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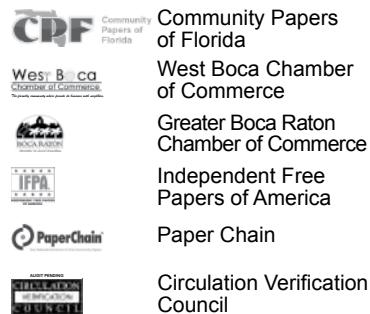
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Barry's Buzz



- Hillstone Restaurant Group which has a Houston's on Military Trail in Boca, wants to develop a 5,500 to 7,500 sq. ft. restaurant with patio dining, parking, dockage and finger piers, along with an observation deck and public space linking to Silver Palm Park on the old Wildflower site on Palmetto Park Road, just west of the Intracoastal waterway, which was the only proposal submitted to Boca City Council.

- The Tribune Company, parent of the South Florida Sun-Sentinel newspaper revealed it will slash 700 jobs from its newspaper division, which comprises 6 papers including the Orlando Sentinel. The Sun-Sentinel has already been decimated by cutbacks prior to the parent filing Chapter 11 years ago.

- Jason Lewis Walton, Lynn University chief of staff, liaison to the board of trustees and co-chair of the Obama/Romney debate at Lynn, is now executive director of donor relations for Nova Southeastern University in Davie.

- Ron Potter has been appointed Director of Operations for the new Waterstone Resort & Marina (formerly the Bridge Hotel), currently undergoing major renovations and will have direct management oversight for hotel operations, including valet and watersports activities.

- Stephen Hare, former CFO of Wendy's, was appointed CFO of Office Depot.

- Major League Lacrosse may be coming to FAU stadium in April.

- Regent Bank's Boca Raton Office, 568 Yamato Road, is collecting non-perishable food supplies for Boca Helping Hands, a non-profit organization that delivers meals to disabled and elderly people who are homebound. They can drop off food or monetary donations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- An ode to Boca, penned by Deerfield Beach resident Richard O'Connell is in the current issue of the

Barry Epstein, APR, is a noted public relations, marketing and political consultant based in Boca Raton, president of the Luxury Chamber, the West Boca Leaders networking group and the founder and former president of the West Boca Chamber of Commerce; with a weekly internet television show on the Boca Tribune website. His motto is Public Relations is the enemy of anonymity. Fax column items to 561.451.0000. His column/blog is in the Boca Raton Tribune and on the Boca Tribune website (and click on columnists), on Facebook, as well as on the front page of the Sun-Sentinel/Jewish Journal website.



Quote of the Week:

Avoiding a fight is a mark of honor; only fools insist on quarreling.
Proverbs 20:3

National Review.

- Farmer's Table, a 200 seat restaurant in the former Mario's adjacent to the Wyndham Hotel, 1901 N. Military Trail in Boca, is now open, offering breakfast, lunch, dinner, take out service and kids' menu.

- Charlie Crist's newly hired campaign manager Bill Hyers and press secretary Lauren Hitt have quit, sources say due to a fallout with Christ's wife Carole.

- St. Patrick's Day Parade in Delray Beach run by Code 3 events, Inc. Looking for Sponsors/Donations/Float entries. For more information visit our website www.stpatrickparade.com for more information.

- The groundbreaking for the new Palm Beach County Convention Center hotel is slated for Friday.

- South Florida's Real Estate market which was on the verge of collapse five years ago, has risen from the ashes. At the time, Palm Beach County had nearly 30,000 residences on the market. Now the county has only 12,000 homes for resale. Major cause for the quickened upswing are cash buyers from abroad and wall street investors converting thousands of home buys into rentals. Condos and townhouses account for the majority of the resales.

- In a related matter, South Florida short sales have shown a sharp decline. Palm Beach County short sales were 16% of the market in October, off from 23% compared to the same month last year. But short sales could fall off the cliff if Congress doesn't move to renew the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act that expires in January, which allows taxpayers to exclude income from reduced mortgage debt, otherwise they face a huge tax tab.

- In what critics are calling the insanity of Obamacare, the dysfunction of the Obamacare website is only the tip of the iceberg. The top guy in charge of implementing the law testified in Congress that 40% of the website aimed at handling the payment system even hasn't been built yet. Like peeling an onion, each revelation of the law brings an avalanche of disruption to the nation's health care system that borders on the catastrophic.

- Spirit Airlines pocketed a whopping \$536 million bucks last year in baggage fees and numerous add-on surcharges. Spirit, which is the nickel and diming kingpin of the airline industry, stashed away 40% of its annual revenue from non-ticket sales, such as booking fees, seat selection, reservation charges and cancellation fees. This year's nickel and diming is expected to reach \$700 million bucks for Spirit.

- Florida's Public Service Commission approved a \$4.90 per month increase for FP&L residential customers as of Jan. 1, bringing the bill to \$100.01.

- The Book of Mormon is a clever, irreverent, raunchy, offensive to some but hilarious for most, written by the creators of South Park, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Don't miss it. Tickets at www.browardcenter.org.

- Laffing Matterz has returned to the Broward Center with a new dinner show, Thursday-Sunday. Get tickets are line at www.browardcenter.org.

- Bank of America has 203 branches in South Florida and Wells Fargo has 200 branches in South Florida.

- Out of the Furnace opens at the Boca Cinemark Palace & Premiere theatres and the Regal Entertainment Shadowwood theatres. Broken Circle Breakdown and Twice Born opens Friday at the FAU Living Room Theatres. The Prime Ministers: The Pioneers opens at the Movies of Delray and Lake Worth and the Last Picture Show in Tamarac. Lee Daniels' The Butler opens at Movies of Lake Worth.

- The Radio City Christmas Spectacular, starring the Rockettes is at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, to Dec. 8. Go to www.kravis.org or call 561.832.7469 for more information and ticket reservations. Don't miss this spectacular show! Upcoming shows at the Kravis Center include: Steve Solomon: My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm Still in Therapy Dec. 18-22; The Midtown Men, featuring four stars from the original cast of Jersey Boys Dec. 31; Jackie Mason Jan. 29; Mandy Patinkin, Feb. 5; Jay Leno, Feb. 8, and Joan Rivers March 13.

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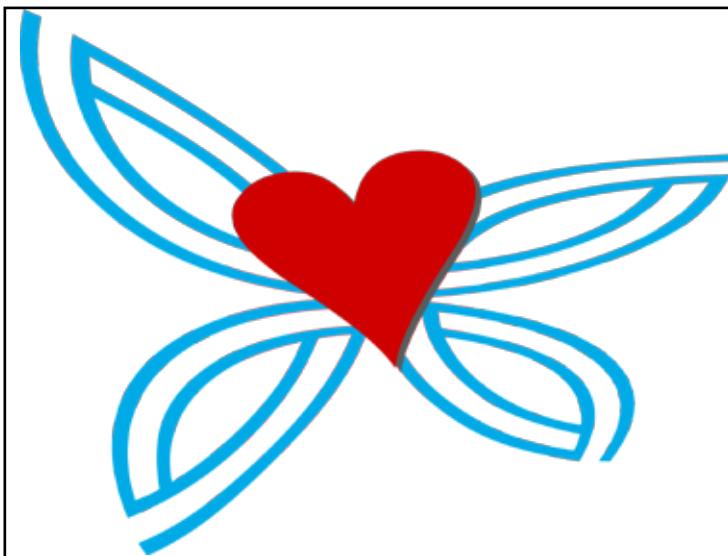
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Community News

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friends to bring a gift for a child to their holiday house party. The response was overwhelming and the rest is history. The Schmidt's were compelled to continue their efforts as the needs were greater and greater each year. The enormity of the work involved with collecting, sorting, storing and distributing gifts became so profound, that the Junior League of Boca Raton was asked to partner in the event five years ago.

"It is one of the biggest projects we do each year," says Karen Krumholtz, Executive Director of the Spirit of Giving Network. "We are lucky to have been able to provide gifts to so many children in previous years and thankful to all those who continue to support this wonderful community initiative."

Last year the gift drive had over 100 community sponsors including: Lynn Financial Group, Jarden Consumer Solutions, SBA Communications, The Continental Group, St. Andrews School, Pine Crest School, Florida Atlantic

University, Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales, Lynn University, Twister Gymnastics, and Cendyn. It is also important to acknowledge the Holiday Gift Drive founders: Ann Rutherford, Ann Vegso, Barbara Schmidt, Carol Gunnell, Carol Putnam, Carolyn Cunningham, Deanna Rosemurgy, Deanna Wheeler, DJ Lindsay, Jeanette Himes, Marilyn Osborne, Pat McCall, Rita Head and Susan Whelchel for their unwavering support over the past 12 years.

All gifts and donations must be received by December 9, 2013. Drop off locations include any fire station in Boca Raton, the Junior League of Boca Raton and Mercedes-Benz of Delray. More information is available on our website www.spiritofgivingnetwork.com/holidaygiftdrive. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Karen Krumholtz, 561-385-0144 or Karen@spiritofgivingnetwork.com

Holiday Gift Drive

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or drop at Boca Raton Fire Stations



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"The Fairfield Inn & Suites Boca Raton fits perfectly with our growth strategy, which includes expanding our presence in the Florida market," said Len Wolman, Chairman and CEO of Waterford Group. "Our extensive experience with the Marriott brand and knowledge of the Florida market makes us the ideal operator for this hotel," added Wolman.

The four-story, 119-key Fairfield Inn & Suites Boca Raton includes 95 guestrooms, 24 suites, fitness center, outdoor swimming pool,

whirlpool, complimentary breakfast, free high-speed internet access, and flexible meeting space. The hotel is pet and Motorcoach friendly, and a proud member of the Marriott family of hotels, allowing guests to earn points towards the Marriott Rewards Program.

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Psychic Blew Victim's Money on Gambling at Casino

By CRA News Service

BOCA RATON - A local storefront psychic, who promised to remove a curse from a woman, was arrested and charged after she allegedly took more than \$100,000 from the woman over a few weeks, police said.

Stephanie Thompson, also known as Stephanie Lee, was charged with grand theft and organized fraud. She was released from the Palm Beach County Jail on a \$40,000 bond.

Thompson, 23, of Lighthouse Point, initially met the victim for a \$200 reading at the Psychic Tea Room, 7400 North Federal Highway, in May of 2012, according to an arrest report.

The 30-year-old victim told investigators in September 2012 that Thompson convinced her to hand over \$115,000, of which she would return \$90,000, so that she could take a "curse" off of the victim and also off the money, Officer Karl Leonard wrote in his report.

"Thompson told her that she could get the same cancer that her mother had if she did not go through with this and [the victim] stated she believed her," Leonard wrote.

