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Boca Student Among 4 Honored as County's Top Orators



By CRA News Service

Four students from area schools emerged as winners of the 2nd Annual South Florida Youth Speak Out Oratorical Contest after delivering their speeches at the Delray Beach Public Library on Sunday.

The four students from JC Mitchell Elementary, Atlantic Community High and Village Academy schools spoke on the topic "Dr. MLK's Dream Through the Eyes of Today's Youth."

"I listened to the "I Have a Dream" speech. My mom says it is probably the best speech ever written," said first-place winner Cameron Marshall, a 2nd grader at JC Mitchell Elementary in Boca Raton. "The best parts are not heard today."

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By: Quezia Salgado

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Santa Claus reading The Boca Raton Tribune



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Quote of the Week:

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. - Isaiah 9:6

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Barrys Buzz



- Arkansas assistant coach Charlie Partridge has agreed to a \$2.76 million contract to make Partridge FAU's head football coach for the next five years.
- Boca Raton medical supply owner Danny Porush is being splashed across the headlines in the four star blockbuster movie "The Wolf of Wall Street" opening Christmas Day, about a massive Wall Street scam partly engineered by Porush which details how Porush clipped investors for over \$200 million in a stock fraud swindle. He served three years in prison for his role in his scam, but he hasn't lost his touch, as he and his wife drive matching Rolls Royces.
- Boca Raton tech startup, KidoZen, is expanding with \$5 million in venture capital from Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Third Point Ventures and is hiring.
- Top rated FSU will collect a \$22 million check for appearing in the BCS champion bowl game Jan. 6 and UM will get \$2.2 million for a game on Dec. 28.
- The Affordable Health Care Act, also known as Obamacare and what critics say was created on a foundation of lies from the White House is now rocking consumers with unpleasant details. Health care planners are jammed with soaring deductibles, drastic cuts in network hospitals and doctors, and huge slashes in prescription drug coverage. And in what may happen in South Florida, 70% of California doctors will not accept Obamacare patients due to massive cuts in fees.
- Saturday Night Live creator Lorne Michaels has shelled out \$12 million for two very upscale horse barns in Wellington. Michaels joins other high-profile horse set residents like Bill Gates, former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg, Fox News newscaster

Lou Dobbs, media mogul John Malone and movie star Tommy Lee Jones, who currently has his polo grounds property on the market for \$27 million and used to play at the former Royal Palm Polo Club in Boca.

- Speaking of the Polo Grounds and horse set, Palm Beacher Jack Oxley, owner of the now vacant 124 acre Royal Palm Polo Club in Boca Raton, signed a deal to sell to his Palm Beach neighbor Bruce Tholl, chairman of luxury home builder Tholl brothers for \$83 million and plans to build 224 upscale homes on the property starting at \$750,000. The development will be labeled Royal Palm Polo, with sales starting next spring.

- New openings in Boca: Cloud 10 Blow Dry Bar & Makeup Salon at 289 E. Palmetto Park Road, Moonshine Molly's Country Restaurant & Saloon at 6450 N. Federal Highway, Flashback Diner at 1450 N. Federal Highway, True, at 147 SE First Ave and Subway at the Peter Blum YMCA of Boca Raton.

- The Wolf of Wall Street, the four star movie opening Christmas Day, is based on Danny Porush, played by Jonah Hill in the movie, a former stockbroker who now runs a medical supply company in Boca Raton after serving 39 months in prison. See <http://www.motherjones.com/media/2013/12/wolf-wall-street-martin-scorsese-jonah-hill-danny-porush-jordan-belfort>.

- Palm Beach County population is 1,365,545.

- Genius on Hold: You may not know who Walter Shaw is but you use his inventions every day. Please support the man NJ Gov. Christie called an "unsung mind" by seeing this remarkable film through this weekend at the Regal Cypress Creek Theatre on Andrews Avenue north of Cypress Creek Blvd.

- Watch Movie Talk with Morrie Zryl on www.wrpbitv.com Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 6 a.m.

- Barry Epstein live features Congressman Ted Deutch, Ancient Summit Director Nina Fogelman, Veterans Speakers Bureau founder Cpl. Burt Richards and Sun-Sentinel

editorial columnist Kingsley Guy on www.wrpbitv.com at 10 pm Thursday and 10 am Friday. Watch to win free tickets to the Cinemark theatres. You can now watch my TV shows ON Demand on wrpbitv. Just click on this link: <https://vimeo.com/channels/barryepsteinlive>.

- Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues opens today and Saving Mr. Banks, American Hustle, Inside Llewyn Davis and Walking with Dinosaurs in 3D opens Friday at the Boca Cinemark Palace & Premiere theatres and the Regal Entertainment Shadowwood theatres. Mother of George opens at the FAU Living Room Theatre. American Hustle, Saving Mr. Banks and Nebraska opens at the Movies of Delray. Anchorman 2: opens at the Movies of Lake Worth.

- The city's free Polar Express Pajama Movie Night is Dec. 20 in the Mizner Park Amphitheater, a wrap for a month of holiday events in Boca Raton, featuring free train rides, where kids can wear pajamas for the train rides in the snow and activities from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., including free holiday hair braiding and free pace painting and glitter tattoos, as well as a showing of the movie, "The Polar Express" at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own blankets and chairs. Chairs are available to rent for \$5. Hot chocolate, popcorn, pizza and beverages can be purchased.

- Music by flutist Jim Kovalcik and his band playing some cool jazz, along with some holiday favorites, are at the Boca Raton Green Market, in its 17th year with farm-to-table, fresh-picked produce from local growers and lots more, 8am to 1pm every Saturday at the southwest parking lot of Royal Palm Place, S. Fed. Hwy, and SE Mizner Blvd in downtown Boca Raton. Call 561.299.8684 or email elilly707@aol.com for further information.

- RESPECT: A Musical Journey of Women is now to Jan. 5 at the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center's Studio Theatre, with two special New Year's Eve champagne performances at 4 and 9 p.m. Tickets at www.brtg.org call 866.811.411. For more information, call 561.445.9244, email kassie@gmail.com.

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Discover the TRUE meaning of Christmas.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

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A Boca Christmas



'Twas the night before Christmas

down here in Boca,
I was sitting at Starbucks,
... drinking my mocha.
I know we're all Jewish,
but was wondering still,
if Santa would come here
and give us a thrill.
On my way home,
no Christmas lights did I see,
on the houses, the windows,
not even the trees.
What a strange feeling.
Not a decoration in sight.
Was it really December
or a warm summer's night?
I drove past Toojay's,
there were lines out the door.
People were waiting
for kishka and more.
The restaurants were busy,
Christmas dinners not planned.
Never, not here,
we're in Boca Land .
At home all was quiet.
I left out Kosher wine,
In case Santa came to Boca
for the very first time.
Snoozing came easy
to me Christmas Eve.
I wasn't waiting for presents
to be left under a tree.
I could hope all I want.

I could fuss and then see,
if Santa would make time
for little old me.
Then all of a sudden
he pulled up in his Jag,
with a sack full of presents
each sporting a tag.
Oh Bloomies, Oh Saks,
Oh Neiman's and more.
He knows where to shop,
he frequents my stores!
He looked for the lox,
the bagels and deli.
He came to Boca first
to fill up his belly!
"I have a long night ahead,
I want you to know.
From Boca I leave
for New York and the snow."
He stayed for a while,
he chatted and ate.
Then he left in a flash
before it got late.
What a great night
I thought with a sigh.
That jolly old Santa
is a really nice guy.
As I cleared off the table
I heard with delight
"Shalom to you all,
and OY, vat a night!!"
Best wishes
for a happy new year.....

Preparing for Christmas



For every meaningful activity, preparation is imperative. The celebration of Christmas, each year, is no exception, though I am not speaking of the usual, mundane activities associated with this significant holiday.

Indeed, most people think of Christmas only in terms of shopping, sending cards, exchanging gifts, not to mention the usual sights, sounds, and smells of the season, besides other factors associated with this festival, noticed everywhere.

