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Office Depot Staying in Boca Raton



Office Depot, Inc. a leading global provider of office products, services, and solutions formed by the merger of Office Depot and OfficeMax, announced on Tuesday that it has chosen to remain in Boca Raton for its global headquarters.

The decision is the result of a thorough evaluation that took into account a number of important factors, including the cost to operate each headquarters location, lease obligations and sublease considerations, tax implications, government incentives, ability to add associates and incorporate functions in the current space, and people-related costs.

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By: Gina Onori

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Barrys Buzz



• Stan Drayton, Ohio State assistant and running back coach under head coach Urban Meyer is in talks with FAU athletic director Pat Chun to be the next head football coach of the Owls.

Drayton knows Chun from his days as an employee of the Ohio State athletic department. Drayton worked under Meyer in Gainesville as well and has recruited in Florida for 16 years. FAU Owls interim head Coach Brian Wright led FAU to victory in the season final four games.

• City Councilwoman Constance Scott was presented with a 2013 South Florida Inspiration Award for her work with the Police Athletic League and other nonprofits at a Sun Life Stadium Dolphin game, by Nat Moore, former Dolphins receiver and senior vice president and special advisor for the team.

• Boca philanthropist Yvonne Boice, owner of the Shoppes at Village Poine and Fugazy International Travel, along with being chair of the Palm Beach International Film Festival for many years, is the 2014 recipient of the Diamond Award from the Greater Boca Chamber of Commerce. She will be feted at a luncheon, expected to be attended by 200 guests, Feb. 21 at Woodfield Country Club, 3650 Club place. Call 561.395.4433 for tickets.

• Palmetto Park Road will be closed from I-95 to Military Trail on Dec. 13 to Dec. 17 for work on the railroad tracks. Seek alternate routes, to go past I-95, either Glades Road to the north or Camino Real to the South.

• Boca City Council approved a Tool Brothers 223 home PUD on 121 acres east of Jog Road an north of Old Clint Moore Road on the former Polo Grounds, which will include a 5,000 ft. clubhouse, six tennis courts, pool, spa and aqua lot. The City also annexed the property for the new homes of 4,300 to 8,500 square feet that will sell for \$1.2 million to \$2 million each and be accessed

only off Jog Road.

• The last hurrah for Blockbuster is here, with discount merchandise at the last company owned stores closing in January including 10 E. Palmetto Pk. Rd.

• Office Depot announced that the current 625,000 sq. ft. campus at 6600 N. Military Trail in Boca Raton will be the global headquarters for the merged company with Office Max, which has ample space to accommodate associates relocating from Illinois. What a coup for our local economy!

• Boca Raton Regional Hospital will establish its first facility in Broward County after recently breaking ground in Deerfield Beach. The 25,000-square-foot ambulatory care center will have 25 to 30 employees, at 3313 West Hillsboro Blvd., handling primary care, urgent care, radiology and breast health.

• Boca Raton's downtown will get 229 apartments called Boca Lofts at 333 SE 8th st., across from Trader Joe's expected to open in May.

• Boca Bark Beach opens Friday, but passes will be sold starting Dec. 11 for the only dog beach between Juno and Ft. Lauderdale. Get yours now!

• The \$255 million asset Landmark Bank N.A., which earned \$2.07 million for the first three quarters of 2013, will open the first branch outside of Broward County, where it has two branches and a non-depository branch in Ft. Lauderdale, at 5255 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton.

• Dr. Kevin Stabile has opened South Florida Allergy & Asthma Specialists the Med+Plex building adjacent to Town Center Mall. Call 561.672.7511 or visit www.southflallergy.com for more information.

• Waterford Hotel Group has assumed management of the Fairfield Inn & Suites on Airport Road in Boca Raton.

• Cyndi Bloom has been elected president of the Friends of the Boca Library. For more information: Email: memberservices@bocalibraryfriends.org.

• Steven Zobel joined Waterstone Resort & Marina as executive chef for all resort food and beverages and Dustin Lapekas joined as director of food & beverage, previously director of beverage for the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

Quote of the Week:

"God hates cheating in the marketplace; he loves it when business is aboveboard." - Proverbs 11:1

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.

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maintain the high quality of life in Boca Raton. A DIAMOND recipient is a Dedicated, Inspiring, Accomplished, Motivated, Outstanding, Noble, and Driven businesswoman. This year, we proudly honor Yvonne Boice, Owner of The Shoppes at Village Pointe and Fugazy International Travel, as the 2014 DIAMOND Award winner.

New Walmart Coming Soon to West Boca

By: Gina Onori

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The project description on the sign posted on the site states that the store number is 3858-00 and it is a supercenter-expansion. The notice also describes that the building is 122,353 square feet with 14 acres of Walmart property and 14 acres of disturbed property. Yet, this cannot be confirmed by officials.

According to property appraiser records, the land is owned by Walmart and they are paying over \$100K a year in property taxes. The total market value is \$6.3 million.

Regardless of if this will be a neighborhood or supercenter, we do

know that there will be a Walmart opening in this location, and this is good news for the community. With exceedingly low prices, this is economically beneficial for our city as a whole. A 2005 story in The Washington Post reported that “Wal-Mart’s discounting on food alone boosts the welfare of American shoppers by at least \$50 billion per year.”

Furthermore, this store will provide more jobs for people who are currently out of work. “Walmart employs more than 1.3 million associates worldwide,” stated a recent greenwhich article, “with more than 3,200 facilities in the United States.”

23-year-old Boca Resident Shana Malamphy says that if this is going to be a Super Walmart this is great news for our neighborhood because it is more time efficient for everybody.

“Not only can you buy groceries at Super Walmart’s,” says Malamphy, “But you can purchase toys, house wear, and even get your nails done!”

22-year-old Eric Speakman is also enthusiastic about the up and coming store.

“I am excited regardless if it is a Neighborhood or a Super Walmart,” says Speakman. “A lot of Walmart’s are in Delray or Deerfield, we could really use one in Boca.”

With holiday season just around the corner, we could all benefit from low prices, time organization and more money in our pockets. We will keep you posted with more news.

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7th Annual Carousel Day Brings Joy to Kids in Need

By: Gina Onori

Back in 2005, the Club Boca Raton Sunset was active in raising money to help purchase an elaborate merry-go-round. In commemoration of Rotary's 100th anniversary, the club decided to donate the carousel to the city's Parks and Recreation Department where it was then placed at Sugar Sand Park.

Due to the Rotary's donations, the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Parks District, which owns the play area, offered the club a chance to use the carousel one day a year free of charge. It is on this day that Douglas Heizer decided



Rotary clubs. This year, Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce joined the event as a sponsor.

The event was held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Families were offered fun and free rides on the carousel as well as hot dogs and hamburgers. There was also a special appearance from Santa Claus.

Participants were urged to bring new, unwrapped toys to be given to needy kids who may not otherwise receive any presents this holiday season. 2,000 toys were donated which is less than what they



that he would start a toy drive seven years ago.

Sun. Dec. 8th was the seventh annual Rotary Carousel Day in Sugar Sand Park. From the first Carousel Day, a growing number of people have been involved. Boca Helping Hands joined forces as well as supporters from Atlantic High School Key Club and four other

expected. This does not cover the needs of kids in Boca Raton and they are still accepting donations. If you, or anybody you know, are interested in donating there are drop boxes throughout the city and at The Boca Raton Tribune office: 399 NW Boca Raton Blvd, Suite 212 Boca Raton, FL 33432



FAU's University Galleries Present 'Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race'



The University Galleries at Florida Atlantic University present "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race," a traveling exhibition produced by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The exhibition will be on display in the Schmidt Center Gallery, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton campus, from Saturday, Dec. 14 through Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014 (closed for the holidays from Sunday, Dec. 22 through Monday, Jan. 6). Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, from 1 to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

"Deadly Medicine explores the Holocaust's roots in then-contemporary scientific and pseudo-scientific thought," explains exhibition curator Susan Bachrach. "At the same time, it touches on complex ethical issues we face today, such as how societies acquire and use scientific knowledge and how they balance the rights of the individual with the needs of the larger community."

Through reproductions of photographs and documents, films, and survivor testimony, "Deadly Medicine" traces how the persecution of groups deemed biologically inferior led to the near annihilation of European Jewry in the 20th century. It also challenges viewers to reflect on the present-day

interest in genetic manipulation that promotes the possibility of human perfection.

There will be an academic symposium related to the exhibition on Monday, Feb. 10, 2014 titled "Eugenics: Race, Public Health and the Science of Nationalism." The symposium will explore the legacies of eugenics from several disciplinary perspectives. Papers will be presented by FAU students and faculty, as well as by invited scholars. The symposium is free and open to the public and more information is available at www.fau.edu/galleries.

"Deadly Medicine" at FAU is generously underwritten by Marilyn and Jay Weinberg and cosponsored by FAU's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters and Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education. The traveling exhibition is supported in part by the Lester Robbins and Sheila Johnson Robbins Traveling and Special Exhibitions Fund, established in 1990. Group and class tours are welcome during public hours as well as at other times scheduled by appointment. To make an appointment for these tours or for a docent-led tour, please call 561-995-6773. Galleries exhibitions are sponsored by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. For more information, call 561-297-2661, email galleries@fau.edu or visit www.fau.edu/galleries.

