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FAU coach Howard Schnellenberger stands in front of the 10-foot, 575-pound bronze statue of him at the new football stadium.

Owls finally have a true home field

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was preparing his Owls (0-5) for their stadium opener against Western Kentucky (1-4) when the statue was unveiled. He called the statue "flattering."

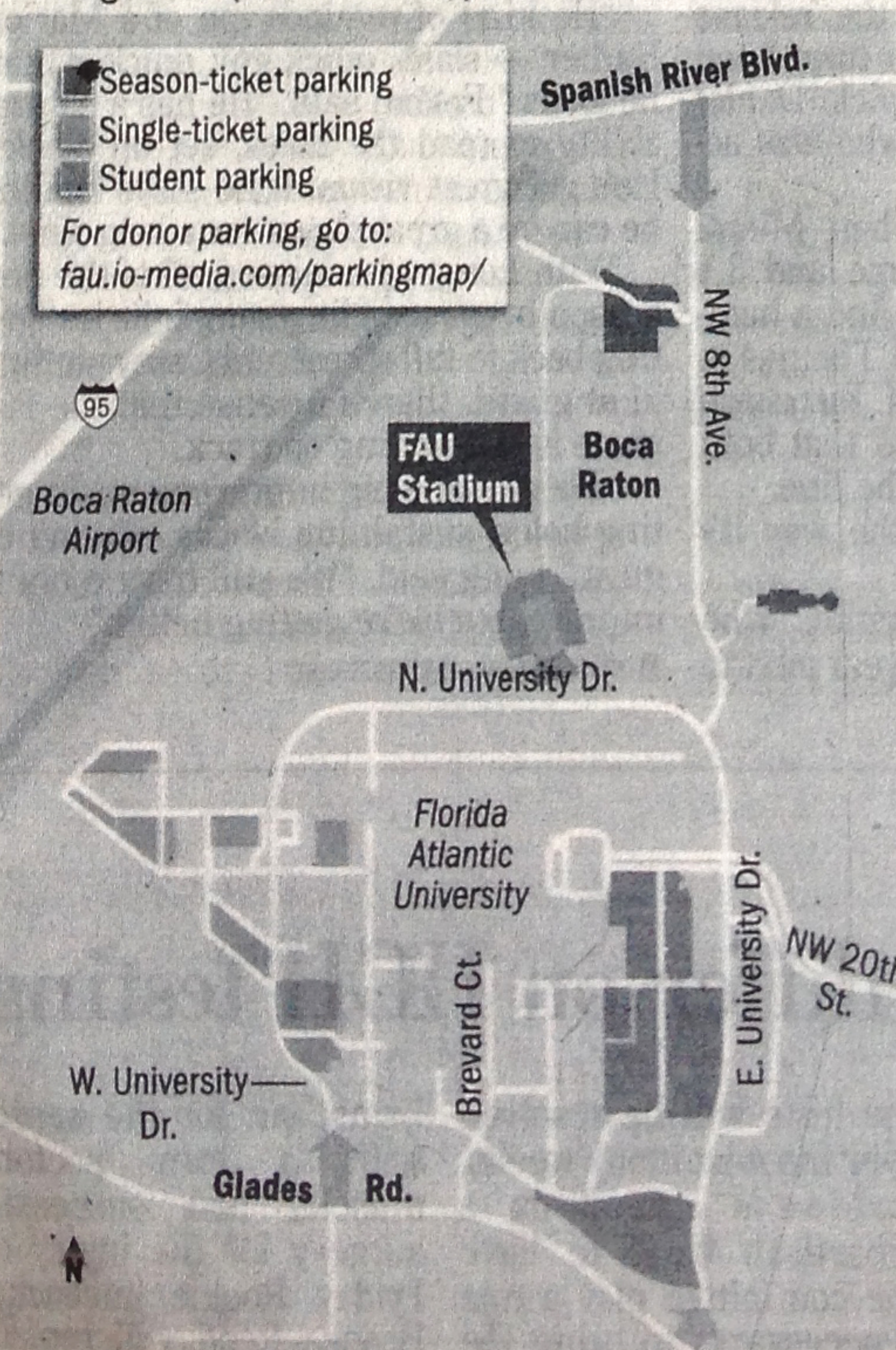
Although his original hopes for a domed stadium didn't pan out, Schnellenberger joked: "My dream fell on deaf ears. ... Hallelujah. Amen. Glory be. The university dispelled my first thoughts and came up with their own."