Thus, the preparations in which many engage themselves for Christmas is limited to the foods they choose, the parties they enjoy together, the presents they give or receive, not to mention some of the excesses into which so many also go!

There is no question that Christmas is indeed an ideal time for giving, a time for joy and celebration, a season when beautiful music fills the air in a great variety of locations.

Nevertheless, Christmas is much more than all that which, sadly, is often left out complete-

ly. While much of what has been mentioned may have a place as part of the festivities throughout the season, its true significance is in the Person Whose birthday is celebrated on December 25.

Jesus, the Son of the living God, condescended to come down to earth and be born of a virgin, so as to identify Himself with the people He came to save through His eventual death on the cross. Sadly, as St. John records in his Gospel, "He came to His own, and His own received Him not; but as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, even to those who believe in His name"(John 1:11-12).

Christmas is, and shall always be, about Him Who came to bring us life, and life more abundant!

Thus, in preparing for Christmas, we must never lose our focus no matter whatever else we do. We need to gaze upon Him with grateful and believing hearts, since He is the greatest gift anyone can receive at Christmas time, or at any other occasion!

Letter from the Mayor



Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Best of New Years

Holiday Greetings and Merry Christmas from the Whelchel family to you and yours. We want to extend our warmest wishes during this most joyful of seasons.

As 2013 comes to an end and preparations for Christmas, New Year's, and other holiday festivities begin, it is a good time to reflect on the words of Rabbi Laura Geller, who said, "Holy One of Blessing, may all the different peoples, cultures, traditions and lifestyles that constitute America work together and share what we have with those in need."

Isn't it true that this time of year gives each of us an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of the "season?" Be it Thanksgiving,

Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza or other warm traditions it is a special time to thank God for our many blessing. The miracles of the season are best represented by the gifts we give to others....specially to those less fortunate and in need. It is an opportunity for each of us to give of ourselves so that others may experience the same joy, peace, and love that we enjoy. It is a time to put differences aside and work together for the betterment of our entire community.

As your Mayor who is nearing the end of my second term, I am extremely proud of Boca Raton and its long "give back" history. I have seen first-hand the tremendous acts

of philanthropy throughout our community. Organizations such as Boca Helping Hand and The Spirit of Giving network among many, many others have worked tirelessly throughout the year and especially during each holiday season to ensure those in need know that others love and care for them. I have witnessed the joy and love of a child when he or she is given a food basket or a holiday present often for the very first time.

Yet at a time of great joy for most of us, let us not forget for a single moment to give thanks to our men and women in the armed services, here and overseas, who are risking their lives each and every day—the husbands and wives, the fathers, mothers, the

children of aging parents—making personal great sacrifices to preserve the freedoms we so enjoy, and whose loved ones are missing them being home this season.

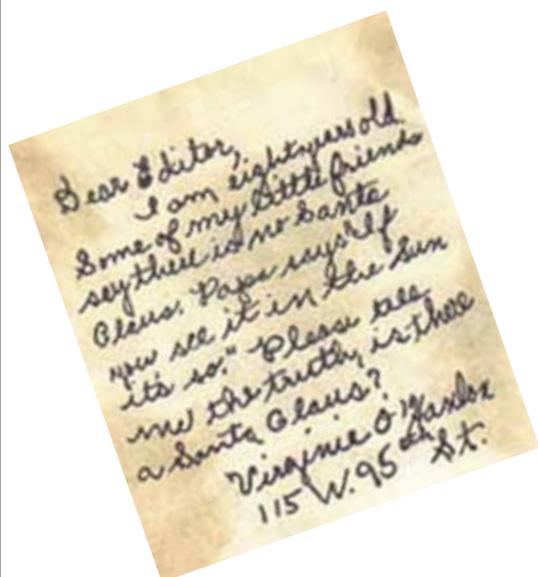
I thank God each day for the opportunity to live in our wonderful community and I am honored to have been your Mayor these past 6 years. Enjoy the remainder of the season - be safe, be joyful, and may God bless you all.

Susan Whelchel

Mayor Susan Whelchel and Family

Continuing with our tradition The Boca Raton Tribune once again wants to share with our readers these historic pieces of writing to remind us of the innocence and pureness of the Christmas Season.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus



Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps.

New York's Sun

December 22, 1897

"DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



*By Ben Stein | Dec 15, 2005
The following was written by Ben Stein and recited by him on CBS Sunday Morning Commentary, December 18, 2005.

Herewith at this happy time of year, a few confessions from my beating heart:

I have no freaking clue who Nick and Jessica are. I see them on the cover of People and Us constantly when I am buying my dog biscuits and kitty litter. I often ask the checkers at the grocery stores. They never know who Nick and Jessica are either. Who are they? Will it change my life if I know who they are and why they have broken up? Why are they so important? I don't know who Lindsay Lohan is, either, and I do not care at all about Tom Cruise's wife.

Am I going to be called before a Senate committee and asked if I am a subversive? Maybe, but I just have no clue who Nick and Jessica are. Is this what it means to be no longer young. It's not so bad.

Next confession: I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit up, bejeweled trees Christmas trees. I don't feel threatened. I don't feel discriminated against. That's what they are: Christmas trees. It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, "Merry Christmas" to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my beach house in Malibu. If people want a creche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away.

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat.

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship Nick and Jessica and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him?

I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where Nick and Jessica came from and where the America we knew went to.

Community News

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Atlantic High's Family Raises Money for Campus Canine

By CRA News Service

Kash, the bloodhound cop stationed at Atlantic High School, will celebrate his first birthday on Dec. 14.

To celebrate Kash, which stands for Kids Are Safe Here's birthday, the school's Student Government Association, the Parent Teacher Student Association, and People for Animal Welfare are partnering to raise money as a way to give back to the Jimmy Ryce Foundation for its generous gift.

For the past month, the students have been selling "Got KASH?" t-shirts. Any student who bought and wears his and her shirt on Dec. 13 will be granted access to Kash's exclusive event.

Also scheduled to attend are two

of Kash's brothers and his sister.

Don Ryce, from the Jimmy Ryce Foundation, will also attend and will receive a check from Atlantic High School. All proceeds from the sales of the shirts will go directly to the Jimmy Ryce Foundation to support their efforts of breeding dogs for the sole purpose of aiding law enforcement.

Kash and his handler, Officer Curtis Riddick, have been stationed at Atlantic High School and have become a part of the School District's family.

They work county-wide to help find missing and endangered children.

Bloodhounds have some of the most sensitive noses and hunt by scent rather than sight.

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The Journey is a new church in Boca Raton, featuring services each Sunday with casual dress, rockin' music, and practical teaching. Part of the Journey's vision is to reach out to the community and help in any way possible: "Upon seeing the need first-hand, we wanted to not only provide a meaningful outdoor Christmas Eve service to the community, but also 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.

With the intent of helping the community, The Journey joined forces with Boca Helping Hands, an organization that provides food and emergency assistance to meet basic human needs and bring long-term solutions to break the cycle of dependence. Boca Helping Hands' Executive Director James Gavrilos expressed his enthusiasm in partnering with Journey church this holiday season: "We are so thrilled to partner with Journey for this event; we have a great partnership and close collaboration. The Journey not only gives Helping Hands financial support, but they also send many volunteers to our foundation. They truly understand that taking care of the poor is not an addendum to the Gospel, it is the Gospel. I think we can all remember the story; it was about a couple who were poor, had no place to stay, most likely little to eat, and it took a generous inn keeper to take them in and help them out. I can't think of a better time for this collaboration than Christmas Eve."

In this spirit of spreading love and lending a helping hand, those who want to enjoy a combination of traditional and modern versions of their favorite Christmas carols, an inspiring message, and the chance to give back to the community, The Journey church's Christmas Eve Candlelight services promise to be a memorable event.

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I enjoy baseball for many reasons: the discipline it instills in one, the opportunity to stay physically fit and foremost the life lessons I garner from its many analogies.

One such analogy, "You can't hit a home run unless you swing for the fences," proved true and relevant recently during the 2nd Annual South Florida Youth Oratorical Academy's speak out, sponsored by CRA Media Group, the parent company of the Delray Beach Tribune newspaper, and other local companies.