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DINI HEIZER: *C.O.O.***EDITORIAL***By C. Ron Allen***Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, a Rarity in History**

Like many of you, I awoke Friday morning to learn of the passing of Nelson Mandela,

And while it was not a surprise, I am deeply saddened by his passing.

He was one of the greatest men of the 20th century and a rarity in history. Here you had a guy who emerged from prison to set free an entire world. He shed the bonds of slave labor. In fact, his skillful guidance of South Africa following the end of the Apartheid regime made him one of the great statesmen of our time and a global symbol of reconciliation.

I recall as a reporter, covering his release from Robben Island prison in 1990. There I stood with the throngs as this giant of a man walked away from the chains after 27 years as a political prisoner into the free world.

What was so impressive was that during his years behind bars, he embraced non-violence and forgiveness. He never harbored any resentment, not even a hint of bitterness towards anyone. By far, that had to be one of his most notable qualities. Instead of plotting revenge, Mandela said he focused on internal accomplishments such as honesty, sincerity, simplicity, humility and generosity.

He once pointed out that resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies.

As leader of the country, Mandela could have easily sent the fledgling South African democracy into a civil war pitting whites against blacks. Chances are this war would have likely spread from South Africa to neighboring countries and, perhaps, through much of the continent.

Such a war would have likely killed hundreds of thousands and laid economic waste to the entire region.

Instead, he invited his jailers to his inauguration.

"I hate race discrimination most intensely and in all its manifestations," he said. "I have

fought it all during my life; I fight it now, and will do so until the end of my days."

And he did.

Tata Madiba, as he was affectionately called, was 70 when he emerged from prison as the world's most famous political prisoner,

Born to tribal royalty in 1918, by the 1940s, he had come to be known as a terrorist for his active resistance to his country's system of racial apartheid.

He posed a threat to the South African white establishment.

In 1964, sentenced to life in prison, he began what ended up being 27 years

of imprisonment for treason. But he didn't disappear from the public consciousness; he managed to smuggle out messages of guidance to members of his banned African National Congress as they continued the crusade for racial equality.

What separates Nelson Mandela from other giants like Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King is that he lived to assume power in his own right and exercise what he preached – not with an outsider's voice of protest, but as president of South Africa.

Abraham Lincoln once said that nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

Mandela passed this test of character by a wider margin than, perhaps, anyone in history.

I am humbled every time I think of this man. We may not have shared geography but we shared history and we, too, benefited from his singular example.

He was liberator for all time. And children born generations from now, in lands far from his own, will know his name.

As I did my weekly rounds, delivering food for the weekend to third-grade students at Village Academy on Friday, I asked each class what was the biggest story of the day.

Impressively, many of them responded with the death of Mandela. Many knew his life story and could rattle off significant dates with ease.

I was so proud. Even 8- and 9-year-olds know the significance of this giant.

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Letters to the Editor

This has been a few great weeks for the city of Boca Raton when it comes to being on the national spotlight! It all started when Ariana Grande won the New Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards! She has been fantastic this last year and a great singer too! Then, that same week Jozy Altidore took home the U.S Soccer Player of the Year award. It's surreal to believe that Altidore once played in GBYSA at South County Regional Park here in Boca! And then yesterday Office Depot decided to continue with their headquarters here in Boca! A few great weeks for Boca, wouldn't you agree?

- Samantha Scheinkman

LaffToon!**by Rick Enright**

Roscoe is not spoiled! That toupee was on special at 40 per cent off!



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INTEGRITY MOMENTS

By Rick Boxx

Changing An Entire Industry One Person At A Time

Have you observed practices or policies within your industry you do not like, things that seem wrong or inappropriate, yet they persist because “everybody does them”? What would it take, do you think, to make changes and correct these questionable practices?

In Ken Eldred’s book, *The Integrated Life*, he addresses circumstances like this, offering an illustration of some men that took a stand against unethical business tactics. Eldred tells about two London grocers in the Middle Ages that decided the practice common of that day – using dishonest scales and weights in measuring meat and other food items – was unacceptable to God.

What these men did was simple: They began testing and verifying each other’s weighing scales and holding one another accountable for adhering to God’s standards

as expressed in the Bible, rather than bowing to the prevailing the standards of the day.

This was a bold move, even for that day, one that could easily have resulted in their small companies being forced out of business by unscrupulous competitors. Instead, God honored their commitment to integrity, and their faithfulness led to the formation of The Livery Companies, trade associations that have continued to this day and still hold their members to high ethical standards.

Why were these grocery store owners so determined to combat cheating customers through inaccurate measuring practices? They may have had numerous reasons, but one verse from the Bible, Proverbs 11:1, clearly teaches, “The Lord abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are his delight.” The men took this scriptural passage

to mean exactly what it said and acted accordingly.

To avoid any confusion, or a contention that this verse was taken out of context, the same message is stated in slightly different ways elsewhere in Proverbs:

“Honest scales and balances are from the Lord; all the weights in the bag are of his making” (Proverbs 16:11).

“Differing weights and differing measures – the Lord detests them both” (Proverbs 20:10).

“The Lord detests differing weights, and dishonest scales do not please him” (Proverbs 20:23).

A more general principle the men may have considered is the so-called “Golden Rule.” As Jesus told His followers, “In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 7:12). The grocers might have realized

they would not want to be cheated by someone using scales that measured goods they received inaccurately. But the bottom line for them was not profit – it was recognizing that ultimately they were accountable to God.

Perhaps the issues you have observed in your industry do not involve improper measuring practices. Maybe they involve promises and commitments that are not fulfilled, improper billing for products or services, or not paying financial obligations in a timely manner. You might think of other examples. But let me ask:

What would happen if you and some of your industry peers banded together to change or raise the ethical standards of your industry? Would you have the courage to do so?

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POSITIVE LIVING

By Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr.

Learn What “Ahead” Signifies and Get There!

There are pathways you can legitimately avoid on account of certain inconveniences they present. There also exist roads one has to take if one is to arrive somewhere. The difficulties can be conquered; the dangers can be carefully checked, overcome, faced head-on, or simply bypassed!

After the proper attempts made, you shall be led into a smoother terrain where progress becomes your normal, regular experience en route to your journey’s end. Never lose sight of your goal and place of destination!

To have the proper perspective, always remember that regardless of your age or condition, your best times to get ahead and remain there remain in front of you, never behind!

With such understanding you’ll more easily know how to overcome barriers in your way so as to proceed with diligence to secure whatever prizes are awaiting you!

In some ways, just getting where you need to arrive is the best prize, the greatest reward. So, you need keep looking ahead, and moving in that direction; apart from that attitude you shall merely get around in circles and not experience the progress you need to make along the journey!

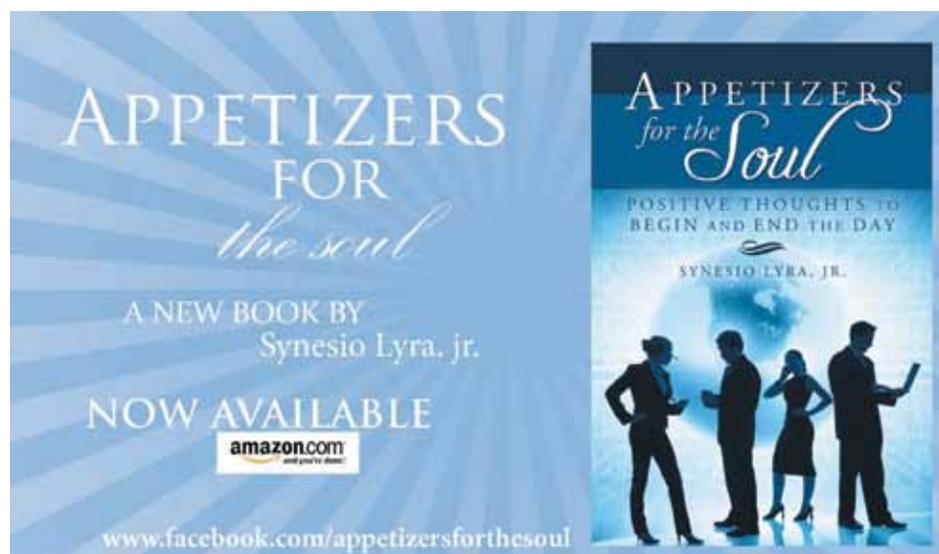
Whatever challenges you face can be overcome, and the moment you think your efforts are over, they are so only in your mind, and can rob you of the energy and determination to stay with it and do what is still necessary to achieve your ultimate goal!

Whatever is “ahead” may be viewed in terms of time taken, or distance to be reached. Most often it is preferable to take your time, and recognize your limitations, than to move too fast and bypass certain landmarks you need to consider before reaching your place of arrival!

