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Boca Police Safety Tip

Q: A friend of mine had their catalytic converter stolen from under her car while it was parked in her driveway. What can I do to prevent this from happening to me?

A: Catalytic converters are becoming a popular stolen item due to how easy they are to steal and their precious metal content which is sold at scrap metal yards. Vehicles which simply have bolted on catalytic converters can be tack welded either on the bolts or the mounting surface of the unit. Adding engraving and other noticeable markings using mechanics paint can also be used as a theft deterrent. Finally there are after market products sold which when installed cradle around the catalytic converter.

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

Boca Raton Police Blotter

BURGLARY OTHER 12/26/2011 8:02 4000 N OCEAN BLVD

Unknown subject(s) broke the lock on lifeguard tower 20 located at 4000 N Ocean Blvd. Entry was made between 1700 hrs on 12/25/11 and 0730 hrs on 11/26/11. Nothing was taken however, there was graffiti painted on the front of the structure.

BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE 12/21/2011 21:35 SABAL GARDENS LANE

Between 2000 hrs on 12/20/11 and 2200 hrs on 12/21/11, unknown person/s entered home on Sabal Gardens Lane by prying open the front door. A Dell laptop computer, a Vizio television and a Gucci purse were taken. No suspect information.

SHOPLIFTING/ RETAIL THEFT 12/22/2011 11:42 6000 W GLADES ROAD

On Thursday, 12/22/11 at approximately 1142hrs police responded to Henri Bendel located inside Town Center Mall at 6000 W Glades Road regarding a delayed retail theft investigation. The manager advised that merchandise had been stolen and the subjects were no longer on scene.

THEFT OF AUTO PARTS 12/24/2011 7:28 NE 6TH DRIVE

Unknown suspect(s) removed all four wheels and tire rims from a 2011 gray Dodge Charger bearing Georgia tag. Concrete blocks were left to support the vehicle to keep it off the ground. No suspect(s), no witnesses and no video surveillance.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 12/28/2011 WEST YAMATO ROAD

Gregory Warner, 41, was placed under arrest for DUI after a traffic stop on West Yamato Road, police said. The suspect gave three breath tests, and was then taken to the county jail.

Briefs

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Upcoming events at Sunset Cove Amphitheater

BOCA RATON – The following events are planned at Sunset Cove Amphitheater, 12551 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Events are subject to change without notice. Hotline: 561-488-8069

Friday, January 6, 2012 - Movie night at 7 p.m. featuring "Legend of the Guardians - The Owls of Ga'Hoole" rated PG. This film follows Soren, a young owl enthralled by his father's epic stories of the Guardians of Ga'Hoole, a mythic band of winged warriors who fought a great battle to save all of owlkind from the evil Pure Ones. Picnic baskets and lawn chairs welcome, no pets. Free parking and admission.

Friday, February 3, 2012 - Movie night at 7 p.m. featuring "Alpha and Omega" rated PG. Puppy love takes on a new meaning in this animated film featuring a slew of celebrity voices. Kate is a dominant and driven female wolf, while hairy Humphrey lives for the moment. But when the two young wolves are captured by park rangers and taken far away they bond despite their differences. Picnic baskets and lawn chairs welcome, no pets. Free parking and admission.

Friday, February 10, 2012 - AEG LIVE presents The Avett Brothers live in concert at 8 p.m.



Tickets \$35 plus fees at www.ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster locations. No outside food or beverages allowed, vendors on site. No pets, no chairs. Blankets and ponchos only allowed. Separate applicable parking charges will apply the day of the show.

Friday, March 23, 2012 - REACH FM presents Jeremy Camp's "We Cry Out" Tour with special guests Francesca Battistelli and Adam Cappalive in concert at 7 p.m. Tickets \$18 to \$65 plus fees at www.itickets.com. No outside food or beverages allowed, vendors on site. No recording equipment, cameras, coolers, weapons or pets allowed. Chairs allowed for general admission seating area only. \$5 parking charges will apply the day of the show.

Friday, April 13, 2012 - Movie night at 8 p.m. featuring "Dolphin Tale" rated PG. Based on true events, this family film is about Winter, a young dolphin who loses her tail in a crab trap, and Sawyer, the introverted 11-year-old boy who befriends her. Sawyer persuades a pioneering doctor to create a unique prosthetic appendage to restore the mammal's ability to swim. Picnic baskets and lawn chairs welcome, no pets. Free parking and admission.

Thursday April 26, 2012 - The Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County presents an Israel Independence Day celebration. Free admission; bring lawn chairs. No pets. Visit www.jewishboca.org for more details.

Quote of the Week:

Turn ye at my reproof: behold I will utter my spirit to you, and will shew you my words. Proverbs 1. 23

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Boca woman shares meditation benefits through FAU Peace Studies program

By Dale M. King

BOCA RATON — Barbara Schmidt has been following the masters of meditation and practicing that relaxing art for some 30 years.

It has brought her confidence, courage, personal strength, happiness and other lifestyle improvements.

Now, she is sharing what she learned through a program she created.

Schmidt is the founder of the Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life program at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, a series of workshops and lectures held during the school year.

She taught topical workshops during late 2011. After the holiday break, the project continues with the appearance Saturday, Jan. 7, at 4 p.m. of Jetsunma Tenzin

Palmo, one of the first western women to be ordained as a Tibetan Buddhist nun. Former monk James Finley returns to speak Jan. 26 and on Feb. 25, a group of Buddhist monks will visit FAU to create a sand mandala in the Schmidt Gallery.



Workshop participants listen.

The Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life Workshop series falls under the umbrella of Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life. Barbara Schmidt was

the founder, Mary Cormier and Adriana Faraldo are co-founders.

Three philanthropies donated a total of \$600,000 several years ago to fund the peace program. It came from the E.M. Lynn Foundation, represented by

Christine Lynn; the Bay Branch Foundation, represented by Elaine Wold and the Schmidt Family Foundation, represented by Dick

and Barbara Schmidt.

"The community outreach program, in collaboration with the Schmidt Family Foundation, has already brought such apostles of peace as the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet and Dr. Jane Goodall to Boca Raton," said Manjunath Pendakur, dean of the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.

In one of her workshops, Schmidt talked of how people should "live their lives in a meaningful, loving way." She said she begins and ends her days with meditation. It boosts her inner strength and offers repose at times of personal chaos.

"I can be confident and secure in whatever I do, no matter what. My first reaction will be, 'I can handle this.'"

She uses a system called



Creators of the Peace Studies program at FAU — from left, Mary Cormier, co-founder; Adriana Faraldo, co-founder; Barbara Schmidt, founder.

The Practice, meaning "the actual application or use of in idea, belief or method as opposed to the theories about such application or use." The Practice can also be a verb, meaning to exercise a skill repeatedly or regularly to maintain one's proficiency.

Schmidt said people

should adopt a "mantra," or a "sacred phrase," to use for meditation "to retrain the mind to refocus its attention and bring it back to the present moment."

She concluded her recent workshop by quoting Ghandi, who said, "Be the change we wish to see in the world."

Kids from Boca Police Athletic League host holiday party for children of farm workers

DELRAY BEACH — Children from the Boca Raton Police Athletic League (PAL) program for at-risk kids, recently held a holiday party at In The Pines, a facility for the children of farm workers.

The party, organized and staffed by kids from the PAL program, included carnival games with prizes, a gift given out by Santa, a sack race, a rock wall, a

water balloon contest and more.

Community partners included the Junior League of Boca Raton, which provided volunteers for the party, and CheerformanceXtreme, whose students provided over 100 gifts for Santa to distribute, in lieu of having a gift exchange for themselves at their gym.



PAL kids host holiday party for In The Pines children of farm worker.



Santa Claus with children from In The Pines.

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Boca Raton Rotary Clubs envision new center for non-profit collaboration

Boca Raton, Florida – December 27, 2011 A group of local Rotarians representing the 5 Boca Raton Rotary clubs are working together to explore the feasibility of launching a new facility where local non-profits could share resources, knowledge and re-

duce their operating costs. Led by local architect and Rotarian Ken Hirsch, the steering committee has scheduled an important strategic planning workshop for Tuesday, January 17, 2012 from 5:30 to 9:00pm at the Coconut Creek Junior Achievement

World Huizenga Center at Broward College.

“This brainstorming workshop will bring together about 100 stakeholders including Rotarians, corporate, business and education leaders from FAU and Lynn University, South Palm Beach County non-

profit leaders in cooperation with the “Spirit of Giving Network”, local public officials and philanthropists,” said Rotary Past District Governor Hirsch, who will facilitate the event.

“We will create a vision for the Boca Raton Rotary Clubs and community non-

profits to be housed under one roof. The collaborative, consensus building process will also address realistic measurable goals and a twelve month action plan. The key principal of Rotary is community service,” said Hirsch. “These are tough times and Rotarians want to

lead the way with innovative thinking. It’s about how to help our community organizations thrive and grow.”

Those interested in participating in the workshop on January 17 may contact Mr. Hirsch at 561 826 2555 or khirsch@hirscharchitects.com

Boca Pointe donates ambulance to Israel

BOCA RATON -- With an established partnership between residents of Boca Pointe and the state of Israel, “another ambulance has been donated to be shipped to Israel to respond to ac-

cidents, illnesses, pregnancies, heart attacks, strokes, war and terror incidents,” said County Commissioner Steven L. Abrams as he congratulated residents of the Boca Pointe community

for their generosity.

This is the 10th ambulance they have donated and the second one from the Boca Pointe residents at large. Previous ambulances were donated by individual residents.



