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BOCA RATON – Despite their opposite views on a number of issues, the two candidates in the race for Seat D on the Boca Raton City Council in the March 13 election remained civil during a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored candidate forum Wednesday night at Boca's 6500 Building.

Incumbent Anthony Majhess and challenger Frank Chapman even shook hands after the questioning was completed, and posed together for photos.

Majhess took a strong stand on his three years as a council member, saying the City Council, as a whole, has cut taxes \$2.6 million during his term, and has trimmed spending by \$76.9 million "without impacting services."

Throughout the campaign, though, Chapman has accused Majhess of flip-flopping on taxes, voting in favor of a tax rate increase in September 2011. During the forum Wednesday, the challenger claimed that in a 2009 newspaper interview, Majhess said he wouldn't raise taxes.

Chapman continued to portray himself as a local boy with roots going back to Boca Raton Community High School, where he was senior class president in 1986. A lawyer who worked with multi-million dollar contracts, he now serves as a volunteer in the community – particularly schools and youth sports.

Majhess, on the other hand, pointed out his lengthy service as a firefighter, now working for the *continued on pg. 11*

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Kayla Repan reading the Tribune



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Quote of the Week:

Because they have hated instruction, and received not the fear of the Lord; 1:29

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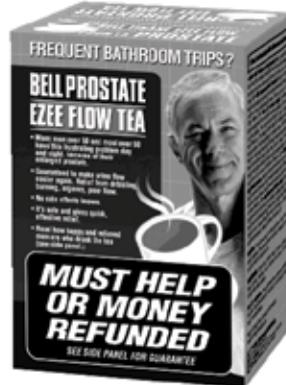
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Former Sunrise Theater in Boca to Shine Again as Upscale Movie-Dining Spot

By Dale M. King

BOCA RATON — Are you interested in dinner and a show?

You'll soon be able to find both in one spot — right in downtown Boca Raton.

In a major expansion plan, iPic Entertainment President and CEO Hamid Hashemi revealed plans for three new flagship locations launching in Boca's Mizner Park, Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach and Pike & Rose in Rockville, Md., with additional sites in the works for Boston, New York, and Los Angeles.

Hashemi, founder of Muvico Theaters, announced plans at a Feb. 15 news conference in Mizner Park, just down the

road from where work crews are turning the closed-down Sunrise Theater into Hashemi's film palace.

iPic Boca Raton, slated to open this summer, will be a 43,000 square foot upscale social destination, encompassing an eight screen, 480 seat luxury theater and "Tanzy," a 7,000 square foot restaurant-bar dining concept that will offer a distinctly different culinary experience than what is currently found in the theater industry.

"iPic Entertainment is excited to transform the typical, mundane movie-going experience by providing excitement, anticipation, style, comfort, relaxation and remarkable technology," said Hashemi.

Each iPic location will feature eight auditoriums with seating that can be reserved online or from the iPic App for iPhone or Android users.

A membership program offers guests discount pricing, priority notification of ticket availability, access to exclusive showings, free upgrades and the ability to earn points towards rewards.

"We are in store for something really absolutely fantastic to happen here in Mizner Park," said Mayor Susan Whelchel during the news conference.

According to iPic publicity, the Tanzy restaurant will be accessible from the movie house and from outside, without going through the theater.

A redesigned concession stand called Tanzy Express will offer food and drink for moviegoers to take to their seats.

All iPic theaters boast revolutionary comfort with reclining leather seats, service call buttons, pillows and blankets, innovative cocktails prepared by world-renowned mixologists and chef-driven cuisine.

"iPic destinations go beyond movies," said Hashemi, "offering one-stop destinations for dining, movies, and a place to network and meet friends."

iPic also brings cutting-edge technology with all-digital projection, state-of-the-art sound, studio-preferred 3D technology and the latest for



iPic Scottsdale.

both the hearing and visually impaired. The firm does not add surcharges for any 3D presentations.

Established in 2007 and

headquartered in South Florida, iPic Theaters has grown to eight locations with 59 screens in six states over the last three years.

Greater Boca Chapter of Pap Corps Raises \$170K for Cancer Research

BOCA RATON — "Dreams really do come true," declared Marilyn Swillinger, president of the Greater Boca Raton Cancer Chapter of The Pap Corps Annual Gala Luncheon Fashion Show which raised more than \$170,000 for cancer research.

The event, held at The Polo Club in Boca Raton, fea-

tured a Wizard of Oz theme. As guests glided down the Yellow Brick road, they were escorted by the Cowardly Lion as they entered the Clubhouse. The luncheon also featured a colorful fashion presentation by Saks Fifth Avenue showcasing some of the best of the Spring 2012 collections; a violin perfor-

mance by Lynn University's Ann Fontanella, and a drawing for a gorgeous citron and diamond ring from Gregory's Fine Jewelry.

"We are so grateful to the many supporters who attended this luncheon," said Swillinger. "We were overwhelmed by the generosity of so many of our members who truly have made this one of our biggest fundraising events."

"There are so many people to thank, but I want to especially acknowledge the surprise donation from one of our members of an additional \$25,000 that day from Dorothy Halperin in honor of Joe Rudnick. Marise Rudnick was

co-founder and the first president of this 22 year-old chapter. I was truly overcome with emotion."

Co-chairs were Donna Ackerman and Carol Dorf. Swillinger said the Dedication and Service Award honored Melody Iden, Gloria Supran and Lois Victor. The Chapter's Volunteer of the Year award was given to Alyce Hartman. And the Woman of the Year Award was presented to Roni Browning.

The Pap Corps raises funds for the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Chapter, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Spanish River High marks Holocaust Remembrance Day

BOCA RATON — Spanish River High School commemorated the Holocaust during Holocaust Remembrance Day Feb. 7. The program was created by Jason Jaroslavsky, sophomore at Spanish River, and sponsored by the No Place for Hate Club.

The objective was to present the Holocaust as historic fact, to promote respect for and acceptance of differences in our society, and to educate future generations to prevent genocide that unfortunately still occurs today around the world.

The program had the privilege of presenting members of the speaker bureau of the Child Survivors/Hidden Children of the Holocaust organization. The survivors are eyewitnesses who have important life stories to share and the

ability to answer questions from the students.

The program started with a speech from Cammie Abram, co-president of The No Place For Hate Club, followed by an historic presentation by Jason Jaroslavsky.

Keynote speaker Norman Frajman, president of the Child Survivors/Hidden Children of the Holocaust organization, stated: "The purpose is to emphasize the reality of what the ugliness of hate has perpetrated on innocent people and teach the lesson of embracing all people with acceptance and respect."

Judith Goldstein, a child survivor and artist, displayed her paintings during the presentation. The Spanish River Silver Sound Ensemble Band performed.

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Beth Lee Moulton Writes a Second Chapter to Life

By Skip Sheffield

It's never too late to write that novel you've always dreamed of writing. Just ask Beth Lee Moulton.

"Technology has made publishing easier than ever," declared Moulton recently at her home base of Boca Raton. "You can self-publish an e-book at virtually no cost. Because I was a librarian I love books. I wanted a real, physical book, but that is not necessary. My book has been downloaded in 20 countries and 35 states."

The book is "Until Brazil," published last November by The Glide Press, which was created expressly as an outlet for Moulton and other aspiring writers. The Glide Press is a creation of Moulton and her husband Oscar Robins, who is her partner in an international business consulting firm.

In the works for ten years, "Until Brazil" is what Moulton calls "autobiographic fiction." In other words certain names, dates and places have

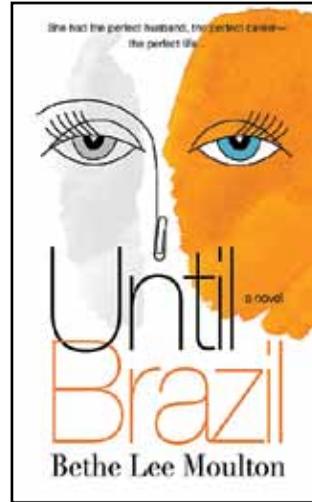
been changed to "protect the innocent."

Moulton had a safe, staid existence as a biologist and medical librarian, living with her doctor-husband in Marblehead, Mass. Beth was close to her sister, whose husband was good friends with her husband. The couple often went sailing and dined together. It was a preppy dream. As it says on her book's cover, "She had the perfect husband, the perfect career- the perfect life... Until Brazil."

It was the mid-1980s and the world was in the throes of tumultuous change. Moulton's academic degrees include a Harvard MBA, and because of her brains and technological expertise she was offered the challenge to serve as an American consultant to a multi-national corporation in Brazil to tap into her Yankee know-how. Her husband and her sister thought she was off her rocker to even consider such an offer. For starters Moulton did not speak Portu-

guese, the language of Brazil. In fact she had never been outside the USA.

And so Moulton took a wild leap out of her comfort zone. She accepted a six-



month assignment to Sao Paulo as the only woman on the Brazilian staff of a multinational company she calls Bom Fam. To say it was a life-changing experience is an understatement. Even on the flight to Rio Moulton, who

calls her protagonist Beth, began to awaken to new possibilities. Brazil would not only be a professional leap forward; it would be a dawning on real passion, deep love and a newfound sensuality.

You could call "Until Brazil" a "romance novel," but it is more than that. It is a story about the radical changes in the international business world. It explores and defines the mystery of business "consultants" and what they do to earn so much money.

"For Oscar without you there is no story," reads the dedication to "Until Brazil."

Oscar is Oscar Robins, Moulton's husband of 14 years. He is the Argentine Latin lover who awakened Beth to the real woman buried and deeply repressed. "Until Brazil" is a tale of her sexual and intellectual liberation.

"The book is fiction, but it is based on fact," admits Moulton. "All the characters are based on personal experience, but certain names and

details have been changed. It's also a story of achieving freedom. I was very naïve when I embarked on this adventure. Now Oscar and I are at home in the international business world. Diversity is what you find in multi-national corporations."

Moulton and Robins earn their bread and butter as business consultants; trouble-shooters if you will.

"When a CEO faces a difficult decision, often a consultant is called to help make that decision," explains Robins. "They need someone objective. That's where we come in. Change can be painful and difficult especially during mergers, but it has to come about to ensure survival."

Moulton and Robins call Boca Raton their "pied a terre." They also have a home in Boston and one in Buenos Aires.

As part of her promotion of "Until Brazil," Moulton encourages others to follow their dream of authorship. She is currently considering having



Beth Lee Moulton and Oscar Robins

"Until Brazil" translated into both Portuguese and Spanish. She can be contacted at www.untilbrazil.com or 561-574-8876.

"Self-publishing used to have a stigma attached," admits Moulton. "Now it is called independent publishing; not unlike independent films produced outside the studio system. I don't expect this book to become a best-seller, but for me it is a success because it proved I can do it. My only regret is hurting some people from my past through no fault of their own."

