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WEST PALM BEACH

'Save the Panther' racescheduled Jan. 4 at zoo

The Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society will hold its inaugural "Save the Panther 5k" race, presented by Sagicor Life Insurance, at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 4 on zoo grounds at 1301 Summit Blvd.

The starting line begins at the zoo's parking lot, and goes through Dreher Park, entering the zoo on the west side. The running path passes by the Wallaby Viewing station, Fennec Fox exhibit, Ocelots, Siamang Island and more on the way to the finish line in the Interactive Fountain by the zoo's entrance.

Mira, the Zoo's new Florida Panther, will be moving from quarantine quarters to the panther exhibit in a holding yard during the final week of race registration, leading up to an official public debut during a special "Panther Talk" at 9:45 a.m. after the race finishes.

Runners who participate in the "Save the Panther 5k" race will receive free zoo admission for the day. Discount zoo coupons will be included in each runner's packet, for supporters who would like to cheer them on as they cross the finish line. Brochures and information about panther conservation, provided by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, will be included in runner participant packets.

Runners can register online at palmbeachzoo.org through noon Jan. 3, with limited on-site race day registration available. The first 500 runners will receive a panther shirt featuring a photo of Micco, the zoo's panther ambassador who is currently on exhibit.

-- Staff report

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Driver injured when molasses truck overturns

Palm Beach County fire rescue crews had to rescue the driver of a molasses truck after it flipped and almost slid into a canal.

The crash happened at 5:41a.m. Friday in the 1000 block of County Road 827A. First-arriving crews found a tractor trailer upside down, with the trailer partially in the canal and the driver still inside the cab.

Firefighters had to cut the driver from the cab and he was taken to Delray Hospital by Trauma Hawk helicopter.

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DELRAY BEACH

Hearing loss group meets Jan. 17 at civic center

The Delray/Boynton/Boca Raton Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America holds its next monthly meeting from 9:45 a.m. to noon Jan. 17 at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, opposite Morikami Park.

The Jan. 17 meeting will feature guest speaker Dr. Steven D. Sederholm, who will discuss "An In-Depth Look at Hearing Loss," which examines the ramifications of hearing loss and discusses new technology.

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WELLINGTON

Bicyclist badly hurt after 'riding into path' of car

A 64-year-old man riding a bicycle was critically injured in an accident Thursday evening, Palm Beach County deputies said.

Donald Patterson, of Wellington, was riding near Greenview Shores Boulevard and Wellington Trace. Deputies say he "rode his bicycle into the path" of a 2005 Mazda 6 driven by 48-year-old Shakuntala Gosine.

Patterson was knocked onto the hood of the car and then onto the pavement, deputies said. He was taken to Delray Medical Center.

Deputies said Patterson was "solely at fault" and "alcohol impairment may have played a factor."

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BOCA RATON

Christine Lynn donates \$250K to nursing school

Florida Atlantic University's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing has received a \$250,000 gift from its namesake donor.

Lynn's gift will be used to prevent brain drain by creating a fund to help retain the best and brightest faculty at FAU, officials say.

There is a critical national nurse faculty shortage, and the most talented faculty are being heavily recruited by universities throughout the country, they say. The faculty talent retention fund provides incentives and rewards for special faculty accomplishments, officials say.

"It is vital that the quality of nursing care and nurse leadership remain strong, and this begins with students in our community obtaining a solid nursing education from the best faculty," Lynn said.

Lynn is a registered nurse and the widow of Eugene Lynn, one of Boca Raton's largest philanthropists. The nursing college was named after her following a \$10 million donation in 2001.

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