From left are Chairman of Boca Pointe Chapter of Magen David Adom, Burt Goodman; Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Club at Boca Pointe Alan Taylor; Commissioner Steven L. Abrams; and Vice Chairman of Boca Pointe Community Association Robert Ross.

Menorah lighting honors Delray police officer killed in car crash

DELRAY BEACH – The city of Delray Beach has continued a new tradition into its second year.

The Menorah installed along side the 100-foot Christmas tree in Old School Square provided the backdrop for a heartwarming ceremony commemorating the “Miracle of Lights.” Observers gathered around the Menorah to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah on Dec. 20.

Organizers arranged to honor fallen Officer Adam Rosenthal during the ceremony. Assistant Police Chief Jeff Goldman delivered a heartfelt oration dedicated to the 16-year veteran of the Delray Beach Police Department who lost his life in a single vehicle car crash earlier in 2011.

“The turnout for the



lighting was absolutely 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 than 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.

The city was well represented at the ceremony, with City 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.

Boca Grove Ladies raise \$10,000 for Memory & Wellness Center at FAU

By Kathy Whitehurst
Assistant General Manager Boca Grove Golf and Tennis Club, Inc.

BOCA RATON -- Boca Grove Ladies united to support a fun day at Boca Grove Golf and Tennis Club while raising more than \$10,000

for the Louis and Anne Green Memory & Wellness Center at FAU.

The Ladies planned a day of enjoyable activities –something for everyone. There was a short game of golf that challenged all levels: putting, chipping, pitching, sand bunker con-

tests, etc.

Tennis offered a round robin, cardio warm up clinic and a fast serve contest while fitness offered cardio dance, body sculpt and a restorative yoga session. Even some of the ladies played their favorite card games.

The morning activities were followed with a scrumptious lunch and a fantastic Holiday Shopping Bazaar. Diane Feldman, chair of the event, said, “It is wonderful to see how many Boca Grove Ladies have taken to heart the spirit of the season

to benefit the Louis and Anne Green Memory & Wellness Center at FAU. The camaraderie of enjoying various activities with friends is all the sweeter knowing that the event’s proceeds are going to such a worthy institution helping those affected with memory

challenges. We are very proud to be a partner in this effort to assist the Center with its very important work.”

Boca Grove is a boutique golf and tennis club located in the heart of Boca Raton. For more information, visit www.bocaratonchamber.com.

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worth serious thought**

Welcome to 2012. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is readjusting to normalcy.

I wanted to begin the New Year with something that actually took place last year, but will probably come to fruition this year.

The Boca Raton City Council is putting a lot of time and study into future use of the Wildflower property on East Palmetto Park Road.

Looking to gain some revenue from this piece of property which cost the city a big chunk of change — \$7.5 million — officials are hoping that whatever comes to the Intracoastal-side lot can generate money for the city.

The most popular idea so far is a restaurant. Three eating spots have already filed proposals with the city, and a majority of the emails generated at a meeting late last year have favored the restaurant use.

But downtown property owner James Batmasian has urged the council to scrap the restaurant idea in favor of rental housing. He said there are currently 150 to 200 eating spots

in the downtown, all of which “are suffering” because of the poor economy, heavy competition and the “need for more bodies” in East Boca.

“Another restaurant is certainly not a guaranteed business plan for the Wildflower property,” he told City Council members at a workshop.

Owner of Investments Ltd., Batmasian said he has a plan to bring the “bodies” downtown — a rental housing development. He said it would be compatible with surrounding homes. He also said the Wildflower land could be used for public access to the Intracoastal and revive Silver Palm Park on the south side of the Palmetto Park Bridge.

In total, Batmasian said he wants the site to have the dual function of a public park/boardwalk along the water, with some modest-sized (900-1,000 square feet) rental apartments.

He’s got a point. There are a lot of restaurants downtown. And there has been a lot of turnover lately. More people liv-

ing downtown would help the restaurants that are already there — and that’s important.

The City Council hasn’t responded yet. Let’s wait and see what happens.

LIGHTS OUT

Sigh.... I just took the Christmas lights down, and the other decorations followed. This was always the saddest part of the year for me — particularly when I lived in New England. It meant Christmas was over, all the colored lights and decorations were gone and we faced another couple of months of barren trees, cold weather and usually snow.

I looked around the neighborhood and other people were taking their decorations down, too. Now, it’s back to normal. Walking the dog will offer no seasonal views. Oh, well, the Valentine’s Day cards have arrived. Time to think of that big day.

‘CIRQUE’ WAS AN AMAZING SHOW

After reading Skip Sheffield’s wonderful review of “Cirque Dreams Holidaze” at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, I just

knew my wife and I would have to go and see it.

And it was everything Skip promised — and more. In fact, I’d say the show was nothing short of amazing. As Skip said, it was a “dazzling spectacle of sound, light and human feats of derring-do.” I can’t say it more succinctly than that.

Amazing is the word that keeps coming up. My wife and I are still talking about it — and wonder how they could do it. (In one scene, a ballerina stands en pointe on an acrobat’s head!) People flip and float and sing. Much of the music is original, but it was great to hear “Rock-in’ around the Christmas Tree” and “Jingle Bell Rock.”

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.

We’re hoping it returns next year.

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Sincerely,

Andrea Schuver

Director of Public Relations

Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County

To the Editor

This is to notify you The Gold Coast PR Council is hosting the 8th annual Bernays Awards, honoring excellence by the local PR and marketing community. It will be held Friday, January 20, 11:30 .m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Hamlet Country Club in Delray Beach.

Sincerely,

Gary Schweikhart

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Dear Dale,

Happy New Year! The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce is kicking off its 60th anniversary and we are lining up amazing programs, events and advocacy efforts to build business and help create jobs in our area. We look forward to good business in 2012.

Sincerely,

Troy McLellan

President and CEO

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PUBLISHER

By Douglas Heizer

Advice To The Arrogant

By: Rick Boxx

A study cited in the prestigious business periodical, Wall Street Journal, found people holding positions of authority, such as managers, tend to dismiss others' advice when making decisions. The extensive research also showed, though not very surprising, that these leaders' final judgments were frequently less accurate than they would have been if they had considered the advice available to them.

The reason for their reluctance to accept counsel, according to the authors of the workplace study, was overconfidence in their own judgment, a trait often known as arrogance. "No one is as smart as I am," they believe. In other instances, some business and professional people in leadership roles are reluctant to ask others for counsel or help, fearing they might be regarded as "weak" or inadequate to fulfill their appointed responsibilities. They feel they must be in control. Have you ever met people like this?

Interestingly, this study also discovered that women were more likely to take advice than men. It seems that men, as they climb the corporate ladder and become more powerful, grow

in arrogance and self-assurance. Confidence is good – we all need it to pursue our goals and responsibilities effectively. However, overconfidence often results in disastrous self-reliance, even recklessness.

Perhaps many women intuitively know what men are more inclined to forget: That a wise person still listens to advice. However, we do not require strong intuition to understand the need to consult others for advice and wisdom on key decisions. The Bible affirms this repeatedly. Here are some examples:

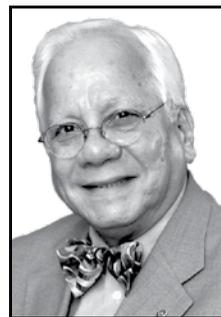
The peril of plunging ahead. "I have made up my mind. Do not confuse me with the facts!" Sometimes we take this approach to decision-making, determined to do what we want, the way we want to do it, even though employees, coworkers and peers might advise us to do otherwise. Proverbs 12:15 describes this scenario: "The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice."

The problem of acting in isolation. Pride is a problem we all struggle with, in one way or another. Often it is pride that insists we have no need for the support or assistance of others. Unfortunately, this can

result in failure, even disaster. This is why Ecclesiastes 4:10-11 makes this observation: "If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?"

The prize of trusting in others. When we consult others for advice, they might not always tell us what we want to hear. But different perspectives, as well as hearing alternatives solutions to the problems we must address, could bring about far better results. "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure" (Proverbs 11:14). "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed" (Proverbs 15:22).

The power of working in shared mission. There is strength in numbers, the adage reminds us, and there truly is great value in working with others, sharing talents and experiences for a common goal. "And let us spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another..." (Hebrews 10:24-25).



POSITIVE LIVING

By Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr.

Don't Prolong a Conflict!

Most people can easily tolerate and readily dismiss any irritation which someone else may inflict on them. However, if the perpetrator will persist, adding new, fresh insults and aggravation to others, a major problem is bound to erupt, for which a long-lasting solution may be much harder to devise!

Human revenge will never overcome that impasse; in fact, it is one of the most uncreative responses to interpersonal, human conflict. Instead of bringing meaningful closure to past hostilities, it augments and perpetuates the very condition which should be done away with between feuding individuals.

When someone is incapable of forgiving another, the main focus should not rest on the magnitude of the error committed by the accused, but in the sinful attitude of prolonged resentment of the unforgiving person.

As theologian Miroslav

Volf wisely recognizes, "forgiveness does not 'cause' repentance, but it does help make repentance possible." This is the true, biblical posture for every child of God to pursue. Forgiveness may be granted long before true contrition and genuine regrets are fully demonstrated by the offending party.

Forced expressions of remorse, or apologies prematurely demanded from someone will never resolve the real issue, even if a hurt individual might receive greater satisfaction from hearing that verbalized! That type of coercion creates an artificial situation which never brings the desired, sincere closure to a conflict.

Genuine repentance from one, just as legitimate forgiveness from the other, must originate in the heart of each to be valid and have its intended effect in removing the sting of the offense!