Boca High School Drama Department presents 'Crazy for You'

BOCA RATON — The award-winning Boca Raton Community High School Drama Department will present its 2012 spring musical, *Crazy for You*, March 1-3 at 7 p.m. and March 3 and 4 at 2 p.m.

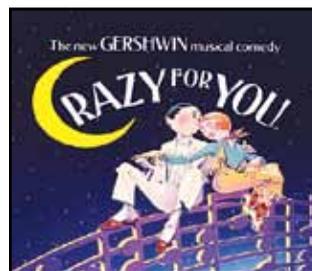
This Gershwin favorite is the perfect example of the big American musical, complete with spectacular tap numbers, a terrific musical score and outrageous humor.

The plot revolves around the adventures of a stage-struck New York City playboy in a Nevada mining town — where romance, mistaken

identities, and show-stopping musical numbers all add up to irresistible fun.

Winner of three 1992 Tony® Awards, including Best Musical, this comedy is filled with high-energy singing and dancing, and hilarious plot twists. The classic score contains such memorable Gershwin songs as "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," and "Someone to Watch over Me."

Tickets are \$8 in advance (before February 29, 2012) and \$12 after February 29. There is open seating in the Kathryn Lindgren Theatre with the



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Boca woman honored as an outstanding school volunteer

The 2012 Outstanding School Volunteers have been named by the Florida Department of Education in recognition of their exemplary dedication and commitment to quality education in Florida.

They include Kendra Palumbo from Eagles Landing Middle School and Del Prado Elementary in Boca Raton as the Florida Outstanding Adult Volunteer of the Year. Keli Hodges, a sophomore at the Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. School of the Arts, is the Florida Outstanding Youth Volunteer of the Year.

The winners were selected based on the number of volunteer hours of ser-



Kendra Palumbo

vice, years of service, and a unique contribution or characteristic of their services.

The award recognizes a youth, adult and senior volunteer in each of Florida's five reporting regions.

"We congratulate Keli and Kendra on receiving this statewide recognition and thank all of our 38,000 volunteers for their valuable service to our students and schools," said School District Volunteer Coordinator Debi Efen.

Kendra Palumbo serves on both Eagles Landing Middle School and Del Prado Elementary's SAC committees and plans and implements Teacher Appreciation Week for both. She also assists in the media centers at each school and successfully writes grants to increase funding within the classrooms at both schools.

Since the beginning of this school year, she has logged close to 1,680 hours for her work at both schools. In addition, Kendra volunteers as a support coach for Del Prado's Math Academic games team, Linguistics Academic games team, Social Studies Academic games team, and for the Brain Bowl for SECME.

At Eagles Landing, Kendra is the president of the PTSA. She is also part of the copy/laminating team four hours per week. She works on fundraising, even chairing an auction at both schools this year. She volun-

teers on all professional development and teacher work days to provide staff with food and volunteers for all diagnostic and FCAT testing days.

In addition, this outstanding volunteer lends her support to several community outreach programs such as Food for Families.

Keli Hodges began her volunteer service while she was at Bak Middle School



Keli Hodges

of the Arts when she and her older brother founded Students Supporting Other Students (SSOS). SSOS, now a service club at Dreyfoos, provides students in need with uniforms, summer reading books, school supplies, clothes, and lunch money as well as support with their mathematics, science and language classes.

Keli is also a member of the American Sign Language Club, Speech and Debate Club and the International Thespian Society.

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This past Sunday night, my wife and I sat down in front of the TV about 9 o'clock to watch the premier episode of this season's "Celebrity Apprentice" featuring Donald Trump.

This time, it was a little different. As we watched The Donald walk into his famous boardroom to meet the celebs, we were actually seeing a familiar face – that of Donald Trump.

You see, just two evenings earlier, we attended a cocktail reception for the American Heart Association held at the Mar-a-Lago Club, Trump's Palm Beach home and the historic edifice built decades ago for Marjorie Merriweather Post, founder of the Post Cereal Company and at one time the richest woman in the US.

I wasn't sure Mr. Trump would be there. After all, he does seem to spend most of his time in New York City. And I thought that with the "Celebrity Apprentice" premiering this past weekend, he might be tending to business in the Big Apple.

But as we were waiting in the line by the registration table, we saw a tall man walk past. We looked at him – and then we looked at each other. Yes, indeed. Mr. Trump was in the building.

They ushered us out to the area by the pool where the tuxedoed and evening gowned crowd was enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres. We had a chance to look back over the house that Post built – a massive structure with a huge tower and the famous American flag flying out front. I think it's the same one that caused some concern between Trump and the town of Palm Beach because it was larger than what was allowed by local ordinances.

Trying to describe Mar-a-Lago in words is pretty tough, even for those of us schooled in writing. I know Trump has put a lot of money into the place to bring back its original charm and beauty.

Actually, we were surprised that Trump was on hand and that Burt Reynolds was nowhere in sight.

The news release from the Heart Association said Reynolds was the honorary ambassador for the event.

As we stood by the pool, we wondered if Mr. Trump was going to join everyone at dinner. When we got back to the dining room, we, indeed, saw him with a large crowd of people looking to be photographed with him. I managed to squeeze off a photo of him with Mrs. Palm Beach Cynthia Griner after handing him my business card. (My wife said he did read it.)

Early in the dinner, after he pledged \$50,000 to the Heart Association, Trump left with someone that appeared to be his bodyguard. We didn't see him again.

I guess we'll have to be content with Sunday evening presentations of "Celebrity Apprentice" for the rest of the season.

Actually, I would like to see Mr. Trump again because I think he should make the rules of "Celebrity Apprentice" fairer.

In the first program,

the two teams – the men and the woman – were assigned the task of making and selling sandwiches. The team that brought in the most money would be declared the winner.

So we watched as the teams worked feverishly. And in the end, the men's team won, selling some \$400,000 worth of sandwiches to more than \$100,000 for the women.

But the project manager for the men's team said that an anonymous donor paid \$305,000 for one sandwich. Had that person not helped out, the men would have lost.

Putting it another way, the men only had to sell that one sandwich to the rich guy to beat the women handily. So, is this really a competition or just a bunch of people tapping rich friends?

Mr. Trump, if you're reading this, I hope you understand I'm trying to suggest an improvement in the show. Let's see a little more competitiveness and a lot less dependence of good ol' rich boys.

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Hi Guys,

I wanted say thanks. You guys always give NCCI great coverage and we appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Aileen, Carroll
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To the Editor:

The story on the recent dog rescue and the AMAZING job that the Tri County Humane Society and its supporters and partners have done is wonderful. We are PROUD that our show [Talk of the Town] supports this organization, and we will continue to do so. Jeannette Christos, we know you are watching and smiling down on all the people who are working to continue your legacy!

Sincerely,
Jacqui Wyatt
Director of Marketing
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To the Editor:

Over 500 guests flocked to the YMCA of South Palm Beach County's 10th Annual Prayer Breakfast on February 9 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club to see keynote speaker and daytime TV celebrity, Regis Philbin. In keeping with the mission of the YMCA, Regis spoke to the importance of helping children to find their way in the world and shared personal anecdotes of his own struggles and successes. Philbin's talk ended with a standing ovation and was followed by VIP book signing for sponsors and donors where he shook hands, took photos and continued to charm his adoring audience.

Sincerely,
Alexia Savage
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THOUGHTS FROM THE PUBLISHER

By Douglas Heizer

Due Diligence Rewards Sincere Seekers

By Robert Tamasy

In the business and professional world, we often hear the term “due diligence” describing the process used prior to making important decisions. For instance, when seeking a new leader, companies will perform due diligence to find the best candidate. Before introducing a new product or service, a business does due diligence to evaluate consumer interest, competition, product placement, and marketing.

When looking to add a key individual to the staff, due diligence is in order to ensure the right person is selected: skills, expertise, experience, values, motivation, proper fit with other members of the team.

As individuals, when thinking about a significant vocational change, we are well-advised to do our own due diligence – studying opportunities in the job market; the quality of organizations we are considering to become our employer; whether a job offer represents an opportunity to advance our career; and perhaps most important, if we intend to change jobs, what do we really want to do. Do we want to do the same thing we have been doing, only somewhere else? Or is it time to take a totally new career path?

Research often makes up a large portion of due diligence, and today such information is more available than ever. Through technology – especially the Internet and social media – necessary data can be obtained in minutes instead of days or weeks. We have greater resources than ever for making the right decisions. But often we forget or neglect one important source – the wisdom of God.

Sometimes, despite our best efforts and “due diligence,” the best choice remains unclear. At such times it would be advisable to do as the Bible’s New Testament recommends: “If any of you lack wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him” (James 1:5).

When perplexed and faced with a difficult decision, it has been my practice to pray, asking God for wisdom and necessary insight to ensure that I do not decide in error. Through the years, I have met many leaders that have made the determination, “God is the owner of my business,” so it made sense to them to seek His wisdom for their day-to-day decision-making.

However, there is an important “qualification” to seeking God’s

wisdom. We find it in the following verse: “But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does” (James 1:6-7).

As I have thought about it, in light of all the many decisions that we confront each day, there is one decision that transcends them all: Whether we will sincerely seek to live for God, not only privately but also professionally. Thousands of years ago, the Israelite leader Joshua made this declaration: “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15). Have you made the same determination?

If not, due diligence again is merited. Such a decision, certainly, should not be taken lightly. We would do well to follow the example of spiritual seekers in the ancient city of Berea. In the New Testament, we are told, “the Bereans...searched the Scriptures to see if what Paul (the apostle) said was true” (Acts 17:11). In my experience, such searching has always confirmed and strengthened my trust in God.



POSITIVE LIVING

By Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr.

Please Answer My Question!

Every inquiry one person directs to another, is made with the expectation of a timely reply. Yes and No are very legitimate responses to myriads of questions raised. The disturbing problem is that for many individuals, offering a mere acknowledgment of a question asked, is apparently too great a sacrifice to make; an oral answer is also a non-existent sound ever proceeding from them!

Some people appear unwilling or incapable of replying, even to most simple questions, whether they happen to be physically absent from the inquirer, or in very close proximity. Occurrences of this nature take place whether the other person is a relative, a close friend, or just a mere acquaintance.

Nevertheless, this is an inexcusable attitude, especially nowadays! The availability of telephones, e-mails, and other means of fast, efficient communication, eliminates those ready-made justifications!

A question is customarily raised because people need an answer which they believe you are able to provide. For this reason, it’s always the proper and polite attitude to get back in a prompt fashion to those who seek you out with a query. This little favour, if provided, can go a long way in helping the questioner!

Sometimes, the honest answer you present may be a simple “I don’t know,” or “I can’t help you on this matter.” There are situations also when you can say, “I don’t have the answer you’re after right now.” This is preferred to total silence on your part, as if no request had been ever made to you! The quicker you respond, the better!

An important factor to remember is that a simple, adequate acknowledgment be swiftly offered to any inquiry, even if that is simply to inform the inquirer that you are unable to give any answer at all, or it will take some time before you are able to help!

