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What's in a name? Pride or future shame?



Michael Mayo

Lauren Book Boulevard? Prominent lobbyist Ron Book wanted a stretch of Fort Lauderdale road named after his daughter, a sex-abuse survivor and activist who also happens to be running for state Senate. Bad idea.

Next thing you know, a city will auction off street names to the highest bidder, with a car dealer and chiropractor among the winners.

Or someone will name a street outside a hockey arena after the city manager who helped get the thing built.

Or a city will name a street after a U.S. president in office only a few months.

Oh wait, those last three things have already happened. It's how we got Bill Wallace Drive and Dr. Carol Krol Way in Delray Beach in 1993, Pat Salerno Drive in Sunrise in 1998, and Barack Obama Boulevard in West Park in 2009.

There's also a George (H.W.) Bush Boulevard in Delray Beach, a result of the city's 1993 street-naming auction that helped refurbish an old schoolhouse. A local Republican club bid \$25,000 to pay tribute to the ex-president.

Hey, if wealthy folks — excuse me, philanthropists — can use money and influence to have their names affixed to museums, theaters and hospital wings, why can't the same concept take hold in the public sphere?

How about Donald J. Trump International Airport? That might be the perfect way for Palm Beach County commissioners to entice the Republican presidential frontrunner to settle his noise lawsuit against Palm Beach International Airport. And it'll save them the trouble of renaming it after Trump's second term.

Ron Book said he's just a proud father trying to honor his inspirational daughter. Turn out his effort to rename a stretch of Federal Highway didn't pass both chambers of the Legislature this year, so the matter was moot when it recently went to the Fort Lauderdale commission. Lauren Book says she'd prefer the stretch of Federal Highway be named generically to honor all abuse survivors. That's sensible.

My rule of thumb: It's unwise to name streets, parks or other public spots after living people, especially politicians and athletes.

Because no matter how admirable or heroic they may seem, they still have

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Tales of killing don't match

Shooting was no accident, family says

BY ADAM SACASA
Staff writer

Thanksgiving Day was the last time Lakeyvia Delk saw her little brother alive.

Cracking jokes, dancing and playing with his young nephews, Johnathan Pearson, 16, of Riviera Beach, was in high spirits, said his sister, Delk, 25, of Lake Worth.

But the next day as Pearson went to a home four blocks away, looking for his other sister, he was shot once in the chest and killed, his brother-in-law and Delk's husband, Fitolay Dememin, said.

The shooting suspect, Kenerick Taylor, 21, of Riviera Beach, said it was an accident, but police and family members of Pearson say otherwise.

Police learned of the shooting at 11:09 p.m. Friday after a woman told authorities that "John John" was shot in front of an

apartment in the 1600 block of West 37th Street, according to a Riviera Beach police arrest report.

Officers responded to the shooting to find Taylor outside his apartment, holding Pearson's motionless body in his arms.

Crime scene investigators later found a gun wrapped in a blue shirt beside a fence near the apartment, they said.

Taylor's girlfriend, Ashley Blue, who lives with him in the apartment, told police she was in her bedroom when she heard a

gunshot. She and Taylor then walked outside to find Pearson shot, she told police, according to the report.

Two men at the apartment said Taylor was playing with the gun. When they left to go to a store, they heard a gunshot and turned around to find Taylor trying to keep Pearson from falling.

Taylor first denied knowing how the shooting happened when interviewed by Riviera Beach police detectives. Then

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Dance lessons



CARLINE JEAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Grace Brinley, 6, of Boca Raton, dances during Musical Theater and Dance class at the Boca Raton Community Center on Monday. The class teaches team building, theater games and dance routines for kids ages 5-9. For more information, call 561-393-7807.

Holiday cheer on tap

Parades and train rides among free events in Boca

BY EMILY MILLER
Staff writer

Boca Raton is bringing holiday cheer to the city's downtown via foot, boat and train.

A street parade, a boat parade and train rides are among the free events offered by the city in December.

Light Up Downtown Boca, the city's series of winter holiday festivities, will continue through Dec. 19. The series

kicked off Wednesday with the city's annual tree-lighting ceremony.

On Wednesday, the city will host its 45th annual holiday street parade. This year's theme: "A Storybook Holiday."

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., about 64 floats will entertain an estimated 30,000 viewers with dance, lights and song as the parade moves along Federal Highway from Southeast

Seventh Street toward Mizner Park, with grandstand viewing at Sanborn Square.

Then, on Dec. 13, the public is invited to a free holiday music concert.

