

# Money

## Want to land a millionaire? Try Delta, survey says

Millionaires sometimes fly commercial too. A recent survey from matchmaking websites SeekingArrangement.com and SeekingMillionaire.com reveals fliers looking for a rich boyfriend or sugar daddy are most likely to snag one on Delta Air Lines. For South Floridians, Delta flights shouldn't be hard to find. The airline ranks among the top five carriers at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood and Palm Beach international airports.



The survey also revealed the most generous millionaires fly American, the wealthiest United and the cheapest Southwest. —Arlene Satchell

## Online today

@ 10:30 a.m. Can mortgage interest rates go any lower? Catch this week's average mortgage interest rates at [SunSentinel.com/money/sense](http://SunSentinel.com/money/sense)

## Elvis Presley hologram in the works

Elvis is on his way back into the building. The companies that gave us a hologram likeness of deceased rapper Tupac Shakur announced Wednesday that they have signed a deal to develop a "virtual" Elvis Presley. The Shakur visage appeared at this year's Coachella Valley Music Festival in California. Port St. Lucie-based Digital Domain Media Group and CORE Media Group have begun work on a series of the King's likenesses for shows, appearances and multi-platform productions, according to Reuters. —Melissa Caceres



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Chick-fil-A fans camp out in the parking lot of the new store at 12203 Pines Blvd. in Pembroke Pines Wednesday morning. The "First 100 Celebration" is hosted at new store openings nationwide.

# 100 win free food for one year at Chick-fil-A opening

BY JUSTINE GRIFFIN  
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Nearly 200 people weathered the early-morning storms Wednesday for the chance to get free food for a year from the new Chick-fil-A restaurant in Pembroke Pines.

The fast food chain gave away a free year's supply of Chick-fil-A, totaling more than \$26,000, to the first 100 adults in line before the grand opening Thursday morning. All 100 spots were filled by those who arrived as early as 11 p.m. Tuesday night to be one of the first in line. About 180 people were in line as of 6 a.m. Wednesday morning setting up tents, said store owner and operator, Nick Cristantello.

John Wasenka, from Clearwater, was the third person in line Tuesday evening. This is the 46th Chick-fil-A opening he's attended across the country. He wore a Chick-fil-A name tag labeled "Crazy John," which was given to him by the staff of a Chick-fil-A in Raleigh, NC.

"The free food really helps out. It's worth the drive over here for it," Wasenka said.

The fast food chain's newest store is located at 12203 Pines Blvd. The "First 100 Celebration" is hosted at new store openings

nationwide. The promotion is equivalent to 52 certificates for free Chick-fil-A meals, or one meal a week. The coupons can be used at any Chick-fil-A in the country and can be given to anyone.

Since there were more than 100 people in line Wednesday morning, all 100 spots were determined by a raffle. Meal cards were awarded on Thursday at 6 a.m. Since Chick-fil-A enthusiasts have to stay on site until Thursday morning to redeem their coupons, most came prepared to camp out in the parking lot.

Lisa Acevedo, from Pompano Beach, took a day off work to check an item off her bucket list. She was chosen as one of the first 100 to be awarded the free Chick-fil-A meals for a year. Acevedo, along with some friends, set up camp in the parking lot and will sleep under the stars tonight, she said.

"Hopefully it doesn't rain again," Acevedo said.

Richard Coley and his 85-year-old mother, Peggy, made the drive from St. Petersburg for Richard's 75th Chick-fil-A First 100 celebration.

"I support Chick-fil-A in everything that

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# Gambling ship eyes July start

Black Diamond operates from Port of Palm Beach

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The Black Diamond casino cruise ship is expected to start twice-daily service from the Port of Palm Beach in July, a month later than expected.

Interior upgrades are almost done and slot machines have been added on the 160-foot, 500-passenger ship, Jonathan Greene, president of Jupiter-based Black Diamond Casino Inc. said this week.

Its crew also has been hired. "We're shooting for the beginning of July, so let's see," said Greene, hinting at a possible start date by Independence Day.

Since news of Black Diamond's startup

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# Banking chief sees risks ahead

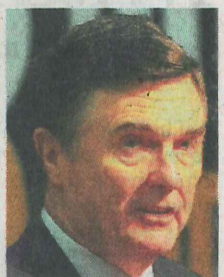
BY DOREEN HEMLOCK  
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The U.S. economic recovery remains "halted and tenuous," with "risks gathering" for a slowdown, the chief of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank told a Fort Lauderdale group on Wednesday.

Home prices illustrate the fragility. Prices are bottoming out from their dive during the recession but can't rise quickly, with so many properties now for sale or waiting to be sold later, banker Dennis Lockhart said.

Florida suffered a deeper recession than the rest of the country, but has been helped more than other areas by an inflow of foreign

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Dennis Lockhart, chief of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, spoke in Fort Lauderdale Wednesday.

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# Bertram Yacht leaves Miami for Brevard

BY ALEXANDRIA BACA  
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The Space Coast will soon be launching another type of expensive, exclusive vessel: luxury yachts.

As Bertram Yacht, known for building 50- to 80-foot sport-fishing yachts starting between \$2 million and \$6

million, relocates to Merritt Island, the company is expected to bring economic growth to Brevard County.

Alton Herndon, president of Bertram Yacht, said his boats had become too tall and wide for the company's Miami manufacturing center. Additionally, the area where its plant sits is being devel-

oped to complement nearby Miami International Airport.