Little things like speech contests and other academic achievements are often overlooked, even in small tightly-knit community like these in Palm Beach County. With all the recent negative news involving young people, it was so important to highlight four area teens — J.C. Mitchell Elementary's second-grader Cameron Marshall, Atlantic High sophomore Geovanni Martinez, and Village Academy's Zykra Carter and Antwan Bowleg.

All four spoke clearly and concisely on this year's chosen topic — which, appropriately on the 50th anniversary, was "Dr. Martin Luther King's I Have a Dream Speech through the eyes of today's youth.

Everyone in attendance would have agreed that all the candidates were very motivated, intelligent young people. As they delivered their 3-5 minute speeches, all sounded like the aspiring youth leaders they are. I am sure they will do a greater job in January when they speak at Dr. MLK observances in Delray Beach and Boynton Beach.

As each student spoke, judges scored them on content, being on subject, how they presented the material and whether or not they stayed within the allotted time frame.

All the contestants were winners. Each was awarded a cash prize, a backpack filled with school supplies for the school year, speaking opportunities around the county next year and passes to the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum in Delray Beach and the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach. The 'wow' factor was regardless of where they finished, each earned a three-day all-expense paid trip to a crime prevention conference for youth in Jacksonville at the end of the school year.

Competing for cash and all the other prizes may be nice. But the experience we

all got listening to this group of intelligent, passionate youngsters whom we think will achieve all of their goals will last a lot longer and mean a lot more than the money ever could.

In the days after the contest, I spoke with Ms. Carter who said the experience helped her discover a passion for public speaking.

"It helped me to face my fear of stage fright," the second-year competitor and last year's winner said. "Now being up in front of people is my forte."

Mr. Martinez said it prepared him "for the real work, because it's taught me to have a growing knowledge of citizenship, leadership and many other life skills that can be used in all aspects of life — communication being a huge one."

These children are all over-achievers and they pushed themselves very hard during the competition and the days leading up to it. Just when I thought they could not get any better, they amazed me.

As I listened to each student, I kept asking why there were only four competitors. I soon learned that the process of writing the one-page speech and a fear of public speaking kept many from participating.

In the days immediately following the contest, several students after learning what the prizes were, said they regret not competing. And there were a few adults who suggested that we should have 'bribed' the students by telling them the prizes. While I am all in favor of using incentives to get results, there is a limit where I draw the line.

Notices were sent to area schools, churches and appeared in the newspaper informing of dates for the informational and practice/coaching sessions. Only a handful took advantage.

What the students who failed to show up for these sessions failed to learn was that one cannot get an earned run average unless he or she takes a swing.

We must urgently find a solution so our youth will develop a love for reading, writing and public speaking.

As I have said repeatedly, our greatest resource is the youth in our community. Therefore, the more opportunities we can give them to develop leadership skills, grow professionally and learn about the world around them, the brighter our future looks.

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Letters to the Editor

The CSX needs to work on the crossing at Camino Real next! That detour almost ruined my suspension.

- Ron Martin Jr.

LaffToon!**by Rick Enright**

Karen, is it true "Pre-Arranged Funerals" are becoming increasingly popular?!

Yes, Phill! In fact, here comes one of our regular customers, Vinnie "Boom Boom" the loan shark with his monthly list!





THOUGHTS FROM THE PUBLISHER

By Douglas Heizer

Home For Christmas

This is the plan for a lot of people who are far from their homes; whether they are traveling because of work, living in another country, or on a trip with no set date to return. There have been many songs and movies made about this topic, about the wish to be home for Christmas. Everyone wants to be home, with their loved ones for Christmas! Joy and happiness take over the hearts of those who arrive to spend this time with their special someone, their family, and their friends.

However, there are those who don't make it. They either decide not to go, or receive days off at the last minute and rush to find plane tickets, which sell out quickly for the season, and are just impossible to find. Some people don't make plans ahead of time and become frustrated. Others have major obstacles that don't allow them to spend Christmas at home. There are even those who see their dreams go down the drain due to weather conditions, and that brings frustration and deception.

This week, the snow storms here in the United States have turned into a nightmare for many people, threatening to keep them from making it home for Christmas on account of canceled flights and blocked roads.

But for those of us here at home, who are far from our native land, and

many times away from our families, we try to spend Christmas with our friends, and each year we look for those who are alone, with no family nearby. In fact, to have a full house for the holidays has become a tradition for the Heizer Family. We love having our relatives and friends over during Christmas time.

We enjoy decorating the house, in fact; we've made building the Christmas tree a tradition, where each year we add new ornaments. Some ornaments follow us for over 29 years, which we kept from our very first Christmas tree. We also have souvenirs the children made in their early years; we have three children and our oldest is 22. Some years ago we added a Nativity scene to our tradition. The Nativity Scene is made of olive tree wood from Israel, and we have decided to have it displayed at the home in which the family will gather that year.

Other than celebrating the birth of Jesus, another thing that makes me really happy about Christmas is that my birthday is the next day!

But you know something? Everyone who is reading this article is not at home yet; and I hope we won't be for this Christmas or many more to come.

Let me explain myself: heaven is our

home. We were made to live in heaven, not here on Earth. This year, a great friend of mine went home. Before we got married, my wife's brother and her mother also went there. How about you? Do you have a loved one in Heaven? Did someone you love go there this year?

As we remember those who already went, we become saddened by their absence; we no longer have the interaction with them that we liked so much. In the case of this friend, and my wife's relatives, it's no different. But when we remember that they are in heaven, that they are already home for Christmas, we are filled with joy because we have the conviction that one day we will see them again. The Bible is very clear about this; we will have an encounter again, and recognize each other. I can imagine what a celebration that will be – our first Christmas at home!

Many times, those we love depart without even leaving a message. Many times we don't have the opportunity to be with them for a last conversation. This is not the kind of parting where you can leave a farewell note. Have you ever thought about that? What would you say before leaving to go to your true home?

I attempted to write a list of what I would say to my wife and children:

1- It is worth it to follow Christ. Always put God in first place

2- Always put family ahead of everything else

3- Cherish friends, not things

4- Build bridges and never walls

5- Be concerned about others; be "God's agent" for them

6- Never stop dreaming

Perhaps I would also say: "Once Flamengo, always Flamengo!" (my favorite soccer team)

Unfortunately there are people who get lost along the way and never arrive at their destination. There are people who are always looking for a "seat on the plane", using the wrong "travel agency". Some people live in the middle of a storm, and that makes it impossible to arrive. Others think their home is here on Earth and they invest everything in the wrong place.

For those people, I want to assure you that there is "room on the plane" and that the path to the "eternal home" is available to you. There is no cost. The price has already been paid by Him, whose birthday we celebrate and call it Christmas. He is "the way" for you to get to your eternal home.

I don't know when I am going home, but I am ready to go. I hope to see you there.

Merry Christmas!

POSITIVE LIVING

By Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr.



Plan Ahead, and Get it Done!

There are persons who are perpetually huffing and puffing where they are, often without accomplishing what they need to do, noisily complaining about one thing or another, all stemming from their disorganized life!

One can never succeed in anything just by thinking of it, and desiring it, without acting in all the ways necessary to make it happen. Furthermore, every effort needs to be in the direction of what needs to be accomplished. One cannot confuse activity with actual accomplishment. The world is packed with persons who are always running everywhere, perpetually giving the appearance of being busy, but never

showing the anticipated results.

Author John L. Mason recognized that "good intentions are like checks that men try to draw from a bank where they have no account." He further added to those remarks: "Every mediocre person has good intentions." Hopefully we all want to be known as doers, as achievers, as persons whose word is not intended merely to impress others, but to display concrete, significant fruit!

All of us know quite well that just good intentions are insufficient; they will never achieve anything unless they are translated into decisive activity to promote and reach what is desired and expected. Good intentions must

be accompanied by all the ingredients necessary to make them reality.

Many people depend too much on their fallible memory and, thus, never write reminders to themselves regarding what they must do, and do next, whether right away or in the next day. As a result, they keep on forgetting and having to offer lame excuses to others who waited in vain for their arrival or who had to proceed with a project without their promised input.

