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Old School Square in Delray ready for holidays

DELRAY BEACH — Holiday fun in Delray Beach begins at Old School Square Cultural Arts Center! Delray's famous 100-foot tree, Old School Square's Crest Theatre, Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture and outdoor Entertainment Pavilion offer entertainment for all ages during the holidays.

Celebrating its tenth year this holiday season, Old School Square's Holiday Carousel is an inexpensive way for families to enjoy some holiday fun. Carousel hours are weekdays, 5-9 p.m.; weekends and school holiday break, 1-9 p.m. Rides are \$2.

The Holiday Carousel is a fundraiser for Old School Square and is part of an arts education outreach program known as Tour & Ride, which reaches nearly 1,000 younger children each

The holiday line-up of events is as follows:

Now through January 8 — The American Society of Marine Artists 15th National Exhibition at the Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach; 561-243-7922; www.oldschool.org

December 1, 2011 — Delray Beach Tree Lighting and Celebrating the Holidays On the Ave. at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. For details, contact the Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative, 561-279-1380, ext. 17 or visit www.downtowndelraybeach.com.

December 16, 2011 — Free Friday Concerts presents Turnstiles, Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion 561-243-7922, oldscool.org Free admission; cash bar, food trucks, chair rental. A tribute to Billy Joel.

December 16-18, 2011 — Musical Moments on Ice, Crest Theatre, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach Performances are Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 & 8 p.m. and Sunday, 2 & 7 p.m. Tickets are \$42 for all performances; 561-243-7922, ext. 1 or www.oldschool.org.

December 22-24, 2011 - Steve Solomon's MY MOTHER'S ITALIAN, MY FATHER'S JEWISH & I'M HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS Crest Theatre, Old School Square; 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach Tickets \$30; 561-243-7922, ext. 1; www.oldschool.org; Thursday & Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 2 pm

December 30, 2011 — Free Friday Concerts presents Across the Universe Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion 561-243-7922, oldscool.org Free admission; cash bar, food trucks, chair rental The ultimate Beatles tribute!

The following events are being planned by the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce:

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE at the Chamber Thursday, Dec 1 / 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

AMBASSADORS at the Chamber Friday, Dec 2 / 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

LEADS GROUP 1 at the Chamber Wednesday, Dec 7 / 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

LEADS GROUP 4 at the Chamber Friday, Dec 9 / 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

LEADS GROUP 5 at the Chamber Wednesday, Dec 14 / 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

LEADS GROUP 3 at the Chamber Wednesday, Dec 14 / 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, Dec 14 / 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Via Mizner Golf & Country Club - formerly the Country Club at Boca Raton (6200 Boca Del Mar, Boca Raton) Price: \$25 per person A portion of the proceeds will go to Golden Bell Education Foundation and Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County.

LEADS GROUP 2 at the Chamber When: Thursday, December 15 / 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Boca Raton Police Services Department Top 10 Holiday Safety Tips

1. Minimize the amount of cash and the number of debit or credit cards you carry.
2. Keep gift cards close and secure. They are easily redeemable and difficult to recover once they are stolen.
3. If you are shopping with small children, have a plan in place if you are separated. Teach them to get help from a store clerk or a police officer.
4. Stay alert and avoid talking on your cell phone while walking through parking lots.
5. Do not overload yourself with packages and do not leave your purchases unattended, not even for a moment.
6. Do not make multiple trips out to your car while shopping; purchases can be easily stolen from a locked trunk.
7. Go immediately home after large purchases, such as televisions, computers, and jewelry. Criminals have been known to follow their victims to another destination and break into their car.
8. When shopping online, ensure your computer is equipped with updated security software, you are shopping on secured websites and you are only using reputable company sites.
9. After the holidays, do not advertise your gifts. Destroy the boxes and place them in a sealed opaque bag or trash can.
10. If you see something suspicious, call the police immediately.

Crime and Safety Tips are provided by members of the Boca Raton Police Services Department's Crime Prevention Unit. For more information visit our website at www.BocaPolice.com or call 561-347-3938.

The Boca Raton Police Services Department Wish You and Your Family a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Quote of the Week:

The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.
Proverbs 4: 18



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Community News

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Free rides! Free food! Just bring a donation to Fifth Annual Carousel Day Sunday

BOCA RATON – Christmas comes but once a year.

And so does the annual Carousel Day sponsored by the Rotary Club of Boca Raton West and the Boca Raton Rotary Club.

But Carousel Day also includes free rides on the Sugar Sand Park Carousel along with free hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixin's.

The Fifth Annual Carousel Day takes place this weekend – on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the carousel in the park at 300 South Military Trail in Boca Raton.

Participants are urged to bring a new, unwrapped toy that will

be given to needy kids who may not otherwise receive any presents this holiday season. In return, the Rotaries will provide free rides and free food.

The toys will be collected and presented Santa Claus-style to the children at the Wayne Barton Study Center. Children who receive meals from Boca Helping Hands will also be among the recipients.

The reason for the seasonal event is very clear. Boca Raton Rotary members were instrumental in raising money to help purchase the intricate merry-go-round at Sugar Sand Park. Because of the Rotary's generosity, the Greater Boca Raton

Beach & Parks District, which owns the play area, offered the club a chance to use the carousel one day a year without charge.

So Rotarians decided to put the opportunity to good use, as a chance to collect toys for less-fortunate girls and boys.

This day of free rides and food in exchange for a donated toy is also sponsored by the Boca Raton Tribune, TransMedia Group, Business Choice tax experts, Picanha Steak House, ACM Commercial Cleaning and Scout Troop 337. For more information, call 561-347-3900 or visit Christmas@rotarybocawest.org.



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Business leaders get details on Lynn University's Presidential Debate bid



From left are Dr. Kevin Ross, president of Lynn University; Troy M. McLellan, CCE, president & CEO of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce; Cheryl Budd, Chief Communications Officer of NCCI Holdings, Inc. and Dr. Jason Lewis Walton, Chief of Staff at Lynn University

BOCA RATON — Lynn University is once again bringing the attention of a nation to Boca Raton. The university, sponsor of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce's November Breakfast, told the audience how it secured the position as host of the final Presidential Debate of the 2012 campaign.

"This was an incredibly detailed process, I can assure you," Dr. Jason Lewis Walton, Chief of Staff of Lynn University, told the crowd of more than 200 business leaders.

After months of steps, inspections, reports and with widespread support

from legislators, editorial boards and dignitaries across the state of Florida, Lynn was notified that they were selected to host the October 22, 2012 Presidential Debate, just a few weeks before Election Day.

"Having the eyes of the nation on Boca Raton and the surrounding areas during this crucial time in the election season will bring an economic boost to businesses and residents in our area," said Troy M. McLellan, president & CEO, Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. "The Boca Chamber is proud that a strong community partner like Lynn

University will be representing Boca Raton to the entire country."

The next Membership Breakfast will be on Thursday, December 1, 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. The breakfast is sponsored by Florida Power & Light and features guest speaker James L. Robo, president & Chief Operating Officer, NextEra Energy, Inc. / FPL, plus live holiday music performed by the West Boca Raton Community High School Encore Ensemble. Visit www.bocaratonchamber.com/events to register.

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Featured Guest Speaker

J. SCOTT CARPENTER

Principal at Google Ideas, Google's new "think/do" tank, where he focuses on bringing technology to bear on countering violent extremism and consolidating democracy in the Arab world.

He is also an adjunct scholar at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

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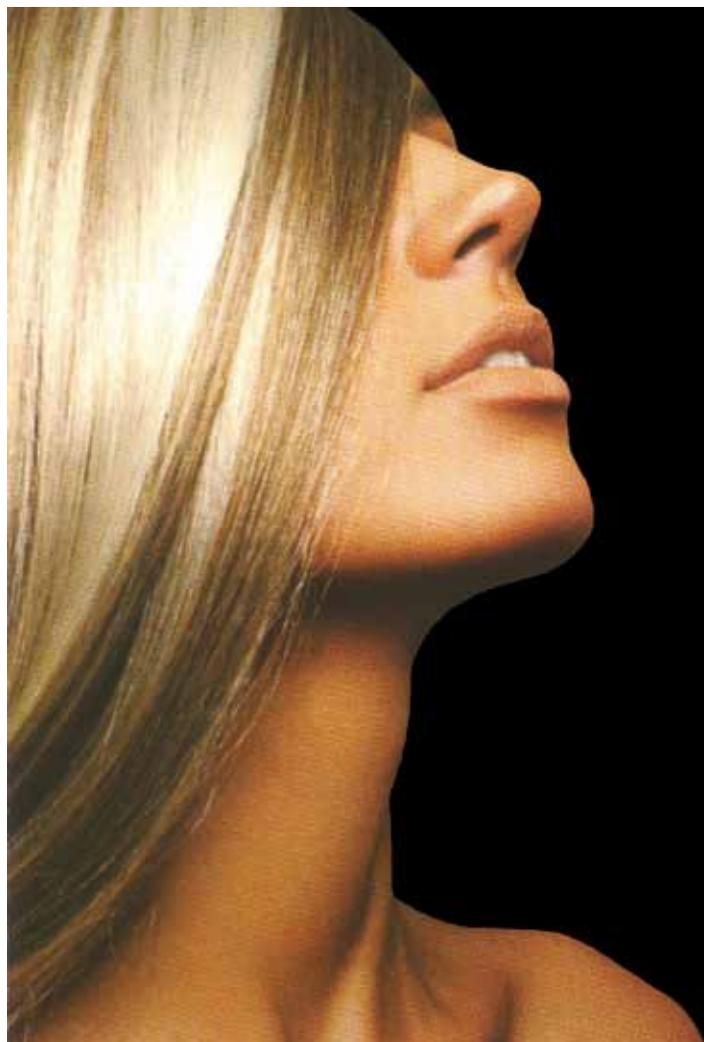
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Boca Raton, FL – Middle and high school students from the Boca Chamber's Young Entrepreneurs Academy were hosted at 3Cinteractive on their first field trip of the program. "I always tell people that I am a product of great mentoring, so when I was asked to host the students from the Young Entrepreneurs Academy, I jumped at the chance," said John Duffy, founder and CEO of 3Cinteractive. "I was really inspired by the student's passion and surprised by how well developed their ideas and plans are. In my opinion, entrepreneurship is the lifeblood of our economy, and I'm really glad that the Boca Chamber makes the effort to nurture and support the business people of the future. I can't wait to enroll my daughter Annie in the next group!"

About the Young Entrepreneurs Academy

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy, or YEA!Ô, is a groundbreaking educational program that takes students in grades six through twelve through the process of starting and running real businesses over the course of a full academic year. Students work in close cooperation with local leaders of industry, community members, and educators to develop ideas and objectives, write business plans, pitch potential investors, obtain funding, register with governmental agencies, develop their brand identity and much more! By the end of the class, students own and operate fully functioning business-

es that can be carried on after graduation. Students learn to make a job—not just take a job! YEA!sÔ direct mission is to help students embrace their passion, energy, creativity and talents, launch a venture, and view entrepreneurship as synonymous with success and freedom. In 2008, YEA!Ô "spun-off" from the University of Rochester, where it was formed in 2004 with support from the Kauffman Foundation, to create its own not-for-profit corporation, YEA! Inc., which is currently launching sites in colleges, universities and high schools across the country to provide comprehensive, exciting entrepreneurship education, leadership development and innovation training to youth between the ages of 11 and 18 years old in the United States thereby making the program available to students at a variety of geographical regions, and providing them with skills they need to succeed in the 21st Century. For more information about the Young Entrepreneurs Academy,

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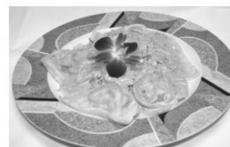
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I think it's great that FM 104.3, the radio station in West Palm Beach, plays Christmas music 24/7 during the holiday season. They actually started the specialty tunes two weeks before Thanksgiving and will continue right through Dec. 25.

