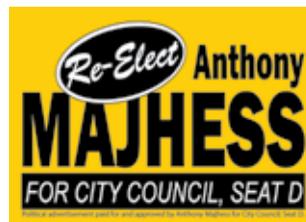




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Quote of the Week:

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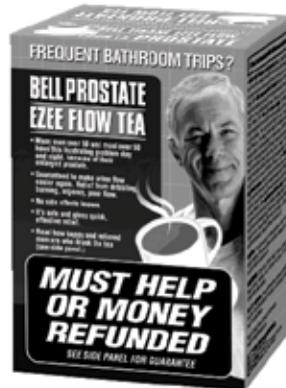
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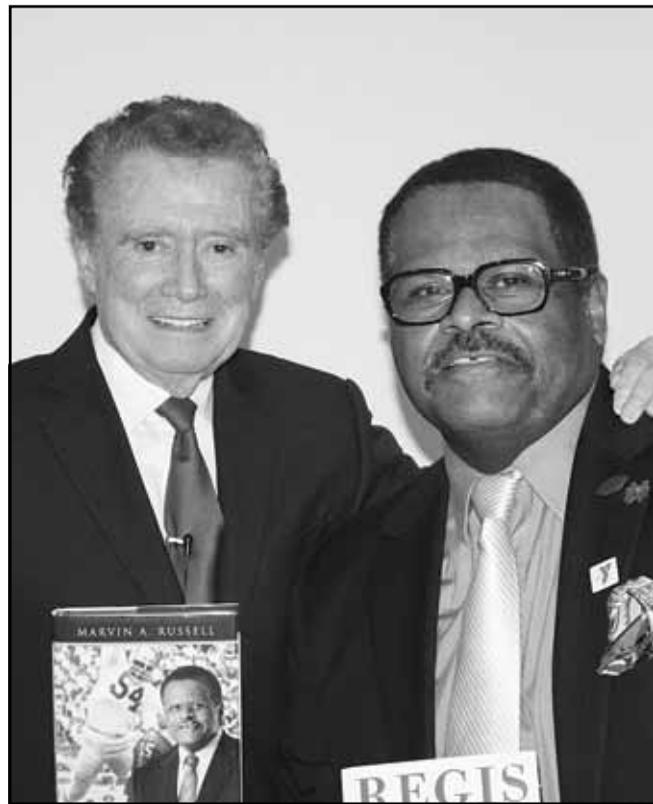
REGIS PHILBIN GETS MORNING GIG AS SPEAKER AT YMCA PRAYER BREAKFAST

By Dale M. King

BOCA RATON – They call him the busiest man in television. He's also listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for spending more time in front of a TV camera than any other person – 17,000 hours.

The man is Regis Philbin, who was keynote speaker at the YMCA's 10th Annual Prayer Breakfast held recently at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. He was introduced by football star Marv Russell who, like Regis, graduated from Notre Dame University.

"The YMCA is one of the greatest organizations in the county," said Regis, a diminutive, curly-haired star who



Regis Philbin & Marv Russell

said he had appeared the evening before at the

Hard Rock Café.

He just quit his long-running morning show with Kelly Ripa and, before that, Kathie Lee Gifford.

The long-time TV star offered insights from his own life, often tying them to YMCA-related issues. "As a

youth," he said, "I could not muster the confidence to tell people what I wanted to do."

He said he "fell in love" with Bing Crosby's voice, and later, as announcer on the Joey Bishop show, met the famed crooner – and sang a song to his idol.

Four years ago, he said, someone sent him a CD of that performance.

In that same vein, Regis said that in the late 60s, he was asking questions to people in a TV audience. "I picked a young person and said, 'What do you want to do for your country?' He could not answer me."

But the young man indeed found an ambition in life – to be a movie director. That man was Steven Spielberg.

The Prayer Breakfast is the largest annual fund-raiser for the YMCA of South Palm Beach County, with upwards of 500 guests attending.

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Regis Philbin at lectern

Chamber Schedules 'Community Conversations; First is Candidate Forum

BOCA RATON Boca Raton City Councilman Anthony Mahjess and challenger Frank Chapman. The forum will be held Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. at the 6500 Building, 6500 Congress Ave., Boca Raton. It is open to the public without charge, but RSVPs are appreciated.

The Community Conversation programs will vary on subject matter, but will create a stronger community through interaction and feedback. The goal of the conversations is to create a communication link between all members of our community.

Just in time for the Boca Raton City Council election, the first Community Conversation will be a candidate forum for the two men running for Seat D in the March 13 balloting.

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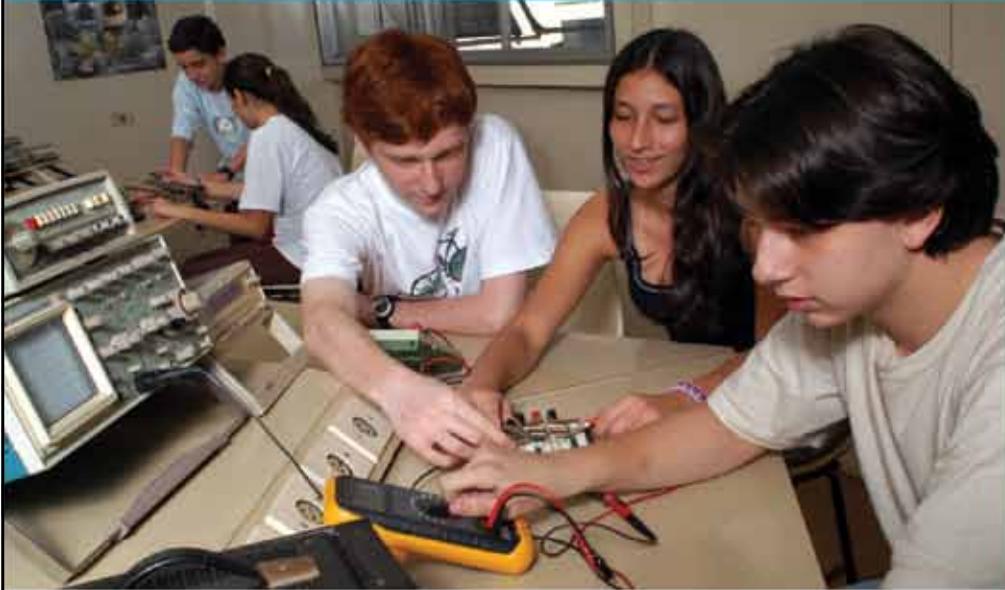
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Florence Fuller CDC to Host 'Men With Caring Hearts' Luncheon April 26

BOCA RATON — The 11th Annual "Men with Caring Hearts" awards luncheon, hosted by the Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, will take place April 26 at Boca West Country Club. This year's event is chaired by Jay DiPietro, general manager of Boca West Country Club and newly appointed FFCDC board member, and Jason Solodkin, managing director of National Financial Partners.



"Men with Caring Hearts" awards luncheon co-chairs Jason Solodkin, left, and Jay DiPietro.

The MWCH awards luncheon gives non-profit organizations an opportunity to provide community-wide

recognition and thank [male] volunteers who have given time, talent, energy, and resources to make life better for others in Palm Beach County.

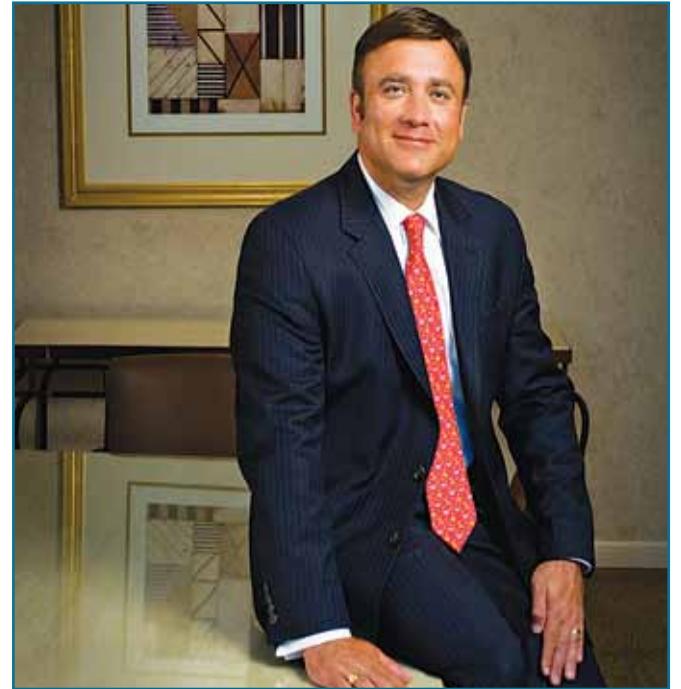
Agencies are also encouraged to nominate a young male volunteer, ages 16 -21, for the Youth in Philanthropy Award. The winning youth

volunteer will receive a \$500 educational scholarship and new notebook computer compliments of Toshiba.

Abdol Moabery, president and CEO of GA Telesis LLC, a global leader in commercial aerospace, will be this year's "Biggest Heart," a title bestowed on a philanthropic leader whose commitment and dedication has affected individuals and the community at large.

"I am honored to have been recognized by FFCDC, which carries out important work in our community," Moabery explained, adding, "My wife, Cathy, and I know the importance of doing our part to help those in need. It is extremely rewarding to know that FFCDC is able to provide children with invaluable assistance, especially when economic conditions continue to be troublesome for so many families in our area."

In addition to the award for Moabery, Boca Raton philanthropist Martin Stein



Abdol Moabery will be this year's "Biggest Heart" award recipient.

has been named the Lifetime Achievement award recipient for his visionary commitment to many local and national non-profits.

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Children's Museum Welcomes New Operations Director, Debbi Lahr Lawlor

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Debbi will be responsible for the effective management of all of the Museum staff, volunteers, facilities, and resources as well as for development and implementation of all programs offered by the Museum.

Debbi is a long-time resident and well-respected member of the Boca Raton business and non-profit communities. Most



Debbi Lahr Lawlor

recently, Debbi was Chair of Boca Festival Days for the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. In this role, she coordinated for-profit and non-profit partnerships which raised awareness and monies through special events. Her professional experience encompasses leadership roles with Kids In Distress, Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and Little Palm Family Theatre.

Her volunteer experience includes event volunteer coordinator for Boca Raton Educational Television; board member of the Royal Palm Dinner Theatre and the Little Palm Family Theatre; and volunteer at Addison Mizner Elementary School, Boca Raton Middle School, Spanish River Community High School, Hospice by the Sea, and the George

Snow Foundation.

The Boca Raton Children's Museum turns 33 years old in 2012, and is the oldest children's museum in Florida. Debbi looks forward to the support of the entire Boca Raton community in the further development of the campus, advancement of programs, and continued excellent services to youngsters and families in and around Boca Raton.

The Mission of the Boca Raton Children's Museum is to develop creative and critical thinking skills in children through exposure to the arts and humanities integrated with history and science. It is located at 498 Crawford Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida.

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As I write this column, I can hear the sounds of talking heads from the TV in the next room. They are discussing Whitney Houston. Occasionally, the talk is broken up by clips of Whitney singing.

There is one common thread among all the people talking on this TV program. Whitney Houston, a woman with a voice that soared above others, a lady that at least one New York tabloid dubbed "the Queen of Pop," has died at the much too young age of 48.