The only effectual solution is to discontinue a contest no one will ever win!

Quite often, the spirit of combativeness is exercised where there is no threat, with persons who are not enemies, on issues of little or no consequence.

The quality of human response demanded by the Lord from all His disciples, is sincere love which Scripture alludes to as "the bond of perfection" (Colossians 3:14). To be true to its nature and function, love cannot be limited to words only; neither is it exercised by remote control. It requires a tangible object as it also prescribes presence and relevant exertion!

On the other hand, if you are not willing to bury certain feelings in your life, those very disturbances could lead to your own premature burial. You need not go to the grave "cumbered with a load of cares" especially the unresolved conflicts which led to the heavy burden of unnecessary, accumulated, easily disposable resentments you insist on carrying!

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



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8 am Meet at the Memorial located adjacent to Ebenezer Baptist Church - time for reflection, speeches, prayer by Pearl City Dialogue Group

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Presentations will feature community leaders and Boca pioneers on the walk to key locations within this rich historic district --homes, churches, MLK monument, parks, gardens, public housing. . Sponsoring Organization: Developing Interracial Social Change (DISC)

Meet at Macedonia AME Church, NE 11 Street (1 block east of Dixie Highway). Free to public (561) 395-6029 or mab395@bellsouth.net

For information (561) 393-7827 or visit the City's website www.myboca.us/rec/specialevents

FAU presents a Holocaust remembrance concert Jan. 5

BOCA RATON -- Florida Atlantic University's Lifelong Learning Society Division of Research and Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, along with U.S. Congressman Ted Deutch, will present "A Tribute to Artists of the Holocaust: Seven Decades Later, A Survivor Remembers." The event, which will include musical performances, a lecture and readings, will take place on Thursday, January 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium on the Boca Raton campus.

This special event honors the memory of Hungarian composer Samuel Blasz, as well as the memories of the countless victims of the Holocaust. Blasz was the chief cantor and a composer for the Temple in Eger, Hungary prior to the start of the Holocaust. He also composed music for the Council of Catholic Bishops.

As Blasz fled his home at the start of World

War II, he hid his compositions in the basement. While he did not live to the end of the war, his daughter, Eva Blasz Egri, survived and was able to return to the home and retrieve his works.

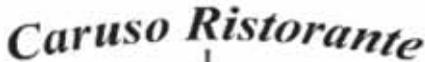
The event provides an opportunity to educate people about the Holocaust through music and historical text. Deutch will provide the welcome to the event, and also will read a story about Blasz written by Blasz Egri.

Heather Coltman, Ph.D., interim dean of the Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, along with concert pianist Birgit Fioravante, soprano, will perform pieces written by Blasz. Duo Turgeon also will play a two-piano performance of selections by Wladyslaw Szpilman, the composer and performer made prominent in the movie, "The Pianist," and Hans Gal, a composer exiled from Germany. The Arden Duo also is set to perform a new composition by Stuart Glazer.

Alan L. Berger, Ph.D., FAU Raddock Family Eminent Scholar chair in Holocaust Studies, will offer the keynote speech with his lecture titled "Spiritual Resistance: Art in the Face of Atrocity."

Berger will discuss aspects of Jewish creativity in the Theresienstadt Ghetto. He will talk about Vlasta Schonova, a Holocaust survivor who performed, directed and wrote plays as a prisoner in Theresienstadt, and Petr Ginz, an artist and writer who did not survive the Holocaust. Ginz kept a diary while at Theresienstadt that included drawings, as well as edited a secret magazine.

The event is sponsored in part by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council. Tickets are \$10 in advance for Lifelong Learning Society members and all tickets are \$15 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 561-297-2410 or visit www.fau.edu/lls/jan5.

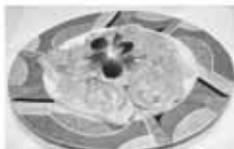




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Sugar Sand Park celebrates winter with snow and piles of smiles

BOCA RATON -- Sugar Sand Park's Community Center staff is predicting SNOW on Friday, January 6 from 10 am - 2 pm with "Piles of Smiles," Sugar Sand Park's Winter Celebration Event.

For kids, piles of smiles means ten minutes of play time in real snow - a rare Florida occurrence!

In addition, there will be arts and crafts, cupcake decorating, a

bounce house and face painting. According to Special Events Coordinator Stacey Lanz, "We are so excited to present some real winter fun at Sugar Sand Park Community Center this January. This is a great way for families to end their winter break before heading back to school and a great end to our Holiday Fun-tacular family programming."

Snow time includes 10 minutes where kids

only, ages 5-10, will get to frolic in the flakes and have fun. During the event, enjoy a cup of hot cocoa, decorate a cupcake and make some winter crafts to take home.

Piles of Smiles: Sugar Sand Park's Winter Celebration is the culmination of the two week "Holiday Fun-tacular" programming at Sugar Sand Park Community Center. Activities include gingerbread

houses, workshops, puppet and juggling shows, crafts, day camps and more. For a complete listing of the events, visit www.sugarsand-park.org.

"Piles of Smiles" tickets are \$10 per child in advance or \$15 day of event. Tickets may be purchased in person during Box Office hours, or by calling 561.347.3948.

Sugar Sand Park is located at 300 S. Military Trail in Boca Raton.



Boca's Spanish River High School wins A Team competition

BOCA RATON - Members of the Spanish River High School "A" Team took top honors in the 27th annual Palm Beach County "A" Team Competition Finals held last month at the Education Network television studios in Boynton Beach.

Members the Spanish River High "A Team" are Noah Gardner, Whitney Sha, Libby Koolik, Sarah Darwiche, Iliana Weisman, and Gil Vizner. These students will represent the District at the state competition, the Commissioner's Academ-

ic Challenge, at Disney World on April 19-21, 2012.

The competition is sponsored by the Department of K-12 Curriculum, led by Secondary Language Arts Curriculum Specialist Diana Yohe, and moderated by

Yetta Greene. Many district curriculum specialists helped judge responses during the contest.

The "A Team" competition is a fast-paced tournament in which players are asked questions from the areas of language arts, mathematics, sci-

ence, social studies, the fine arts, world languages, and technology. The local and state competition questions are written by educators from high schools throughout the state, and the state competition is sponsored by the Florida Department

of Education.

A telecast of the entire competition, including the semifinals, will be played on Comcast Cable on the school district Channel T.E.N. station during the next few weeks. A schedule will be determined.

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Palm Beach Diocese study of bullying in Catholic schools due out in spring

As part of an ongoing commitment to teach positive Catholic/Christian values in schools while promoting the safety and well-being of its students, the Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach has been conducting a survey on bullying at 17 of its Catholic schools. Results are expected to be announced in the spring.

Students in grades 4 through 12 as well as educators, administrators and parents participated in the survey which took place through December 31. The survey was led by the diocese's Office of Catholic Schools and the Office of Serving Children.

Bullying and inappropriate social and Internet behavior are problems across the country for both public

and private schools. The most recent national statistics show that 20 percent — or one out of five — students have been victims of bullying or have bullied others.

The survey findings will help the diocese develop and implement a more comprehensive bullying prevention response program in all 21 Catholic schools within the diocese's five-county area.

Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Palm Beach, Gary Gelo, points to the bullying policy already in place by the Office of Catholic Schools as an example of the diocese's proactive approach to child safety.

"Our Catholic schools create an environment of respect and our bullying policy does state bullying is not tolerated," he said. "The policy

also provides guidelines on how to handle and report bullying. Still, we know in our society with the availability of technology, bullying is very much something children deal with, especially outside of the classroom. This survey will help the Diocese of Palm Beach best serve our students

The survey was conducted with the consultation of a lead researcher from Florida Atlantic University, Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D. Hinduja, an expert in the field, is an associate professor of criminology at the university and the co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center.

"I think the Diocese of Palm Beach is being progressive on this issue," said Hinduja. "Some educators and school districts attack

the problem of bullying without knowing what really is going on. This survey examines first the scope of the problem and the existing school climate before attempting to create a formal response. I think this survey will serve as a model for other dioceses around the state and around the nation.

While most of the survey allowed students to select a response among a provided set of responses, there were places for the students, parents or educators to provide a narrative or a further explanation of their experiences and perspective.

"Having the survey online helped us get the best and most accurate answers," added Hinduja. "Children are more likely to type out detailed thoughts than they

are to write them down on paper or to tell a facilitator if the survey was conducted one-on-one between a student and a facilitator. Using the computer gave the child the freedom to be more candid."

The Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of the Diocese of Palm Beach, also weighed in. "For quite a few years, our Office of Serving Children has provided web safety curriculum and resources to our schools, parishes and parents. Now Internet concerns are again at the forefront of concern because of the nature of cyber bullying where bullies can be anonymous, and because of the prevalence of bullying in general in American society. I commend the team of educators and volunteers who

have worked along with our Office of Catholic Schools and the Office of Serving Children to lead this survey effort."

Survey organizers were in agreement that parent involvement is important.

"Parental involvement is important in general to a child's education, but also when it comes to their child's safety and in particular their child's cyber use," said Kit Johansen, coordinator, Office of Serving Children. "Parents provide the electronic devices to the children. Without proper instruction or oversight, children can make some bad choices or make mistakes. We need parents to be involved, and we need to provide resources and tools to parents to help them."

Man dies after suffering 'medical episode' in truck west of Boca

BOCA RATON — A motorist from Margate died just after noon Dec. 30 after suffering a "medical episode" in his pickup truck on a remote road west of Boca Raton, said the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

PBSO said Roy

Bhimsingh, 58, was driving his vehicle westbound on a dirt access road north of 14795 Lox Road when he suffered what the sheriff's office called "a medical episode." His vehicle slowed and came to a rest on the south side of the roadway.

