

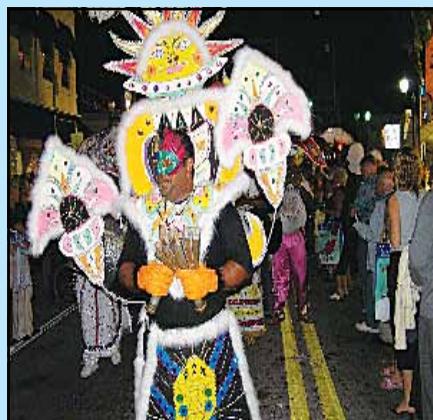


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## Boca Police Safety Tip

**Q:** When is the next Citizen's Police Academy and what will I learn?

**A:** The next academy is scheduled to begin on January 12, 2012. This 11-week course is free of charge and will meet every Thursday evening from 6:30pm-9 p.m. and will be located at our police training facility (6500 Congress Avenue) or the police department (100 NW 2nd Avenue); depending on the topic. Topics will range from hands-on demonstrations about the use of laser and radar units, Taser and stop stick demonstrations to learning how cases get investigated – including crime scene techniques such as evidence collection. In addition, each student will be allowed to participate in one 4-hour ride-a-long with a police officer. Applications are available on line at [www.BocaPolice.com](http://www.BocaPolice.com) or contact Mary Ann O'Brien at [mobrien@ci.boca-raton.fl.us](mailto:mobrien@ci.boca-raton.fl.us) for any questions.

Crime and safety questions are answered by officers from the Crime Prevention Unit. For more information, visit [www.bocapolice.com](http://www.bocapolice.com).

## Boca Raton Police Blotter

**BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE** 12/20/2011 18:31 NE 36TH STREET

Between 1130 and 1800 hours on 12/20/11 unknown subject(s) attempted to enter a home on NE 36th St. They attempted to enter by breaking the kitchen window and climbing through. The investigation revealed, access was not gained and nothing was taken.

**BURGLARY/ THEFT FROM AUTO** 12/20/2011 10:37 NORTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY

Unknown suspect accessed the victim's vehicle via unknown tool through the convertible top and rummaged through the vehicle without taking anything.

**OTHER THEFT** 12/20/2011 14:39 NORTHT FEDERAL HIGHWAY

Unknown suspects stole a prescription pad from North. Federal Highway doctor's office. Unknown suspects, unknown time frame. The suspects have been fraudulently using the prescription pads to obtain Ambien from pharmacies in Lake Worth.

**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** 12/20/2011 AT 1459 W. YAMATO ROAD

Jaret Santa and Jeremy Kevah were in a verbal argument at 1459 W

Yamato Road (Mobil Gas). The argument escalated when Santa made verbal threats and displayed a small handgun. A BOLO was issued and Santa was located at Nordstrom parking garage. The handgun was located and Santa was placed under arrest.

**POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA** 12/20/2011 8000 N. FEDERAL HIGHWAY

On 12/20/11, Jose Jackson was arrested for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia following traffic stop. He was taken to the county jail.

# Briefs

The Boca Raton Tribune

## Could You Use A 'Mulligan' – A Do-Over?

By Robert J. Tamasy

Although I am not a golfer, there is one aspect of the game that I find appealing: something they call a "mulligan." During a friendly game of golf, sometimes competitors will be permitted to redo one shot, to "take a mulligan." It might be following a particularly bad shot, or it could be permission given by fellow players to try again at a critical point in the person's round of golf. In any event, the mulligan – a "do-over" – can be a welcome opportunity to correct an errant shot.

It would be nice if, from time to time, life offered us a mulligan, wouldn't it? An opportunity to re-evaluate a specific decision or action and conclude, "I didn't like how that turned out. Could I do it over?"

As another calendar year concludes, you may wish someone would offer you a mulligan for something you did: a troublesome financial decision, a damaged relationship, a poor career choice, an ill-conceived business plan or strategy, or a squandered opportunity. "Can I have a do-over?" you might like to ask.

Unfortunately, at least until someone succeeds at inventing a time machine, we cannot go back. Life does not offer do-overs or invite us to "take a mulligan." We must face and live with the consequences of wrong decisions and actions, along with reaping the benefits of things we have done well. Nevertheless, as one year ends and another prepares to begin, we often cannot help conducting a "year in review," evaluating both the good and not-so-good of the past 12 months.

So we make use of hind-

sight, which enables us to see clearly into the past. Hind-sight is good if we allow ourselves to learn from the past so we make better choices in the future. However, if we find ourselves dwelling in the past – mourning mistakes we cannot undo – hindsight can immobilize us. So as we celebrate our triumphs in the past year and attempt to shrug off our failures, here are some principles taken from letters written by the apostle Paul in the Bible that might be helpful:

Do not become distracted. Today people delight in multi-tasking, but as the adage says, if you become a jack of all trades, too often you become the master of none. Determine what you do best; concentrate on that. "Endure hardship like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs – he wants to please his commanding officer" (2 Timothy 2:3-4).

Focus on an overriding purpose. Why are you here? What do you think is your purpose? Those questions will enable you to focus. "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me" (Philippians 3:12).

Always look forward, not backward. A runner

constantly looking backward will not run a straight course. In the same way, if we keep looking at what lies in the past instead of what we will encounter in the future, we are likely to drift from our objective. At the very least, our forward pace will be slowed. "...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead" (Philippians 3:13).

Keep a desired end in sight. Failure need not be the end; it can instruct us on what to change or do better, assisting in our quest for future success. "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

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### Quote of the Week:

*Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the street. Proverbs 1. 20*

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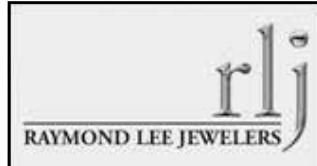


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# Community News

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## Raymond Lee Jewelers Raises \$4,475 for The Haven in Boca Raton at its Annual Holiday Celebration



Boca Raton, FL December 21, 2011- When most companies celebrate their holiday parties with eggnog around the copy machines, Raymond Lee Jewelers, the internationally renowned Boca Raton jeweler, annually creates an extravagant holiday festivity to benefit a worthy local charity. Held at a multi-million dollar model home at the prestigious Oaks at Boca Raton, Raymond Lee Jewelers hosted their employees, friends and customers at their annual holiday celebration that raised \$4,475 for

The Haven in Boca Raton.

"Our holiday parties are not only an opportunity to celebrate our employees and esteemed customers, but to give back to the community. We were honored this year to raise thousands for The Haven, an organization in Boca Raton that deserves support for the incredible work that they do for boys in need," said Jeff Josephson, Owner of Raymond Lee Jewelers.

Besides the live music, food and cocktails, the party was surrounded by extravagant raffle items including items from The Boca Raton Resort, The Four Seasons, Patron Tequila and Guy La Ferrera. Raymond Lee

Jewelers also raffled a diamond necklace that was a 14kt white gold double oval pendant with 2 carats of round brilliant diamonds.

"Jeff, his family and all of the staff at Raymond Lee Jewelers have been incredibly supportive of The Haven and our boys. We are honored to have been made a part of their Annual Holiday Celebration and to have benefited from the generosity of their friends and clients," said Don Stewart, Executive Director for The Haven.

The Haven was founded in 1976 to serve as a safe haven for Palm Beach County's runaway children. Today, The Haven's 14-acre campus in Boca Raton provides



*from left to right, Lee Josephson with sister Erin Josephson next to proud father Jeff Josephson, Owner of Raymond Lee Jewelers, and Don Stewart, Executive Director of The Haven.*

a home for boys ages 9-17 who have been removed from abusive and neglectful homes and placed in protective care by the state of Florida. For more information visit <http://haven4kids.org>.

## Boca students surprised with early holiday gift delivery

BOCA RATON – Thirty-two students from two Boca Raton elementary schools were pleasantly surprised when they were presented with brand new bicycles.

Sixteen students from both Boca Raton Elementary and JC Mitchell Elementary were chosen to receive the bikes as a gift from the Boca

Raton Bicycle Club. The students were randomly selected from a larger group of deserving students.

The Boca Raton Police Services Department's Community Policing Unit helped deliver the bikes. In addition to receiving bicycles, the children also received new helmets and locks.

The Boca Raton Bicycle Club (BRBC) is dedicated to promoting cycling safety and greater awareness of the sport through Club events and community activism. The BRBC is a not-for-profit organization with over 300 members. Anyone interested in the Club may contact them at [www.bocabikeclub.org](http://www.bocabikeclub.org).



Boca Raton Elementary School



J.C. Mitchell Elementary School

## Peaceful Mind/Peaceful World series presents Tenzin Palmo at FAU

BOCA RATON – Florida Atlantic University's Peaceful Mind/Peaceful World outreach series presents a lecture and book signing with Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo.

The lecture, titled "Into the Heart of Life," will take place on Saturday, January 7 at 4 p.m. in FAU's University Theatre on the Boca Raton campus.

Palmo was one of the first western women to be ordained as a Tibetan Buddhist nun. She is recognized as a powerful proponent of the universal need of individuals to find their voices so that all human beings can "realize their full potential." On this rare visit to the United States, Palmo will offer down-to-earth, practical

advice on cultivating a peaceful mind amidst the stress of everyday life.

Palmo has become an increasingly sought-after speaker. She was invited by The Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, N.Y., to lead a weekend retreat with men and women on using life's obstacles to release our strength and energy.

Palmo left England for India at the age of 20 to pursue her Buddhist training and in 1964 became a Tibetan Buddhist Nun. After 12 years of study, she sought complete seclusion, spending the next 12 years in a cave.

In 1999, Palmo was encouraged to start a nunnery for young Buddhist girls, and construction began on

Dongyu Gatsal Ling Nunnery, a place that now welcomes more than 70 nuns.

In recognition of her spiritual achievements as a nun and her efforts in promoting the status of female practitioners in Tibetan Buddhism, Palmo was given the rare title of Jetsunma, which means Venerable Master.

Tickets are \$15 and stu-

dents are free. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.fauevents.com](http://fauevents.com) or by calling 1-800-564-9539.

The Peaceful Mind/Peaceful World Series is presented by FAU's Peace Studies Program in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, in partnership with the Schmidt Family Foundation.





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# Medical Examiner's Office earns national accreditation

The Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's Office recently received accreditation by the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME). The accreditation is valid until 2015 and serves as recognition of a high caliber of medicolegal death investigation.

Only six medical examiner offices in the

state of Florida have earned NAME accreditation and just 60 nationwide. The county also received NAME accreditation in 2005.

"This recognition would not be possible without the efforts and dedication of our staff," said Medical Examiner Michael Bell, M.D. "We have one of the best medical examiner offices

in Florida and the United States."

The national accreditation program was created to improve the overall quality of medicolegal investigation and is granted only to medical examiner or coroner offices that meet stringent procedural guidelines and pass a thorough inspection.



Front, from left, are Linda Macapayag, Medical Examiner Michael Bell, M.D., Dr. Reinhard Motte and Sue Jaffe; Rear, from left, Dr. Glen Axelson, Heron Ruiz, Lydia Littlefield, Deanne Fethowitz, Kazia Bieluch, Suzanne Steel, Harold "Rus" Ruslander, Dr. Gertrude Juste, Doug Jenkins, Rick Freiheit, Chris Calandra and Julio Languasco (Not pictured: Pam Cavender, Karen Duarte and Cameron Scott)

## Snow and Santa brought fun to Boca Raton Children's Museum

**BOCA RATON** — The sun shone brightly on the Boca Raton Children's Museum's 18th Annual Breakfast with Santa with lots of snow, food and smiling faces on the young children and their families.

