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WEATHER COOLER DAYS AHEAD

Cold front coming for Christmas

Temperatures on Thursday could top out in the low 70s.

By Matt Morgan
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

As a cold front moves toward South Florida that will drop temperatures for Christmas Day, last-minute travelers could hit some rough weather in many of the major Northern and Midwestern cities.

Weather in Palm Beach County has been trending several degrees above normal temperatures recently with several days topping 80 degrees.

Today will be another warm day and could approach record highs.

But those high temperatures will drop Thursday when highs struggle to move above the low 70s, accompanied by clouds and wind, National Weather Service Miami meteorologist David Ross said.

"It'll be quite a bit different for the daytime temperatures," Ross said of the weather on Christmas Day.

Before that front arrives, this afternoon and evening are expected to be rainy, possibly with thunderstorms, Ross said. The rain is expected to taper off by Christmas morning.

While central and northern Florida could see some heavier storms, Palm Beach County won't see the strong thunderstorms that could cause large-scale flight delays. But that may not be true in some of the Northern cities.

Air travelers going to cities like New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Boston and Chicago could run into snags with heavy rain or snow moving to those areas today.

The rough weather will be felt all the way down the East Coast to Georgia. Fog could also be a problem for Midwest and Northeast travelers, according to AccuWeather meteorologist Elliot Abrams.

For today, the Weather Service forecasts the following for these major cities:

Atlanta: Possible thunderstorms before 2 p.m., then showers afterward.

Boston: A quarter to a half inch of rainfall; a 90 percent chance of precipitation.

Chicago: 1-3 inches of snow.

New York: A half to three-quarters of an inch of rain, with possible thunderstorms after noon.

Washington, D.C.: A quarter to a half inch of rainfall.

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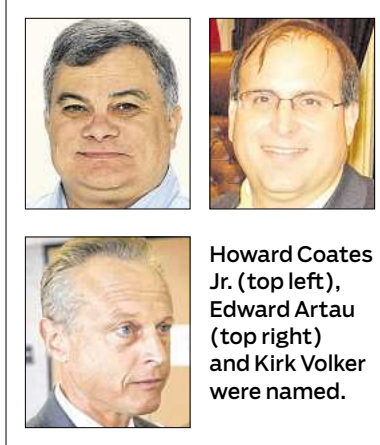
COURTS NEW JUDGES



Howard Coates Jr. (top left), Edward Artau (top right) and Kirk Volker were named.

3 named county circuit judges

Lawyers selected by Scott tied to governor or Republican Party.

By Jane Musgrave
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

To the surprise of few legal insiders, three attorneys with ties to the Republican Party or Gov. Rick Scott on Tuesday were appointed by the governor to fill vacancies on the Palm Beach County Circuit Court bench.

Wellington Councilman Howard Coates Jr., longtime county prosecutor Kirk Volker and South Florida Water Management District attorney Edward Artau were chosen over 12 others who were recommended by a local nominating commission.

While not questioning the legal chops of any of the three who will take office in January, some attorneys said they were disappointed that it appears Scott once again let political connections guide the selection process.

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BOCA RATON HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

A sparkling family tradition

Memories of decorated Boca home inspire son to create light-show trees, wreaths.

By Jennifer Sorentrue
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Delray Beach business owner Joey Parisi has turned a Christmastime tradition of decking the halls on his family's Boca Raton home into a career designing products that others include in their own holiday light shows.

After graduating from Florida State University in 2005, the musician and budding engineer began developing a line of holiday-themed products that synchronize lights and music. Parisi's iTree, iWreath and iPalm come prelit and include a pre-programmed computer box that allows businesses and homeowners to create their own choreographed light display right out of the box.

About four years ago, Mizner Park began using iTree as part of its holiday display. The annual light show has continued to grow, and now includes a number of Parisi's products.

This year's display at Mizner includes a 47-foot iTree with 25,000 LED lights. The 20-minute light show runs three times a night at 7, 8 and 9 p.m., through Jan. 1.

"I came up with this idea that it would be so cool if anybody could just plug their

iTree continued on **B5**

MIZNER PARK'S MAGICAL HOLIDAY SPECTACLE

- 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton
- Nightly light shows through Jan. 1
- The 20-minute shows begin at 7, 8 and 9 p.m.
- The display is located on the south end of the center between Lord & Taylor and Jazziz

Brothers Anthony (left) and Joey Parisi run Music N' Motion, a local company that created the iTree, which uses a computer box that lets owners create instant animated light shows. A 47-foot iTree is on display at Mizner Park in Boca Raton, where it offers three nightly shows. RICHARD GRAULICH / THE PALM BEACH POST

TOURISM BOCA BOWL GAME

Boca Bowl weather, activities impress

Visitors thrilled by balmy temperatures, pleased with fan fest.

By Jeff Ostrowski
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

BOCA RATON — The inaugural Boca Raton Bowl boasted two top teams from so-called mid-major conferences, but for fans from Illinois and West Virginia, the real attraction was South Florida's balmy weather.

"We're supposed to get a bunch of snow in Chicago," said Northern Illinois fan Paul Palian – one of about 20,000 who turned out for the game.

Palian, who lives in Aurora, Ill., wore shorts and tossed a football with his 12-year-old daughter before Tuesday night's game. Marshall fan Shawn Massey was wearing shorts, too.

"Eighty-one degrees two days before Christmas – you can't beat that," Massey said.

The event was the first bowl game at Florida Atlantic Uni-

Fans continued on **B5**

» **IN SPORTS:** Read The Post's game coverage of the inaugural Boca Bowl.
» **ONLINE:** See a photo gallery from the game. **mypalmbeachpost.com**

WEST PALM BEACH WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

Court ruling called 'win' for Flagler condo foes

Lawyer says judges saw that city bypassed its own planning board.

By Tony Doris
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — Opponents of a proposed 22-story condo on the former Chapel by the Lake site say Monday's appellate court ruling represents a "David-versus-Goliath win" over a developer trying to erect a tower that city law says needs three times as much land as it has.

The City Commission in January approved a change in the site's zoning designation, to residential planned development from community service planned development – for the 3.21-acre site at 1112 S. Flagler Drive, formerly an outdoor chapel for First Baptist Church. But the three-judge panel overturned that approval, ruling in favor of Citizens for Thoughtful Growth, West Palm Beach.

The panel said a land designation for residential planned development requires that a site cover at least 10 acres. A

Chapel continued on **B4**

Demolition began in August on the Chapel by the Lake site, which was approved in January for a 22-story condominium project.
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Frank Cerabino's column will return Dec. 31.

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