Authorities said medical car was given to Bhimsingh at the scene. He was transported to West Boca Medical Center where he later died, said the PBSO report.

Investigators said the incident "is being investigated as a natural death."

Several Boca Raton women fall victim to distraction schemes

BOCA RATON — During the last several months, five different residents of Boca Raton have become victims of distraction schemes, according to police. The most recent crime occurred Wednesday, December 28 in the Estate Section of Boca Raton.

Police said the victim, who lives in the 2100 block of Banyan Road, answered her door at about 2:30 in the afternoon and was greeted by a man who said he was doing work on her neighbor's fence. The man told the victim he needed her to show him the property line so the fence would be in the right area.

The victim told police the man was very convincing so she met him in the backyard of her residence. The victim

said that for several minutes he spoke Spanish with someone on his cell phone. After about 10 minutes, he told her he had to leave and that he would be in touch.

When the victim went inside her house, she saw that it had been burglarized and several thousand dollars worth of jewelry and silver had been stolen. The victim immediately called Boca Raton Police.

In three of the previous distraction burglaries, the suspect also convinced the victims to accompany him into their backyard while an accomplice burglarized the house, taking cash, credit cards, and jewelry.

Deerfield Beach has also experienced three similar crimes in the past several weeks. The most recent

one occurred less than two hours after latest one in Boca Raton. In the most recent Deerfield Beach cases, the suspect was described as a heavyset Hispanic male and two heavyset white males, driving a newer model, silver, four-door Cadillac.

The suspect is said to be 40 to 50 years old, about 5'7" tall with brown hair, brown eyes and a goatee, wearing a white t-shirt and pants.

Crimes of this sort are not uncommon in South Florida. The Boca Raton Police Department encourages people to remain vigilant, never leave your doors unlocked and always ask for proper identification when dealing with workers at your home, or before allowing anyone you don't know into your home.

Chapman announces bid for Majhess's City Council seat

BOCA RATON — Frank Chapman, a retired lawyer and community volunteer, has announced he will run for Seat D on the Boca Raton City Council in the March 13 election. That seat is currently held by Anthony Majhess, who has already announced he will seek re-election.

Chapman, 44, told the Boca Raton Tribune he is a 1986 graduate of Boca Raton High School. He served as an attorney until age 40 when he retired, said Chapman.

He said he is running against Majhess because "I disagree with some of the things he's done and some

of the things he hasn't done."

A volunteer at Addison Mizner Elementary School and Boca Raton Community Middle School, Chapman and his wife, Ann, have three children ages 7, 9 and 12. He said this is his first run for political office.

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2012 "Outstanding People And Leaders" (OPAL) Awards Gala to be held on January 14th

The 15th Annual OPAL Awards Gala will be held on January 14th at the Boca Pointe Country Club. Produced and directed by The Rotary Club of Boca Raton, this signature Awards Ceremony celebrates the accomplishments of five remarkable individuals in our community who have spent their life, dedicated to make Boca Raton a unique place to live, work and raise a family.

This year's esteemed Honorees, representing five diverse sectors of the community are:

Civic - Rabbi Merle Singer, retired Temple Beth El

Private Business- Warren Orlando, Chairman of the Board, 1st United Bank

Education - Tim Snow and the George Snow Scholarship Foundation

Healthcare & Medicine- Patricia Thomas, Debbie Rand Memorial Service

Community Service - Kenneth Davis, Past President of The Rotary Club of Boca Raton Operating & Fund Boards

The Rotary Club of Boca Raton, through its Mission of "Changing Lives & Building Futures" is dedicated to providing scholarship assistance, mentoring and other edu-



from left: Kenneth Davis, for community service; Tim Snow, for education (George Snow Scholarship Foundation; Patricia Thomas, health and medicine and Warren Orlando, private business. Missing from the photo is the recipient in the civil service

cational programs for local high school students. The Club has been serving the greater Boca Raton Community for over 54 years, striving to achieve its ethical excellence and "Service Above Self" commitment.

"This year's honorees once again represent our finest citizens who have contributed to quality of life in Boca Raton. These individuals, have spent their entire life "giving back" to others and setting exemplary leadership standards for others to emulate", says Neil Saffer, Past Club President and this year's OPAL Event Co-Chair.

The 15th annual event will be produced and directed by creative Rotarians. The Video and Sound production will be provided by The Multi Image Group, founded by Rotarian Jim Sclafani and his family. Live entertainment will be provided by national recording artist Chloe Dolandis. Past Deputy Mayor/Rotarian, Peter Baronoff and current club President Doug Mummaw will be presenting the awards.

Under the leadership of Rotarians Rick Zimmer(past club President)and John Molica(Club Treasurer), volunteers

from the Palm Beach State Rotaract Club and Starbucks employees lead by Rotarian, Alexis Aubrey will manage the day of event details.

"I am looking forward to recognizing and celebrating this year's honorees, many whom I have known personally for years, in front of their friends and families. These remarkable leaders have made Boca Raton a truly special place to live", said Doug Mummaw.

As part of a global network of more than 1.2 million business professionals and community leaders, Rotary addresses today's

challenges including literacy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water and environmental concern. To learn more about Rotary and their on-going efforts to "Change Lives and Building Futures" in Boca Raton, Visit www.rotaryclubboca.com or attend their weekly meeting held Wednesdays, 12:00PM, at the Via Mizner Golf & Country Club.

For information on reserving tickets, sponsoring an ad or making a scholarship donation to this year's OPAL Awards Gala, please contact Claudia DuBoise at 954.913.3236.



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corn, tomato, chardonnay and cilantro with cibatta bread. Try a simple B.L.T. salad with its black pepper buttermilk dressing, fried green tomato and house smoked bacon.

The free range egg a top roasted asparagus on toasted ciabatta with piquillo romesco was a taste and visual delight. We also tried a great pan fried soft shell crab with a wild leek pesto and charred peppers. Pork bellys, ricotta gnocchi, local greens and a wine lovers cheese plate complete the listing.

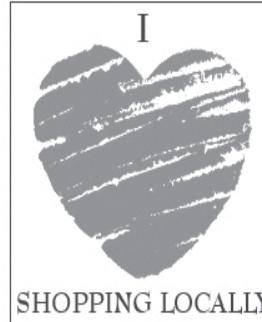
The "Think Big" heading had nine items and we sampled a perfect hand cut papadelle spring lamb ragout with artichoke green peas, tomato

and pecorino cheese. A 12 ounce Heritage pork chop with sweet corn polenta, honeyed Heirloom carrots, mustard greens with a tangy pressed jus was a must try! The prime Akadoshi beef – locally raised – was tender as butter and served with rosemary infused frites and a shallot butter. We also tasted the pan roasted poulet rouge chicken with full flavor enhanced by spring onion, morels, baby carrots, peas and crispy artichoke in natural jus. The Wreckfish, a Plancha, was flavorless as the citrus butter overpowered the fish with its heavy citrus taste. We could not sample the wild salmon, the swordfish, their ocean harvest "pot" nor the

prime dry-aged burger. The "Snacks" listings, five in number, had delicious free range deviled eggs, rosemary chips with onion dip, BLT sliders, great heritage meatballs (pork, beef, San Marzano tomato and local ricotta) and crestini duet with farm fresh toppings over grilled breads. All five are treats for the taste buds!

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By Skip Sheffield

Meryl Streep Channels Margaret Thatcher in 'Iron Lady'

What an American national treasure is Meryl Streep. Now Britain can claim her, too, thanks to her bravura, touching performance in "Iron Lady" as former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

That nickname was given to Mrs. Thatcher by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in grudging admiration of her courage and tenacity.

Director Phyllida Lloyd and screenwriter Abi Morgan did not want to do a standard success-story biography about the rise of a grocer's daughter to one of the most powerful women in the world. Rather, Mrs. Thatcher is depicted in the present as a physically and mentally fragile woman reflecting on past glories.

Mrs. Thatcher is in fact still alive, but she has been out of the public eye for the past ten years. She suffered a series of strokes, and in 2008 her daughter revealed she is suffering from dementia.

It is ironic that one of Mrs. Thatcher's best friends, American President Ronald Reagan, also suffered from dementia.

Like Reagan, Mrs. Thatcher was a right-wing conservative, with a hard line on Communism and welfare and a friendly eye for business and free enterprise. "Iron Lady" spans the 17 days that led to the 1982 British invasion of the British colony of the Falkland Islands off the coast of Argentina. Evidently, the Argentine powers-that-be felt the British Lion had



Meryl Streep as Margaret Thatcher in "Iron Lady"

gone toothless. They were wrong, setting the stage for Mrs. Thatcher's finest hour and a resurgence of British national pride.

"Iron Lady" does not dwell on politics as much as it focuses on one woman's struggles in a male-dominated world, and her very deep love for Denis Thatcher, her helpmate and husband for more than 50 years.

Mr. Thatcher is portrayed with great dignity by the fine British actor Jim Broadbent. It is clear that Denis never played second fiddle to his famous wife, but was unfailingly supportive of her every ambition.

It is almost a given that Meryl Streep will be nominated for an Academy Award for her uncanny ability not only to resemble but to crawl into the skin and absorb the soul of a character. What I think is more important about "Iron Lady" is that it human-

izes an often-reviled, easily caricatured figure. For that, Meryl Streep has done the citizens of Great Britain a great favor.