Two memories come to mind. One took place some 20 years ago when my wife and I went to an outdoor music venue in the town of Mansfield, Mass., called Great Woods, to hear a young singer who had just burst onto the scene. We loved her strong, clear voice and her songs that ranged from haunting to up-tempo. Her name was Whitney Houston, whose impeccable vocals filled the woodland air.

The other memory stretches out over a couple of years – from the time music phenom

Michael Jackson died through the trial of his doctor, Conrad Murray. The talk of what happened to Jackson, what Murray did, how Jackson's kids reacted when Murray realized he had doped up the singer with too much propofol and how the memory of Jackson will live on in staged shows was non-stop.

There's something compelling about the death of a star. It has come to the fore with people like Michael Jackson, Amy Winehouse and Whitney Houston. But think back to the legend of Marilyn Monroe and the mystery of her death in 1962. Her memory and the theories of what happened continue to make news today.

Just compare Marilyn's death with that of Whitney Houston. Both were virtually alone, Marilyn at her home, Whitney at a hotel. Both deaths apparently involved alcohol and drugs. Both died after their careers hit the skids. And it's likely that both of their lives and their careers will be studied, re-studied and reviewed for

a long time.

So many celebrities have passed away under clouds of pain. The music world hit a long spell with the losses of Jim Morrison, Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin. Even back in 1955, we lost James Dean to a tragic car accident – yet his visage continues to be seen on posters and portraits.

Look at the many, many other losses that dragged celebrity baggage along with them. Rock Hudson died of AIDS, a death that unraveled the life of a virile, masculine film star.

And can we ever, ever forget the death of "The King," Elvis Presley, a man who washed down prescription meds with scads of fried food? My wife and her sister saw Elvis in concert in Providence a couple of months before his death, and recalled the bloated man who did his best to perform on stage.

A few minutes ago, I was walking through the TV room where my wife was watching a program about Whitney Houston. "She was so thin," she

said.

Yes, we will always love Whitney Houston. But we will also remember that she bears at least some responsibility for enduring a marriage with Bobby Brown, whose life of drug abuse rubbed off on her with lethal results. We can only hope that her daughter can overcome the pain of losing her mother and can find a straight path – away from drugs and away from Bobby Brown.

Whitney sang like no one else can – and probably like no one ever will. She was one of a kind, and her music will be her legacy.

Undoubtedly, we will hear more over the next few days about her drug use, her deteriorated career, her activities in the hours before her death and the reason why she was in a bathtub at a Beverly Hills hotel, surrounded (apparently) by pill bottles.

We should remember her for her marvelous voice and big heart. As time passes, that is all we need to recall.

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Sincerely,
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To the editor,
Please give credit to Gina from Caruso's restaurant for catering the delicious food and the complimentary valet parking via Anthony for the fundraiser at Gallery 22 for the Tri County Humane Society. They were very helpful in this event.

Sincerely,
Yaacov Heller

To the editor:
Please join us Feb. 23 at the Marriott Boca Raton at Boca Center for the presentation of the prestigious DIAMOND Award which honors a woman who enjoys success in her field, while making a difference in the Boca Raton community. The award this year will be presented to a woman who inspires others and who helps maintain the high quality of life in Boca Raton – Dr. Marta Rendon, president of the Rendon Center for Dermatology and Aesthetic Medicine.

Sincerely,
Troy McLellan,
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By Douglas Heizer

Caught Up In Minutes – Or Moments?

By Jim Lange

Time. Do you have enough of it? If you are like the rest of the world, you will answer that question by saying “No!” However, you would be wrong. We all have enough time. In fact, each of us has the same amount of time each day: 24 hours. Nobody has more, and no one has less.

The problem with most of us is that we have become addicted to filling our time with things that do not matter. We fill it with tasks at work. We fill our time on social media like Facebook and Twitter. We fill it by transporting our children to numerous events and after-school activities. We fill it watching TV. We find ourselves constantly in motion, squandering precious minutes and hours.

We have allowed very little margin in our lives, so we frantically rush around trying to squeeze everything into our schedule. Sadly for many of us, at the end of the day we have missed out on what really matters: relationships.

I have three questions for you to ponder: 1) How do you spend your time? 2) How is that working for you? 3) When you are on

your deathbed, will you be happy with the way you have spent your time?

I heard this subject discussed recently and it got me thinking about my life and how busy I seem to be. I do not think God desires me to be this busy. I do believe He wants me resting along the way and taking time to enjoy the journey, but sometimes it seems so hard.

However, I have determined to jump off this “hamster wheel” by frequently asking myself what is truly important. I have had a tendency to do things simply because I have always done them that way. I have been very task-oriented which, on one hand, has been helpful in some areas of my life. However, it has hurt some of my relationships, as I have erred in emphasizing tasks at the expense of people I genuinely care about.

As a result, I have begun a process of evaluating all that I do and asking myself how important each opportunity really is. Would you be willing to do the same?

For many of us, such a process of self-evaluation can be unsettling, perhaps even frighten-

ing. But the bottom line is this reality: If we continue doing things as we always have, we will continue to get the same results we have always gotten. And this includes the way we use our time.

Our days are all numbered. Just as we cannot add a single minute to a 24-hour day, we cannot add even one day to the span of our lives. Time is the most precious commodity we have. So would you join me in trying to make the most of the days you have left – by looking to create meaningful moments rather than maximizing your minutes? If we are focused on maximizing each minute, this will lead to us trying to create microwave relationships. Trust me, this does not work well, especially long-term. We can be efficient with things we do, but we must learn to become very inefficient in our relationships. This is where moments are created, and they cannot always fit a convenient schedule.

In the Old Testament book of Psalms we find this wise advice: “Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom” (Psalm 90:12).



POSITIVE LIVING

By Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr.

Every Person Needs Tune-Ups!

Those who own and drive an automobile, anywhere in the world, are fully aware of the periodical need of a tune-up for their vehicle. It's not an emergency procedure, when things are falling apart, but just a wise precaution to ensure that what is functioning well shall remain so!

Nevertheless, human life needs tune-ups far more than cars; sadly, many people do not recognize that. Perhaps they are at a loss regarding where to bring their all to have such procedure done to them.

It is increasingly obvious that everywhere people are attempting to improve various items, to perfect existing products, besides fine-tuning whatever they may consider important. Yet, regrettably, little or nothing is being done by a great majority in terms of personal betterment, except of a cosmetic nature. Just think of the billions spent on beauty products as well as in certain surgeries which end up bringing more aggravation than the joy and peace being sought!

The necessity of more significant and essential personal tune-ups is manifested when people take time for life inventories, so as to ascertain what may be lacking in their life which can be added, or what exists in excess that can be subtracted.

While too many individuals seem more concerned with mere appearances and other externalities in their outer make-up, everyone's focus must turn to the inside. Persons need a new outlook on many things, a changed attitude toward other persons, a more balanced life in terms of food, drink, exercise, recreation, family, work, and spirituality.

The Bible alludes to the fact that humans are “fearfully and wonderfully made” and people need more fully to recognize all the intricacies of what makes them who they are, what causes them to tick, and how they have been uniquely wired for the kind of functioning the Creator intended for them.

Most auto tune-ups may take place at the manufacturer's shop, or with

a reliable mechanic in his garage. Whatever the location maybe where the vehicle is taken to, the work is to be done only by one intimately familiar with the functioning of the object of that tune-up.

When it comes to human lives, problems can be avoided by frequent contact with the owner's manual which, in this case, is the holy Bible. There God provides all the necessary procedures for one's maximum operation. There, one can also find instructions for fixing much that may not necessitate an outside mechanic. The key ingredient is to be ever alert to any malfunctioning, and to recognize the unlimited resources available, and how best to employ them to prevent stagnation and paralysis.

Not to be forgotten is the fact that the divine creator remains at all times available to rescue us from any accident, to fix whatever gets damaged, and to improve the quality of operation through one's regular contact with Him at all times, and in every possible circumstance!

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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TRI COUNTY ADOPTS OUT MOST ANIMALS RESCUED FROM UNSANITARY TRUCK



BOCA RATON — Of the 48 dogs and cats taken in by the Tri County Humane Society from a filthy tractor trailer truck in Tennessee, only five remain, said Janice Olson, director of development activities for the Boca Raton-based, no-kill shelter.

“The animals came in on Feb. 1,” she said. During the following period from Thursday

through Sunday, 62 animals, dogs, cats and kittens, were adopted.

Not only did a generous public adopt the dogs from Tennessee, but also animals who had been at the shelter for three months to five years. Even one of the animals rescued from Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans several years ago was adopted during the surge of support.

According to published reports, two women from a dog res-

cue group were arrested after 128 dogs and a cat were found in cramped and unsanitary conditions in the back of a truck. The animals were being transported from California to Virginia and were being kept four to five to a kennel, according to Memphis area authorities.

Olson said the American Humane Association reached out to see if Tri County could take in some of the animals. As always, Tri County immediately stepped up

to the plate to meet this urgent need.

“This was the work of Suzi Goldsmith, a member of our board who is also a member of the Humane Association’s board,” said Olson.

The 48 dogs brought to Tri County were all small breeds, under 40 pounds.

“I have to give special thanks to FedEx, headquartered near the rescue site in Memphis, Tenn., who made a huge exception to

their corporate policy and agreed to transport the dogs for free. People told us it was a beautiful sight to see the FedEx team at Fort Lauderdale airport streaming out the door of the aircraft with crate after crate of dogs. No one could stop smiling,” said Olson.

“We had a team at the shelter and a team at the airport,” she said. “The next day, a team of groomers was here.”

All the dogs arrived with overgrown nails, matted, and badly in

need of baths. The response from the Dog Walkers, who all gave extra hours to make sure every shelter resident got the walks and attention they needed, was overwhelming and special thanks also need to go to the volunteer groomers who really prettied up these dogs.

Olson said that despite enduring so much stress, every animal arrived bright eyed, tails held high and eager for companionship.

Boca Police Investigating Hit-and-Run Accident That Seriously Injures Bicyclist

BOCA RATON — On Sunday, February 12 at 8:05 p.m., Boca Raton Police officers responded to a serious injury, hit and run vehicle crash in the intersection of East Yamato Road and Dixie

Highway, a police report said.

The driver of the hit and run vehicle was traveling west on Yamato Road when it struck a bicyclist, who was in the intersection of Dixie

Highway. The bicyclist, identified as Bryon Roberto Godoy Perez, 29, of Delray Beach, was transported to Delray Medical Center with serious injuries, where he remains in critical con-

dition, police said.

Police described the suspect vehicle as possibly a dark grey, older model sedan with a black roof and large rectangular tail lights that take up the rear of

the vehicle. The vehicle sustained possible front end damage along with probable damage to the windshield and side window. The vehicle was last seen heading west on Yamato Road.

If anyone has information about this crime, they are asked to call Investigator Mike Daly at (561) 368-6201 or Palm Beach County Crime Stoppers at (800) 458-TIPS.

Multi-Agency Diversion Task Force gets Proclamation

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Feb. 7, District 5 Commissioner Burt Aaronson presented a proclamation commending the Palm Beach County Multi-Agency Diversion Task Force on their accomplishments.



from left are Eric Coleman, Phil Wiseberg, James Durr, James Stormes, Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Bruce Hannan, Uriel Neto, Lauren Godden and Christy Rogers.