For some reason, this year, I am more tuned in to the Christmas music than in the past. I think I'm trying to get more involved in the season – and this is certainly an inexpensive way to do it.

So, I listen in the car and at home. And since I am listening more often, I'm also plugging in to the styles of singers as they interpret the sounds of the season.

I've come away with one conclusion so far. And I hate to say this because it involves a vocalist who is no longer with us, and whose career was one of the biggest and best in Hollywood.

Unfortunately, I've decided that Dean Martin is not very good at singing

Christmas songs.

That doesn't mean he's not good at other things. When he was making movies with Jerry Lewis, they were a great team. Then, afterward, in films, Bravo! And his TV show was a big hit – particularly the Dean Martin Roasts.

But Dean – and I say this sincerely – you shouldn't have tried singing Christmas songs.

To me, the memory of Dean Martin will always be of a man in a tuxedo, hanging on a microphone stand, a drink in one hand, a cigarette in the other. With that picture in mind, how can you enjoy a song like "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer?" (I mean really, who's got the red nose here?)

Dean does sing about Rudolph, and it just doesn't sound sincere. At one point in the song, he even gives Santa Claus a German accent! (Would Gene Autry to a terrible thing like that?)

I don't want to sell Dean short. But when

you think about his hits – I mean his big, big hits – what comes to mind? "Everybody Loves Somebody." Great song. But you can slur the words and it still comes out OK. Doesn't happen with "White Christmas."

Anyway, I don't go crazy when I hear Dean singing. I may flip the station – or I may just endure it. After all, Christmas comes but once a year.

I do have one other concern about Christmas music. It bothers me that most of the classic Christmas carols are sung by people who have passed away. Let's look at the numbers: "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby; "The Christmas Song" by Nat "King" Cole. And let's not forget about Gene Autry, Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Burl Ives and others who will not be rockin' around the Christmas tree this year.

Thank God we still have people like Andy Williams, Johnny Mathis and Brenda Lee who are

still among us. And others are also joining the club: Madonna, Mariah Carey, Celine Dion, Josh Groban, Michael Buble and Jose Feliciano.

Also, last year, I mentioned in this column that I thought Bruce Springsteen's version of "Santa Claus is coming to Town" was one of the funkier Christmas tunes I'd ever heard. This year, it has a new meaning for me because I happened to meet Clarence Clemons, the saxophone player in the E Street Band last year, a few months before he died of a stroke. So, when I hear the song, and Bruce yells, "Hey, Clarence, you been practicing hard all year so Santa will bring you a new saxophone," I feel a tinge inside. The loss of Big Man Clemons was tragic.

Anyway, I don't want to Grinch out. There's plenty to do before the holidays arrive. Enjoy the time – and enjoy the music.

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Letters to the Editor

To my friends at the Boca Tribune,

Gratitude Day, aka US Thanksgiving, a day that reminds me how many days there are to be grateful for. May we flourish, consider the good in our lives and whatever the "it" is in our lives, make "it" better.

Diane Gold
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To the editor:

Thank you for your ongoing coverage of the activities of the Civil Air Patrol cadets from the Boca Raton Composite Squadron. We appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

Jackie Zarrilli, 1Lt, CAP
Florida Wing Cadet Programs Public Affairs Officer

To the Boca Tribune staff and all our friends,

I love Thanksgiving. It's certainly one of my favorite holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for being a supporter of The Heart Painter, Inc.

From my heart to yours,

Evelyn (Ballin)
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THOUGHTS FROM THE PUBLISHER

By Douglas Heizer

Victories for downtown Boca sometimes come in small packages

I congratulate members of the Boca Raton City Council for their recent decision to uphold the Planning and Zoning Board to allow for the creation of an upscale convenience store at 831 East Palmetto Park Road, just a short distance from the beach.

This was a particularly difficult measure to adopt since it drew considerable opposition. The rancor is a little difficult to fathom since the applicant, James Batmasian of Investments Limited, only asked for an increase of 777 square feet for the building at that address.

We have seen developments with tens of thousands of square feet adopted by the council with less trouble. We can only wonder why it required so much work and took so much time to get this petition through.

Actually, the Planning and Zoning Board, at its Aug. 18 meeting, voted, 4-3 to allow the additional square footage along with site improvements within the previously approved 800-899 E. Palmetto Park Road buildings. Robert Oksman of 904 E. Boca Raton Road appealed the board's ruling, which brought the petition before the council at its Nov. 22 meeting.

Following lengthy discussion by those for and against the request, the City Council voted 3-0 to uphold the Planning

and Zoning Board's ruling. Two council members, Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie and Constance Scott, recused themselves.

City Clerk Susan Saxton said Oksman and two others filed the appeal, but the other two withdrew prior to the Nov. 22 hearing.

I visited that section of the city just a few days after the council meeting. It was a sunny day, and the buildings on the east side of Palmetto were sparkling as I drove over the Intracoastal Bridge.

But as I got closer, I saw a lot of nothing. I mean, many of the buildings were empty. I found it difficult to believe that so many vacant buildings could be located so close to a busy and wonderfully attractive beach.

I also pondered why a convenience store described as "a new 7-Eleven prototype [to be built] by Southland Corp." would not be considered a good use in that area.

Visit Delray Beach or Lake Worth, and as you approach the beach, you'll find many thriving businesses. On the east end of Palmetto Park Road, it doesn't appear that much is thriving.

I remember a time when there were enough anti-development people on the City Council – and enough anti-development people in the city – to keep many new projects from happening.

Then, the tide changed. Pro-development sentiment ran high. But that was the time when the economy started to turn. And many projects started with good intentions fell by the wayside.

Many people agree that Palmetto Park Road needs work. That's the reason the city invested in construction of a pedestrian promenade – to slow traffic and invite citizens to visit the shops and restaurants along that road.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of empty places that were once retail stores and eating places. There's a whole bunch of vacant buildings that still have "For Lease" signs from Greg Talbott, the bankrupt downtown property owner. That area needs cleanup badly.

So does the area near the beach. On a hot Sunday, season or not season, there should be lots of people on those sidewalks visiting stores, buying ice cream and enjoying the fruits of city development.

Batmasian said the 7-Eleven will sell food and drink along with other convenience items.

I listened to the voices of the development foes, but their arguments were old and shopworn. Objectors complained of increased traffic, lower property values and parking problems. Those seem hollow in the face of need.



POSITIVE LIVING

By Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr.

Being All You Can Be!

In any society there are products that have been around for a long, long time. Some may change their outward packaging, while the content remains the same. I daily enjoy at home some teas which first made their appearance in the 1700's, and are still consumed by countless people.

Other items undergo many changes continually, so as not to lose their clientele to new, competing products. Thus, we often find an "advanced" formula, or a "newly improved" pill, or something else with more of this or less of that!

As persons, we should not make ourselves into guardians of the "status

quo," but project ourselves as people on the move, always advancing, manifesting tangible growth in significant aspects of our being, showing definite improvement. Of necessity, genuine changes must occur in every human life and conduct as result of personal planning and courageous determination!

Being all you can be is a worthy goal for every thinking human. It happens as you diligently apply all you learn into new situations you face, all the changing experiences you encounter, both positive and negative, to strengthen you for the surprising new challenges life shall con-

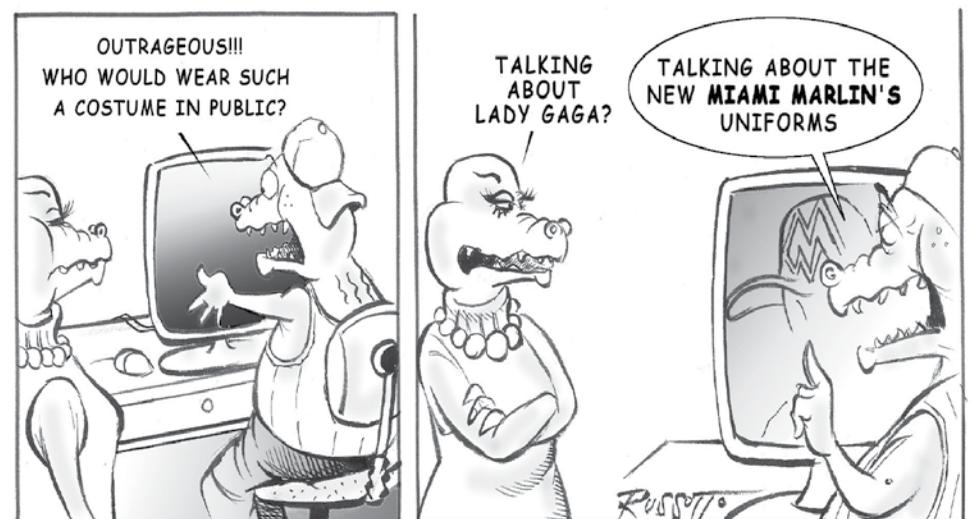
tinue always to present!

Inasmuch as you should portray a pleasant, outward disposition in all your contacts with others, the emphasis is not merely cosmetic in nature. Rather, it entails the cultivation of your inner self to the extent that personal qualities, carefully developed, can always be outwardly manifested to influence your surroundings in a positive way!

Never limit yourself, but live to the fullest, employing all the legitimate resources you've been accumulating through the years in your life, determined to grow and make a lasting difference wherever you pass or stay!

Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr. is a Florida resident who, for many years, was a professor at the post-graduate level. He is a writer, a sought-after conference speaker, a man who lived in five continents of the world, having received his education in four of them. When he resided in southern California, he wrote a weekly column for the daily "Anaheim Bulletin," which was carried for about six years, until he moved to south Florida.

IT'S THE HUMIDITY by Ray Russotto



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Boca Raton Firefighters planning 21st annual Santa Toy Delivery

BOCA RATON - On Monday December 5, the Boca Raton Fire Fighters will conduct registration for Boca Raton residents who would like to have Santa Claus personally deliver a present

to a child of their choice. Registration for this event will take place at Fire Station #5 located at 2333 West Glades Road from 6 to 9 p.m.

For a \$20 donation per gift, Santa and his elves

will deliver each gift on a fire engine to the child's home. The gifts should be wrapped and labeled when brought to the registration site. This year's proceeds will assist in sending holiday

Care Packages to troops overseas, and funding college scholarships for eligible students within the community.

Delivery dates are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday De-

cember 17th and Sunday December 18th.

The Firefighters of Boca Raton and special volunteers are donating their time to make this program a successful part of their commit-

ment to serving the community.