The well-known statement, "if you fail to plan you're planning to fail" expresses far more than at first noticed. A plan to be effective needs to be well thought-out, in advance, so as

to provide enough time for necessary revisions, and potential alternatives that can be considered. That way, what is to be done can start and proceed in a timely fashion.

Things left undone till the last moment, and tackled only close to its expected date, won't usually succeed to the extent that tasks well-thought, well-planned, and well-executed have. To that end, more people need to re-program themselves and utilize their time more wisely, with a greater sense of urgency for all that enters their schedule to be effectively completed. You can do it!

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.

Boca Student Among 4 Honored as County's Top Orators

By CRA News Service

DELRAY BEACH - Four students from area schools emerged as winners of the 2nd Annual South Florida Youth Speak Out Oratorical Contest after delivering their speeches at the Delray Beach Public Library on Sunday.

The four students from JC Mitchell Elementary, Atlantic Community High and Village Academy schools spoke on the topic "Dr. MLK's Dream Through the Eyes of Today's Youth."

"I listened to the "I Have a Dream" speech. My mom says it is probably the best speech ever written," said first-place winner Cameron Marshall, a 2nd grader at JC Mitchell Elementary in Boca Raton. "The best parts are not heard today. So we listened to it four times."

Cameron, whose speech won her a cash award of \$50 and an opportunity to speak at MLK observances in Delray Beach and Boynton Beach in January, said she had a lot of questions: Why did they sing that song? What was the march? Why did we see Abraham Lincoln?

"My mom's answers made me understand why the "I Have a Dream" speech is so important today," she told the attentive audience.

Second place winner Geovani Martinez also won a speaking gig in Delray Beach and a \$30 award.

Village Academy's sixth-grader Zykra Carter and Antwan Bowleg, a fifth grader, finished third and fourth place respectively.

All four contestants sat in the first row, and before the event some crossed and uncrossed their hands or stretched to tap their toes on the floor. Mothers, grandmothers and educators gave them reassuring hugs and embarrassing kisses before taking their own seats. The competitors sometimes turned to search for a familiar face.

"Of course, I'm elated that she won first place," Cameron's mother, Toni Marshall, said. "But I'm most proud of her courage to speak in front of an audience and panel of judges. She is such a hard worker." Marshall said after they watched the old footage of the march, Cameron wrote down about 15 questions and that's how they came up with the speech.

"It's difficult to explain those times to adults these days, let alone an 8 year old," Marshall said. "Many of us don't get it!"

Charlotte Lovely, assistant principal of Roosevelt Elementary School, told the students.

Each contestant delivered a three- to five-minute prepared oration before a panel of judges selected

from the Delray Beach area.

The panel was comprised of Joi Odom Grant, an educator of 25 years in the Palm Beach County school system, and a local media personality; Joyce Patrick, president of the Rotary Club of Delray Beach-Sunrise; Angelo Murgo, a retired Massachusetts selectman and a past president of the Rotary Club of Delray Beach-Sunrise; and Officer Daryl Hunter who is assigned to the detective bureau of the Delray Beach Police Department.

Timekeeper was Stan Newman, editor of the NY Newsday crossword puzzle, a member of the Rotary Club of Delray Beach-Sunrise and a board member of KOP Mentoring Network, which was one of the event sponsors.

Other sponsors were Jeaneen West & Associates, CRA & Associates, the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, the Delray Beach Public Library, S.D. Spady Museum, Norton Museum, the Urban League of Palm Beach County and the Delray Beach Police Department.

Along with their grand prizes, each contestant received:

- a copy of Ron Suskind's book - "A Hope in the Unseen" - about an American Odyssey from the inner city to the Ivy League

- passes to the exhibit titled, "the Life and Legacy of the late Sgt. Robert "Dusty Evans", who is a retired sergeant with the Delray Beach Police Department. The collection will be on display at the Spady Museum

- passes to the Norton Museum
- a scholarship for tennis lessons through the First Serve Tennis Program

- a back pack of school supplies for one year

- a three-day all-expense paid trip to the 29th National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community in Jacksonville, from May 28-30.

The students were appreciative of the support given to them by their teachers, parents and coach Jeaneen West of the Oratory Academy of South Florida.

The Oratory Academy of South Florida provides training in the oral arts for youth between the ages of 7 through 17. The program includes monthly workshops designed to improve public speaking skills and develop young leaders through effective oral expression. Students are allowed to demonstrate developed skills at local and state competitions.

Professional speakers will conduct coaching sessions to prepare the students to fine tune them for next month's speaking opportunities.

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They Went To Jared's! Then Went To Jail

Boca Raton, FL – On Tuesday, December 10, at about 3:15 a.m., Boca Raton Police officers responded to an alarm at Jared Jewelers, 2050 NW Executive Center Circle. Arriving officers found an electrical panel, which had been tampered with, and a crow bar on the ground next to it. To the rear of the business, they found a ladder leading to the roof. On the roof, officers discovered a hole, which had been cut in the sheet metal giving access to the interior of the business. Inside, officers found the wires to the security system had been cut.

Several responding units saw a suspicious vehicle leaving the area and stopped it. The officers made contact with the driver, Gennier Gonzalez, and two passengers, Maykel Hernandez and Yoandry Rodriguez-Cueto. All three occupants told officers they had just left a friend's house, although they could not provide the name or address of their friend and the area surrounding the jewelry

store is strictly commercial. As they continued to try and explain their actions, their stories became more inconsistent and improbable. When the officers looked inside the car, they saw several different tools in plain sight. Gonzalez allowed officers to search the car and they found two black ski masks, cutting tools, including a blade used for cutting sheet metal, a battery powered grinder, three cell phones, gloves, and a wet shirt. Hernandez was shirtless and shoeless.

Officers arrested all three suspects for loitering and prowling. Other officers on the scene at Jared's found shoeprints on the roof, which were consistent with the footwear of two of the suspects. The sprinklers were also on around the building, which would account for the wet shirt inside the car. Due to the totality of evidence and circumstances, officers also charged Gonzalez, Hernandez and Cueto with burglary to a business, criminal mischief, possession of burglary tools, and conspiracy.

Burglar linked to crime by DNA

Boca Raton, FL – On March 24, 2013, Boca Raton Police officers responded to a report of a burglary to a vehicle at Boca Tanning, 2521 North Federal Highway. Two vehicles were broken into, however, only one victim wished to report the crime. The victim, Porter Fischer, told officers a .32 Beretta pistol, cash, gym clothes, electronics and documents were stolen from trunk and passenger compartment of his car. The car was processed and blood was found on the door handle beneath the broken car window. The blood was submitted for DNA analysis.

On December 10, 2013, the Boca

Raton detective assigned to the case received the results of the DNA tests. The blood was identified as belonging to Reginald St. Fleur, an employee of Boca Tanning. On Wednesday, December 11, detectives met with St. Fleur and he told them he did not know about the burglary, does not know Fischer, and never touched anyone's car. When investigators explained his blood was found on Fischer's car, St. Fleur again denied any knowledge of the crime and he did not speak further with detectives.

Detectives arrested St. Fleur and charged him with armed burglary.

Rooftop burglars hit Mayor's Jewelers

Boca Raton, FL – Early on Friday, December 13, at just before 4:20 a.m., Boca Raton Police officers responded to an alarm indicating inside motion at Mayor's Jewelry Store, 6000 West Glades Road.

Officers arrived within five minutes and when they looked inside the store, they could see broken glass scattered throughout the area. Town Center Mall security let the officers in to check the store and they discovered the

roof had been breached. The two suspects entered and exited the store through the roof and made off with an undetermined number of Breitling watches. The suspects were wearing masks, long sleeve shirts, jeans and gloves.

If anyone has information about this crime, they are asked to call Detective Brandon Harding at (561) 620-6229 or Palm Beach County Crime Stoppers at (800) 458-TIPS.

Motorcyclist killed in crash

On Thursday, December 12 at 12:41 a.m., Boca Raton Police Department's Traffic Homicide officers investigated a fatality crash, which occurred in the 2000 block of N.W. 2nd Avenue.