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ORT America to Hold Inaugural International Major Gifts Gala At The Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida

NEW YORK, NY, January 4, 2012 — ORT America will hold its Inaugural International Major Gifts Gala on Sunday, February 26, 2012, at the beautiful Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida. The Gala will honor those remarkable individuals who have shown an unparalleled financial dedication to ORT America's mission to "Educate and Elevate."

"We are delighted to serve as co-chairs of this extraordinary event," said Daniel and Meryle Verner (Boca Raton, FL). "Both of us are especially looking forward to celebrating the generosity and commitment of our major supporters."

This truly international event will feature dignitaries from World ORT and a presentation by His Excellency Ambassador Ron Prosor, Israel's newly appointed Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

"We are thrilled that Ambassador Prosor so early in his tenure has agreed to address our group," said Shelley B. Fagel, National President of ORT America. "He has impressed everyone with his savvy, grace, and intelligence and we look forward to hearing his fresh, thoughtful commentary on the relationship between the United States and Israel."

The day following the Gala, on Monday, February 27, 2012, ORT America will convene its 2012 Annual Meeting at the Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion in West Palm Beach, FL. Supporters from across the national will come together to celebrate the 90th



Ambassador Prosor, Israel's newly appointed Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

anniversary of the organization's founding in the United States and set fundraising and outreach goals for the coming year.

For registration information about ORT America's Annual Meeting, please contact Michael Bettencourt at mbettencourt@ORTAmerica.org, or call 800/519.2678, ext. 233. Participants are encouraged to register online at www.ORTAmerica.org/AMRSVP.

ABOUT ORT AMERICA: ORT America is a Jewish organization committed to strengthening communities throughout the world by educating people against all odds and obstacles. A division of ORT, ORT America supports a global network of schools and training programs that reach throughout the United States, Latin America, Israel, Europe, the Baltic and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and Africa, fulfilling the dreams and aspirations of 300,000 young people in 55 countries every year. For more details visit: www.ORTAmerica.org

ABOUT AMBASSADOR PROSOR: With over two decades of experience at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Prosor has carved out an international reputation as one of Israel's most distinguished diplomats. As Ambassador to the UN, Mr. Prosor has earned plaudits for his articulate and forthright defense of Israel's position, publishing numerous articles throughout the international press and addressing a broad range of issues.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Palm Beach Pops Brings New Orleans to Boca Raton

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Black Hat Diva's go Red for Valentine's Luncheon!



Mask Contest L-R Fran Ferrara, Lillian Floyd, Diva Leader Charlotte Beasley, Barbara Probst and winner Mary McPherson.

By : Diva Leader Charlotte Beasley

The Black Hat Diamond Diva's attended a combination Valentine's and Mardi Gras luncheon at Le Rivage French Restaurant in Boca Raton. Nineteen Diamond Divas enjoyed a fabulous french gourmet

meal consisting of Vichysoise Soup, Lemon Sole of Seafood Stuffed Crepes, Creme Brulee or Chocolate Mousse hosted by Flossy Keesley who generously donated a door prize of a beautiful white Valentine Bear.

The Diva's dressed in Red to celebrate Valentine's Day

and had a contest for the Best Decorated Mask.

This contest was won by Mary McPherson, who seems to win every contest. A talented lady for sure. The next Diva luncheon will take in March at Caruso's Ristorante. in Boca Raton.

Tempering Tragedy with True Joy

Some very special "newly initiated adults" in Florida are making their own bar- or bat mitzvah celebrations more meaningful than they ever would have imagined. They are augmenting their own celebrations by making another celebration possible – the celebration of an orphan's bar mitzvah in Israel.

"I think that every boy or girl who can't afford to have a bar or bat mitzvah should be able to have one – no matter what," says Josh Romero of Boca Raton, Florida, who celebrated his bar mitzvah about two months ago. "If I wasn't able to have a bar mitzvah, it would really be a bummer to me ... I really connected with my temple and with G-d, especially that day."

It is a great privilege for Josh and his friends to be able to raise money to fund an Israeli orphan's bar mitzvah, and what a magnificent blessing it is for the orphan, whose bar mitzvah sponsors – people he doesn't even know – have created a deep spir-

itual connection with him that will accompany him throughout his life. The love and sensitivity for other, less fortunate Jews that Josh and his friends have displayed is extraordinary, and their beautiful mitzvah of enabling an orphan to enjoy a real bar mitzvah celebration is beyond measure.

In many ways, a bar- or bat mitzvah is the most important day in the life of a Jew. In a single day, a child becomes an adult – a full-fledged member of the Jewish community. Throughout the generations, children have awaited this precious event with excited anticipation – and rightfully so. Their joyous excitement is not only a natural result, but a necessary component of this transition, giving a child the desire and the strength to cope with the major changes that are about to occur in his or her life.

But what happens to that excitement in a child who has lost a parent, whose home life is overcast with poverty and

the struggle to survive? Unfortunately, children in such situations are not rare, isolated cases. A great many children grow up lacking at least one parent as a result of any of a long list of tragic causes – accidents, disease, and countless extenuating circumstances that leave a home incomplete. Particularly in Israel, senseless terrorist attacks aimed at ending or destroying the lives of as many innocent people as possible have left in their wake pain and suffering that have remained for years and even decades afterward.

An orphaned child faces countless obstacles and lives with inner wounds that will never heal. How can we inject the joy of celebration into a young orphan's life?

For over a century, Beit Diskin – the Diskin Home for Orphans, has accepted responsibility for thousands of young people whose lives have been shattered by tragedy and loss, working

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ORT America Will Hold Its 2012 Annual Meeting in West Palm Beach, FL

NEW YORK, NY, January 9, 2012 —ORT America will hold its 2012 Annual Meeting at the Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion in West Palm Beach, FL, on Monday, February 27, 2012. Supporters from across the nation will come together to celebrate the 90th anniversary of its founding in the United States and set fundraising and outreach goals for the coming year.

ORT America is the primary fundraiser for ORT, the largest non-governmental educational organization in the world, serving 300,000 students in 55 countries across the globe.

Program highlights include an address by Dr. Jean De Gunzburg, President of World ORT (and a descendant of ORT co-founder Horace de Gunzburg), a demonstration of interactive smart boards pioneered by ORT's Kadima Mada (Science Journey) program in Israel, and in-depth reports on ORT programs in Latin America and the United States.

"We are excited to commemorate nearly a century of work in the United States advancing ORT's mission of strengthening communities throughout the world through targeted educational and training programs," said Shelley B. Fagel, National President of ORT America. "Thanks to the extraordinary commitment of our dedicated supporters throughout the nation, we will be around for another century and for centuries to come."

The Honorable Toby Feuer (Weston, FL) is serving as the 2012 Annual Meeting Chair. Ms. Feuer also serves as Florida Region Chair and Area Development Advisor Com-



Lois Dermer (2012 Annual Meeting Committee member), Daniel Verner (2012 Major Gifts Gala Co-Chair), Barbara Siegel (2012 Annual Meeting Committee member) and Barbara Feifer (2012 Annual Meeting Committee member).

mittee Chair for the region.

"Chairing the upcoming ORT America annual meeting affords us a unique opportunity to shape this momentous event," said Ms. Feuer. "I am especially delighted to have this event held in the Palm Beach area, offering many of our donors and the local community an opportunity to participate in an ORT America national event!"



The Honorable, Toby Feuer

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Delray Beach Playhouse Children's Theater Presents 'Princesses and Villains'

DELRAY BEACH -- The Young Actors Guild of The Delray Beach Playhouse will present "Princesses and Villains" Friday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The show features young singers from the Playhouse as various Disney princesses and villains singing favorites of the young and old.

A "Tea with the Princesses" follows the Sunday 3 p.m. per-

formance. Tickets to the show are \$10 in advance (\$12 at the door), and tickets to the Tea are \$15. All proceeds from the show benefit the Children's Theatre.

Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Belle, Pocahontas and Jasmine are among the 8 Princesses featured. Villains include the Evil Queen from "Snow White", Ursula from "The Little Mermaid" and Cruella de Ville.

"Thirteen young, talented actors and singers from all over Palm Beach County provide a memorable performance that you won't want to miss," said Marla Gideos, Director of "Princesses and Villains".

The Delray Beach Playhouse is located in Lake Ida East Park at 950 NW 9th Street, on Lake Ida with plenty of free parking. For reservations, call the box office at 561-272-1281 Ext. 4.



From left are Mela Vargas as "Belle", Taylor Dykstra as "Cinderella", and Danica Taylor as "Snow White" in Delray Beach Playhouse Children's Theatre production of "Princesses and Villains" on Feb. 24 and 26. All proceeds benefit the Children's Theatre.

Natalee Holloway's Mom Shares Agony of Daughter's Death in Aruba

By Dale M. King

BOCA RATON -- As Beth Holloway addressed a crowd at the "Heart of a Woman" luncheon to benefit Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA), a picture of her missing and presumed dead daughter Natalee appeared on an adjacent screen.

"She could have been your loved one -- and you could have been me," said the Alabama woman who gained international notice when daughter Natalee Holloway disappeared during a high school graduation trip to the tourist island.

The elder Holloway shared bitter memories of that life-changing event with an audi-

ence of more than 300 at the "Heart of a Woman" conference at Broken Sound Clubhouse. She said Natalee may have consumed a date-rape drug, was taken away in a car where she likely suffered seizures as a result of the drug and dumped -- possibly still alive -- into the sea.

Perhaps the most agonizing moment, she said, was a cell phone call from the prime suspect, Joran van der Sloot. "He called me and offered to sell me Natalee's remains," she said stoically.

Though Van der Sloot was not charged with murder in the Holloway incident, he is facing wire fraud and other charges

by the US government. He is also set to serve 28 years in prison for allegedly killing a woman in Peru on May 30, 2010 -- exactly five years to the day after Natalee disappeared. He is appealing that sentence.

"I won't give up until Joran is in the US behind bars," said Beth Holloway.

She said she is working now to "help others transition from victim to victor. It's not a safe world -- in a chat room or on an exotic island." She encourages travelers to make "a full circle safety plan" or, as she calls it, MAYDAY360. Holloway also reminded those traveling out of the country to remember: "Our laws and customs don't go with us."

To assist people get help in case of trouble -- help Holloway said she never got or received only after days of waiting -- she has set up the Natalee Holloway Resource Center in Washington, D.C.

Holloway summed up a myriad of horrific details about her daughter who had just graduated from high school and had earned a scholarship to the University of Alabama, where she planned to study medicine.

When Natalee left for Aruba, she and her mom ran down a checklist of do's and don'ts.



Among those at the AVDA luncheon are, from left, Brenda Lewenstein, Rosemary Krieger, Beth Holloway and Pam O'Brien.

Then, she watched as Natalee disappeared into the dark "as she went up the walkway" to the airplane.

Four days later, she said, "I was the parent that got the call. Natalee was missing."

In the months that followed, she made and got many calls. She went to Aruba to seek help from the American consulate and from local authorities. Action from both was delayed or denied.

As suspicion of Van der

Sloot's involvement grew, she tried to visit his house. His father blocked the driveway, not even allowing police in.

In the days that follow, she got dozens of tips about Natalee's whereabouts -- at a gas station, a restaurant or a crack house. She scoured surveillance tape from Natalee's hotel. Nothing.