Four stars

A Hard-Hitting 'Girl With Dragon Tattoo'

"Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" is most definitely not family fare, but it is not a recycling of the hit 2009 Swedish mystery-thriller, but a re-visioning by American director David Fincher.

If anything, this version is more shocking, harder-hitting and more understandably a horror film, starring Lisbeth Salander (Rooney Mara) as Stieg Larsson's angry, tough, yet vulnerable computer-hacking hero, and Daniel Craig as a more animated, appealing version of crusading investigative journalist, Mikael Blomkvist.

If you like it unflinching hard, dark and tough, this is your cup of hemlock.



LET'S TALK LIFE & STYLE

By Kay Renz

Saks' Fashion Event Benefits Greater Boca Raton Chapter of the Pap Corps

The Greater Boca Raton Chapter of The Pap Corps is proud to announce their Gala Luncheon and Fashion Show will take place on Monday, January 23rd, 2012, at 11 AM at The Polo Club, Boca Raton. Saks



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"I hope people will come to enjoy a beautiful event and will leave inspired by the work of the 1,000 volunteers of The Greater Boca Raton Cancer Chapter," said chapter president, Marilyn Swillinger. "If you know anyone whose life has been touched by cancer, we encourage you to

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Contact Donna Ackerman, 561-997-8265 or Carol Dorf, 561-997-8857 for further information or reservations to the annual gala luncheon. Tickets start at \$125 and sponsorships



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ions Saks is showing until the event, we can anticipate a stellar presentation thanks to the



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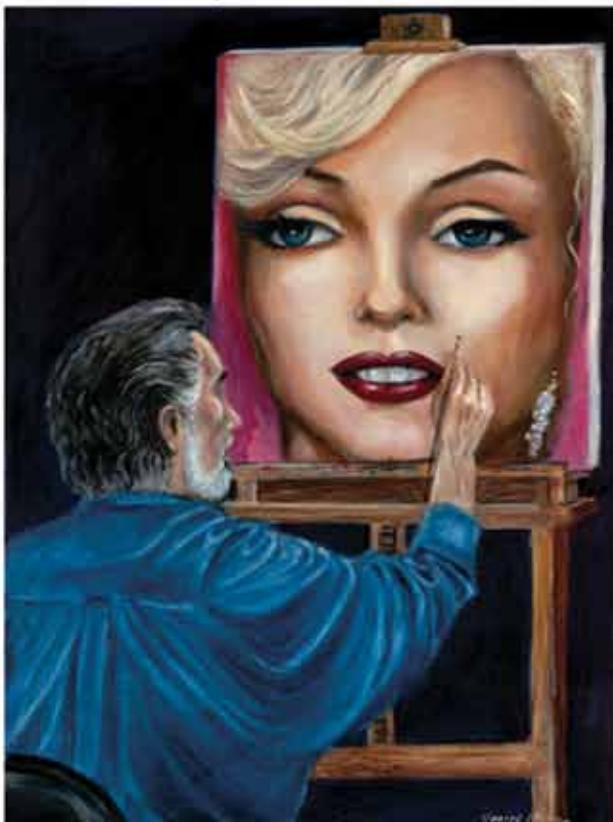
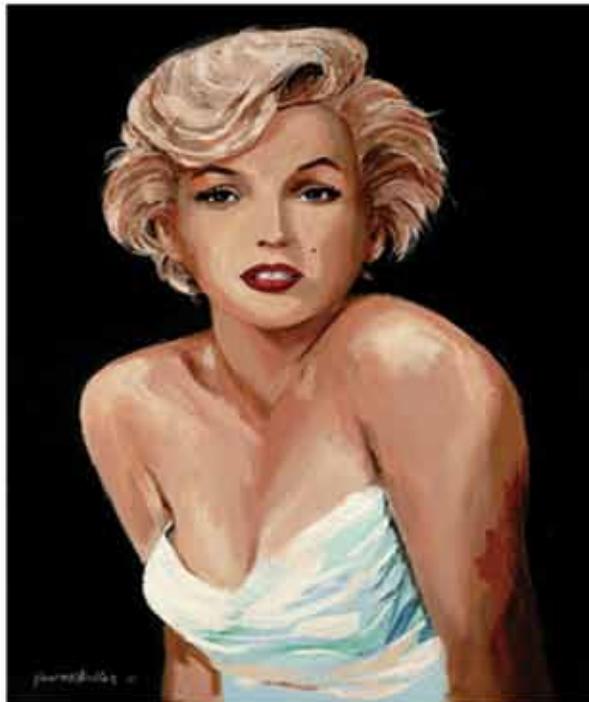
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Black Hat Diva's donating baby gifts, Remy Mc Clendon, Eileen Haber, Marilyn Fleischer and Diva Leader Charlotte Beasley with Rebecca Solomon of JAFCO.



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ing jewelry and vacation packages. The dance floor pulsed for hours to the lively sounds of Soul Survivor.

Larry Phillips received the Ruth and Norman Rales Humanitarian of

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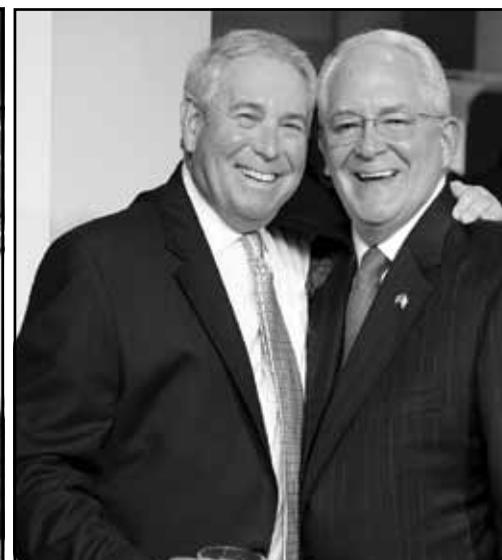
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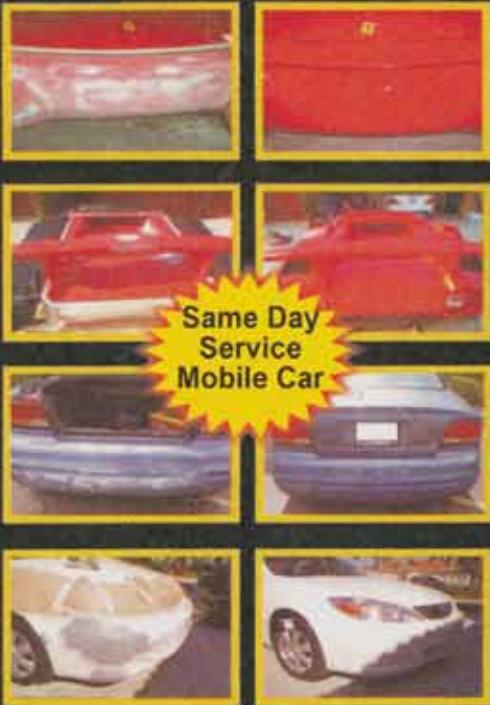
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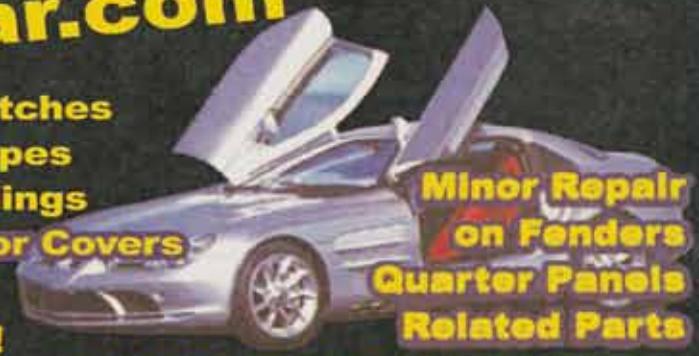
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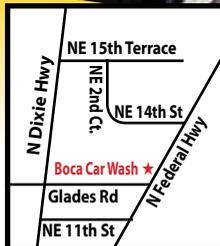
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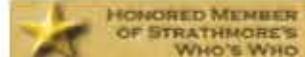


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Regulations choking needed growth of industries, says West

Story, photos by
Dale M. King

BOCA RATON – Unlike Santa Claus, U.S. Rep. Allen West showed up in Boca Raton Tuesday with a bag of bad news.

"In 2011, the government adopted 72,000 pages of new regulations that will cost businesses millions," he told the audience at a meeting of the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowners Associations. "This is why the empty storefronts are going to remain empty."

The congressman, who spoke little about his reelection campaign, said the people in the United States – and those overseas with capital to invest – all lack the confidence to put their money behind America. "And that's what's killing us."

"No one knows where the US is going," said West. "You can't run a big business – or a household budget – like the United States does. But that's what's happening in Washington, D.C."

He alluded to the growth of China was a world power, and reminded the audience of the last time an Asian nation grew like that – Japan, prior to World War II. While China grows flush by lending America money, the US faces "another trillion dollar deficit this year."

A veteran military man himself, West warned that



U.S. Rep. Allen West speaks to members of the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowners Associations.

the US cannot balance its books on the back of the military. "We can't make the military the bill payer for overspending." He said defense cutbacks have left America with too few amphibious landing craft and 284 Navy vessels – the least since World War I.

He said fiscal responsibility rather than added taxes is the answer to America's financial troubles. "If we don't do things that spur the private sector to grow, then the greatest days of the US are numbered."

"America has to make a choice," he said, "either to be a nanny state or a constitutional republic. That is the choice to be made in 2012." The way the nation is going, he said, "we are not creating success stories, we are creating victims." He said 48.5 percent of Americans are on some type of federal aid.