With goals established and a

carefully-made plan you can succeed in this trajectory. Only those who take the task seriously and proceed with both caution and determination, shall be able to secure the rewards awaiting them. You can be one of them in whatever you attempt which is legitimate and for the benefit of not just yourself, but of many more!

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. His new book, *Appetizers For The Soul* is available now at amazon.com. LIKE his page on facebook as well, facebook.com/appetizersforthesoul.



Taxi Taxi Launches County's 1st Hybrid Transportation Fleet

Taxi Taxi of Palm Beach has just launched its unique fleet of vehicles to now serve the residents and visitors to the Great City of Boca Raton, FL and nearby communities, making it South Florida's first hybrid taxicab fleet. As the first state-of-the-art green transportation service company in the Palm Beach County, the fleet of vehicles took to the streets of Boca Raton at 6:00PM last night, bringing another voice to the growing green and sustainability industry within Boca Raton. With a focus on efficiency and customer service, Taxi Taxi will provide its customers with the same taxi cab experience they expect from a large metropolitan city.

All Taxi Taxi vehicles, which are brand new Toyota Prius hybrid sedans and Sienna vans, are equipped with cameras on board and provide rear credit card machines that allow passengers to easily pay and even split cost if desired. The result is a much more convenient, clean and reliable and secure taxi ride than the traditional local taxicab services.

"Taxi Taxi puts Boca Raton on the cutting edge in incorporating the latest environmental and technological innovations into taxi service," said Michael Solomon, President of Taxi Taxi of Palm Beach.

"We are excited to provide these

elements which area residents and visitors already incorporate in other aspects of their daily lives and have wanted to see in place in local taxicabs as well."

Taxi Taxi, a brand of Taxi USA of Palm Beach, LLC with more than 50 years of industry experience, was approved for 30 taxicabs to operate taxicabs within the City of Boca Raton on October 31, 2013, after demonstrating that there is a demand from the public for additional taxi cabs.

Taxi Taxi is a fully licensed and insured taxicab company that operates 20 brand new Toyota Prius hybrid sedans and 10 new fuel efficient Toyota Sienna vans including three wheelchair vans.

Coupling the latest in PCI compliant credit card technology, video surveillance, and GPS dispatch systems, this convenient service allows people to book taxis from a mobile phone, by text or calling and then charge the ride to a credit card.

Service began in Boca Raton last night at 6:00PM, Thursday, November 7, 2013. Taxi Taxi is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year throughout Palm Beach County. To reserve a taxicab, dial 561-222-3333 or visit the website at taxitaxiofpalmbeach.com.

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Municipal News

The Boca Raton Tribune

Grinch's luck runs out shoplifting toys

Boca Raton, FL – Last Thursday, December 5, 2013, Kmart loss prevention officers watched Jamesha Thompson and Quinekka Demps fill a shopping cart with toys and walk out without paying. But when they returned Sunday night, the loss prevention officer recognized them and called the Boca Raton Police Services Department immediately.

While the pair filled their shopping cart with toys, the loss prevention officer stayed on the phone with dispatchers as officers responded. Once on scene, officers

waited outside for the two to leave the store. As they did, the anti-theft mechanism alarm on a few of the stolen items sounded. Both were then taken into custody for Grand Theft. The value of the 21 items totaled \$820.00. Demps was also charged with obstruction for giving a false name to a Law Enforcement Officer.

The video from the first incident on Thursday shows the women walking throughout the store filling their shopping cart with toys, then leaving.

Man killed in fatal crash

Boca Raton, FL – On Friday, December 6 at about 11:46 p.m., officers of the Boca Raton Police Department's Traffic Homicide Unit responded to a fatal vehicle crash that occurred in the 1000 block of North Federal Highway.

The initial investigation revealed that a 2007 Cadillac was southbound on North Federal Highway approaching the intersection of East Glades Road. A 2013 Volvo truck and trailer was stopped at the red light on Federal Highway in the

outside through lane. The front of the Cadillac collided with the rear of the trailer.

The driver of the Cadillac was taken to Delray Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. The driver and passenger of the Volvo truck were not injured and were released at the scene.

Investigators are asking anyone who may have witnessed the crash to please contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Chris Somers at (561) 338-1356.

Man robs TD Bank

Boca Raton, FL – On Thursday, December 5 at just after 6:00 p.m., Boca Raton Police Officers responded to a report of a bank robbery at the TD Bank, 2301 North Federal Highway.

Arriving officers met with the tellers who told them that a Hispanic male entered the bank and approached the teller. The suspect handed the teller a note, which indicated he had a weapon, and demanded cash. The teller gave the suspect an undetermined amount of cash, which the suspect put into a black carrier, possibly an accordion type file case. The suspect then left the bank and walked south through the parking lot. No one was injured and the suspect never displayed a weapon.

The suspect is described as in his mid to late 30's, approximately

5'4" tall, weighing 150 pounds, with brown eyes and a clean shaven face. The suspect was wearing a long sleeve black shirt with a short sleeve grey shirt over it, brown pants, a beige baseball cap with red on the bill and "FL" printed in red on the front. According to a Spanish speaking teller, the suspect spoke English with no accent, but also spoke Spanish with a Puerto Rican accent.

The suspect may have also committed a robbery at a Chase Bank in Cocoa on Wednesday, December 4.

If anyone has information about this crime, they are asked to call Detective Ron Mello at (561) 620-6186, Boca Raton Police dispatch at (561) 368-6201 or Palm Beach County Crime Stoppers at (800) 458-TIPS.

Boca man Killed with gun Because Girlfriend Thought it was not Loaded

By CRA News Service

A 22-year-old Boca Raton man was killed after his girlfriend accidentally shot him in the chest while playing with the shiny new toy, police said.

Justin Holt, 22, and girlfriend Erin Steele, 20, were toying around with a friend's new 9mm handgun while it was free of bullets, according to a police report.

Joshua Henry, 23, told police he brought the pistol over to another friend's apartment where the group was hanging out and they all practiced dry shooting it.

When they were finished playing, Henry reloaded the gun and put it on the counter, according to the report.

Later, Steele picked up the gun, pointed it at Holt and fired, hitting him in the chest.

"There was a very bad accident," Henry frantically told the dispatcher. "Please ma'am, help!"

Holt was rushed from the Gables Town Place apartment complex to Delray Medical Center, where he died.

The four people in the apartment agreed that the shooting was accidental and that Steele did not know the gun was loaded.

Holt's family told a local newspaper that they felt bad for Steele because the couple was very much in love.

"We have a lot of compassion for her because she's got to live with that, no matter what she does, for the rest of her life," Holt's grandfather, Michael DiFiore, told the paper.

In the 911 call, Holt's friends are breathless and sobbing and the phone is passed from Henry to a woman who said she was the owner of the apartment.

The dispatcher repeatedly told the group to calm down and asked for their address, but they were too distracted to answer.

They said Holt was coughing up blood and were unable to tell if he was breathing.

"Ma'am, the kid's dying," the man said breathlessly. "Please help ma'am, please."

Sirens can be heard at the end of the call and the man told the dispatcher he was trying to flag officers down.

"Right here, right here!" he shouted before begging again, this time to police, "Please, please help me."

"It was a stupid accident," DiFiore said. "It never should have happened."

"He was my whole life," Holt's mother, Maria, said.

Steele nor anyone in the apartment was charged for a crime in Holt's death.

The investigation is continuing, police said.

Friends and family said Holt and Steele were very much in love. They had started dating almost immediately after being introduced about a year ago and were nearly inseparable.

On Thanksgiving, Steele and Holt ate dinner at DiFiore's house with Holt's family.

Maria Hold, 56, said her son was a family guy who just wanted to find a girl and settle down. And Steele was that girl.

"They met and then that was it, they were together," Maria Holt said. "From day one — day one — he was in love with her."

This report was supplemented with information from wire services.

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Boca Church To Hold 4th Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



Over 1,000+ candles will be lit at Mizner Park Amphitheater as The Journey Church of Boca Raton holds its annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Services. After a tremendous response in 2012, this event will again offer the community a fun and meaningful way to celebrate Christmas.

The Journey’s Candlelight Christmas Eve Services will take place on Tuesday, December 24 at 3:00pm, 4:30pm and 6:00pm, at Mizner Park Amphitheater located at 590 Plaza Real in Boca Raton (just off of Federal Highway between Glades Road and Palmetto Park Road). Admission is free and no ticket is necessary.

The Journey is a new church in

Boca Raton, featuring services each Sunday with casual dress, rockin’ music and practical teaching.

After record attendance in 2012, this year the church will offer three identical 59-minute services complete with live music, Christmas Carols, casual dress, and an inspiring Christmas message, all in a family-friendly setting.

The Journey is also partnering with Boca Helping Hands, a local community-based organization that provides food and emergency assistance to those in need, to hold a Canned Soup Drive at all three services. Admission to the service is free, but all who attend are encouraged to bring cans of soup to benefit those in need this

Christmas season.