The FAU Tuba Christmas 2015 will begin at 5 p.m. and will feature music performed by tubas and euphoniums. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets as

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Delray seeks fee funds for repairs

Rules restrict use of county money

BY MARISA GOTTESMAN
Staff writer

Delray Beach wants to tap into a pot of Palm Beach County money to pay for road repairs and other transportation improvements on which current rules prevent the money from being spent.

Late Tuesday, Delray Beach commissioners will consider asking the Palm Beach County Commission to look into allowing the money collected from road impact fees to be spent on fixing existing issues with city roads. Currently, the fees can only be spent on new projects including new development construction, buying property for roads and traffic signals.

Every year, the county collects millions of dollars from new developments through impact fees which go toward funding libraries, parks and roads. During the next five years, the county estimates it will collect \$141 million in road impact fees set aside to build new and bigger roads in mostly developing suburban areas. The money collected is di-

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Office drops charges against ex-radio host

BY LINDA TRISCHITTA
Staff writer

Citing “irreconcilable differences in witness testimony,” the Miami-Dade state attorney’s office on Monday dropped disorderly conduct and resisting arrest charges against Tamiko “Miko” Grimes, a former South Florida sports radio host and wife of Miami Dolphins cornerback Brent Grimes.

Grimes, 40, of Davie, on Sept. 27 caught the attention of Miami-Dade police as they managed crowds and traffic outside Sun Life Stadium in Miami Gardens before the Dolphins’ game against the Buffalo Bills.

Grimes, married since 2010 to the three-time Pro Bowler, 32, was accused of disobeying orders while walking in a restricted area and head-butting an officer, according to an arrest report.

She was arrested on suspicion of battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer with violence, both felonies, as well as disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor.

In October, the battery charge was dropped, and prosecutors formally charged Grimes with resisting an officer without violence and disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors.

During a court hearing Monday, the state attorney’s office declined to prosecute Grimes.

“Miko and Brent are extremely happy to have this behind them and do appreciate the efforts of the state attorney, who looked at extremely serious allegations and dismissed the charges,” lawyer Anthony Rubino said.

A Miami Dolphins spokesman declined to com-

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Cellphone video captured a portion of Grimes’ arrest, when police held her face down on the ground. She can be heard repeatedly asking, “Are you f----- serious?”

Police said that after Grimes was handcuffed and standing, she head-butted an officer’s face, but the cellphone video did not show that, according to a prosecutor.

Grimes also screamed obscenities, kicked at an officer and briefly became calm when cops threatened to use a Taser, the police report states.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue treated Grimes for injuries to her arm and knee, police said.

Miami-Dade Police Detective Daniel Ferrin said Officer Jessenia Munoz was head-butted.

“She was hit that day, but she didn’t have any broken bones,” Ferrin said Monday. “They took pictures, she had redness, but continued working.”

Assistant State Attorney Antonio Lozada’s memo to close the case said Munoz swore in a statement that she did not recall any officer pulling out a Taser, did not recognize the officer who

wrote the arrest report and said the head-butting incident happened in a different area of the stadium parking lot than the police report indicated.

Witness Alicia Booker, a friend of Grimes, told prosecutors that Grimes was on the phone being directed on where to enter the stadium. Booker said she saw police tackle Grimes, but did not see her head-butt or kick any officers.

Also, video showed other civilians walking through the same restricted area, Lozada wrote.

“For these reasons — and the likelihood that a jury would find that the force used by the officers was beyond that necessary for this type of offense — the state will not be able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant’s words and conduct created safety concerns and that the officer was in a lawful execution of a legal duty at the time of the arrest,” the prosecutor wrote.

“The rules were unequally applied” to Grimes, Rubino said. “Her friend was not arrested. Miko was in the street, 30 to 40 feet from the turnstiles, 15 minutes before the game. There were people everywhere. She wasn’t running on the field.”

Rubino said Grimes passed a polygraph test during which she denied head-butting an officer.

He said his client “had never been arrested before” and that he hopes “she can move on. She lost her job, based on an allegation.”

Before her arrest, Grimes appeared part-time on sports radio station 560-WQAM, during shows hosted by Orlando Alzugaray and Omar Kelly, a Sun Sentinel sports writer.

Reached Monday, WQAM’s program director, Ryan McGuire, did not wish to comment.