For more information please call the "Santa Hotline" at 561-239-5752 or www.BocaCares.org.

Lynn University to present 9th Annual Gingerbread Holiday Concert

BOCA RATON -- Jon Robertson, Dean of Lynn University's Conservatory of Music, and Albert-George Schram, music director and conductor, have announced the annual Gingerbread Holiday concert parents,

grandparents and children of all age will be held Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 East Camino Real.

Sponsored by Bank of America, it will be presented by the Lynn Uni-

versity Friends of the Conservatory of Music.

Under the baton of Maestro Albert-George Schram, the Lynn University Philharmonia will perform this much-anticipated community concert.

Proceeds will raise much-needed scholarship funds for the Lynn Conservatory's most deserving, talented student-musicians who hail from all over the world.

Tickets are \$35 general admission and in-

clude the cost of the valet. They are available for purchase at the Lynn University Box Office in the Wold Performing Arts Center at 3601 N. Military Trail.

Tickets also may be purchased online at www.lynn.edu/tickets or by phone at 561.237.9000.

Now in its 18th season as a full symphony, the Philharmonia continues to present high-quality concerts with a wide range of repertoire.

December events listed for PBC parks

The following events are planned in December at Palm Beach County parks and recreation amphitheatres:

Canyon Town Center Amphitheater

8802 Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach - Hotline: 561-488-8069

Saturday, Dec. 3 - G.L. Homes and Palm Beach County proudly present the third annual Holiday Party from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Come get into the holiday spirit! Grab your mittens and play in the snow. Enjoy a photo op with Santa or make arts and crafts to take home. Free admission.

Sunday, December 18 - Join the Jewish Community Center of Boynton Beach for a community Hanukkah Celebration 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Live music, speakers, menorah lighting and much more. Visit www.jcconline.com for more information. Bring lawn chairs; pets on leashes welcome. Free admission.

Sunset Cove Amphitheater

12551 Glades Road, Boca Raton - Hotline: 561-488-8069

Friday, Dec. 2 - Palm Beach County presents movie night at 7 p.m. featuring Prancer, rated G. This is the heartwarming tale of a young girl, a reindeer, and the magic they use to overcome an entire town's cynicism and create a true miracle of Christmas. Starring Sam Elliott, Cloris Leachman, and Abe Vigoda. Picnic baskets and lawn chairs welcome, no pets.

Free admission.

Saturday, Dec. 10 - AEG Live presents My Morning Jacket with special guests "Delta Spirit" live in concert at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$38.50 plus fees at www.ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster locations. No outside food or beverages allowed vendors on site. No pets. No chairs, blankets and ponchos only allowed. Separate applicable parking charges will apply the day of the show.

Seabreeze Amphitheater

750 South S.R. A1A, Jupiter - Hotline: 561-966-7099

Saturday, Dec. 17 - The Makayla Joy Sitton Foundation will be presenting the Shine the Light Christmas Pageant. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy an inspirational evening filled with Christmas songs, dancing, singing, and the re-enacting of the Christmas story complete with live animals. The evening will include performances by the award-winning Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, and the highly acclaimed Florida Classical Ballet Theatre. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Donations from the evening will go toward funding scholarships. Bring lawn chairs and picnic baskets, pets on leashes welcome. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$10. Visit www.makaylajoystitton.com/ for more information.

Is this Spaniard crazy or just a proud show off?

Come to the Grand Opening of The Spaniard Tapas Bar & Café and find out for yourself! The festivities take place on Sat., Dec. 3rd from 7pm - 2am.

Prepare to be spoiled by a culinary journey traversing the rich, flavorful regions of the Spanish Iberian Peninsula and the world. Chef Jorge Luis brings his traditional culinary art from Spain, France, England, Amsterdam, Canary Islands, the Caribbean and the United States, presenting his delicious specialty paellas, mouth watering Spanish tapas (hors d'oeuvres), and other worldly delights for the enjoyment of all as he has for the past 16 years.

Located in the heart of Downtown Boca, The Spaniard Tapas Bar & Café offers authentic

Spanish cuisine in a relaxing environment, accompanied by an outstanding selection of wines and beautiful Flamenco dancing. Interested in learning more about the rich cultural heritage of Spain? Well you can when you join the "Sevillanas Club", which will be meeting regularly at The Spaniard for fun activities and dance instruction. For more details, call Cintya at 954-261-5876.

For the Grand Opening party, Chef Jorge Luis will be cooking up his famous Giant Paella, which he claims will feed 400 people or more at one time. (He assures us he won't run out of food; he's never run out, so bring it!) In addition to the paella, guests will enjoy complimentary tapas and sample wines,

sangrias and sherries dispensed from authentic wine barrels. A Flamenco show will be taking place throughout the night as well.

Chef Jorge also designs custom menus that can meet all culinary needs and tastes for parties of any size! From 1,000 people or more to just one, they plan and cater corporate meetings and events, weddings, garden parties, special events, festivals and even fun dinners and lunches for small groups of close friends and family.

For those interested in dining from the menu, a la carte table service will be available inside with a reservation.

99 SE Mizner Blvd. (former Moquila location) 561-347-7000 www.paellas.com

City of Boca Raton 2011 Holiday Experience

BOCA RATON FL—Twinkling lights, festive parades, entertainment for the entire family, seasonal music, tasty food delights—they are all part of the 2011 holiday experience planned by the City of Boca Raton. The Recreation Services Department, along with a great many support organizations, civic groups, and individual volunteers, have planned a wide variety of activities for the residents of Boca Raton, its neighbors, and guests.

On Wednesday, December 7th, community businesses, churches, schools, and civic organizations are all invited to come together in the spirit of holiday cooperation and fun at the annual Holiday Street Parade. In its 41st year, the parade is scheduled to begin at 7:30pm in downtown Boca with parade participants moving from S.E. 8th Street and proceeding north on Federal Highway to Mizner Park, marching to the theme of "Having A Ball In Boca." There will be a line-up of local bands and choirs, "musical" entertainers, cheerleaders, baton twirlers, various drill teams, and a wide array of colorful floats—over 40 of them—all well-lighted for the occasion. Many surprises, including a visit from Santa & Mrs. Santa, are planned for the evening, including some special "having a ball" treats and an extra large animal balloon (20-foot Sun-Sentinel delivery dog), to brighten up the season in true "holiday favorite" style.

Sponsors of the holiday events, organized by the City Recreation Services Department, include The Boca Raton Tribune, Sun-Sentinel, WRMF97.9 FM, U.S. Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, and the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District.

The Boca Raton Green-Market, sponsored and organized by the Children's



Museum of Boca Raton continues each Saturday during the month of December (the 3rd, 10th, 17th) from 8:00am to 1:00pm in Royal Palm Place's southwest parking lot in downtown Boca. There you may purchase local farm-to-table fresh fruits and vegetables, a wide assortment of plants, gourmet foods, oils & vinegars, fresh pasta, soaps & lotions, fresh seafood, specialty arts & crafts, various gift-giving items, fresh-cut flowers, freshly-baked goods, holiday wreaths and assorted greenery, along with holiday gift baskets.

Returning for the 35th year is the always-exciting Boca Raton Holiday Boat Parade on Saturday, December 17th, 6:30pm, with beautifully-decorated vessels making their way south on the Intracoastal Waterway beginning at the Boca Raton-Delray Beach border past Spanish River Boulevard, Lake Wyman, Red Reef Park, Silver Palm Park, Camino Real, and ending at the Hillsboro Boulevard Bridge just south of the Palm Beach County line in Broward County. A spectacular traveling fireworks display will lead the boats down the parade route. Free bleacher seating for viewing is available at Red Reef Park located on A1A and Silver Palm Park located on East Palmetto Park Road. Supporters of the Parade include Marine Industries of PBC, Boca Resort & Club, Oceans 1000, Barry Epstein

Public Relations, Skechers USA, Atlantic Intracoastal Navigation District, Beverly Hills International Inc., and additional sponsors who have donated services and supplies. Families are also invited to bring along an unwrapped toy for the United States Marines' Toys for Tots collection taking place during the Boat Parade. Toy donations will be distributed to children in our area by the Marines.

Bring the entire family to the Holiday Fun-tacular event taking place at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Trail on December 23 through January 6, 2012. Prices and times vary with select fun activities including puppet shows, magicians, storytelling, craft workshops and much more. It's also time for family fun at the 13th Annual Children's Winter Fair scheduled for Tuesday, December 27th, from 10:00am to 3:00pm at Patch Reef Park, located on Yamato Road, just west of Military Trail. Various activities have been planned for children including games, arts & crafts, contests, stage entertainment, clowns, kiddie rides, facepainting, balloon art and much more. Community resource support groups will also exhibit and share information with families with respect to their roles in the community. Entrance to the event is free, with nominal charges for some activities and ride tickets. Food will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Delray Beach Playhouse presents its 2011 Holiday Show

DELRAY BEACH — Come join the fun and sing along with your favorite Playhouse Singers while celebrating this holiday season at The Delray Beach Playhouse's 2011 Holiday Show. The performance is Sunday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and all proceeds from ticket sales benefit The Children's Theatre.

The program will include all kinds of holiday music, a visit from Santa Claus, and Hanukkah chocolate coins will be distributed by a special guest. The playhouse will be collecting unwrapped toys for Hugs Not Drugs, a not for profit organization which promotes drug-free lifestyles for families. Toys will be distributed to un-

derprivileged children.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Playhouse Box Office at 561-272-1281 Ext. 4.

Located at 950 NW 9th Street, the playhouse is located in the Lake Ida East Park and has plenty of free parking. For information, visit www.delraybeach-playhouse.com.

October was a record-breaking month for Palm Tran

Palm Tran, Palm Beach County's public transportation agency, set an all-time record in October 2011 with a total monthly ridership of 1,003,356. This is the first time Palm Tran has exceeded one million passenger trips in any one month period.

The average weekday ridership in October of 40,843 was also



a record.

During the same time period in October 2010, the monthly total

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The Boca Raton Tribune

Boca Council upholds Planning Board, approves convenience store on Palmetto

By Dale M. King

BOCA RATON – A major downtown property owner has won a pitched battle with adjacent landowners and other objectors, earning the City Council's OK to expand a building on East Palmetto Park Road for a convenience store.

The council voted Nov.

22 to uphold an Aug. 18 decision of the Planning & Zoning Board allowing James Batmasian of Investments Limited to add 777 square feet to an existing retail site at 831 E. Palmetto Park Road.

The P&Z Board voted, 4-3 to allow the additional square footage along with site improvements within the previously approved 800-

899 E. Palmetto Park Road buildings. Robert Oksman of 904 E. Boca Raton Road appealed the board's ruling, which brought the petition before the council at its Nov. 22 meeting.

Following lengthy discussion by those for and against the request, a shorthanded City Council voted 3-0 to uphold the Planning and Zoning Board's ruling.

Only Mayor Susan Whelchel and Council members Anthony Majhess and Mike Mullaugh voted on the petition. Both Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie and Councilwoman Constance Scott recused themselves from the vote, and were not on the council dais when the discussions took place.

City Clerk Susan Saxton said Oksman and two others filed the appeal, but the other two withdrew prior to Tuesday's hearing.