“Upon seeing the need first-hand, we wanted to not only provide a meaningful outdoor Christmas Eve service to the community, but to take this opportunity to meet the needs of individuals and families in Boca Raton who otherwise will go hungry this Christmas,” said Nelson Searcy, Lead Pastor of The Journey Church.

Those in attendance on Christmas Eve can expect to hear modern versions of their favorite Christmas carols featuring The Journey’s top-notch band of musicians. And adults and children alike will enjoy a traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight singing of “Silent Night”.

The event is free and no ticket is required. Parking is available on the street and in the garages at Mizner Park.

The Journey is a new church in Boca Raton, featuring services each Sunday with casual dress, rockin’ music and practical teaching. This community outreach opportunity connects nicely with their Stress-Free Christmas teaching series.

For more information about the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Mizner Park Amphitheater or The Journey Church, visit www.BocaChristmas.com, call the church office at 561.420.0606, or email Pastor Jason Hatley at jason@bocajourney.com.



Entertainment Skip Sheffield

“The Lyons” a Dysfunctional Family for the Ages

So you think you are from a dysfunctional family? Go see “The Lyons” presented by the Women’s Theatre Project through Dec. 22 at the Willow Theatre of Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton, and you may feel better about your own situation.

“The Lyons,” written by Nicky Silver, puts the “diss” in dysfunctional.

Father Ben Lyons (Kevin Reilly) is on his deathbed, dying from cancer. Ben is not filled with gratitude for a long, fulfilling life. His attitude is summed up by the “F word” he uses constantly.

Mom Rita Lyons (Jessica K. Peterson) is not much better. In fact she is worse: the archetypical overbearing, suffocating, selfish and unfeeling Jewish mother. Jessica K. Peterson’s bleakly hilarious rendition up the ultimate bad mom is the best thing about this show. We won’t spoil any surprises, because Rita regularly surprises us. Just when you think she couldn’t possibly be more callous and cruel, she tops herself.

Then there are the “kids.” Son Curtis (Matthew Korinko) is a writer of short stories that no one wants to read. He is an insecure gay guy with a boyfriend named Peter, but Peter is far from ideal. We find out how far in Act Two, which is almost like a different mini-play.

Daughter Lisa (Jacqueline Lagy)

has more common problems. Her former husband was physically abusive, yet she continues to return for more. Lisa is a recovering alcoholic, but soon to backslide. Dad blames Lisa’s alcoholism on her lousy choice of a partner. Lisa points out they met at an A.A. meeting. It’s a funny line. Ha-ha.

The laughs are bitter and far between.

A tart-tongued nurse (Carolyn Johnson) gets in some good zingers in Act Two. For all his foul-mouthed negativity, dad is a crusty cuss who speaks his mind regardless of consequences, prompting shock-value kind of gasps and chuckles. Clay Cartland brings some melodramatic kick to Act Two as an actor trying to be a real estate agent.

“The Lyons” was a 2012 Broadway debut for playwright Nicky Silver, who specializes in caustic wit. It’s the kind of play some New Yorkers love, and since we have our share of transplanted New Yorkers, it may well find an audience at Willow Theatre. Just be forewarned this is not “I Remember Mama” or “Father Knows Best.” This is family function as warfare.

Tickets are \$25. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call 561-347-3948 or go to www.thewomenstheatreproject.com.



Tony’s Tips For Success

It starts with “You” and ends with “Them”!

Hello,

I recently attended a convention in Texas where we went back to basics of why we LOVE what we do! We reignited our passion. The passion had nothing to do with what style of martial arts is better or who was better at making money. As a matter of fact “money” was one of the least used words even by keynote speaker from the Dave Ramsey organization, Chris Hogan. The common denominator when it came to Passion was self sacrifice and helping others.

Hundreds of Martial Artists came together, from international martial arts celebrities to small school owners. From 10th degree black belts to a young lady who had never done a martial arts class a day in her life. The message was constant, help others and you will make the world a better place. It all starts with “You”.

So what is your passion? In order to be great you must be passionate. Here is the “secret” about being passionate. On the journey to success, Passion is the fuel, other people are the destination, your trade, craft, discipline, specialty or what ever you do, that is your vehicle! Let me say it again, Passion is your fuel!

Your car will not run with out fuel and without passion neither will you. Fortunately, for us “passion” gas stations are plentiful. Go back to basics. Immerse yourself in what you’re doing. If you’re a Martial Artist like me, start training, if you’re a CEO or executive, visit your lower level employee’s do their job for a day. Ever seen the hit show “Undercover Boss”? What

normally happens? The boss gets his hands dirty and discovers why he opened the organization to begin with.

Begin with the end in mind. Remember what I said the destination was? Other people! Help other people get what they want and you will find have everything you need.

Here are a few safety tips to use while traveling this Holiday Season!

Some Simple tips when traveling to be safe are.....

- When ever using public transportation become familiar with routes prior to travel. Have alternates in case of any delays or unexpected circumstances.
- When traveling by bus, sit near the front and the driver.
- If traveling by Taxi, engage in conversation with the driver. Look at his ID. Give him the impression you will remember his name and details about him.
- When traveling by plane Stick a business card inside your luggage, avoid using the tags with your personal and home contact info and if you do, use your business card. This prevents people from knowing your personal information; you can always have your luggage sent to your business.
- If in an elevator stand near the buttons. If attacked, DO NOT HIT THE STOP BUTTON! Push all the buttons. Last thing you want is to stop the elevator mid floor while you are being attacked. This way the elevator will stop on all the floors, some one will hear you scream.



Food Review

Marc Kent

A Fine Fondue Bistro – The Melting Pot!

There are 4 Melting Pot Restaurants in South Florida – we visited Boca Raton with Chris Stein as manager.

For the “Cooktop at Table”- there are 5 cheese styles to choose from:

1. Aged 80% Cheddar and 20% Emmenthaler Swiss in lager beer, garlic and seasonings- served with artisan breads and seasonal vegetables – non descript taste, unfortunately.

2. Then, traditional –Swiss and Emmenthaler in white wine, garlic, nutmeg and lemon with Kirschwasser-mild flavor, not robust at all.

3. Followed by Wisconsin trio of Fontina, Butterkase and Buttermilk Bleu with white wine, shallots and a hint of sherry –nice tasting flavors.

4. The spinach artichoke contains Fontina and Butterkase and garlic-too much garlic for us.

5. Lastly, the Fiesta has Cheddar with lager beer, jalapeno peppers and salsa-spice as per personal taste, mild medium or hot. Ordered mild, it was ok, medium was tangy, hot was too spicy to get any real cheese taste.

There are four salads, a Caesar, a California, a spinach and a mushroom and house style.

Regarding the salads, the Caesar had a very light dressing with little flavor. The house salad with either peppercorn ranch – fine tasting-or the tangy house –also fine tasting. The spinach mushroom was excellent with its Burgundy shallot vinaigrette dressing, then finally, the California salad was delicious with its raspberry black walnut vinaigrette.

There is a 4 course experience which features cheese fondue, a salad and any of 10 entrees – then dessert. We selected from 10 entrees offered.

We chose to test:

Filet Mignon (done by us medium rare)

Teriyaki marinated sirloin (done medium)

Honey duck breast

Chicken w/ginger plum sauce

Lobster tail

BBQ pork medallions

Mahi Mahi

Of the four dipping pots offered, we chose two – the court bouillon and the cog au vin liquids!

Each item had been cut into bite size pieces for us to spear with our fondue forks and place into a bowl dipping pot. A couple of minutes there and we had cooked tidbits.

Each and every food item was top quality and we were able, by trial and error, to judge each items cooking time.

Charlene, Joyce and this reviewer enjoyed the entrees immensely and had a great experience in tasting so many flavors.

The desserts feature the Melting Post’s own special melted chocolate for dipping. We chose the “Flaming Turtle” –milk chocolate, caramel and candied pecans and also the “Original”-mild chocolate with creamy, crunchy peanut butter. Also, available: pure chocolate (milk, dark or white), chocolate s’mores, cookies and cream, bananas foster style.

All the above served with strawberries, bananas, cubed cheesecake, marshmallows, pound cake and brownies! This was the delicious highlight of the evening!

There are 10 coffees and after dinner drink specialties, 10 dessert wines and 10 cordials plus 6 each of scotches and brandies.

There is an extensive wine, cocktail and beer roster. Offered are 8 sparkling, 6 sweet wind/blush, 5 chardonnays and 6 additional whites. 5 cabernets, 8 pinot noir/merlots and 14 other reds, most can be ordered by glass, split and bottle. 17 special cocktails and 20 beers-domestic and imports – complete the list of liberations.

The Melting Pot is open 7 days-Sunday through Thursday from 4PM to 10PM, Friday and Saturday until 11PM (561-997-7472). It seats 150 diners in a cozy atmosphere with a set menu and occasional Chef’s specials. There is a gluten free menu and also a kids menu, a nice touch. Established here in 1992, it’s an enjoyable dining experience for couples or groups. We suggest you...Go and Enjoy!

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SPOTLIGHT



7th Annual Carousel Day Brings Joy to Kids in Need

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Dini Heizer, Tom and Constance Scott, Francisco Pessoa, and Douglas Heizer



Over 2,000 toys were collected on Sunday



A citizen brings his new unwrapped toy for the volunteers to wrap.



