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**ON STAGE PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY** -- The On Stage Performing Arts Academy at Atlantic High School aims to inspire and enrich student creativity through an innovative performing arts curriculum. A career focus in the technical and performance aspects of theater, chorus and dance connects students to arts and communications-related careers. Performing arts students perform with the All-State Chorus, Disney Candlelight, Surfscapes Contemporary Dance Theatre, Fringe Festival and Florida State Thespians and earn superior ratings in Chorus, Dance and Drama through county and state assessments. Contact Academy Director Allison Robertson at [arrob@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:arrob@volusia.k12.fl.us).

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYMPOSIUM** -- Your idea, brand and other intellectual property are some of your most valuable business assets. SCORE will present a free seminar, "Intellectual Property Symposium – How to Protect Your Business Ideas," from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Daytona State College campus, UCF Building 150, Room 100, Daytona Beach. Reservations are required; go to [www.score87.org](http://www.score87.org) or call 386-255-6889.

**DAB's GOLD CARD CLUB FOR SENIORS** – Senior citizens, those 62 or older, are valued and significant customers at Daytona Beach International Airport (DAB). To show its appreciation, DAB offers membership into the Gold Card Club, a discount program for airport concessions. Members receive a membership card entitling them to a 10 percent discount on parking, gifts and refreshments at DAB. To receive a Gold Card membership, visit the Airport Information Booth on the first floor of the terminal located at 700 Catalina Drive. Participants must show proof of age (driver's license or Medicare card) at time of sign-up. A Gold Card membership is good for life!

**HELP FOR FLORIDA EXPORTERS** – The Florida Export Finance Corp. (FEFC) is a not-for-profit entity formed and funded by the State of Florida to assist small- and medium-sized Florida business exporters. As part of the Florida Finance Network group of nonprofit economic development organizations, FEFC's program is designed to support Florida exporters. Businesses can gain improved access to affordable working capital in the form of loan guarantees given to commercial lenders who can then establish lines of credit or loans to exporters to support a verified foreign purchase order from qualified overseas buyers. FEFC is a participant in the Regional Export Promotion Program of the EX-IM Bank and a city-state partner with SBA and Enterprise Florida. For more information, please contact Florida Export Finance Corp. at 786-845-0400 or [daisy.fefc@gate.net](mailto:daisy.fefc@gate.net).

**NORTH AMERICA'S ROBOTICS RENAISSANCE CONTINUES** – A new generation of collaborative robots is increasing North American industrial efficiency and productivity. Advanced robotics technology is enabling a new set of robots, called collaborative robots, which are a combination of artificial intelligence, sophisticated vision systems and mechanical engineering. This means they can teach themselves about their surroundings and work safely alongside humans. Globally, collaborative robots represent one of the fastest-growing categories of the robotics industry, with shipments expected to grow from \$100 million to \$1 billion by 2025 – a tenfold increase, according to an ABI Research Study. For more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ml7aofs>.

**DROWSY DRIVING INCREASES CRASH RISKS** – According to a new study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, drivers who miss one or two hours of the recommended seven hours of sleep nearly double their risk for a crash. The study examined data from some 4,000 crashes between 2005 and 2007 involving more than 7,000 drivers. It found that the crash risk for sleep-deprived drivers increased steadily with drivers who slept less than four hours having crash risks similar to driving over the legal limit for alcohol. Drowsy driving is involved in about one in five fatal crashes on U.S. roads each year.

**RED CROSS OFFERS MOBILE APP** – A mobile app offered by the Red Cross, called Emergency: Alerts and Notifications, combines more than 35 severe weather and emergency alerts providing real-time, customizable information. The app provides disaster updates and offers information on what to do before, during and after an emergency. For more details go to [www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps) and click on the Emergency! disaster app.

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