Ignoring, in this context, is never the right way to follow. Such action won’t make the question disappear. On the contrary, it will elicit unpleasant thoughts in the mind of the one who had sought you out; those may be questions regarding your character, your politeness, your reliability, among other issues.

The situation can be magnified when you promise a reply by a certain date, but you allow personal neglect, procrastination, or total forgetfulness to prevent your answer from ever being made, as promised!

Good communication among persons is not a mere exchange of words and thoughts between them. It also entails a continued conversation as issues are amplified, added information is provided, leaving the doors further open for more discussion, as related issues are also brought in to throw additional light on the subject in question!

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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YMCA of South Palm Beach County to Celebrate Healthy Kids Day

BOCA RATON – The YMCA of South Palm Beach County will celebrate Healthy Kids Day Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Peter Blum Family YMCA of Boca Raton and the HYPERLINK “<http://www.ymcaspbc.org/Branches/DeVosBlumFamilyYMCAofBoyntonBeach.aspx>” \t “_blank” DeVos-Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach

Healthy Kids Day is the nation’s largest health day for kids. It will encourage kids and parents to commit to keeping the body and mind active, now and throughout the summer.

This free community event will offer fun activities for families as well as educational opportunities to learn how to improve overall health and well-being.

Attendees will also have

the chance to win prizes and giveaways. Plus, the joiner’s fee will be waived for new members who sign up on Healthy Kids Day.

Each event is preceded by a family fun run starting at 7:30 a.m. in Boca and 9 a.m. in Boynton. For additional information, call the Boca Raton Branch at 800.798.4531 or the Boynton Beach Branch at 800.903.1814 or visit www.ymcaspbc.org.

American Heart Association holds 57th annual ball at Mar-a-Lago

Story, photos by
Dale M. King

PALM BEACH – Real estate mogul and TV personality Donald Trump welcomed hundreds of guests to his Mar-a-Lago Club Saturday, Feb. 17, for the American Heart Association’s 57th Annual Palm Beach Heart Ball. The elegant black-tie affair celebrated the association’s global achievements in cardiovascular research, science and medicine.

Paula Butler was chairman of the gala; Patrick Park was honorary chairman and Burt Reynolds was honorary ambassador.

The evening began with a sophisticated cock-



From left are David Brodie, Laura Star and Charlie Bianco.

tail reception followed by dinner, with floral décor by Bruce Sutka, inspired by the theme, “Gardens for the Heart.”

The remainder of the event included a live auction featuring auctioneer

Neil Saffer of Boca Raton. Trump pledged \$50,000 to the heart association from his table. Dancing following to melodies provided by Alex Donner and his orchestra.

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Municipal News

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Boca City Council Candidates Clash on Tax Hikes, Off-Campus Housing

county, but previously in Boca Raton. He said his father is a retired fire captain and his two brothers are also in the fire rescue service.

He stressed his efforts to bring transparency to government. He looked at the crowd and said, "This is what the City Council room should look like."

The incumbent also tried to defuse the idea he is often the sole "no" vote among council members, particularly on development projects. He said the panel took 541 votes in the past three years – and Majhess cast a "nay" only 13 times. Two

involved the installation of traffic light runner cameras and six were decisions on installing parking meters. The other five were "not for development," he said.

Chapman said he also would have voted against the red light cameras and parking meters. This led Majhess to ask why his foe has the support of the mayor and the other three council members when all of them voted in favor of the cameras and the meters.

Chapman took a strong stand on government corruption, saying, "I don't think any-

one in particular is corrupt. But when I see corruption, I take it very, very seriously. No one can own me or tell me what to do."

On that same topic, Majhess said he has seen actions by municipal leaders that were "not illegal, just bad government."

With that topic still in mind, Chapman took a shot at the council's decision to hire an additional city attorney this year despite efforts to keep the city budget lean. "We don't need another attorney," he stressed.

Majhess countered that the lawyer was added to assist the city attorney with the county

Inspector General's oversight of city officials' behavior.

While he lambasted the hiring of the additional attorney, Chapman did say the city should take on "a person dedicated to economic development. We don't like red light cameras and parking meters. We do like it when people move in and get jobs. An economic development director is necessary."

The pair also clashed on a recent council decision to allow a development of off-campus university housing on 20th Street. Majhess cast the only "no" among council members,



Seat D City Council candidates Anthony Majhess, the incumbent (left) and Frank Chapman.

saying he sided with city staff's recommendation to deny it. Also, he said, Florida Atlantic University "practically begged us not to pass it."

Chapman took the other side, saying the housing "will be a great part of the community. These kids need a place to live."

Applications for 64 FAU Medical School Spots Double to 3,000

BOCA RATON – Florida Atlantic University's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine has closed its application process for the second round of admissions to its new medical school starting in the fall of 2012.

But not before receiving nearly applications from nearly 3,000 prospective students in Florida and throughout the country for 64 positions in its next class, doubling the number of applications received

from the previous year for the inaugural class.

"Our new medical school has an incredible combination of advantages that we are able to provide to our current students as well as prospective students," said Dr. David J. Bjorkman, M.D., M.S.P.H., the new dean of FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

Demographics of the applicants show that 57 percent are Florida residents (nearly half of these

applicants are from South Florida – Broward, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties) and 43 percent are from out-of-state. Fifty-four percent are male and 46 percent are female. Qualified students from groups currently underrepresented in medicine are included in the applicant pool—21 percent are Asian/Asian Indian; 16 percent are Hispanic and 13 percent are African/American.

"The near doubling of

applications we have received this year is a testament to the popularity and desirability of the innovative educational program we have put in place at the College of Medicine," said Robert Hinkley, Ph.D., associate dean for admissions in FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

"The academic credentials and personal accomplishments of the members of our first class admitted in 2011 were

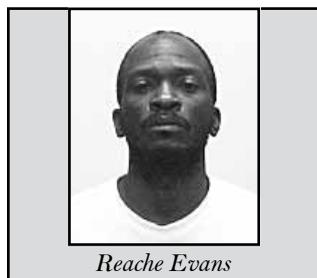
competitive with those of classes admitted to older, more established medical schools and our second class promises to exceed our first class."

One of America's newest medical schools, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at FAU welcomed its inaugural class of 64 students in August 2011. A key component of the innovative curriculum is early exposure to patients and the actual practice of medicine.

To that end, the college has established relationships with several prominent area hospitals that are serving as sites for clerkships, hospital-based electives and residencies.

During clinical trainings, students have the opportunity to work side-by-side with physicians in the diagnosis and treatment of patients, applying knowledge learned from the first two years of study to real-life situations.

DNA links suspect to 2011 robbery in Boca Raton



BOCA RATON – Police arrested a Boca Raton man after DNA evidence linked him to a September, 2011, home invasion, a report said.

Reache J. Evans, 36, was charged with home invasion robbery without a weapon.

Police said the crime oc-

curred Sept. 7, 2011. The victim had just returned home from shopping and pulled her car into the garage on SW 12th Road. As she got out of her car, a male walked into her garage, mumbled something, and then grabbed the purse she

was carrying. After a brief struggle, the purse strap broke and the suspect ran away with it. The victim was not injured.

Boca Raton Police Crime Scene Technicians processed the scene and collected evidence from the exterior of

the victim's car. The evidence was sent to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office crime lab for DNA analysis. On February 7, 2012 Boca Raton Police detectives received a letter from the CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) administrator

stating the DNA from the exterior of the car matched Reache Evans.

Detectives contacted the woman and showed her a photo line-up. She picked Evans out of the line-up and identified him as the robber.

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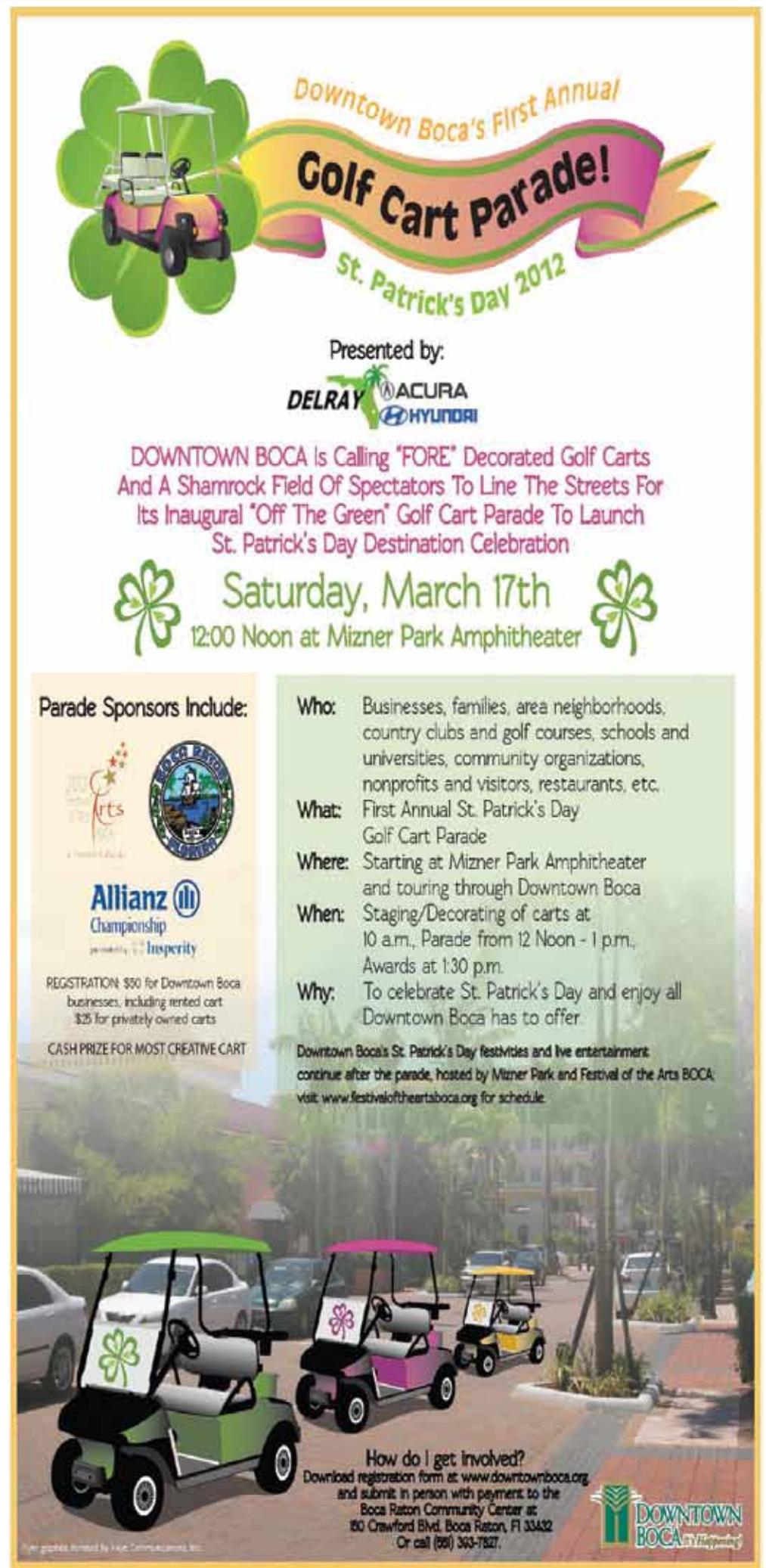
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When: Staging/Decorating of carts at 10 a.m., Parade from 12 Noon - 1 p.m., Awards at 1:30 p.m.
Why: To celebrate St. Patrick's Day and enjoy all Downtown Boca has to offer

Downtown Boca's St. Patrick's Day festivities and live entertainment continue after the parade, hosted by Mizner Park and Festival of the Arts BOCA visit: www.festivaloftheartsboca.org for schedule.



