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FLA. LOTTERY RESULTS

SELECTED TUESDAY, JAN. 25

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| MIDDAY CASH 3 | 7-0-3 |
| NIGHT PLAY 4 | 5-5-5-1 |
| NIGHT CASH 1 | 5-9-6 |
| NIGHT PLAY 4 | 5-1-1-9 |
| MEGA MONEY | 26-29-36-38-42 |
| FANTASY 5 | 1-8-11-27-31 |

SELECTED MONDAY, JAN. 24

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| FANTASY 5 14-22-25-31-36 | | |
| CORRECT | PAYOFF | WINNERS |
| 5 of 5 | Ballwheel | 8 |
| 4 of 5 | \$555 | 298 |
| 3 of 5 | \$24 | 7,871 |

SELECTED SUNDAY, JAN. 23

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| FANTASY 5 15-18-21-22-25 | | |
| CORRECT | PAYOFF | WINNERS |
| 5 of 5 | \$91,558.34 | 2 |
| 4 of 5 | \$155 | 199 |
| 3 of 5 | \$11 | 7,234 |

SELECTED SATURDAY, JAN. 22

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| LOTTO: 7-20-15-36-38-48 | Extra: 44 | |
| CORRECT | PAYOFF | WINNERS |
| 6 of 6 | \$21 million | 1 |
| 5 of 6 | \$5,836 | 44 |
| 4 of 6 | \$66.50 | 2,348 |
| 3 of 6 | \$5.50 | 48,458 |

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Housing designed for disabled

Florida looked at households in Miami-Dade with the most severe needs — both economic and physical. Data showed that in Miami-Dade there were 60,065 low-income households with one disabled person, aged 15 or older and paid more than 50 percent of their income on housing. The recent recession has likely pushed that number higher.

"We need specialized housing, but we also need to better integrate people with disabilities and people with special needs into the general community," said Bill Aldinger, a special needs housing coordinator at the Florida Housing Finance Corp. The state agency helps fund affordable housing projects, including those for people with special needs, with federal dollars, tax credits and loans with zero or low interest rate loans. In 2008, the state agency financed SCLAD Plaza with a \$12 million zero-percent interest rate loan. Overall, the building and land cost about \$4 million, Rodriguez said.

The nonprofit has also received federal housing dollars through Hialeah and Miami-Dade County and contributed some of its own money.

From 2006 to 2010, the state agency has helped build 95 affordable units for people with disabilities needs, including the 18 units at SCLAD Plaza.

In Hialeah, SCLAD's first housing project, Park Place Apartments, opened in 1998. While most of the original tenants still live there, hundreds are on the

waiting list. At Park Place, with 34 barrier-free units, the rent is below market rates. For example a one-bedroom unit goes for \$554 a month.

"I feel so independent here," said Ever Suarez, 25, who has spinal muscular atrophy and lives in a two-bedroom with his mother.

He can access the stove — though his mother does most of the cooking. Not only can he roll into the shower, but the bathroom is so big he can spin around in his wheelchair with room to spare. Before that, he lived in an efficiency in Hialeah and used a makeshift ramp to access the apartment.

At the new SCLAD Plaza, the nonprofit will rent units to eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference will be given to people with more serious mobility problems for the first six units. They have extra features and are on the second story, which has a back-up elevator.

"We're going to have a riot," half-joked Pedro Rodriguez, noting many early calls. "There is a big need." The center will also boast a rooftop terrace and a spacious outdoor center, which will soon house the nonprofit's offices.

The couple knows about the problem of dealing with disabilities first-hand. After a severe car accident in Puerto Rico injured Pedro Rodriguez's spine in 1979, the civil engineer wanted to design apartments accessible for people with spinal cord injuries. "Bathrooms were small doors



ACCESSIBLE: A workman installs a sink that can be reached by people who use a wheelchair.

were narrow," he groused. They fell in love and married in 1985, though they still banter about her proposal that she swear never happened. About 13 years ago, they started the nonprofit to focus on support services, housing and employment. Pedro is the CEO; Angie is the pro-

Pedro Rodriguez was disabled in a car accident. His wife became disabled after a relapse from lupus affected her spinal cord.

jects. She said they relate strongly to what their clients experience.

"We've gone through losing our privacy, losing our freedom, losing our ability to move around," said Angie Rodriguez. Over the years, they have renovated their cream-colored home in Hialeah just blocks from SCLAD since their current office at Palm Center. They installed a roll-in shower, removed the front steps and put in a lift for the pool. They still cannot access the second story; they bought the home before Angie Rodriguez had to rely on a wheelchair.