The victim said Thompson told her she had to give her the money, which she had received from her

mother, "so she could meditate over it and clean it," according to police.

She also directed the client to withdraw money in small amounts so she would not raise suspicion, according to a probable cause affidavit.

The victim told police that from May to August last year, she would go with Thompson to various bank branches to withdraw the cash in small amounts, so as not to raise suspicion, police said. Thompson allegedly told the victim that if she told anyone about the scheme, all of Thompson's work would be "erased," according to police.

As the victim was telling a police officer her story last year, she received a call from a woman who identified herself as Thompson, according to the report. The two agreed to meet, and the officer came along, where he confronted Thompson, the report said.

In a CVS parking lot, Thompson told the officer she had gambled away some of the money at a casino, according to the report. In all, the victim said she lost \$109,700, police said.

Thompson's attorney, Alison Gilman, told police after an October 2012 meeting with them that "she was unable to resolve this issue," the report states. A warrant was then put out for Thompson's arrest, police said.

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**EDITORIAL**

By C. Ron Allen

Let's us Keep in Mind why we Celebrate and Give Gifts

By Joi Odom Grant

So, what are we to do now that Thanksgiving is over? Surely we must move on to the next holiday with utmost haste. After all, Black Friday began for many people as early as 8 p.m. Thanksgiving night.

Black Friday was a "bridge" day connecting one holiday to the next.

The nation's mega-shopping weekend follows Thanksgiving - a holiday of making you express or receive gratitude, love and appreciation. It's a day when many decide to pick up presents for loved ones at a discount.

With retailers and advertisers controlling much of the attention that Americans give to holidays, Thanksgiving seems to be given the lowest priority of the trifecta holidays - Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. And with increased emphasis on Black Friday, Cyber Monday and the importance of purchasing more goods, even less attention is given to Thanksgiving each year as Black Friday grows.

Wow! Can't we celebrate one major holiday at a time, without feeling the pressure to open our wallets or slap down our credit cards?

There's not a single minute to be wasted on this next holiday, to which we all love and enjoy.

Unfortunately, we then get caught in the bells and whistles of "society's" web of tradition of spending or overspending money on loved ones, seasonal my wish would be for everyone to truly, truly Njoi their own family!

Thank goodness there are people in our community who remind us what the holidays are really about - appreciating each other and helping those in need.

The joys of Christmas are many and varied in our diverse community and give us all an opportunity to trade traditions, introduce new friends to time-honored rituals or learn new ones ourselves.

Roast turkey or roast pig this year? Maybe we'll have a ham or a goose instead. We are grateful for having so many delicious choices.

For us here in South Florida, Christmas provides such unique images — lights strung out on the fir and in some cases, palm trees, lining boats and waterfront docks, for instance — so in contrast to the snowy scenes on holiday cards. Just take a ride around town on a December night and you're bound to smile at the quirky charms of this place we choose to call home. Hey, I bet there'll be no chestnuts roasting on an open fire when it's 84 degrees outside. Let's have some stone crabs, instead.

And while there is nothing spontaneous about this holiday, often planned down to the last stocking stuffer, its arrival does inspire the impulsive giver in most of us, something every savvy charity knows. You can't swipe a credit card this month without being asked to donate electronically to some needy cause.

The Christmas message though to all is give, and it shall be given to you.

Let's make the time to mend family relationships, which is a great gift. In fact, it's priceless. Let us keep in mind why we celebrate and give gifts, lest the meaning become lost in the rush to find the perfect present, serve the finest foods or host the memorable party.

However, first action should be to call, write a letter or visit a lost loved one; which will be one of no return. Njoi "your" season! Truly.

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Letters to the Editor

Deborah Faerman has had an excellent role model in her mom! The apple fell close to the tree. Thanks for giving so cheerfully to make a difference for others!

- Connie T. Siskowski on "10-year-old girl throws birthday party at Boca Helping Hands" story

Thank you Deborah, my son truly enjoyed the day and learned a valuable lesson! You are very special young lady.

- Lauraleigh Santinello Gould

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INTEGRITY MOMENTS

By Rick Boxx

Compensation and Restitution

Some time ago, my wife, Kathy, and I received a surprising offer of financial compensation from a major chemical manufacturer for damage one of its products did to our pine trees. Their settlement offer not only compensated us for actual losses, but also included an additional 15 percent for restitution.

With this gesture, which the company had no legal obligation to do, they were demonstrating a willingness to go beyond the cost of replacing our trees. They were acknowledging the problem might have caused a measure of personal hardship and distress for us, and were offering to make amends through additional compensation.

I have no way of knowing what process this internationally known company utilized for determining

what their settlement offer should be, but I do know where their underlying concept for providing restitution originated: The Bible.

The Old Testament of the Bible teaches, "When a man or woman commits any of the sins of mankind ... then he shall confess his sins which he has committed, and he shall make restitution in full for his wrong and add to it one-fifth of it, and give it to him whom he has wronged" (Numbers 5:6-7).

There are two principles included in this admonition: First, when a wrong is committed and someone suffers a financial or material loss, the offender should be required to compensate the victim for the amount of loss. Second, damages may exceed the actual monetary value of the loss. If so, then additional compensation

should be made to make amends.

In society today, we often see companies seeking to get by with what they perceive as the bare minimum, both in terms of quality and customer service. So it was refreshing to encounter an example of a corporation committed to going beyond what they are required – or even expected – to do.

In His so-called "Sermon on the Mount," Jesus told His followers how they should properly respond to their enemies. But the principles He gave are applicable as well for businesses wanting to ensure that their customers do not become enemies or adversaries:

"And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, give him your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two

miles" (Matthew 5:40-41).

So I would suggest that if you discover you have wronged someone – even if the act was completely unintentional – and you truly want to make amends, consider adding to the amount of actual damages an additional amount for restitution. No one can ever fault you for resolving to do more than they could reasonably expect of you.

I have seen more than one example of companies, with an earnest effort to serve and satisfy a customer for a wrong they have committed, not only salvaging the customer's repeat business but also seeing business increase because of their commitment to doing the right thing.

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POSITIVE LIVING

By Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr.

Learn to Live in the Present!

It's good and legitimate to revisit the past but it's not necessary, much less ideal, to remain there if you truly keep learning to move into new and better levels, where fresh and significant contributions can be made!

We can go far back into the past just to learn as much as we can, get as much as necessary, and adapt it to the ongoing present and into the emerging future. We also go there to reinforce our resolve regarding what we've already discarded, and be certain it remains distant from us!

Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski, who is also a psychiatrist, has discovered that "one of the reasons people ruminate about the past is that it keeps them from having to deal with the present. To some people, dealing with the present can be so difficult

that they will do anything to avoid it."

Yet, people who are so tied to their bygone years cannot advance in life, for what is dynamic by nature never stands still. Such is the true essence of life – ever advancing in a forward direction. Indecisive persons repeatedly miss much of what life is prepared to offer for their current benefit and ultimate success!

A meaningful rendering of the ancient book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 11 and verse 4, eloquently intimates that "if you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done" (LB version). It means we must face the present as it comes and as it is, not as we wish it to be, and at a time more convenient to us. All our challenges are to be fulfilled under varied types of circumstances, both

favorable and unfavorable!

All minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years keep coming and going at their normal cycles and speed. They shall never return, and whatever we intend to accomplish needs to be fulfilled within those frameworks as they come to us; they are constant and should not be neglected!

People need to be proactive in the

face of every new challenge, many of which arrive so unexpectedly. We cannot simply let life happen to us without recognizing what it brings us and what is expected of us to do with each urgent intrusion!

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COURT AUTHORIZED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

**IF YOU WERE SENT A TEXT MESSAGE PROMOTING A JOB FAIR FOR
THE NEW PALM BEACH MALL IN AUGUST 2012,
PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AS YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO
A PAYMENT OF UP TO \$150 FROM A CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT.**

Para una notificación en Español, visitar www.palmbeachtextsettlement.com

A proposed class action settlement has been reached in a lawsuit over allegedly unauthorized text messages sent to cell phones in August 2012 promoting an August 21, 2012 job fair for the New Palm Beach Mall.

Your legal rights may be affected whether you act or don't act. Please read this Notice carefully. Visit www.palmbeachtextsettlement.com to read the full Notice and the Settlement Agreement and to make a claim.

What is the Lawsuit About?

This lawsuit claims that unsolicited text messages were sent by or on behalf of Defendants Upscale Events by Mosaic, LLC, d/b/a the Mosaic Group, and Palm Beach Mall Holdings LLC, promoting a job fair for The New Palm Beach Mall held on August 21, 2012. The Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' conduct in sending those text messages violated the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and she seeks to represent a group or "class" of persons who received such text messages.

Defendants deny they violated any law, and the Court has not determined who is right. Rather, the parties have agreed to settle the lawsuit to avoid the uncertainties and expenses associated with ongoing litigation. Defendants will vigorously defend the lawsuit if the proposed settlement is not approved.

How Do I Know if I am a Class Member?

You are a Class Member and could get a cash settlement payment if, in August 2012, you received a text message sent directly from Defendants Upscale Events by Mosaic, LLC, d/b/a the Mosaic Group, and/or Palm Beach Mall Holdings LLC, promoting an August 21, 2012 job fair for The New Palm Beach Mall without providing either Defendant prior express consent. A sample of the language of the text messages at issue is available at www.palmbeachtextsettlement.com. Please note that text messages about the job fair that may have been received *indirectly* (i.e., that were forwarded by friends, acquaintances, etc.) are not covered by this settlement.

What Can I Get From the Settlement?

If you are a Settlement Class Member and the Court approves the settlement, you may be entitled to receive a maximum payment of up to \$150. If the expenses, attorneys' fees, Class Representative incentive award, and approved claims filed by Class Members exceed \$6,500,000, members of the Class will receive a lesser *pro rata* share of funds available to the Class. The settlement also requires Defendants to change their communications practices to ensure they obtain consent prior to sending certain text messages.

The Settlement Agreement available at www.palmbeachtextsettlement.com describes the details of the settlement. Only Class Members who submit valid claims will receive a payment.

How Do I Submit a Claim for Payment?

To qualify for a payment, you must submit a timely, truthful, accurate, and properly completed Claim Form signed under penalty of perjury. You may submit the Claim Form online at www.palmbeachtextsettlement.com by following the instructions found on the website, or you may mail a completed Claim Form to *Lanza v. Upscale Events by Mosaic, LLC* Settlement Administrator, PO Box 3068, Faribault, MN 55021-2668. All Claim Forms must be submitted electronically or postmarked no later than **April 12, 2014**, or 45 days after the date of the entry of Final Judgment, whichever is later in time. Only those claims that meet the requirements of the Settlement Agreement will be eligible for a payment.

What are My Other Options?