A 2006 Suzuki motorcycle was traveling westbound on N.W. 20th

Street and collided with a 2012 Hyundai traveling south on N.W. 2nd Avenue.

The operator of the motorcycle was transported to Delray Medical Center in serious condition, where he died on Sunday.

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.



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Palm Beach Pops to Honor Maestro Bob Lappin with Tribute Concert at the Kravis Center



Just two months after the sudden loss of Maestro Bob Lappin, The Palm Beach Pops today announced that it would be presenting a one-night only tribute concert at the Kravis Center on Tuesday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. Guest Conductor will be Lee Musiker, the Grammy and Emmy-winning Music Director/Pianist for Tony Bennett, Barbara Cook, Mel Tormé, Jerry Lewis and Buddy Rich.

The Palm Beach Pops 'The Music Lives On' Tribute Concert to Maestro Bob Lappin will bring together many of his musical performers and compositions, including:

+ An all-star ensemble featuring leading performers who appeared with the Pops over the years, including popular Big Band singer Lynn Roberts, acclaimed pianist

and vocalist Tony DeSare, world renowned trumpeter Longineu Parsons and former Pops concertmaster, Radio City Music Hall veteran and violinist Mary Rowell.

+ The extraordinary musicians that have been longtime members of The Palm Beach Pops family.

+ Maestro Lappin's favorite melodies and orchestrations celebrating the Great American Songbook, plus new musical additions.

Best of all, the proceeds from this tribute concert will benefit the

Maestro's most beloved mission of The Palm Beach Pops: The Music & You Program, which will be returning to select local elementary schools beginning on January 7 and culminating with a full concert on February 7.

Schools participating in the upcoming Music & You Program include the Beacon Cove Intermediate Elementary School and the Jerry Thomas Elementary School, both in Jupiter; the Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School in Palm Beach Gardens; and the North Palm Beach Elementary School.

Please note that all of the Music & You in school sessions and the finale concert are for children only and are not open to the public.

The Music & You Program correlates music with social studies, literature, character education science and math. It enables students to develop an understanding of the rudiments of melody, harmony and rhythm by listening to a variety of music, including Bach, Mozart, Gershwin, Duke Ellington and more modern music, such as the theme from Harry Potter – all of which conveys to students how the history of American music relates to modern musical genres. In fact, more than 90,000 local school children have already attended and actively participated in these program concerts.

"This 'Music Lives On' Tribute Concert is very important to all of us who loved Bob Lappin," said Patricia Becker, Executive Vice President of The Palm Beach Pops Board of Directors. "This is the way Bob would have wanted it: the board actively moving forward, seeking new concert opportunities and continuing his legacy by promoting and expanding the music education program in local elementary

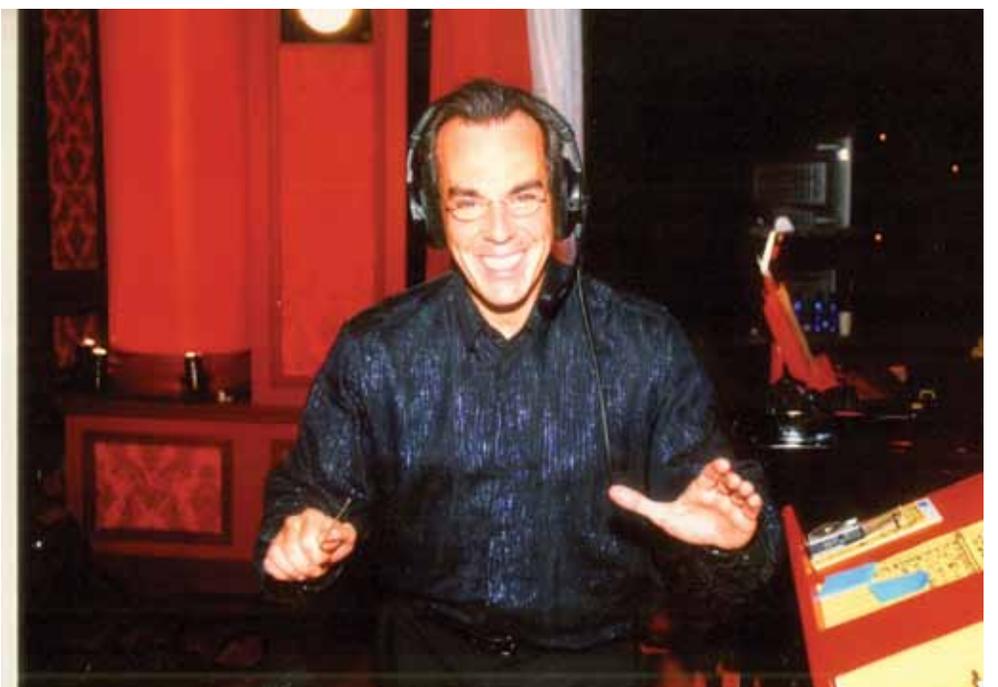
schools."

Shortly after the death of Maestro Bob Lappin last August, The Palm Beach Pops, Florida's premier Pops orchestra, announced that it was canceling the 2013-14 subscription concert season but would continue to focus on music education in schools and seek additional performance opportunities on an individual basis. The Palm Beach Pops is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely through the generosity of individual donations, institutional grants and concert income.

Tickets for The Palm Beach Pops "The Music Lives On" Tribute Concert to Maestro Bob Lappin start at \$29.

For 2013-2014 subscribers only, they will be available for purchase starting on December 4 by calling The Pam Beach Pops Box Office at 561.832.7677.

For the general public, tickets will go on sale on December 18 by calling either The Pops Box Office at 561.832.7677 or by calling the Kravis Center at 561.832.7469.





Entertainment Skip Sheffield

Yes, "We Will Rock You"

Does "We Will Rock You" fulfill its boast?

Yes indeed, absolutely! This high-energy tribute to British rock group Queen is rocking the Ziff Ballet Opera House of Miami's Arsht Center through Dec. 15 in a way it has never been rocked before.

"We Will Rock You" is a joyous tribute to the power of live rock 'n' roll music, using the extensive catalogue of Queen as framework.

Originally conceived as a jukebox musical by founding Queen members Brian May (guitar) and Roger Taylor (drums), WWRY as we will shorten it was given a book by British novelist, comedian and director Ben Elton.

The futuristic, fascistic story is set in 2302 in a world where live music and musical instruments have been banned. The masses are entertained by programmed, computer-generated musical sounds broadcast by the all-powerful Global/Soft Corporation. A group of rebellious young, known as Bohemians, sense there is something more than the unimaginative "Radio Ga Ga" that fills the airwaves and Internet.

A guy who calls himself Buddy Holly (the amazingly deep-voiced Ryan Knowles) is convinced there is a seeker who will come along and wake everyone up to "The power of rock!"

That would be a young man who calls himself Galileo Figaro (Brian Justin Crum), who bumps into a kindred soul he calls Scaramouche (Ruby Lewis) in a song called "I want to Break Free."

Those who know and love Queen know the names Galileo Figaro and Scaramouche are in the lyrics of Queen's mock-operatic

mini-masterpiece, "Bohemian Rhapsody."

The characters are cast for stage charisma and vocal power. Brian Justin Crum has an impressive vocal range and rock-star good looks. Ruby Lewis is a tiny, pretty woman with a voice all out of proportion to her diminutive size. If there is a star in this show, she is it. Hearing her duet on "Somebody to Love" is simply thrilling.

In a melodrama you must have villains. WWRY has Khashoggi (P.J. Griffith), with spiffy gray Global/Soft uniform, platinum helmet-hair and face that looks like it was sculpted from plastic.

Khashoggi's female counterpart is the Killer Queen (Jacqueline B. Arnold), who is an amalgam of all the Disney evil female monarchs.

