestra Broward Center, Tix.: 954-462-0222

February 24 Moonlight Movie To Kill A Mockingbird, Huizenga plaza, Film Starts at Sunset

February 25 Rose Show & Sale Fairchild Tropical Garden, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Info.: www.fairchildgarden.org

February 25 Justin Timberlake BankAtlantic Center, 7:30 p.m., Tix.: www.ticketmaster.com

February 24 International Chocolate Festival Fairchild Tropical Garden, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Info.: www.fairchildgarden.org



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CITIZEN'S INSURANCE LETTER TO BROWARD HOMEOWNERS

Dear Lori:

My mother and I are purchasing a condo which she will be living in. Is she eligible for the \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, if both of our names appear on the deed?

-R. Weisz, Broward County (via email)

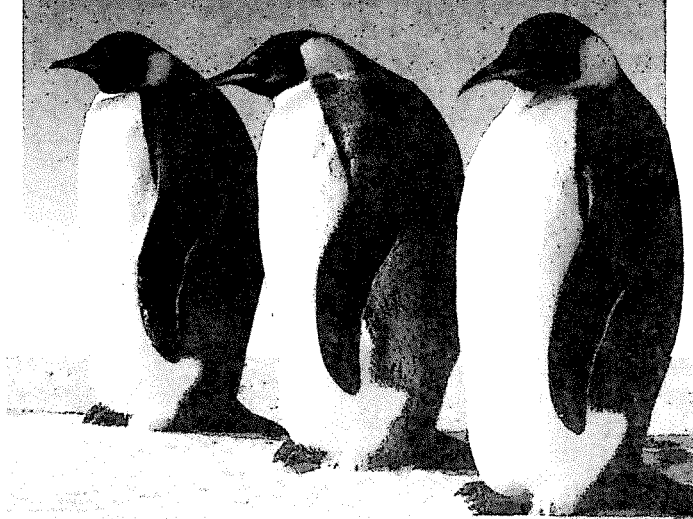
provided the deed is joint tenants with Rights of Survivorship. joint tenants with Rights of Survivorship allows your mother to qualify for Homestead Exemption and the full 3% Save Our Homes cap. joint tenants with Rights of Survivorship allow you to retain your full Homestead Exemption on another property, as well. We always recommend you seek professional advice from a qualified attorney when making real estate decisions, hopefully this information will help you better understand this common form of home ownership.

joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship or "JTRS" gives two or more unmarried co-owners legal rights to property. JTRS owners each own overlapping 100% interests - any one filing for homestead would qualify for 100% of the Save Our Home coverage. When a JTRS co-owner dies, all remaining title interests automatically are divided between the remaining JTRS co-owners(s) and the last one alive owns the entire property.

Keep in mind this is a very simple explanation of a complicated legal issue. There are many more variants of ownership types, but this should give you a basic understanding of the answer to your question. If you would like to learn more about this and other important property tax issues, please visit our website at www.bcpa.net or contact our office directly at 954-357-6830.

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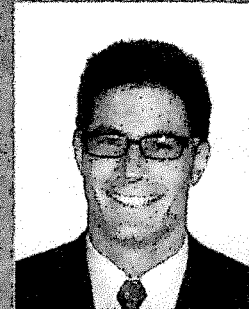
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☐ \$35-Residential Homeowner ☐ \$20-Senior & Disabled
☐ \$10-Renter ☐ \$50-Residential Rental Property and Commercial Business

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ON A COMMITTEE

Yes No

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Enclosed is an additional donation for Capital Improvements \$ _____

Date _____



Creating the Future of Fort Lauderdale: PREDICTION FOR 20.07

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Jack Latona

This is the time of year when predictions for the new year are made, and certainly when you hold yourself out as dealing with the future one is virtually obligated to hold forth with some prognostications.