In a Nov. 11 letter to Ralf Brookes, attorney for Oksman, Batmasian said Investments Limited is seeking to obtain a lease for a convenience store – a new 7-Eleent prototype by Southland Corp. "It would feature all new, fresh prod-

ucts, gourmet coffee and upgraded architectural features," Batmasian said.

Deliveries would be made to the store via the front of the store, with early morning and late evening truck parking off Palmetto9 Park Road. "The exterior building signage will be articulated architecturally into the overall façade," Batmasian said.

At both the P&Z meeting and Tuesday's council meeting, objectors complained of increased traffic, lower property values and parking problems. Residents said a petition opposed to the petition has been circulated.

Objectors also said they do not want a national chain in the area, but, rather, an upscale restaurant.

At Tuesday's Council meeting, City Planner Daryl Johnson outlined the Batmasian plan which would add 777 square feet to the building which currently includes retail and restaurant space totaling 14,620 square feet and five apartments in the upper level of the building.

Johnson called the location "a unique site" since it consists of both residen-



tial and retail uses. City Traffic Engineer Douglas Hess also said that 58 percent of the people who use the retail and restaurant facilities reach the building without cars. "Many come from the beach," said Hess.

Saying the staff recommends upholding the P & Z Board's decision, Johnson said there should be a 6-foot high masonry wall build behind the structure.

Batmasian was also told to provide affidavits to the city on Jan. 31, 2012 and in October of 2012 and subsequent years telling the city who lives in the residences. No owners of the businesses are allowed to live there.

Following the vote upholding the P&Z decision, the council added five conditions involving lighting, security and landscaping.

Boca Raton Police make multiple arrests in recent home burglaries

BOCA RATON – Boca Raton police arrested three youths in connection with a burglary on Deerhurst Crescent Circle Nov. 23. They later arrested one person for a burglary on Lariat Drive.

Officers arrested Stephon Rich, 18 and Rontavis Holton, 18, both of Pompano Beach, and Charles

Murrell, 17, of Lauderdale Lakes in connection with the Deerhurst Crescent Circle break-in.

According to reports, a witness told officers he heard an alarm from the home, then saw a male, later identified as Murrell, walking to a blue Saturn. Officers checked the residence

and found the back door pried open and the bedroom ransacked.

Tac Team officers responding to the area located and stopped the vehicle on Military Trail, just south of SW 18th Street. The driver was identified as Stephon Rich. Tac Team officers located two other males,

matching the description given by the witness, walking west on SW 18th Street. The witness identified one male, Charles Murrell, as the person he saw walking away from the house.

All three were arrested and charged with burglary to a dwelling.

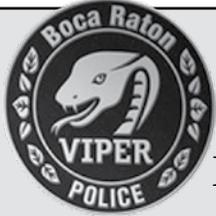
Less than two hours

later, officers responded to a report of a house alarm on Lariat Circle. The first officer who arrived found a rusted outdoor chair under a window on the side of the house. The window did not shatter, but was loosened enough to push in and climb through.

A few minutes later of-

ficers from the Tac Team located a suspicious person later identified as Yves Gissomme, 25, of Boca Raton, who gave officers and detectives several different stories of why he was in the area.

Gissomme was arrested and charged with burglary to a dwelling, police said.



Boca Police Safety Tip

Q: I am applying for a new job and several companies have requested I submit my fingerprints to have a background check completed. Where do I get my fingerprints taken?

A: The Boca Raton Police Services Department offers fingerprinting services at both the main police department located at 100 NW 2nd Avenue as well as the Town Center Mall police substation (2nd floor Nordstrom parking garage). Police department fingerprinting hours are Tuesday - Thursday 9am-11:30am and Thursday 4pm-6pm and the mall substation hours are Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm, with no appointment necessary. For additional information such as fees and directions, call 561-338-1234.

Crime and safety questions are answered by officers from the Crime Prevention Unit. For more information, visit www.BocaPolice.com.

Boca Raton Police Blotter

BURGLARY TO BUSINESS 11/22/2011 12:50 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY

Complainant stated that between 11/18/11 at 1700hrs and 11/22/11 at 1250hrs, unknown suspect(s) attempted to gain entry by prying open the south side door. Complainant stated entry was not gained, nor was anything missing.

BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE 11/22/2011 13:33 NW 61ST CIRCLE

Victim reported 2 sets of sterling silver valued at \$10,000 were taken from the garage along with a valuable coin collection. No signs of a forced entry.

VANDALISM TO BUSINESS 11/22/2011 9:39 S FEDERAL HIGHWAY

Sometime between Monday, 11/14/11, 2200 hours and Tuesday, 11/15/11, 0800 hours, unknown subjects broke a large hurricane glass window facing the south. The cost to install a new window is about \$900

OFFENSE AGAINST COMPUTER USERS 11/22/2011 9:42 NE 2ND STREET

Complainant advised that his company's website was accessed by a former employee who took the site offline for a day.

SIMPLE BATTERY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 11/22/11

Diana Gayle Siggler, 41, was arrested for battery on a law enforcement officer after she allegedly slapped a Boca Raton officer on the right arm. She was being detained due to a disturbance between herself and another woman in front of a business in Mizner Park. The other woman was arrested for resisting arrest without violence.

Boca Fire Rescue female athletes do it again

BOCA RATON –The U.S. Firefighter Combat Challenge Nationals were held in Fort Pierce, where Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services top female athletes Irena Elmstrom and Shelly and Sherry Griffith

and members of their team competed against athletes from across the United States.

Irena placed 1st in the Co-Ed Tandem event with her partner David Bowman, a firefighter from

Charlotte, N.C. In the Female Relay Irena, Sherry, Shelly, Whitney Briggs, a firefighter from Canada and Angela Bronco, a firefighter from the Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue Department, placed

2nd.

In the Female Tandem event Irena and partner Sheri Peacock, a firefighter from Greensboro, N.C., placed 3rd and in the Female Individual event, Irena placed 3rd.

Man reports street corner robbery in Boca

BOCA RATON – Local police are investigating a report of an armed robbery that occurred just before 10 p.m. Nov. 14 near 600 West Glades Road, a police report says.

The victim told officers he was walking north on NW 13th Street heading to meet some friends in the area of 200 NW 20th Street. As he approached

Glades Road, a small, white, older model, compact pick-up truck drove past and pulled over just ahead of him.

The victim said that as he walked past the truck, the passenger asked for directions to Atlantic Avenue. The man approached the truck and the passenger pointed a semi-automatic handgun at him

and demanded his valuables. The victim handed the suspect his wallet but refused to hand over his iPhone. Police said the suspect grabbed his shirt, tried to grab his phone, and threatened to shoot him if he didn't give the phone to him.

Before the suspect was able to get the victim's phone, the driver of the

truck drove away.

The vehicle was last seen heading east on Glades Road.

The victim was not injured, police said. If anyone has information about this crime, they are asked to call Detective Jeff Clare at (561) 338-1246 or Palm Beach County Crime Stoppers at (800) 458-TIPS.

Two teens arrested for robbing classmate in Boca

BOCA RATON – Two 15-year-olds were arrested Nov. 22 for allegedly robbing a classmate, police said.

The juvenile victim told police that when he got off the school bus at 1500 North Federal Highway, an acquaintance from school – later identified as Terelle Moore – spoke with him while another juvenile – identified later

as Travis Brown – ripped his gold necklace from his neck.

The victim went home and when his parents arrived, they called police. Meanwhile, a police report said, at about 3:50 p.m., before the crime was reported, a Boca Raton Police officer was on routine patrol in the area of 1515 North Federal Highway and saw a male identified

as Travis Brown, running west in the parking lot. Brown caught the officer's attention because he was clutching something near his waistband and kept looking behind him.

The officer called the information out on the police radio and other officers responded to the area. The officer saw Brown as he was about to jump a wall to the rear of the prop-

erty and called out, "Stop, police!" Brown ignored the command, continued over the wall and ran out of sight, according to the report.

Officers continued to check the area until they were advised of the robbery. They arrested Brown and Moore and charged them with robbery by sudden snatching.

Suspect wanted for ID theft in Boca

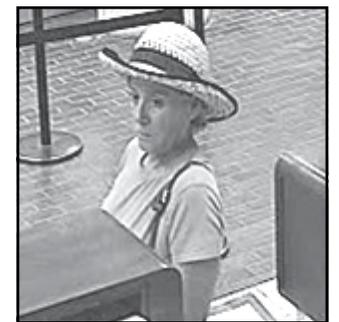
BOCA RATON – The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance with identifying a suspect wanted for identity theft.

PBSO said the uniden-

tified suspect is criminally using a stolen identity to withdraw funds from the victim's checking account. The victim's identification documents were originally stolen from a car bur-

glary in Boca Raton.

If anyone can identify this suspect, they are urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS.



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Art World comes to Miami at Art Basel Miami Beach

By Skip Sheffield

The eyes of the art world will on the greater Miami area for the next week starting Thursday, Dec. 1. It is the triumphant 10th season for Art Basel Miami Beach Dec. 1-4, with ancillary events before and after.

Art Basel Miami Beach is an offshoot of Art Basel in Switzerland, which was founded in 1970 and by 1973, had become the largest art show in the world.

Art Basel Miami Beach has become hands-down the most important art event in America. The title is a bit misleading now, because Art Basel Miami Beach has branched out from its headquarters at Miami Beach Convention Center to a number of other Miami Beach loca-

tions.

A few years ago, the event jumped Biscayne Bay to the Miami mainland, which is where you will find some of the youngest and most exciting arts in the Design District north of Julia Tuttle Causeway (I-195) and the new Wynwood area to the south.

The good news for the arts is that many of the Miami displays are free. Admission to the Miami Beach Convention Center is \$40 one-day, \$55 for a combination pass to Art Basel Miami Beach and Design Miami, and \$85 for a permanent pass. Seniors 62 and up are \$23 and an evening ticket from 4 p.m. on is \$28.