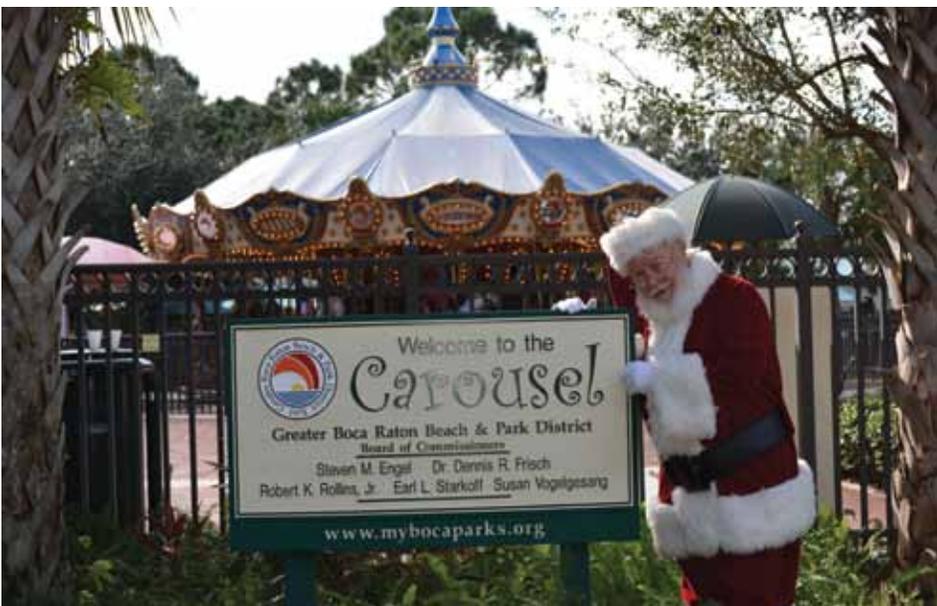
Volunteers wrapping all the gifts that were received.



Toys filled the van



Rotary Club Boca Raton Sunrise President, Rod Mabe, Rotary Club Boca Raton president Julie Vianale, Santa Claus, Dario Israel, Douglas Heizer, and Susan Haynie



Santa Claus is in town!



Wayne Barton and friends on the grill making the best burgers in town



SPOTLIGHT



Jersey Mike's Grand Opening

Photos by: Michael Razler

Jersey Mike's recently opened its newest location in Fort Lauderdale. All the proceeds of its grand opening benefited the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, a non-profit organization benefiting people with multiple sclerosis and their families. A handful of celebrities were on hand, including Olympic Gold Medalist Boxer Howard Davis Jr. and CEO of Fight Time Promotions; Walter Shaw, producer, Genius on Hold; Celeb Designers, Kesi Case and Richie Catalis and NBC's The Voice and #TEAMSHAKIRA "Monique Abbadie"



Hildy Berger, Karissa Thomann, and Monique Abbadie



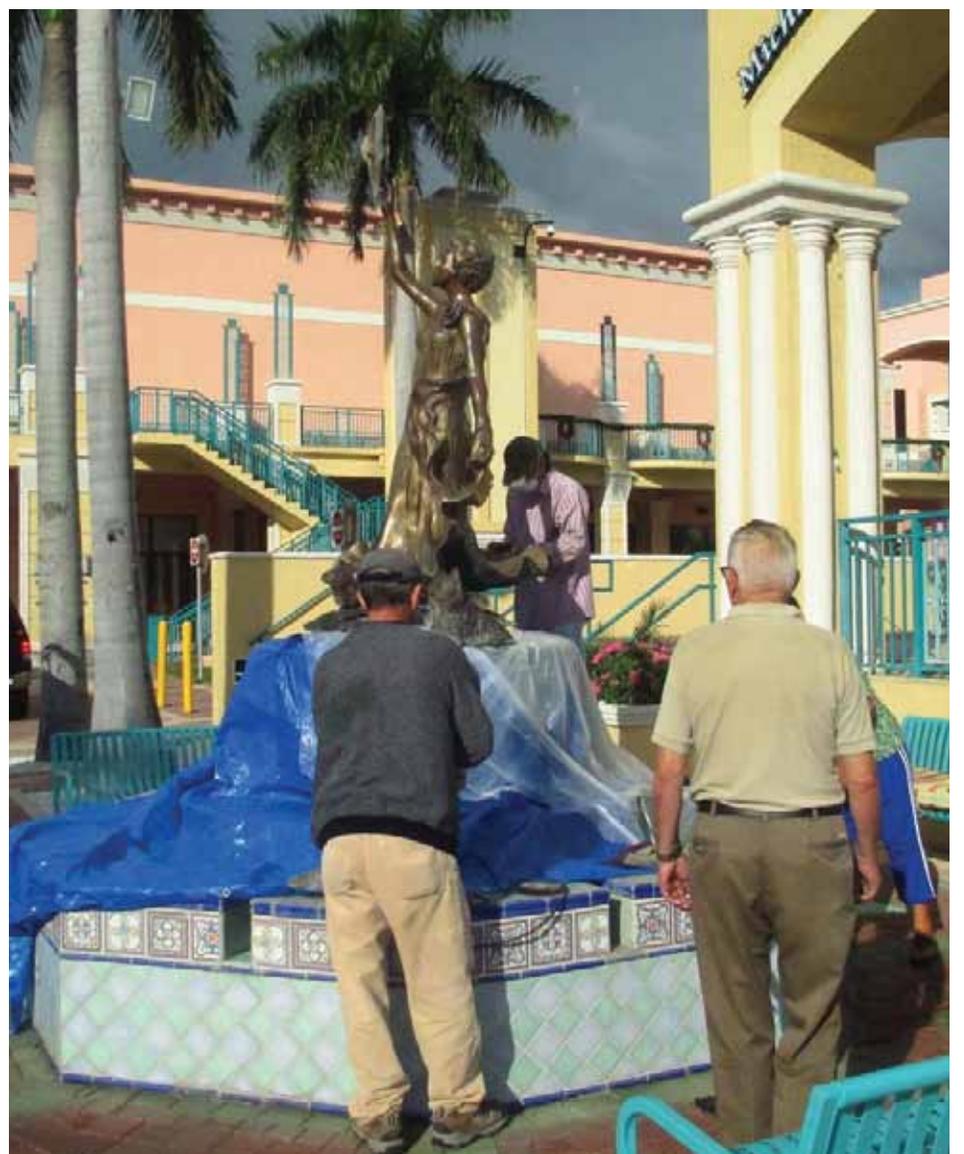
Howard Davis Jr, and Walter Shaw



Celebrity Designer Kesi Case, and Rory Case

Flossy's Fountain Gets a Makeover

Yaacov Heller gives his Flossy Fountain a makeover after ten years of holding the light to the Pathway To The Stars at Mizner Parks Count De Hoerle Amphitheater where Future Stars Performing Arts Competition will take place. Come March 16th, Flossy will be shining as bright as new.





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Selling Your Home During the Holidays: STAGING YOUR HOME TO SELL

The Holidays are here! Are you trying to figure out how many boxes of decorations you can adorn your home with? Before you strewn your entire home with hundreds of Christmas Village pieces, and multiple trees....STOP! This year the Holidays are a little bit different, as your home is also on the Market for Sale.

The saying "Less is More" definitely comes into play when decorating your home for the Holidays when your home is for Sale. There is a fine line between making your home elegant and inviting, and overdoing it, and maybe alienating the Buyers. Here are a few rules of thumb to keep in mind before you start.

- 1) Light and Bright – Open up the curtains, blinds and turn on the lights. Lighting up the walkway to your home is a nice touch.
- 2) Avoid Chaos and Clutter – Keep it simple, maybe neutral colors, nothing too busy. Neutral decorations bring out the Holiday cheer without overwhelming your home.
- 3) Animate the Atmosphere

– By this I mean, light the scented candles to create delicious smells. Keep one smell throughout the home. Yummy smells appeal to the Buyers emotions, so this is an important step in staging your home.

4) Performing for the Party – It's almost like setting the stage for a show! Set the dining room table for a Holiday Dinner Party. Buyers will be able to imagine themselves enjoying many future parties in the home.

5) Living in Palm Tree Paradise – Even though we don't have snow in Florida to set the Holiday theme, we can improvise by switching the TV onto the channel that has the fake "Crackling Log Fireplace" accompanied by soft music.

Don't overdo the decorations; make sure your home doesn't look cluttered or messy. If you feel that you have too much furniture in certain rooms, or lots of storage items in a particular room, this may be the time to invest in a small storage space. Too much chaos and disorganization is one of the top reasons a home can sit on the market and not sell. Enhance and embellish your homes features.