You will be a member of the Settlement Class unless you exclude yourself from the settlement. If you do not wish to be a member of the Settlement Class, you may exclude yourself by sending a letter to the settlement administrator no later than **January 13, 2014**. You must include your name and address, your cellular telephone number on which you received the text message, your signature, and a statement that you wish to

be excluded from the Settlement Class in *Lanza v. Upscale Events by Mosaic, LLC, et al.*, No. 13-cv-80093. If you choose to exclude yourself, you give up your right to any settlement payment or to object to the settlement, but retain any rights you may currently have to sue the Defendants over the legal issues in the lawsuit.

You and/or your lawyer also have the right to appear before the Court and/or object to the proposed settlement. Objecting is telling the Court you don't like something about the settlement. You can object **ONLY** if you stay in the Settlement Class. Your written objection must be filed with the Court and sent to the attorneys for all parties to the lawsuit no later than **January 13, 2014**. It must include your name, all arguments and evidence supporting the objection, your cellular telephone number that received the text message, a statement that you are a member of the Settlement Class, and a statement regarding whether you intend to appear at the Final Approval Hearing. Specific instructions about how to object to, or exclude yourself from, the Settlement are available at www.palmbeachtextsettlement.com.

If you do nothing you will be in the Settlement Class, whether or not you submit a Claim Form, and if the Court approves the Settlement, you will also be bound by all orders and judgments of the Court and you will not be able to sue Defendants for any claim released as part of the settlement. However, you need to timely submit a valid Claim Form to make a claim for a payment. If approved, your claims relating to the allegedly unauthorized text messages that are the subject of this case against Defendants, as well as other entities involved in the transmission of the text messages, will be fully and finally resolved and released.

Who Represents Me?

The Court has appointed Rafey S. Balabanian and Ari J. Scharg from Edelson LLC that brought the suit to represent the Settlement Class. These attorneys are referred to as Class Counsel. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer in this case, you may hire one at your expense.

When Will the Court Consider the Proposed Settlement?

The Court will hold the Final Approval Hearing to determine the fairness of the settlement at **10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2014** at the Paul G. Rogers Federal Building and United States Courthouse, Room 257, 701 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, before Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks. At that hearing, the Court will hear any objections concerning the fairness of the settlement that have been properly raised, as set forth above. The hearing may be postponed to a different date or time without notice. You are not required to come to this hearing.

At the Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel will ask the Court for attorneys' fees of no more than \$2,145,000, plus no more than \$100,000 in actual costs for investigating the facts, litigating the case, and negotiating the settlement. Class Counsel will also ask the Court to provide the Class Representative an incentive award of no more than \$15,000 for her services in helping to bring and settle this case. The Court may award less than these amounts.

How Do I Get More Information?

This Notice is intended only as a summary of the lawsuit and proposed settlement. It is not a complete statement of the lawsuit or the proposed settlement. For more information about the proposed settlement, including a copy of the Settlement Agreement, which includes a full description of the release of claims against Defendants, other court documents, and a copy of the full Notice and Claim Form, go to www.palmbeachtextsettlement.com, contact the settlement administrator at 1-866-317-3193 or *Lanza v. Upscale Events by Mosaic, LLC* Settlement Administrator, PO Box 3068, Faribault, MN 55021-2668, or call Class Counsel at 1-866-354-3015.

By Order of the Court Dated: October 30, 2013

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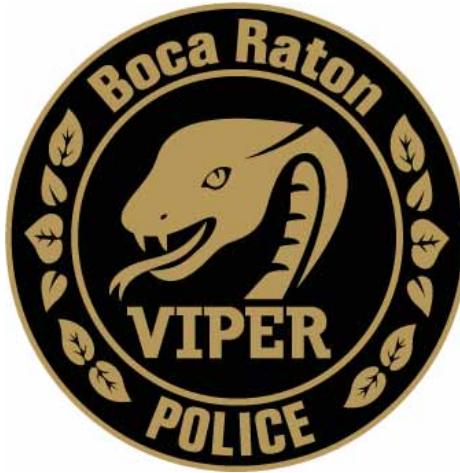
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Municipal News

The Boca Raton Tribune

Man Shot in Friend's Apartment



Boca Raton, FL – On Sunday, December 1, 2013, just before 11:00 p.m., Boca Raton Police officers responded to a report of a shooting at the Gables of Town Place Apartments, 21445 Town Lakes Drive. When officers arrived, they met with a group of people and a male who had been shot in the chest.

Detectives interviewed the four people who were present at the apartment when the shooting

occurred. They all provided the same version of events. The resident, Madison Flint, and her friend, Joshua Henry, were hanging out and called some other friends to come over to Flint's apartment. Erin Steele, Justin Holt, and another friend arrived at the apartment a short time later. Henry brought a handgun with him, was showing the group the gun and allowed members of the group to dry fire the pistol. Henry re-loaded the gun and set it on the counter. Later in the evening, Steele picked the gun up from the counter, pointed it at Holt and fired it. Holt was transported to Delray Medical Center where he died shortly thereafter.

The investigation is ongoing. If anyone has information about this incident, they are asked to call Detective Jeff Clare at (561) 338-1246 or Palm Beach County Crime Stoppers at (800) 458-TIPS.

3-car Crash Sends 4 to Hospitals

By CRA News Service

BOCA RATON - Four people were injured in a three-car crash west of Boca Raton Friday night.

Three of the patients were taken to Delray Medical Center with traumatic injuries, and a fourth was transported to West Boca Medical Center with less serious injuries, said Captain Albert Borroto, spokesman for Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue.

The crash happened shortly before 11 p.m. in the 9200 block of Southwest 8th Street in Isles of Boca Dunes.

Rescue crews arrived and found one of the cars on its side. They also found one person, who was ejected from a car, lying in the street, Borroto said. There were also other occupants in vehicles as well, he added.

Police Warn of Holiday Shopping Dangers Through Videos

By CRA News Service

BOCA RATON - As the holiday shopping season get underway, the Boca Raton Police Services Department is warning shoppers to be careful in the malls and parking lots.

Officers have been on extra patrols since Black Friday and will continue through mid January.

Police have kicked off their safety campaign through music and animation with two videos.

The first video uses the holiday classic "Sleigh Bells" with lyrics focused on keeping your belongings safe.

The second video was created and produced by the Digital Media Arts College in Boca Raton.

 An advertisement for Santa's Official Studio. It features a large image of Santa Claus on the left, wearing his traditional red suit and white fur-trimmed hat. To his right is a curved film strip containing several smaller photos of people posing with Santa. Below the film strip is a photo of two young women standing next to Santa. The background is white with black film strip borders. A blue callout box contains text about the service. The Heizer Teen Photography logo is in the bottom left corner.

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ENTERTAINMENT

A Rollicking "Book of Mormon" Superior Food at China Garndens

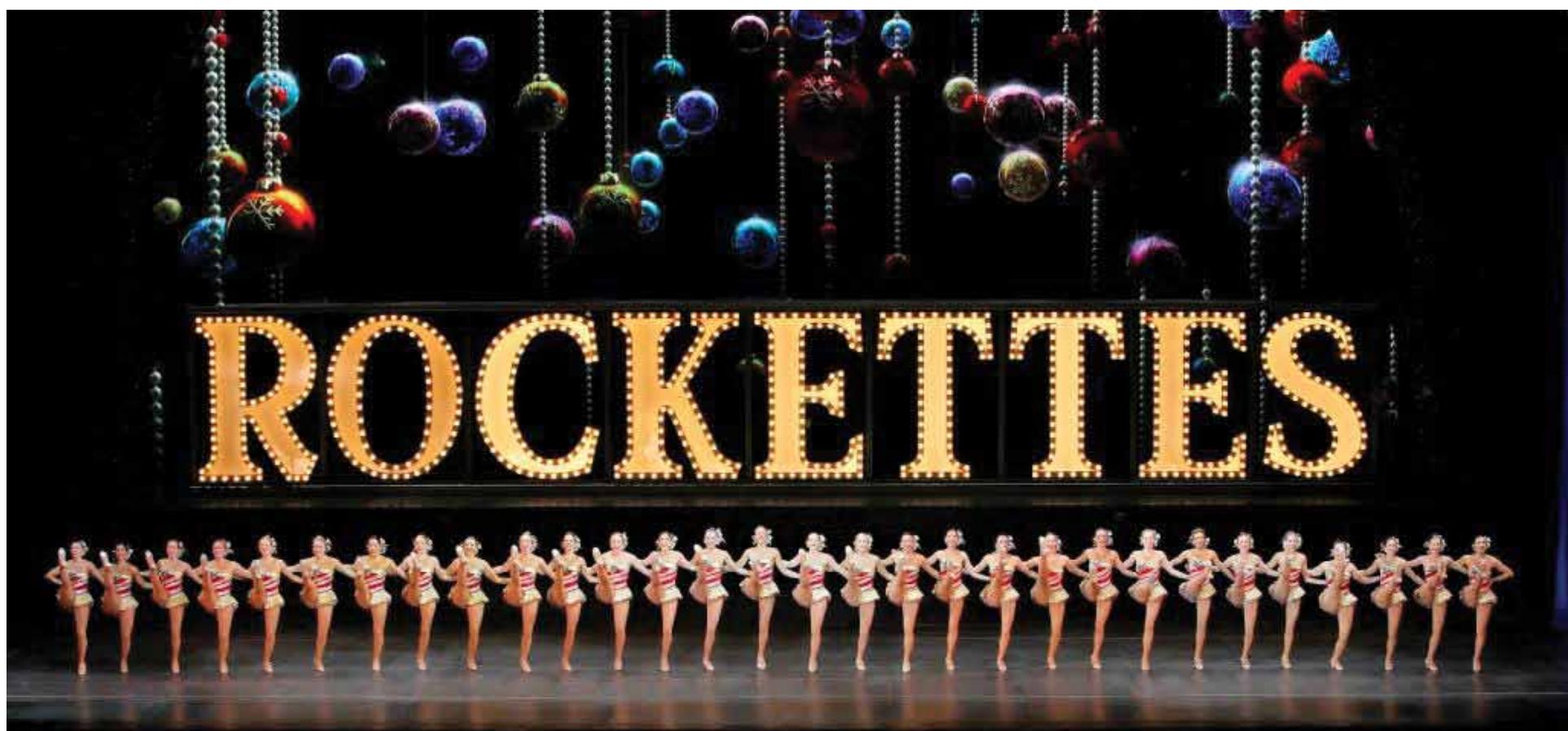


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The Rockettes Spread Holiday Cheer



By Skip Sheffield

Need cheering up?

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes is a sure thing to bring out the wide-eyed, happy child in a person of any age.

The "Christmas Spectacular" is in residence for the first time through Dec. 8 at Kravis Center in West Palm Beach.