The new stadium gives the Owls something they never had during their first 10 years of football, first as a Division I-AA school and the last six in college football's upper division: a true home field.

FAU first played its home games in Sun Life Stadium, which was often 90 percent empty for contests against teams like Marist, Albany and

FAU stadium parking

Parking is \$15 (\$10 in advance) and \$5 for students.



Stadium directions

Take I-95 or Florida Turnpike

For single-game and student parking:

- Take Glades Road exit, head east
- For single-game parking, take left on West University Drive (formerly Broward Avenue).
- For student parking, take left on East University Drive (formerly FAU Boulevard).

For season-ticket parking:

- Take Spanish River Boulevard, head south on N.W. 8th Avenue.



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five of the remaining seven games will be played on campus.

Schnellenberger, who

swore off drinking this past summer in St. Tropez, where "everyone starts pulling out magnums at 11 a.m. and it goes on all day and night."

Note to self: Visit St. Tropez.

Not that she's gone completely dry. There's still the occasional glass of her new wine, called Living Legend.

Appropriate, that.

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Full circle ... Here's irony for you.

On the same day the Casa Bendita gazebo was torn down, John Phipps' granddaughter **Susan Phipps Eigelberger** was installing her commissioned 8-foot bronze statue of Coach **Howard Schnellenberger** at the new Florida Atlantic University Owls football stadium.

The bronze statue was donated in honor of Schnellenberger by FAU Foundation board member **Pete Lo Bello**, and his wife, **Keri**. The statue is located on the inside of the stadium on the southwest side.

The artist's father, **Michael**, was one of the founders of FAU. Funny how things come around.

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Blythe spirit ... She must have liked the Palm Beach Theater Guild's production of *Paradise, Maybe*, because actress **Blythe Danner** — **Gwyneth Pal-**



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Coach Howard Schnellenberger stands by the bronze statue of himself created by Susan Phipps Eigelberger.

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trow's mom to the Gen Xers — has agreed to serve as chairwoman of the guild's major benefit in March. **Christopher Plummer** is her co-chairman.

And, in case that's not enough star power, we hear that Follies director and guild trustee **Barrie Ingham** might have, maybe has, hopefully has swayed his longtime friend and colleague, Oscar-winner Dame **Judy Dench**, to participate.

Watch this space.

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Trodding the boards ... Speaking of stage stuff, seasonal Palm Beach resident **Stockard Channing** — sister of former May-

or **Lesly Smith** — opened earlier this week in *Other Desert Cities*, playing a rock-ribbed Republican opposite **Stacy Keach**. But forget about seeing the show if you don't already have tickets. The limited 8-week run is already sold out.

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Parties, parties, parties ... A surprised **Angela Kumble** was the guest of honor at a ladies' luncheon given by **Penny Drew Baird** at her New York townhouse in honor of Angela's birthday. But in case the luncheon-and-laughter wasn't enough celebrating, Angela's husband, **Steven**, hosted a black-tie, flow-

er-filled dinner dance at Doubles.

The birthday girl, clad in a silk strapless Oscar de la Renta, greeted her 100 guests, who celebrated with a dinner of roast pear and goat cheese salad, medallions of chicken, risotto, chocolate gelato, birthday cake, champagne and dancing until they started rolling up the carpet.

Guests included **Mathilda Cuomo**, former first lady of New York; **Maria Cooper Janis**, who just published a book about her father Gary Cooper; **Liz** and **Fred DeLuca**, founder of Subway; Steven's son **Roger**, a producer-director, and Roger's wife, **Mary**; and **Paulette** and **Ron Koch**, **Pat Cook** and **Bob Nederlander**, **Valerie Simpson**, Ambassador **John Loeb** and **Sharon Handler** (rumors are that they will soon wed), **Judy** and **Laurence Cutler**, **Lyn Diamond**, **Susan Day** and about 90 more.

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Heard ... that **Jonathan Adler** was among the donors of a designer chair to the Pink Swan Project's chair auction to benefit breast cancer research ... that **Bryan Rafanelli** was the party planner for **Marc Jacobs'** now-legendary Halloween bash in Provincetown.

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