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The West Boca Appeal

Mission Bay is a highly sought after community located in the desirable area of west Boca Raton off of Glades Road and State Rd 7. The community sits on over 500 acres and has 10 villages with Mediterranean-style architecture, landscaped entrances, manicured lawns and tree lined streets. Mission Bay has a clubhouse and resort pool overlooking the lake with activities for children, teens and adults, including a fitness center, a top tennis facility with 12 clay and hard tennis courts, pro shop, basketball and racquetball, children's play area and a game room. On it's grounds also sits the notable Evert Tennis Academy – established in 1996 by the Evert family, John Evert, his sister Chris Evert and their father Jimmy in partnership with the sports marketing firm IMG. There is also the LA Petite Academy offering

programs from infant through pre-K and kindergarten Prep, and, Boca Prep International School, a small, multi-cultural, independent IB world school providing instruction from Pre-K3 through the 12th grade. Public schools serving Mission Bay children include West Boca High School, Loggers Run Middle and Sandpiper Shores Elementary.

West Boca Raton is a thriving area with numerous parks, shopping and restaurants. Homes in the area can get pricey but Mission Bay has a variety of styles and prices in their 10 villages, ranging from town homes to single family homes priced from \$150,000 to \$500,000. There is not a large turnover in the community. A quick check of the MLS system showed only 44 sales so far year to date out of 1239 homes in the association.



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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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FAITH

By Robert J. Tamasy

A Solution Better Than Butting Heads

Recently I came across an illustration from nature that demonstrates the virtues of very different behavior.

The story comes from Ulrich Zwingli, a leader of the Protestant Reformation in Switzerland in the early 1500s. He and Martin Luther, the catalyst for the Reformation, were locked in a serious dispute, and Zwingli was at a loss in trying to resolve the conflict. He found the solution one morning while gazing at the side of a mountain.

He observed two goats approaching each other on a narrow path on the mountainside, one going up and the other going down. Upon seeing one another they stopped, then lowered their heads. It appeared they were about to charge each other. However, instead of butting heads, the goat ascending the mountain lay down on the path. The descending goat was able to step over the other's back, and the animals were able to proceed unimpeded.

If the goats had chosen to butt heads, one may have prevailed. But the result might also have been disastrous for both. So one bowed before the other, in effect humbling itself, which eventually enabled it to advance higher.

How often do we see instances in the business and professional world of two or more people fixed on their goals and objectives, determined to not let anything stand in their way? When they do encounter opposition, they insist on butting heads, battling to a bitter and sometimes bloody conclusion.

But consider the lesson Zwingli learned from the goats. One of them deferred briefly to the other, leading to a "win-win" outcome. Would

not this approach have merit for resolving workplace conflicts? This principle finds ample support in the Bible. Here are some of the things it has to say:

Go lower to get higher. Being willing to defer to the interests of another should not be one-sided. Both benefit when they are willing to "submit" or be "subject" to one another. Just as a submarine goes under water, submitting or being subject to others means intentionally putting oneself under another. "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Ephesians 5:21).

Superiors and subordinates should yield to one another. The customary business model is for superiors to exert their authority over those that report to them, but the best leaders are ones having the interests of their employees at heart. "Slaves (employees), obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.... And masters (superiors), treat your slaves (employees) in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven..." (Ephesians 6:5-9).

Work with an attitude of humility toward coworkers – and to God. Rather than demanding your desires, relating humbly toward others can win their good favor and support. "Be submissive to those who are older...clothe yourselves with humility toward one another" (1 Peter 5:5-6). "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves, then, to God" (James 4:6-7).

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DIVORCE FLORIDA STYLE

By Mike Gora

What's a Charging Lien?

Q. I have been on the middle of litigating a divorce case against my husband for about a year. It seems that every day we invent a new issue to argue about. We argue about what assets are marital or not, appreciation of those assets, alimony, child support and legal fees.

While I like my attorney I began to think that she was nowhere as sharp as my husband's attorney. I hired a new attorney a couple of weeks ago and dismissed the other. A few days ago my new counsel received a "Notice of Charging Lien" from my past counsel which asked for about \$60,000.00 in fees and costs, such as accounting costs.

My new attorney and I went over my first retainer agreement and charging liens are explained as a lien for a lawyer's fees on what I ultimately win in the divorce case. My new attorney does not think that my old attorney will be successful in claiming a charging lien but says I will probably have to work out a settlement with the old attorney sooner or later. I don't understand. What do you think?

A. Your old attorney has two avenues to use to sue you for her fees and costs. Even if there was no right to a charging lien against the proceeds of the divorce case in the retainer agreement your old attorney could file a breach of contract law suit for your refusing to pay the fees and costs contracted.

Depending upon the terms of the retainer agreement you old lawyer might be able to recover his legal

fees and costs. Under your contract however you old attorney would not have a lien on your property until she sues you for contract damages and a judgment is rendered in her favor. Contract cases in circuit civil court take much longer to process than to charging lien cases.

Charging lien motions are tried in family court, in front of the judge who heard, or remains hearing your divorce case. Your old attorney would have to prove that his retainer agreement properly allowed a charging lien, and, more importantly, that her work on the case in whole or in part won assets subject to a lien.

The property subject to a charging lien can be marital property that you retained, or property that you were given from marital assets which were titled in the name of your husband. Alimony and child support are not subject to charging liens. As a victory in child issues are not monetary and no lien can exist on these rights.

Your old lawyer's problem in a case like yours is to prove that she substantially contributed to a result which was not attained until long after her termination. She would have to wait until your main case is completed which she would not have to do if she sued in the civil division of the court.

It might be best to try to negotiate a discount of the fee, especially if you have the funds to make a reasonably substantial payment immediately.

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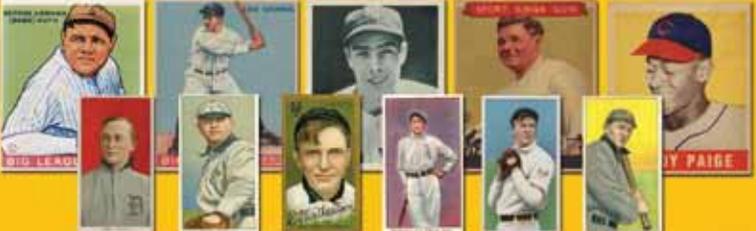
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Boca Raton Officially Chosen as Office Depot's Global Headquarters



Office Depot, Inc. (NYSE: ODP), a leading global provider of office products, services, and solutions formed by the merger of Office Depot and OfficeMax, today announced that it has chosen Boca Raton, Fla. for its global headquarters.

The decision is the result of a thorough evaluation that took into account a number of important

factors, including the cost to operate each headquarters location, lease obligations and sublease considerations, tax implications, government incentives, ability to add associates and incorporate functions in the current space, and people-related costs.

"Selecting the headquarters location is a critical step toward integrating our two companies,"

said Roland Smith, Chairman and CEO, Office Depot, Inc. "Both Florida and Illinois have many positive attributes, but our analysis concluded that Boca Raton provides the best platform for us to achieve planned synergies, leverage assets to drive improved profitability, and launch a compelling vision for the future.

"We appreciate the significant efforts from legislators in Illinois and the generous support we have received from the State of Florida, Palm Beach County, and City of Boca Raton," Smith added. "We would like to thank Florida Governor Rick Scott, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn and the countless others involved in providing the information necessary for us to make this important decision."

The Company will remain in its current 625,000-square-foot corporate campus located at 6600 North Military Trail in Boca

Raton, which has ample space to accommodate associates who will relocate from Illinois.

"With the location of our headquarters now decided, we will quickly move forward to build a world class leadership team and organization focused on exceeding the expectations of consumers and businesses, becoming a more appealing partner to our vendors, and driving value for our shareholders," Smith said. "To do that, we will select the best talent available from both locations."

Office Depot, Inc. will maintain a presence in Naperville throughout the headquarters transition and accompanying integration activities.

Office Depot and OfficeMax retail store locations, customer service centers, warehouses and distribution centers are not affected by the selection of the headquarters location.

Woof Gang Bakery Opens First Veterinary Clinic, Retail Store and Grooming Location in Boca Raton

Woof Gang Bakery is unveiling its first full-service veterinary clinic within its newest store in Boca Raton, providing a one-stop-shop for all pet care needs. Woof Gang Bakery is a leader in the pet industry and has grown to 41 franchise stores with the opening of this new location.

Opening Dec. 14, Woof Gang Bakery, Grooming and Vet Clinic Boca Raton is a locally-owned business, offering veterinary services, pet grooming and a wide selection of pet foods and supplies. The store is located at 7050 W Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 21, Boca Raton, Fla. 33433; phone 561-447-7966.

The retail store and grooming are open seven days a week. Woof Gang Bakery Vet Clinic is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Appointments are recommended and walk-ins will be accommodated whenever possible.

The full-service vet clinic provides comprehensive pet

health care, including exams, vaccinations, micro-chipping, surgery and radiology. The clinic has a pharmacy, prescription diets and nutritional and behavioral counseling. Complete veterinary services are available for dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, ferrets, rabbits and other exotics.