West also addressed Beltway animosity. "You have a very polarized Congress," he said.

And he also blasted wasteful government spending. He asked the crowd, "What is the mission of the Department of Energy?" To eliminate dependence on oil. To which West said, "When the DEO was set up, we imported 18 percent of the oil we use. Now, that is up to 70 percent."

The congressman said he was very upset that the Senate adjourned after adopting a two-month tax policy. "That's insane," he said, pointed out that the House never adjourned.

"America has forgotten leadership," he said, and he defined that characteristic as "having to tell people what they don't want to hear, but they have to hear it. I have to say what the truth is."

Councilman Majhess kickoff draws crowd of 300

BOCA RATON – City Councilman Anthony Majhess held a mid-holiday reception Dec. 29 at the Ellenville Garden Center's Green Market to kick off his campaign for re-election to Seat

D. He is seeking his second term on the city's legislative board.

"It was a great event with a huge crowd of excited people ready to get involved and support Anthony," said

Bill Trinka, one of his supporters. Also in the crowd was one of Majhess's colleagues on the City Council, Mike Mullaugh.

Trinka said the crowd totaled at least 300.

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Business

The Boca Raton Tribune

Young Entrepreneur's with Subway of South Florida CEO Larry Feldman

Boca Raton, FL – Middle and high school students from the Boca Chamber's Young Entrepreneurs Academy were educated on franchising by Subway of South Florida CEO Larry Feldman. "One of the greatest pleasures for me is to speak with and teach young entrepreneurs about the opportunities to create businesses for themselves. The ability to grow a company as a "labor of love" rather than having a J-O-B is truly the wave of the future. Growing up, I was taught that you should try to be a doctor, lawyer, or accountant. Now, those doctors, lawyers and accountants are encouraging their children to become entrepreneurs."

"As an entrepreneur, I want to congratulate the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce for supporting and encouraging this type

of program. For a young teenager to spend 33 weeks creating an entrepreneurial concept, combined with the prospect of getting financing for their concept and possibly securing scholarship funding for college is something that every community should initiate. It is an opportunity I wish I had when I was growing up. Thank you for giving me the forum to help educate and excite our next generation of business leaders," said Feldman.

About the Young Entrepreneurs Academy

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy, or YEA!, is a groundbreaking educational program that takes students in grades six through twelve through the process of starting and running real businesses over the course of a full academic year. Students work in close cooperation

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By Gerald J. Sherman

It's Always the Season to Do the Right Thing

Our schools today are teaching social responsibility by requiring students to do some community service. They are learning early on that it's the right thing to do!

This time of the year is a good time to remind businesses to share the joy of the season with others by remembering their social responsibility. Businesses have the unique opportunity to practice their social responsibilities while at the same time improving their image and thus their profits. One of the opportunities is working with non-profit organizations.

Partnering/sponsoring with a non-profit is a direct way to serve the community. Non-profits need to get their word out and this is where for-profit businesses/services have the chance to become involved.

This symbiotic relationship can prove to be a benefit for all...the non-profit, the business organization and the public they serve.

This association with a non-profit gives the commercial organization the chance to both serve the community and receive positive public opinion. Both smaller and larger non-profits need positive public opinion, media attention and help in conducting events to raise funds. Their survival depends on reaching their target market.

Non-profits like the

United Way, Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Red Cross and other large non-profits do employ public relations personnel and advertise but most non-profits try to do PR in house by members or volunteers or relationships with companies that can support their needs. There are always opportunities available to companies who wish to be socially responsible and partner with non-profits.

Naturally, when a commercial enterprise supports a non-profit it should consider some of the following:

- Is it serving the needs of the community?
- Does it align itself with your company's culture, product or service?
- How active do we want to be? How active do they want the partner to be?

One of the ways of supporting a non-profit is sponsorships of special events. It brings your company's product to the attention of the audience. It also enables a company to reach the target audience in a specific geographical area.

This partner/sponsorship program combines local advertising, public relations, promotions and philanthropic activity. Many companies find this cost-effective due to fewer expenses involved in marketing the event. The charitable organization does CO-OP advertising with the commercial company and the charity

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The company sponsoring a fashion show or band concert is assured of an audience that will relate to their target market. The main thing is for companies to be pro-active in working with charitable causes and to make sure they are compatible with the product/service they are marketing.

Social responsibility for commercial entities is clear; become active in the community and look to help others. It will pay big dividends in knowing you served. After all, being socially responsible is the right thing to do!

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Boca-based PhoneGuard Inc. expands board of directors

BOCA RATON -- PhoneGuard, Inc., a subsidiary of Options Media Group Holdings, Inc., a provider of mobile applications software, has expanded its board of directors to four members with the appointment of Leo Hindery Jr., managing partner of InterMedia Partners, LP.

"Leo Hindery Jr. is an experienced mobile telecom, Internet and media veteran and we

welcome him to the board of directors," said Keith St. Clair, chairman of PhoneGuard. "We look forward to benefiting from Leo's experience and long-standing relationships in the mobile Internet space as the company executes its growth strategy and aspires to become the preferred texting and personal security phone application in the marketplace."

Hindery, 64, was

chairman and CEO of The YES Network, the nation's largest regional sports network, which he founded in 2001 as the television home of the New York Yankees. He left there in 2004.

Before that, Hindery headed TeleCommunications, Inc. until it was merged into AT&T in 1999, at which time he became CEO of AT&T Broadband.

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PROPERTY LINES

By Alan Chesler

'Snowbirds' should use caution when opening their Florida homes

Winter's brutal weather is always accompanied by the migration of "snowbirds" to warmer climes. And nowhere is that more prevalent than in Florida, where populations swell as snow begins to fall up north.

But in many cases, the influx of people seeking warmth also comes with devastation to single-family homes and apartments as these winter visitors quickly open up their residences anticipating months on boats, golf courses and the beach.

On an increasing basis, these seasonal homes are being destroyed when anxious residents flip on the water heater or simply activate a fuse box too quickly, anticipating a warm shower or cool air from the air conditioners, only to be shocked by fires or floods.

Fires and floods are ruining these homes on an increasing basis due to months of inactivity, resulting in a ruined season for people seeking the warmth of Florida.

Property managers, insurance agents, and maintenance personnel must warn these seasonal visitors about the dangers of opening up a home that has been vacant since the spring.

One of the most devastating problems results from people turning on their water heaters quickly. This can result in a water surge that can break hoses or create leaks in the water heater. The following are several steps to take:

Prior to turning on the water heater, check around the floor for leaks that may have developed during months of inactivity.

Turn on water heater very slowly.

If the water heater is more than seven years old, consider purchasing a new one.

Replace older rubber hoses

with more durable metal grade hoses.

Many people have installed water detection devices that alert people when they are away from their seasonal homes. These devices can notify property managers, neighbors, and others in the event of a flood.

The same care should be taken when activating for the first time dishwashers, refrigerators, and washers/dryers. Keep in mind that service contracts do not cover damage caused by flooding.

Also, flooding can cause significant damage, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in repair costs. In a condominium, flooding can destroy not only the home where the flood occurred but also units below and to the side. In many cases, this damage is covered by the unit owner's and not by the association's policy.

Another common problem with opening up a home for the season is the damage caused by activating a fuse box that is overloaded by computers, stereo equipment, televisions, appliances, etc. In recent years, the abundance of new electronics has put a huge burden on older electrical systems in homes. In the not-too-distant past, home electronics included televisions, kitchen appliances, and water heaters. Today, the number of electronic devices has increased to dangerous levels.

When turning on fuses in the box, listen for a hissing sound or other noises which could indicate that wiring is bad. Another cause of electrical fires is overloading the surge protector strips. Today, these are frequently overloaded with every outlet plugged into a high-performance electrical device that an older strip wasn't meant to accommodate.

Take a look at the multiple surge protectors in your home and take note of how many appliances are connected – phone chargers, multiple computers, Internet connections, several televisions, etc. Older strips weren't meant to handle these devices. Nor are stronger ones of today. In addition, these strips are plugged into one wall outlet. This, too, can cause electrical fires.

It is best to invest in several surge protectors and plug them into several different wall outlets. Do not use every outlet on the strip. It is advisable to replace them every two-three years. Also, it is recommended to turn on one device at a time so as not to overload the surge protector strips.

Another precautionary practice is to make sure the dryer is de-linted before using it for the first time. Lint tends to dry out over several months of inactivity and can cause fires. This should be done after each use, as well.

Seasonal residents must be urged to use caution when returning to their winter homes. It's understandable that they are excited about leaving the snow and quickly taking advantage of the warmer climate. But a bit of restraint and patience can make sure that their winter stays start off the right way.

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BUSINESS BITS

BOCA RATON -- Vicki Soderlund AIA, principal of Soderlund Architecture and Design P.A., in Boca Raton, has received the John Stetson FAIA Service Award. Soderlund was recognized for her efforts in educating the public and reaching out to building officials regarding the requirements and value of architects being involved in plan preparations.

BOCA RATON -- Friendly Ice Cream Corp., the 76-year-old restaurant chain, won court approval to sell the business, allowing it to be retained by its current owner, private-equity firm Boca Raton-based Sun Capital Partners Inc. Friendly canceled its proposed Dec. 22 bankruptcy auction after it didn't receive any qualified bids to compete with Sun Capital. The firm will pay about \$75 million and retain ownership through a unit while allowing the Friendly's chain to shed debt.

