FIU professor goes from timid to Toastmaster: West Kendall Toastmaster Jim Bussey competes in public speaking, a long stride away from his previous, unassertive self [The Miami Herald]
Knight Ridder/Tribune - 06/17/2007 4:46 AM ET

About 10 years ago, a quiet and timid Jim Bussey preferred the company of his UNISYS computer. On Friday, the 63-year-old flew to Greenville, S.C., to compete against public speakers from Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Virginia, the Bahamas, and North and South Carolina at the Southeast Regional Toastmasters Competition.

Tenants persevere to stay afloat: Tenants at a Davie shopping center are struggling as they get hit with bills for increasing taxes and insurance, a problem certain to mount for other small [The Miami Herald]
Knight Ridder/Tribune - 06/17/2007 4:43 AM ET

managing partner, Global Fund Investments. Israel Broide had high hopes when he opened Ocean Breeze Drycleaners in April 2006 at Lakeside Townships, a Davie shopping center anchored by Super Target. But things haven't turned out the way Broide and the other local tenants at Lakeside Townshops planned.

Another stroll down the green path [The Charlotte Observer, N.C.]
Knight Ridder/Tribune - 06/17/2007 4:37 AM ET

How do you raise money-savvy children? This week, here are more thoughts from parents we heard from before and after last week's story ran. Born saving. Justine Tobin, Charlotte mother of three and founder and managing partner of Tobin Solitario Investment Banking Group My children are 13, 11 and 9. Recently, my daughter questioned her friends on why they didn't have savings accounts.

Time for Wi-Fi to sink or sync [The Philadelphia Inquirer]
Knight Ridder/Tribune - 06/17/2007 3:37 AM ET

Is Philadelphia about to become a wireless heaven, filled with laptop-wielding residents connecting to the Internet on the cheap from home or around town? Or is the dream announced almost three years ago by Mayor Street to make Philadelphia a "hot city" just that -- a dream whose reality will only disappoint? We're about to find out.

Brandywine Prime [The Philadelphia Inquirer]
Knight Ridder/Tribune - 06/17/2007 3:36 AM ET

GERALD S. WILLIAMS / Inquirer Staff Photographer. This roasted rack of Australian lamb was easily Brandywine's prize, but it suffered from sloppy presentation.

Questions over judge's land deal: A legal tangle over a Girard Ave. tract has the FBI taking a look [The Philadelphia Inquirer]
Knight Ridder/Tribune - 06/17/2007 3:34 AM ET

After she slipped and fell on an icy sidewalk in North Philadelphia, Denise Jackson pocketed a modest sum: $1,500. Her lawyer did much better. Following a dizzying whirl of legal filings and real estate transactions, lawyer Willis W. Berry Jr. ended up owning the vacant lot where Jackson fell -- a property now worth more than $100,000. Jackson now says she was cheated.

'Someone has to protect the children' [The Shelby Star, N.C.]
Knight Ridder/Tribune - 06/17/2007 3:01 AM ET

This is the first of a three-part series focusing on the efforts of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office to crack down on online sexual predators. SHELBY -- Tucked away in his office in the Law Enforcement Center, Cleveland County Sheriff's Capt.

PARIS AIR SHOW: This year finds some aircraft makers at the forefront, others locked in struggle
The final day of the Tour de France is traditionally a casual ride down the Champs Elysees, celebratory champagne in hand. Officials from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Fort Worth might be tempted to re-enact the famous finish this week at the Paris Air Show. Aviation industry experts say the manufacturer is flying high.

Supermarkets Offering Personal Scanners
AP Digital - 06/17/2007 12:03 AM ET
Stephanie Cerneck doesn't go through the checkout line at her supermarket anymore. "When I come up to the checkout, everything's already bagged, I go to my car, I'm done. The handheld scanner lets customers keep a running tally as they work their way through the aisles, allowing them to spend more time shopping and less time waiting to check out.

Modest inflation thrills investors [The Kansas City Star, Mo.]
Knight Ridder/Tribune - 06/16/2007 11:59 PM ET
Stocks ended a positive week Friday with a push back toward recent record highs. Punctuating the day, the Dow Jones industrial average flirted with another triple-digit gain as investors saw what they wanted in a key measure of inflation at the consumer level. Olathe-based Garmin Ltd., meanwhile, reached its fourth record high in as many sessions, pushing toward $70 a share.