

Truly successful decision-making relies on a balance between deliberate and instinctive thinking.
--- Malcolm Gladwell

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Dear Victoria



With this issue, and in each Tuesday and Sunday edition, The Boca Raton News begins a new column by Boca Raton resident Victoria Howard. "Dear Victoria" is an advice column about relationships and written by Howard — author of the book: "Why Women Love Bad Boys." She will also begin a new local two-hour radio show — Beauty and the Shrink — Saturday, Jan. 5. The two-hour show will air Saturday evenings from 7-9 on 940 AM--WINZ. Her co-host will be renowned New York psychoanalyst Dr. Fred Levenson. See the first Dear Victoria in this edition on Page 4.



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QUESTIONED!

Affordable Housing Ordinance

PROPOSAL TO BE AIRED AT PUBLIC HEARING DEC. 11

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

Boca Raton's proposed affordable housing ordinance has been a work in progress for at least three years.

And according to the state Department of Community Affairs, it needs more work. A lot more work.

DCA just issued its report on the ordinance after completing several months of review. The problems, it indicates, are glaring. Among them:

- The ordinance does not identify income groups and deletes any reference to "extremely low and moderate income households and mobile homes."
- It "fails to establish a method for determining developer's monetary contributions" to a land trust fund.
- It doesn't define the method of opting out of the program.
- It doesn't specify how the city will use the trust fund.

In the meantime, the City Council

has scheduled a public hearing on the ordinance for its meeting tonight (Tuesday, Dec. 11.) The DCA report will become part of that record.

Boca has been working seriously on a workforce ordinance since 2004 when the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce said the need for affordable housing was intense. A year later, the Chamber came forth with an ordinance prototype, which has grown into the one now being considered.

But the proposal got a bad start. The Planning & Zoning Board sent the work-

force-housing ordinance to the council without a recommendation. P&Z members deadlocked at 3-3 when asked to vote on whether to support it.

DCA recommends a number of ways to improve the proposal. The first is to remove the "vague" language "in order to provide meaningful guidelines."

The state, in its report, also says the city should deal with very low-income families and make provisions for mobile homes.

The report says DCA and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council both recommend building a certain percentage of workforce housing close to transit corridors. The city is developing a multi-modal transit system with the Tri-Rail station on Yamato Road as its hub. Shuttle buses come and go from that location.

Earlier this year, Boca's Planning & Zoning Director Carmen Annunziato said the affordable housing ordinance creates a "mandatory workforce-housing program that will require developers [to] either construct workforce housing on site or contribute to a workforce housing trust fund in the form of a housing linkage fee."

Already, one firm, Stiles Corp. of Fort Lauderdale, bought its way out of creating workforce housing at a development on Yamato Road. It paid \$3 million to a land trust in lieu of constructing workforce homes.

But DCA says the ordinance contains no mechanism for using the trust money.

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Hasner criticizes University of Florida

NEWS ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

By John Johnson
MANAGING EDITOR

Nothing is free, including free speech. Speech uttered without responsibility or accountability is not what the founders had in mind. Irresponsible speech in fact ends up ultimately hindering the very freedom it professes by example to symbolize.

In short — free speech permits a multitude of things to be written, said, portrayed, filmed, acted, etc, etc. What free speech doesn't do is give someone the right to harm others in its name, i.e., free speech doesn't give a person the right to yell "fire" in a crowded theater.

What it also doesn't do, according to House Majority Leader Rep. Adam Hasner, (R-Delray Beach), is give University of Florida professors the right to shut up or shut down students there who want to promote

a film that portrays radical Islam as what radical Islam in fact declares itself to be — murders of non-believers.

Some of the fliers used by the students to advertise the film read in part, "Radical Islam wants you dead."

That prompted University of Florida's Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Patricia Telles-Irvin, to distribute a campus-wide email condemning certain students and calling for them to apologize for posting an advertisement in advance of the showing of the film "Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West."

"Offensive"

In a campus-wide email to approximately 50,000 students, Dr. Telles-Irvin condemned the posting of the flyers as "offensive behavior," and demanded that the film organizers -- which included the Law School Republicans, Jewish Student Union, College Republicans, Gators for Israel, and the Jewish Law Students Association -- apologize.

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(Melissa Korman/Special to the News)

The torch is passed

State Sen. Ted Deutch, D-Boca Raton, takes the torch from Dori Levy, 16, a student at the Tampa Preparatory School and president of the STAND chapter, during Sunday's Olympic torch relay and rally for Darfur held in Boca Raton. The event, which began and ended at United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, was designed to educate the public and generate local advocacy about the Darfur genocide.

The nearby St. Gregory's Episcopal rang its church bells as runners passed. "Our symbolic Olympic Torch Relay is part of an international campaign of relays from Darfur to Beijing that started in August 2007, to publicly remind China of its ability and responsibility to help end the genocide in Darfur," said Fran Steinmark, co-chair of the Save Darfur Coalition of South Palm Beach, which sponsored the event.

HAPPINESS ANSWER™

The Map of Your Success

"How can I create momentum in my life? I've had good momentum in the past, but I lost it. And now I don't know how to get it back." This is a question I hear a lot. People want momentum in their lives and they are surprised when they lose it.

The challenge for most of us is to discover and understand what contributes to our personal momentum. One key to finding out the answer is to create what I call a "Momentum Map" of your life. Here's how it works.

Grab a blank sheet of paper and a pencil. In the bottom left corner of the page draw a small circle. In the top right corner of the paper draw another small circle. Now draw a line between them. This line represents your life to date. The left circle marks your birth and the right circle represents where you are today.

Turn the page over and think about your major successes in your life. What have you achieved? What times in your life were the most gratifying and meaningful? Spend ten minutes listing these accomplishments and experiences.