There is a chorus of imaginatively rag-tag killer chorus of singing and dancing Bohemians, backed by a massively powerful onstage nine-piece electric band perched on a scaffold high above the stage. The band has two drummers on either side; two keyboards, and two guitarists (Tristan Avakian and Bob Wegner) playing Brian May's signature harmonic leads to perfection. The principal shredder comes down onstage on two dramatic occasions, and the entire band joins the cast at curtain call, which as a musician I appreciate.

It is no joke that ushers offer free earplugs who any who want them. This show is loud, but more important it is joyous and a fitting to the genius of Queen singer-songwriter Freddie Mercury and his enormously gifted band mates.

Tickets start at \$26. Call 800-745-3000 or 305-949-6722 or go to www.arshtcenter.org.



Tony's Tips For Success Tony Hall

"To have a friend you must be a friend"

Can you be that friend? Zig says "To have a friend you must be a friend."

In the book "The Secret" the author refers to the "Law of Attraction", what you put out into the universe is what you get back. The same thing is true with friendships. What kind of friend are you? Have you had trouble keeping friends or making friends in the past?

As people we tend to immediately get on the defensive and think that everyone or everything else is the problem instead of looking at the source, ourselves. The way we see other people will effectively impact the way they see us.

How can we change that? Zig Ziglar calls them "Your New Glasses." When you put "your new glasses" on and start to see the world a little bit more positive, things will change. Let's be honest, I am a realist. Do I expect you to instantly see people different and miracles happen? Probably not right away. I do believe highly in the Law of 10%.

Change is not easy, especially in yourself. The law of 10% is when you change something towards your desired goal, 10% at a time, one day at a time. A few months ago my wife and I decided to try

the Paleo diet. If you have never heard of it, it's no dairy, no grains, no wheat, no well anything good. So what happened on my diet. We went cold turkey. We emptied out our pantry of all chocolate, threw out all the cheese, got rid of everything my taste buds said were "Good!" Then we went and spent a fortune on healthy, organic, paleo type foods. The result, a sure fire quick fix diet designed to bring out the champion athlete in me.

Not quite! Three days later I was eating the biggest Pizza I could find! What happened? I had the right ingredients, I did the research! Why didn't it work? Law of 10% . If we would have cut it back slowly, replaced one item of our diet daily the diet would have been much more successful.

Things happen when we try and change our outlook on life. Sometimes we attend a conference or a seminar or even read a book, and think we have the answer. We go make a bunch of changes, we do good for 3-4 days, maybe even a few weeks, then we go back to our old selves. If we want to attract better friends, and be more successful, we must try just changing 10% one day at a time. 10% everyday and at the end of 30 days you will be 300% better!

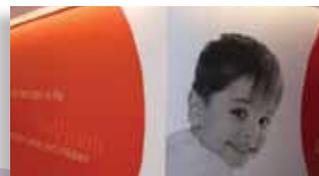
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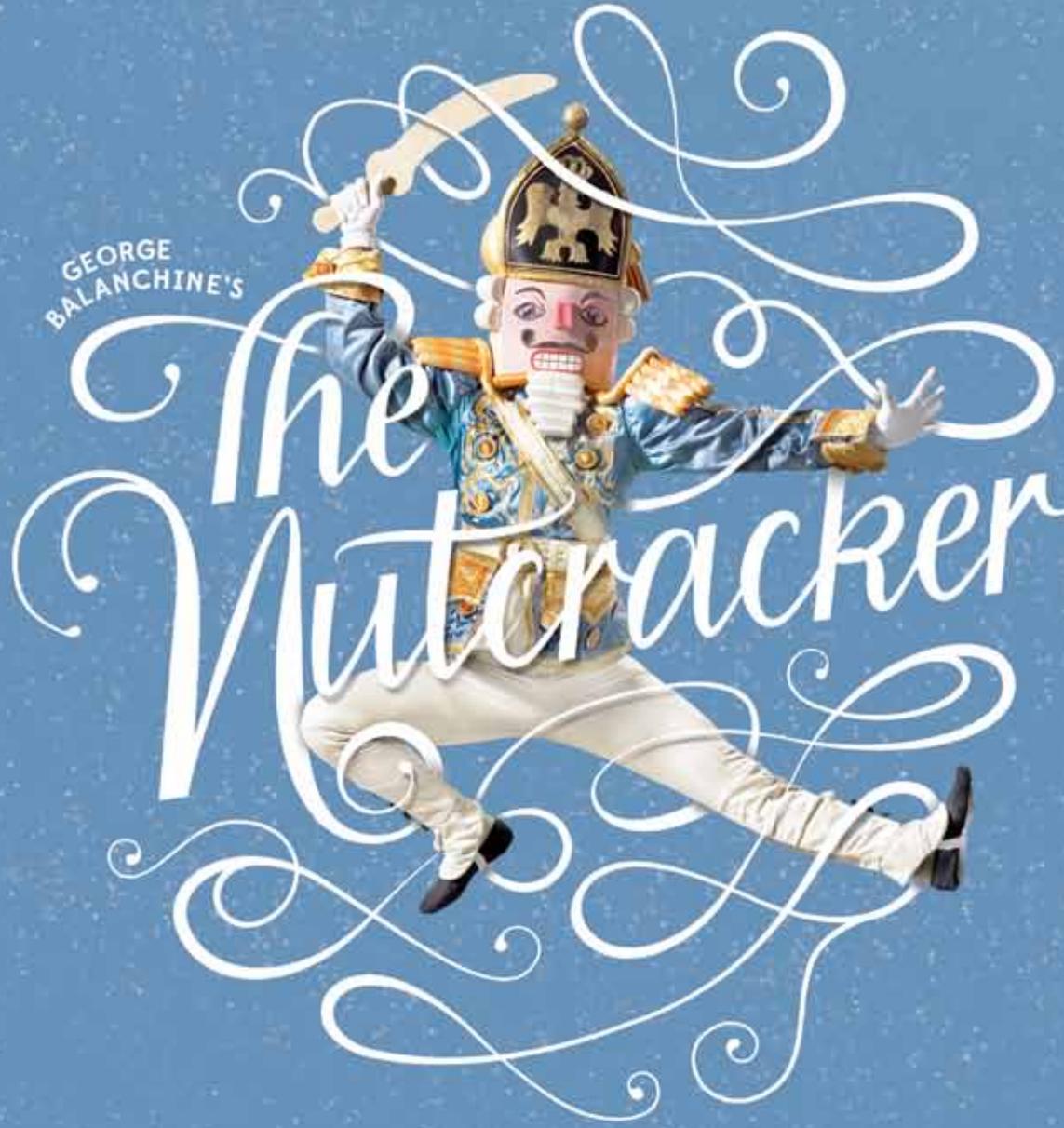


