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**ONE MIAMI FIX:** The Miami city commission will reconsider a major-use special permit granted last month to One Miami for a mixed-use project at 205 Biscayne Blvd. Landowner Miami One Centre, headed by Ned Selgel and Morris Stoltz, and the Related Group of Florida, headed by Jorge Perez, are to go before the city commission Jan. 25 to see if the permit is still applicable. The project had to be substantially modified after representatives of neighboring Hotel Inter-Continental Miami, 100 Chopin Plaza;

Miami Center, 201 Biscayne Blvd., and the First Union building on Biscayne teamed up to persuade the developer to come up with a less intrusive design. Commissioners told One Miami officials last month they needed to work something out.

**MARINER LANDS BERTH:** Jonathan Mariner, who came aboard with the Florida Marlins expansion baseball team before a single pitch had been tossed and disembarked as executive vice president and CFO last October after the cruise industry torpedoed a plan he floated to build a baseball stadium by taxing cruise passengers, has a new berth. He was hired last week by Charter Schools USA of Fort Lauderdale as COO. He'd been a Charter Schools investor and director for more than two years. Charter now has five schools but plans more than 50 within five years.



J. Mariner

**MIAMI TO PARIS TO MIAMI:** Miami International Airport officials say they are making plans with the Beacon Council to attend the Paris Air Show together again in June, as they did last year, to seek to lure aviation businesses to Miami. Airport officials said they expect to have contact with several hundred potential business links for the community at the world-renowned show.

**TAGGING UP:** A second office to issue identification tags to persons working at Miami International Airport is to open within 30 days, says Nelson Oramas, assistant aviation director for security and facilities management. The office, in the airport's west cargo area, will be open initially two to three days a week to renew identifications, he said. He expects to renew 50 to 60 a day. The main identification area at the heliport, he said, handles up to 150 identifications daily for persons who work on airport property — about 45,000 persons in all.

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## THE ACHIEVER



Photo by Maxine Usdan

### Andrew Manton-Zamora Cultivating a growing business

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## Shiver pick puts county in transition

When Mayor Alex Penelas on Tuesday picked Steve Shiver to be the next Miami-Dade County manager, it was a prelude to a series of vital decisions.

County commissioners have 14 days to approve or turn down Mr. Shiver for the manager's job. Mr. Penelas says he expects them to vote Jan. 23.

Meanwhile, Mr. Shiver was to meet Wednesday with the top 14 aides to outgoing manager Merrett Stierheim to begin assessing his team.

At the same time, Mr. Shiver is preparing to leave the mayor's post in Homestead. He said Tuesday he expects the city's 36 commissioners to make V. Mayor Roscoe Warren, "a very strong candidate," the city's first African-American mayor.

Mr. Shiver is also considering how to wrap up his business affairs — his real estate brokerage, construction company and security firm — to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest. He said he is weighing ownership by his wife, outright sale or some alternative that his attorney has yet to suggest.

Also pending, said Mr. Penelas, is when Mr. Shiver would take over and how long — if at all — Mr. Stierheim would remain active in county government afterward.

Mr. Penelas said he expects Mr. Stierheim to be on the job at least in some capacity until his contract expires March 15.

Mr. Shiver's salary is also an issue. Both Mr. Penelas and Mr. Shiver said Tuesday they had not yet discussed a contract. Mr. Penelas said pay would not necessarily equal Mr. Stierheim's \$188,170 and will certainly not approach the \$330,000 that Ira Clark receives as top-paid county employee in heading Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Whatever Mr. Shiver's pay, Mayor Penelas said he expects the county commission to...

## Firms to study all 3 alternative sites for Marlins

By PAOLA IUSPA

Community leaders Tuesday moved forward in an attempt to weigh the economic factors involved in building a baseball stadium downtown.

City of Miami administrators met with representatives from consulting firms to commission studies on the financing involved for each of three sites being considered for the Marlins — Bicentennial Park, property north of the Miami River and the Miami Arena area.

The action came after Miami city commissioners last week agreed to a proposal by Arthur Teele to earmark \$100,000 to study the financial feasibility of the sites.

The studies has not been set.

A proposal by County Mayor Alex Penelas and team owner John Henry to build the ballpark downtown expires Feb. 14. The plan, which requires all agencies involved agree on terms, calls for the city to give the land favored by the team. Mr. Henry has said Bicentennial Park, off Biscayne Boulevard, was the only site available big enough to house the \$385 million, 40,000-seat stadium with a 240-foot-high retractable roof.

The commission, which allocated \$200,000 early this year in an effort to redesign the long-neglected site, is not sure it wants baseball in the waterfront park.

The financing of the stadium — proposed in the letter of intent

community Improvement Authority — a state-created body charged with recommending a possible site and financing for the stadium — said Tuesday that many components were needed for an agreement to work.

"It includes \$75 million in bond capacity, \$122 million in a state sales tax refund, \$26 million of the city's parking surcharge and \$240 million in ticket surcharges," he told the nine-member authority. "It is a total of \$266 million. The rest is to come from the convention development tax."

The county would own the stadium, with Mr. Henry paying rent after it is built.

Once the financial studies are complete, the city manager could start negotiating with the county

The 13-acre Miami River site is privately owned by various owners. The 6-acre Miami Arena is city owned but the additional acres needed are privately owned. The 17 acres in Bicentennial Park belong to the city.

Construction at the park would start right away because no land purchasing would be needed, Mr. Henry said.

To lessen growing opposition to the Marlins' preferred site, Miami Mayor Joe Carollo last week told the city commission last week that if they give up Bicentennial Park for a stadium, the county will allow the city to sell the old Miami arena and keep receiving the \$6 million a year the county gives Miami to help run the building. According to Mayor Carollo, this would bring the city