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FLORIDA’S LOTTERY

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Selected Monday

Cash 3 (midday): 0-5-4
Cash 3 (evening): 3-7-1
Play 4 (midday): 2-3-5-8
Play 4 (evening): 2-8-5-4

Selected Sunday

Fantasy 5: 3-6-13-35-36	Nos.	Winners	Payout
5	1		\$182,373
4	257		\$114.00
3	7,509		\$10.50

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-4016
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Attempted murder investigated

Police are investigating a Thanksgiving Day shooting in Hollywood that left a man in critical condition.

Detectives are asking for the public’s help in identifying a man who may have information related to the attempted murder at 2243 N. 22nd Ave. around 10 p.m. Nov. 26.

The victim, a 34-year-old man, has life-threatening injuries after being shot several times, police said.

Police on Monday released video taken from the victim’s home. It shows the subject wearing a dark-colored hat, a maroon long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. The man, who police say is between 40 and 55 years old, is seen in the video smoking a cigarette.

Authorities ask anyone with information to contact the Hollywood Police Department at 954-764-4357, 954-967-4411 or send a tip to hollywoodpdtips@hollywoodfl.org.

— Rebeca Piccardo

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vided throughout five zones.

But eastern cities such as Delray Beach don’t have the room for bigger roads due to their dense, urban downtowns. Rather than stow away the money for new roads, city officials want the money to go toward repairing roads and pedestrian and bicycle initiatives.

As of 2014, Delray Beach spent about \$200,000 to \$300,000 a year on road repairs and maintenance when it should spend about \$2 million to \$3 million, city officials said.

Delray Beach city officials also said there is an imbalance between the amount of money the

county generates from the impact fees and the amount of money being spent in Delray Beach’s zone.

Delray Beach is in Zone 5, and city officials said between 2003 and 2014, the county brought in \$530,000 in Zone 5 and spent \$295,000.

The county has collected impact fees since 1988. The fees are calculated based on the size and type of proposed development.

The city’s request to the county to review how the money is spent will be up for discussion at 6 p.m. Tuesday in City Hall, 100 NW First Ave.

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the event will be held outdoors at the Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real.

Festivities will continue Dec. 18 with free train rides and “snow” starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Mizner Park Amphitheater.

Dress in pajamas for a 6:30 p.m. showing of The Polar Express, a 2004 movie about a boy’s magical train ride to the North Pole. Pizza, popcorn, hot chocolate and other concessions will be available for purchase. Bring blankets and chairs, or rent one for \$5.

The series will culmi-

nate on Dec. 19 with another longtime Boca holiday tradition.

The 39th annual Holiday Boat Parade will light up the waterways beginning at 6:30 p.m. along the C-15 Canal. It’s free to enter a boat or to watch from bleacher viewing at Silver Palm and Red Reef parks.

Those attending the holiday events are encouraged to walk, bike, car pool and use free parking at City Hall, the Boca Raton Library and Downtown Boca Library.

For more information, visit myboca.us or call 561-393-7807.

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his story changed to him handing the teen a gun that accidentally “went off,” according to his arrest report.

But Demesmin, 34, of Lake Worth, said the shooting was no accident.

“People inside the home, they’re telling us a whole different story,” Demesmin said. “They’re saying it wasn’t accidental.”

Demesmin said Pearson went to Taylor’s home, looking for his sister, who sometimes stayed at the home. Once Pearson got to the apartment, Pearson ran into Taylor, and the two got into an argument.

Demesmin said the two had previous disagreements and didn’t get along. A friend of Demesmin told him that during the argument, Taylor threatened to shoot Pearson, he said.

Pearson thought Taylor was bluffing, telling him he didn’t have a gun, but once Taylor pulled the gun out, he began pointing it at the teen, Demesmin said.

Then at some point, the gun fired and Pearson was

dead. Investigators didn’t believe Taylor and are still trying to determine exactly how the shooting happened, according to the report.

Demesmin said there were several people in the apartment’s living room when Pearson died and that no one immediately called paramedics.

“After the shooting happened, they were calling other friends to see what they can do. They didn’t call police or paramedics,” Demesmin said.

He said witnesses are also staying silent because they’re afraid of retaliation from Taylor and of being labeled snitches.

Demesmin said he is going door to door collecting information about his brother-in-law’s shooting because some people aren’t talking to investigators.

“The stuff officers cannot get from the streets, I have vowed to get myself,” Demesmin said.

Taylor faces a homicide charge and is being held in Palm Beach County Jail without bail.

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Police seek information after double shooting

BY WAYNE K. ROUSTAN
Staff writer

One man is dead and a second was hospitalized following a double shooting early Monday in Oakland Park.