Inside the convention center are galleries ranging from A to Z, from all over the world -- more

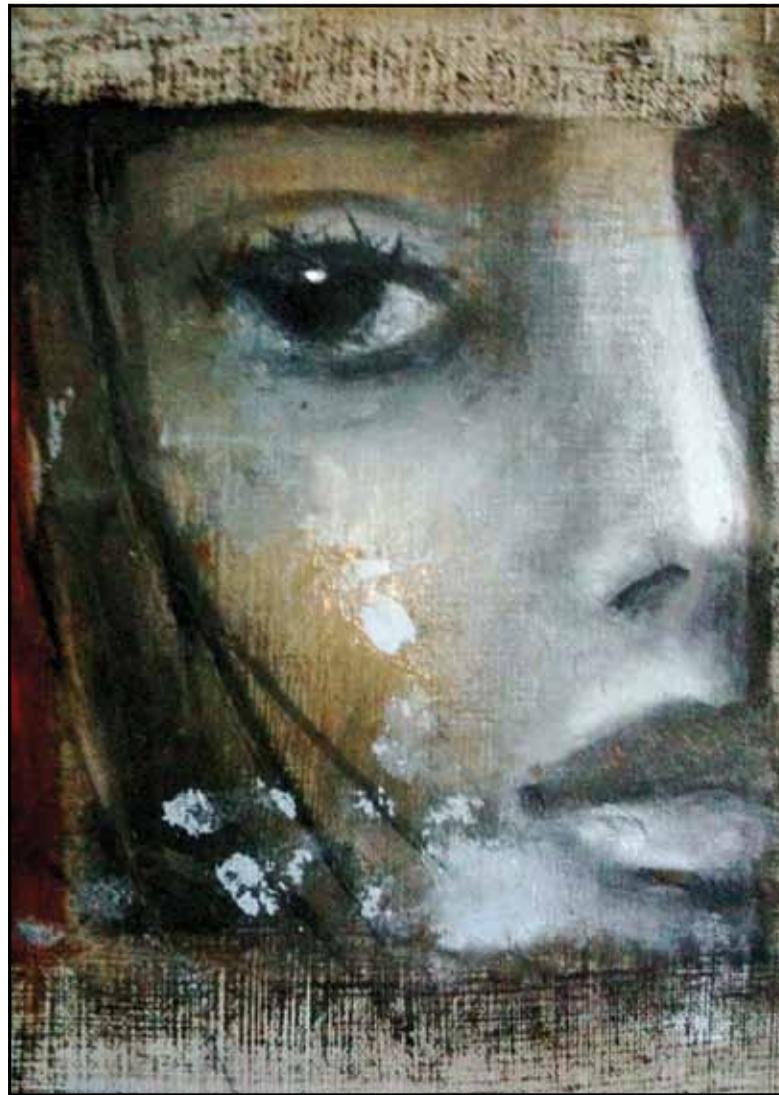
than 300 leading galleries in all. Last year, 62,500 people attended the show, and a third of these were visitors to our area.

Lena Luckey is an artist who has been invited to show her work for the first time at Art Basel.

"It is such an honor to be asked," she said at her artist's studio. "I am very excited to be part of such a prestigious international event."

Though based in Fort Lauderdale, Luckey is an international artist. Born in Prague, Czech Republic, her works are carried in galleries there and in Germany, Switzerland, France, Morocco, Bali, Montreal and New York. Her work may be seen locally at Village Studio Gallery, 514 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach.

Lena Luckey's work may be seen in Miami Solo booths 207-211 as part of the 22nd Art Miami and Red Dot Art of Miami and New York.



"There will be all kinds of parties, concerts and special events," says Luckey. "For me it is an opportunity to get exposure all over the world at one location."

Stories like Luckey's will be shared by hundreds, even thousands of artists who will benefit from all the attention. It is estimated that more than

2,000 artists from the 20th and 21st centuries will be represented in the Miami area from dozens of venues.

For more information, go to www.artbaselmiami.com or call Robert Goodman at 305-674-1292. For information on Lena Luckey go to www.luckeyart.com.



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Muppets
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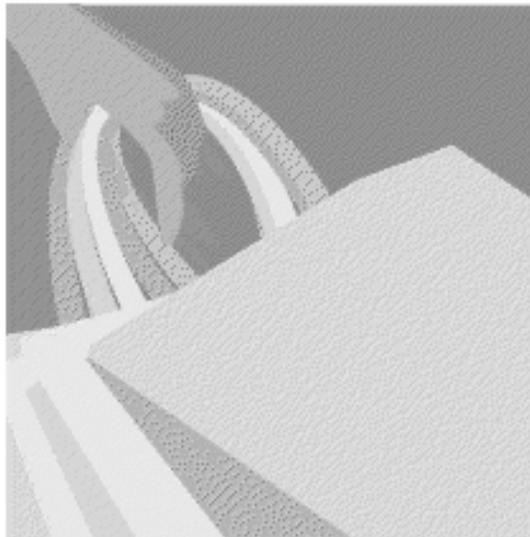
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Lena Luckey with art aficionados

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Rotary Club Luncheon

We had a great attendance of past and present OPAL recipients including Marta Batmasian, Florence (Flossy) Keesely, Rosemary and Ben Krieger, Dr. Ira Gelb, Dr. Dennis Frisch, and 2012 OPAL recipient and past Rotary President Ken Davis, Bob Hildreth spoke of the first OPAL dinner he organized 14 years ago, as did all of the above comment on their OPAL experience.. One of the highlights of the luncheon, the girl soccer team spoke of the money they have raised for breast cancer mammograms for those who can't afford one. They have donated \$9000 to Boca Hospital in four years by selling pink t-shirts.

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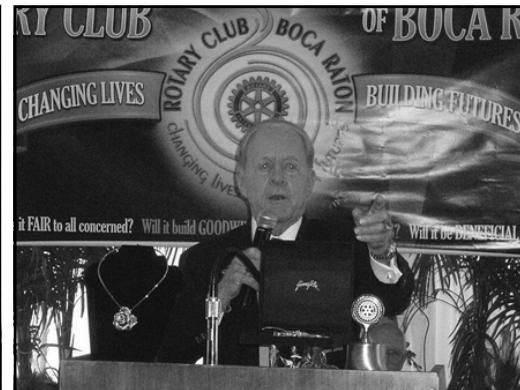
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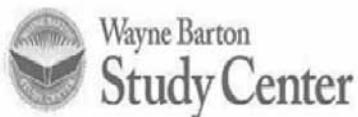
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Bernado Mancebo was born on November 23, 2011 and is the son of The Boca Raton Tribune's Software Engineer Anderson Mancebo and his wife Valquíria Mancebo. Bernado is the couple's first child. Bernado was cleared to go home in the 25th and has been doing well ever since. Congratulations to Anderson and Valquíria on the new baby!



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ENTERTAINMENT

By Skip Sheffield

It's time to meet the Muppets -- all over again

Who doesn't love The Muppets?

I sure do. The Muppets bring back fond memories of my three daughters growing up in Boca Raton, watching "Sesame Street" and "The Muppet Show" on television.

Certainly I'm not alone in my nostalgic feelings, and that is exactly why the Jim Henson franchise is being rebooted by Disney in "The Muppet Movie."

The motivating spirit behind this project to create a seventh Muppet movie 12 years after the last one is writer, actor and producer Jason Segel.

Segel is an avowed Muppets fan, and thanks to the success of his movies he has the clout and financial wherewithal to lead the charge.

Segel co-wrote The Muppet Movie with Nicholas Stoller, with whom he wrote "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and "Get Him to the Greek."

He also stars as Gary, a Muppets fan from Smalltown USA who lives with his "brother" Walter, who is a newly-created Muppet character.

Like Pee-Wee Herman, Gary and Walter lived in a cute little cottage that is more like a boy's clubhouse. Gary does have a girlfriend named Mary (Amy Adams), but they have been together ten years and Gary has yet to pop the big question.

The setting of Smalltown is like an idealized 1950s TV show, with vin-

tage cars, mom-and-pop stores, and smiling citizens who sing and dance at the drop of a downbeat.

In fact, "Life's a Happy Song" pretty much tells the story as a song sung by Gary and Walter and later an elaborate dance number in the town square. The song was written by musical director Bret McKenzie, who wrote or co-wrote several other new songs to add to the Muppets musical library.

The setup for the story is Gary's decision to give Mary her dream trip to Los Angeles. When Walter learns Gary and Mary are going to Los Angeles, all he can think is that it is the home of the Muppet Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard. At the last dramatic moment, Gary tells Walter he is going too. Soon a 1950s-vintage Greyhound bus pulls up, and they are off.

Muppet Theater is no longer a working studio, but a museum; a museum which is on its last legs. A wheezy old tour guide (Alan Arkin in the first of many guest star cameos) takes them on a tour of closed offices and broken attractions.

The Muppet Theater is about to be sold to oil baron Tex Richman (Chris Cooper), who lets slip his real intention is to demolish the theater and drill for the oil he knows is below.

What is a Muppet to do? Put on a show, of

course, to raise the \$10 million it will take to buy the property. So begins a reintroduction to the Muppet characters, starting with an initially reluctant Kermit the Frog. You'll have to see the movie to see all the comical details that go into reassembling the old gang, but trust me it is very clever and knowledgeable about musical comedy conventions, with characters breaking the fourth wall to talk about plot twists and motivations. I love the map travel concept. I'm surprised no one has thought of it before as a gag.

Muppets have never been real, but they have always represented the best of an optimistic, friendly, generous can-do America. Sly references to the current reality are many. I love that Fozzie the Bear is now performing with a Muppets tribute band call The Moopets. They are Muppets with a cynical edge, you see.

No, there is no room for cynicism in Muppetland, where even villains can see the light and get into the act. Yes, this movie will make tons of money for a corporation that already makes tons of money, but when it's this much fun, I'll let it pass.

Jim Henson left this world in 1990 at the far too young age of 53. As long as Muppets can bring laughter and love, Jim Henson's spirit will shine.

Three stars



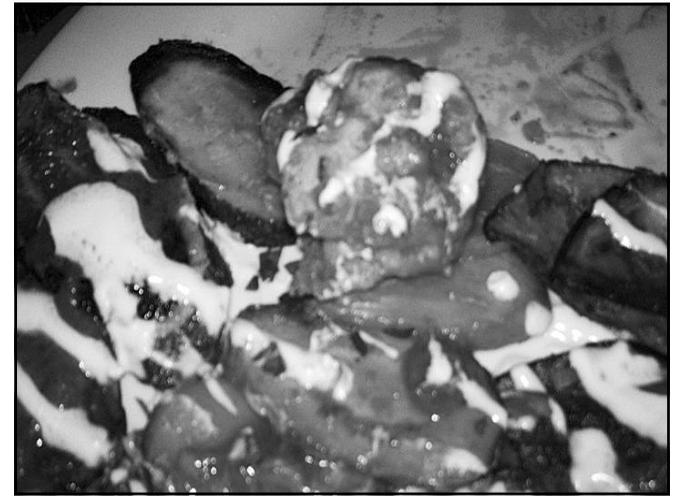
BOCA FOOD FINDS

By Denise Righetti

Meze Fest at Anatolia's

One of my recent foodie events took place at Anatolia's Mediterranean Restaurant in Downtown Boca. We had a group of 20 who all enjoyed a wonderful selection of both hot & cold Mezes (Turkish appetizers). Since Anatolia's doesn't serve wine, guests are encouraged to bring their own for a nominal charge of just \$5 per bottle. Our wait staff was extremely attentive and was quick to open our bottles and chill any that needed to be chilled. Our first platter, a cold meze medley (\$17), arrived and consisted of Hummus, Ezme (finely minced tomatoes, green peppers & onion), Babaganus (fire-roasted eggplant, tahini & herbs), Eggplant salad (fire-roasted eggplant, veggies & herbs) and Dolma (stuffed grape leaves). This came along with unlimited baskets of their home baked bread and homemade sun dried pepper dipping sauce, which was a big hit with this crowd.

Next up was a dish called Barbunya,(\$8) which are kidney beans served slightly warmed with carrot, celery and a light olive oil/lemon juice.