Frederick Marinelli, the director of Hialeah's Department of Grants and Human Services, said the nonprofit has a solid track record, one reason why Hialeah has worked with SCLAD since 1980s. The city distributes federal housing dollars to some of their programs and has partnered on their three housing projects over the years. "In today's day and age, it's a me generation. They're an 'our' generation," Marinelli added. For more information, visit www.sclad.org or call 305-887-6838.

BISCAYNE BAY

Piano may have been in music video

*PIANO, FROM IB

A picture of the piano first ran on National Geographic's website on Jan. 18. Back then, it had a small bench seat in front of it, pelicans hovering overhead and it was sitting in a few inches of water.

Now the piano, which could weigh at least 650 pounds, rests alone on the highest point of a small sandbar a few hundred yards east of the north end of Miami Shores. The National Geographic picture, credited to a Suzanne Beard, said the

piano was left there after a music-video shoot. The Herald couldn't find Beard to support the claim, and by early Tuesday evening National Geographic hadn't responded to questions about the picture.

Which only created more questions, such as if a music video was indeed shot off the shores of Miami-Dade, would permits have been necessary? Wouldn't there be a record? Perhaps. But if so, no one Tuesday could quite figure out what red tape would have been needed for the photo shoot.

Jorge Pina, the spokesman for the Florida Fish &

'It's from the Titanic,' said one Herald comment. Another reader suggested that Elton John was responsible.

Wildlife Conservation Commission, referred calls about the piano to the county, adding, "We're not really looking into it." However, Christo Peel, from the county film office, said "we don't really permit the water, adding, "I don't recall this ever coming up before."

CHRISTO: "It's very well might have a precedent, of sorts: Any one living in Miami in 1983 might recall when the artist Christo sur-

rounded Biscayne Bay's barrier islands with a pink substance that made them look like islands encased by tans.

He presured the undercover officer to provide a sample of the weapons.

They agreed to meet again the following month in Hialeah, where Perez would show Hamayel a sampling, or "weapons flash." Perez arranged to have the sample driven over in a second vehicle by another person involved in the sting operation.

On Tuesday, federal prosecutors played a video showing Hamayel inside the vehicle, handling two M-16s, one AK-47, two grenades,

WEST BANK WEAPONS PLOT

Arms-smuggling trial puts spotlight on sting

*AGUILA, FROM IB

North Miami Beach, as FBI investigators secretly taped him. "I could get a shipment like this once a month."

The sting operation against Aguilá, 24, took center stage in Miami federal court Tuesday as Perez testified about his negotiations involving Aguilá's alleged partner, Abdalaziz Aziz Hamayel, 25, a Palestinian national who pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge in December.

That left Aguilá standing trial on a charge of collaborating with Hamayel to possess and send the weapons — including remote-control detonators — overseas.

A jury verdict may come by week's end.

During the May meeting, Aguilá told the undercover officer that

Hamayel had a buyer interested in purchasing 300 M-16 rifles for up to \$1,300 each. He said the buyer lived in a "big, expensive house in Coral Gables."

To set up the deal, Aguilá said on tape, he would be "happy with \$100 on each piece." Aguilá also discussed buying grenades and improvised explosive devices for Hamayel's Palestinian contacts, according to the recording. He said never used code words such as "balloons" for grenades and "chairs" for IEDs.

"I'm sure he's going to bite and continue doing business," Aguilá said, referring to Hamayel's buyer. "We want him to come around once in a while."

On the witness stand, Perez explained to the jurors that, during the

Yanny Aguilá Urby is charged with conspiring to possess stolen weaponry for export to the Palestinian Authority.

negotiations, he emphasized that the firearms would be illicit because they were stolen. But it also was clear from Perez's testimony and the recordings that he dealt more with Hamayel than Aguilá.

During another meeting in May 2009, Hamayel met with the officer in Hialeah. They discussed a purchase of 300 M-16s with silencers, 200 grenades and 200 IEDs, according to the recording. The total deal would cost \$380,000, but Hamayel said his buyer wanted to pay \$120,000 less than that.

three silencers and two remote detonators. Hamayel told Perez that he was interested in buying the cache for his people "over there," referring to the Palestinian Authority, which governs parts of the West Bank.

After the video was shown, federal prosecutor Karen Gilbert displayed the weapons for the jurors.

On the day after the "weapons flash," Hamayel told Perez he wanted a photo of the sample so he could provide proof to his buyer. Perez gave him the photo at a Burger King — but then lost touch with him. More than a year passed before Perez and federal agents located Hamayel. In late August, Hamayel left Jordan for Chicago and then Miami, where he was arrested.



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