Beth Holloway felt so stifled she had to go to a church. And in a small house of worship, she fell by a cross and

prayed for God "to please give her back. I was crying and begging."

She went from cross to cross until she felt a revelation, she said. At the fifth cross, "complete peace blanketed me. Natalee was with God. The Lord wrapped his long arms around her."

And at that holy site, Beth solemnly promised to "get justice for her," a mission that continues today.



Beth Holloway addresses crowd at AVDA luncheon as a photo of her daughter Natalee is shown on an adjacent screen.

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SPOTLIGHT

The Perfect Blend of “Personal and World” Wellness: Women’s “40s, 50s and Fabulous” Wellness Competition



Competition Executive Director Carmel Pasquale, Finalist Julie Kimberly, Finalist Lauri Capano, “Miss Fabulous” Roberta Hauser, Finalist Lisa Catania, Finalist Carrie Colangelo, Promise Healthcare CEO Peter Baronoff



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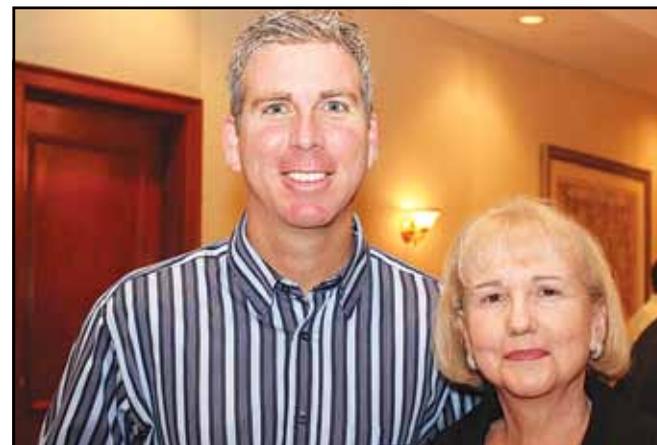
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The crowd listens intently to the latest in cardiovascular advances, presented by Dr. Richard G. Cartledge, F.A.C.S., Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery, Delray Medical Center



Ivan Baron and Irene Trachtenberg

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SPOTLIGHT

Regis Philbin gets morning gig as speaker at YMCA Prayer Breakfast



From left, Jay & Lowell Van Vechten, Mark Hansen, Yvonne Boice, Al Zucaro.



Regis Philbin, Mary Jo & Richard Pollock.



Regis Philbin with Patti Harthorn at book signing



Rebecca Mace, Yvonne Boice's guest, with Regis Philbin's book.



Ladies from TD Bank with Regis at book signing



David Cassidy, Sue Cassidy

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From left: Allie Dunn, Jim Dunn, Kabreea Dunn, Billy Dunn and Rose Faraone



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Alana Cohen and Susan Haynie.



From left: Laresa McIntyre, Ken Rosen, City of Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel; Jerry Fedele; Constance Scott.

The Perfect Blend of “Personal and World” Wellness: Women’s “40s, 50s and Fabulous” Wellness Competition Sponsored by Promise HealthCare to Benefit League for the Educational Advancement of Human Rights

71-year-old Boca Raton Resident Roberta Hauser Was Crowned “Miss Fabulous” and Will Serve as Wellness Ambassador for the Long-Term Acute Care Hospital Company

BOCA RATON, FL (February 3, 2012)—More than 300 community leaders and wellness advocates attended the inaugural Women’s “40s, 50s, & Fabulous” Wellness Competition sponsored by Promise Healthcare to promote its corporate and community wellness initiatives and to support the League for the Educational Advancement of Human Rights’ (www.leahforkids.org) global outreach to support its world wellness mission.

Held at the Boca Raton Bridge Hotel, the competition event was presented to increase awareness of the benefits of incorporating wellness into a woman’s daily activities and recognize women ages 40 and above who embrace and exemplify a healthy and fit life and style.

Thirteen contestants, ages 40 to 83 years old, competed for the crown at the runway event in both fitness and cocktail attire, with dresses provided by LUCX Boutique. The event was part of the festivities that led up to the Battle of Florida collegiate football all-star championship game coached by award-winning football legends Bobby Bowden and Howard Schnellenberger.

Boca Raton resident and retired ballet dancer Roberta Hauser, 71, was crowned Miss Fabulous and will serve as a Promise Healthcare ambassador of well-being locally and in its Promise hospital markets, and enjoy a three-night vacation getaway for two at the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa, including airfare. Hauser volunteers to comfort

terminally ill children.

The first runner up was Lauri Capano, 50, of Boca Raton, and the second runner up was Carrie Colangelo, 44 of Lake Worth. They both received a two-night stay at the Boca Raton Bridge Hotel, including their renowned Sunday Brunch. The top five finalists received prizes for their participation, including brunch at the Bridge Hotel.

Promise Healthcare and LEAHR at Women’s Wellness Competition /2/2/2/2

Other contestants included Bernice Goldman, 83, a great-grandmother of seven and Lisa Catania, 40, who has competed in multiple events, including Super Woman Bikini, Strong Woman, Joe DiMaggio 50K bike tour, and duathlons.

Competition judges

were Mary Ippolito, as head judge who is the founder and owner of The Health Connection; Tim Brumm, group training coordinator at Lifetime Athletic Club; Michelle Mascari, master instructor trainer for Lifetime Fitness, Shirley Iamunno, a founder of the Battle of Florida; and Gary Rack, owner/operator of the Racks Restaurant Group. As the judges deliberated, the Sounds of Vision with guest female vocalist Maria De Crescenzo of KC and the Sunshine Band performed a set of jazz favorites with full show taking stage during the celebratory reception.

“What an incredible night of wellness...all contestants were superb role models of healthful living,” noted competition executive director

Carmel Pasquale. “The age range of these women demonstrates that wellness can begin or be achieved at any aging milestone, well into your 80s and 90s. By benefiting LEAHR, the event increased attention to the importance of wellness not just in the United States, but in countries around the globe.”

Pasquale’s passion for fitness stems from her experience as a lifelong athlete who grew up participating in all levels of sports and a career as the owner of health clubs, spas and beauty salons. While raising her two now-grown boys, her focus was always on health and nutrition that motivated her to become formally trained and educated as a chef focusing on diet and nutrition. Pasquale has now turned her passions into an over-

all fitness mission to help women develop their mind, body and spirit.

Event sponsors included Promise Healthcare (presenting sponsor); Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa; Life Time Fitness; Boca Raton Bridge Hotel; Jody Jack & Co. Hair Salon; MedeFile International, Inc.; LUCX Boutique; Floral & Hearty Designs, Inc.; Nussentials/JBK Naturals; Gary Rack Restaurant Management Group; Sapoznik Insurance, ConColor Imports, Inc., Elements Therapeutic Massage and Joseph Mirrione.

For more information on Promise Healthcare, visit www.promisehealthcare.com. For more information on LEAHR, visit www.leahforkids.org.

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Tempering Tragedy with True Joy

with and supporting these precious souls. Contemporary approaches have modified the concept of orphan care, emphasizing the enormous importance of preserving the family structure as much as possible in the face of the many difficulties that challenge the surviving family members. Beit Diskin has become a model of optimum care for orphans who are based in their own homes. It employs top-of-the-line educators,

social workers and counselors to help each child live at “home,” whether in the home of surviving family members or in foster homes, in a warm, familiar atmosphere.

Beit Diskin offers a broad array of assistance for the orphans and their supporting families, tailoring its assistance to each child’s individual needs. Beit Diskin offers, among many other benefits, complete wardrobes, professional dental care, ophthalmologic care

and corrective lenses, professional educational counseling, tutoring, hot meals delivered to the orphans’ homes, and wedding assistance.

Beit Diskin offers these children the gift of joy, self-confidence and celebration, giving them the chance to feel “just like everyone else.” Of course, Beit Diskin’s caring staff cannot accomplish all this alone. Indeed, they are merely agents who help channel the kindness and gen-

erosity of good people, so that it reaches the orphans who need their help so desperately.

The cost for providing even the most basic minimal needs for a bar- or bat mitzvah is \$1,800. Not one penny of this money is wasted. Indeed, it can be considered a modest investment that yields tremendous returns, for it truly builds the future, giving a child hope, pride and the incentive to move forward in life in healthy, productive ways.

In the coming year-and-a-half, eighty-two children supported by Beit Diskin will reach bar- or bat mitzvah age. For the rest of their lives these celebrants will remember this special milestone in their lives and will draw strength and inspiration from it – just as Josh Romero and his friends are doing.

“I really want to keep up my Jewish learning,” says Josh, “so I can pass it on to my children. But I think it’s just as impor-

tant for the Jewish orphans to be able to do the same thing and live the same experience.”

To make a donation to the Diskin Orphan Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund, contact: Diskin Orphan Fund, 102 N.E 2nd Street. - # 229, Boca Raton, FL 33432 . Angel: 561-447-2251

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Drake's Club Paradise Tour kicked off with a bang on Valentine's Day in Miami

By: Pedro Heizer

If Thank Me Later was Drake experiencing fame for the first time, Take Care is about handling its repercussions. With collaborations with Chantal Kreviazuk, The Weeknd, Jamie Smith of The xx, and even Stevie Wonder, Take Care shows that the Toronto rhymer's mind state is expanding.

Drake's long awaited Club Paradise Tour kicked off with a bang on Valentine's Day in Miami and will now circle 17 cities with stops in colleges across the U.S., before wrapping up on March 11 in San Diego.

The tour name pays tribute to a track Drake dropped back in September titled Club Paradise, which is a club in his hometown of Toronto.

During the tour, Drake will be joined by MCs Kendrick Lamar and A\$AP Rocky, two up-and-coming MCs.

"I want to bring Kendrick, I want to bring A\$AP, those are guys that I love," Drake said in a statement. "I just sort of showcased the music that I happen to love right now, and those are the two guys that I'm bringing out."

Drake may rap that all he cares about is money and the city that he's from, but his fans also hold a special place in his heart.

He loves his fans so much that his upcoming tour will have a more intimate feeling to it. The tour will be played in more quaint arenas such as the BankUnited Center in Miami and the Bridgestone Arena in Tennessee instead of large arenas like the American Airlines Arena and Madison Square Garden. "I fought for this tour, I fought really hard for this tour because, of course, they want me to go get the big bucks, go into the stadiums and cash out," Drake



revealed about the decision to play more intimate shows. "But I was just like, I really made this album for the same people that supported me since day one."

Take Care, Drake's highly anticipated sophomore album was released back in November and has been one of the most talked about albums since.

People might criticize Drake by saying he always talks about emotional subjects and call him "soft" but this is the Drake that fans everywhere have been waiting to hear; a genuine artist with real feelings and who is not afraid to show them.

"I think people obviously have misconceptions about me, one being that I'm always emotional and depressed," says Drake. "But that's a goal for me; I want to make connected music. I don't want to be a disconnected artist. My goal with this album was to tell more of the story. I want to give more vivid details of this journey from anonymity to fame."

Drake is one of the best when it comes to conjoining many moods is what Drake does best. He can put arrogance, sadness, tenderness and self-pity into one vast

emotional blanket.