After answering a call about a shooting, deputies found two men suffering from gunshot wounds at about 1:35 a.m. in an apartment building on the 2900 block of Northwest 29th Street, the Broward Sheriff’s Office said.

Oakland Park Fire Rescue took both men to Broward Health Medical

Center.

Eugene Randall, 45, of Fort Lauderdale, was transported in critical condition and pronounced dead at the hospital. The second man, whose name had not been released, had injuries that were not considered life-threatening, officials said.

Investigators are asking anyone with information about the shooting to call Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-8477 or go online to browardcrimestoppers.org.

A reward of up to \$3,000 is available for information leading to an arrest.

Man slits roommate’s throat, deputies say

BY WAYNE K. ROUSTAN
Staff writer

An argument between roommates sent one man to the hospital with a slashed throat and the other to jail facing a charge of attempted murder, the Broward Sheriff’s Office said.

Charles Helton, 55, of Deerfield Beach, argued with John Phelis about 11:23 p.m. Sunday in an apartment they shared at 2108 Congressional Way, according to the arrest re-

port filed in the case.

Helton and Phelis began shoving each other, and when Phelis turned his back, Helton grabbed a steak knife from the kitchen, came up behind Phelis and cut his throat from “ear to ear,” the report stated.

Phelis required emergency surgery for the severed arteries in his neck and was listed in critical but stable condition, detectives said.

Helton was being held without bond, jail records showed.

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the capacity to do something dumb in the future.

Case in point: Jose Canseco. The former big-league slugger had a street named for him in Miami; then he became a major-league embarrassment. He had run-ins with the law and ratted out himself and his whole baseball generation as a bunch of steroid-ingesting freaks. The city stripped away his street honor.

If only the University of Miami had the same sense of dignity with disgraced ballplayers. Its baseball stadium is still known as Alex Rodriguez Park, despite A-Rod’s steroid suspensions and many bogus denials about drug use. Chalk it up to the \$3.9 million he gave to renovate the facility.

I don’t have any streets or buildings named after me (I don’t even have a Wikipedia entry), so call me old-fashioned. When it comes to finding deserving names to put on streets or public spots, I say the best candidates are in cemeteries and obituaries.

The living can only find ways to haunt us.

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Man charged in kidnapping and repeated rape of woman

BY WAYNE K. ROUSTAN
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A 62-year-old man is accused of kidnapping a woman and repeatedly raping her to, “teach her how to work as a prostitute,” the Broward Sheriff’s Office said.



Sands

George Anthony

Sands was found Friday at 1039 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd. following the abduction and sexual batteries that happened two weeks earlier, according to the arrest report filed in the case.

Sands first approached the woman and struck up a conversation about 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 outside the Food and Grocery Store at 4521 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd. in Pembroke Park, detectives said.

She said she didn’t know Sands, but recognized him from the neighborhood and told him about her dead cellphone. He offered to recharge it in his pickup truck, so she got in and accepted a ride home, investigators

[Sands] is being held without bond on charges that include sexual battery with a weapon, kidnapping and battery causing bodily harm, jail records indicate.

said.

According to the arrest report, the woman didn’t notice that Sands had driven past her street and, instead, stopped in front of a warehouse bay. She sensed something was wrong, but before she could run away Sands grabbed her, forced her into the bay and closed the door, the report stated.

The woman told investigators that Sands punched and choked her to prevent her escape. At one point she passed out on the floor and when she awoke she was pushed onto a couch. Sands poked her all over with a knife threatening to harm her more severely if she tried to leave, detectives

Lohan’s stepmother removed from flight

Associated Press

A coast-to-coast flight was diverted to New Orleans to remove actress Lindsay Lohan’s stepmother, authorities said.

Kate Major-Lohan, who is married to Lindsay Lohan’s father, was removed from a JetBlue plane on Wednesday, Col. John Fortunato, spokesman for the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office, confirmed in an email on Saturday.

FBI spokesman Craig Betzebe said she was arrested on a charge of interfering with flight crew members and attendants.

JetBlue Airways Corp. spokeswoman Sharon Jones said in an email that Wednesday’s Flight 101 from Fort Lauderdale to Los Angeles was diverted to New Orleans to remove an “unruly customer” whom she did not identify. She referred further questions to law enforcement.

Major-Lohan’s phone number was not immediately available. It was not clear whether she had an attorney who could comment.

Lindsay Lohan’s spokeswoman, Kate Driver, said in an email, “We don’t comment on clients’ personal lives.”

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