You could feel the children's enthusiasm while

waiting for the train conductor to call "all aboard." Santa arrived just in time to have a picture taken with all the eager children and listen to the holiday wishes whispered in his ear.

More than 1,100 guests and 150 sponsored chil-

dren came to the event, and enjoyed live entertainment, crafts, a pancake breakfast and more.

"The event turned out better than we could have

time and I was delighted to see all of the smiling faces at the museum."

The museum wants to thank the more than 80 volunteers from the West



Train ride

imagined!" said Jayne Morrison, Director of Educational Programming. "Everyone had a great

Boca High Key Clubs, West Boca High Culinary Academy, Flora Belle the Clown, Boca Raton Ki-



Kids play in the snow.

wanis Club, and Boca Raton Lions Club. A special thanks to sponsors, The Boca Raton Lions Club, Target Family Stores, Costco, Inc., Publix Supermarkets, and The city of Boca Raton for their support at the event.

The Children's Mu-

seum strives to encourage children and their families to join in community to develop critical and creative thinking in children through the exposure to history, science and the humanities through special events.



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**EDITORIAL***By Dale King*

## Will prescription takers have to swallow a bitter pill in 2012?

My wife and I are at a point in our lives when we are depending more and more on prescription drugs. During the past few months, we have both dealt with health issues requiring us to take several different drugs in addition to our maintenance medications.

My own personal physician has agreed that whenever possible, he prescribes generic medications. He has gladly done it, and I have – at least for the past few years – noticed that the generics generally save money.

As we prepare to begin the New Year, it seems that this is no longer true. My opinion? Generics are no longer the money-saving alternatives to brand names. I don't know why. I have tried to find out why. I checked the Internet, but the best thing I could come up with was an old story about the rising cost of prescriptions.

I have two cases in point. My wife had to fill a prescription the other

day. First off, the doctor sent the prescription to the wrong pharmacy (right name, wrong location). The cost of it was \$89. What's happening in this world? What would people on a fixed income do? If they had to buy this drug, it would no doubt become a question of buying food and buying prescriptions.

Another case in point. I am in the process of preparing for a medical procedure in January. I have had to fill a number of prescriptions. A doctor recently prescribed a drug which he assured was a generic. I took it to my regular pharmacy to fill it. The cost was over \$23. I have to ask the pharmacist if that was correct. She said yes.

A few days earlier, I had filled a new prescription at the same pharmacy. I asked another person in that department what the cost would be since it was a generic. He said it would be around \$15, which, in fact, turned out to be true.

Some of the biggest, the article said: the Benicar blood pressure pill sold by Daiichi Sankyo rose 29.3 percent; the Gleevec cancer treatment marketed by Novartis jumped 20.9 percent; Johnson & Johnson's Concerta pill

for ADD moved up 19.7 percent; Pfizer's Lipitor cholesterol blockbuster increased 12.4 percent and the Plavix blood thinner sold by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Sanofi-Aventis rose 13.2 percent.

We are just a few days away from welcoming 2012 – and we know that the biggest party of the year will not take place on New Year's Eve. It will take place this coming November, after all the ballots for president of the United States are counted. Either Barack Obama will be jumping for joy, or an unspecified Republican will be collecting the laurels.

Prescription drug costs may seem like a small issue compared to the really large problems out there. And certainly there are many. But Mr. Obama doesn't seem all that concerned since he's in the middle of a \$4 million, taxpayer-paid vacation in Hawaii. I wonder how much he pays for his prescriptions?

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On behalf of Fire Chief Thomas R. Wood, his staff and all the men and women of Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services, we would like to wish you and your families and very happy, healthy and safe holiday season. We want to thank you for the wonderful job that you do and for your continued support of our department, its members, the city and everyone we serve. Thanks

Frank A. Correggio, EMT-P  
Public Information Officer

**To the editor:**

Thank you for publishing the press release and pictures from our recent Breakfast with Santa held Dec. 3. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Manning  
Event Coordinator  
Boca Children's Museum

**To the editor:**

Wishing all our friends and colleagues a Happy Hanukkah, a Blessed Christmas Season and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

Christine Catoggio  
Senior Care Coordinator



## THOUGHTS FROM THE PUBLISHER

*By Douglas Heizer*

# If you enjoyed 2011, you should love 2012 even more

It's the season to wish everyone all over the world a Happy New Year.

But you know something? 2011 wasn't really such a bad year. In fact, we're a little bit sorry to see it come to an end.

Things really took off at the Boca Raton Tribune during 2011. We maintained the weekly publication schedule begun late in 2010 -- even through the summer when we thought we might have to go back to every-other-week circulation, like we did when we first started publishing the Tribune.

If you've seen the amount of advertising, it shot up in 2011 and we expect bigger and better things in 2012. In addition, 2011 was our first full year of operation for both the website and the newsprint publication.

We've gotten a lot of good comments and the popularity of the paper -- both electronic and in print -- has really soared.

We are not resting on this success, though. We will continue to work as hard as ever to bring you all the news of your community. We're happy to see more people taking part in our iReporter segment, and many people are calling to see if they can join our growing list of popular columnists. In just the past few months, we have added Boca Re-

publican Club Chairwoman Margi Helschien and Highland Beach Mayor Bernard Featherman to our column writers.

We've continue to stay close to some very important events -- from the OPAL awards to the Festival of the Arts BOCA; from Boca Festival Days in August through the Meet Me on the Promenade event through all the holiday activities earlier this month. Many people are calling us to express their opinions and comment on what is going in the community so we will know what to cover and what to bring to everyone's attention.

This year, we are proud of the edition we published honoring Countess Henrietta de Hoernle on her 99th birthday. Sadly, at the end of the year, we had to say goodbye to Gloria Drummond, the founder of Boca Raton Regional Hospital, who passed away at age 81.

We quickly put together a special, larger edition with stories and pictures of this lady who was so important to Boca Raton's history. We have gotten many wonderful comments about it.

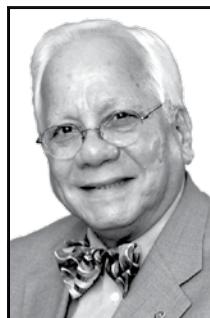
As 2011 comes to an end, there seem to be hints that the economy is getting better and that unemployment is starting to improve. We have

been careful not to jump too fast at reports of potential good news. But we have been at the forefront of media that have urged people to look on the positive side and not to be pessimistic about the difficult economic times. It looks like we may have been right with our pronouncements.

The year 2012 will also be big -- indeed, massive, with a Presidential Election in November. That also means that many state and federal offices will also be up for grabs. Our Congressman, Allen West, has at least two challengers, and will be put to the test in his first re-election bid. State Rep. Steve Perman will also face his first re-election effort and Maria Sachs, who moved from a former state rep to a state senator without opposition in 2010, will look to defend her seat.

Yes, 2012 may be a year of major changes. If the economy does get better, there may be many new housing starts -- and many of those vacant commercial buildings all over the city will be filled with new, stronger retailers.

In anticipation of a great upcoming 366 days (it's going to be Leap Year, you know), we wish you a very Happy New Year.



## POSITIVE LIVING

*By Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr.*

# The Importance of Self-Examination

A life of purpose requires planning and periodical revisions as long as it exists. You cannot simply let life happen to you! You need to be aware of how you are living and whereto you are journeying. You alone are responsible for your actions in the world and the effect such actions have on others, for better or for worse!

The irresponsible attitude that many choose to have toward other members of society will only complicate communications and relationships you may need to maintain with others, even if for one single issue.

People need to own the words they employ in any communication, the gestures they make in personal interactions, and the specific attitudes they portray in relating to others. Knowing what civility is and means can be a great help in dealing with family, friends,

neighbors, co-workers, and even strangers.

As it's paramount that you master the basics of any academic discipline in which you are to be examined, it's also a good practice to master your conventional skills in dealing effectively with other people on a day-to-day basis. Furthermore, once these are effectively mastered you shall know how to make the necessary corrections once any is misused, or not utilized at all!

Dr. Leo Buscaglia had once commented that "as long as we feel comfortable putting blame on others, we will never be required to evaluate and change our own behaviors." Sadly, this happens more often than it should. But blaming others will never solve anything, nor remove the problem about which a blame is leveled on someone.

Self-examination is a habit worth develop-

ing as early as possible, and maintained as long as one lives. Everybody makes mistakes and everyone is entitled to find ways to make amends and seek those more effective ways of living decently and meaningfully in the world. Such practice needs to be viewed as essential, and a non-negotiable feature of a person's time on earth!

You need to recognize when and where you are at fault, and not look at others as responsible for your ills or failures. Moreover, you are to do whatever is required to improve your condition, to move you out of where you may be stuck, into triumphant strides toward the best you can still attain!

Just as other exams usually place you on a higher plane, if you pass them, self-examination will also point you to better levels of achievement!

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# Plenty for Kids to Do at Daggerwing in January

**BOCA RATON** -- The following programs and events will be held at Daggerwing Nature Center during January.

Daggerwing is operated by the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department and is located in South County Regional Park at 11200 Park Access Road, off Cain Boulevard between Glades Road and Yamato Road, west of Boca Raton.

All programs are by reservation only, unless otherwise stated. Call

(561) 629-8760 or visit the nature center to make reservations. Fees (if applicable) are due the day of the program by cash or check only. All participants are required to sign

a program participation form for every program. If you are more than 5 minutes late to a program for which you have made a reservation, your spot will be given to a person on the waiting list.

## ALLIGATOR FEEDINGS

Every Wednesday and Saturday at 3:15 pm

Families, all ages, FREE (reservations not required)

Gather 'round the alligator tank in the exhibit hall and listen to a short talk about our baby alligator while he is being fed.

## "HOW TO" PROGRAM: Basic Birding

Saturday, January 7 at

1:00 pm

Families, all ages, \$3 per person (reservations not required)

Take part in a series where you can do something with what you learn! Learn how to identify common birds and then practice your new skills on a boardwalk tour. Bring binoculars.

## CHILDREN'S NATURE SERIES: Wetland Animals

Saturday, January 14 at 10:30 am

Ages 3-6, \$4 per child (reservations required)

Parents, bring your little ones to experience exciting nature topics! Programs may include activities such as: stories,

puppets, games, role play, nature walks, and crafts.

## CHILDREN'S NATURE SERIES: Snakes

Wednesday, January 18 at 10:30 am

Ages 3-6, \$4 per child (reservations required)

Parents, bring your little ones to experience exciting nature topics! Programs may include activities such as: stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, and crafts.



Daggerwing Nature Center

from school? Join us for classes where we explore nature topics through experiments and other hands-on explorations.

## ECO EXPLORERS: Invasive Species

Thursday, January 26

at 2:30 pm

Ages 7-11, \$4 per child (reservations required)

Looking for something to do during your day off

3:30 pm

Ages 2-5 (older siblings welcome), \$2 per child (reservations not required)

Join us for stories, both fiction and non-fiction, about animals and nature!

## GATOR TALES

Saturday, January 28 at

## Hanukkah drive nets gifts for sick, economy-affected children

**BOCA RATON** -- A charity drive to provide Hanukkah gifts to hundreds of sick children or those affected by the bad economy concluded on Thursday night at Boca Raton Synagogue when 25 area children gathered to gift wrap items and write holiday cards to the recipients.