Florida native Dr. Barry Wander is the franchise owner and head veterinarian of Woof Gang Bakery, Grooming and Vet Clinic Boca Raton. Dr. Wander attended the University of Florida where he earned his bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in animal nutrition. In 1987, he opened Wander Animal Hospital, and has practiced veterinary medicine for 27 years with a special interest in dermatological diseases, pediatric and geriatric medicine.

Dr. Wander is dedicated to the local community and to providing unparalleled service and quality products for customers and their four-legged friends. He is eager to

become a local resource for overall pet wellness, including proper nutrition, healthy lifestyle and community involvement. Being the proud parent of Schnapps, a miniature schnauzer and two cats, he has become attuned to the unique nutritional needs of pets.

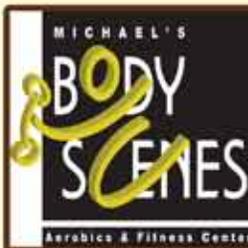
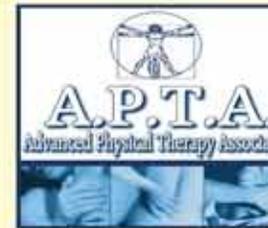
"My desire to be a Woof Gang Bakery franchisee was born from

the desire to meld a unique, owner and animal-friendly pet boutique with a highly respected veterinary care center together in a warm, friendly, nurturing atmosphere," said Dr. Wander. "Together, with sound advice, good nutrition, and routine veterinary care, we can help to provide long and happy lives for our pets."



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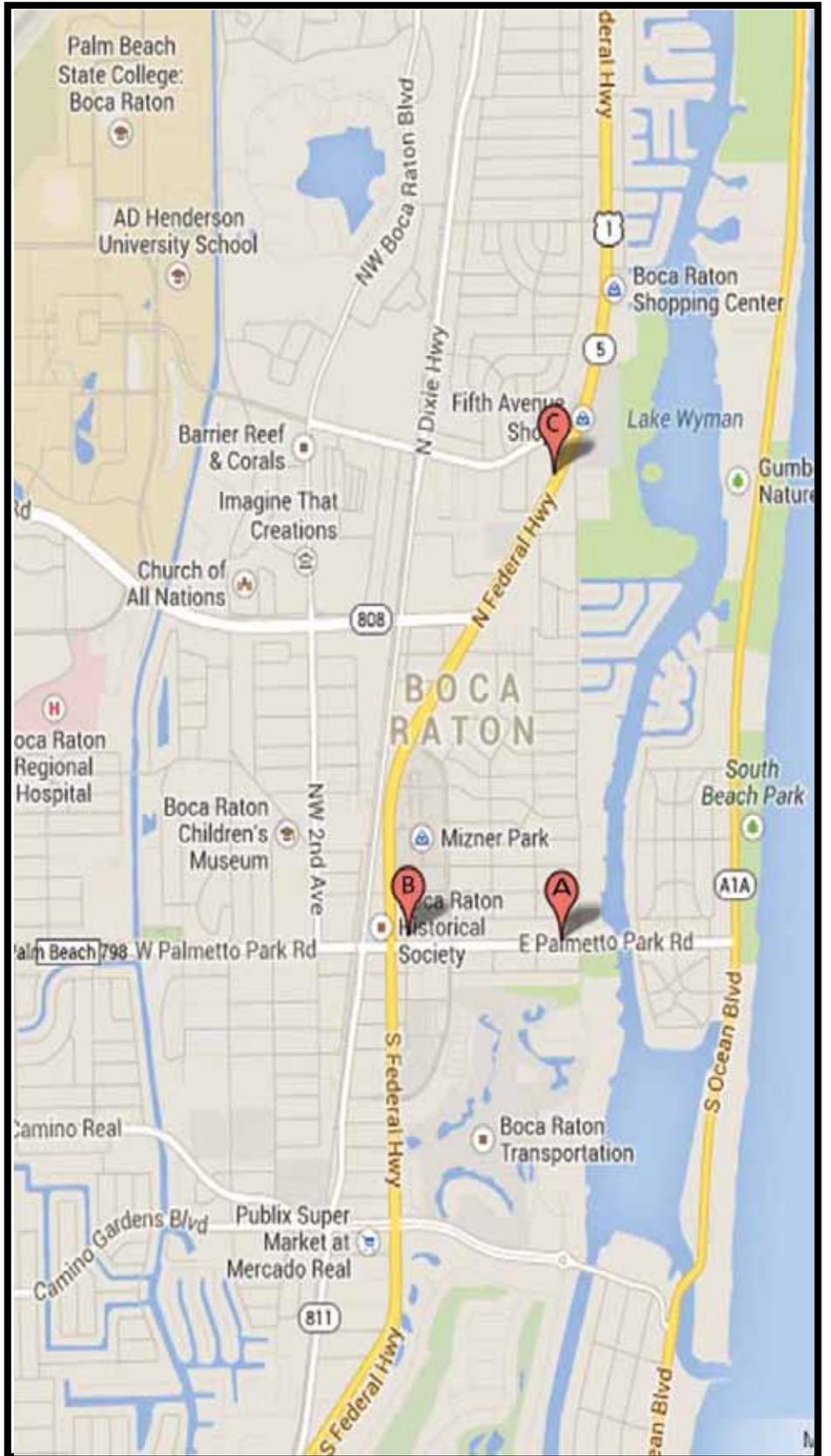
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Jaquez Johnson Named C-USA Football Newcomer Of The Year



BOCA RATON, FL - Florida Atlantic University's Jaquez Johnson has been named Conference USA's football "Newcomer of the Year." He is the first FAU player to receive an individual award by C-USA.

Johnson, a sophomore, joined the squad in January, and vied for a starting spot among five quarterbacks. By the end of preseason camp, he was named the starting quarterback but was part of a three-man rotation.

Johnson won the starting battle and ended the regular-season

nationally ranked in 14 categories.

He led the Owls' offense with 11 starts. Johnson led the squad's rushing attack during the Owls 4-0 finish and had four 100+ yard games. Johnson is tied at No. 85 nationally and No. 8 among quarterbacks in average rushing yards per game.

He was honored as the C-USA Player of the Week following his efforts at UAB, after he had a season high 115 rushing yards and 304 passing yards. He also was a three-time FAU offensive game ball winner. In one season, he captured FAU's career-record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with 10 and nearly

matched the all-time single-season rushing mark.

Johnson concluded his season with a team leading 772 yards on the ground, an average of 4.5 yards per carry and 70.2 yards per game. He completed 149 of 256 passes attempted for 1,876 yards. He tallied 22 touchdowns, 10 on the ground and 12 passing and was named the team's "Newcomer of the Year" at the season-ending banquet, as well as honorable mention all-conference.

Cory Henry and D'Joun Smith Earn All C-USA

BOCA RATON, Fla. - Florida Atlantic University's football players Cory Henry and D'Joun Smith earned spots on the Conference USA all-conference first team.

The duo is the first to be named to a C-USA football team and they were joined by Andrae Kirk and Sean Kelly, who were named to the second team.

Henry, a senior, completed his four-year FAU career atop C-USA in sacks with seven. He also used the time to become the program's all-time career sacks leader. In 2013, the Owls tallied 32 sacks while the team averaged just one per game a year ago. On Dec. 6, Henry was named the Shula Bowl Player of the Game.

Smith, a junior, set the tone early with seven total tackles and a pass break-up in the season opener at Miami. He was the squad's defensive game ball winner after his efforts versus Middle Tennessee and New Mexico State but it may be his efforts in the Tulane game that he became most known for with three interceptions, as well as providing the jumpstart that FAU needed to begin its four-game win streak. Smith led the nation for two weeks in total interceptions and concluded the regular season ranked No. 2 nationally in interceptions and No. 3 nationally in passes defended. Smith ended the year with 35 tackles, two for a loss, a sack, seven interceptions and two forced fumbles. He garnered Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors twice, won the Jim Thorpe Defensive Back of the Week honors and was named FAU's 2013 MVP.

Andrae Kirk, a junior, earned the team's Defensive MVP award last

Friday to go along with his second team C-USA selection. He ended 2013 with a team leading 84 tackles. The linebacker was all over the field in 2013 recording totals in nearly every statistical category. He had three games with double-digit tackles (Middle Tennessee, at Auburn and Tulane). He had a sack at Rice and tackles for loss versus New Mexico State and FIU. Kirk recovered a fumble at East Carolina and had an interception versus Miami. He had a quarterback hurry and a pass break-up versus FIU.

Sophomore Sean Kelly finished 2013 as the league No. 2 punter in average yards. The recipient of FAU's Special Team MVP honor was the only player to record a punt in 2013 and finished the season ranked second in the conference and No. 35 nationally while the team ranked first in C-USA in net punting and No. 45 nationally. Kelly averaged 42.7 yards per punt. He was a three-time FAU game ball winner and was publicly praised by opposing coaches for his ability to flip the field. His longest punt of the season was a 64-yarder versus FIU. He added a 63-yarder at Rice, 62-yard boots at Miami and USF and a 61-yard punt at Auburn. On the year he had 19 punts of 50+ yards, 21 fair caught and more than a third (36 percent) were downed inside the 20, placing him among the nation's leaders.