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A Cornucopia of Cars in Boca Raton

By Skip Sheffield

It will be a car fancier's delight this weekend in Boca Raton, with two major automotive events occurring simultaneously.

The sixth annual Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance presented by Mercedes-Benz kicks off Friday, Feb. 24 with a DuPont Registry Hangar Party 6-9 p.m. at Boca Raton Airport.

Special guests are Arthur E. Benjamin, founder of American Dog Rescue; Tiny Tim, the "miracle Shih Tzu" and Brande Roderick Playboy's 2001 Playmate of the year. Tickets for the party only are \$50.

The action moves to Boca Raton Resort and Club Saturday with a gala dinner headlined by comedian Dana Garvey. Tickets are \$500 and \$1,000 premier, to benefit Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County. The price includes admittance to the Hangar Party and the Concours.

For pure car-lovers, the main event is the Concours itself, held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 on the Boca Raton Resort Golf Course. Tickets this year are a pricey \$50, but it is for a good cause.

Call 954-537-1010 or 888-302-5439 or visit www.bocaCDE.com.

Milhous Collection Goes Under the Gavel

Speaking of pricey, the Milhous brothers Bob and Paul amassed one of the finest small collections of

vintage and exotic cars and antique musical devices in America over 50 years of collecting.

The Milhous brothers have always been generous to non-profit organizations who want to stage fundraising events at the Milhous Museum in Boca Raton. I attended several of these functions, and I can attest to the level of excellence of the vehicles and artifacts.

Now that era is coming to an end. The Milhous Collection will be auctioned off piece-by-piece to the highest bidders this Friday and Saturday by RM Auctions of Toronto.

RM Auctions has been



Dana Garvey

advertising the event worldwide in high-end automotive publications. This is not an event for tire-kickers. The catalog, which gains one admission, is \$120. Call 800-211-4571 or go to rmauctions.com/Milhous for more information.

Caldwell Theatre Keeps on "Working"

The show is going on at Caldwell Theatre Company, despite the fact the company is seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The show is Studs Terkel's "Working," with music by Stephen Schwartz ("Wicked") and Lin Manuel Miranda ("In the Heights"). Previews begin this Sun-

day and opening night is next Friday, March 2. The all-Florida cast includes Melissa Minyard, Barry Tarallo, Jim Ballard, Laura Hodos, Kareema Kouri and Michael Focas led by guest director Caryl Fantel ("Vices: A Love Story").

Tickets are \$27-\$50. Call 561-241-7432 or go to www.caldwelltheatrecompany.com.

"Billy Elliot: The Musical" at Broward Center

The Broadway hit "Billy Elliott: The Musical" opens Wednesday, Feb. 29 and runs through March 11 at Broward Center for the Arts. Among its more than 80 awards are Best Musical, Best Direction of a Musical, Best Book of a

Musical and Best Choreography Tony Awards.

Tickets start at \$29.25. Call 954-462-0222 or go to www.browardcenter.org.

Kathleen Turner in "High"

Oh that voice. Sultry-voiced film and stage star Kathleen Turner plays a nun, of all things in "High," opening Feb. 29 and running through March 4 at Parker Playhouse in Fort Lauderdale.

Turner is Sister Jamison Connelly, a rehabilitation counselor who agrees to sponsor a 19-year-old drug-user (Cody Randall) and finds her faith tested in the process. Tickets are \$35-\$55. Call 954-462-0222.



ENTERTAINMENT

Children of the Holocaust are integral part of 'La Rafle'

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AS SEEN BY FEEN

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Local Art Gallery and Renowned Sculptor Raise \$1,100 for the American Cancer Society's R.O.C.K. Camp

Collectors and fans from around the world traveled to meet Tim "Frogman" Cotterill, internationally renowned sculptor and celebrity favorite, at Pavo Real Gallery the weekend of Feb. 10th.

"Frogman" unveiled

two limited edition frogs, showcased several of his extremely rare and early works in a silent auction and autographed sculptures for fans.

In addition, the weekend events celebrated the 17th anniversary of Pavo Real showcasing Frog-

man's art while raising \$1,100 to support the American Cancer Society's R.O.C.K. Camp, a program that sends children with cancer to a very special summer camp at the Boggy Creek Camp Facility in Eustis, Fla.

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Boca Raton Woman's Club Hosts "Honor Your Doctor" Luncheon

Photo and text by Barbara McCormick

BOCA RATON – The GFWC Boca Raton Women's Club will celebrate National Doctor's Day at the 14th Annual "Honor Your Doctor" Luncheon on March 7, 11:30 am, at the Boca West Country Club. Luncheon proceeds benefit the Helen M. Babione Medical Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarship assistance for students enrolled in medical studies at Florida Atlantic University, Lynn University and Palm Beach State College. Area doctors will be special guests at the popular affair.

Pat Thomas has been named honorary chairperson. Event chairperson is once again Janice Williams. Co-chairs are Betty Pepper and Joan Weidenfeld. Honorary



Janice Williams, event chairperson with Dr. Philip R. Oranburg, honorary physician advisor.

physician advisor is Dr. Philip R. Oranburg with honorary advisors Helen M. Babione and Patti Carpenter.

Tickets are \$65 per guest. For information and reservations please call: Janice Williams: 561-767-6825 or Betty Pepper: 561-416-5007

Or visit the website at

www.gfwc-boca.org.

Founded in 1964, The GFWC Boca Raton Woman's Club is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, one of the world's oldest and largest nonpartisan, non-denominational, women's volunteer service organizations.

February 12 event at the Addison

Sunday morning, February 12 at The Addison 1400 S. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton Rabbi Ruvi New of Chabad East Boca spoke about his project, The Boca Beach Jewish Center at 770 E. Palmetto Park Rd. Funds were also raised for the Diskin Orphan Home in Jerusalem.

The event was a private reception, with Special Guests Speaker Mr. Daniel Ayalon, the present Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel & Former Ambassador of Israel to Washington, D.C. and The Consul General of Israel and Puerto Rico, Chaim Sham.

The Foreign Minister will be discussed the current situation in the Middle East in relation to Israel's safety and security. He also addressed what the future holds in terms of Israel's Diplomatic relationship and the looming threat of a nuclear weaponized Iran. *see pics pg.17*

Allen West Honored President's Day, Speaking to the Boca Raton Republican Club

Allen West honored President's Day by speaking to members of the Boca Raton Republican Club at an elegant

dinner in Boca Raton Monday. He spent the evening visiting with members of the club, for which he serves as

a board member, posing for photos, and listening to the praises and concerns of his constituents. *see pics pg.17*

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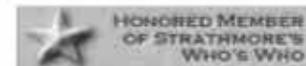
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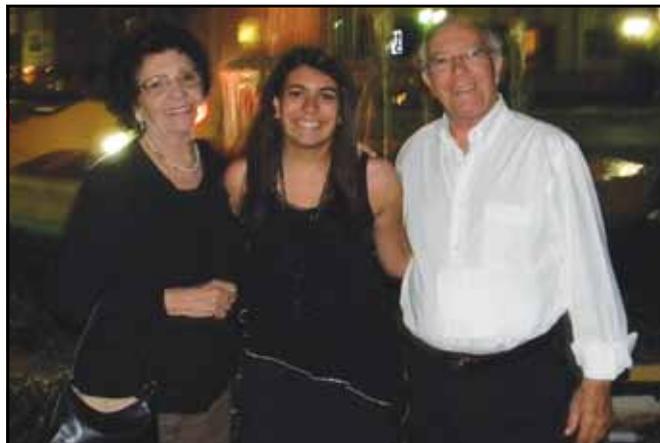
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Gabriela Heizer 15th birthday

Gabriela Heizer celebrate her 15th birthday with two parties: The first one with the family at Caruso Restaurant. Grat dinner , thank you for Gina Caruso and the fabulous team! Next week we will have some pictures for the party with her friends at home. This year was a special celebration because Grampa and Grama come from Brazil to celebrate with her. Happy Birthday Gabby!



Gabriela with grandparenst Jose and Elza.



Gabriela with cousins and brothers.



The family together.

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American Heart Association holds 57th annual ball at Mar-a-Lago



Neil Saffer and wife, Tricia, of Boca Raton, are shown by the pool at Mar-a-Lago.



Boca Raton Tribune Managing Editor Dale King and wife, Julia Hebert, also near the pool at Mar-a-Lago.



Patsy Spero.



Host Donald Trump with Mrs. Palm Beach, Cynthia Griner.



From left are Tom Bishop, Mark Bradshaw and Carlos Landrau.



Lois Pope, widow of former National Enquirer owner Generoso Pope.

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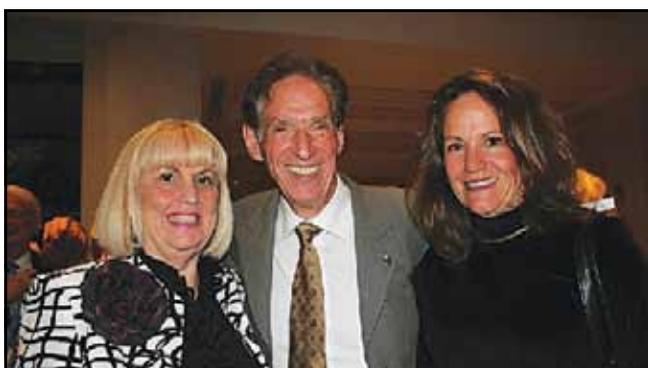
SPOTLIGHT

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Allen West Honored President's Day, Speaking to the Boca Raton Republican Club



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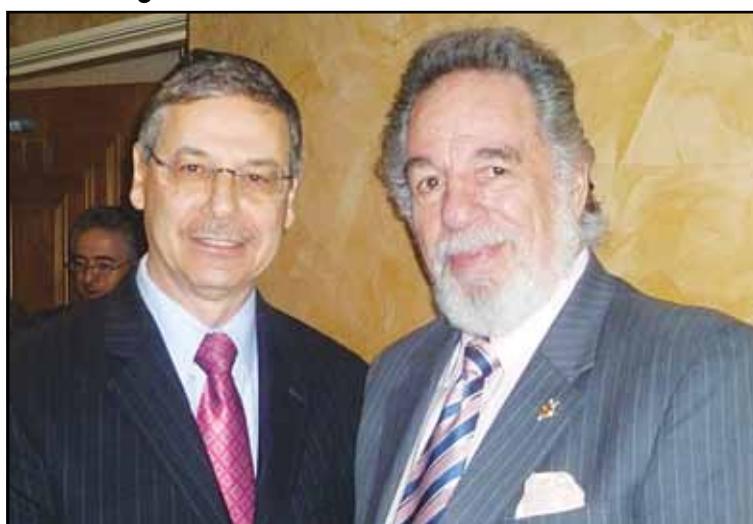
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February 12 event at the Addison



Danny Ayalon and Yaacov Heller.