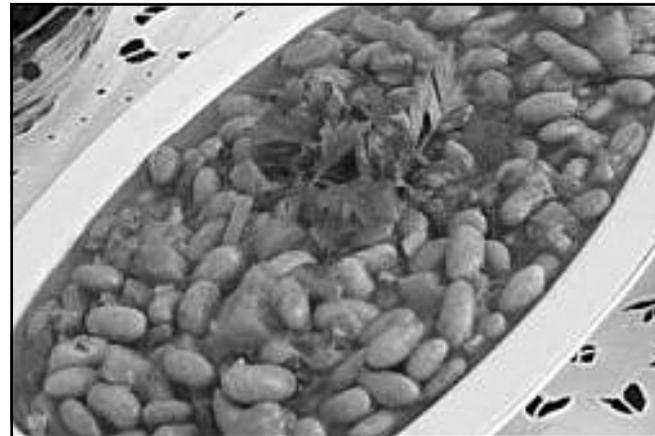


Very tasty. Following the Barbunya came one of my favorite dishes: Kizartma (\$9)- seasoned grilled veggies with a garlic yogurt sauce drizzled on top. We had grilled eggplant, zucchini, carrots & cauliflower. Kisir, a special that is not regularly on the menu, (\$8) came out served on a lovely bed of romaine lettuce leaves. Kisir is a cracked wheat which the chef masterfully combined with scallion, tomato, parsley and a pomegranate molasses lemon juice to create a perfect blend of texture and seasoning. We were instructed to eat this by scooping the kisir onto the lettuce leaves, everyone willingly followed these instructions.

To end the night on a sweet note, we were treated to a homemade baklava (\$4.50) square made with layers of phyllo dough, filled with pistachios and walnuts and drizzled with homemade syrup and then topped with crushed pistachios. If you've read my previous food blog that I did on Anatolia's "Let's Talk Turkey", then you will also see that I was served this most yummy creation for dessert. I am going to go out on a limb here and say that I dare anyone to find a better piece of baklava! Anatolia's in my opinion makes THE BEST, period! Stop in and say hi to the owners Nuran & Nadir. They will treat you, like they treated us...Like Family. Enjoy.

So there you have it. To read some of the other comments made by my guests, please go to Anatolia's facebook page: www.facebook.com/AnatoliaBoca. While there, be sure to "LIKE" them.

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AS SEEN BY FEEN

By Diane Feen

Light the Night Walk for a good cause

We all met at the Sunset Cove Amphitheater on a perfect fall evening. The purpose was larger than the sum total of our parts and the outcome matched the sheer determination of the crowd.

The reason that over 2,500 people came together on a Saturday night in November was to raise funds (and support) The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Teams of people were there to support their loved ones and to remember those who have been taken by this disease. To accomplish this The Light the Night Walk was created.

It was a night of camaraderie and compassion punctuated by a real cause that is near and dear to everyone's heart that attended. "I started doing this walk the year my daughter Bree was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2008. Although Bree has been in remission for three years I will continue to do this every year to raise money for research," said team leader Gayle Stevens,

who is a Community Liaison at Vitas Innovative Hospice Care.

It is Gayle who rallied her group to raise funds and come out to the farthest part of West Boca Raton to join a cause whose mission is a worthy one. There were many Teams at the Park with names like Team Mike, Team Jason, Stuart's Friends & Family, Positive Power People, Mike Blackman's Family, Friends & Temple Beth El and my team VITAS - It's a Bree'z (started by Stevens).

What made it such a heart warming evening was that there was a real sense of kinship - even though many of those attending had never met before. And there was so much food, with most teams sharing their good bounty with friends and strangers. But the food was sustenance for a group who gathered together to hear stories of survival (and loss) and who walked two miles in the dark with balloons and flickering necklaces.



VITAS - It's a Bree'z Team

There was also a candle light ceremony of Remembrance to honor those who have been taken from us. We were told, "There is no quick fix for grief, but it helps to share your feelings with people who care." Reverend Greg Sherman read the Litany of Remembrance by Roland Gittelsohn and we all repeated "We Remember them" after each prayer was said. "In the rising sun and in its going down we Remember them - In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer - We Remember them, and When we have Joys we yearn to share - We Remember them."

After the sun had set and pictures were taken it was time to walk. And walk we did - for two miles in a group made up of young people, senior citizens and everyone in between. We walked for comfort, we walked for a cure and we walked to let everyone know it was time to make a difference. It was also a time to gather and remember - because that is

the only way we can avoid forgetting.

If you are interested in joining a group next year (or want to join VITAS - It's a Bree'z) go to <http://www.lightthenight.org/register/> or go to <http://www.lightthenight.org/what/> for more information about the Light the Night Walk and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

You'll be glad you did.

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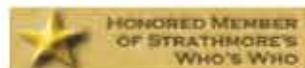
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Story, photos by Barbara McCormick

BOCA RATON — A festive dinner party with

musical entertainment opened the social season for members and friends of the National Society of Arts and Letters (NSAL)

Boca Raton South Florida Chapter. The annual affair was once again hosted by Dorinda and Bob Spahr with daughter Jessica Paton.

The meeting conducted by NSAL President Judi Asselta highlighted the events planned for the coming year. Dates for major events included NSAL Membership Tea, February 16, 2012; and Chapter Career Awards Competition (Musical Theatre) Saturday, March 3, 2012.

The elegant Annual Red Rose Dinner Gala will honor the First Lady of Theatre, Jan McArt and NSAL Musical Theatre Competition and NSAL Scholarship winners on Thursday, April 12, 2012. All proceeds from NSAL events help make it possible to identify, encourage, assist and showcase young artists in art, dance, drama, literature, musical theatre, music and voice.

Guests, seated concert style around the grand piano, enjoyed a number of musical selections, beginning with a performance by Cuban-born flutist Fabian Alvarez, accompanied by jazz guitarist Matthew Asselta. Fabian was then accompanied by Polish

pianist Agneiszka Sornek. Solo performances by pianist Sornek concluded the musical interlude. Fabian and Agneiszka are students at the Lynn University Conservatory of Music and Matthew is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music.

Dr. Jon Robertson, dean of the Lynn University Conservatory of Music praised the talented students and the outstanding Conservatory Artist-faculty.

He announced that the Conservatory of Music has full accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Music and is equally ranked with Juilliard, Curtis, Eastman and the top Conservatory's of the world. Lynn Conservatory was ranked by NASM as the most outstanding in Chamber Music. He thanked NSAL members for their continued support.

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Standing, Fabian Alvarez (Cuban born- student at Lynn Conservatory of Music); seated: Agneiszka Sornek (pianist from Poland, student at Lynn Conservatory of Music)

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NSAL dinner Hosts, from left, Dorinda and Robert Spahr and daughter Jessica Paton.



Shown from left are Judi Asselta, president of NSAL; Dr. Raylene Phillips; Doctors Drs. Jon and Florence Robertson and Alyce Erickson, NSAL Advisor

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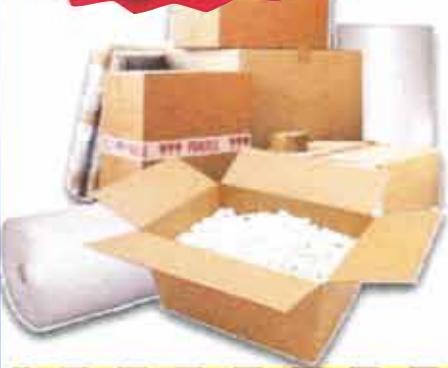
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Business

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Making Lives Brighter campaign kicks off with Vanilla Ice

Capitol Lighting, the award-winning lighting experts, has partnered with Habitat for Humanity on a new initiative called Making Lives Brighter.

During the run of the campaign through February 28, 2012, customers will be able to donate their old lighting to any Capitol Lighting showroom in the South Florida and New Jersey areas to be placed in a Habitat for Humanity home or sold at one of Habitat's Re-Stores.

In exchange for the lighting fixtures, lamps and fans contributed to the campaign, donors will receive a 10-percent discount

toward any new lighting purchase as well as a tax deduction from Habitat for Humanity.

Capitol Lighting worked with South Florida native and host of his own D.I.Y. home restoration show, Rob Van Winkle, also known as Vanilla Ice, to film public service announcements for Making Lives Brighter.

"Giving back is important to me and this is a cause that's close to my heart," said Vanilla Ice. "Repurposing is something I do on my show every day and the fact that Capitol Lighting and Habitat for Humanity are demonstrat-

ing what a difference it can make in someone's life is really outstanding."

"Habitat is one of most respected charitable organizations providing an invaluable service to those in need," added Eric Lebersfeld, president of Capitol Lighting. "The Capitol Lighting family is honored to be able to support such a worthy cause and truly help to make lives brighter."

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing simple, decent, affordable housing to low-income families by working in partnership with those families.



Vanilla Ice in marketing campaign to aid Habitat for Humanity

FAU facilities receive LEED® Platinum Certification from U.S. Green Building Council

BOCA RATON -- The U.S. Green Building Council awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)® Platinum certification to Florida Atlantic University's Faculty and Staff Club and Dining Hall located in the College of Engineering and Computer Science building.

This space includes University Faculty & Staff Club, the Atrium and Atrium Patio, and The DiVinci Room. Designed by Emilio Lebolo III, vice president of Gallo Herbert Lebolo and constructed by James A. Cummings, Inc., this is the first Platinum-Level LEED Certified commercial interior project in Florida and the 10th

Platinum certified project in Florida overall.

"FAU's newest LEED-certified project demonstrates tremendous green building leadership," said Rick Fedrizzi, president, CEO and founding chair of the U.S. Green Building Council. "The urgency of USGBC's mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and FAU serves as a prime example of just how much we can accomplish."

LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. The certification was based on a number of green design and construction

features — including site selection, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environment, and innovation and design — that positively impact the project itself and the broader community.

"FAU Dining Services has always been committed to sustainability, from tray-less dining and food waste reduction education to cage-free eggs and ocean-friendly seafood," said Stacy Volnick, assistant vice president for financial affairs and university business services at FAU.

"Achieving this LEED certification just takes our commitment to the environment to an even higher level. This is a beautiful



FAU's College of Engineering and Computer Science building.

space and making it available to the community for rentals will showcase a truly eco-friendly facility."

In 2009, the American School and University Magazine awarded the dining facilities "Outstanding Design: Work in Progress for the 2009

Architectural Portfolio." The space was designed to reflect the natural elements through architecture.

FAU's College of Engineering and Computer Science building received LEED Platinum certification in August 2011

and was the first academic building in southeast Florida to achieve this status. Other FAU LEED certified buildings include the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Davie West and Pine Jog Environmental Education Center.

Mizner Grande Realty fires agent for unauthorized disbursements from Boca Raton lawyer's escrow account; firm to set highest industry standards in escrow accountability

BOCA RATON, FL. November 25, 2011 -- One of South Florida's premiere real estate firms, Mizner Grande Realty, said it fired an agent immediately upon discover-

ing improper disbursements from a Boca Raton lawyer's escrow account, where the funds were being held pending fully-executed sales contracts.

The realty firm said

it acted quickly and decisively to correct the problem and has taken immediate steps to minimize any losses that may have been sustained by any of its customers or clients.

The real estate firm (www.miznergranderealty.com) will be using the escrow account of one of the area's most respected attorneys, Thomas U. Graner, and will institute new procedures, setting the highest industry standard of escrow accountability and safeguards to ensure such improprieties never happen again.