Drake grew up in Forest Hill, a section of Toronto and has been living in the spotlight since 2001. As a 14-year old, he starred as the basketball-playing, wheelchair-bound Jimmy Brooks on the Canadian teen drama Deglassi: The Next Generation. In 2006, he released his first mixtape, Room for Improvement and soon after he joined Lil Wayne's Young Money crew.

By 2009, his third mixtape, So Far Gone, and an avalanche of high-profile cosigns had made him one of rap's elite stars, all before he had even signed a record deal. He has lived what could be called a charmed life, but he insists that experience doesn't set him apart.

Take Care is an album filled with emotion, and meaning. There was a reason why Drake named this album "Take Care", because even though Drake has all the fame one can possibly obtain, he still takes care with the people around him. The message Drake ultimately wants to send with Take Care is "Just that I kept my word that I'm getting better, that I haven't lost myself," states the Canadian rapper-singer.

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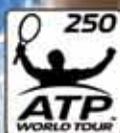
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ENTERTAINMENT

By Skip Sheffield

Palm Beach Pops Brings New Orleans to Boca Raton

Jazz great Louis "Satchem" Armstrong departed this Earth on July 6, 1971, just a month short of his 70th birthday. His spirit will live forever in American music and that living spirit is embodied by countless musicians who have paid tribute to Armstrong's music, trumpet playing, songwriting and humanist philosophy.

One of the leading proponents of Armstrong's New Orleans musical heritage is Longineu Parsons.

Paying tribute to Louis Armstrong is not the only thing Parsons does. For the past 19 years he has been As-



Longineu Parsons

sociate Professor of Trumpet at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee. He is loved and respected by his students. It just so happens he is best-known for his uncanny recreation of the character Louis Armstrong- though Longineu bears no physical resemblance to the shorter, more rotund trumpeter.

"It wasn't like I tried to 'do' Louis," Parsons explained recently by telephone. "But for some reason his spirit comes channeling. I thought wow, I can do this."

Yes he can, as Parsons joyously proved again in concerts at Kravis Center, FAU Kaye Auditorium, and Eissey Campus Theatre with Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops, with additional guest soloist Lillias White.

The Palm Beach Pops were all warmed up and smoking-hot opening night in Boca

Raton. Part of the fun of this 20-year-old cultural treasure is that conductor Bob Lappin has grown exponentially as an all-around entertainer. Lappin has always been an excellent pianist, but as host he has loosened up with his patter; sing-



Bob Lappin & Lillias White

ing, joking and in general making the audience his personal friend. The "Salute to Louis Armstrong Wonderful World" show was the most fun I've ever had at a Palm Beach Pops concert. Longineu Parsons, who first performed with the Palm Beach Pops in 1993, will no doubt be back.

Bob Lappin and his highly-polished gang of pros will be back next time with a George and Ira Gershwin tribute, featuring once again the amazing vocalist Lillias White. They will be at Kravis Center Feb. 29 and March 1; FAU March 2, 5 and 6 and Eissey March 3. Call 561-832-7677 or go to www.palmbeachpos.org.



FAU Dance Theatre Ensemble

Also at FAU in the University Theatre is an FAU Dance Theatre Ensemble series at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10; 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 and 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. Be advised the program has partial nudity and may not be suitable for all

audiences. Call 800-564-9539.

Tim "Frogman" Cotterill Returns to Town

Self-taught "Frogman" sculptor Tim Cotterill pays his annual visit to Pavo Real Gallery at Town Center from 5-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Cotterill will unveil two new models of his whimsical metal and ceramic amphibian creations. There is no admission charge. Call 561-392-5521 or go to www.pavorealgallery.com.

"The Conquest" for Political Power

"The Conquest" opens Friday at FAU's Living Room Theaters. This film is aimed at particular audience: those who care about French politics, but in a broader sense it is a fascinating character study of a man ruthless in his ambition and cruel in his narrow focus to those nearest him.

That character is French President Nicolas Sarkozy, played by popular French actor Denis Podalydes.

You could say Podalydes' President had a bad Napoleon complex, as the actor like the politician is of short stature. Director Xavier Durringer uses camera angles to play up the disparity between diminutive Sarkozy and his towering advisors and associates.

If there is a hero in this story it is Sarkozy's long-suffering

"The Conquest" for Political Power.

wife Cecilia (Florence Pernel). It was a miracle the Cecilia put up with Nicolas as long as she did, but what really drives home the degree of Sarkozy's emotional detachment is his cluelessness when Cecilia finally leaves him. The viewer may think what took her so long?

Two and a half stars



AS SEEN BY FEEN

By Diane Feen

The Accomplished Among Us

If there's one thing about Boca Raton, it's that you never know who is walking beside you. There are doctors, lawyers, writers, retirees, real estate agents (and everything in between).

If you haven't met Dr. Susan Resneck Pierce, then you might not know that she is President Emerita of the University of Puget Sound, where she served as president from 1992 to 2003.

What you also may not know about Dr. Pierce is that she elevated Puget Sound into the ranks of the National Liberal Arts Colleges and raised the endowment from \$68 million to \$213 million.

There are a lot of things that Dr. Pierce did in her college president days (including publishing books and papers), and to honor her wonderful accomplishments, a chair in humanities and a lecture series in public affairs was named after her.

And if that's not a big enough feather in her cap, the atrium of Puget Sound's new Humanities Building is now named after her as well.

You could say that this woman who walks beside you in Publix or at the post office is very accomplished, prolific and continues to contribute to the health and welfare of our colleges and society at large. She also recently published a book called, *On Being Presidential: A Guide for College and University Leaders*.

That is why she will be the moderator at the Authors & Ideas panel featuring FAU President MJ Saunders and Lynn University President Kevin Ross at the Festival of the Arts BOCA on March 13th. The topic will be: "The Role of the College President in Preparing Citizens of the World."

If you're wondering why you should attend this more cerebral discussion, Dr. Pierce will tell you. "The panel should

be of interest to people from this area because to continue to thrive, the United States—as both a multicultural society and a participant in a global economy—must prepare our current and future generations of college students to be citizens of the world."

And one thing we do know is that Dr. Pierce knows what is important and what disposable data is. That is the reason university presidents, trustees and higher Ed organizations hire her as a consultant (her company is called SRP CONSULTING).

In the past few months, she spoke at the National Association of Independent Colleges in DC, the Council of Independent Colleges President's Institute and at a conference sponsored by the National Association of Administrators in Student Affairs.

Let's just say that Dr. Resneck Pierce is one busy lady. She is grandmother to two young grandsons (six and eight-years-old) and has a daughter (Sasha) and son-in-law (Steven Siegel) in the area.

And if you ask her why she moved to Boca Raton eight and a half years ago, Dr. Pierce will tell you it's because of her family.

Born in the small town of Jamesville, Wisconsin, Dr. Pierce (who was simply Susan in those days) stood out among her peers. She was editor of the high school newspaper and as a youngster she created a newspaper and sold it to the neighbors for a penny apiece.

Her parents Elliott and Dory Resneck always encouraged her to succeed, and her late husband Kenneth continued this tradition of supporting Dr. Pierce's ascent to the top of the educational pyramid.

There is a lot more to this Boca Raton resident than meets the eye (or the spread sheet). At the National Endowment for the Humanities she directed programs that supported un-



Dr. Susan Resneck Pierce

dergraduate education in the humanities; she participated in a project teaching ethics at Harvard, served as chair of the English Department at Ithaca College, was a visiting associate professor at Princeton, and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at University of Tulsa.

There's a lot more to her resume than that. But, what is important today is that she is prospering in her consulting practice (and is happy to take on new local clients) and is thrilled to be living in Boca Raton.

"When my late husband, Kenneth Pierce and I moved to Boca in 2003 I thought I knew the area well. But, to my pleasure, I discovered that living here is an even richer experience than visiting. Early on, I taught a continuing ed course in literature at FAU and met a lot of people who shared my love of books."

"My role as co-chair of the Authors & Ideas program for the Festival of the Arts BOCA has brought friendships with people who care deeply about music, literature and ideas. I've also learned to love Boca's sunshine."

For tickets to the Festival of the Arts BOCA, visit www.festivaloftheartsboca.org/.

Dr. Resneck Pierce's website is: www.srpconsulting.com.

Candidate Hasner Announces Key Legislative Endorsements

BOCA RATON -- Adam Hasner, candidate for the newly created Palm Beach and Broward County congressional seat in the U.S. House of Representatives (formerly District 22), announced he received the endorsements of State Senator Ellyn Bogdanoff (R-Fort Lauderdale), State Representative Bill Hager (R-Boca Raton) and State Representative George Moraitis (R-Fort Lauderdale).

"It is an honor to receive the endorsement of these leaders and friends," said Hasner. "I served in the House with Ellyn and worked with her on many local issues, Bill is a friend who serves in the district I represented for eight years, and George is a rising conservative star in the state legislature. Each has represented Broward and Palm Beach counties and served us with distinction. I am very pleased to welcome them to our leadership team," Hasner concluded.

Senator Ellyn Bogdanoff said, "In our seven years serving together in the Florida House, Adam and I worked side by side representing the people of Palm Beach and Broward Counties. He is a friend I believe in. Today, I know Adam continues to be a tireless advocate for economic



growth and the critical issues we face. I trust him to go to Washington and continue the fight to protect Florida families."

District 87 state Rep. Bill Hager said, "Adam Hasner is a passionate advocate for principled reform, with a proven record of cutting taxes and red tape to get our economy moving again. Adam leads by example, that is why he cut his own salary to help balance Florida's budget. It is time to send Adam Hasner to Washington and send a clear message to the status quo: District 22 has a new fighter for freedom."

"Adam Hasner is the kind of principled conservative we need to help turn Washington around," said Representative Moraitis. "On the issues that matter most to the residents in our coastal communities of Broward and Palm Beach, I trust Adam to lead the way with accountability and responsibility."

Woman Ignores Instinct to Move on; Thief Steals Cash From Handbag

BOCA RATON -- A woman told police that cash was stolen from her handbag Feb. 3 by thieves who convinced her to share in what appeared to be a stash of lost loot.

The victim told officers she was walking home from church when she was approached by a female in front of the Sports Immortal Store on North Federal Highway.

She said the suspect began talking to her when a second female appeared from the side and walked up to them. The second suspect told them

that she had just found a purse full of money. She opened it and showed the victim what she believed was thousands of dollars.

The suspect said they were all lucky and could split the money but the victim said she was not interested and attempted to leave. The suspects continued to try and persuade the woman to share the money with them.

The suspects convinced her to get into their car, a black Dodge Charger, and they said they would drive her home. Instead they drove

to the parking lot of Arturo's Restaurant, police said.

The suspects told the victim that everyone could keep a portion of the money but they needed to know if they could trust her. They asked her she had any money, as a sign of good faith.

Police said the victim showed them \$400 in her wallet. The second suspect snatched the envelope away from her, counted the cash and added it to their cash.

The victim then got out of the car and de-

manded her money back. Both suspects also got out of the car and the first suspect attempted to reassure the victim. As this was happening, said police, the second suspect got back into the car followed by the first suspect. They drove away without giving the victim her money back.

If anyone has information about this crime, they are asked to call Detective Scott Hanley at (561) 338-1344 or Palm Beach County Crime Stoppers at (800) 458-TIPS.

Commission picks Abrams as Chairman of Solid Waste Authority

Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams has been selected as chairman of the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority. The appointment was made at the commission's regular meeting on Feb. 7.