The charity drive was organized by Atara Goldberg, 12, daughter of BRS Rabbi Efrem Goldberg and his wife Yocheved, in conjunction with Atara's Bat Mitzvah, which is Jan. 7.

On hand to collect and distribute the gifts in time for the holiday were three charities, Chai Lifeline, www.chailifeline.org/about.php, Tomchei Shabbos and Chesed of Florida.

The gift wrapping took place in the Social



Hall of Boca Raton Synagogue, 7900 Montoya Circle, Boca Raton.

The gifts were for children of all ages and included toys, clothes, books, gift cards and electronics. Some of the donations were board games, cameras and MP3 players.

Many local Jewish day schools promoted Ata-

ra's project and helped collect the gifts. The Goldbergs called the outpouring "overwhelming" and are considering turning Atara's Bat Mitzvah project into an annual gift drive for Hanukkah.

For more information, contact Yocheved Goldberg at 561.350.5965

## First Night party to celebrate the arrival of 2012

**DELRAY BEACH** -- The city of Delray Beach and thousands of revelers will welcome in 2012 at the annual First Night celebration Saturday, Dec. 31, from 4 p.m. to midnight in downtown Delray Beach.

Admission requires the purchase of a First Night button which allows access to 24 venues. Advanced tickets are \$10. The cost on Dec. 31 will be \$15. Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

100-Foot Christmas Tree (credit cards accepted) - Old School Square 51 North Swinton Ave

City Hall (credit cards accepted) - 100 NW 1st Ave

Chamber of Commerce (cash only) - 64SE 5th Ave

Delray Beach Public Library (cash only) - 100 W. Atlantic Ave

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mote control air swimmers, magic, arts and crafts and so much more!

Visitors can start the evening off with the Peoples' Procession. Join in the parade for everyone at the 600 block at 4 pm. Explore the 24 indoor and outdoor venues located throughout the downtown and find fun activities and entertainment for the entire family.

Expect music, food, fun, prizes and surprises. You won't want to miss the fireworks, famous Ping Pong Ball Drop and the FIAT 500 "Drop," First Night's take on the Times Square Ball Drop.

Make sure to make your way to the Tennis Center for a twist on a classic New Year's Eve Finale both at 9 pm and at midnight.

There will be music, dance, a climbing wall, art, mazes, play centers, photo booths, skateboarding, re-

# Florida Intergenerational Orchestra gets county proclamation

On December 8th, in a special performance at The Volen Center in Boca Raton, County Commissioner Steven Abrams presented the 55-member Florida Intergenerational Orchestra a proclamation applauding the presentation of the first annual "Legacy Award" to the orchestra by Florida's Department of Elder Affairs and commemorating "Intergenerational Week."

The orchestra is comprised of musicians ages 9 to 92 and has been in existence for seven years.



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*Commissioner Steven Abrams with founder/conductor Loraine Marks and a few members of the orchestra*

## America's Sweetheart of Song Connie Francis feted in Boca Raton

Story, photos by Barbara McCormick

BOCA RATON -- Fans, friends and fellow show business professionals gathered recently at the Polo Club in Boca Raton to celebrate the birthday of the legendary Connie Francis.

The elegant evening was hosted by Boca Raton philanthropist, Madelyn Savarick. Guests were given the "Red Carpet" treatment throughout the evening, beginning with the social hour, followed by a true Italian style 5-course dinner.

The evening was filled with music, as fellow professional vocalists serenaded Connie with nostalgic songs from the fifties.



*From left are Mickey Shephardson, Connie Francis and Madelyn Savarick, the host.*



*From left are Connie Francis, Dick Robinson, Madelyn Savarick, Kate Jolson.*

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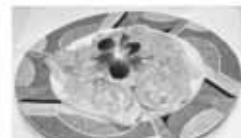
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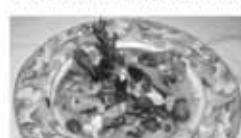
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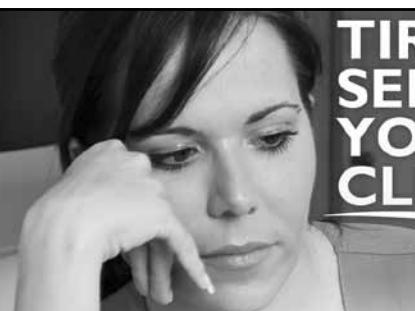
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# Driver charged after car crashes into Camino Gardens canal

BOCA RATON – Boca Raton Fire Rescue crews responded about 5:45 a.m. Dec. 23 to a report of car in a canal, on its side against a sea wall, at 400 West Camino Gardens Blvd., said Public Information Officer Frank Correggio.

The black Dodge Charger was halfway submerged in the water with no occupants inside. Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services Battalion Chief Bruce Angier called for divers.

Delray Beach Fire Rescue dive team along with Boca Raton Police Services divers entered the water to perform a search. Boca Raton Fire Rescue Boat 3 and Police Services Marine Units were on hand to assist.

After an extensive search the divers were unable to locate anyone in the canal. Tow trucks were called to remove the vehicle from the waterway.

A passenger who had

been in the car told police he wasn't sure if the driver was still inside. Several hours after the search ended, police found a man identified as Tyler Hanley, 19, of Boca Raton, on the lawn of a nearby home. Identified as the driver, Hanley was charged with leaving the scene of a crash and failing to give information and render aid, said police.

Correggio said the cause of the accident remains under investigation.



*Photo by Frank Correggio*

## Christmas Eve fire displaces Boca Raton family

BOCA RATON – A Christmas Eve fire caused damage to a Boca Raton home severe enough to force the family to find other accommodations, said Fire Rescue Public Information Officer Frank Correggio.

Damage was estimated at about \$100,000. The cause remains unknown and is being investigated by the State Fire Marshal.

About 5:20 p.m., Correggio said, Boca

Raton firefighters responded to a report of a structure fire at 818 NW 7 Street. He said family members were home and smelled smoke coming from the garage. When they opened the door they noticed the fire. They shut the door and immediately exited the home, running to the home of a neighbor who called 9-1-1.

Upon arrival, firefighters were met with heavy smoke and



intense flames coming from the garage area. Crews attacked the fire, brought it under control and extinguished it.

Correggio said fire extended into the ceiling above the garage where there was also significant damage. The family was not



able to return to the home that evening.

*Photos by Frank Correggio*

## Menorah Lighting in Old School Square: Fallen Police Officer Adam Rosenthal Honored

DELRAY BEACH, FL – December 21, 2011 – Tuesday, December 20th marked the second year of a new Delray Beach holiday tradition. The Menorah, installed alongside the 100-Foot Christmas Tree in Old School Square, provided the backdrop for a heart filled ceremony commemorating the "Miracle of Lights." Observ-

ers gathered around the Menorah to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah. The City was well represented at Tuesday's ceremony with Commissioner Angeleta Gray there to welcome the crowd, former Mayor Jeff Perlman to tell the story of Hanukkah, and Commissioner Adam Frankel to recite the Hebrew blessing.

Organizers arranged to honor fallen Officer Adam Rosenthal during the ceremony. Assistant Police Chief Jeff Goldman delivered a heartfelt oration dedicated to the sixteen year veteran of the Delray Beach Police Department who lost his life in a single vehicle car crash earlier this year. "The turn out for the lighting was abso-

lutely great," said local businessman Dr. Andre Fladell, who was responsible for having the Menorah installed last year. "There was easily three times the number of people that were here last year. This has been such a great addition to the community and I think the ceremony will continue to grow moving forward," he added.



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## Term-limited Aaronson cannot seek another term on County Commission

By Burt Aaronson  
County Commissioner  
District 5

The year is quickly coming to a close and the holidays are upon us. Sheila, Marylou, Vivian, Meaghan and I wish you all a season of peace and a happy New Year.

Many of you know already that term limits prevent me from seeking another term as your County Commissioner. As I reflect on these past two decades, I am amazed at the number of issues we have tackled together. Each year brings its own set of challenges and I can assure you that 2012 will be no different. One issue that I will be focusing on in the upcoming year is unemployment as it relates to the hospital-

ity industry.

As the unemployment rate started rising and continues to grow, it bothered me that many local hospitality industry businesses such as country clubs were bringing in foreign workers through the Federal H2B Visa Program. I began meeting with a number of country clubs to address the issue of hiring foreign workers. Since that time the unemployment has risen to over 10 percent and I am more eager than ever to gradually reduce the number of foreign hired by the private clubs.

I have spearheaded a collaborative effort with County staff, the Workforce Alliance, the Country Clubs, and the

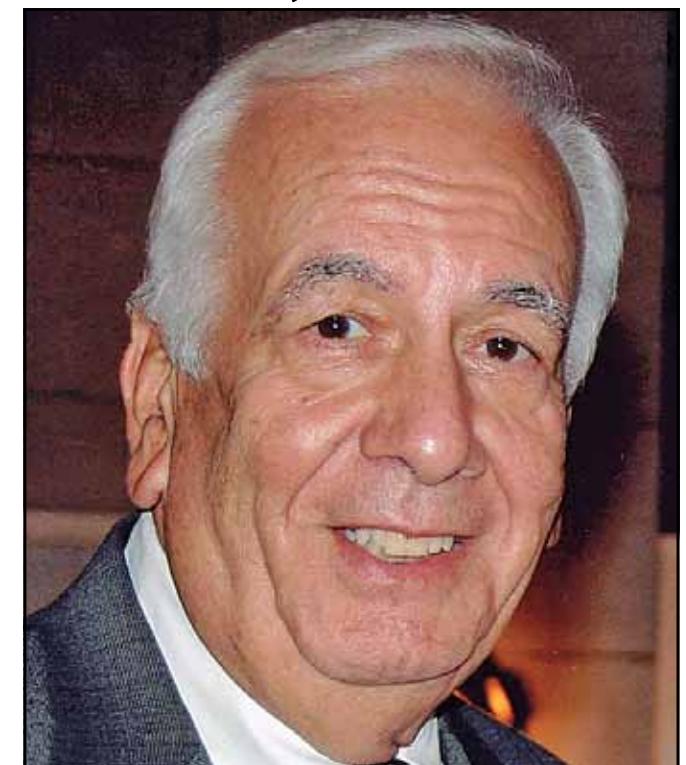
Council of Presidents, an organization of Country Club Presidents. I wanted the Clubs and Workforce Alliance to commit to a four-year plan that would reduce the number of H2B workers by 25 percent per year. They did and we have set to work to fulfill this goal.

Perhaps the biggest hurdle is the lack of qualified workers available. A recurring theme among responses from country clubs and golf courses is that despite their desire to hire domestic workers, the reality is that they cannot find or maintain them.

During a joint meeting between the County Commission and the School Board, I suggested that a training part-

nership be created that would provide a vehicle for those students that would be seeking a job upon graduating from high school and not continuing on to higher education. Now the School Board and the Tourist Development Council have joined in our efforts to develop a "talent pipeline" by way of training programs that will link local young people to jobs and careers that are in demand.

I look forward to keeping you informed on this and many other topics over the next year. As always, I invite your comments on any issue of interest to you. As your Commissioner, I am here to help you. You may write me at 301 N. Olive



Ave., West Palm Beach, 33401 or call my staff at 276-1310 or toll free at 877-930-2205. My email address is: baaronso@pb-cgov.org

## Boca CERT members recognized for outstanding work

**BOCA RATON** — Boca Raton Fire Rescue Community Emergency Response Team held its semi-annual CERT meeting at 6500 Congress Avenue.