BOCA RATON -- The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce will hold a Health and Medical Industries Expo Jan. 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Deerfield Beach/Boca Raton, 100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach. Those planning to attend can reserve exhibitors table to display literature, show products, give demonstrations, and/or hand out samples. For information or registration information, contact Chasity J. Navarro at HYPERLINK "mailto:cnavarro@bocaratonchamber.com" cnavarro@bocaratonchamber.com.

DELRAY BEACH -- Dr. Albert Cohen of Delray Beach was recently included in America's Registry of Outstanding Professionals for his outstanding contributions and achievements in the field of healthcare.

Dr. Cohen is the president and medical director of Boca-Delray Pathology Labs. He was born in Havana, Cuba and earned his M.D. at the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Mexico. He has fellowships from Mt. Sinai Hospital and Yale University. He also has a GI Pathologist Fellowship in Florida and was the 5th year Chief Resident at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Dr. Cohen specializes in anatomic pathology, clinical pathology and laboratory medicine.

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FAITH

By Rick Warren

THE ART OF MANAGING YOUR MOUTH

If you're a typical business or professional person, according to communication experts, you:

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The average man speaks 20,000 words a day. The average woman speaks 30,000. (Maybe this explains why some husbands have nothing to say when they get home at night and their wives are so eager to converse: A man might have used up his daily allotment of 20,000 words at work, but his wife could do the same and still have 10,000 words remaining in her daily quota!)

We have become a world of talkers. Talk is everywhere: talk radio, TV talk shows, car phones, cell phones. The problem is this: The more you talk, the greater the odds are that your mouth will get you into trouble!

Here are some simple suggestions for "mouth management" from the Bible.

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK!

Pause and engage your mind before opening your mouth. "Intelligent

people think before they speak. What they say is then more persuasive" (Proverbs 16:23).

"You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say" (Proverbs 18:20).

ALWAYS SPEAK THE TRUTH.

We often hold back the truth to avoid conflict. We do not want to "rock the boat." Eventually, however, this approach makes things worse. Dishonesty destroys relationships. "Someone who holds back the truth causes trouble" (Proverbs 10:20).

A real friend will be honest with you. "An honest answer is the sign of a true friendship" (Proverbs 24:26). "In the end, people appreciate frankness more than flattery" (Proverbs 28:23).

SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.

This is the filter for the second point above. Never use truth as a club to batter people. "Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as a sword, but wisely spoken words can heal" (Proverbs 12:18). "A word of encouragement does wonders!" (Proverbs 12:25).

SPEAK TO HEAL, NOT TO WOUND.

With careless words often we can cause more

long-term injury than striking someone physically. For that reason, we must be careful to use words that will produce a positive, beneficial result. "Do not let any unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen" (Ephesians 4:29).

And finally, **ASK GOD FOR HELP IN MANAGING YOUR MOUTH.** I love the Living Bible translation of Psalm 141:3, "Help me Lord, to keep my mouth shut!"

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DIVORCE FLORIDA STYLE

By Mike Gora

Down the Drain?

Q: My husband and I have lived in Royal Palm for the 15 years of our marriage in a home titled in his name, which he owned before our marriage. We both worked during the marriage, but he made more money. We each retired about five years ago. We paid off the original 30-year mortgage on the house a couple of years ago from our joint account.

During the marriage, the value of the home first increased and later crashed with the rest of the housing market. The poor "boy" is having a belated mid-life crisis, and has decided his retirement needs a new romance. We are talking divorce.

He says that a business lawyer told him that he would not have to share the value of the house with me, since it is in his

name. That would be a big loss to me. Is that true?

A: Your husband and his lawyer might or might not be correct. A careful analysis would first have to consider the value of the house at the time of your marriage, and its current value.

If the value of the house was the same as it was at the time of your marriage, or lower than it was a purchase, the marital component of the house would be limited to the amount that you husband paid towards reducing the mortgage note from month to month. You would not get a credit for the whole mortgage payment, just the amount which reduced the mortgage balance.

If, during the marriage you spent marital money or marital labor improving the property, an additional claim might be made for a

in the non-marital portion of the property's value if and only if the value of the house was more now than it was at the time of the marriage. You may need the assistance of a forensic accountant to trace the various components of the home's value.

In that case you could add the benefit of the mortgage pay down to the value of your marital contribution during the marriage and determine the percentage of this marital equity as part of the overall equity.

At sale there would be a marital portion and a non-marital portion. Of course your interest in the marital portion would probably be limited to 50 percent under Florida statutes, absent the presence of circumstances of facts entitling you to an unequal distribution.

Michael H. Gora has been certified by the Board of Specialization and Education of The Florida Bar as a specialist in family and matrimonial law, and is a partner with Shapiro Blasi Wasserman & Gora P.A. in Boca Raton. Mr. Gora may be reached by e-mail at mhgora@sbwlawfirm.com.

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Sports

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Lynn's Men Basketball Coming Together at Right Time

By Lance Thomas

Lynn University's men's basketball team are putting things together at the right time and are currently in the midst of a five-game win-streak. The Fighting Knights headed into the holiday break with an overtime win against Queens (N.C.) and then posted a resounding Sunshine State Conference win over Saint Leo, giving them six victories in their last seven games.

Michel Vidal tallied 12 points in the Saint Leo contest on a 2-for-5 shooting clip. Vidal also led both squads

in the rebounding category with 10. Slobodan Miljanic added 14 points while Josh Garcia contributed 11 with six assists.

The Blue & White registered a 21-0 run midway through the first half versus the Lions to capture their first lead of the game as well as the momentum.

In the overtime victory against Queens (N.C.), Jeremy Lampkin led Lynn with 21 points on an 8-for-12 night from the floor. Garcia collected 11 points with three buckets from behind the arc.

With its perfect 2-0 conference mark on the line, Lynn travels south to Miami Shores to play the Barry University Buccaneers on Wednesday, January 4 at 4 p.m.

Wednesday afternoon's affair will be the 41st meeting between the two rivals. The Knights possess a plus-4 win margin over the Bucs with 22 wins and 18 losses since the two teams first met up in 1994. The Lynn-Barry matchup represents the longest standing rivalry as Lynn has battled Barry more than any other conference or

non-conference opponent.

Last season Lynn dominated the Buccaneers with an average margin of victory of 16.5. The Blue & White tallied a 69-56 win on January 22, 2011 in Miami Shores then romped to a 74-54 win in Boca on February 19, 2011.

On Saturday, January 7, the Knights travel to West Palm Beach to face-off against the Palm Beach Atlantic Sailfish at 4 p.m. The Sailfish have already stolen a game from Lynn this season in a 79-71 overtime defeat



in mid-November.

However, the Fighting Knights are a different team since their matchup against PBA on November 22. Lynn currently ranks third in the conference in scoring defense, holding opponents to a mere 61.2 points per game.

The Knights also boast the top SSC ranking in both 3-point field goal percentage

and 3-point field goal percentage defense. Lynn connects on 40.5 percent of shots from behind the arc while holding opponents to only a 29.8 percent clip.

Additionally on the defensive side, senior center Vidal ranks second in the conference in rebounds at 9.1 per contest and third in the league in blocked shots with 1.4 a game.

Fort Pierce Central linebacker has an official visit to FAU

By Chuck King

Fort Pierce Central linebacker Freedom Whitfield attended two of FAU's football camps half a year ago, now the Owls want him to spend his next four years in Boca Raton.

The 6-foot-2, 195-pounder was one of the first players who received an offer from new FAU coach Carl Pelini. Whitfield expects to take an official visit to FAU on Jan. 21.

"That's my first D-I offer and I'm going to see the school," Whitfield said.

While FAU liked what they saw at the camps, they likely loved watching Whitfield's senior season. After converting from the defensive line to outside linebacker during the summer, Whitfield racked up 109 tackles including five sacks.

He also scored four times, returning three of his six interceptions for touchdowns and also taking back a fumble for six.

"We nicknamed him 'One Speed' because he only has one speed - that's full go," Fort Pierce Central coach Josh Schaffer said.

Whitfield does have an offer from Florida Tech, but even with those mountainous senior numbers, Division I schools have been slow to react.

A lack of pre-season recognition may have slowed Whitfield's recruiting process.

"Last year we didn't have the type of coach that we did this year to get our names out there," Whitfield said.

Whitfield's name is starting to make the rounds. In recent weeks he's heard from



Freedom Whitfield

Mississippi, Vanderbilt, Kentucky and Central Florida.

College coaches will also get one more chance to see Whitfield play in person. He's been selected to play in the Jan. 14 all-star game that pits Treasure Coast seniors against Palm Beach County's best.

FAU RB Morris receives NFL Combine invite

By Chuck King

NFL scouts want to get a better look at running back Alfred Morris.

The league has invited the FAU running back to its scouting combine, which will be held Feb. 22-28 in Indianapolis.

Morris said he learned of the invite through via email on Friday.

"I'm excited," Morris said. "I'm thankful. I definitely wanted it and I'm glad it came."

Upon reading the email, Morris immediately told his mother, who was in the room with him.

"My mom was jumping around," Morris said. "She was doing her little happy dance."

Morris broke multiple Florida Atlantic records this season. He leaves Boca Raton as the Owls' all-time leader in rushing yards,



Alfred Morris

touchdowns, and rushing touchdowns.

The lone bright spot on FAU's offense this past season, Morris rushed for 1,186 yards and nine touchdowns. In his career Morris amassed 3,529 yards on the ground. Several scouts have also told me they are impressed with his blocking ability.

His high point in 2011 came in the Owls' lone vic-

tory, which saw Morris rush for 198 yards and four touchdowns on 38 carries against UAB.