"My goal as chairman is to make Palm Beach County the biggest producer of renewable energy in the United States, second only to the Tennessee Valley Authority, and we are well on our way," Abrams said.

Groundbreaking on a new 3,000-ton-per-day waste-to-energy facility is scheduled for April 4, 2012. This new addition will turn garbage into electricity, provide energy for the equivalent of up to 16,000 homes and eliminate the need for an additional landfill over the next 40 years.

The SWA is responsible for the county's solid waste disposal needs, amounting to approximately 1.1 million tons of garbage annually. In addition to running a state-of-the-art landfill

facility, the SWA is also responsible for recycling and composting as well as disposal of household hazardous materials. The SWA has an operating budget of approximately \$260 million.

Also at the Feb. 7 meeting, Commissioners took the following action:

Singer Island -- received a report from Environmental Resources Management staff on the feasibility of installing low-profile perpendicular groins (rock jetty-type barriers) off Singer Island to help control beach erosion. Due to high cost and long-term maintenance issues, the board directed staff to instead continue with sand pumping and dune restoration efforts.

Inspector General -- agreed to provide \$400,000 to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for operations. The office is facing a budget shortfall due to 15 municipalities refusing to pay for the OIG's services and filing a lawsuit over the funding formula. Payments from other municipalities



not part of the lawsuit have been withheld by the Clerk and Comptroller's Office.

Village Square -- approved the issuance of up to \$6.1 million in Housing Finance Authority multifamily housing revenue bonds for construction of Village Square, an 84-unit multifamily rental housing facility in Delray Beach for qualified elderly persons. No county funds, nor its taxing power, faith or credit are involved.

Pot-bellied pigs -- heard from the owner of a pot-bellied pig and several of her neighbors urging a code change that would allow the animals to be kept

as pets in residential areas.

Criminal Justice Commission -- dissolved the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council and designated the Public Safety Coordinating Council as the planning council.

Planning, Zoning & Building -- ratified the appointment of Building Division Director Rebecca Caldwell to director of the Planning, Zoning & Building Department. Caldwell will replace Barbara Alterman, who is retiring in April.

Business

The Boca Raton Tribune

Max Group's Assaggio Del Forno Restaurant to Open at Boca's Regency Court

BOCA RATON – Restaurateur Dennis Max and his partners in The Max Group will open their newest restaurant, Assaggio del Forno, in Boca Raton's Regency Court at Woodfield February 20. A contemporary Italian bistro featuring regional Italian specialties and artisanal pizza, Assaggio is located at Yamato and Jog roads.

Assaggio del Forno is the newest addition to the restaurant management company's "Lifestyle Dining Concepts" expansion. While iconic Max's Grille in Mizner Park celebrates its 20th year in business, The Max Group opened Max's Harvest in Delray Beach in June and Frank & Dino's in Deerfield Beach last month.

Assaggio del Forno will offer lunch and dinner options that represent several regions of Italy. The casual, 200 seat, 5,000 square foot restaurant showcases artisanal pizzas and regional Italian specialties. The restaurant features a handcraft-



Branzino, wood-roasted with clam brodo, is a specialty at Assaggio del Forno.

ed wood-burning pizza oven, a spacious bar, indoor dining room and large outdoor patio seating.

Max Group Partner Chef Patrick Broadhead will serve as the restaurant's executive chef and David Simes is the general manager.

"We are pleased to bring the Max Group's latest creation to our many friends in West Boca who have frequented Max's Grille over the years," said Dennis Max. "Assaggio, with its open kitchen, warm ambiance and

spacious bar, will serve as a lively yet casual gathering place."

At his peak in the 1990s, Dennis Max operated 17 restaurants in South Florida including Cafe Max, Max-aluna, Prezzo and Max's newly-energized team brings a wealth of talent, led by entrepreneurs with large scale, new store development and operational experience. Max's partners are Fred Stampone, John Williams and Patrick Broadhead.

Boating Comes to Life at Miami International Boat Show

MIAMI – After a successful introduction in 2011, the interactive Discover Boating Resource Center is back at the 2012 www.miamiboatshow.com. Progressive Insurance® Miami International Boat Show & Strictly Sail Feb. 16-20. It will provide boaters of all ages and skill sets with a multitude of opportunities to get on the water and discover the excitement of the boating lifestyle through hands-on education and adventure.

"We're thrilled to bring the Discover Boating Resource Center back so boaters of all ages and levels can learn more about navigating the waters and experience the benefits of boating first-hand. There's truly no better destination to dis-

cover the many ways that life is better with a boat!" said Cathy Rick-Joule, show manager.

www.strictlysailmiami.com/attendees/features/features.aspx" Discover Sailing classes are also scheduled, allowing guests to learn how to navigate and keep the wind in their sails.

Show hours are:

Thursday, Feb. 16, through Monday, Feb. 20, 2012

Thursday, Feb. 16 (Premier Thursday): 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 17 - Sunday, Feb. 19: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 20: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sea Isle Marina & Yachting Center and Miamarina at Bayside open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily Miami Beach Convention Cen-

ter 1901 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach.

Sea Isle Marina & Yachting Center – Miami International Boat Show's in-water display. 1635 North Bayshore Drive, Miami.

Miamarina at Bayside – Strictly Sail Miami returns to Bayside for 2012.

400 Biscayne Blvd., Miami

Admission:

Premier Day (Feb. 16): \$35

Adults: \$18

Five-day adult pass: \$80

Two-day adult pass (valid Feb. 17-20): \$32

Youth 15 and under get in

FREE. Advance tickets can be purchased at www.miamiboatshow.com or www.strictlysailmiami.com.

West Boca Chamber of Commerce Women's After Hours Network

By Craig Winograd

What a successful event. We had over 35 business women present at this event which was held at Hurricane Wings (State Road 7 & Glades Road). Plenty of business was

discussed and new business relationships were formed. This will be the first of many Women's Networking events sponsored by the West Boca Chamber of Commerce. Currently, the Chamber hosts a Women's

Luncheon one a month at Boca Green's Country Club.

For more information on our upcoming events.

Please visit our website: www.westbocachamber.com

Publix Names Executive Director of its Charity Foundation



LAKELAND – Publix Super Markets Charities has announced the promotion of Kelly Williams-Puccio to executive director of the Foundation.

In her new position, Williams-Puccio will be responsible for the strategic

direction of the Foundation, managing Foundation giving policies and processes and maintaining the charitable legacy of company founder, George Jenkins.

Williams-Puccio began her Publix career in 1979 as a cashier in Boca Raton. In 1989, she became manager of personnel records for Publix's Miami Division, and in 1995, she was promoted to human resources investigations manager. She has been the director of associate relations since 2000.

"Giving back to our communities is an impor-

tant part of our culture," said Publix Vice Chairman Barney Barnett. "It's a core value Mr. George instilled in us 82 years ago. I am pleased we have leaders like Kelly who are prepared to take on new roles and continue the legacy of giving."

Kelly and her husband, John, also a Publix associate and manager of welfare benefit plans, live in Lakeland, and have four daughters. Kelly is Board Chair for Polk County Junior Achievement and very active with the Girl Scouts, leading four troops and acting as community liaison for South Lakeland.

Boca Police Shredding Event Brings More Than 16 Tons of Paper

BOCA RATON – The Boca Raton Police Department and the Microshred Corporation teamed up to help prevent identity theft by hosting a free document shredding event Jan. 28.

The activity, held at Boca Raton's Town Center Mall, attracted more than 400 people, armed with documents to be shredded. In all, the community dropped off 33,000 pounds of paper (16.5 tons). According to Microshred, 16.5 tons of paper equates to saving more than 280 trees and nearly 50 cubic feet of landfill space.

By shredding and properly disposing of sensitive documents, individuals take a key



Officers Craig Kolnick and Cornelius Riley help shred documents dropped off by residents.

step toward protecting their identity.

According to reports from the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission, more than 15 million people reported having

their identities either stolen or misused last year. Florida had the highest per capita rate of reported identity thefts in the United States. The overall losses from identity theft last year were close to \$37 billion.

2012 Marks the 5th Anniversary of Kay Renz Public Relations!

2012 marks the 5th Anniversary of Kay Renz Public Relations! It's been a great honor being a part of this community and "Spreading the News" about my wonderful clients. I want to thank everyone who has encouraged and supported me, and to all the clients who have become my friends, I am extremely grateful.

I so appreciate the many kind references and recommendations I have received throughout the years. There are too many to list, but here are just a few of kind words that keep me motivated! It's been a privilege to work with so many talented and dedicated people.

Congratulations Kay! Your constant professionalism and commitment to your clients is your continuing formula for success. Thank you for always being there with a solution.

Yvonne S. Boice, owner Shoppes at Village Pointe

Congratulations to Kay on your 5th anniversary serving the business community in South Florida! You are a highly motivated, energetic and consummate public relations professional.

Mark and Marilyn Swillinger

Kay is a delight to work with. She is resourceful, effective and thoroughly professional. She is a quick study and a strong writer. I can't think of anyone I'd rather have in my corner.

Ron Stack, COO Zavee

Kay has been extraordinarily helpful to me and to many other of our vice presidents in generating publicity for our all-volunteer, nonprofit organization. She is full of enthusiasm, makes excellent suggestions and knows who and how to get them implemented.

Sherrie Bieber, VP PR & Marketing, The Pap



Kay Renz of Kay Renz Public Relations.

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Steve Day, co-owner Blue Martini

Kay is a tremendous asset to any organization looking to get their message out to the public. She is a consummate professional who brought incredible ideas and enthusiasm to all of her assignments.

Mark Alfier, Chairman O2 Media

Kay is a talented writer of press releases, having secured numerous media placements for our companies. She had proven herself to be creative and imaginative when approaching her varied marketing and branding tasks.

Carl DeSantis

Kay successfully coordinated the media campaign for the launch of both our Boca Raton and Naples locations. Thanks to her outstanding efforts, both grand opening events received tremendous media coverage and resulted in months of continuous coverage in magazines, newspapers and on television.

Kay has a vast network of media relationships in print, radio and television. Her connections are receptive to her as she earned their respect over the years.

Roxanna Trinka, PRO-PEL

Kay's efforts resulted in high-quality articles being written in a range of different magazines. In addition, she always put a great deal of time and effort into different ways to promote our business.

Darrel Broek, owner Cafe Maxx

Kay is an excellent representative with wonderful media and social connections which she used to benefit La Cigale. We enjoyed the events and working with Kay.

Francis Touboul, GM La Cigale

To contact Kay about your public relations and marketing needs, please call 561-654-8151 or email kayrenzpr@aol.com.



WHAT BUSINESS ARE YOU IN?™

By Gerald J. Sherman

Characteristics of Successful Salespeople

What makes a salesperson successful? Not every person is cut out to be a successful salesperson. Some people simply do not have the right combination of character traits and behavior patterns, without which a career in sales would pose only frustrations, anxiety, and a lack of fulfillment.

However, for those with the right chemistry, the opportunities for job satisfaction and personal growth in sales are unlimited.