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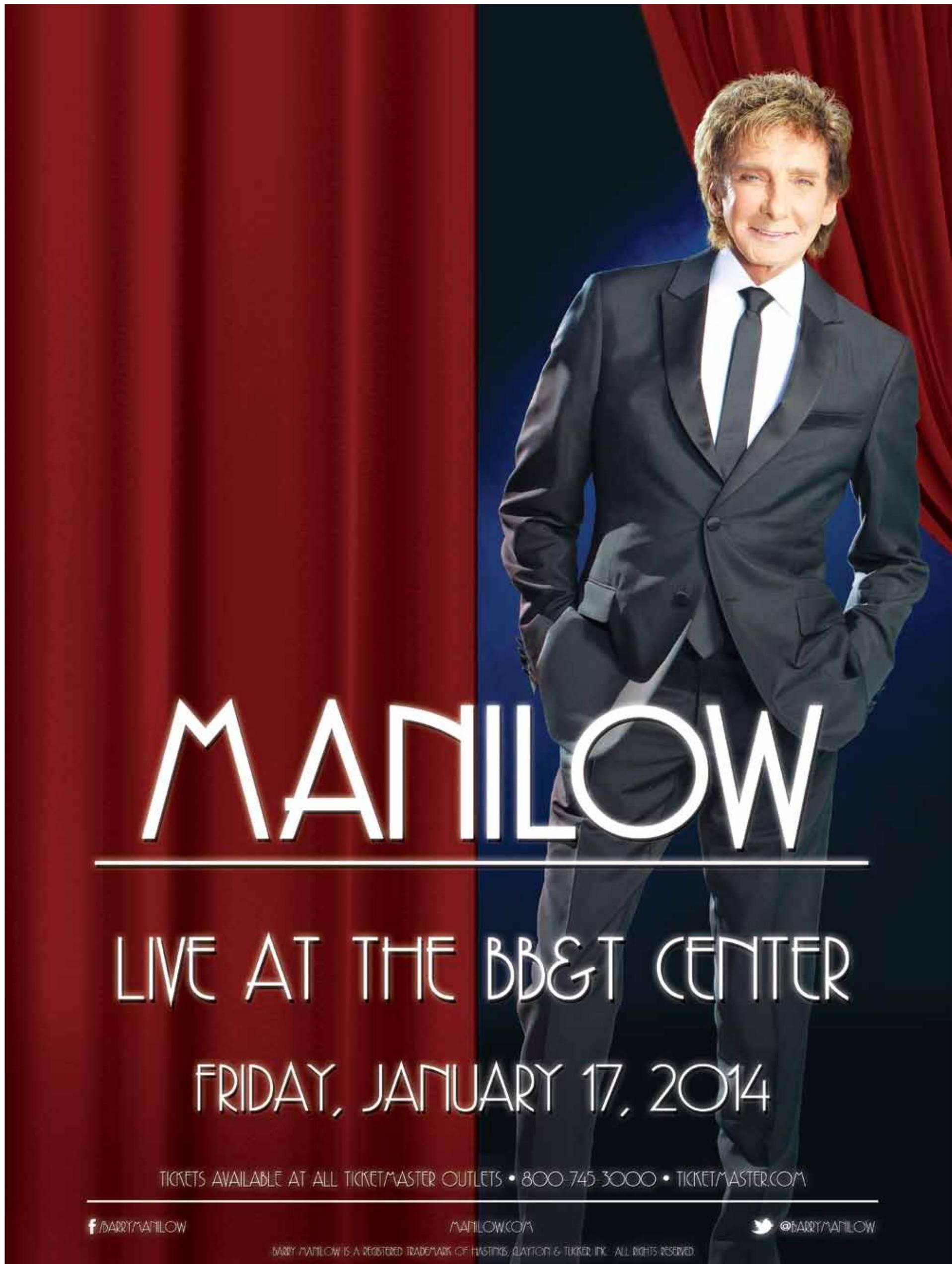
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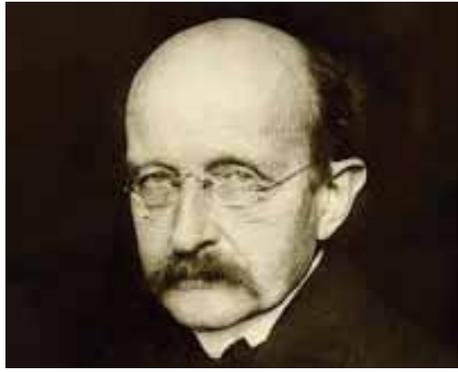
YEAR IN REVIEW



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US AT
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January

Thu, Jan. 3rd -**Max Planck Society Opens First U.S. Facility in Jupiter**- the opening of the first facility in the United States for the Germany-based Max Planck Society that has more than 80 facilities worldwide is now open.



Wed, Jan. 30th -**New FAU Board Leadership Elected**- Florida Atlantic University's Board of Trustees unanimously named Anthony Barbar as the new chair and Tom Workman as the new vice chair of the University's governing board.



February

Fri, Feb. 8th -**Florida Atlantic University shooting reported on school campus**- One person was shot at the Florida Atlantic University Boca Raton campus, according to a police spokesperson.



Mon, Feb. 18 - **Bank Goes After Squatter in \$2.5M Mansion** - Andre de Paula Barbosa managed to get into a foreclosed mansion on 580 Golden Harbour Drive last year and has used a loophole to stay there until February 14. Barbosa had invoked an obscure Florida real estate law to stake his claim on the 7,522-square-foot, 5-bedroom palace that features canal views and whose interior includes pillars, a curved staircase and marbled bath. Barbosa ended up being sued by Bank of America.



April



Mon, Apr. 1st- **GEO Group withdraws its \$6 million donation to the FAU**- FAU students protested the donation Monday amid concern about the group's human rights complaints. GEO Group's CEO released a statement today, that said in part: "What was originally intended as a gesture of goodwill to financially assist the University's athletic sales program has surprisingly evolved into an ongoing distraction to both of our organizations," CEO George Zoley said.



Fri, Apr. 5th- **Broken Sound Club Recognized As One Of "America's Healthiest Clubs"**- Achieving the highest overall rating to date in the country for private clubs, Broken Sound Club has been recognized with the honor of being known as the first of the "America's Healthiest Clubs" in the country. The recognition was awarded by Prevo Health Solutions, Inc., the club industry's premier wellness experts with expertise in workplace wellness and member recruitment and retention.



Sun, Apr. 22nd- **On Her Birthday, Flossy Keesely gives Boca Raton a Present; 4th Annual Pathway To The Stars Concert a Success**- Presented by 98-year-old Flossy Keesely a philanthropist who has maintained a long-standing interest for helping people, this event was dedicated to help the community. Pathway to The Stars raised scholarship funds to assist students in pursuing a degree in production, television and communications at Lynn University.

May



Wed, May 15th- **FAU President Mary Jane Saunders Announces Resignation**- Mary Jane Saunders, the embattled Florida Atlantic University president who has had to deal with several controversies over the past year, has resigned.

June

Mon. Jun. 3- **New Downtown Library opens**. Not only is the new library environmentally friendly, but various themes, features and activities throughout the new building make it a great place for the community.



Tue. Jun. 25- **Chris "Birdman" Andersen Lands in Boca Raton**. Chris "Birdman" Andersen's autograph-signing appearance at Celebrity Sports in the Town Center at Boca Raton caused flocks of Miami HEAT fans to go crazy.



July

Thu. Jul. 18th- **Boca Raton Regional Hospital Listed by U.S. News as a Top Ranking Hospital in Florida for Third Year in a Row**.The rankings give patients and their families more options of hospitals within their community and health insurance network.



September



Mon. Sep 16th- **Lynn ranked for having the nation's 4th largest percentage of international students**. Having more international students can benefit the entire campus community. "International students can add diversity to a college or university, enriching the experience of other students on campus," described U.S. News. "Schools with a strong global presence often have a wealth of cultural groups and events, allowing international students an opportunity to share their food, music and traditions with their U.S. peers."



Sat. Sep. 21st- **Walmart Teams Up With Boca Helping Hands**. Every Friday, kids in Palm Beach County area are being sent home from school with an extra backpack to carry. However, this one was not filled with weekend homework-it was filled with food.

October

Sun. Oct. 20th- **Boca Raton police shoot man dead; woman's body found nearby**. Police Officers were dispatched to a "shots fired" call in Boca Raton. When officers arrived they encountered the armed suspect, Ian Burlakoff, in the northbound shoulder of South Ocean Blvd. Burlakoff failed to follow officers commands and reached for his handgun. Responding officer discharged his firearm striking Burlakoff. Burlakoff was pronounced dead on scene. Immediately following the shooting witnesses advised officers that Ian Burlakoff shot and killed Germana Burlakoff a short distance away





Fri. Oct. 25th- FAU Experiences its Second Armed Robbery In Four Days. On October 23, just four days after an armed robbery occurred in the Arts and Letters Building, Florida Atlantic University Boca campus experiences its second incident. At 10:34 p.m an alert was sent out to FAU students informing students of a robbery in the parking lot near the Rec Center.



Sat. Oct. 26 - FAU Robbery Hoax. According to FAU officials, a student reported being beaten up and forced to withdraw money from an ATM. However, during a press conference Friday night official said it was a lie to cover up being battered while he was paying a drug debt.



Mon. Oct. 28th- South Boca Raton Beach Renourishment Project. The City of Boca Raton hired Marinex Construction Inc to construct the South Boca Raton Beach Renourishment Project. This project will utilize the Boca Raton Inlet ebb shoal as the borrow site and place the dredged material along a 0.9 mile project area located between South County Park and the City of Boca Raton/Deerfield limits.