Kravis Center is ideally-suited to house this massive, high-tech, multi-media show, with its huge stage, lofty fly space and wide aisles.

For those who have seen the Radio City Christmas Spectacular before there is a sense of continuity, for many of the 12 scenes with set and costume changes have been seen in years before. This show is custom-made for West Palm Beach, with local references made in the introduction of the fabulous dancing Rockettes in reindeer headgear hauling Santa Claus and

his sleigh across the stage. Radio City singers are introduced in Scene 2 wishing us a Merry Christmas. The familiar "Twelve Days of Christmas" are done up Rockette-style with 160 tapping toes of the precision Rockette dancers.

Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" is served up especially for children, with giant, over-stuffed dancing animals and a tiny dancing ballerina named Clara (Kate Gardiner alternating with Jessica Snider)

A personal favorite is the Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, culminating in a choreographed collapse finale.

"New York at Christmas" is done in spectacular fashion, with a nearly full-size red double-decker bus that rotates 360 while projections of downtown Manhattan offer the illusion of motion.

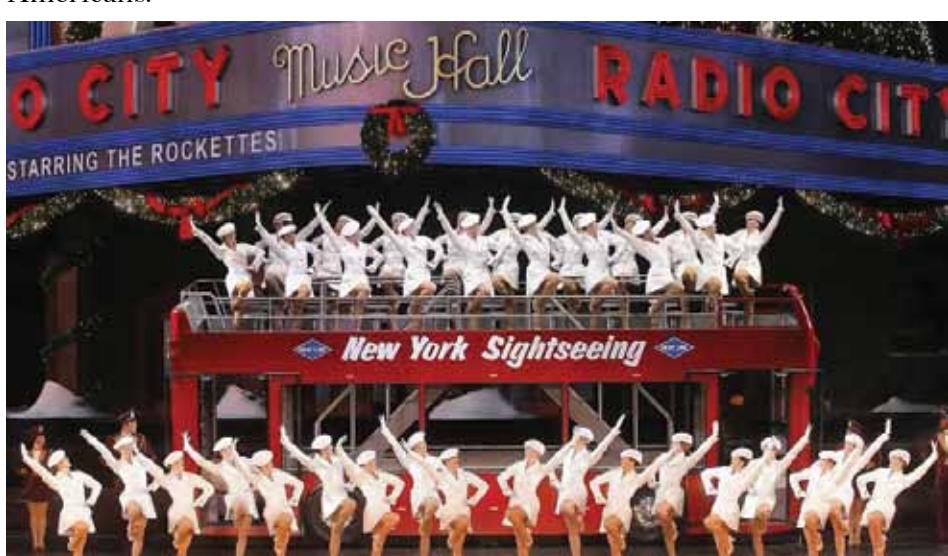
A traditional second act part of the show is the religious story of the birth of Jesus, quoting

scripture in a "Living Nativity," reminding Christians of the reason for the season.

A brief history of Radio City Music Hall and the Rockettes tells of the spectacular debut in 1933 to the low point in 1978 when the theater almost closed. What a loss that would have been for all Americans.

Happily Radio City Music Hall and the Rockettes are alive and well in New York City and West Palm Beach, offering an upbeat alternative to our daily diet of bad news.

Tickets are \$51.50-\$143.50. Call 800-572-8471 or go to www.kravis.org.





Entertainment

Skip Sheffield

A Rollicking "Book of Mormon" at Broward Center

Who knew Mormons were such fun?

Evidently Trey Parker, Matt Stone and Robert Lopez saw the inherent comic potential in America's unique Church of the Latter Day Saints religion.

"The Book of Mormon" is onstage through Dec. 22 at Broward Center for the Arts. It is hilarious, irreverent, audacious, and one of the most entertaining Broadway shows of all time. This national touring company is absolutely first-rate.

Just about everyone has encountered those polite, clean-cut, usually Caucasian young men who knock at doors and try to entice whoever will listen to the wonders of the Book of Mormon.

Even the most devout Mormon will have to admit their religion is different. For one thing, they believe a resurrected Jesus Christ came to America in the 19th century and paid a personal visit to one Joseph Smith. Before that, in 1827 an angel named Moroni appeared to Smith with golden plates inscribed by ancient prophets who lived in the Americas from 2200 B.C. to 421 A.D.

There is a lot more to Mormonism, but Parker and Stone, creators of "South Park" and Lopez, writer-composer of "Avenue Q," saw the gag potential in the unorthodox beliefs of Mormons as well as their penchant for spreading their gospel through "Elders," who are actually young men from teenage to early 20s. The setup is two mismatched naïve elders who much to their surprise, are dispatched to Uganda in darkest Africa rather than stateside duty.

On the surface Elder Kevin Price (Mark Evans) is the ideal Mormon: good-looking, tall and self-assured. His partner Elder Arnold Cunningham (Christopher John O'Neill, remember his name from "Happy Days") is the opposite: short, chubby, and functionally illiterate to

the minutiae of the Mormon faith. On the plus side Arnold has a quite a creative imagination.

The lads launch the show with the catchy ditty "Hello," joined by other young Mormons already in Uganda.

Upon their arrival, the lads are robbed of their possessions by soldiers of a character we can't name in a family newspaper, but is inspired by the real, bloodthirsty man known as General Butt Naked.

After their introduction to a bemused chief Mafala Hatimbi (Stanley Wayne Mathis), the boys are treated to a litany of woes: poverty, famine, AIDS and the cruel practice of female circumcision.

How can a funny musical be constructed around such serious subjects, you may wonder. The answer is the attitude of the natives, expressed in the fatalistic song "Hasa Diga Eebowai," whose translation cannot be printed verbatim. Suffice it to say the natives are a tough, feisty lot who have a strong, black sense of humor.

Principal among the Africans is the chief's daughter, Princess Nabulungi, played by the radiant, irresistible Samantha Marie Ware.

A side plot of sorts is provided by the ever-smiling Elder McKinley (Grey Henson), who fights "unnatural" sexual tendencies. Henson does double duty as the Angel Moroni.

There are many more fun things about the show: guys in drag playing the female parts, "Spooky Mormon Hell Dream" with precision choreography and hook-laden songs played with gusto by a small pit orchestra. Don't be surprised if you find yourself singing along with the Mormon theme song, "We Are Africal!"

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Tony Hall

"Attitude of Gratitude"

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It's the season to show thanks. This is the time of year that we get so involved in showing how we feel to our friends and family. Whether it's through a spiritual holiday or thanksgiving, It can be easy to get lost in the "what makes us happy" mindset and out of the gratitude mindset.

Having an attitude of gratitude is much more than being thankful. If you're thankful you are showing someone you're happy. When you show gratitude, it's thankfulness to the extreme. It is feeling the heartfelt kindness and good that has happened in your life. It also knows that through all the uncertainty and negativity that has happened, it is all leading you to a new opportunity.

Brian Tracy says "Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation."

I have no regrets. I am thankful for everyone in my life. Eight Months ago I started searching for a way to open up my own school in Alabama. About three months later I nearly started to get closer and closer to that goal. A few months later as I was packing the house, closing up lease negotiations and preparing for a new chapter in my

life, I was given an opportunity to manage and run the East West Karate Boca location. Knowing all the challenges that lay ahead I took the offer. Now still in S. Florida, I am grateful to find where I was actually needed, where I can influence the most people, and I am grateful for all the relationships along the way.

Over the last few months there have been a ton of challenges. I had to remember with every challenge and every struggle it was just a new opportunity presenting itself. What are your new opportunities?

Challenge your self to have an "Attitude of Gratitude" and be thankful for what makes you happy and embrace the new opportunities.

Here are a few tips to show Gratitude to our friend's family and Strangers.

- Pay it Forward, buy someone's coffee behind you at Starbucks or the Drive Thru.

- Send out Thank You cards to your friends or family. Even better send one to a Vendor, or Frequent Customer

- Volunteer-Anywhere... Shelter, Church Non-Profit, Etc. There are ton's of mentoring programs available, you just have to look.

- Be on time and early! Being late to events and appointments displays to others people that your time is more valuable then theirs.

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Food Review

Marc Kent

Superior Food at China Garndens

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Ellen, Peppy and this reviewer were amazed by the variety of dishes offered and we happily tested many of them.

Nine soups tasted included a hot and sour that had a gentle spice with excellent flavor with shards of crisp vegetables and chicken. A chicken corn soup with egg white was also outstanding of flavor – both are winners. The standard egg drop, wonton, chicken rice/noodle, vegetable are available as are three special soups for 2 diners.

Some 23 appetizers are posted. We sampled nice lightly steamed shrimp dumplings, excellent steak on a stick, both lobster and vegetable spring rolls crispy but a tad greasy.

From a numbered list of seventy plus entrees presented, we sampled superior shrimp with lobster sauce (#15) – plump shrimp in a great sauce, best we've tasted anywhere, any time.

We chose another standard – moo shu pork (#39B) with shredded cabbage, pork meat, egg finely chopped and-with hoisin sauce-all wrapped of for us in tasty Mandarin pancakes with additional sauce on the side –perfection! P.S.-moo shu chicken also available.

Speaking of a perfect dish – Try their excellent seafood delight (#44)-shrimp, scallops and Maine lobster meat sautéed with mixed vegetables on a sizzling platter!

We had not experienced walnut chicken (#46) until we tasted the chicken and vegetables served in brown sauce with sweet and crispy jumbo walnuts on top. It was an education...a must try. P.S. walnut

shrimp also available.

We also enjoyed the chicken chow fun-(#40A)-wide rice noodles, snow peas, bean sprouts and lo mein sauce-a winner!

These numbered dishes are listed on the three menu sheets titled. Dinner Specials, Chef's Specialties and their Early Bird Specials. Note the Early Bird is from 3PM to 10PM, the other menu items are served all day. China garden is open 7 days-Monday through Saturday from 11AM to 10PM, Sunday from 2PM to 10PM.

There is a Daily Special menu that lists 15 items and we were advised by friends to try lechees with garlic prawns. These good size shrimp were paired with juicy, tasty lechees in a wonderful sauce-Thank you!

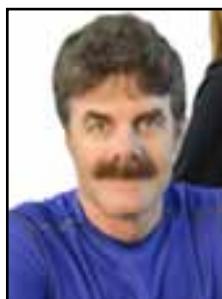
Another menu heading –Seafood Specials-offers 8 dishes including Maine lobsters at 1 ¼ or 2 pounds, snapper, sea bass, grouper, salmon plus seafood baby bok choy, seafood chinese broccoli and seafood soons with shrimp and jumbo scallops, Main lobster meat and asparagus plus string beans.