To be successful, a person must possess, or be able to adopt, a set of characteristics and behavioral patterns which are essential. Many of these characteristics may be cultivated and refined by conscientious application in on-the-job training. Even a topnotch salesperson or manager is constantly perfecting his or her technique, evaluating their performance, and ascertaining the client's needs and wants. In my experience I have found that successful salespeople have a combination of the following qualities:

Empathy – Do you find yourself adjusting to another person's moods and behavior, modifying your own position to accommodate another viewpoint? Or, do you find it difficult to anticipate another person's actions or to accept an opinion which is in conflict with your own?

We define empathy as, "listening to another person attentively and understanding their thoughts, emotions and feelings, and adjusting your own moods and behavior accordingly," (Sherman&Hertz). It is not to be misconstrued as sym-

pathy. If the salesperson can elicit the needs of the customer on both a business and personal level, she or he can deal with those needs realistically. Empathy is one of the most important keys to successful selling.

Ego drive – When a client turns you down do you feel angered, dismiss the failure with a shrug of the shoulder or are you driven to overcome the obstacles to your success? A professional salesperson is success driven – in a controlled way. She or he bounces back quickly from the failure and looks forward to the next sales presentation as an opportunity to restore self confidence to make up for the past shortcomings. We can say that ego drive pushes the salesperson for constant achievement and self-fulfillment. Much like the champion tennis player who is badly beaten in the first set, and bounces back in the next two to win the match.

Integrity – Integrity carries a very special meaning in the business world. It defines one's character and reputation in the marketplace, forms the backbone of that person's credibility, and is a major factor in gaining the trust and admiration of all who you work with. Integrity in the business world is simply, describing things as they are and making commitments stand. What you say is what you do. You are judged on your accomplishments and whether you live up to your promises.

Creativity – Although it doesn't seem like a trait that would make for an ef-

fective salesperson, it is important because it develops your own style of selling. Do you do things in an unquestioning manner, accepting a course of action because, "that's the way we've always done it?" Or do you perceive the way a situation is being handled, and then ask yourself, "How can I do it better?"

Emotional maturity – The buying and selling process is an emotional one. Do you get carried away with your emotions under stress or in the throes of a difficult decision or are you able to accept strain and conflict as a normal part of your working day? Clients are frequently and understandably insecure about making their decisions. When a client says something that annoys you, don't take it personally. Internalizing and reacting to negative comments is a sign of immaturity and there is no room for this in the sales arena. Sellers do not have the luxury of overreacting.

Next week: Testing Your Sales Potential

Excerpts from the book, **WOMANPOWER IN TEXTILE & APPAREL SALES**, Jerry Sherman & Eric Hertz, Fairchild Publications, N.Y, Div. Conde Naste

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FAU has \$4 billion economic impact on service areas, says study

BOCA RATON – Florida Atlantic University has an estimated economic impact of \$4 billion annually in its six-county service region, according to a recently released sponsored project report to the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida. The study was led by Alan W. Hodges, Ph.D., at the University of Florida, and Julie Harrington, Ph.D., at Florida State University.

“Universities must be fully engaged in the lives of the communities they service, and FAU clearly fulfills this responsibility on many different levels,” said FAU President Mary Jane Saunders. “Economic development, research and community engagement are three areas in which FAU is dedicated to and will continue to expand upon in the years to come.”

To put it into perspective, the \$4 billion economic impact is the equivalent impact of 10 Super Bowls, 15 Oasis of the Seas cruises or seven Fort Lauderdale boat shows.

The report also states that FAU has had a positive direct or indirect impact on 59,000 full-time and part-time jobs across the service region.

The study says present value over a 30-year period of a bachelor's degree from a state university in Florida is \$550,000, while a graduate degree is worth \$1.87 million.

FAU has focused on becoming a stronger engine of economic growth in South Florida most recently through a multi-faceted initiative to support existing and new businesses, particularly those in the high-tech sector. Intensifying the university's focus

on its economic development role is one of the key initiatives of the FAU Board of Trustees.

“The FAU Board of Trustees has a laser focus on ensuring that FAU is an integral part of the economic development of our service area,” said Board Chair Robert J. Stillely. “FAU is an impressive institution, and the impact it has on its service region will only increase in importance as it develops further in the areas of research and biotechnology.”

The advent of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine will play a major role in the University's economic development, partnering with Scripps Research Institute of Florida. FAU and Scripps Florida have collaborated on a dual MD/PhD degree option that is offered by the FAU College of Medicine and the Scripps Kellogg School of Science and Technology.

The program combines the unique preclinical and clinical training programs currently in place at FAU with basic and specialty science courses offered through the Scripps Kellogg School of Science and Technology, a school



FAU President Dr. Mary Jane Saunders

whose graduate programs in chemistry and biology are continually ranked among the top five in the



FAU Trustees Chairman Robert Stillely

nation. The M.D. degree will be awarded by FAU and the Ph.D. degree by Scripps Florida.

The opening of its 30,000-seat football stadium also had a major impact on the community, adding an estimated \$1.7 million to the local economy. With more than 2,700 employees, including 1,500 faculty members, and an annual operating budget in excess of \$600 million, FAU ranks as one of the largest employers in South Florida.

The University also is a charter member of Life Sciences South Florida, a regional consortium that also has established a life sciences industry cluster in South Florida.

FAU also holds charter membership in MedUTech, an initiative that is focused on building the technology and healthcare sectors of Boca Raton's economy.

FAU also has focused on increasing its outreach to local communities, recently creating the Division of Community Engagement to pursue this goal.

Rendering meaningful public service has long been a priority for the university. Every year, FAU students, faculty and staff contribute thousands of volunteer hours to nonprofit groups and civic organizations.

BUSINESS BITS

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC), through the Department of Economic Sustainability (DES) has assisted in securing \$74,780 from the Small Business Administration (SBA) 504 Loan Program for European Cabinets & Design, LLC (ECD). The company is acquiring and remodeling a new facility at 4050 Westgate Avenue in unincorporated West Palm Beach. According to an analysis conducted by DES, this project will have an economic impact of more than \$400,000 over a five-year period.

BOCA RATON – 1st United Bancorp, Inc. reported net income of \$3.7 million (\$0.13 earnings per common share) for the year ended December 31, 2011, compared to net income of \$1.6 million (\$0.06 earnings per common share) for the year ended December 31, 2010. 1st United reported net income of \$857,000 (\$0.03 earnings per common share) for the three months ended December 31, 2011, compared to net income of \$1.3 million (\$0.05 earnings per common share) for the three months ended December 31, 2010.

BOCA RATON – Mamac, a provider of customer-engagement interface solutions for mobile operators, is opening its first U.S. office in Boca Raton. Mamac has hired Gabriel Gallegos – the former general manager of Latin America for a major mobile VAS player – as senior vice president of business development for the Americas. Gallegos will spearhead Mamac business expansion within mature North American telecommunications markets and emerging markets in South America. In the past year, Mamac has grown significantly in operator clients, with increasing requests coming out of South America, particularly Brazil, Argentina and Chile. Mamac's other three offices are in France, the Netherlands and the U.K.

BOCA RATON – CBIZ, Inc. announced that it has acquired Meridian Insurance Group, LLC of Boca Raton, effective January 1, 2012. Founded in 2004, and with offices in Boca Raton and Atlanta, Meridian is an established southeast regional insurance broker specializing in multiple insurance products and services including property and casualty insurance and bonding, personal lines and employee benefits. Meridian provides consultative professional insurance services to clients. Meridian has 22 employees and is expected to contribute approximately \$4.4 million in revenue to CBIZ during 2012. Greg Cryan, former president of Meridian, has been appointed Southeast Regional President of CBIZ's property and casualty division.

Email your Business News, promotions and acknowledgements to Chris Catoggio at: chris@bocaratontribune.com.

Workforce Alliance Pays for Summer Internships for Area Employers

Beginning in June, 500 eligible young people age 17–21 years will be ready for summer employment as Workforce Alliance Summer Youth Employment and Training interns.

Workforce Alliance fully funds the six-week paid-work youth experience, up to 30 hours per week, for each qualified job opening.

“This is a great win-win summer work experience because business partners throughout Palm Beach County will be helping young people gain valuable work experience, knowledge, skills, and character-building personal and professional growth,” said Doris Har-

rell, youth client services manager of Workforce Alliance, the nonprofit organization chartered by the state of Florida to lead workforce development in Palm Beach County.

Palm Beach County employers interested in becoming a Workforce Alliance Summer Youth Employment and Training business partner should register their company using the www.pbcalliance.com/EMPLOYERS/HiringYouth/EmployerRegistrationForm.aspx online application form or call 1-866-841-0225. Participating organizations can be for-profit, nonprofit or governmental agencies.

Three Workforce Alliance Career Centers in Boca Raton, West Palm Beach and Belle Glade offer more than 100 classes and workshops each month for job search and job skills training, career development and consulting. Workforce Alliance also helps employers compete in today's challenging marketplace by providing recruitment, assessments and referrals of qualified job candidates; space and staff assistance for screening/interviewing candidates; grants for training new or existing employees; and outplacement assistance. More information is available at www.pbcalliance.com.

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Pet Society

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PET OF THE WEEK

Get your Sox on with this lovable cat

"Sox" is a 2 year old, neutered male, Russian Blue mix. Sox came to Animal Care and Control as a stray with a broken tail; unfortunately, veterinarians were not able to save it and the tail had to be amputated. Since his surgery, Sox has made a full recovery and is ready for a new home!



He is exceptionally sweet, very playful, and has a great personality! Sox gets along with other cats, but does not enjoy the company of dogs. He enjoys spending his days playing with toys, rolling around in catnip, or relaxing in the sun on a screened in back porch or window.

If you have room in your heart and home, please consider making Sox a part of it. His adoption fee is only \$54 this month; please ask for ID#1601691.

He is available at Palm Beach County Animal Care and Con-

trol, 7100 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach. All animals are adopted out to qualified applicants on a first-come-first-served basis.

Adopted dogs and cats come with a health care certificate, which must be used within seven days. It offers a free exam from one of the local participating veterinarians and includes health care if the animal becomes sick with a shelter related illness within the first seven days of the adoption. The certificate is restricted and must be used by the adopter immedi-

ately. Pet adoptions are not handled by phone. Interested parties must visit the shelter to view and interact with the adoptable pets before making a final decision about adoption.

For information, call the adoption office at (561) 233-1272 during business hours, M-F 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those living in the Boca/Delray area may call 276-1344 ext. 41272.

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FAITH

By Rick Warren

Convictions Shape Our Conduct, Spur Growth

Every day in the business and professional world we see – and sometimes suffer – the consequences of people acting and making decisions without clear, well-thought-out convictions. As someone has said, if you stand for nothing, you will fall for anything.

Dictionaries usually define conviction as a fixed or strong belief. In reality, however, conviction is much more than that. Your convictions also include your values, commitments, and motivations. I like the definition of conviction I once heard from Bible teacher Howard Hendricks: “A belief is something you will argue about. A conviction is something you will die for!” Convictions determine our conduct. They motivate us to act in certain ways.

When people initially become followers of Jesus, for example, they often do things simply because other Christians suggest or model those behaviors. They pray, read the Bible and attend worship services because they observe and want to emulate the examples of others.

This is reasonable for new believers. Little children learn the same way. However, as we grow and mature, we eventually must develop our own reasons for doing what we do. Those reasons become convictions. Here are some important

principles about convictions to remember:

Biblical convictions are essential for spiritual growth and maturity. An irony about our world today is people often have strong convictions about weak issues (things like their favorite sports, clothing and music) while having weak convictions about major issues (the difference between right and wrong).