"One of a real estate broker's most sacred trusts is their fiduciary responsibility to insure proper accounting of escrow monies," said Mizner Grande's real estate broker Ari Albinder. "This is why we entrust these funds to an attorney's es-

crow account. Now we will go even a step further by instituting a continual independent monitoring of these funds to prevent any future improprieties, assuring our customers their funds are protected."

The terminated agent, John Rashotsky, is currently under investigation by the Boca Raton Police Department and Delray Beach Police Department. No charges have been filed yet against Rashotsky.

"After reviewing the facts, we can confirm that Mizner Grande Realty was acting professionally and responsibly in this matter with respect to their clients' escrow funds

and now they are taking extra measures to further safeguard those funds," said Graner, Attorney at Law with Graner Law Group, PA.

Edgar A. Benes is the Boca Raton attorney from whose escrow account Rashotsky allegedly authorized disbursements.

Mizner Grande Realty is one of South Florida's leading real estate firms specializing in luxury home sales, having negotiated over a half billion dollars in sales contracts for high-end residential properties in Boca Raton, Delray Beach and other areas of South Florida.



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FAU to host 2012 business plan competition

BOCA RATON — Florida Atlantic University's Adams Center for Entrepreneurship and the College of Business will host the 2012 FAU Business Plan Competition, in which FAU students, alumni and members of the business community will be invited to compete for a share of more than \$200,000 in cash and prizes.

The event will be held Thursday, April 12 and Friday, April 13, 2012.

For the first time, the competition also will include a high school track for juniors and seniors from local high schools to participate and compete to win a four-year scholarship to FAU.

The deadline for individual registration is Sunday, February 19, 2012, and final business plans must be submitted by Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 5 p.m. The registration process coincides with National Write a Business Plan Month, which takes place throughout the month of December.

The competition provides an opportunity for participants to compete and test their business ideas. Individuals or teams may submit an innovative business plan in one of three categories: the Entrepreneur Track, designated for alumni and members of the business community at large;

the Student Track, open to current FAU students only; and the High School Student Track, open to current juniors and seniors from local community high schools.

To compete, participants must complete the online registration. A screening committee made up of FAU faculty and South Florida business leaders will narrow business plan submissions to a total of 20 business plans to compete in the final-round event.

Participating teams will have the opportunity to meet and network with experienced venture capital principals, early-stage angel investors, successful entrepreneurs and se-

nior business leaders who will serve as judges for the competition.

The event offers real-world opportunities to learn what is required to successfully launch a new business venture; a chance to receive mentoring and feedback from investors and experienced entrepreneurs and prizes valued at more than \$200,000.

Community partnerships enable the Adams Center for Entrepreneurship to continue its support for entrepreneurial programs and early stage companies.

For information, contact Jennie Taylor at 561-297-0234 or visit www.business.fau.edu/bpc.

NCCI senior counsel speaks at Boca Raton High School

BOCA RATON -- Senior Counsel Kacy Marshall of NCCI Holdings' legal division was recently the keynote speaker at the "Ethics Extravaganza" event at Boca Raton Community High School, which drew 125 students from across Palm Beach County.

Marshall shared scenarios of illegal download lawsuits modeled after real-life events taking place in schools and businesses across the country. She explained that codes of

ethical conduct are lifelong practices that begin in school and carry through to business.

Students were challenged to come up with their own set of values to define the person they want to be.

Headquartered in Boca Raton, NCCI employs more than 925 professionals dedicated to fostering a healthy workers compensation system. NCCI actively gives back to the communities where their employees live and work.



NCCI Holdings' senior counsel Kacy Marshall is shown speaking on business ethics to 125 Palm Beach County students gathered at Boca Raton Community High School. Credit: NCCI Holdings' photo

BUSINESS BITS

BOCA RATON — The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce will hold its 30th Annual Holiday Auction with a Cause Wednesday, December 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Via Mizner Golf & Country Club - formerly the Country Club at Boca Raton -- 6200 Boca Del Mar, Boca Raton. The price is \$25 per person. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Golden Bell Education Foundation and Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County.

BOCA RATON -- Financial Trust Asset Management, an emerging investment management firm based in Boca Raton, Florida, won 7 top gun awards for the third quarter of 2011 from Informa Investment Solutions, one of the nation's leading providers of investment management performance data. Notably, Financial Trust's Disciplined Dividend Income (DDI) Strategy ranked #1 among 154 investment managers in the MidCap Value category for both the third quarter and one-year periods. "We are a small but emerging investment management firm outperforming many of the top investment management firms in the country" said Arno O. Mayer, CEO and president of the company.

Wendy Sartory Link, a Palm Beach State College trustee since 2007, has been named Trustee of the Year by the Association of Florida Colleges Trustees Commission. Link was presented the award during AFC's state conference in Naples Oct. 26-28. Since her appointment to the board by former Gov. Charlie Crist, Link has served as vice chair in 2008-2009 and chair in 2009-2010. She also has served on numerous College committees including the Budget Facilities/Audit committee, Consultant's Professional Services Competitive Selection committee and the Strategic Planning Team.

Feeding South Florida™ (formerly Daily Bread Food Bank) is helping people celebrate the true spirit of giving with its special holiday cards. Not only do the cards serve as beautiful greetings to others, but they also will help to feed the many South Floridians who are food insecure. The minimum order for the holiday cards, priced at \$5 each, is \$25 or five cards. One \$25 donation will provide 175 pounds of food to someone in need. The cards can be purchased at www.feedingsouthflorida.org. All holiday card orders must be received by Dec. 8. Checks and Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted methods of payment. Please allow 10 days for delivery.

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FAITH

By Rick Warren

How to 'Flameproof' your Career

"You are about the most flameproof person in this office." Those words from the boss, indicating that her job was safe, brought understandable relief to the receptionist of a corporation that was engaged in major downsizing. Despite the turmoil some of her coworkers were facing, she took some comfort in feeling "flameproof."

As the global economy continues the struggle, many companies are still finding it necessary to reduce their workforces so they can retain or regain a competitive position in highly challenging times. In such an uncertain environment, **knowing how to "flameproof" your career is a wise job skill!**

KEEP YOUR CAREER EVEN IF YOU ARE TERMINATED.

You might not be able to flameproof your present job, but you can and should flameproof your career in a long-term sense. We find a good example of this in the Bible's Old Testament:

In the book of Genesis, we read about Joseph, the faithful man in with the amazing multi-colored dream coat (a gift from his father) who twice was knocked off the corporate ladder. First, he landed in a pit and later in a prison. His brothers on the family board of directors gave the first shove. Later his

boss's wife made false accusations that resulted in Joseph being put behind bars. Not exactly the ideal path to take for corporate advancement.

However, Joseph knew how to flameproof his career and ended up on the top rung of the biggest ladder in Egypt. In fact, he later forgave his brothers for their betrayal with these words: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good..." (Genesis 50:20).

KEEP YOUR CHARACTER BY KEEPING PRIDE IN CHECK.

Pride inhibits service and stops the flow of God's grace (His unmerited, undeserved favor) in your direction. "God (and many others) resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6). Pride has a tendency to distort one's view of reality that amounts to blindness. Another consequence of pride is that it gives motivation and ammunition for your enemies to seek to bring about your downfall.

KEEP YOUR CHARACTER BY KEEPING YOUR PROMISES.

People that are promise keepers end up in the big tent on the holy hill! "He... who keeps his oath even when it hurts" (Psalms 15:1,40). Remember, it is much easier to keep your

promises if you make fewer of them – then it is more likely you will be able to hold true to every one that you do make. Character grows fastest when difficult to honor promises are kept with the "little people" in our lives – those individuals that seem "less important" to our goals and desires, yet are just as deserving of our integrity.

KEEP YOUR CHARACTER BY TREATING EVERYBODY LIKE AN ANGEL.

"Never...refuse to extend your hospitality... sometimes men have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2). You never know who will end up being your boss. There is a saying that we should be careful who we step on as we climb up the corporate ladder – they might pass us on our way back down! Never fret when people that use others get ahead, because they usually end up losing their head. "I once knew a wicked man who was like a tyrant; he towered over everyone... but later I passed by, and he wasn't there; I looked for him, but couldn't find him."

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DIVORCE FLORIDA STYLE

By Mike Gora

Wife's Spending Spree is No Joke

Q. In an old joke, the guy says that he liked the fact that his credit card was stolen because the thief spends less than his wife. I am in the middle of a divorce from that woman.

When we separated six months ago after a five-year marriage, I immediately filed a divorce case, and agreed to temporarily support her, so she could afford to move from our home, which I had owned before the marriage. Within weeks after my petition was filed, she went on a shopping spree at the Town Center Mall in Boca Raton and tuned up my card for \$5,000 of clothing, shoes and handbags. The card was in my name, but she had "privileges".

This debt showed up on her financial affidavit in my divorce case and her lawyer claims that it is a

marital debt that I have to share with her. My lawyer says he might be right, that this can go either way. I thought all debt incurred after the petition was filed was non-marital. My lawyer then tells me that the increases in our brokerage account after the petition is marital. I think that I am getting the shaft on both ends of this deal. What do you think?

A. The date of the filing a petition is the "line in the sand" separating marital and non-marital assets and liabilities from marital assets and liabilities. However, the filing date is not "the line in the sand" when it comes to the valuation of the marital property. However, the law is sometimes not so black and white.

For instance, if your wife used the credit card to buy necessities because

you had not paid her all the temporary support you were ordered to pay, the charges could become marital, or your debt alone because you were in default of your support obligation.

On the other hand, various dates can be used for the valuation of marital property. Often it is the date of the filing of the petition, but it can be as late as the trial or settlement date or as early as years before if the couple had been separated for many years before either filed a petition.

From the facts that you describe, the post-petition credit card debt would probably not be considered marital debt. On the other hand, passive appreciation in your brokerage account will probably be considered marital property.

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THE BUSINESS SCENE

By Troy McLellan

President & CEO of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber

'Buy Chamber' to help stimulate local economy

During this holiday season and always, we give thanks for your participation in the Chamber and appreciate your confidence in us. Counting you among our membership is something for which we are truly grateful.

Nearly 60 years ago, community leaders understood the importance of businesses supporting other businesses and the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce was created. Marketers used the services of local printers. Painters purchased their paint and brushes locally. Repairs and improvements were made by small, local contractors. Business grew, as did Chamber membership, and the cycle of progress

continued.

'Buy Chamber' is a movement that will help stimulate the local economy. The Boca Chamber has more than 1200 members, some of which are large Fortune 200 companies and many of which are small local or home-based businesses.

All of our members - both large and small - are invested in the success of Boca Raton and the surrounding communities. Large corporations, such as Office Depot and NCCI Holdings, have strong local philanthropic efforts that put dollars into our economy, with a focus on the local non-profit community. These businesses have employees who live locally, whose children

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Lynn Women's Basketball Tops Janes Behind Harvey's Performance

By Chad Beattie

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Lynn University's women's basketball team overpowered Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 73-42 Sunday afternoon. Kira Harvey led all scorers with 19 points and five steals while Marquis Lee added 10 points, eight

rebounds and seven assists. The Fighting Knights even their record to 2-2 overall.