A La Carte menu heading has a roster of 6 chow meins, 3 chop sueys, 6 vegetable dishes, 3 egg foo young and 6 duck choices.

For spice lovers – 2 each of chicken, filet mignon and seafoods are listed as spicy!

Since 1990, China Gardens seat 100 diners and serves beers and wines. Yes, they have a kids menu and even a diet menu, Note: China Gardens does not use MSG.

This comfortable restaurant serves, what we believe to be, the finest tasting Chinese food we have experienced. We strongly suggest you...Go and enjoy!



Fitness Life

Lossing Weight During The Holidays

Yep, how about some truth? People will all of a sudden wake up to the fact that they are not as thin, nor in the same shape they were in when they were 20. So they will get back there in the next 4 weeks. They will exercise every day as hard as they can and basically stop eating.

Unfortunately those that will be unlucky enough to continue this through the holiday season will not have time to be with the people they do not see but once a year. Nor will they be able to enjoy all the wonderful food that is at the parties that they are not able to go to.

Then when the holiday season is over they will sadly gain all the weight back and a bit more.

The rest of the people that try this will fall into two more categories. Those who just give

up until next year, when they will start the entire process again and be a bit heavier than they are now.

The final group, which happens to be the smallest, will chose to start a reasonable exercise program, one that they are willing to stay with for the long term. They will start slowly and develop a way to make it work and begin to determine what they choose to eat and how much.

They will accept that they will have bad days and good days. They will stay with it until their good days become more frequent than their bad days. They will make the choice to eat things that they know are fattening and they will decide how much and how often to do this. They will decide that they make these choices, not other. They will enjoy their life. They will slowly make the changes. Slowly!!

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SPOTLIGHT



Annual City of Boca Raton Holiday Parade

On Wednesday, December 4th community businesses, churches, schools, and civic organizations came together in the spirit of holiday cooperation and fun at the 'Annual City of Boca Raton Holiday Street Parade'. More photos can be seen online at www.bocaratontribune.com



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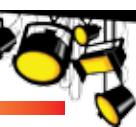
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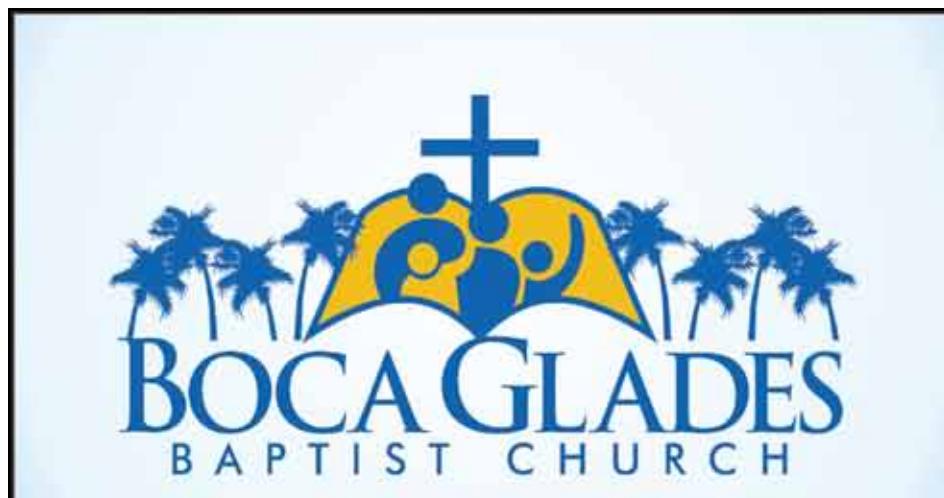
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Homes Inside and Out

Joshua Carlson

Selling Your Home During the Holidays: How to Outshine the Other Homes

Are you committed to Selling your Home during the Holiday's? If so, here are some ideas that you may want to take to ensure the successful negotiation and sale of your home. Holiday Buyers are predominantly serious prospects, and with less competition in the Market Place during the Holidays, it would be wise to utilize some of these easy steps, so that your property outshines most of the other Homes for sale during this time.

- Excellent Photos of your Home - Upon Marketing your home on the internet your home stands a high percentage of getting lost amid the other properties, unless accompanying the description of the home are fantastic photos. Not enough emphasis is placed on this, and in this day and age of technology a large portion of Buyers research and pursue their future homes via their laptops, IPads and smartphones. There is only a matter of seconds when the potential Buyer clicks on your home, to capture their audience and give a great first impression. If the photos are mediocre, more than likely, they will flip to the next property on their list.

Joshua Carlson has been a Real Estate Professional/Broker-Agent in the state of Florida for 14 years. He has a passion for educating his clients and walking them through the home buying/selling process. If you have any real estate related questions or topics you would like to hear about, he can be contacted at 561-929-8874 or JoshCarlson.RealEstate@gmail.com

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The State of Real Estate

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RAPB Reports

The Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches RAPB is reporting that inventory has been "flirting with five year lows for single family housing, townhomes and condos". according to a release issued November 20th, 2013 by RAPB. The release quotes Tim Harris, President of the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches as stating "Palm Beach County just hit a five year high for new listings in the single family housing market." Property owners have been responding to the market activity by putting homes up for sale. The release goes on to say that: "Median sale prices are at a five year highs for townhouses and condos at \$118,500. Last Oct. the

median sale price was only \$91,100. That's a difference of \$27,400 or a 30.1 percent increase. Single-family median sale prices are just shy of their five-year highs at \$253,000. Year over year, that's a 14.4 percent jump. With owners being able to ask more for their property, they are also seeing the highest percent of original listing price in the past five years."

Also quoted was Myles Minns, owner of Continental Properties who predicted that "2014 will continue to provide reasonable prices for housing, low interest rates, and higher inventory which should lead to a stronger economy."

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7 Deadly Mistakes That Will Cost You Thousands When You Sell Your Home

Boca Raton - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them

literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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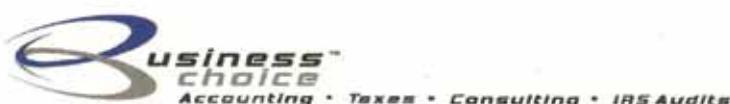
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FAITH

By Rick Warren

Are Your Circuits Too Busy?

"The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature." (Luke 8:14 NIV)

You can't hear God if your mind is crowded with other thoughts or concerns — particularly worries, plans, and activities. If you're always listening to the radio or the tv, when God calls you, the circuits are going to be busy. You've got to eliminate the distractions.

Jesus says in Luke 8:7, "Some other seeds fell where thorn bushes grew up and choked the plants" (CEV).

The kind of soil with weeds in it was actually planted with crops and begins to grow. But as it grows, weeds grow up around it, and the weeds begin to choke out the life of the vegetable or the plant, so it never bears fruit.

Here's what Jesus says is the meaning of Luke 8:7: "The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches

and pleasures, and they do not mature" (Luke 8:14 NIV).

There are three things that choke out hearing God:

Worry. Worries are weeds. When you're so busy with the problems and pressures of daily living, it makes it harder to hear God.

Riches. You can be so busy trying to pay your bills, so busy trying to get out of debt, so busy trying to make more, and so busy making a living that you don't make a life.

Pleasure. There's nothing wrong with pleasure. But God said that when you're so busy pursuing fun, you miss him and his plans for your life.

You don't have to cultivate weeds. They grow automatically, don't they? In fact, weeds are a sign of neglect. If you see weeds in your yard or garden, it means you're not tending your yard or garden. The weeds in your spiritual life are a sign that you're neglecting time with God.

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DIVORCE FLORIDA STYLE

By Mike Gora

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He told me that he had divorced his wife shortly before he left the island. He and I were going through a divorce, when I got some papers mailed to our home, from a lawyer in Miami.

The papers said that his supposedly ex-wife had come to Miami a few years ago and recently died without leaving a will, and that an investigation showed that the two of them were still married, and he was legally her sole heir. She only owned a small house with a little equity and a car.

My lawyer verified the lack of a divorce judgment in Cuba, and told me that our marriage was void, since you cannot legally get married, when you are already married. He said that he thought I might not be able to get alimony or get property distribution, although any property in joint names would be divided equally. He is checking into the question.

Am I entitled to alimony? My "husband" makes serious money, and I have not worked outside the home, and have raised our three children over the many years.

My "husband" has all of his business interests in his name alone. These include many rental properties, and undeveloped land all over Florida. Will the distribution of half of the values of those properties be possible?

A: Florida case law provides equitable (fair) remedies to a person who invests years in a marriage, only to find out that she is not legally married.

Equitable alimony, or alimony by estoppel, may be provided to a wife

under such circumstances, if she can prove that she had no reason to believe that her husband had never legally divorced.

This result will occur whether or not the husband had intentionally defrauded his wife or had erroneously depended on his first wife to complete the divorce proceedings.

The right to distribution of property, which would have been marital, if the parties had legally been married, can be established through the construction of a "trust" by the court, or the parties' settlement agreement.

Such a "constructive trust" is often used by the courts to correct an unfair legal result where the parties owe a fiduciary duty to one another. Such a relationship would surely arise between a couple who believed that they were married or were not, or in circumstances where one person knew they could not marry but never told the other person, before going through a marriage ceremony and years of living together.

Florida divorce law is designed to "default" to a fair, evenhanded, resolution of the marital relationships. It is, however, based on equitable principles broad enough and flexible enough to protect those who innocently believe that they are married, but are not.

Note that under no circumstances would your rights to child support or rights of access to your children be affected because your marital never existed. Child support and visitation rights would still exist under Florida law.

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Office Depot Could be Staying in Boca, for now

By CRA News Service

BOCA RATON — Office Depot, which recently merged with OfficeMax could remain in Boca Raton, the Boca Raton Tribune has learned.

Sources close to the company said after plans to move its headquarters to move to OfficeMax's former location in Naperville, Ill. failed to make it to a full state Senate vote recently, the office supply retailer could move more than 2,000 jobs to Boca Raton. More than 1,700 people work at the standalone headquarters on Military Trail.

The decision will most likely be made by Roland Smith, the new CEO named in November.

The new company was seeking relief from Illinois state's taxes, which are among the highest in the country. But a bill offering the office-supply chain \$53 million in tax credits over 15 years failed to make it to a full Senate vote during a session that ended last week, and lawmakers aren't likely to reconvene until next month at

the earliest, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Office Depot already has more than \$2 million worth of incentive packages to create jobs in Boca Raton.

Meanwhile, Office Depot on Monday added another former Wendy's Co. executive, Stephen Hare, to its leadership team.

Hare replaces co-CFO Mike Newman, who has retired from Office Depot, and interim co-CFO Deb O'Connor, who has returned to her position as senior vice president of finance and co-chief accounting officer.