Honorable mention offensive members included Jaquez Johnson, Mustafa Johnson, Braden Lyons, Nexon Dorvilus, William Dukes and Daniel McKinney. Defensively, Brandin Bryant, Adarius Glanton, Christian Milstead and Damian Parmas earned a spot.

Pablo Bertone Named Conference USA Player of the Year

BOCA RATON, FL - Florida Atlantic senior guard Pablo Bertone was named the Conference USA Player of the Week after leading the Owls to a pair of wins last week. It is the first time in his career that Bertone has won a conference player of the week award.

Bertone averaged 25.5 points and 5.5 rebounds in FAU's two games last week scoring a career

high 31 points and added five rebounds in a 75-64 win over UCF on Tuesday night. He followed that up with 20 points and six rebounds against Jacksonville on Saturday.

For the year, Bertone is averaging 18.9 points and 4.3 rebounds per game.

The Owls travel to DePaul to take on the Blue Demons on Thursday. The game will be televised on Fox Sports 1.

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Joan Joyce Inducted Into NFCA Hall of Fame

Florida Atlantic University head softball coach Joan Joyce was inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Hall of Fame on Friday night.

Joyce is the only coach in the history of FAU softball. She has guided FAU softball to 10 conference championships, including eight in a row while in the Atlantic Sun, and set a league record for total titles by a sport. The Owls transitioned into the Sun Belt Conference in 2007 and set the tone by capturing the program's first SBC title. FAU has made seven NCAA tournament appearances under Joyce's direction.

Joyce came to FAU after a legendary softball career which garnered the Connecticut native All-America honors 15 times, including a National Tournament batting title (.467). She tallied a

career pitching record of 753-42. Included in those totals are 150 no-hit, no-run games, and 50 perfect games. She also is credited with striking out both Ted Williams and Hank Aaron.

The NFCA Hall of Fame induction is the 11th such honor for Joyce. She also has been enshrined into the Florida Sports Hall of Fame, the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame, the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, the Han O'Donnell Hall of Fame, the Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame, the International Softball Federation Hall of Fame, The National Amateur Softball Hall of Fame, the Greater Waterbury Hall of Fame, and is just one of a handful of Americans who have been inducted into the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame.

Men's Basketball Stumbles in SSC Season Opener

By Olivia Coiro

Lynn University's men's basketball team lost, 103-81, to Florida Tech (8-1, 1-0) in the Sunshine State Conference season opener on Saturday afternoon in the Clemente Center. The Fighting Knights move to 5-2 overall and 0-1 in SSC play. Aaron Harrison led the Blue & White with 19 points and 14 rebounds while Cory Thomas had a game-high four blocks.

Despite the Panthers getting on the scoreboard first, Lynn battled for the opening minutes of the game. Haki Stampley gave the Fighting Knights their first lead 7-6 on a bucket from behind the arc. Minutes later another trey from the sophomore from Milwaukee, Wisc., would find Lynn all tied up with FIT at 10-all.

The Panthers capitalized on 12 first-half turnovers by Lynn and shot an impressive 51.4 percent from the field. The Fighting Knights struggled offensively shooting just 26.7 percent from the field and 23.1 percent from behind the arc.

Harrison had a team-high 12 points for Lynn while Florida Tech was led by Corbin Jackson who had 14 points and 8 rebounds.

Florida Tech extended its lead to as many as 28 in the second half before the final buzzer sounded. Kaleb Clyburn had 18 points all in the second half helping the Blue & White to improve its shooting to 40.4 percent from the field. Lynn connected on 6-of-12 three-point shots in the second half; four of those were from Clyburn.

Although the Fighting Knights had four players in double digits Lynn was unable to pull off the win. Chris Carter led FIT with a game-high 24 points and nine assists while Corbin Jackson had 21 points and 17 rebounds, 14 of which were defensive. The Panthers outrebounded Lynn 46-45 pulling down 34 defensive boards.

Stampley shot 4-for-7 from behind the arc and dished out five assists while Fred Landers 12 points and six rebounds. Harrison's double-double was his third of the season.

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Women's Basketball Erases 15-point Halftime Deficit to win SSC Opener

MELBOURNE, Fla.- Lynn University's women's basketball team defeated Florida Tech (7-4, 0-1 SSC) on Saturday afternoon in the Clemente Center to open the Sunshine State Conference season. The Fighting Knights move to 6-1 overall and 1-0 in SSC play. Tylar Tracy led the Blue & White with 20 points, four assists and three rebounds while blocking two shots.

Florida Tech got on the board first with a three-point shot from Kayk Wilson but Zachara Bailey quickly tied the game when she answered with a bucket from just behind the arc. Lynn found itself in deficit early but the Fighting Knights were able to cut the deficit to eight points with 7:34 remaining after Isadora Madzarevic hit her second consecutive three-pointer. The Panthers, however, were able to hold off the Blue & White for a 15 point lead (50-35) at the buzzer.

Lynn shot 47.8 percent from the field in the opening half and was led by Tracy who had nine points and three assists. Florida Tech capitalized on turnovers by the Fighting Knights and Kayk

Wilson led all scorers with 17 points shooting 5-for-7 from behind the arc.

The Fighting Knights opened the half on a 13-2 run cutting the deficit to seven. With 5:32 remaining in the game Lynn tied the game at 64-all and minutes later two successful shots from the charity stripe by Bailey gave the Blue & White its first lead since 17:51 in the first half. The lead changed multiple times in the final minutes but Lynn pulled out the victory with nine seconds left when Tracy netted a pair of free throws for the 72-71 win.

Tracy and Shatorria Baker each had 11 points in the second half while Madzarevic had a game-high six blocks, all in the last 20 minutes. Lynn shot 46.2 percent from the field and 90 percent from the charity stripe. Wilson had a team-high ten points for the Panthers en route to leading all scorers with 27 in the game.

The Blue & White had four players score in double digits in the SSC season opener. Lynn scored 24 points off the bench which helped to erase a 15-point halftime deficit.

Is LeBron James the X-Factor for Miami's MLS Dream?

By: Pedro Heizer

Two of the biggest names in sports, David Beckham and LeBron James, are interested in joining forces.

According to LeBron James, he and Beckham have met in regards of him [LeBron] becoming a potential investor in the MLS franchise Beckham is trying to bring to Miami.

"There's some interest on both sides," James, who is already part owner of Liverpool FC of the English Premier League, said to Bleacher Report's Ethan Skolnick. "David has become a good friend of mine over the last few years. I think it would be great for this city to have a football club for sure. There's interest on both sides, but it's preliminary talks."

As you may already know, part of the contract that Beckham signed with the Los Angeles Galaxy 2007, Beckham received the option to buy a franchise for the discounted price of \$25 million, and he has been aggressively looking to bring his franchise to Miami.

"I think it [MLS in Miami] could be huge," James said to Skolnick. "I think this is a great town for soccer. There are a lot of soccer players, there are great youth soccer players here and people love the city as well. That definitely would help."

LeBron's interest in the MLS franchise would give Beckham's team a boost. There's no denying the weight that the name LeBron James carries in Miami, especially after James delivered back-to-back championships to the city.

The question on everyone's mind is: Would LeBron James be enough to make the average Miami fan fall in love with the new MLS team? Three of Miami's four professional teams (Dolphins, Panthers, and

X-Factor to not only bring MLS back to Miami, but to bring fans to the stadium?

Most soccer fanatics won't care about the possibility of LeBron and Beckham in the owner's box, but many LeBron fans will make a trip to a soccer game if they have a chance of seeing their idol, if only for a minute.

LeBron himself was not a soccer fan at first, but upon watching games he became a fan. Why can't others follow in his footsteps?

"I've grown a great interest in watching the game and learning the guys," James said of his familiarity with soccer. "It's a pretty intense sport. My kids love it as well. I've grown to the point where I know exactly what's going on when I'm watching the game."

With the possibility of LeBron joining Beckham, Miami's MLS team could have a star-studded ownership group that would include the two superstars, Marcelo Claure, and Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross.

According to sources, Ross has also shown interested in joining Beckham's venture. A source close to Ross indicated that RSE Ventures, the sports marketing company Ross co-founded with Matt Higgins in 2012, is looking to provide marketing services to the investment group being put together by Beckham, and possibly provide both a temporary, and permanent stadium solution for the proposed team.

RSE Ventures, through its subsidiary Relevant Sports, hosted last summer's International Champions Cup, a series of exhibitions featuring Real Madrid, AC Milan, Juventus, and the L.A. Galaxy, and recently brought Brazil to play Honduras at Sun Life Stadium in front of over 71,000 fans.

Despite believing MLS in Miami could be huge, James has his reservations about the potential franchise. "We don't know," said James when he was asked if MLS would work in Miami.

"It's like buying a house, you don't know until you sign the papers."

This is just the latest in the never-ending saga that is MLS Miami.



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Marlins) are not doing very well when it comes to drawing fans to the stadium; LeBron's Heat are the only exception. Would LeBron's involvement with Beckham be the

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