Chaim Shacham, Consul General of Israel.

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Local Art Gallery and Renowned Sculptor Raise \$1,100 for the American Cancer Society's R.O.C.K. Camp



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Tim Cotterill, Dawn Risko and Louis DeStefano.



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FOOD REVIEW

By Marc Kent

Café De France is now Carpe Diem in Delray Beach



On October of 2010 we did a mini review of Café De France at 110 East Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach and sampled a bit of their fare.

The French onion soup has a true taste, light yet full bodied with lots of onion and a nice cheese topping. The soup Du Jour was a simple vegetable puree. The Caesar salad and house salad had fine taste, properly prepared. The escar-got had very light garlic and oil.

This January of 2012 we returned to a new name and an updated menu. We assume both soups and salad are as before – not tasted or tested by us, sorry – management limited us on what we could taste. The current menu lists 5 cold and 8 hot appetizers including our old sampling. We can offer no report on the warm cheese bruschetta, foie gras, cheese ravioli, mushroom risotto or mussels marrinieres to offer, nor the to-

mato mozzarella, smoked salmon marinated, cheese platter or selection of fresh cut meats.

3 flatbreads and 5 small salads are featured plus 4 entree salads including foie gras, salmon and brie, shrimp and goat or chevre chaud-unable to comment on any of these.

Some 10 items listed as “Field and Farm” include coq au vin stewed in burgundy wine sauce, duck orange with grand marnier sauce and braised lamb shank with rosemary, garlic, tomatoes and red wine sauce-nice sized portions with sides of potato au gratin and zucchini/yellow squash medley. Unfortunately, each sauce overpowered the dish it covered to obscure the basic taste of the chicken, the duck and the lamb. While they have 8 items listed as “From the Sea” we were unable to sample any. Ditto for the savory crepes, risotto selection or the 6 pastas on their

menu.

Carpe Diem has a wine list of reds and whites, many available by glass as well as bottle. Pricing is in line for an upscale establishment.

There is a menu “Epicurien” at reduced pricing that has 5 appetizers, 13 entrees and 4 dessert offerings.

We did have the opportunity to sample these desserts and happy to report a fine chocolate coated poached pear, profiteroles with melted chocolate, a chocolate fondant with a rich core and a standard crème brulee.

We note they have a 2 for 1 Happy Hour from 4:30 PM to 6:15PM plus-after 5PM- \$5.00 appetizers, some 10 to choose from.

Seating 45 inside and 65 outside, Carpe Diem is open 7 days – Monday thru Friday from 11AM to 11PM, Saturday and Sunday from 9AM to 11PM. They suggest reservations- 561-455-2140.

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ENTERTAINMENT

By Skip Sheffield

Children of the Holocaust are integral part of 'La Rafle'

"La Rafle" is a new film at FAU's Living Room Theaters. It is of special interest to students of the Holocaust and French history. "La Rafle" tells the horrific story of the roundup of the Jews of Paris in the summer of 1942.

While "La Rafle" ("The Roundup") is a work of fiction, written and directed by Rose Bosch, it is based on real events and real characters. It shares a similar subject matter with "Sarah's Key," but what makes this film so poignant is that it is told from the point of view of the innocent children of the roundup.

In June of 1942 Adolph Hitler was reaching the peak of his anti-Semitic hatred and his own megalomania. Hitler insisted on nothing short of the extermination of all Jews in German-occupied Europe. The most despicable part of



Hugo Leverdez as Jo (left center) in "La Rafle"

Through his eyes we see the increasing discrimination and persecution of Jews up to the fateful day of July 16, 1942 when the roundup herded Jews to a large bicycle stadium where they would await shipment to the extermination camps to the east.

The heroes of this story are the Jewish Dr. David Sheinbaum (Jean Reno) and a Chris-

Room Theaters is "Thin Ice." Greg Kinnear usually plays likeable good guys. Not this time.

Kinnear is Mickey Prohaska, a desperate, dishonest insurance agent in the frosty climes of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Mickey is separated from his wife Jo Ann (Lea Thompson) and we can see why. He is not honest or faithful.

Mickey is always on the lookout for easy money. When he tries to sell an insurance policy to a gullible old man (Alan Arkin), he spots what he thinks could be a valuable old violin.

"Borrowing" money from his estranged wife's bank account is the first step into a web of deceit. Soon Mickey will be dealing with a volatile ex-con locksmith known as Randy (Billy Crudup), a Chicago violin collector (Bob Balaban), a dead body and more trouble than Mickey has ever known.

"Thin Ice" is a classic con and double-cross tale, written by Jill Sprecher, who also directs, and Karen Sprecher. Though terrible things happen to the characters it is also absurdly funny in an inky dark way. It's good to see Greg Kinnear testing his wings on darker, edgier material. Mickey's growing panic is convincing yet oh so well-deserved.

Three stars



Greg Kinnear and Alan Arkin in "Thin Ice"

the story is the way the French military and Paris police cooperated with Nazi murderers.

French Jews could not conceive they would be betrayed by their own government. There was some resistance from compassionate French gentiles. Of the 23,000 Jews of Paris, 10,000 disappeared immediately into the protection of French sympathizers.

Joseph "Jo" Weismann (Hugo Leverdez) is an 11-year-old Jewish boy more clever and resourceful than most.

tian Red Cross nurse, Annette Monod (Melanie Laurent).

Of the 13,000 Jews crammed into the Velodrome D'Hiver, only 25 were known to survive. This film tells the story of one of them. While it depicts the darkest, most vile, despicable part of human behavior, ultimately it offers the hope of survival against all odds.

Three and a half stars

"Thin Ice" playing at Living Room Theaters.

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AS SEEN BY FEEN

By Diane Feen

Madeleine Albright Comes to Town

To many of us, being an American citizen is something we take for granted. But to former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright it was one of the most important things that ever happened to her. "When I was 11-years-old we came to America. I spoke English, but not American so I read comic books because I wanted to fit in."

That was just one of the amusing anecdotes that Albright brought with her when she stepped onto the stage at FAU last week. Her appearance, which lends credence to the new state of intellectual enlightenment in our midst, was quite a big deal. The Carol and Barry Kaye Auditorium was filled to the brim with students, seniors and everyone in between. And, the event had a bit of the same buzz you might find at a Knicks game (almost).

Albright broke many barriers in her years on the political scene - she was the first female Secretary of State - and was able to pull off what has been called brooch diplomacy. In 1994 Saddam Hussein referred to Albright (who was the U.S. Ambassador to the UN) as an "unparalleled serpent." So the female diplomat - with the arsenal of smarts and accessories - showed up for a meeting on Iraq wearing a gold snake pin with a small dangling diamond.

She used her signature brooch diplomacy again when she discovered that Russian officials had electronically bugged a conference room down the hall from her office. When it came time to meet with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, Albright wore an oversized bug pin on her dress.

But, if the apple does not fall from the tree then Albright is a chip off the old block. "My mom was a bit nuts, she read palms. And my father was so old school he went fishing in a coat and a tie and followed me around when I had a date. I guess you could imagine I



did not have a lot of dates," said the petite woman with the very large treasure chest of international savvy.

Albright also said there is a current crisis of confidence in institutions, but went on to extol the virtues of FAU and its presence as a world class college. She also warned that government is not the enemy, but "a reflection of who we are as a people. Reality in the world is constantly changing and we must make changes to compete in a global workplace."

She went on to say that we must create jobs at home and sell more to foreign countries. "Economic development is important for the many, not just for the few. There must be a willingness of politicians to put aside politics for the good of others."

For local Boca resident (and popular man about town) Jay VanVectin, seeing the former Secretary of State was a pleasant change from the norm.

"I enjoyed Ms. Albright's wit and wisdom immensely. I particularly liked her telling us that she regularly listens to Rush Limbaugh when she is driving her car. She said she gets so mad at his insane and outrageous rants that she's amazed she hasn't crashed her car many times."

For former New Yorker (and new Boca resident) Yvonne Duncan, the sentiment was similar to that of

VanVectin's. "I really enjoyed hearing former Secretary of State Albright talk about her life and the joy she obviously took in foreign affairs (instead of hearing it from the media). She told us that from a very young age she made the block status by starting foreign affairs clubs and appointing herself as president!"

Albright was born in Czechoslovakia but fled with her family during the war to the US. Her father Josef Korbel was a member of the Czech diplomatic corps, but when they came to the US he became a professor of international relations and dean at the University of Denver. (One of his students was Condoleezza Rice.)

Albright's stunning resume includes: America's ambassador to the United Nations, a member of the National Security Council who chaired NATO's Strategic Concept Group, teacher at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, chair of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and the Partnership for a New Beginning in the Middle East. She is the author of four New York Times best selling books.

As someone who told us that she always wanted to be the "perfect daughter" one would have to say with absolute certainty that her mission has been accomplished.

Sculptor Esther Wertheimer Reluctantly Says Farewell

By Skip Sheffield

All things must pass. Internationally-acclaimed sculptor Esther Wertheimer has sold her Boca Raton winter home and is returning to Montreal permanently to be with her family.

"My son, my daughter and my grandchildren are all in Canada," Wertheimer explained. "Business has been slow here and my family is providing me with an apartment. Health care is provided in Canada too. I hate to leave Boca Raton, but I will be back." Esther Wertheimer was born in Lodz, Poland. She moved with her family to Montreal as a young child.

Young Esther showed an artistic talent at an early age. She began drawing in Canada at age 8 with encouragement from artist Alexander Berocovich. She attended L'Ecole des Beaux Art and in 1958 won a four-year scholarship to Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. From there she went to the International Academy of Austria in 1966. In 1967 Wert-



National Association of Professional Women in 2011. One of her most significant awards is the Gold Medal of Lorenzo il Magnifico and Certificate of Honor for her career and body of work at the Biennale Internazionale Dell' Arte, Florence Italy, in 2009.

"I was the only American to win a Gold Medal," Wertheimer reveals. "To be honored for my life's work and career was very gratifying."

Wertheimer began wintering in South Florida in the 1980s. Ten years ago she bought a house in Boca Raton,

I have several of her works in my Boca Raton home. Esther will be sorely missed. She is very generous to philanthropic causes and she is one heck of a wonderful dancer. The fellas will miss her."

