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Sanya Richards-Ross

## On the track for personal redemption

BY MICHAEL COHEN  
Staff writer

The memories from the 2008 Beijing Olympics are emotional opposites for track star Sanya Richards-Ross. Heartbreak and despair on one hand after finishing third in the 400-meter dash. Joy and elation on the other after winning a gold medal in the 4 x 400-meter relay four days later. Together those feelings — a strange blend of pain and pleasure — drive the St. Thomas Aquinas High graduate to win again, as she com-

petes in the 2012 London Olympics in search of an elusive individual gold medal. “The main thing I told myself is that it’s not over yet,” Richards-Ross said. “If I had this opportunity I was really going to give it my best again.” Richards-Ross’ shot at redemption begins today with the preliminary rounds of the 400 meters. It’s the first step toward making up for what she calls a “big missed opportunity” in Beijing.



**VIDEO:** Richard-Ross’ family reminisces about their Olympic star. [SunSentinel.com/sanyamemories](#)  
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## Mortgage interest rates jump

Trend expected to stay low, fuel refinancing

BY DONNA GEHRKE-WHITE  
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South Florida is enjoying a refinancing boom just as mortgage rates jumped this week — average 30-year, fixed-rate loans increased to 3.55 percent. The hike from last week’s average of 3.49 percent broke a recent run of mortgage rates falling weekly to new historic lows, Freddie Mac reported Thursday. “Before this week, the average rate on the 30-year fixed had fallen to or matched record-low levels in 13 of the past 14 weeks,” Freddie Mac spokesman Chad Wandler said. Average interest rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages also rose to 2.83 percent this week after being at 2.8 percent the week

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## BRIDGES CRUMBLING



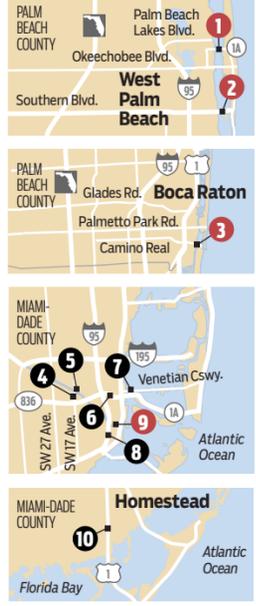
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The cracked pilings of the 73-year-old Camino Real bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway in Boca Raton make it “fracture critical,” meaning one part failing could collapse the whole bridge.

### Repairs made, but four remain on S. Florida’s urgent list

**Targeted for repair**  
● Awaiting repairs  
● Repairs completed or replaced

- Palm Beach County**
1. Flagler Memorial Bridge
  2. Southern Boulevard bridge
  3. Camino Real bridge
- Miami-Dade County**
4. NW S. River Drive over Tamiami Canal
  5. NW 17th Ave over Miami River
  6. I-395 Westbound from Biscayne Blvd to NW Third Avenue
  7. Venetian Causeway
  8. I-95 northbound from SW 8th to NW 8th streets
  9. S. Miami Ave over Miami River
  10. U.S. 1 bridge over C-111 Canal



SOURCE: saveourbridges.com  
CINDY JONES-HULFACHOR/STAFF ARTIST

BY MICHAEL TURNBELL  
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When drivers cross the Camino Real bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway in Boca Raton, few probably realize the 73-year-old span is in such poor condition that the failure of one major part could cause its collapse. It is one of three such bridges in Palm Beach County, according to SaveOurBridges.com, a new bridge data website. The site was created by the author of a book on bridges who fears a catastrophe similar to one five years ago in Minneapolis, when the Interstate 35W bridge suddenly collapsed, killing 13 and injuring 145. All three Palm Beach County bridges are on routes to the beach and are in various stages of being either replaced or repaired. Off-

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## Pill mills conceal family secrets

BY JUAN ORTEGA  
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With the latest crackdowns on pain clinics, authorities are bringing attention to a different drug-dealing dynamic: Kingpins seeking riches by partnering with their relatives. Of the dozens of pill mill suspects recently arrested in three investigations across South Florida, at least nine were found to be related to their alleged accomplices, officials say. Criminals rely on their loved ones because they need people they can trust to run large operations, and because they want them to share in their millions of ill-gotten dollars, law enforcement agencies and legal experts say. Still, there’s no guarantee that family members won’t become stool pigeons.

**Inside**  
See the family connections among the alleged pill mill rings. **6A**

“Family can turn on each other as much as anybody else,” said Ronald Akers, a criminology/sociology professor at the University of Florida. “The reason that criminals find relatives is that that bond is there, but that doesn’t always work out for them.” Bob Breeden, assistant special agent in charge with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, said criminals think they have little choice but to hire a relative. “Most people think they can trust family members,” he said. “It’s not like you can advertise for employees to do these illegal activities.” The three recent family-involved takedowns:

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### Coming Sunday

Columnist Michael Mayo talks to a grieving mom whose daughter died after years of pain pill abuse.

## Prosecutors drop charge in fraud case

BY PAULA McMAHON  
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Federal prosecutors last week quietly dropped a criminal charge against an elderly Boca Raton millionaire they accused of laundering money for a Fort Lauderdale family of psychics charged with fleecing clients. Peter Wolofsky, 85, had pleaded not guilty to money laundering, and prosecutors formally dropped the charge against him late last week. “I feel very good that they realized I’m innocent,” Wolofsky said in a phone interview on Thursday. “I didn’t do anything wrong.” Wolofsky, the former owner of

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