Try making a list of your spiritual convictions. Are your convictions weak on any major issues? The Bible teaches us, “Keep your eyes open, hold tight to your convictions, give it all you’ve got, be resolute, and love without stopping” (1 Corinthians 16:12-15).

People without convictions are at the mercy of circumstances. If you fail to determine what is important and how you will live, other people will determine it for you.

People without convictions are weak individuals that mindlessly follow the crowd. I believe the apostle Paul was talking about conviction when he said in Romans 12:2, “Don’t let the world squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your mind from within...” (Phillips translation).

Conviction helps us be diligent in continuing to grow spiritually. Growth requires time and effort. Without convictions about

growth, people become discouraged and give up. No one persists with a difficult task unless convinced there is a good reason for doing it. This applies to prayer, studying the Bible, and seeking to live out biblical principles in our everyday life and work.

Knowing what to do (knowledge), why to do it (perspective) and how to do it (skill) are worthless without the conviction to motivate you to actually do it! People who have made the greatest impact on this world, for good or for evil, were those with the strongest, deepest convictions. They were not necessarily the smartest, wealthiest, or best educated, but convictions moved them to move the world.

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DIVORCE FLORIDA STYLE

By Mike Gora

Gaming the System

A couple of dozen years ago, an Orlando attorney was involved in a serious automobile accident in which someone was killed. On the day after the accident, the attorney placed all of his non-retirement savings into his wife’s name in order to avoid losing his money to the husband of the decedent through a personal injury case.

After winding its way through the court system, an appellate court ruled that the transfer of funds from the attorney to his wife constituted a fraudulent conveyance to avoid creditors.

The judges opined that once a person knew or should have known that he or she had created a possible liability, any transfer to avoid the collection of damages was fraudulent, whether or not a judgment had been entered.

If this sounds fa-

miliar, you must have heard about the John Goodman case pending in Palm Beach County Courts, both criminal and civil. It is up to juries and not to columnists to render an opinion as to whether or not Goodman is criminally or civilly guilty in the death of Scott Patrick Wilson.

However, in my opinion, it appears clear that Goodman’s attempt to shield his assets from a possible future judgment by adopting his alleged girlfriend Heather Laruso Hutchins, and making her the beneficiary of a trust, constitutes a fraudulent transfer of assets to avoid creditors.

But just think about the other ramifications of the relationship between Goodman and Hutchins. Now father and daughter (wink-wink), what happens when the lights go out at night? It’s hardly

necessary to define the word incest to Palm Beach County State’s Attorney, or anyone else in Palm Beach County.

It seems fair to say that several clever lawyers thought up this scheme to protect Goodman and deny the claims of Wilson’s parents. While it is the job of lawyers to protect their client’s interests, even under the most vile of circumstances, it is also our job to understand the existing law and at times draw a line in the sand as to what will and what won’t work.

It appears that the adoption plan cannot be allowed to work against the fraudulent conveyance theory, and that by adopting this plan whatever sympathy might be directed towards Goodman in his upcoming trials will vanish in the smoke and mirrors of the attempt.

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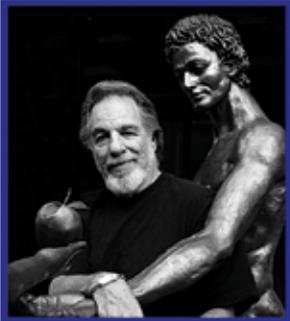
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Sports

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Mario Chalmers is Miami's X-Factor

By: Pedro Heizer

It's no surprise that Mario Chalmers is having the best year in his NBA career. A reserve point guard most of last season behind players like Carlos Arroyo and Mike Bibby, Chalmers has matured into an invaluable asset for the Heat this season.

Now an engrained starter, Chalmers organizes the Heat's offense, and his improved accuracy from the perimeter has worked as a counterweight to the attacking styles of James and Wade. Chalmers' 57 three-pointers this season lead the team.

"Our team has become very accustomed to Mario at the start, and he's doing a better job of getting us orga-

nized, he spreads the floor and plays well off of those guys, he's shooting the ball very well," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

There was a lot of talk in the beginning of the season that fan-favorite Norris Cole would steal the starting job from Chalmers, but Chalmers flourished in the doubt of the media and fans and is having a career year.

Chalmers' 51.4 percent shooting from the field, 47.1 percent from three-point range and 81 percent from the free-throw line are all career-highs for the third year man out of Kansas.

What's the secret to Chalmers' high three-point percentage? "I'm just mov-

ing without the ball and finding various spaces," explained Chalmers. "I know what LeBron is going to do. I know where his vision is going to be.

Chalmers' importance to the Heat was never more obvious than during the 102-89 debacle in Orlando to its divisional rivals last week when Chalmers sat with a wrist injury and Spoelstra was forced to start Norris Cole. The disruption to the Heat's lineup threw off the team's rhythm.

What's the secret behind this renaissance in the game of Mario Chalmers?

"I did a lot of work in the summer, watched a lot of film to see where guys like the ball, where I made my mistakes last year and just tried to improve

on them," Chalmers said.

As most know, Chalmers played injured throughout most of last season thanks to an ankle injury he sustained over the summer of 2010 and wasn't at full strength until the playoffs, where he shined as the Heat's most consistent player off the bench with 7.8 points per game, and 2.1 assists per game.

Is a healthy Chalmers the X-Factor for the Miami Heat as they approach the playoffs?

Chalmers is fourth in the team in points per game, third in assists and steals per game, only players better than him in all those categories are LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, and Chris Bosh.

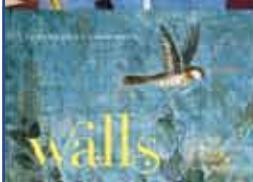
With numbers like these,



it's hard to make a case against Chalmers. If he keeps these numbers up, not only can Chalmers be invited to play in the three-point shootout dur-

ing All-Star Weekend, but he will be a solid candidate for the Most Improved Player of the Year award at the end of the season.

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Eighty-one PGA Champions Tour Players took to the Old Course at Broken Sound Club for 54 holes of stroke February 6-12, 2012 for the 2012 Allianz Championship, all vying for a \$1.8 million purse. Spectators were treated to an exciting, down-to-the-wire finish, culminating in two rising stars dueling in a one hole, sudden-death playoff for their first career win on the Champions Tour, as well as many special "events within the event".

2010 U.S. Ryder Cup Captain Corey Pavin won his first Champions Tour tournament in 35 career starts and his first win dating back to 2006, a span of 122 events. Peter Senior birdied the final hole to force a playoff, but Pavin rolled in a 12-foot birdie

on the first playoff hole to take home the honors at the 2012 Allianz Championship with a final score of 205, 11 under par. Pavin dedicated the win to his late teacher Bruce Hamilton, whom he had worked with since he was 15 years old, on the day that a commemorative bench was named in Hamilton's honor.

In addition to the tens of thousands at the course, more than 83 million national households and 150 million in more than 174 countries tuned into the Golf Channel saw Boca Raton at its best, with all three rounds televised live from The Old Course at Broken Sound Club. Boca Raton hosted the PGA Champions Tour's first full-field event of the season and the first tournament of the early-

season Florida swing that included a series of interactive, "up close and personal" pre- and during tournament events for golf fans of all ages, while driving net proceeds to benefit Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

An impressive roster of PGA Champions Tour legends, including defending champion Tom Lehman, 2010 winner Bernhard Langer, Mark Calcavecchia, Fuzzy Zoeller and others teed off to compete for a \$1.8 million purse during championship play at the Allianz Championship.

Creating a new Allianz Championship tradition and getting the ladies into the swing of championship golf, LPGA legend with 72 LPGA victories and eight-time "player of the year" Annika Sorenstam gave

36 executive women (nine foursomes) expert golf tips at the start of the second annual Allianz Championship Executive Women's Pro-Am. The event offered the opportunity to participate in a golf and business networking experience like no other while giving all skill sets a chance to play nine holes with a PGA Champions Tour player, as well as a private group clinic with Sorenstam, presented by JM Lexus, followed by an "up close and personal" Q&A session. The events continued with two days of Championship Pro-Am play, with 104 men's foursomes teeing up memorable rounds on the green paired with a PGA Champions

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2012 Allianz Championship

at the Allianz Championship— for players, staff, 600 volunteers and tens of thousands of spectators,” said Ryan Dillon, Allianz Championship tournament director. “It was good to have the impressive support of the community with our new GREEN approach.”

The tournament aimed to meet ambitious green goals and set green event benchmarks by developing a comprehensive carbon footprint event analysis, taking the initiative to work toward powering the event with renewable energy, and implementing a zero-waste program with education of spectators, players and vendors about the benefits of going green in their daily business and personal spaces. The tournament grounds had 100 recycling bins and 63 signs featuring “going green” tips to aid in awareness.

More than 100 major sponsors came together to support all aspects of the celebrated week-long event,

including Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, JM Lexus; 3M; Office Depot, Infinity Sales Group/Dish Network, Penn Florida, Konica Minolta Business Solutions, FAU, Kaye Communications, Inc. and more. General admission was free due to the generosity of sponsors.

“Family Day” featured a full schedule of free interactive family activities for all generations, including face painting, a bounce house, putting contests, Don Law golf clinic, children painting their own art on a Lexus vehicle, appearances by South Florida sports team mascots and

much more.

As part of the 2012 Allianz Championship tournament event week, wine connoisseurs and golf enthusiasts got to enjoy a perfect alfresco afternoon with legends of golf while sampling reds and whites from the private wine collections of golf pros’ own vineyards while overlook-

ing the 18th green at the third annual “Grapes on the Green” Golf & Wine Experience, presented by the Boca Raton Bridge Hotel. In addition to indulging in the varietals from international vineyards, attendees enjoyed culinary samplings from top area restaurants including Carmen’s Top of the Bridge, WaterColors at the Bridge Hotel, Max’s Grille, Broken Sound Club, Morton’s The Steakhouse, Ruth Chris’ Steakhouse and more, appearances by golf legends and a special

VIP experience auction.

Over a dozen nonprofit organizations teed up to participate in the Allianz Championship’s second annual “Birdies For Charity”, a fundraising program in which participating nonprofits solicit pledges from supporters based on the number of birdies made by PGA Champions Tour players during the three-day tournament. According to Allianz Championship Tournament Director Ryan Dillon, participating organizations keep 100% of the pledges collected on their behalf. Nonprofits registered to benefit from participation included 4KIDS of South Florida, AACY-American Association of Caregiving Youth, Audubon International, Autism Society of Broward County, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Inc., Boca Helping Hands, Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County, Florida Atlantic University Foundation, Inc., Resource Depot, SABR/TOPSoccer, S.B. Idea, Inc., Strategic Business Institute, Take Stock in Children, The Dori Slosberg Foundation and more.

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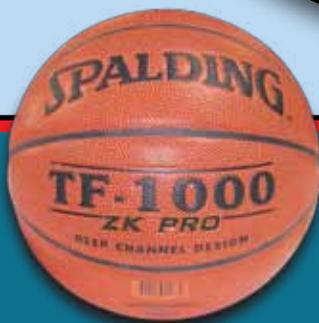


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