Esther Wertheimer will be gone but not forgotten. Her works will remain on public display. There are several monumental sculptures at Royal Palm Place in Boca Raton and at least a half-dozen other Florida locations. You can see public commissions of her work all over the world, in America, Canada, Japan (She is particularly popular there with at least 10 public installations), Singapore, Shanghai, China and Australia. Her work can also be found in select galleries all over the USA. She hopes to eventually buy or rent an apartment in Boca Raton for the winters.

Boca Raton Estate Sales is having an open house sale at Wertheimer's Boca Pointe house this weekend from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 25.

"I am telling my patrons and friends that I have over \$1 million worth of art I'd like to sell before I leave for Canada," she explains. "This will be an excellent opportunity to purchase my work at a substantial discount."

For more information about Esther Wertheimer, call Boca Raton Estate Sales at 305-900-7045. She can be reached directly by calling 561-392-3503 or by going to www.ewertheimer.com or "mailto:ewertheimer@ewertheimer.com".

where she spent half the year. Wertheimer is a very social person who loves dancing and music. Her sculptures often depict these loves in graceful, flowing figures of dancers, mothers and children.

Wertheimer has countless friends in South Florida. Jan McArt, Director of Theater Arts at Lynn University, is one of her closest friends.

"Esther Wertheimer is world-class, not only woman, but as a wonderfully talented sculptor," commented McArt. "She is also a personal friend.



heimer was awarded a one-year scholarship from the Italian government to attend the Accademia di Belle Arts in Florence. She immersed herself in classical Italian art, which is still a strong influence. She is particularly fond of Dante and his tale of "Paolo and Francesca," and has created a number of works on the subject.

Wertheimer won her first gold medal for art in Italy in 1977. In the years since she has amassed a list of honors including Executive Professional Woman of the year from the






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Jeb Bush Endorses Adam Hasner for District 22 Congress seat

BOCA RATON --U.S. House candidate Adam Hasner announced that he has received the endorsement of former Florida Governor Jeb Bush.

In announcing his endorsement, Bush said the following: "I am proud to endorse my friend Adam Hasner for the U.S. House of Representatives in District 22. Adam has a passion for reform and for common-sense conservative solutions, and he will take that passion to a Washington that is certainly in need of both."

"The challenges America faces grow each and every day, and we need representatives that share Adam's commitment to principle, his dedication to government accountability and his proven record in working for his community. Adam served Palm Beach and Broward counties with distinction in the state legislature,



and I know he will continue to do so in the U.S. House."

Hasner responded, "I am deeply honored by the support and endorsement of my friend Governor Jeb Bush. He stands as one of the greatest governors of our time for good reason: his passion for education, his commitment to reform, and his record of fostering economic growth is second to none. I am proud to have Jeb on my side in the race ahead."

Delray couple killed in crash at Atlantic Ave and El Clair Ranch Rd

DELRAY BEACH – A couple from Delray Beach died of injuries suffered in a two-car collision just after 3 p.m. Feb. 15 at Atlantic Avenue and El Clair Ranch Road, said the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

The PBSO report said the 2002 Chrysler operated by Perry Muscarnera, 87, of Waldwick Circle, Delray Beach, and a 2002 Honda Ac-

cord driven by Fredric Hayden, 18, of Haydn Drive, Boca Raton, collided at the intersection.

The report said Bette Muscarnera, 82, a passenger in Perry Muscarnera's car, was pronounced dead at the scene. Police said he died as a result of his injuries the following day. He had been taken to Delray Medical Center for treatment following the crash.

Palm Tran Adds Articulated Buses to Fleet

Palm Tran, Palm Beach County's public transportation system, recently acquired six new articulated buses from New Flyer Industries. This is the first time Palm Tran will have buses of this kind in its fleet.

Designed for crowded routes, the 61-foot long vehicles are often called "a bus and a half" because they can seat 58 passengers and are capable of carrying approximately 80 people including standing loads. Palm Tran will use these buses on its

busiest routes beginning in April.

"These buses are clearly needed based on our growing ridership and will enable us to increase capacity during these times of economic constraints without the additional operating costs of placing more buses on these routes," said Palm Tran Executive Director Chuck Cohen.

Palm Tran is planning an event in March to unveil the new buses. Mechanics and bus operators are currently in training at Palm



One of Palm Tran's new articulated buses Tran's West Palm Beach and Delray Beach facilities.

One driver killed in four-vehicle crash in West Boca on Valentine's Day

BOCA RATON – One driver was killed in a four-vehicle crash about 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Valentine's Day, at the intersection of State Road 7 and South Central Park Boulevard, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

PBSO said Billy T. Nguyen, 20, of Emperor Street, Boca Raton, was ejected from his motorcycle by the impact. The police report said he was pronounced dead at the scene by Palm Beach County Fire Rescue.

Investigators said An-

thony Gaeta, 73, of NW 30th Ave., Boca Raton, was in the center left turn lane attempting to make a U-turn and travel north on State Road 7 when Nguyen's motorcycle struck Gaeta's car.

The Gaeta vehicle was

then struck from behind by cars operated by Daniel Carrasca, 57, of Boca Gardens Parkway, Boca Raton, and Jeffery S. Beer, 50, of Mizner Lane, Boca Raton. None of the other drivers was hurt, the report said.

Former Brazilian Minister of Economy Visits Boca Raton

The former Ministry of Economy of Brazil come to visit Boca Raton. She was the speaker at BBG-Brazilian Business Group monthly lunch meeting. BBG is an independent, secular organization, founded in 2006 with the objective of uniting and strengthening the Brazilian business community in South Florida, especially Broward and southern Palm Beach counties, where a large part of the community is concentrated. More information you can visit their web site : <http://www.brazilian-businessgroup.com>.



Zelia Cardoso De Mello



Business

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Delray Medical Earns New Status as Accredited Chest Pain Center



DELRAY BEACH - Delray Medical Center has received Chest Pain Center Accredita-

tion from the Society of Chest Pain Centers (SCPC).

SCPC is an international not-for-profit organization that focuses on transforming cardiovascular care by assisting facilities in their effort to create communities of excellence that bring together quality, cost and patient satisfaction.

Hospitals that have received SCPC accreditation have achieved a higher level of expertise in dealing with patients who arrive with symptoms of a heart attack. They emphasize the importance of standardized diagnostic and treatment programs that provide more efficient and effective evaluation as well as more appro-

priate and rapid treatment of patients with chest pain and other heart attack symptoms.

They also serve as a point of entry into the healthcare system to evaluate and treat other medical problems, and they help to promote a healthier lifestyle in an attempt to reduce the risk factors for heart attack.

To become an Accredited Chest Pain Center, Delray Medical Center engaged in rigorous evaluation by SCPC for its ability to assess, diagnose, and treat patients who may be experiencing a heart attack.

"People tend to wait when they think they might be having a heart attack, but what they

don't realize is that the sooner a heart attack is treated, the less damage to the heart and the better the outcome for the patient," said CEO Mark Bryan.

"Our message to the community is to go to an Accredited Chest Pain Center immediately if they experience any symptoms of a heart attack."

Red Stiletto Stroll at Town Center Mall to Benefit Boca Hospital

BOCA RATON -- Fashion-forward footwear fans and community supporters are invited to kick-up their hottest, highest designer red heels for the second annual Red Stiletto Stroll to benefit the Christine E. Lynn Heart & Vascular Institute at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. The event will be held Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Center at Boca Raton.

Arrigo FIAT has been named sponsor of The Rosso Lounge, an interactive component of the event that is designed to raise awareness about women and heart disease.

"Town Center at Boca Raton is committed to the community and we are proud to support Boca Raton Regional Hospital's ongoing mission to raise awareness about women's health," said Ellen Korelitz, director of marketing and business development

for Town Center at Boca Raton.

"According to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, heart disease is still the leading cause of death for women. Through the Red Stiletto Stroll, we hope to remind and motivate women to learn about their personal risk factors and take action to reduce them through the variety of services offered at the Christine E. Lynn Heart & Vascular Institute."

Participants will flaunt their fancy footwear on a red carpet complete with a visual "step" and repeat backdrop resembling a high fashion photo shoot. Souvenir photos of the participants' grand entry will be available on Facebook.

The Red Stiletto Stroll will also feature a fun and flirty red carpet shoe competition judged by local celebrities Cirque Dreams

costume designer Danielle Tabino, <http://accidentalsexiness.com>, accidentalsexiness.com's fashion and lifestyle blogger Rosy Cordero and WPEC-TV CBS 12's reporter and anchor Michele Wright.

Attendees to the reception will be treated to a variety of hors d'oeuvres and cocktails from Town Center at Boca Raton restaurants.

In addition to the Rosso Lounge, the event will feature the one-of-a-kind "Shoe-Shoe" Train Fashion Show presented by Neiman Marcus, a Spring Trends Fashion Show, "shoe depots" and a Chinese auction featuring items from Town Center at Boca Raton's retailers.

Tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$50 for reserved seating. Tickets are available by contacting Kimberly M. Read at: 561-955-4142 or <mailto:kread@brrh.com>.

ADT Business Solutions to take its technology 'on the road'



BOCA RATON -- ADT Business Solutions, a unit of Tyco International and the industry's leading security systems integrator in North America, has announced it will be hosting a complimentary series of road shows throughout the U.S. to share the latest solutions and technology advancements in the security industry.

Each event will feature local security specialists, industry professionals and vendor partners to showcase advancements in the industry and business benefits of integrated security solutions.

By attending these events, hundreds of local business leaders and security professionals will

learn how to improve safety, enhance security and increase profitability of their business.

In addition, attendees will get to hear a keynote presentation from renowned technology and security expert, Paul C. Boucherle. A columnist for Security Sales & Integration magazine, he will share his insights for planning and implementing migration strategies for security systems.

"ADT Business Solutions is dedicated to delivering leading-edge security systems that leverage existing technology and integrate with new IP technologies to best protect people, property and assets," said Jay Hahn, chief technology officer for ADT Business Solutions.

"Each stop provides an opportunity to present the very latest security technology, while making a meaningful impact on each community," said Dan Schroeder, Vice President of Sales for

ADT Business Solutions.

"In addition to our giving program, ADT Business Solutions will donate a new Hosted Video system to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America organization in each city. This new cloud-based video surveillance storage solution will help provide additional security to one of America's most vital nonprofit organizations."

ADT Business Solutions' 2012 Road Show schedule includes stops in the following cities:

New York -- March 7, Millennium Broadway Hotel

Philadelphia -- April 4, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

Toronto -- April 18, Radisson Suites Mississauga Toronto Airport

Chicago -- May 10, Navy Pier

Atlanta -- June 13, Westin Peachtree Plaza Atlanta

Houston -- July 18, JW Marriott Houston

Gannon Strikes Deal With Online Travel Firms to Pay \$1.9 Million in Bed Taxes

Palm Beach County Tax Collector Anne M. Gannon has reached a significant settlement agreement with major online travel companies to pay more than \$1.9 million in uncollected Tourist Development Taxes, also known as "bed taxes."