Deputy Fire Chief Glenn Joseph was on hand to present an award for CERT member of the Year to Burt Goodman. Burt has been a member of CERT for over 5 years. He is a supporter and spokesperson for the CERT program and has also taken on the role as a team leader in his community.

CERT members train throughout the year on a variety of fire and medical related topics. CERT members are trained to be a useful resource during disaster emergencies such as



From left are Deputy Fire Chief Glenn Joseph, Burt Goodman and Frank Correggio, CERT coordinator for Boca Raton Fire Rescue.

hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and terrorism, when conventional emergency services are unavailable. CERT members are also utilized at various events throughout the City of

Boca Raton.

Anyone interested in becoming part of the CERT program should contact Catherine Vanden Broeck at 561-393-7770.

## Commission allows voters to decide on slot machines for Kennel Club

The voters of Palm Beach County will have the final say in deciding whether to place slot machines at the Palm Beach Kennel Club.

County commissioners on Dec. 20 voted 6-1 to place a referendum question on the November 2012 ballot asking the electorate to give a yea or nay to the idea of allowing the one-armed bandits at pari-mutuel facilities.

If voters give it a thumbs-up, slot machines will be allowed at the track, the county's only pari-mutuel betting site.

Commissioner Jess Santamaria cast the only "no" vote.

In other business, the commission took the following action:

**Redistricting** — approved new Board of County Com-

mission district boundaries based upon the 2010 Census. Changes include moving Phil Foster Park from District 1 to District 7 and dividing Peanut Island between District 1 and District 7.

**Legislative update** — received an update from state Rep. Mark Pafford on local legislative issues and funding requests to be addressed at the 2012 Florida Legislative Session in Tallahassee.

**MSTUS** — approved on preliminary reading and to advertise for public hearing on Jan. 24, 2012, amendments to the county's municipal services taxing unit (MSTU) ordinance. The board also continued to the Jan. 24 meeting for consideration of assessments and award of a contract for paving and drainage improve-

ments on Michlar Drive, Tamis Trail and 105th Avenue South.

### Okeechobee Boulevard

— approved a funding agreement with the city of West Palm Beach and FDOT to provide median landscaping on Okeechobee Boulevard between the turnpike and State Road 7.

**Fire codes** — adopted the updated Florida Fire Prevention Code, effective Dec. 31, 2011.

**Lobbyist registration** — amended the lobbyist registration ordinance in order to match language in the Code of Ethics and to allow the ordinance to apply to municipal employees and elected officials.

**Vehicles for hire** — approved a series of amendments to the county's vehi-

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# SECTION B BOCA LIFE & ARTS

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## A Spectacular 'Holidaze' Show at Broward Center

By Skip Sheffield

"Cirque Dreams Holidaze" is a dazzling spectacle of sound, light and human feats of derring-do at the Broward Center for the Arts, onstage through Sunday Jan. 1.

This "Cirque" (French for circus) is not to be confused with the much larger, better-known Cirque du Soleil with headquarters in Montreal. Producer-director Neil Goldberg creates his shows right here in Florida in a large warehouse-studio in Pompano Beach.

Like the French-Canadian company, Goldberg's

Cirque is a circus with no animals or animal tricks. It is a strictly human show with an international cast of 30 phenomenal acrobats, jugglers, balancing acts, trapeze artist, gymnasts, trick bicyclists, dancers, roller-skaters— you name it. This is a kitchen sink of diversity, wildly costumed and brilliantly lit, with a thunderous recorded musical accompaniment and live singers. In fact the music is a little too thunderous for those with sensitive ears.

It's been a good ten years since I first met and interviewed Neil Gold-



berg. The show he produces now is vastly improved over what I saw a decade ago. There is only the barest thread of a plot. It's Christmas Eve, and through some magic all the tree ornament and toys spring to life.

There are three main characters who sing and thread the acts together: Angel (Hannah Hammond), the Ice Queen (Traci Blair) and author Dickens (Jamarice Daughtry) all from the USA. Each of these singers is powerful in his or her way. I was especially impressed with Daughtry's vocal range. I was less impressed with the original music by Jill Winters and David Scott, but it is lively, to say the least. There are sev-

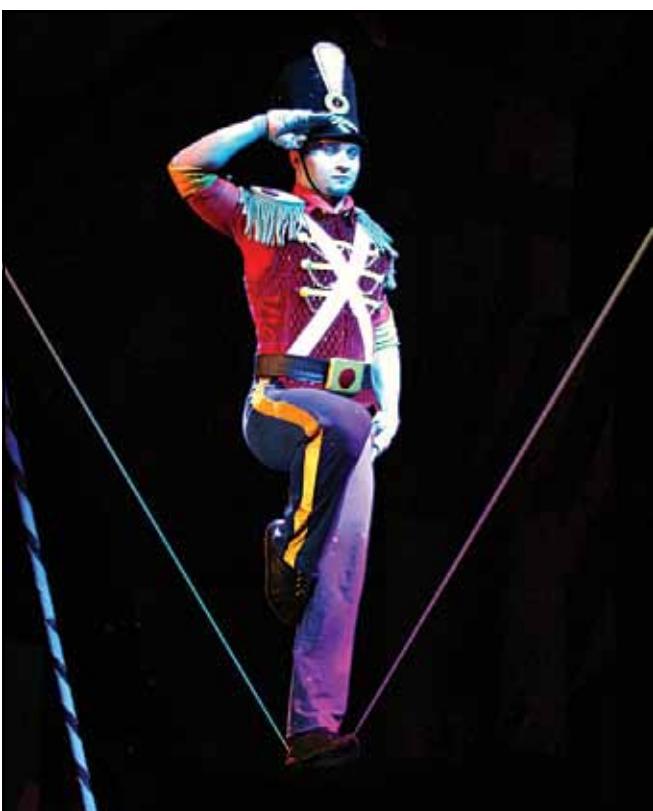
eral familiar cover tunes, including "Jingle Bell Rock," "Rockin' around the Christmas Tree" and a particularly lovely version of "O Holy Night."

The cast includes per-

*Ornaments on tree*  
a specialty and special moments guaranteed to make you gasp. If you enjoy toned bodies performing incredible tricks, this is a show for you regardless of the season.



*Santa with puppets*  
Tickets are \$29.25 to \$69.25, and well worth it. Call 954-462-0222 or go to [www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org).



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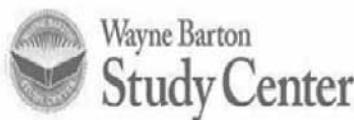
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**BOCA FOOD FINDS***By Denise Righetti***Japanese Signature**

Fusionarie is the latest Japanese restaurant to open up in Royal Palm Place in Downtown Boca, and I set out on a mission to find out just what makes this one different from the other two Asian-inspired restaurants situated in the same plaza. Fusionarie stems from the word "fusion" and this is the name that best describes both the type of dishes you'll find on the Fusionarie menu as well as the ambiance they've created there. Not your typical Japanese offerings, you'll find items such as Bahamian Conch Salad, a Surf and Turf Maki roll made with lobster tempura and topped with torched New York strip, as well as many dishes that incorporate tropical fruits such as pineapple, mango and guacamole.

I decided to pop in on a Saturday early evening before heading to the theatre and took a seat at the sushi bar. I ran into the owner of the establishment, a young man named Edison Song, who, despite his young age, is the owner of several other successful restaurants in Indiana. Edison pulled up a seat next to me and asked me what I'd like to drink. Once I decided upon sake, he was quick to have his house sake brought out for me to try (12 oz. \$10). With quite an extensive sake and wine list, not typically found at a Japanese restaurant, Edison was quite proud of his house offering. He also let me know that it was half price since I was there during their Happy Hour – which goes on every day from 5-7pm, including weekends! You can also get select appetizers for half price during their happy hour with prices ranging from \$3 - \$6.50)

The first dish that I tried was the Tuna Pizza. It was a toasted flatbread topped with guacamole, thinly sliced tuna, balsamic vinegar, spicy mayo and green micro sprouts. Delish! It was light and the flavor combinations worked really well together.

Next, I tried the "Chef Ruey Surprise". On the menu, the Chef Ruey Surprise is \$50 and is ideal as an appetizer for 2-3 people. I was given the single tasting version which runs between \$15-20. It consisted of smoked white tuna, tamago with eel, fish wing (on this

*Chef Ruey presenting his special masterpiece*

day I was served Salmon, on other days it might be Hamachi), tuna ball with snow crab and mint and sweet shrimp. I dove into the

smoked white tuna first and boy was my mouth bursting with flavor! I love white tuna, but this was the first time I've ever had the smoked version. It was thinly sliced and topped with roasted garlic chips-outstanding!

The next thing I tried was the Omurice with eel and crab meat (also known as Tamagotchi). This "kitchen small plate" consisted of a thin layer of egg crepe wrapped with eel and crab meat. It was nice and light and had an airy texture while the eel sauce on top added another dimension, tying the dish together perfectly. (\$12 ala carte).

The Salmon fish wing (a real treat and not a regular menu item) was one of my favorites of all the things I tasted on this evening. When available, they are offered at \$4 per wing. The salmon was incredibly fresh and cooked to perfection and was basted with a terrific sweet glaze.

I tried the tuna balls next. They were filled with snow crab and mint. While this dish may appear simple, it packed a nice flavorful punch. (\$8 for 2 balls)

The Sweet Shrimp (\$3.50 ala carte) was featured prominently in a champagne flute in the center of the Chef Ruey Surprise platter. The shrimp was indeed sweet and succulent. Edison informed me that if I was feeling adventurous, I should partake in the Japanese custom of eating the shrimp head, deep fried. Never to shy away from a good food adventure, I told him to "bring it on" and he did. I will spare you the details here, but let's just say that I can now boast to have earned my honorary "Japanese" status.

It was about this time that Edison introduced me to one of his cold sakes called Tokubetsu Honjozo. (\$22) It was very smooth and enjoyable, and came packaged in a nice looking bottle.

The next plate arrived and on it was a colorful display of Shrimp Toasted with Tuna Jam (listed under Sushi Bar Teasers, four to an order for \$14). Crispy shrimp on toasted Asian bread resembling a crostini and topped with a wonderful strawberry jam. It may sound a bit odd, but trust me, the combination works. I enjoyed these very much. To the right of the shrimp toasts was Rock Shrimp Tempura (listed un-

*Denise with Fusionarie owner Edison*

der Kitchen Small Plates, \$13). A deep water shrimp that tasted akin to lobster, the rock shrimp was the size and texture of "popcorn shrimp" but was coated with a citrusy/spicy sauce that delighted my taste buds.

As if I hadn't sampled enough sake, Edison took the liberty of bringing out a sake flight of 3 different cold sakes for me to try. (Three, 1.5 ounce pours for \$13) The first one was Momokawa Pearl – coconut and tapioca flavor; next was Momokawa Silver – light and a little sweet; and the final one was Momokawa Diamond – dry and crispy, (all of which can be purchased individually at half price every day during happy hour 5 – 7pm).

To conclude this wonderful tasting, Chef Ruey fried up some Red Bean ice cream with a side of homemade whipped cream. The red bean had a nice taste and while not overly sweet, satisfied my sweet tooth.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

*By Skip Sheffield*

### Holiday Films Galore

We are heading into the home stretch of the holiday film season. There are so many films coming out, I couldn't possibly get to them all, but here are a few notables.

I belong to two film critics groups: Florida Film Critics Circle and Southeastern Film Critics Association. Because of this, I am invited to advance screenings and some of the studios provide DVDs for viewing at home.