Hare served as senior VP and CFO at Wendy's from 2011 until September 2013. Hare was senior VP and CFO of Wendy's/Arby's Group Inc. from 2008 through 2011, and previously served as CFO of Arby's Restaurant Group before it merged with Wendy's.

Smith plans to have the Office Depot executive committee in place by the end of this month, according to sources.

Rhino Doughnuts & Coffee to Open at Mizner Plaza

With a belief that all Americans deserve delicious chef-made doughnuts and craft-brewed coffee in a cutting-edge atmosphere, local entrepreneurs Davin Tran and Athan "Tom" Prakas, affectionately recognized as the "CEOS of Dough," are looking to reinvent the traditional doughnut-and-coffee experience with their creative new concept, Rhino Doughnuts & Coffee.

With four scheduled locations to open in South Florida by spring, Rhino Doughnuts & Coffee will serve chef-made doughnuts and craft-brewed, small-batch-roasted coffee, created from the finest quality ingredients on earth, in über-creative flavor twists and combinations. Prakas, Tran and their staff, known as "Team Rhino," have a sincere promise for future customers: "These are not your daddy's doughnuts."

"Take all your preconceived notions about doughnut and coffee shops and throw them out the window," says Prakas. "We're pushing the limits of innovation and creativity with the best-tasting

doughnuts you'll ever have. Our craft-brewed, small-batch-roasted coffee is the perfect complement."

Rhino Doughnuts & Coffee will soon open at Las Olas Riverfront, Fort Lauderdale; Lauderdale-by-the-Sea; Mizner Plaza, Boca Raton; and Sunrise. Davin and Prakas are also looking for additional Rhino locations throughout South Florida, from north Palm Beach County, as far west as Wellington, to Miami-Dade.

At the company's own local doughnut plant, Executive Pastry Chef Keith Freiman, formerly pastry chef for Smith & Wollensky and the Boca Raton Resort & Club, will use a secret dough recipe to make doughnuts on a daily basis, providing fresh sweets for each of the area outposts. All glazes and fillings will be made from scratch. Guests can expect exciting flavors such as maple bacon, s'mores and original glazed, as well as classic confections like cinnamon buns, muffins and other inventive choices.

Boca Raton Production Studio Hits Big With a National Broadcasting Company

3 Amici Studios will team up with a national broadcasting company to present, Rome 360°: The Churches, a tribute to the Eternal City. The episodic series is scheduled for release in 2014.

Tom Shaker, the Italian-American author-writer-host of the series stated, "I am proud that a major broadcast entity has signed on to help us share the facts, fantasy, faith and fun that is Rome. This is an entertainment program. A recognized and respected broadcast company is the perfect home for it."

Rome 360° looks at Rome and her neighborhoods, using 1 of the 360 churches in the city center as a focal point for each episode.

The idea for a television series about Rome came to Shaker in 2000 when he moved to the Eternal City. The collision of culture, architecture, art, food and history presented a perfect opportunity for him to create a program befitting his edu-tainer style.

"People love to learn, but hate

being taught. A vibrant and colorful show about Rome will hopefully open the eyes, and hearts of viewers while avoiding the sterile environs of the lecture hall," Shaker continued.

The first episode for Rome 360° is The Pantheon. Shaker calls it "the grand-daddy of them all" and chose the temple-monument church for two reasons. Shaker commented, "The Pantheon is in the center of the Roman 'Centro'. We can feature this magnificent structure, then spiral out in later episodes. Also, it is a very well-known and popular site that boasts history as pagan temple, Christian Church and architectural marvel."

3 Amici Studios has plans for a "sister" program to run with Rome 360°. Shaker and his team are currently developing a project called, Vino Veritas. Translated, the term means, "In Wine, There is Truth". Vino Veritas will look at wines from around the world, how they are produced, distributed, served and enjoyed.

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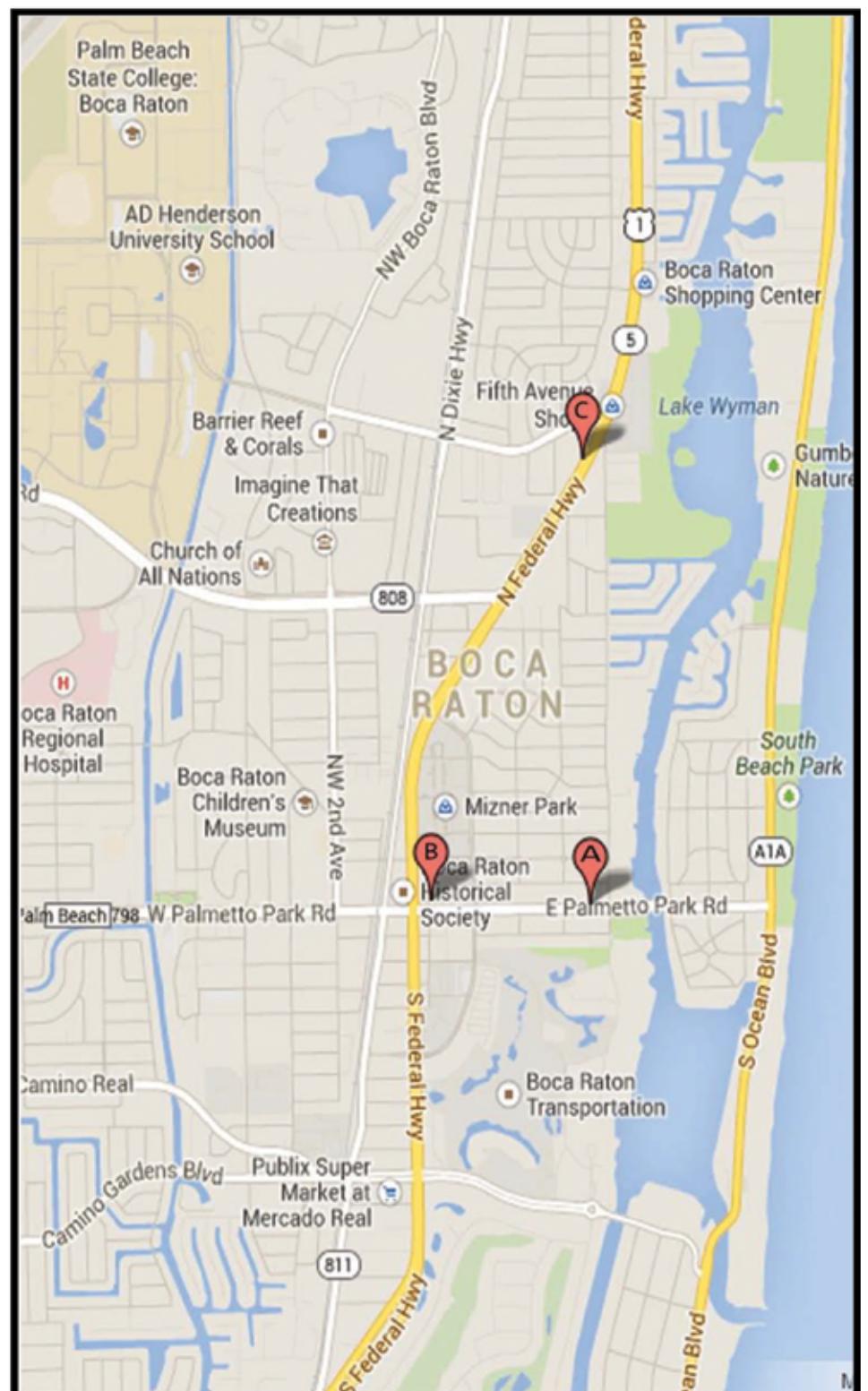
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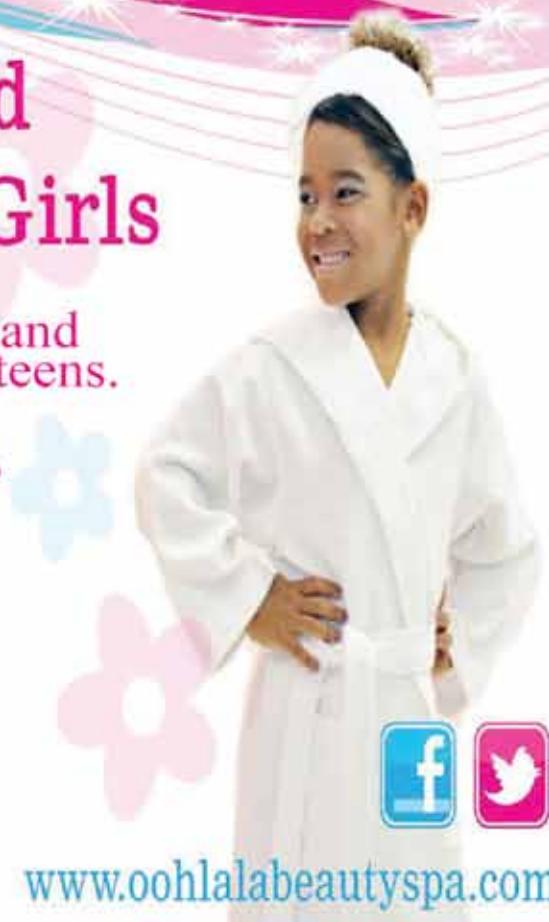
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2013 to Remember For Hometown Product Jozy Altidore



By: Pedro Heizer

When U.S. Soccer National Team star Jozy Altidore was playing at South County Regional Park in his younger years, never in his life did he believe he would one day be one of the most important components for a U.S National Team on its way to the World Cup in Brazil next summer, let alone be named the 2013 United States Soccer Male Athlete of the Year, and the Futbol de Primera U.S. Player of the Year.

"Growing up, you dream of playing on the biggest stages of the sport and I have been fortunate to experience those opportunities thus far in my career," says Altidore.

The last week of November was a week to remember for Boca Raton as two of its stars shined its brightest. On Sunday, November 24 Ariana Grande was named the New Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles.

On November 27, Altidore was named the 2013 United States Soccer Male Athlete of the Year. The U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year award is the highest honor awarded to soccer players in the United States.

The Male Athlete of the Year honor is the first for Altidore. He becomes the 22nd different player to earn the award since its inception in 1984. Altidore also becomes just the second player to win both the Young Male Athlete of the Year (won in 2006) and Male Athlete of the Year honors, joining Landon Donovan who won Young Male Athlete of the Year in 2001 and earned the Male Athlete of the Year award on four occasions (2003, 2004, 2009 and 2010).

Altidore set a U.S. Men's National Team record by scoring a goal in five consecutive matches from June 2-Aug. 14. His eight goals in 2013 were a career best and tied for a team high. Three of Altidore's goals were game-winners during the Hexagonal. He finishes off the year with 21 goals and 66 caps in his MNT career, and is now tied for sixth on the all-time goalscoring list with Bruce Murray.