Defendants include Expedia, Orbitz, Priceline and Travelocity.

Gannon filed suit in July 2009 alleging the online travel firms did not pay the county's tourist development tax as authorized by Fla. Statute 125.0104 and County Code 17-111. A "bed tax" of 5 cents per dollar is levied on all Palm Beach County hotel stays for a period of 6 months or less.

"This is great news for our county," said Gannon. "Our county has realized se-

rious reductions in property values which have impacted the amount of revenues collected and services provided to our citizens."

Revenue derived from bed tax collections is used to promote Palm Beach County tourism, fund cultural programs and beach restoration. Tourism is a major industry of the county and Florida.

The settlement is not an admission of liability by the online travel companies that they are subject to the "bed tax". If the Florida legislature does not pass legislation in the two year period, litigation by Gannon against the OTC's regarding their liability for the "bed tax" may begin again.

But competing legislation has also been filed for the 2012 legislative session

over how the bed tax is calculated which has the potential for exempting online travel companies from any payment of bed tax to counties in Florida.

Gannon's legal team included Palm Beach County attorneys Jeff Liggio, Lou Silber, and John Romano. Liggio, lead attorney for Gannon, said, "This litigation in Palm Beach County is similar to litigation against the online travel companies elsewhere in Florida and throughout the nation."

Numerous other counties in Florida have filed suits, he said, including Broward, Flagler, Leon, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk, Nassau, St. Johns, Alachua, Escambia, Charlotte, Hillsborough, Pasco and Volusia.

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BOCA RATON – Latitude Solutions, Inc. announced that the Company and Crestmark Bank have finalized the establishment of a \$5 million revolving asset-based line of credit. This type of working capital facility will provide LSI with greater flexibility and liquidity to support growth and take advantage of further opportunities. Jeffrey Wohler, Latitude Solutions, Inc.'s chief executive officer, stated, "The credit facility being provided by Crestmark enables LSI to rapidly deploy our Electro Precipitation(TM), Integrated Water Systems(TM) on an accelerated basis by maximizing the cash flow and recurring revenue created by the deployment of our technology."

BOCA RATON – ADT Business Solutions, a unit of Tyco International and the industry's leading security systems integrator in North America, today announced its next generation of ADT(R) Anti-Skim(TM) ATM Security solutions to help protect financial service companies and their customers from the rising threat of ATM skimming. The new, advanced anti-skimming technology offers multilayered security to help protect ATM customers from this blend of electronic crime and cyber-fraud. Installed inside the ATM, the enhanced ADT Anti-Skim ATM Security kit features technology that works on all major ATM makes and models.

BOCA RATON – Office Depot has partnered with financial expert Jean Chatzky to offer tips to revitalize small businesses. Additionally, as part of the www.facebook.com/officedepot Small Business Makeover contest, three small businesses will receive a makeover, including a one-on-one financial coaching session with www.jeanchatzky.com. The Small Business Makeover contest is designed to help small business owners augment or adjust their business in order to save time, grow and prosper in 2012 and beyond. To enter the contest, visit Office Depot's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/OfficeDepot. Contest ends February 27. To view the complete rules and regulations, visit the www.facebook.com/OfficeDepot. Office Depot Facebook page.

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Pet Society

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PET OF THE WEEK

This cocker spaniel is looking for a home. Izzy for you?

Story, photo by Pam D'Addio

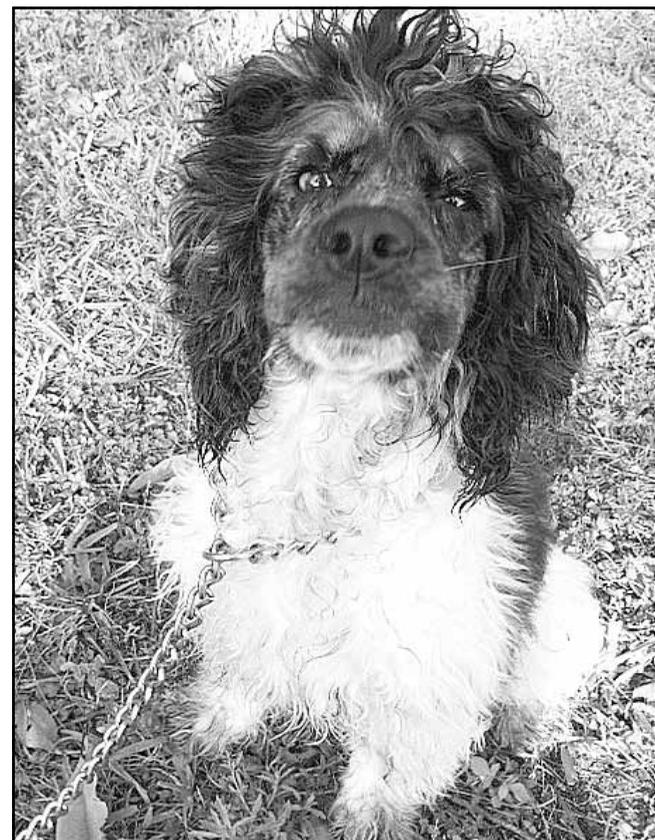
BOCA RATON — Here's looking at YOU, through my locks of hair! I'm IZZY, a pretty little cocker spaniel mix in need of a spa day and a loving lap to call my own. I'm 1.5 years old, 15 pounds and I get along well with other dogs.

Is there room in your home and heart for me? I've had a tumultuous start to my life but I know my forever person is out there somewhere.

I'm a good dog who just needs a break. If I've caught your eye and made your heart beat faster, stop in and meet me...and let's go home together!"

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FAITH

By Lécio Dornas

Whitney Houston: The Trap of Subtlety

By Lécio Dornas

Nobody will disagree that the "Greatest love of All" must necessarily be in any list of the most successful song of Whitney Houston (August 9, 1963 - February 11, 2012). How sweet, smooth and beautiful melody! It's rejection by our heart is almost an impossibility; musical phrases simply are gaining space in us so enjoyable that does not allow us to easily see the poetry on which a message travels highly poisonous: Is the trap of subtlety.

The mention of children, future, childish smile which brings us to our own childhood set the stage for one of the most bombastic confessions ever made: "Everybody searching for a hero, people need someone to look up to. I never found anyone who fulfills my needs, a lonely place to be. So I learned to depend on me." In other words, Whitney Houston has elected herself as her hero. So it's easier for us to understand the

tragic fragility of the life's philosophy that she allowed herself to adopt, characterized by self-sufficiency, solitude and self-idolatry. However, all traveling in a nice melody and poetry with words and phrases carefully organized. Is the trap of subtlety.

Teach a child the greatest beauty that exists is that one inside herself, and she will have much trouble finding beauty worth in people that God has strategically allocated around her.

Teach a child to feel proud to know that the greatest love of all is that one that she feels for herself, and she may never make her to open to God's love.

Encourage a child to want to walk in her own shadow and the schizophrenia and severe depression soon will knock at her door. By trusting in herself, perhaps disillusioned with everything and everyone, she can also prematurely end her own life by choosing to take refuge in drugs and self-destruction.

Whitney Houston should remember the Scripture: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15.13 - TNIV).

True greatest love is the love of God for us! Love proved (Romans 5.8) in the person of Jesus Christ: His birth, life, teaching, death and resurrection. Whitney boarded a canoe bored and was sick enough to try in vain to remove alone the water that continually entered the canoe. It was the trap of subtlety.

I Thank Whitney Houston, for her unique voice, unique ability to interpret songs and incomparable presence at stage. But I also made a decision long ago, when I saw that inside myself I find nothing to make me happy and useful, and chose to live with Someone very special, whose shadow I wish one day to live forever (Psalm 91.1). Just so I could escape the trap of subtlety. You can do it too.

Lécio Dornas is a Theologian, Leadership and Education Specialist and Writer with 19 titles published in several Publishers in Brazil. Currently, Lécio works as Manager of Brazilian Ministry at American Bible Society www.americanbible.org and living, with his family, in Coconut Creek, FL. To contact him about the Bible Cause, e-mail <mailto:LDornas@americanbible.org>.



DIVORCE FLORIDA STYLE

By Mike Gora

Grandparent visitation

Q My wife and I have been divorced for six years. We have two children. In a final judgment, entered by a judge, after a trial, she was named the residential parent, and I was given some time sharing.

A month ago, unfortunately, she was killed in a traffic accident on I-95 near Stuart. My mother-in-law immediately moved into my old house with the kids and took over. She barely lets me see the children.

I live with a girlfriend. We have no plans to marry. We live in a three-bedroom rental. My former mother-in-law says she will not let me have the children, even for visitation, although the final judgment in our case outlines a visitation plan. While she was alive, my ex-wife let me have the visitation that was in the judgment.

The mother-in-law has filed some legal papers, claiming that she should be given the children on a full time basis. She also says that I should only have supervised visitation.

She claims I am a danger to my children because I am a diagnosed alcoholic, and live with my girlfriend,

in a neighborhood that is not a good as my old neighborhood. My lawyer claims that she may have a case. What do you think?

A: Appellate decisions by the United States Supreme Court and the Florida Supreme Court over the past 12 years have virtually eliminated the rights of grandparents to win visitation of grand children under these circumstances.

There still exists a Florida Statute which, on its face, allows grandparent visitation if it is in the best interests of the child. However later Florida Supreme Court decisions eliminate the "best interests of the child" as a reason for giving grandparents visitation rights.

The Florida decision was based upon the right of privacy found in the Florida Constitution, and not the United States Constitution. Our court has ruled that a parent's rights to privacy preclude grandparent's visitation rights unless the absence of such visitation can be proven harmful to the child. There seems to be few circumstances which would allow grandparent

visitation rights under this high hurdle.

CORRECTION: In last week's column concerning the criminal and civil cases stemming from a traffic accident between John Goodman and Scott Patrick Wilson a statement was made saying that the adoption of the girlfriend of Goodman could make their future sexual activities incest. As a matter of law that conclusion was incorrect. The Florida statutes state that: "Whoever knowingly marries or has sexual intercourse with a person to whom he or she is related by lineal consanguinity, or a brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece, commits incest, which constitutes a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. www.lawserver.com/law/state/florida/statutes/florida_statutes_775-082, s. www.lawserver.com/law/state/florida/statutes/florida_statutes_775-083" or s. HYPERLINK "http://www.lawserver.com/law/state/florida/statutes/florida_statutes_775-084. "Sexual intercourse" is the penetration of the female.

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Delray Beach Announces Best Field In 20-Year History

The upcoming Delray Beach International Tennis Championships (ITC) will be celebrating its 20th anniversary with the most competitive draw in its history. The ATP World Tour event will take place February 24 - March 4 at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center.

The list is in and top ATP stars joining the 32-player Delray Beach field include No. 20 Marin Cilic, No. 23 Viktor Troicki and No. 33 Jurgen Melzer. Also headed to Delray Beach is 19-year-old Wimbledon quarterfinalist Bernard Tomic, and a pair of longtime ATP World Tour players who moved into the world Top 50 in 2011: Boca Raton resident Alex Bogomolov, Jr (No. 34) and 22-year-old American Donald Young (No. 42).