Turn the page back over and plot on your timeline all of these important events and experiences in your life. Place a mark and the approximate date on the timeline when the events occurred, and just below them write a two-three word description of each achievement.

Then look at the timeline. Choose any period of time when you felt

that you were really "on a roll"; you were experiencing momentum.

Now identify what I call your "Momentum Accelerators." Grab another sheet of paper. Think back to this time of achievement and satisfaction. What did you do back then that helped you succeed? What practices did you employ every day? How did you learn? Who was around to help you? How did you use your strengths? Write all these things down. These are the actions that fueled your success.

Here's the last step in the Momentum Map process. Get a new sheet of paper. Write out the major goals you plan to achieve over the next nine years. What are you going to do and when? Then turn over your page and draw a line just as you did before, from the bottom left corner to the top right corner of the page. This new line represents the next nine years of your life. Place marks along your new timeline when you expect that you will reach your objectives. Write two-three word descriptions for each of these achievements below the marks.

For the purpose of this exercise, write down the first accomplishment you expect to realize in your future. Your task is to answer this question, "How will I ensure that I create enough momentum in my life to achieve this goal?" The answer can be found in your past. Look at your list of Momentum Accelerators. Are you tapping them fully now? If not, put them back into use. You know how to succeed; you have



David J. Pollay

before. Write down what you're going to do now.

Most people look to others for motivation. Momentum builders do the opposite. They first look inside themselves for the excellence that is within. This is their foundation. Then they go outside to build the support they need to achieve their goals.

Your Momentum Map will help you create and sustain your exciting future by first leveraging your successful past. Your momentum is yours to create; enjoy it! And remember to tell me about it.

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Speaker Joe Milsaps HIGHLIGHTS NAVY LEAGUE MEETING

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Boca Delray Council of the Navy League of the United States recently held its annual fall dinner-dance at the Deerfield Country Club.

The meeting was opened by the posting of the colors by an honor guard consisting of members of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets and members of the Junior Naval ROTC.

Opening remarks were by Julie Herring, president of the Council, who introduced the speaker for the evening, Joe Milsaps, president of the Broward Navy Days Council.

Milsaps described the formation of the Broward Navy Days Council, which occurred in 1990. The group now has more than 250 members.

It is a civilian organization whose primary mission is the support of sea services. It fosters



Julie Herring, president of the Boca Raton Council of the Navy League, is shown with featured speaker Joe Milsaps, president of the Broward Navy Days Council, at a recent League meeting.

interest in maintaining a strong Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine as part of a sound national defense.

Its primary mission is to interface with the enlisted men at lo-

cal Coast Guard stations and the vessels of the United States Navy, which visit Port Everglades.

Information about the Boca Delray Council is available at 561-883-7971.

VIPs donate school supplies, gifts to Kids in New Directions



(Special to the News)

Lori Ludwig, left, and Nicole Flier, co-founders of South Florida VIPs, shop for items for needy kids.

By Dale M. King
CITY EDITOR

South Florida VIPs (Very Innovative Professionals) have ramped up fundraising for the Kids In New Directions program by collecting some practical and needed items.

Nicole Flier and Lori Ludwig, co-founders of the SFVIPs networking group, designated proceeds from their "Back to School Bowling Event" to purchase school supplies for local needy children served by the Spirit of Giving collaboration.

A total of \$800 was raised at the event and Lori and Nicole used the money to purchase paper, pencils, crayons and a myriad other items that the children need to help them achieve success in the classroom.

"On behalf of the members of the Spirit of Giving, I cannot express our thanks to Lori and Nicole and all the South Florida VIPs who contributed these items to our group," said Natalie Cwick, executive director of KIND and the Spirit

of Giving. "The South Florida VIPs have given us such tremendous support and we are very grateful to them for helping us give these children the same opportunities for success as their more fortunate classmates."

In addition to the school supplies, the VIPs are also supporting the 2007 Spirit of Giving holiday gift drive. More than 2,000 children will benefit from this community-wide campaign, which is coordinated by KIND and serves more than 15 local not-for-profit agencies and their families.

At the most recent event, South Florida VIP members adopted many of these children and will be shopping for their wish list items to give them a wonderful holiday to remember.

"Both Lori and I love kids and it was a natural fit to partner with KIND as our charity of choice to benefit from the events we hold for our members," said co-founder Flier. "The opportunity to help lo-

cal needy children in such a tangible way is a true privilege and we thank all of our members for consistently supporting our goals of giving back through Kids In New Direction and the Spirit of Giving."

The South Florida VIPs group was formed in 2006 and holds events throughout South Palm Beach County, with proceeds from each event going to benefit KIND.

VIP membership is geared toward young professionals in their 20s to 40s. Membership is free and members pay only for the events they attend. To sign up for VIP membership or view information about the group's activities, visit www.sfvips.com

KIND, established in 1997, is a nonprofit organization designed to provide access to after school programs that have a positive impact on children ages 5-12.

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Temple Emeth to hold Shabbat services Dec. 15

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Shabbat services will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Temple Emeth, 5780 W. Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Saul Teplitz, past president of the Rabbinical Assembly. Call 561-498-3536 for further information

Also, the show, "Scandals," will

be held at Temple Emeth. Rabbi Richard Yellin, in his 10th season as rabbi at Temple Emeth, is again presenting his "Scandals of-the-Week" discussion of contemporary newsworthy issues.

It will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Dec. 20 and 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Rabbi Yellin weaves tales of intrigue with his-

torical, social, and cultural references on current events affecting the Jewish population.

The series is free of charge, but seating is first available to members on a first-come, first-served basis. For information call 561-498-3536.

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