About a week later, Altidore was also given the Futbol de Primera U.S. Player of the Year. The Futbol de Primera U.S. Player of the Year award recognizes the best player on the U.S. National Team and was created in 1991. Member of the media (print, radio, television, and internet) from across the country have the honor of voting for the top three players they believe are the most deserving.

The 24-year-old received 233 points and 52 first-place votes, Michael Bradley was second with 176 points and 34 first-place votes, followed by Landon Donovan with 127 points and 24 first-place votes.

Altidore, who moved to English Premier League side Sunderland in the summer, scored 31 goals in all competitions last season for Dutch club AZ Alkmaar. He signed off from Holland with a game-winning goal in the Dutch Cup final.

"To receive awards for my work on the field this year has been nothing short of an honor. I really appreciate the fans, media and other people who voted or had a vote in the awards' selection process," said a grateful Altidore. "It's truly humbling to say the least."

FAU Football Defeats FIU in Shula Bowl; Becomes Bowl Eligible For First Time Since 2008

BOCA RATON, Fla. - Florida Atlantic University's football team won its fourth-consecutive game to become bowl eligible with a 21-6 win over FIU, Friday. The Owls' defense recorded eight sacks and held the Panthers to 132 total yards and just one third-down conversion.

FAU becomes bowl eligible for the first time since 2008 and will await a decision from bowl committees.

Seniors defensive ends Martin Wright and Corey Henry broke school records and led FAU to another record. Wright's 4.5 sacks in the game shattered the previous school record of three, held by four players, most recently by Johnnie Sloan on Oct. 9, 2004 at Texas State.

Henry racked up 2.5 sacks to get to 16 in his career, breaking the record of 15.5 held by Ramon Rickards (2001-05). The senior has 6.5 sacks on the season, breaking the record of six held by Michael Hancock in 2008.

As a team, the Owls now have 32 sacks, snapping the 2008 record of 28.

Quarterback Jaquez Johnson was 10-of-19 for 218 yards and three touchdowns and added 64 yards on the ground. Damian Fortner set his new career high with 100 yards on 19 carries. Daniel McKinney led FAU in receiving, racking up 75 yards on four catches. Alex Deleon, William Dukes and Nekson Dorvilus each caught touchdown passes from Johnson.

Dorvilus moves into sixth all-time at FAU in receiving touchdowns

with his 12th career score.

FAU's first scoring drive came on its second possession of the game with the help of a trick play. Johnson lateraled to backup quarterback Greg Hankerson, who passed it back to Johnson for a 34-yard completion to get the Owls down to the FIU 10-yard line. After losing a yard, Johnson connected with Dorvilus on an 11-yard pass for the first score of the game.

After FIU kicked a 35-yard field goal on the ensuing drive, the Owls struck with a five-play, 88-yard drive late in the first quarter. Johnson bombed a pass to Dukes for 59 yards for the score to end a drive that lasted just 1:43, giving FAU the 14-3 lead.

The Owls held FIU to a three-and-out on the first possession of the second half, forcing the Panthers to punt. Quarterback and punter Jake Medlock boomed a 49-yard kick that rolled out of bounds at the FAU two-yard line, pinning the Owls deep in their own territory. Johnson would once again lead the team downfield as FAU marched 98 yards to score on a 23-yard pass to Deleon.

The Panthers went on to kick a 43-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter to end the scoring at 21-6.

Wright was named the MVP of the game for FAU while FIU's Markeith Russell (11 tackles) was awarded the honor for the Panthers. The traveling Shula Bowl Trophy returns to FAU for the first time in three seasons. FAU holds a 9-2 all-time mark in 12 battles (one FIU victory was vacated).



FAU Men's Basketball Defeats UCF 75-64

BOCA RATON, FL - Pablo Bertone scored a career high for the second game in a row, helping the Florida Atlantic University men's basketball team to a 75-64 win over UCF on Tuesday night.

The Owls (2-6) and the Knights (3-3) traded the lead throughout the early portion of the game, with neither team able to seize firm control of the contest. FAU trailed by one, 15-14, when Justin Raffington scored eight of the Owls' next 11 points to help put FAU up 25-22. FAU held a 35-32 advantage at the break.

UCF briefly led early in the second half, but FAU responded with a 13-3 run to take a 50-41 lead. The Owls' margin ballooned to as many as 13, before the Knights rallied to within five at the 3:49 mark. Jackson Trapp made a layup and Dragan Sekelja split a trip to the charity stripe to push the spread back to eight. Later in the half, Marquan Botley made a

free throw, followed by a Bertone steal and score to ice the win for the Owls.

Bertone's 31 points is the most by an Owl since Greg Gant scored 31 vs. Western Kentucky on February 14, 2013. He was joined in double digits by Trapp (13) and Botley (11). FAU outrebounded an opponent for the fourth time this season. Raffington scored eight points to go along with a career high 12 rebounds.

The Owls will face another in-state rival on Saturday, when they host Jacksonville. Tip-off is set for 3 p.m. Live stats and live video of the game will be available at fausports.com. Audio of the game will also be available on ESPN 106.3 FM. Saturday's game is also FAU Faculty and Staff Day, members of the FAU Faculty and Staff can purchase tickets for as little as \$7. For tickets, call the FAU Ticket Office at 1-866-FAU-OWLS.

Jason Sangha Named Daktronics All-America

By Chad Beattie

BOCA RATON, Fla. - Lynn University's Jason Sangha was recognized as a Daktronics Men's Soccer All-America Honorable Mention honoree on Wednesday. This is the third consecutive year Sangha has garnered All-America accolades, making him just the fourth player in program history to be a three-time selection.

Prior to this season, only Gareth Dunn (1997-00), Darren Warham (1996-98) and Neathan Gibson (1991-93) had been three-time All-Americans. Lynn has now had at least one All-American for 12 consecutive years and 27 overall.

A junior out of Southampton, England, Sangha was a Daktronics First Team pick in 2012 and Third

Team honoree in 2011. This year the central defender anchored the Fighting Knights back line to a Sunshine State Conference-best 0.98 goals against average and 0.50 GAA in league play. He also tallied one assist.

The Sunshine State Conference had four players named to the Daktronics All-America Teams, with Walker Hume of Rollins the lone first team selection while Tyler Blackwood (Tamp) and Alex Bisbee (Rollins) also were honorable mention picks.

Lynn went 11-5-2 overall and narrowly missed out on its third consecutive NCAA Tournament bid. The Blue & White return 17 letterwinners, including eight starters, for the 2014 season.

Lynn Baseball Welcomes 15 News Players for 2014 Season

BOCA RATON, Fla. - Lynn University head baseball coach Rudy Garbalosa announced the signing of three players on Wednesday afternoon. The Fighting Knights will welcome junior college transfers Tyler Curtis, Jordan Lindsay and Shawn Murray for the 2015 season.

"This is a great group of guys who have come from established programs and will continue our winning mentality at Lynn University," said Garbalosa. "I'm looking for all three to step in and contribute right away to help our team win the Sunshine State Conference, reach the NCAA South Region Tournament and win a national championship."

A native of Newburgh, N.Y., Curtis is entering his second year at Triton College. In his freshman season, the infielder batted .348 with 10 doubles, three triples, three home runs and 32 runs batted in with 11 stolen bases, earning All-Region accolades. Curtis was a two-time NY Herald First Team selection in high school for

Marlboro High School where he batted over .400 as both a junior and senior.

Lindsay pitched in nine games for Eastern Florida State College (formerly Brevard) with one save, a 3.38 earned run average and eight strikeouts in 13.1 innings pitched as a freshman. The St. Petersburg, Fla., product also garnered All-Pinellas County and All-Bay Conference first team accolades his senior year at Shorecrest Prep.

Lastly for the Fighting Knights is Murray, a 5-8 right-handed pitcher from Palm Beach State College. The Wellington, Fla., native posted a 1-1 record with a 3.18 ERA and five strikeouts in 10 games pitched. Murray played baseball at Palm Beach Central where he was a Sun-Sentinel All-County Honorable Mention as a senior.

Lynn went 30-20 in 2013 but welcomes 15 new players for the 2014 season. The Blue & White take the field February 1, against Catawba.

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Beckham to Make Decision Before Clock Strikes Midnight on New Year's Eve



By: Pedro Heizer

Brace yourselves South Florida, the David Beckham MLS Miami mania is about to hit The Magic City before the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve.

According to multiple sources, and Beckham himself, the announcement will come between December 15 and January 1. "Hopefully there will be an announcement before the new year," Beckham said in an interview with Sky Sports in the UK. "We're getting the details right at the moment."

Beckham, who has been spotted in Miami multiple times in the past few months, has a clause in his contract that offers him the option of starting his own MLS franchise at the deeply discounted rate of \$25 million. However, there is a catch; Beckham must decide and announce where his future franchise will play by January 1, 2014 in order to keep the discounted rate.

Since being linked to the expansion franchise in Miami, Beckham has been hard at work in trying to bring investors to his team like Bolivian billionaire, Marcelo Claure and NBA superstar, LeBron James. If the MLS Miami franchise has names like Beckham and LeBron in the owner's box this team's brass might have more superstar flair than the actual product on the field.

However, the biggest hurdle for Beckham will be where his franchise will play. MLS officials have spoken to Beckham and said they expect a soccer specific stadium to be built as a condition for awarding a new franchise, and after the Miami Marlins debacle with the public funded ballpark, MLS has said they would also prefer the stadium to be privately funded.

For the type of operation Beckham is trying to run, this will cost a few hundred million dollars, and this is why we have yet to hear an official announcement by Beckham and his investors.

Last week it was reported that Beckham had asked Miami-Dade to consider PortMiami as a soccer stadium

site, a popular choice among MLS fans inside the city of Miami, but not so popular with MLS fans in other counties such as Broward, and Palm Beach. Other possible locations that have been talked about are FIU Stadium, Marlins Park, and Sun Life Stadium.

Despite all the euphoria, the main question in everybody's mind is: Will MLS work this time around in Miami? "With David Beckham everything will work," explained Miami

United FC President, Roberto Sacca. "He's the guy that people in Miami want, a celebrity. Only someone like Beckham can sell out 30,000 seats in a stadium."

Miami United FC, a fourth division team playing in the National Premier Soccer League, had a successful first season as the club finished in third place in the Sunshine Conference and will look to build on that to win it all this upcoming season.

With Beckham's MLS franchise looming in the horizon, Sacca isn't worried about what that means for his club.

Sacca and his team have been in talks with MLS Executive Vice President of Communications Dan Courtemanche, and Beckham's group about the possibility of making Miami United FC Beckham's developmental team. "We have been in talks with Beckham's group and sent them a proposal that would give them something like the New York Red Bulls have in the NPSL, a developmental team to put players who need playing experience," explains Sacca.