Bertram Yacht and the Space Coast's Economic Development Commission, which the builder worked with for more than a year to find its new location, estimate the move will create 221 jobs in Brevard County over the next two years.

Brevard County awarded Bertram Yacht more than \$14 million in tax abatements over 10 years.

The development commission, which announced the move in early May, also helped get the new area designated as a brownfield site, due to "actual or perceived environmental contamination." That awarded Bertram Yacht up to an additional \$192,000 in tax refunds from the state over the next seven years.

The company also is eligible for \$230,000 over the next seven years as part of the state's Qualified Target Industry tax refund program. The incentives are tied to job creation.

But Herndon said the tax breaks weren't the biggest incentive of the Merritt Island site. Actually, he said, other states offered the same, or better, programs. But the company, founded in 1961, wanted to stay in its home state, Herndon said.

Herndon said foremost the property had to be on navigable waters and between 30 and 40 acres.

A highly skilled, local labor force also was important to Bertram Yacht. Because of the yachts' luxury status, Herndon said, "You have to be in a community where you can hire good people, good craftsman."

Each yacht can take anywhere from three to 14 months to build. The company expects to make 15 to 25 boats per year in Brevard.

Bertram Yacht hopes to complete the move by the end of 2012, and will keep its main showroom in Fort Lauderdale.

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has spread, many locals have been eagerly awaiting its launch.

The port has been fielding calls about the new service from former Palm Beach Princess customers in northern Broward County up to Martin County, Port Director Manny Almira said Wednesday.

"We're absolutely happy and pleased that this service will be sailing soon," Almira said.

It's been two years since the former day-cruise casino operator Palm Beach Princess ceased operations at the port.

Port officials anticipate the new service will generate revenues of \$750,000 or more annually.

The Black Diamond will have two levels for gambling and one for dining. A bar will be on each level, and cruisers can enjoy entertainment in the dining room and on the first gaming deck.

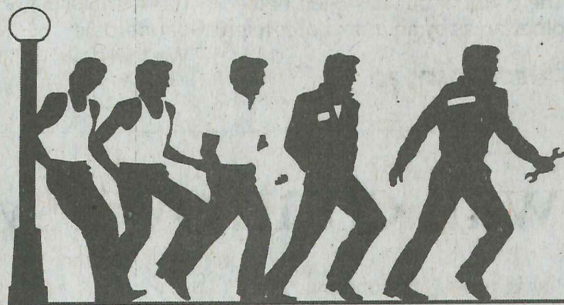
The ship's casino will offer several gambling options including slots, rou-

lette, craps, blackjack and poker, according to Greene.

The Black Diamond arrived in port in May after completing mechanical upgrades in the Bahamas. The vessel was previously operated by Sun Cruz Casinos and was idle for two years before Greene's company bought it.

"We're as anxious to get started as they are," said Greene of the response. "We're getting close."

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spending, especially in real estate and tourism. But foreign spending could wane, as Europe's financial woes worsen and South American economies cool, the Atlanta banker said.

Lockhart spoke before the board of the Broward Workshop, a nonprofit business group that tries to help solve community problems. Some workshop members serve on boards for the regional Fed, including Mike Jackson, chief of Fort Lauderdale's AutoNation, the country's biggest vehicle retailer.

Here's a breakdown of what Lockhart predicted, speaking for himself and not for the central bank:

**Where we're at:** The pace of U.S. economic recovery — and Florida's — is "moderate" and likely will remain so. After a strong finish to 2011, growth early this year was "underwhelming," job growth has been "a dis-

appointment" and the economy faces "strong headwinds" that can slow future revival.

**Drags on the economy:** Both U.S. households and banks are trying to trim debt, and that puts a drag on economic growth. Governments, especially local and state, are cutting budgets, also slowing growth. Many businesses are uncertain about the future and cautious about hiring. That leaves the outlook for recovery "slow and drawn out," with the Fed likely to keep interest rates low for the next few years.

**Four key risks to recovery:** First, if home prices drop, recovery might crimp — but that's unlikely, said Lockhart.

Second, if Congress fails to act, new taxes and deep cuts in federal spending will kick in next year, potentially sending the nation back into recession. But Congress likely will phase in new taxes and spending cuts, so the country won't fall off the "fiscal cliff" and the econo-

my will still grow, he said.

Third, Europe's finances are deteriorating, slowing U.S. exports and hurting banks. U.S. banks are less exposed to European risk than they were a few years ago but remain linked. "The global financial system is too integrated, too networked to expect that problems could be isolated to Europe," he said.

Finally, economic growth is slowing in the world's big emerging nations including China and Brazil. That could further limit U.S. export growth and slow foreign tourism and investment in Florida, he said.

Some Broward Workshop members called Lockhart's comments "somber" and others "realistic."

One member asked Lockhart how long U.S. seniors will receive such low interest rates on bonds and other safe investments that many retirees must eat into their savings to survive.

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they do," Coley said. "The whole company is really just a high-class operation."

John Ruck, an 84-year-old also from St. Petersburg, showed off his gold Chick-fil-A ring he had made by melting down his and late wife's wedding

rings. Ruck began touring the country to attend First 100 celebrations after her death in 2005.

"It was love at first bite," said Ruck, who has a lifetime VIP Chick-fil-A card, which means he already eats for free at any Chick-fil-A. "I give away the coupons from the grand openings to veterans and others in need."

The new store in Pembroke Pines is one of 96 locations the company plans to open across the country this year. There are more than a dozen Chick-fil-A locations in South Florida. The opening of this one will bring about 80 jobs to the area.

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