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Opening victory

Serena Williams easily wins, plays again today at Miami Open. **6C**

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### Critics are hesitant to unleash stem-cell therapy for ailing dogs

Veterinarians say there's help available for pooches suffering from hip dysplasia or arthritis. In a single day, vets say, cells can be removed, processed and re-injected into joints. Critics, however, worry that marketing of stem-cell therapy for animals has gotten ahead of the research needed to validate its use. Then there's the added rub of cost. At \$1,400 to \$3,000 for the procedure, most pet owners opt out. **Story, 4B**



## Bill gives young athletes options on where to play

Possibility of creating ‘powerhouse’ high schools a fear

**BY DAN SWEENEY**  
Staff writer

High school athletes could act almost as free agents if a bill that reforms the Florida High School

Athletic Association passes through the Legislature.

The bill would allow students whose schools have no team in a given sport to attend a different school in their county for athletic

purposes only. The option also would apply to students who are home-schooled or attend virtual schools.

That has raised concerns that some marquee athletes

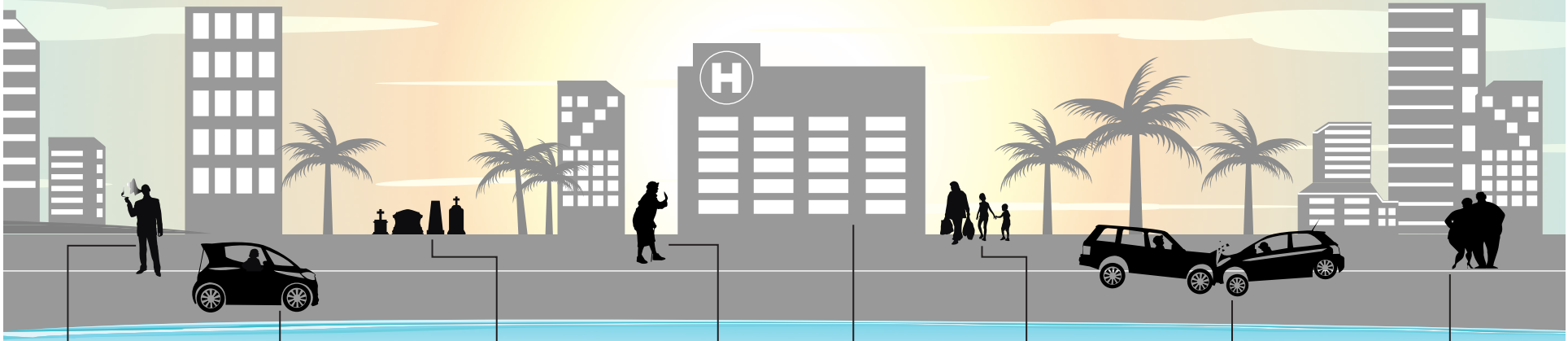
may use the option — or be lured to use it — to be able attend a school with a premier sports program.

The scenario critics fear: Johnny is an outstanding football player but he lives in a school zone with a foot-

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How healthy are we?

‘Where we live matters’ in Palm Beach County, where we feel better than much of the state



Adult smokers

Only 14 percent of Palm Beach County adults smoke, ranking the county among the nation's top performers. Experts credit Florida's anti-smoking campaign.

Commuting

One-third of Palm Beach County residents drive solo to their jobs at least 30 minutes each way. Health risks? Accidents, stress and obesity.

Premature deaths

Fatal accidents and illness, many preventable, claim a lot of Palm Beach County residents before their time — younger than age 75.

Mammography screenings

Although Medicare covers one screening annually, about 27 percent of Palm Beach County women ages 67 to 69 aren't getting theirs regularly.

Uninsured

About 25 percent of the county's residents have no insurance. Without health care or screenings, they may be diagnosed with illnesses too late for treatment.

Childhood poverty

Almost one-fourth of county children live in poverty, around the state average. This puts them at risk for chronic illness and obesity.

Injury deaths

Accidents including poisoning and drowning claim 68 per 100,000 population in Palm Beach County annually. Car crashes are the most common killer of young adults.

Obesity

While Florida counties run trimmer than the national median rate, 22 percent of Palm Beach County residents are obese. Potential consequences? Cancer, diabetes, heart disease.

**BY DIANE C. LADE** | Staff writer

Lookin' fit and fine, Palm Beach County. You're in the Top 10. The 2015 annual County Health Rankings, released last week, scored Palm Beach County 10th among Florida's 67 counties on factors that predict how healthy a community will be in the future. Our residents are smoking far less than the national median, are less likely to have babies as teenagers, and have plenty of places to exercise. Palm Beach County also ranked 10th statewide on health outcomes, which

are defined as indicators of how healthy and happy people are now. Only 12 percent of county residents rate themselves as being in poor or fair health. “People in general seem to think of themselves as healthy, which makes me optimistic,” said Linda Quick, president of the South Florida Hospital & Healthcare Association, which covers four counties including Palm Beach County. “We have more than enough emergency departments, doctors and clinics to serve them.”

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### West Palm embraces body cameras

**BY ADAM SACASA** | Staff writer

In the court of public opinion, video can be a powerful tool.

So the West Palm Beach Police Department is adding to its arsenal small body cameras that some officers will wear on patrol. The tiny cylinders can be clipped to sunglasses, baseball caps or collars. Along with an approximately three-ounce controller, the cameras weigh about half an ounce and each are about 3 inches long.

The department plans to start training officers to use the cameras Wednesday,

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A model wears a tiny camera that can be clipped to baseball caps or collars.

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#### Top congressional Democrat to retire

Sen. Harry Reid's announcement drops him from re-election for office in 2016. **3A**

#### Voting extended by a day in Nigeria

Machine errors and massive turnout for a close presidential election prompted the extension. **6A**

### State's gender gap narrows, but equal wages still far off

**BY WILLIAM E. GIBSON**  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Florida is projected to become the first state in the nation to close the wage gap between men and women — but it will take more than two decades.

The long-sought goal of equal pay for equal work won't be achieved until at least 2038, according to a

report released this month by the Institute for Women's Policy Research. And current trends indicate that both genders in Florida on average will be left with relatively low pay.

The biggest challenge in Florida is not so much to close the gender gap but to find a way to boost pay for all, some analysts say.

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