Also in the proposal sent by Sacca is the option of giving Beckham the rights to the name Miami United FC. "It might be interesting for them to have the Miami United FC name," says Sacca. "The name says it all; we are united in this soccer opportunity here in Miami."

It's still up in the air as to what the name of the worst kept secret on the U.S. sports scene will be, but with an offer to have a developmental team - something that MLS is highly encouraging - it seems like a win/win situation for Beckham.

"I'm excited about the future," Beckham said with a smile on his face. "I want to put back into the game a little something and if this is the way of doing it... then it's amazing. I'm excited about that."

Looks like Beckham is hoping his team will get off the ground in this month, if so, it's going to be a wonderful Christmas present for MLS fans in Miami.

FAU Women's Basketball Wins Thanksgiving Tournament

BOCA RATON, Fla. - The Florida Atlantic University women's basketball team won its fifth-consecutive game with its 78-62 win over Rhode Island en route to winning the FAU Thanksgiving Tournament on Saturday.

Seniors Chenise Miller and Kimberly Smith were named to the All-Tournament team as the Owls won their first tournament since the 2006-07 season. FAU (5-2) is on its longest winning streak since the 2005-06 season and has won five in a row by an average of 25 points per game.

After trailing by three at halftime, the Owls 12-0 early in the second half with eight of those points coming from senior Takia Brooks.

The FAU defense held Rhode Island (1-6) to just one field goal and four points over the final 6:46,

ending the game on a 17-6 run to seal the victory.

The Rams finished as the runners-up in the tournament followed by Detroit and Georgia Southern.

Miller led the Owls with 16 points, her fourth-straight game reaching double-digit scoring. Brooks and Latavia Dempsey scored 15 and 11 points, respectively. Smith's statistics were well-rounded as she posted ten points, five rebounds, five steals, three assists and a block.

With only eight turnovers in the game, FAU has played six games in a row with a non-negative assist/turnover ratio. The Owls shot 19-24 from the free throw line, their second-best performance of the season.

The Owls remain at home for their next contest when they host UCF at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13.

Lynn Men's Basketball Hooks Sailfish 86-76

By Olivia Coiro

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - The Lynn University men's basketball team defeated Palm Beach Atlantic 86-76 on Wednesday night in the Rubin Arena. The Fighting Knights move to 5-1 overall while Sailfish stand at 1-6 this season. Kaleb Clyburn led the Blue & White with 19 points while Fred Landers and Aaron Harrison each recorded 17 points and eight rebounds.

Palm Beach Atlantic opened the game with a three-point shot but Lynn took its first lead when Landers made a layup to lead 4-3. Clyburn was on fire from behind the arc in the first half, making 3-of-4 shots from downtown. The lead changed eight times before the two teams headed into the locker rooms with the score knotted at 38-all.

Clyburn and Josh Soto had 10 points apiece leading all scorers. Landers lead the Fighting Knights with six rebounds helping Lynn out-rebound PBA 22-18. The

Fighting Knights shot 42.3 percent from the field to open the game and an impressive 53.3 percent from behind the arc.

Lynn continued to pressure, taking a lead early in the second half. The Fighting Knights held an eight point lead at 72-64 with three minutes remaining in. The Sailfish closed the gap to five with just under three minutes remaining but

Lynn held on for its fifth win of the season.

Harrison had 15 points in the second half and Landers had 12 points and two rebounds helping the Blue & White to a 51.9 shooting percentage from behind the arc. Pavle Raickovic pulled down six rebounds in the final frame for a team-high nine rebounds in the victory.

Clyburn, Soto and Stampley joined Harrison and Landers in double-digit scoring while Cory Thomas had a game-high four blocks. The Sailfish were led offensively by Evin Graham who had 19 points and 12 rebounds.

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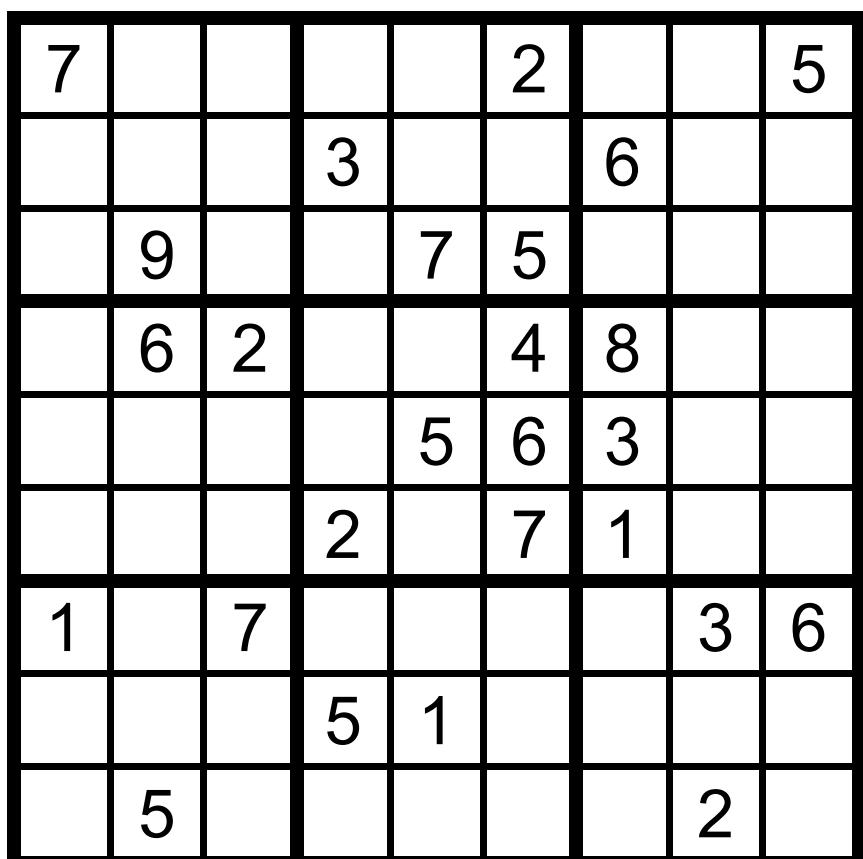
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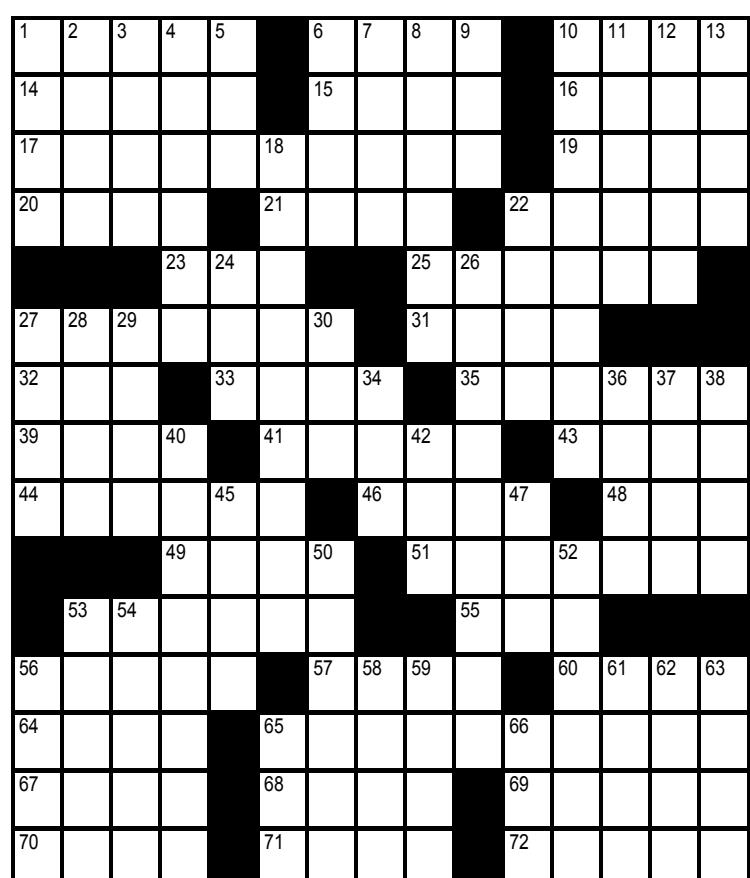
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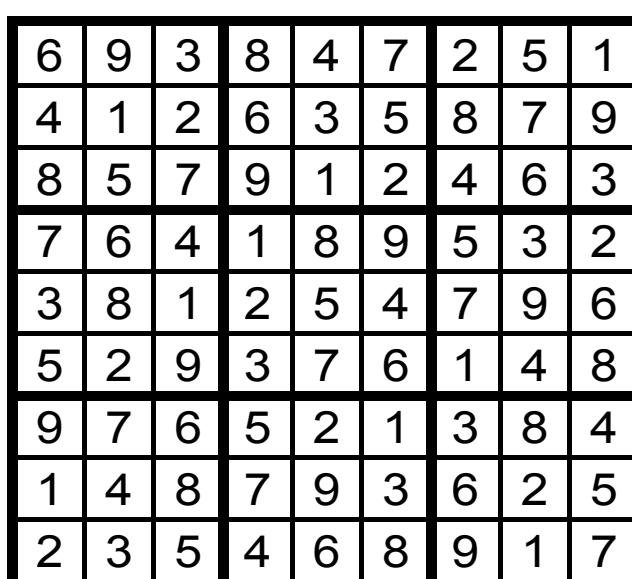
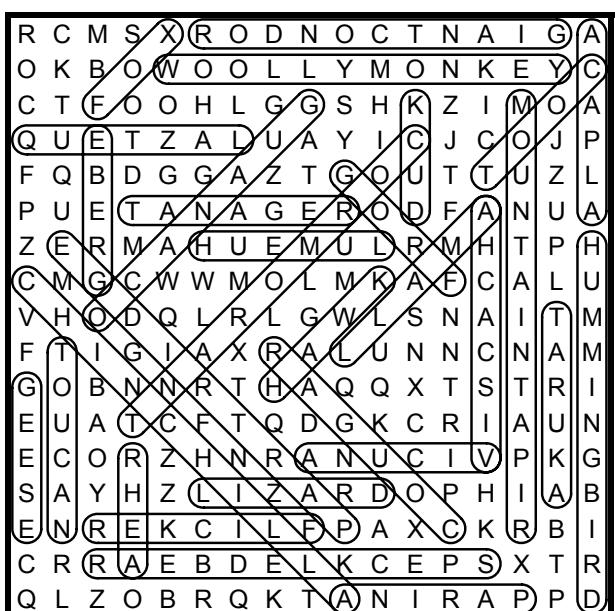


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