SEFCA asked each of its 47 members to submit a top ten favorite film list. I voted 'The Artist,' which opened Dec. 23, No. 1. The rest in descending order were Melancholia at 2, Moneyball, 3, War Horse 4, My Week With Marilyn 5, Descendants 6, The Muppets 7, J. Edgar 8, We Bought a Zoo 9 and Young Adult 10.

The rest of the SEFCA writers voted The Descendants No. 1, followed by The Artist 2, Hugo 3, Moneyball 4, Tree of Life 5, Drive 6, Midnight in Paris 7, Win Win 8, War Horse 9 and The Help 10.

George Clooney was voted Best Actor for Descendants while Meryl Streep got Best Actress for Iron Lady.

Christopher Plummer won Best Supporting actor for Beginners and Janet McTeer was Best Supporting actress for Albert Nobbs.

The Help won Best Ensemble and Martin Scorsese was Best Director for Hugo. Good of Woody Allen got Best Original Screenplay for Midnight in Paris.

The very funny film Rango was voted Best Animated Film and the very strange The Tree of Life got Best Cinematography.

It will be very interesting to see who scores at Academy Award time. I suspect The Artist will do better because A: it's a masterpiece and B: it is all about Film.

'The Artist' is the first major silent, black-and-white film in more than 30 years. The production crew is French, but the film is set in Hollywood in the late 1920s at the ending of the silent film era. The film is written and directed by Michael Hazanavicius and it co-stars his wife Berenice Bejo as aspiring starlet Peppy Miller, who rides the coattails of a married movie star named George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) to stardom.

George is a dashing Rudolph Valenti-

no- Douglas Fairbanks kind of action star. George is at the peak of his stardom and wealth in 1927, but all that is about to change because talkies are coming and George thinks silent film is the only pure art film form.

"I am an Artist not a puppet," he declares to ruthless studio head Al Zimmer (John



Jean Dujardin as George Valentin in "The Artist"

Goodman). George is so convinced silent film is the only way to go that he invests his life savings in a silent epic.

It is not hard to guess how this will go. What makes The Artist so great is that it tells its poignant story through body language and facial expression, not words. Minimal titles are used, and there is a bit of sound at strategic moments.

At its core The Artist is a love story for and about film, and it is also a romantic love and redemption story; not just about a woman for a failing man, but of a servant's devotion to his longtime employer. For that role of Clifton, George's butler-chauffeur, James Cromwell will surely be recognized.

#### 'Iron Lady'

If you like British history and great acting, I recommend Iron Lady. America's most versatile actress, Meryl Streep crawls right into the skin of indomitable British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. If you don't care for British history, you may find it on the dull side.

#### 'Adventures of Tintin' and 'War Horse'

Yet to come is Steven Spielberg's Adventures of Tintin and War Horse. I have not seen the former, but I have read great things. The latter opened on Christmas Day and I assure you it is a most wonderful cinematic present. Happy Holidays!



## AS SEEN BY FEEN

*By Diane Feen*

### Lighting the way



Dr. Steven Charlap and his wife Yael with daughter's Danielle and Nikki and son, Justin.

It is the festival of lights – the holiday known for eight nights of family, food and festivities. Yet the meaning of Hanukkah for Jews is the story of miracles. The first one is the Maccabees' defeat of the Greek-Syrian army (that invaded Israel) and the second one is that a flask of oil, that was supposed to last for one day, lasted eight days.

There are miracles in our lives quite often. Some of us see them, others do not. Popular psychology (and Oprah Winfrey) tells us that we need to focus on the miracles in our lives, not on the harsher side of our existence.

And I agree.

That is why it is appropriate to highlight someone who truly cares – someone dedicated to making a difference. His name is Steven Charlap MD. This highly trained physician and Harvard MBA retired a few years ago but wasn't happy simply going to the movies or resting on his laurels (he sold a healthcare business to a large company five years ago).

What Dr. Charlap did was create a company called MDPrevent. This state-of-the-art medical clinic focuses on wellness not on disease. He doesn't run into patient rooms for five minutes with a prescription pad in hand. Instead he and his team access a person's health and prescribe a lifestyle change as part of treatment.

"Rather than simply focus on treating medical problems as they present themselves, MDPrevent's

goals are to identify health risk factors and address them before they become problems. By doing so, we give people freedom from the costs, suffering and limitations imposed by chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer."

And he ought to know.

Dr. Charlap's company HealthDrive treated more than five million patients at extended care facilities and nursing homes and found that many of them had preventable chronic diseases. To make matters worse, government regulations often require providers to react to problems rather than support treatments that prevent them.

That's why he created MDPrevent. He realized

that prevention is the best medicine and he wants to free people from the shackles of unhealthy weight, high cholesterol and blood sugar and dangerous elevated blood pressure.

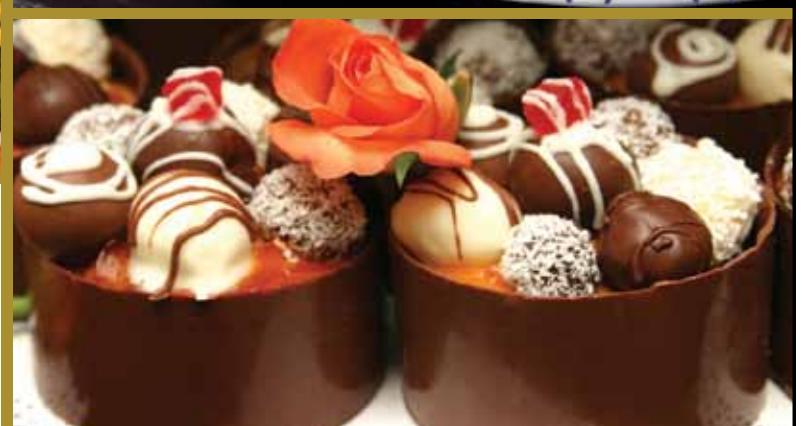
"Hanukkah represents one of many events in Jewish history where Jews faced imminent destruction and

survived. For many Jews as well as all other Americans, there can be no greater threat to our health and our lives than the challenges we face today due to increasing obesity, heart disease, and diabetes," said Dr. Charlap, whose father was a rabbi and whose mother was a Hebrew school teacher.

So like the brave Maccabees, who rose up against their Greek oppressors, each of us should find the strength and motivation to defend our bodies against disease-promoting influences and embrace a life full of joy with the freedom to have a healthy mind and body, said Dr. Charlap. "If we do so, we too can enjoy the miracle of a happy, healthy, and long life."

So we light a candle each night for eight nights and remember the miracles in our lives. It is our light that we embrace on this holiday and the light of others around us that gives meaning to our lives and significance to Hanukkah.

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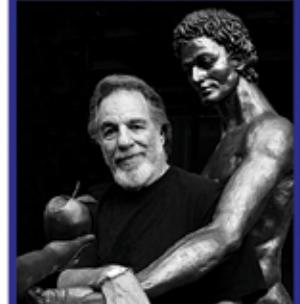
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**West Boca Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party**

West Boca Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party was held at Lakeside Terrace on December 14th. Music was by Angel Curras. Over 100 toys were collected for Toys for Tots and the West Boca Chamber Foundation raffle raised nearly \$300 for Toys for Tots.

*Photos by Annette Levin*



*Simon Plummer of All Florida Alarms and Neil Lavikoff of Foundation Mortgage*



*Bob Goldberg of Signarama Deerfield, Susan Goldberg of Mittenthal Weinstein and Barbara Weiss of Keeping it \$traight*



*Larry Ervin with Attorney Madeline Evans-Ervin, Tom Kruse of Sir Speedy Margate and Susan Goldberg of Mittenthal Weinstein*



*Tammi Healy of Sage Consulting, West Boca Chamber Chair Jeff Karsin, Rob Healy and Chrissy Piazza of Remax Advantage*



*Back row-Bonnie and Steve Fenyves, Sandi and Simon Plummer; Seated-Seth and Fran Marmor; Randi and Mark Toor*



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## Chamber trustee members pack, serve food at Boca Helping Hands

**BOCA RATON** — Members of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce kicked off the holiday festivities by packaging and serving food at Boca Helping Hands,

which served more than 39,700 meals in 2011.

"Boca Helping Hands does so much for our community," said Troy M. McLellan, CCE, President & CEO

of the Boca Chamber. "To come in here with local business leaders and experience the hard work and dedication they put forth every day of the year was a privilege."

The Trustee Members also celebrated the season in style with a holiday party at Carmen's at the top of the Boca Raton Bridge Hotel.

The Trustee Member-

ship Program was founded in 1999 to bring together senior level executives, whose caring and commitment to the community is the foundation

for the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce's continued growth. Over 170 businesses are involved in the program.



David Lorber of Child Group Wealth Management stocks shelves at Boca Helping Hands



Jayne Scala of Ultimate Staffing puts her head together with Boca Chamber Vice President Sarah Pearson and her daughter



Lisa Elkin and Michael Coady of First Citizens Bank enjoy the Trustee Holiday Party at the Boca Raton Bridge Hotel



From left are Linda Gove, Ioana Grigore and Penny Morey



Troy M. McLellan, left, President & CEO of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce and Forrest Heathcott, President, JM&A Group and Executive Vice President, JM Family Enterprises

### Happy Holidays from the King family



Wishing all our Boca Raton Tribune readers a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year. Dale King, Tribune managing editor, is shown with his wife, Julia Hebert, and their dog, Peanut.

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If the fashion world has anything to say about it, 2012 will be a year of renewed energy and optimism! The designers' spring shows were ebullient and upbeat, featuring bright bursts of color and lots of glamour.

While the Hemline Index is considered long passe and the color forecast is only given nominal credence, it does appear that there is more fun in fashion and that is a good thing!

The designers are also giving women the wardrobe to play up their feminine side, finally banishing that borrowed from the boys looks. Menswear and military-inspired styles were given their

marching orders. The styles this season are soft and visual.



*Super feminine looks*

## LET'S TALK LIFE & STYLE

*By Kay Renz*

### A Bright Forecast for 2012

#### Neon Lights

Not since the go-go 80's has there been this much neon, but this time around there is more sophistication to the brilliant yellows, greens and tangerines. While some runways went wildly vivid, most paired the bright hues with softer pastels for balance.

#### The Great Glamour

There is a dressy glamorous feel this spring with lots of diversity. Look for lace, sexy sheer fabrics, asymmetrical hemlines, ruffles, geometric prints and more. The key is choosing the stand out piece that works for you and finding fun ways to have it liven up your base wardrobe.



*The sporty look*

#### Golden Moment

With 2012 being an Olympic year, there is definitely a sporty theme run-

ning though many of the collections. The looks are sleek, body conscious and colorful.

#### Shoe me these

The shoe trends are fun and high! Look for transparent looks, metallic toes, huge platforms, wedgies and super high heels. The look again is more feminine, moving away from clunky and chunky to sleeker and sexier!

#### My Shades

Standout Sunglasses are hot this spring. Look for exaggerated shapes, super colors and movie star style.