American stars Andy Roddick (No. 16) and John Isner (No. 17) have been confirmed for several months and are in line to be the tournament's top two seeds.

More than half of the players in the Delray Beach draw are ranked in the Top 50 in the world. "We couldn't be more elated with our draw," said tournament director Mark Baron. "From top to bottom any of our players are capable of winning any ATP event on Tour. Our fans have seen these guys on TV and now they are going to personally see what exciting tennis they bring to the courts."

The 23-year-old Cilic has already won six (6) ATP titles while Troicki was a major player in Serbia's 2010 Davis Cup title. Melzer reached No. 8 in

the world in the early months of 2011 with his top career win coming in 2010 over then-No. 2 Novak Djokovic enroute to the Roland Garros (French Open) semifinals.

Tomic, the 28th-ranked rising Australian teenager, reached the fourth round of the Australian Open this week; he came from two sets down in the first round to topple former Top 10 Fernando Verdasco. The 28-year-old Bogomolov - the world No. 1 junior in 2000 - beat Top 10 Andy Murray and Jo Wilfried Tsonga in 2011 and was chosen as the ATP's "Most Improved Player" by his peers. Young had huge expectations pinned on him after turning pro in 2004 as a 15-year-old, and wins last year over No. 4 Murray, No. 9 Gael Monfils and No.

13 Stanislas Warwinka highlighted his emergence as a star on the ATP World Tour.

Other notable players on the Delray Beach entry list are two-time Delray Beach ITC champion (2005/2007) and five-time finalist Xavier Malisse, 2010 ITC champion Ernests Gulbis and runner-up Ivo Karlovic as well as 2007/2008 ITC runner-up James Blake.

The remaining spots in the final 2012 Delray Beach 32-player draw will go to four (4) qualifiers, two (2) ATP special exemptions and three (3) wild cards chosen by the tournament.

The addition of Melzer and doubles partner Philipp Petzschner in the singles draw could also mean top competition in doubles. The Melzer-Petzschner team has won two



Grand Slam titles (2010 Wimbledon and the 2011 US Open) and could present a stiff challenge to the world No. 1 Bryan Brothers, who won Delray Beach ITC doubles titles in 2009 and 2010.

To purchase tickets call 561-330-6000, order online at www.YellowTennisBall.com

or in-person at Walmart's Ticketmaster outlets or the Delray Beach ITC box office (open Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, 561-330-6000, 30 NW 1st Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444). Complete tournament information is available at the official tournament website.

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Strikers Sign Thompson as Player & Assistant Coach

The Fort Lauderdale Strikers have resigned forward Abe Thompson for the 2012 season. Thompson has also been named assistant coach, replacing Jim Rooney who was named assistant coach for the U-17 US Men's national team. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"My goal is to win a championship this season," said Thompson. "We got very close last year, but

our focus is to make it back there and win. As a coach I'll be the player's voice in our coaches meetings, so I can let Daryl know when I feel the team needs to train harder and when we need a rest."

Thompson has played three seasons for the Strikers and is third all time in goals with 13. With six goals this season he would pass original Miami FC forward Romario as the team's

all-time leader in goals.

"Abe has been one of the leaders, on and off the field, since I arrived," said Strikers head coach Daryl Shore. "Abe is a guy who I wanted back on the field and with Jim Rooney leaving, we felt like we didn't have to go outside the team to bring in our next assistant coach."

Shore can offer Thompson some help adjusting to his new role as player and

coach because he performed in a similar capacity while with the New Orleans Riverboat Gamblers earlier in his career.

"It was a great stepping stone for me and I feel like Abe is a good fit for the position," said Shore.

The last player/coach for the Strikers was Zinho, who recorded five goals and five assists in 2007 while serving as assistant coach.



NBA Mid-Season Awards

By: Pedro Heizer

With the lockout-shortened 2011-12 season at the halfway mark, it's time to make my picks for the league's top performers so far this season:

Most Valuable Player:

LeBron James

LeBron, with his 27.9 points per game and league-best 32.9 Player Efficiency Rating, is unmatched statistically, and he isn't just showing off — his ridiculous numbers have kept the Heat within range of the No. 1 seed despite the absences of Dwyane Wade in January. LeBron is playing his best basketball as a Miami Heat



LeBron James.

and he deserves to be recognized for it.

Sixth Man of the Year:

James Harden

His numbers (16.8 points per game, 3.5 assists per game, and 4.1 rebounds per

game) make him the type of player that could start in just about any other team in the league. Yet, the Thunder guard provides a spark of instant offense and play-making off the bench and a reliable shooter in the fourth quarter.

Rookie of the Year:

Ricky Rubio

It took almost three years to see Ricky in the NBA, but it was worth the wait. Rubio is having a sensational season with the Timberwolves averaging 11.5 points per game and 8.4 assists per game. Not only is he having a good offensive season, but Rubio ranks among the



Dwight Howard.

New York called Jeremy Lin that is making waves right now, but Chalmers has played more games and has been more consistent than

Lin this season. Chalmers has dramatically improved his shooting so that he's no longer a liability on offense, an upgrade that could have



James Harden.

a big impact in the playoffs for Miami. Chalmers' 11.2 points per game, 47% from three point range, and 51% from the field are all career highs for the third year point guard out of Kansas.

Coach of the Year:

Doug Collins

It's time to give credit where credit is due. Collins is leading a team that some thought would never be a legitimate team to one

turnovers and fouls. Collins has devised a system, and in Year Two, he has gotten total buy-in from one of the league's deepest rosters.

Defensive Player of the Year: Dwight Howard

Howard is the most dominant defensive player in the league yet again. Despite all the trade talks, Howard is averaging a career high with 15.3 rebounds per game and is the anchor of the Magic's



Mario Chambers.

of the best teams in the Eastern Conference. Not only that but what's most impressive is that Collins has maintained balance on a team that lacks a traditional star by sharing the ball, relentless motion on offense, the elimination of

defense. Howard is still performing the dirty work that distinguishes him. He is pulling down a career high in rebounds and protecting the paint as well as anybody, except perhaps Ibaka, who is swatting 3.3 shots per game.

Fort Lauderdale Strikers Sign Forward Nagime

The Fort Lauderdale Strikers have signed forward Halili Nagime for the 2012 season. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"Halili is another attacking option we're bringing into our group," said Strikers head coach Daryl Shore. "We expect him to compete and contribute in our quest to win the championship."

The 18-year-old striker spent last season with Auckland City FC in New Zealand. The team com-



petes in the ASB Premiership which is the highest level of domestic soccer in the country.

Nagime was born in Massachusetts, but grew up in Brazil and has dual citizenship.

Ioana Ivan is Sunshine State Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week

By Lance Thomas

Lynn University's sophomore women's tennis student-athlete Ioana Ivan has been selected Sunshine State Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week as announced by the conference office on Monday.

Ivan was a combined 6-0 at the top singles and dou-

bles flight in a trio of Fighting Knight victories. The fifth-ranked player in Division II singles, Ivan began a busy week by dispatching Veena Vasquez 6-2, 6-2 in an 8-1 win over Palm Beach Atlantic. She also joined Sabine Krause for an 8-1 doubles win over Vasquez and Leydi Zora.



Ivan then downed Laura Kemkes 6-1, 6-0 in a 7-2 SSC win over Saint Leo. She and Krause, who form the No. 5 doubles tandem in Division II, defeated the No. 12 duo of Kemkes and Emily Singleton 8-3.

The Snagov, Romania native closed out the week with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Sabine Goge in the Knights' 9-0 conference sweep of Florida Southern. She and Krause combined for an 8-2 win over the No. 20 tandem of Goge and Magda Riutort.

Lynn faces Eckerd and Hillsborough Community College in a doubleheader on Saturday, February 25, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Perper Tennis Complex in its next two matches. Fans can follow the action live on Twitter by following @LUKnights #LUWT.

FAU Women's Basketball to Battle South Alabama in Pivotal SBC East Division Encounter

Boca Raton, FL - The Florida Atlantic University women's basketball team will close out the regular season with two important home court Sun Belt Conference (SBC) East Division at the FAU Arena, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton campus. First, the Owls will battle the University of South Alabama on Wednesday, February 22 at 7 p.m., before facing Troy University in a Senior Day Game on Saturday, February 25.

Both games will determine FAU's standing in the upcoming SBC Championship Tournament. FAU and USA are tied for second place in the East Division with 9-5 league records. The top two teams in each division receive a first-round bye in the conference tournament.

"It is advantageous for us to play well this week and earning a much more favorable draw in the conference tournament with a second place finish in the East Division," said Chancellor Dugan, FAU's head women's basketball coach. "We know the task at hand is for this week. This is what we have worked for all season, putting ourselves in a position where we control your own destiny. We are eager to get this done in front of our home fans this week."

The winner of Wednesday's FAU-USA game cannot secure the bye. However, the Owls would be eliminated from contention for second place with a loss, because of SBC tie-break rules. USA defeated the Owls by a score of 66-58 in Mobile, Alabama on February 1.

FAU stands 14-11 on the season and its next victory would give the team its first winning season since joining the SBC. The program's last winning season came during



the 2005-06 campaign. The team is coming off a 65-41 loss at SBC regular-season champion Middle Tennessee State University on February 18.

"We have to get back to playing good, solid defense and paying attention to the little details, like rebounding and free-throw shooting, that have been the pillars for our success this season," Dugan said. "We have to be the aggressive team on the floor - offensively and defensively - and be determined to win the battle from the center tipoff to the final buzzer."

Sophomore forward Chenise Miller continues to lead the Owls in scoring (10.7 points per game) and rebounding (7.4 rebounds per game). She has been a double-figure scorer in six of her last seven games, and is tied for seventh in the SBC in rebounding.

Senior guard Teri Stamps leads the team with 31 steals and is averaging 7.8 points per contest. Senior forward April Goins is also scoring 7.8 points a game, while collecting 5.3 rebounds per contest.

Sophomore guard Latavia Dempsey tops on the

team with 34 three-point field goals, making 34 percent from beyond the arc. She comes off the bench to average seven-and-a-half points per game.

Sophomore guard Kimberly Smith is coming off a nine-point outing against MTSU and has made 33 three pointers, including seven in the past two games. Senior guard DaLita Scott rounds out the team's balanced offensive attack at nearly six points.

USA stands 16-10 on the season and is coming off a 70-33 home win over Western Kentucky University on February 18. The Jaguars have won five of their past six games. Junior guard Mansa El leads the team in scoring at 12.2 points a game. She tallied 21 points in the first match up against FAU. Senior guard Sarda Peterson is averaging 10.4 points per outing and has made 60 three-pointers. Senior post player Taylor Ammons is tops on the team grabbing 8.6 rebounds a game.

The FAU program will recognize its seven seniors before Saturday's game against Troy.

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