There is no crystal ball here at the Center for Creating the Future, nothing paranormal required to foresee what is coming with regard to our community in 2007. And even if I turn out to be 100% correct, my good friend James Rondi of the James Rondi Educational Foundation here in Fort Lauderdale will not have to cough up the \$1,000,000 the Foundation is committed to award for the successful proof of a paranormal act.

Lamentably, forecasting our local future is a matter of looking at what has happened in the past few years and acknowledging that we are in for more of the same.

So let's look at some of the big issues in our community and make some predictions about what will occur in 2007.

Transportation Things will get somewhat worse, but not by much. Due to the slowdown in population growth we seem to be experiencing, traffic will not be notice-

ably worse, people will continue to lament the traffic congestion we do have and there will be little accomplished of a positive nature. The failure of the penny sales tax increase revealed the lack of both public and private leadership we suffer from here, and we will continue to limp along until we suffer more and get some leadership.

2. Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport at Donia Beach. Necessary expansion, which has been identified for the past 10 years or so, will continue to be held up pending more studies. Again, nothing much will happen until things get a lot worse. Let's hope it's just more delays and pollution and no serious crashes.
3. The School Board of Broward County. Having terminated Dr. Frank Till with only eight months left on his contract, the Board will limp along for most of the year without a permanent Superintendent. Given his record of accomplishment and the ham-handed treatment he received,

getting a qualified replacement, much less a better replacement, will be difficult. Attempts by non-professionals to micro-manage a multi-billion dollar enterprise will continue to be unsuccessful.

4. Broward Community College. Just as the School Board was dumping Frank Till, Broward Community College ran off their President, Larry Calderon. Calderon followed the toughest of all acts, Will Holcombe, and did a brilliant job. What happened? Once again, non-professional micro-management. BCC was very lucky that Will Holcombe was willing to come back and fill in, but it will be very difficult to get someone with even close to the abilities of Calderon and Holcombe to step into such a situation.
5. Leypoldt's Law: there is a rule that should be followed in such situations and is regularly ignored. I call it Leypoldt's Law, after a former field goal kicker for the Buffalo Bills, who was fired after missing three straight field goals. He was followed by a bunch of even less successful kickers, leading me to formulate the Law: Never get rid of the kicker you've got, until you have a better one to take his place. Given that Till and Calderon were very successful, replacing them will be even tougher. Only folks in great need of a big-ticket job, not the best reason to apply, are likely to make themselves available.
6. Affordable housing. One of the few bright spots on our public needs list. Helped by a slumping housing market and some serious attention from the community, some solutions are beginning to emerge. More needs to be done, especially in the way of making it easier to get housing built, but progress is being made. Mayor Naugle has a bumper sticker in his office that reads "Make getting welfare as hard to get as a building permit." I told him it should read, "Make getting as building permit as easy to get as welfare."
7. Fall municipal elections. Another potential bright spot. As I urged in this column many months ago, a few local municipalities switched their elections to November from the traditional springtime and got, as predicted, a big increase in turnout and significant cost savings. Others, such as Fort Lauderdale, are seriously considering it, and given the success of the first to try it, more will follow. Municipal elections were falling into the hands of fewer and fewer people, a bad sign for a democratic legitimacy. Look for more involved citizenry as a result.
8. That's all for now folks, sorry I couldn't be more upbeat, but that's what the future holds here for now.

Information Station..Continued

- The winning 80 banners will be displayed on S. Andrews Avenue, March 1 through June 2007.
- Possibility of the winning Banner will have a poster reproduction made for our use.
- School top entry will win a pizza party for their class.

All selections may not be used. SABA retains the right to all winning artwork. Thank you for your participation in this project.

EVE Volunteers Needed for Snyder Park Project

Volunteers are needed at Snyder Park on Saturday January 20th from 8 a.m. to noon to help plant and mulch at pavilion 5. All CVC volunteers are encouraged to come to this valuable project. Points/\$ can be earned by recognized neighbors for their participation! Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available.

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