#### Embellished Bags

Lots of detailing on bags this season. Check out the crocheted looks, metal touches and all sorts of embellishments. Super tiny bags



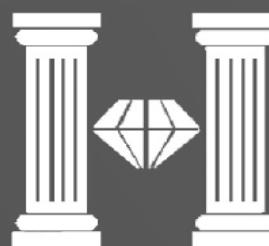
*Bright yellow and pea plum, two big trends*

also make their mark, not necessarily practical but cute!  
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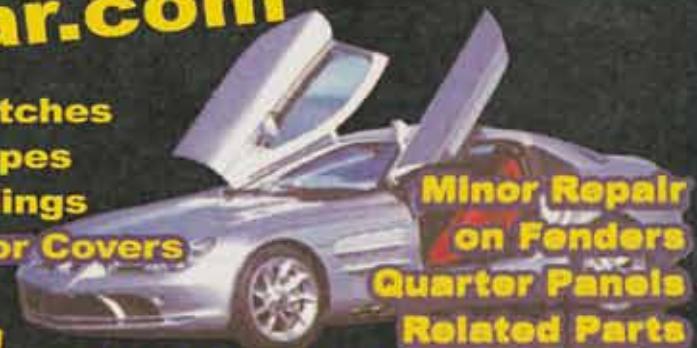
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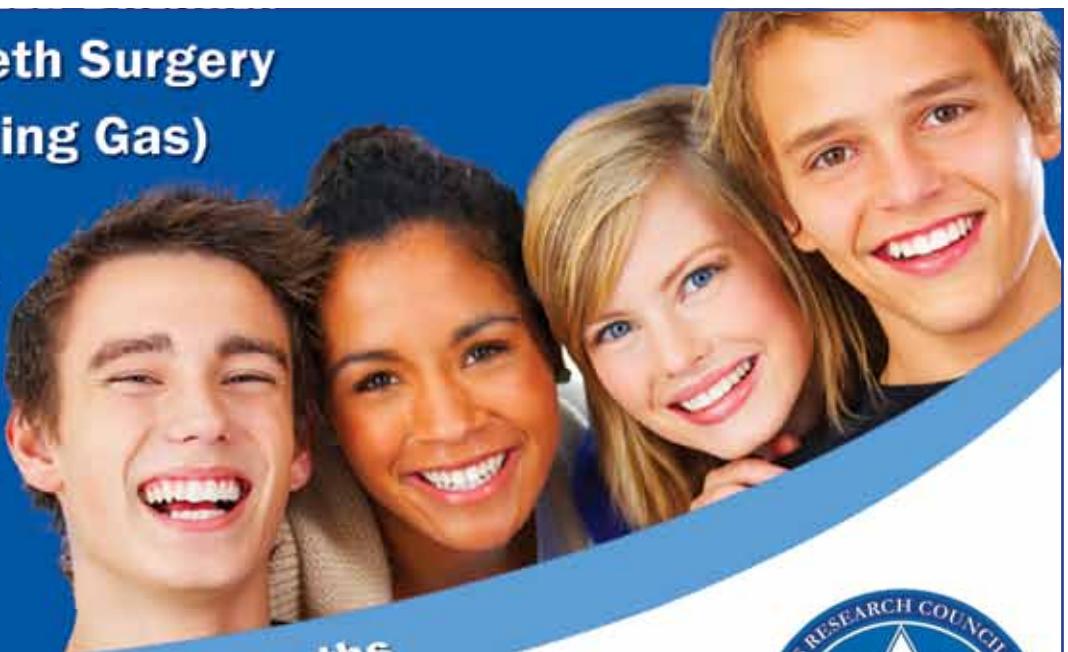
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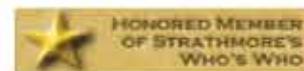


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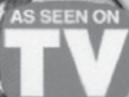
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## FAU honors Schnellenberger with endowed scholarship fund

BOCA RATON -- Florida Atlantic University recently announced the establishment of an endowed scholarship fund in honor of legendary Coach Howard Schnellenberger's retirement from football during a post-game reception at FAU's final football game of the 2011 season.

The fund will provide one scholarship each year to a student-athlete that demonstrates determination and commitment to the FAU football program.

"Coach Howard Schnellenberger's legacy as FAU's first football coach will no doubt leave a permanent mark on FAU and its football program," said FAU President Mary Jane Saunders. "To honor his vision, leadership and 13 years of service, I am pleased to announce the creation of the Howard Schnellenberger Endowed Scholarship Fund."

Schnellenberger announced his retirement as coach in August, but will now remain on staff at FAU as the University's first ambassador for de-

velopment and athletics. In this position, Schnellenberger will campaign to generate support for FAU athletics and its new stadium.

"I am so delighted to have had the opportunity to be FAU's coach. It's been a true joy. For all of our football players, coaches, and those connected with the university, I thank you for your participation and for your good wishes," said Schnellenberger. "I look forward

to the next chapter of my career as an ambassador for this great university, and I am proud that a scholarship named in my honor will help future generations of student-athletes."

The recent post-game reception took place on the Delray Hyundai Priority Club level of FAU Stadium at the Boca Raton campus. More than 300 guests attended the event, including Schnellenberger's family members, closest friends, former football players, as well as FAU Football Founders, stadi-

um donors, and members of FAU's Board of Trustees, Foundation Board and National Alumni Association Board.

Schnellenberger's career has been highly chronicled throughout the years, from winning the Super Bowl as offensive coordinator for the Miami Dolphins during their perfect season in 1972, to winning the first national championship as head coach at the University of Miami in 1983, to leading the struggling University of Louisville to a top-20 national ranking.

As the founder and first head coach of FAU's football team, Schnellenberger helped guide the team to its first Sun Belt Conference title in 2007, the same year the team became to youngest team to advance to and win a bowl championship; as well as led the team to its second bowl game in 2008, where FAU became the only team in the state of Florida to win back-to-back bowl games that year.

## Commission allows voters to decide on slot machines for Kennel Club

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cles-for-hire (VFH) ordinance. They include adding a luxury sedan category; establishing a special master enforcement process; and no longer allowing VFH companies to deduct fees paid to municipalities from the amount the county collects for application/renewal and vehicle decal fees.

PBIA – amended airport rules and regulations to allow vehicle-for-hire companies to drop off customers at Palm Beach International Airport (PBIA) without hav-

ing a ground transportation permit or decal. Companies must still have a permit or decal in order to pick up customers at PBIA.

**Business Development Board** – authorized a commitment of \$200,000 with matching funds from the private sector for the Business Development Board's new marketing initiatives intended to enhance visibility of the county's business environment and attract new businesses to the county.

**Medical Home Day** – approved the county's participation in Medical Home

Day on Feb. 11, 2012, and authorized spending up to \$5,600 to pay for bus pass vouchers and informational material.

**Inspector General** – approved the addition of six new positions for the Office of Inspector General to accommodate expansion of its jurisdiction.

**Facilities** – approved a change order to the contract with Moss & Associates in the amount of \$2.3 million for expansion and renovation of court facilities at the West Detention Center in Belle Glade.

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# Business

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## Archstone acquires 252-unit apartment community in Boca

**From Business Wire**

BOCA RATON — Archstone, a leader in apartment investment and operations, has announced the acquisition by an Archstone sponsored partnership of Vining's at Town Center, a 252-unit apartment community in Palm Beach County, from AEW Capital Management.

The community was acquired for a purchase price of some \$42 million and will be renamed Archstone Boca Town Center.

The complex, located at 5881 Town Bay Drive, will undergo a comprehensive renovation of its amenities and units over the course of the next year. The fitness center and several common areas will be upgraded, while the units will be fitted with brand-new

kitchens and bathrooms.

"We continue to be committed to the continual improvement of our portfolio of apartment communities in the nation's best cities," said R. Scot Sellers, Archstone's chief executive officer. "Archstone Boca Town Center will be an excellent addition to our portfolio and our strategically located communities in Southeast Florida."

Archstone Boca Town Center is adjacent to the Town Center at Boca Raton mall, which features more than 220 upscale retailers and restaurants. Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue anchor the 1.75-million-square-foot mall.

In addition, the mall

showcases a number of well-known dining options, including Grand Lux Cafe, Legal Sea Foods and The Capital Grille.

Nearby entertainment destinations include the Boca Raton Resort and Club, Mizner Park, CineMark Palace 20, Boomers and the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens. Florida's beaches are less than four miles from the community.

Archstone Boca Town Center offers easy access to a host of major employers in several large office parks, including Arvida Park of Commerce and Boca Corporate Center & Campus. The site is also a short drive to Office Depot's new global headquarters.

"Archstone Boca Town

Center is located in a highly desirable upscale neighborhood with expensive single family homes and limited land available for new residential development, which is very consistent with our investment strategy," said Charles E. Mueller Jr., Archstone's chief operating officer. "Our operating team in Southeast Florida is looking forward to producing very strong results at this fantastic community."

The community currently offers several amenities including a 24-hour fitness center, clubhouse, tennis court, resort-style pool and picnic area with barbecue grills. Among the features inside the Boca Raton apartments are washers and dryers, walk-in closets and private

balconies and patios. Select units feature vaulted ceilings and lake views.

The Boca Raton-based ARA sales team of Principal, Avery Klann; Senior Vice President Hampton Beebe, and Principal Marc deBaptiste represented AEW Capital Management in the sale. AEW sold the property on behalf of one of its institutional clients.

"Multifamily investment in Boca Raton continues to be extremely attractive," said Avery Klann, lead broker on the transaction. "Archstone Boca Town Center has been institutionally owned for more than 23 years, which has helped the property maintain stabilized long-term occupancy and premium rental rates."

Archstone strives to provide great apartment rentals and great service to its customers—backed by service guarantees. As of September 30, 2011, the company owned or had an ownership position in 428 communities located in the United States and Europe, representing 73,955 units, including units under construction.

Atlanta-headquartered ARA is the largest privately held, full-service investment advisory firm in the nation that focuses exclusively on the brokerage, financing and capital sourcing of multihousing properties including conventional, affordable, distressed assets, notes sales, seniors, student & manufactured housing and multihousing land.

## JARC executive director celebrated for excellence

BOCA RATON -- Jewish Association for Residential Care (JARC) executive director, Dr. Debra Hallow, was honored with a Senior Achievement Award by the American Health Association recently.

Hallow received the 2011 Non Profit Executive Director of the Year - Palm Beach County

honors. U.S. Rep. Ted Deutch presented her with the award. The successful Senior Achievement/Veterans Day Gala Luncheon was held at Benevento's in Boynton Beach.

The event honors five outstanding volunteers/staff whose service to the community inspires, enriches and contributes

to the "good" of many.

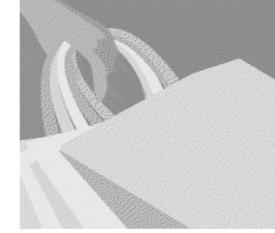
Past honorees represent a wide spectrum of volunteer and staff effects including mentoring the children, wildlife and environment, health and medical care and everything in between.

Dr. Hallow's leadership, inspiration, commitment and visionary direction for JARC was

marked at the event. Her commitment will again be recognized at a gala to be held at Boca West Country Club on Sunday, March 11, 2012. This year's gala keynote speaker will be Academy Award winning actress, Marlee Matlin. Michael Williams of WPTV News Channel 5 will preside as emcee.

For more information on purchasing tickets for JARC's 26th Anniversary Gala or the programs of JARC Florida, please visit [www.jarcfl.org](http://www.jarcfl.org). The Jewish Association for Residential Care (JARC) is a nonsectarian organization which provides group homes, apartments and vocational training for adults with developmental disabilities.

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**Dr. Debra Hallow**



## "THE CORNER OFFICE"

*By Mayor Bernard Featherman*

# What New Year's resolutions do you want to make?

Have you ever thought about what kinds of New Year's resolutions you want to make for yourself to improve your health and wellness, your lifestyle or personal relationships? Here are some suggestions you might want consider.