Puerto Rico-Mayaguez's good fortune went south rather quickly as it was assessed a technical foul before the tip-off. Harvey knocked down both free-throw attempts and scored four of the Knights' first six

points to open up a 6-0 lead. Lee later made it an 11 point advantage, 12-1, when she scored on a fast-break layup from Harvey.

The Janes (0-3) managed to go on an 8-2 run, cutting the deficit to four, 14-10, behind Ashley Fermin's five points. Leading by just three points with 9:14 re-

maining in the opening half, Tylar Tracy buried a three from the left wing to jumpstart a 12-0 Blue & White run. Charla Nelson-James helped LU to a 38-21 half-time lead when she knocked down two jumpers over the final minute. She finished with 12 points and a team-high 11 rebounds.

Lynn pulled away in the second with LaKendra Jones hitting to jumpers in the paint to start the half. Harvey followed with her second trey of the day and the Knights' jumped to 24-point lead, 47-23, and never looked back.

Mayaguez didn't have much of an answer on ei-

ther side, turning the ball over 24 times while shooting 22.2 percent from the field. Lynn hit 44.8 percent of its shots and out-rebounded UPRM 48-30.

Jones grabbed a career-high eight rebounds to go along with her seven points and Tracy logged six assists.

Lynn Men's Basketball Falls to Falcons

By Lance Thomas

BOCA RATON, Fla.—Lynn University's men's basketball team fell to the Pfeiffer Falcons 69-65 despite a 22 point performance from Josh Garcia on Saturday.

Garcia led all scorers with 22 while Brandon

Smith and Bo Jukic tallied 10 each. Michel Vidal collected a game-high 13 rebounds and added four points.

The first half started on a 7-0 run by the Fighting Knights (2-3) then Pfeiffer (4-2) countered with a 7-0 run to knot it up

at seven with 11:51 to play in the first half. Then with 09:02 remaining in the first period, the Falcons grabbed a two point lead on a KC Anuna jumper at 14-12. Pfeiffer extended its second half advantage to seven with just under 06:00 minutes to play but

the half ended on a Blue & White 5-0 run to make it Lynn 28, Pfeiffer 29 at the break.

The Knights posted a 37.5 percent shooting mark from the field in the first half while Pfeiffer countered with a 35.5 percent clip. Lynn was 2-9

from behind the arc and was out-rebounded 21-19 in the first half.

Lynn came out in the second half and tied it up at 37 with 15:04 to play then took its biggest advantage of the second half on two Smith free throws to go up four with 11:53

left in regulation.

Pfeiffer tied the game for the eighth time at the 09:00 minute mark then posted a 9-0 run to go up 57-48 with 06:49 left to play. During that span, LU committed four turnovers.

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By Dr. C. Hammoud Ph.D.

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Down by six with just under 02:30 minutes left, Vidal found Jukic for a bucket and a foul. Jukic made the free throw and the Knights were down by a mere three points.

With 00:19 seconds to play, Garcia knocked down a three to put the Knights within striking distance

once again, but Pfeiffer's Danny Smith converted two free to put the game out of reach and extend the Falcon advantage to four.

Pfeiffer's 54.4 percent shooting mark from the field during the second half was a major factor in the Lynn loss. The Blue & White made 48 percent of its shots from the field in

the second half but committed 12 costly second-half turnovers.

For the game, Lynn shot 42.1 percent from the field, 29.4 percent from behind the arc and 63.2 percent from the charity stripe. The Knights lost the rebounding battle by a count of 32-35 and the turnover battle 18-19.

USF's Hot Shooting, Rebounding Doom Owls 68-55

TAMPA, FL - USF shot 51.9 percent from the floor in the first half and used a 42-29 rebounding advantage to defeat Florida Atlantic 68-55 on Saturday.

The Owls (3-4) scored the game's first five points and was still leading more than eight minutes into the game, when the Bulls

closed the half on a 23-5 run to go into the locker room up 39-23 at the half.

USF used its significant size advantage to extend the lead to 22 points early in the second half. Omari Grier scored 17 of his career high 20 points in the second half to help cut the lead to as little as nine,

but the Bulls continued to pound the glass and were able to fend off the Owls' rally.

Pablo Bertone (11) was the only other Owl in double figures and had a team high five rebounds. Raymond Taylor had a season high nine assists to go along with seven points.

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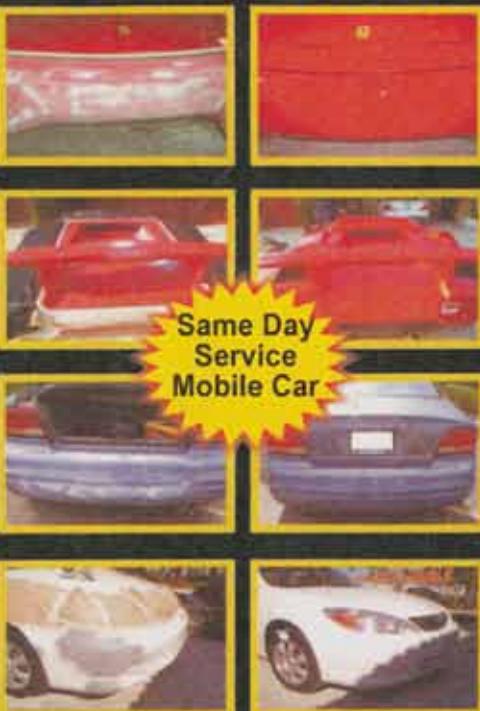
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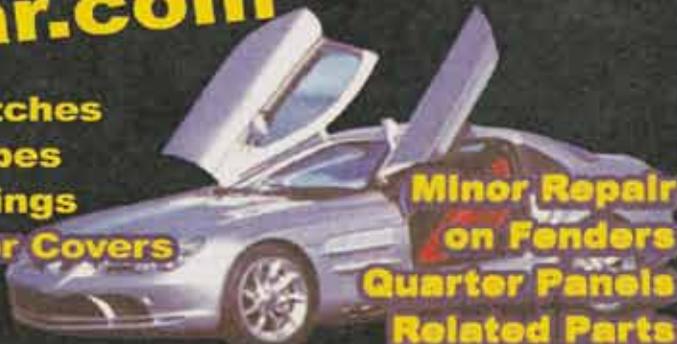
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NBA Players and Owners Accept Tentative Deal

By: Pedro Heizer

The NBA and its players resolved a crippling labor crisis, paving the way to reopen their business in time for the holidays.

The resolution came on the 148th day of the lock-out and now with a deal in hand, the NBA plans to start the season on Christmas Day and play a 66-game schedule.

We must remember, the deal is not done. It's a tentative deal that still needs:

- The players to reconstitute their union and drop the antitrust lawsuit they filed against the league last week.

- Ratification requires a simple majority of the NBA's 30 teams and a sim-

ple majority of the 430-plus players.

The deal features a 50-50 split of revenues — a \$300 million salary cut for the players — along with shorter contracts, smaller raises and harsher penalties on the top-spending teams. The 10-year agreement is the longest in NBA history, although either side can opt out after the sixth year.

Friday's session was the 25th since the lockout began.

The NBA has about four weeks to get the season started. It will take a week to 10 days to finish the collective bargaining agreement, which will be followed by a week of free agency and a week of training camp that

are scheduled to start on December 9th.

A number of B-list items — including drug testing, the age limit and use of the Development League — still need to be negotiated.

Most of the critical issues, including the revenue split, were resolved weeks ago, leaving just a handful of thorny items to resolve.

The main question HEAT fans care about right now is if Miami will face the Dallas Mavericks in a 2011 re-match on Christmas Day.

I don't think so. But if they do, the Mavericks will also be receiving their 2011 Championship Rings on that day and some HEAT fans say they don't want to see it.

I say, BRING IT. Let LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and the rest of the HEAT see what it feels like to have something close to you taken away in a heartbeat. Let this memory be engraved in the mind of the entire team as they move towards this 66 game season with one goal in mind "Bring The Rings Back To South Beach". Let this be a reminder of "never again will we blow a 2-0 series lead".

Let's treat the Mavericks on Christmas day the same way the Chicago Bulls treated us when we received our rings. The Bulls treated us to a 108-66 loss, let's do the same to Dallas.

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FAU Earns 38-35 Victory Over UAB For First Win in On-Campus Stadium

BOCA RATON, FL - Florida Atlantic University's football team notched its first victory of the 2011 season and first victory in the University's new on-campus stadium with a 38-35 victory over UAB.

The Owls, which are 3-1 all-time versus UAB, got on the board early when sophomore Treon Howard snatched the ball out of the air on UAB's first play of the game and returned it 23 yards for a touchdown to put the Owls on the scoreboard. It was Howard's first career interception and the Owls first defensive score of the 2011 season.

UAB matched the score five minutes later and went up by seven in the opening drive of the second quarter.

Alfred Morris, who had a game-, career- and program-high 198 yards, would then end a 12-play scoring drive with a one-yard run to even the game. It was Morris' 24th rushing touchdown, giving him sole possession of the program's rushing touchdown

record. The senior would go on to add three more rushing touchdowns in the game to match a program game-high four individual scores.

The Owls, 1-10, were not done with first-half scoring. Randell Johnson, who had 10 tackles on the night, sacked Jonathan Perry on the UAB 12 yard line and forced a fumble. Freshman Andrae Kirk, who had a team-high 12 tackles, recovered his first collegiate fumble, giving the ball to the FAU offense at the UAB nine yard line. The Owls converted the turnover into a Vinny Zacarrio 28-yard field goal to go up 17-14 at the half.

UAB outscored FAU 14-7 in the third quarter and took a 28-24 lead into the final quarter. Morris' third score of the night put the Owls up 31-28 with 11:27 remaining in the game. He would score once more with 1:38 remaining from the nine-yard line to give the Owls a much needed 10-point lead.

The Blazers responded

with an eight play, 92 yard drive to pull within in three with 33 seconds remaining in the game. The on-side kick bounced out of bounds untouched to give the Owls the win.

FAU will host to Sun Belt Conference member ULM, on December 3 at 4 p.m. The game will be the final contest for 17 seniors and will culminate a 52-year coaching career of FAU Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger. The first 10,000 fans who enter the stadium will receive a poster to mark the occasion.

Game Notes

Alfred Morris had a record night, finishing with a career-, program-high 38 carries.

Morris rushed for 198 yards, a personal and program-single game record.

Morris rushed for four touchdowns, the first time he has recorded more than two in a game, and tied a program high with four.

Morris' four touchdowns also gave him the outright record for rush-



ing touchdowns in a career with 27. He also holds the record for combined rushing and receiving touchdowns.

Morris surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the season, becoming the fourth player to accomplish the feat in Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger's career. He became the first player to rush for over 1,000 yards twice under Schnellenberger.

Treon Howard record-

ed his first career interception on the opening UAB drive and returned it 23 yards for the score. It was the first defensive score of the season for the Owls.

Willie Floyd had three kick returns and became the program's all-time kick return attempts leader. He now has 89.

Center Jordan Sessa drew his second start and was praised following the game by Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger.

Mickey Groody attempted just one punt. The last time Groody punted less than two times was the FIU game in 2009.

Marcelo Bonani had seven kickoffs, a career high for the freshman.

Cary White had a career-high 21 yards and it was on just one carry.

FAU was 5-for-5 in fourth down conversions.

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