Morris becomes the fifth Owl in the brief history of the program to be invited to the NFL Combine. Jeff Van Camp, Rob Housler and Lester Jean participated in last year's combine. Jared Allen attended the 2005 Combine.

Cole World: Cole Mania Has Swept HEAT Nation

By: Pedro Heizer

Miami acquired Cleveland State senior Norris Cole from the Minnesota Timberwolves on a draft day deal that sent the 31st pick in the draft (Bojan Bogdanovi), a future second round pick, and cash considerations to the Timberwolves.

Cole didn't waste time impressing his coaches, teammates and Miami HEAT faithful.

During the Red and Black Scrimmage game, Cole dazzled the fans in attendance with his abilities, and quickness by blazing past defenders.

Then in the HEAT's season opener in Dallas, Cole showed no more fear in his first regular-season game than he did in his scrimmage or pre-season appearances. His self-esteem has been fortified by his practice work against players he believes "are the best in the world"

and the confidence they have shown in him.

"Cole has earned their respect — even though it's been only a short period of time — because he's all about the team," Head Coach Erik Spoelstra said about the relationship between Cole, LeBron, and Wade.

During the game, Cole forced Jason Terry into tough jumpers. He converted a three-pointer from the corner. He finished with seven points and two rebounds.

With Cole Mania running high, fans are demanding a changing of the guards (Leave it to the Miami HEAT fans to hype up a rookie point guard).

They want to see Norris Cole the starter and Chalmers demoted to blowout game minutes at the end of the bench. Fans don't want another game in which Chalmers has a turnover. I have news for you; this is

not going to happen. Mario Chalmers is still the starter over Norris Cole.

Chalmers is the veteran, he's been in Miami for a while, he knows how the system works, and he is a reliable scorer.

It's no surprise to anyone that Chalmers is not afraid of hitting the big shots. HEAT fans weren't complaining when Chalmers dropped 18 points and had seven assists in game 6 of the NBA Finals last season (more points and assists than Dwyane Wade). Fans were calling Chalmers the point guard of the future in Miami. Now after two games, Norris Cole is taking over?

In the season, Chalmers has eight turnovers and Cole has seven. Chalmers has nine steals and Cole only has four but in what is probably the most important category, Chalmers has seven assists while Cole only has four.

Cole had an offensive outburst against the Celtics last night, all players have one. Remember Mike Miller's 32 point effort last season versus the Toronto Raptors? What happened after that?

Cole has nothing but upside this season, he's going to be a great player but this season it's a little premature to say he will take over the starting job.

Against Boston last night, Miami was +8 with Chalmers on the court, with Cole Miami was zero, this shows that Chalmers knows the system.

Chalmers is going to continue being starter for the Miami HEAT because he's a proven veteran, and he knows how the HEAT system works, this is shown in the number of assists Chalmers has over Cole. Chalmers is more comfortable with this team, he knows what to expect from



LeBron and Wade, and he knows where they are going to be.

Cole will have that, but it takes time and this season won't happen.

Had there not been a lockout this season, Cole would have had the time he needs to learn the system, and challenge Chalmers for the starting job. But, with the lockout, Chalmers has the upper hand because he's been part of this team for three years and has flourished as the fulltime starter during his rookie season averaging 10 points per game.

and five assists per game.

Cole mania is exciting, and fun but it's not justified. Chalmers had one bad game nothing more, nothing less.

Cole has the potential of being a great player and his time will come, even he knows it, "Spo knows what he's doing. All I can do is work hard in practice and earn my minutes. I'm not looking to be given anything," Said Norris Cole said.

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Miami Marlins' Hanley Ramirez Agrees to Move to Third Base

Miami Marlins' short-stop Hanley Ramirez is showing willingness to relinquish his role as the starting shortstop of the Miami Marlins and give way to newly acquired \$102M man, Jose Reyes.

Last month Ramirez argued with management and said he would not move to third base because of the newcomer Reyes, but it seems as if he has changed his tone.

He has recently spoke to renowned international news agency and told them

that he has now somewhat agreed to play at that particular position and also talked to his team manager about all of these issues.

According to the news source, Ramirez said, "I have spoken with Guillen, what we want is to win with the Marlins. We will see what's going to happen with the position switch and everything else. If it's third base, OK. Wherever they put me to win, I will do so. We are a new Marlins club. There's also a new Hanley. Good stuff is

coming for next season."

This conversation between Ramirez and Guillen was later confirmed by the Marlins new and former Chicago White Sox manager. He told the media that his player has agreed to play at third-base which is a great sign for the franchise who is already preparing very hard for the next Major League season to put up a good show.

Jose Reyes, who is considered one of the best shortstops in the league,

will continue to play at the position he has flourished under. No doubt both players play wonderful at short-stop but experts and inside Marlins' management have always given more importance to Reyes at that particular position.

During the annual MLB winter meeting in Milwaukee, Reyes has also said, "I know Hanley wants to win and I want to win, too. With him at third base and me at shortstop and the other pieces we have, we can be unbelievable."



Hanley Ramirez

Lynn's Women Basketball Team Sets Sights on 2012

By Chad Beattie

BOCA RATON, Fla. – The ball dropped Saturday night with Lynn University's women's basketball team on the right side of the win column after picking up its second Sunshine State Conference victory. A third conference win could be on the horizon with the Fighting Knights traveling to face Barry on Wednesday before making their way to West Palm Beach on Saturday to square off against Palm Beach Atlantic.

Lynn will be looking to improve upon their 7-4

overall mark and move to 3-0 in the SSC for the first time since 2007-08. Defense has been a key to the Blue & White success so far this season as LU ranks in the top-two of the conference in field goal defense (2nd-.347) and blocks (1st-5.0 per game).

Marquis Lee and Kira Harvey are tied for seventh in scoring at 12.5 points per game while Charla Nelson-James leads the SSC with 2.6 blocks per contest and is second at 9.8 rebounds per game. Additionally, Lee is fourth in assists (3.5/game) and

Harvey is fifth in steals (2.1/game).

One of the oldest rivalries renews itself when Lynn takes on Barry. Meeting for the 39th time, Barry owns a 21-17 all-time mark against LU. Last season each team won on its own home court while two years ago the Bucs got the best of the Knights twice in the regular season before the Blue & White upset BU in the semifinals of the SSC Tournament.

Barry (6-4, 1-0 SSC) saw its five-game winning-streak end at the hands of

Wisconsin-Lutheran, who a day earlier fell 60-54 to Lynn. The Bucs are middle of the pack in nearly every statistical category but do rank last in scoring defense, allowing 61.5 ppg. Yvonne Houston paces Barry with 12.3 ppg and is followed by Shanna Suttington's 10.2 ppg. Alexandria Zamora nearly averages a double-double with 9.6 points and 9.5 rebounds per game.

Saturday's PBA game will be a re-match from December 5, when LU captured a 54-46 victory over the sailfish. Nelson-



James logged 16 points and 10 rebounds while Lee scored a game-high 17 points. That win moved Lynn's record to 13-3 all-time against Palm Beach Atlantic.

Losers of eight of its last nine games, Palm Beach Atlantic record

stands at 5-10 overall. Jordan Kong continues to lead the Sailfish in scoring at 13.1 ppg with Selthia Jackson second on the squad at 11.5 ppg. Jackson does lead PBA in rebounds at eight per contest followed by Ashley Dolberry at 7.9 rpg.

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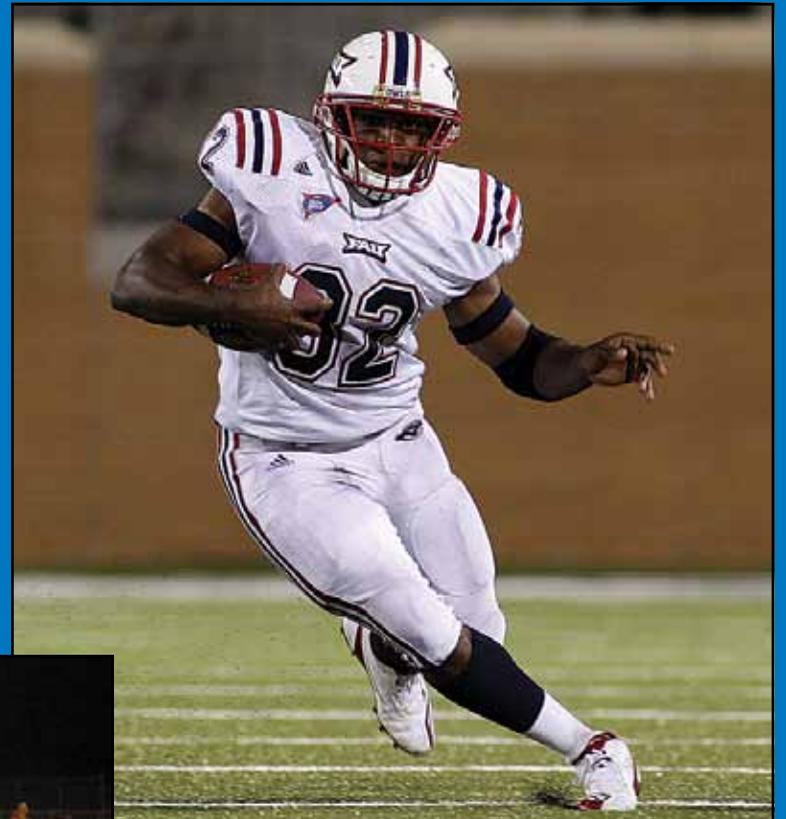
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