Lose weight to improve your health. It is a great idea to make a resolution to do so. You can go on a diet by eating a variety of foods that have less fats and cholesterol like poultry, fish, fruits and fresh vegetables for better weight control. Yet it is easier said than done for most of us. Successful dieters need incentives to stick to a regimented diet. One way is to learn to read food labels to see the favorable or not so favorable; ingredients that are in some of the packaged foods you eat.

Exercise more by walking or by training at your condo, home or gym. Several ways to learn about the right exercises is to read books on exercising, review workout videos or seek out a professional trainer's advice. Medical specialists say you should also drink at least eight glasses

of water a day, and cut back on drinking alcohol or smoking.

Be more optimistic about life. You should work to develop positive feelings about other people and let them know it. One example is to be the first to simply say, "Hello," to others. Or compliment at least two people a day on good deeds they have done.

Build a network with other people in your community. Make a resolution to attend more community events. You can exchange views on doing things differently or the same way.

Consider a resolution to live simpler, quieter life in order to relieve tensions. Think about a resolution to act on all matters enthusiastically, by eliminating negative thoughts. One way is to not waste your time getting even with others who try to hurt you emotionally. Instead, get even with people who have helped you bodying thins back for them, in return for their favorable past support.

Make a resolution to laugh more, read more, listen more and say

less. My friend Charlie, a retired Highland Beach resident, made a similar resolution that added in hugging more, loving more and even crying more. He joined a local self-help group to discuss problems that he goes through each day. By meeting more people with similar interests, he has learned to satisfactorily cope wit his problems. It is still working for him and it can work for you, too. Charlie's extra New Year's resolution for this coming year is to give his condo a good safety inspection, for his own protection against injuries in the home.

And remember, be more organized. A great resolution would be to learn how to manage your time better, by making a daily list of things to do, in the order of importance on the things you need to do. Even a resolution to communicate better, to both friends and relatives, is a good idea that will help you reach your New Year's goals next year.

Get those resolutions started for the New Year now.

## BUSINESS BITS

BOCA RATON -- The GEO Group has announced the opening of the new 1,500-bed Riverbend Correctional facility in Milledgeville, Ga. Under the terms of its contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections, GEO financed, developed, and will operate the new \$80 million facility on state-owned land pursuant to a 40-year ground lease. The institution is expected to generate approximately \$28 million in annualized revenues and is expected to ramp through the first quarter of 2012. "We appreciate the confidence placed in our company by the Georgia Department of Corrections. The opening of this important facility marks a significant milestone towards meeting the state's need for correctional bed space," said George C. Zoley, chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GEO

BOCA RATON -- Metropolitan Health Networks, Inc. has announced that Michael Earley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will present an overview of the company's business at the 30th Annual J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference in San Francisco on January 12, 2012 at noon, Pacific Time. A live audio webcast of the presentation will be available via Metropolitan's investor relations page at [www.metropolitanhealthnetworks.com](http://www.metropolitanhealthnetworks.com). The company suggests that webcast participants sign on approximately 15 minutes in advance of the presentation to allow time to run a system test and download any free software needed for access purposes.

PNC Bank has announced it will install ATMs at Palm Beach State College's campuses in Lake Worth, Palm Beach Gardens, Boca Raton and Belle Glade. The bank said it will also offer money management seminars on campus. PNC also promised to waive one overdraft fee for students who open PNC accounts. With the ATMs, the bank will be able to reach PBSC's 51,000 students.

BOCA RATON -- Oce, a Canon Group company and an international leader in digital document management, announced that Patrick Chapuis has been appointed president and CEO of Oce North America effective January 1, 2012. Chapuis succeeds Joseph Skrzypczak, who has informed the Oce Board of his intent to retire in 2012. Chapuis will also retain his current responsibilities as president of the Wide Format Printing Systems division of Oce North America. In his new role, Chapuis will have responsibility for the Oce North America sales, marketing, service, operations, finance and support functions. Oce is headquartered in Trumbull, Conn., with other business units in Boca Raton and Chicago.

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# Pet Society

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## PET OF THE WEEK

### Annie is looking for a holiday present – you!

"Annie" is 2-year-old, spayed female, Cairn terrier mix. This sweet and outgoing girl is in desperate need of a loving home and she would love a new family to spend the holidays with!

Annie is housebroken, very playful, loves to cuddle and is good with other dogs. She would do best in a home with no children or children over the age of 10 years. Her adoption fee is only \$58; please ask for ID#1590799.

She is available at Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control, 7100 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach. All animals are adopted out to qualified applicants on a first-come-first-served basis.

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# Columnists

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## FAITH

By Rick Warren

### Effecting Change – Renewing Your Mind

Almost every one of us has something about ourselves we would like to change – at work, in relationships, in day-to-day habits and actions. To change your life, however, you must first change how you think. Behind everything you do is a thought. Every behavior is motivated by a belief, and every action is prompted by an attitude.

To hear modern-day gurus tell it, this would seem to be a startling new discovery. But God revealed this truth thousands of years before psychologists understood it: "Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts" (Proverbs 4:23, Today's English Version).

To illustrate this point, imagine riding in a speedboat on a lake with an automatic pilot set to go eastward. If you were to decide to reverse course and head toward the west, you have two possible ways to change the boat's direction.

One way is to grab the steering wheel and physically force the speedboat to head in the opposite direction from where the autopilot has been programmed to guide it. By sheer willpower, you could overcome the autopilot, but you would feel constant resistance. Your arms would eventually tire of the stress, you would have to let go of the steering

wheel, and the boat would instantly turn back toward the east, as it had been internally programmed.

Sounds like a lot of hard work, correct? And the change would only be temporary – once you stopped trying to force the change, all would return to the way it was before.

This is what happens when you try to change your life with willpower. You tell yourself, "I will force myself to ... eat less ... stop smoking ... quit being disorganized and late ... not respond angrily when I am under pressure."

Willpower can produce short-term change, but creates constant internal stress because you have not dealt with root causes of what you would like to change.

Making the change you desire does not feel natural. It requires great effort and willpower. Eventually you give up – and go off the diet, grab another cigarette, arrive late for another important meeting, or react with inappropriate anger.

There is a better and easier way: Change your "autopilot" – change the way you think. Or, as the Bible says, be willing for it to change: "Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think" (Romans 12:2).

Change always starts first in the mind. The way

you think determines the way you feel, and the way you feel influences the way you act, which means, "there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes" (Ephesians 4:23).

To be like Christ, you must develop the mind of Christ. The Bible talks about having "the mind of Jesus Christ," and calls this mental shift, "repentance." The Greek literally means, "to change your mind and direction."

To repent means to change the way you think. You must change your thinking about God, yourself, sin, other people, life, your future, everything; and adopt Christ's outlook and perspective on life: You follow Him!

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## DIVORCE FLORIDA STYLE

By Mike Gora

### Happy New Year

all "A" students.

Younger son and his wife expertly raise their almost 4 and 5 year old cuties and prepare to move into a new home in a Chicago suburb. Bonnie and I are lucky to have two of the three families with us for this holiday season. As I type, four year old Jack has given me his delicious first hug of the early morning.

We are well. Our moms, both in their 90s, are now well, although my mother-in-law had another fall, more broken bones, and another stay at rehab. My mother complains about living too long but remains as healthy as a horse.

On the other hand, son Matt, 42, has developed a painful, permanent and debilitating disease of the nervous system and our strong, brave son, husband and dad must fight the battle of his life and remain a hero in the eyes of his two little girls against odds. He is lucky to have a strong, loyal, intelligent and successful wife.

My daughter and her husband, who pursue careers in teaching and computer related fields, respectively, are on the verge of having a second child in high school for one year, before sending their oldest, a football player, off to college; both

disagree on the path to success.

I suggest to you that in the year 2012 we all pull together in our common cause by supporting our respective candidates, with respect for the efforts of the opposing candidates. We can offer up our ideas for a better nation, and compare our ideas and our candidate's ideas without denigrating the other.

In many if not all cases the best path is not owned by either political party or its candidates, but an amalgamation of the best ideas of both Parties and all candidates. It is not necessary to call the opposing inflammatory names, or compare them to history's most devilish demons to make our side's case. Hold whatever values you wish without finding it necessary to disregard the values of other fellow citizens.

We can and will get through the political year ahead of us, but we will all be better for it if we do it with respect for our fellow citizens whatever their Party, position religion or race.

Let's make 2012 the best of times.

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# Sports

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## Let the Excitement Begin: Marlins Making Moves 2011

**By: Matt Blue**

The Miami Marlins proved they are dead serious about spending money and making moves. The organization has undergone an extreme makeover. The franchise has been given a new beginning and a fresh start. Not only do they have a completely new look, they have also shown there fan base that they are ready to contend for a championship.

The Marlins shocked the baseball world by inking closer Heath Bell, All Star shortstop Jose Reyes and starting pitcher Mark Buehrle. Incredibly, a club that has never spent more than \$60 million on payroll, all of a sudden gave three free agents \$191 million. Just think about it, 191 million for just three players alone?

So you may be wondering where the Marlins are getting all of this money from. To answer this question, they are

Believe it or not, they also reached for the stars by trying to lure future hall of famer Albert Pujols. Ultimately, Pujols made the decision to sign with the Los Angeles Angels. The Marlins also attempted to ink arguably the best starting pitcher on the market in C.J. Wilson. The Fish were Wilson's highest bidders. They gave him the most number of years and they even offered to go all the way up to \$100 million. The problem for the Marlins was that Wilson preferred his hometown team all along. That's why Wilson left \$20 million on the table and took the Angels less lucrative offer.

Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria said he expects to draw about 2.8 million in 2012. This goal may be a bit optimistic since the franchise has finished last in attendance in the NL for six straight years. Sure, the Marlins new ballpark will inspire curiosity, anticipation and excitement during the ballpark's honeymoon period. But what's going to happen once the newness factor begins to evaporate? To answer this question, you have to understand that if they win; they will come. South Florida al-

ways embraces its winning teams. This is why the Marlins have a great opportunity to thrive in



Newly acquired Miami Marlins' Jose Reyes and Heath Bell

this market even though South Florida has never traditionally been known as a baseball town.

"If you build it they will come." And, "if you sign them, they will come".

## St. Andrews South Striker Joe Riccobene Named National Senior League Wii Bowler of the Year

BOCA RATON, FL -- The National Senior League recently named its 2011 Wii Bowlers of the Year. Joe Riccobene of the SAS Strikers, St. Andrews South, Boca Raton, FL, and the 2010 Wii Bowler of the Year, led the pack with another stellar year.

Riccobene has been the captain of the Strikers team for three years leading them to three National NSL championships. During the 2011 league play, Riccobene led the NSL with a .290 average while recording 20 perfect games.



*Joe Riccobene of the SAS Strikers, St. Andrews South, Boca Raton, FL*

his friends and family in Ohio in his red corvette.

## Owls Women's Basketball Completes Non-Conference Season with Loss at Stetson

DeLand, FL - Stetson University relied on a strong defensive effort to pick up a 52-37 victory over the Florida Atlantic University women's basketball team on Wednesday at the Edmunds Center in DeLand. The game wrapped up the non-conference schedule for the Owls.

FAU stands 5-6 on the season and begins Sun Belt Conference action following the holiday break at Arkansas State University on December 29, at 6:35 p.m., from Jonesboro, Ark. The host Hatters improved to 11-3 overall.

"We just didn't play with the intensity needed to win a game against a quality opponent," said Chancellor Dugan, FAU's head women's

basketball coach. "We struggled to make shots in the first half and were fighting an uphill battle the entire game."

Stetson stormed out of the gate to take a 14-4 edge in the opening eight minutes and managed to hold a 22-17 halftime advantage. The Owls were held to 21.4 percent shooting in the first 20 minutes.

FAU started the second half scoring four of the first six points to trim the deficit to 24-21 at the 18:25 mark. However, the Hatters scored the next nine points to build a comfortable double-digit margin that was held for the rest of the half.

Sophomore forward Che-nise Miller paced the Owls'

offensive attack with eight points and a career-tying 12 rebounds. She was named to the Stetson Hatter Classic all-tournament team. This is the second straight all-tournament team selection for the Eastern Michigan University transfer.

Senior post player Vontrice Dennis scored a season-best seven points, while senior guard Teri Stamps added seven points. FAU shot 27.1 percent for the game, including 4-of-16 from behind the three-point line.

Stetson was led by Victoria McGowan's 11 points and tournament Most Valuable Player Shanasa Sanders scored nine points and grabbed 12 rebounds.



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## Miami Beats Defending Champions Mavericks in Season Opener

By: Pedro Heizer

The NBA Season is finally back! The Dallas Mavericks received a championship banner for Christmas. Miami, the team it defeated to win last season's NBA Finals, received a dose of revenge.

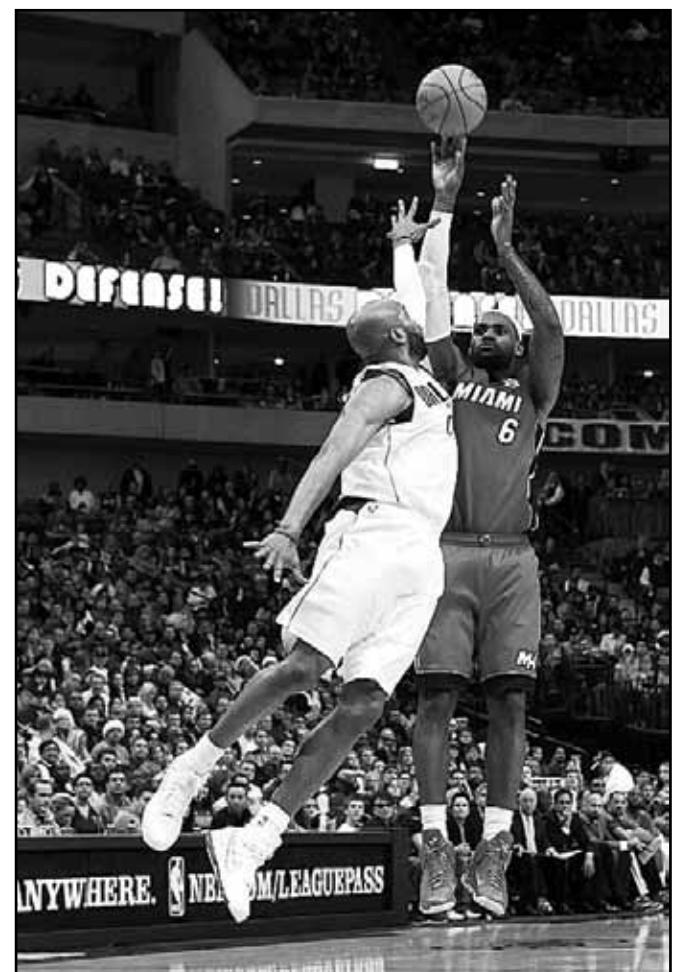
LeBron James scored 37 points and Dwyane Wade added 26 as the Heat soured Sunday's season-opening celebration in Dallas and snapped a long regular-season losing streak to the Mavericks with a 105-94 victory.

Dallas, led by Jason Terry (23 points) and Dirk Nowitzki (21), had won 14 straight regular-season meetings against Miami dating back to 2004.

James broke the Heat record for points in a season opener, set by Tim Hardaway with 32 in a double-overtime victory against Detroit on Nov. 2, 1999. James was 11-for-19 from the field and 15-for-19 at the line with 10 rebounds, six assists, two steals and two blocks.

Maybe the pregame festivities left the Mavs emotionally drained because they were down by 15 after one quarter and 21 at halftime. They then gave up 14 straight points early in the third quarter.

The blowout had less to do with an emotional hangover and more to do with exposing the slow process of breaking in a new rotation. Dallas lost center Tyson Chandler and backup point guard J.J. Barea and added guard Vince Carter, do-it-all Lamar Odom and backup guard Delonte West.



The defending champions had no chance against a Miami team that brings back its core rotation players. "We're going to have to forge an identity with this team; it's a different team," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "That's work, and it's going to take honesty, and it's not going to be easy."

Perhaps one of the most interesting part of the game was the play of rookie point guard Norris Cole in his NBA debut. Cole finished the game with seven points, and had a Rajon Rondo moment when he stole the ball at one end of the floor and raced to the basket took the contact and one.

Miami went on a 12-0 run late in the first quarter, a 15-1 spurt in the

second quarter, then the 14-0 binge in the third period. At the end of that final surge, James made a spin move to free himself for a 17-foot jumper off the glass, then followed with his alley-oop tip to Wade.

"It was showtime," said Heat point guard Mario Chalmers, who had the initial pass to James. "That comes from playing a whole season together last year and working out during the offseason with each other."

With the win, Miami improved to 6-2 all-time on Christmas Day and 12-12 in season openers, while Dallas lost for the first time on Dec. 25 (2-1) and dropped to 18-14 in openers.

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## Jake Long, Brandon Marshall selected to Pro Bowl

By: Chris Nelson

Last week, I looked at players on the Dolphins' roster that could or should be in the discussion for a Pro Bowl selection. Two of players mentioned—offensive tackle Jake Long and wide receiver Brandon Marshall—were indeed honored with selections in the NFL's official announcement Tuesday.

Long earned his fourth Pro Bowl selection (and third as a starter) in as many pro seasons since being taken by the Dolphins first overall in the 2008 NFL Draft. His consecutive starts streak was snapped at 62 in Week 15 due to a back injury.

Meanwhile, Marshall receives a Pro Bowl invite for the second time in his career and first with the Dolphins. Despite a high number of drops and missed opportuni-

ties during the 2010 season, Marshall currently ranks second among AFC wide receivers in receptions (77), third in yards (1,177), and ninth in touchdowns (six).

Acquired from the Denver Broncos in exchange for two second-round picks in April 2010, Marshall has topped 1,000 yards receiving in each of his first two seasons in Miami. He also teamed with running back Reggie Bush for the first time in franchise history the Dolphins have had a 1,000-yard rusher and 1,000-yard receiver.

### Worthy selections?

Most fans don't pay attention to offensive line play when they watch NFL games, and that's understandable. Thus, when a lineman is a high-profile name (such as a first overall pick like Long) he typically gets voted to the

Pro Bowl based more on reputation than actual play. That is indeed the case when Long in 2011.

I give Long a ton of credit for playing through numerous injuries (knees, shoulder, back) and for playing fairly well through all of it. That being said, there is simply no way you can say Long was one of the three best offensive tackles in the AFC this season.

For the season, Long grades out as a positive pass protector and slightly subpar run blocker. He's blamed for five sacks on the season, which is down from last year's six allowed by would be the second-highest total in his four-year career. He also ranked 20th out of 76 tackles in the NFL in quarterback pressured allowed with 15.

Bottom line: Long is hav-

ing another good season and is performing incredibly well given that he hasn't been near 100% healthy at any point this season. That being said, Long is not Pro Bowl worthy in 2011.

As for Marshall, he certainly has the numbers to rank near the top of the AFC's receivers and thus in Pro Bowl consideration. It's actually crazy to imagine what his numbers would be if he didn't have all his drops—many of them that would have been touchdowns.

Personally, my four Pro Bowl receivers would have been Wes Welker, Mike Wallace, A. J. Green and Vincent Jackson. I think Green's numbers are astounding for a rookie, while both he and Jackson have stretched the field better than Marshall with fewer drops.



That being said, Marshall has elite numbers despite his drops and at worst was a deserving Pro Bowl

reserve, but I really have no complaints about him being selected outright.

## Lynn Softball's Aimee Murch Inducted in SSC Hall of Fame

By Lance Thomas

Lakeland, Fla.—Former Lynn University softball standout Aimee Murch was inducted into the Sunshine Hall of Fame as announced by conference commissioner Jay Jones on Wednesday.

In just two seasons, Murch etched her name all over the NCAA Division II record books. She ranks sixth in DII with 428 strikeouts in a single season. She

is eighth among career leaders with a 10.14 strikeout ratio and 10th with a 0.55 ERA.

Additionally, Murch's name appears among the NCAA Division II single-season leaders in wins (T13th, .39), shutouts (T13th, .21) and winning percentage (T16th, .929). She places 21st nationally with a career win percentage of .838.

A two-time All-SSC selection, Murch earned first-team all-conference honors in 2005 en route to also being tabbed SSC Pitcher and Female Athlete of the Year. She was selected as a member of the SSC Silver Anniversary Team. She was an NFCA first-team All-American in 2005 and a two-time All-South Region honoree.

Twice named the Lynn Blue & White Athlete of the

Year, Murch still holds 10 LU career pitching records. In 2005, she combined with Saint Leo's Katie Heintz to set the NCAA Division II single game record with 45 strikeouts in a contest.

This year's inductees represent the 20th class to be selected to the SSC Hall of Fame. A total of 170 student-athletes, coaches, and administrators have previously been inducted into the

hall since the inaugural class of 1991-92.

Other members joining Murch of the Class of 2011-12 are: Charlotte Campbell (Rollins women's golf), Nick Diyorio (Florida Southern baseball), Pamela Feggans (Florida Southern women's golf), Johanna Fischer (Barry women's soccer), Thomas Hipp (Barry men's tennis), Allison Macsas (Tampa women's

cross country), Ronnie Merrill, Jr. (Tampa baseball), and Greta Trotman (Barry women's tennis).

The Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame was founded in 1991 to honor those persons who have made outstanding contributions to the conference. Its purpose is to perpetuate the memory of those who brought distinction, honor, and excellence to the SSC.

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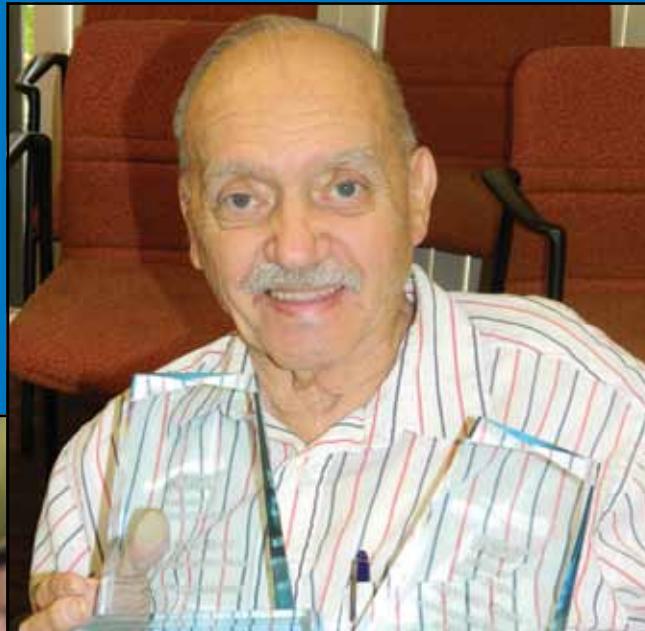
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