Wed. Oct. 30th- FAU coach Carl Pelini resigns. FAU Athletics Director Pat Chun had said Pelini and another coach resigned after he confronted both "with reports relating to their use of illegal drugs."

November

Tues. Nov. 5th- Office Depot merges with OfficeMax. Office Depot Inc. purchase of OfficeMax Inc. won approval from U.S. antitrust regulators, clearing the way for the office-supply companies to create a single retailer to compete with Staples Inc.



Wed. Nov. 6th- Beaches are Being Resanded. Some 150,000 cubic yards of sand are being poured back onto the beach at South Inlet Park.



Nov. 7 - Carl Pelini Denies Drug Use, Says FAU Forced his Resignation. In a statement to ESPN, Pelini denied using illegal drugs to FAU's athletic director but was told by Chun that it was "irrelevant" because he was "being relieved" of his duties "for failure to supervise my staff." Pelini also said he offered to take a drug test.



Nov. 24th - Ariana Grande wins New Artist of the Year at 2013 American Music Awards. Boca Raton's own, Ariana Grande, was elected the New Artist of the Year at the 2013 American Music Award in Los Angeles at the Nokia Theater

Nov. 26th - FAU accepts Pelini's withdrawal of his resignation and fires him instead of accepting said resignation

The Biggest Stories In Boca Raton

From

2013

By: Gina Onori; Design: Mike Berrio



Nov 27th- Mizner Park Kicks Off Holiday Season with Lighting of 47 Foot Animated Holiday Tree.

This year, the holidays will were most magical at Mizner Park. With a spectacular display featuring a 47' Christmas tree one of only three in the United States. The West Boca Raton Community High School Jazz Band helped light up the tree.

Nov 27th - Jozy Altidore Named 2013 US Soccer 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. Online votes registered on ussoccer.com counted for 50 percent of the total votes, while the other 50 percent was represented by votes compiled from members of the national media and U.S. Soccer representatives, including National Team coaches and members of the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors.



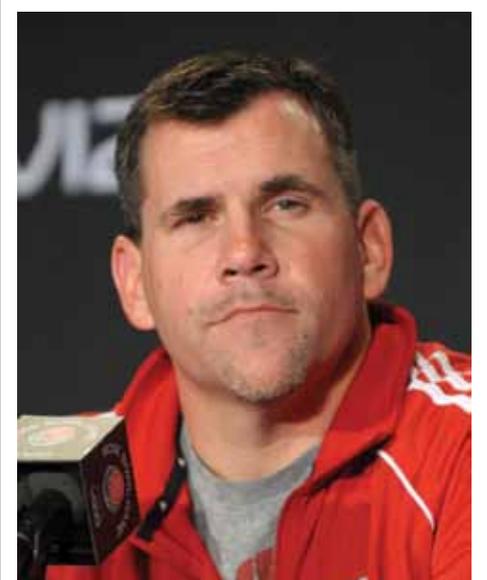
December

Dec. 3 - Jozy Altidore wins Futbol de Primera U.S. National Team player of the year award. Altidore scored eight goals in 14 international appearances this year, raising his total to 21 goals in 66 matches since 2007. He became the first U.S. player to score in five straight games.

Mon. Dec. 9th- New Walmart Coming Soon. On the corner of US-1 and palmetto, a new Walmart is being reconstructed. This should be open by 2014.



Fri. Dec. 13- Spanish River Dog Park is Open to public. The opening of the Dog beach is a response to the requests of many dog owners who wanted to have a place on the beach where they could legally bring their canines, and not have to drive to Fort Lauderdale or Jupiter to do so



Tues. Dec. 17- New Coach is Hired at FAU. Arkansas assistant head coach and defensive line coach Charlie Partridge has been hired as head coach at Florida Atlantic University



We asked Mayor Susan Welch what 4 events stood out to her this year. Here is what her opinion was:



#3 Lord and Taylor and Trader Joe's choose Downtown Boca Raton



#4 Downtown Library Opens to tremendous applause



#1 FAU Stadium up and running smoothly



#2 I-95 Interchange contract

People from Boca Raton who made it BIG in

2013

Ariana Grande- American actress, singer, and songwriter. Ariana grew up in Boca Raton, Florida. Grande won the American Music Award for New Artist of the Year.



Giovanni Bernard- American football running back for the Cincinnati Bengals. Born in West Palm Beach, who resides in Boca Raton. He is the son of Haitian emigrants, who own a dry cleaner's right here in Boca Raton

Jozy Altidore- Named the 2013 US National Team Player of the Year, Altidore, who currently plays for Premier League club Sunderland, is a Boca Raton native who has played for various South Florida youth teams including Boca Raton Juniors Soccer Club, and Schulz Academy.



Alfred Morris- American football running back for the Washington Redskins. The FAU Alumni holds the Washington Redskins All-Time Single Season Rushing Record at 1,613 yards.

J.D. Netto - Boca Raton author who released Whispers of the Fallen late last year. The book follows the epic fantasy route as rumors about the Diary of Lucifer echoed throughout Elysium, the world Netto created so beautifully. Hidden from all human knowledge, the Diary was kept a secret, locked away in the small village of Agalmath.



Top 5 Most Read Stories in The Boca Raton Tribune Online Edition

Shooting Victims Engulfed in Crisis



Trader Joes To Open Boca Raton Location



Palmetto Park Road Will Be Closed From December 13 – 17



Man Intentionally Rams Police Car, Assaults Officer



Boca Raton Police Shoot Man Dead; Womans body Found Nearby

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Food Review **Marc Kent**

Delicious Variety At Saito's Japanese Steakhouse

Barry, Simon and this reviewer scanned a roster of over thirty appetizers and selected three with a spicy sauce—a five spice salt and pepper calamari—tender small rings with excellent taste and texture, a combo Tataki of Wahoo and Tuna sliced with Ponzu sauce—crisp and fresh, fine offering and then lobster puffs—crispy shell with lobster sauce (no pieces), a pleasant choice. Try the soft shell crab (order it extra crispy, if you like)—delicious!

The standard miso soup was fine, the Lobster Mishoshiru was fine as well but the lobster soup is a bit pricy. There is a great dumpling soup to try, also an onion soup...Osumashi. Seven salads are featured as are eight variations of rice.

A dozen sushi-sashimi dinners—all are Chef's choice—served with house salad and soup. The Sashimi Platter of 15 pieces included tuna, wahoo, mahi and salmon—excellent tasting.

Hosomaki—rolls with seaweed on the outside—fourteen in number—included an avocado roll and a flying fish egg roll that were tight and tasty. We also sampled two of three riceless rolls, K-C roll with Krab, salmon, scallions, cream cheese, avocado, masago wrapped with cucumber—also a sashimi roll with tuna, krab—both great!

There are 38 Saito's special rolls including 13 that are listed as spicy—half are natural and half are cooked.

The entrees are listed as

Teriyaki (11), Stir Fry (10), Tempura (6), Katsu (4), Udon (4) and Yaki Udon (4). We sampled the Lobster Teriyaki which was tasty but the Scallions Teriyaki glazed with teriyaki sauce was superb—a must try! The Beef Stir Fry was ordinary as the tiny beef strips were a bit dry but the Pork Shogayaki was very tasty and tender and juicy with its special ginger sauce.

Select from seven rice offerings—we tried the Hibachi rice which was somewhat dry with a so-so flavor. White, sushi style, and brown rice are available as are chicken fried, shrimp fried and beef fried rices.

All the above are served at tableside by helpful wait staff. There is a hibachi section of Saito's that has a separate menu for Chef's cooking at the table. They list 16 individual dish choices plus 18 combination choices and 8 millennium super dinner choices.

Saito's has a full bar and presents 23 special drink and 16 martini choices!

Located at 8841 Glades Road in Boca Raton (561-218-8788) this restaurant seats 179 inside and 24 on the patio. Open 7 days for luncheon from 11:30AM daily, it is open to 10PM weekdays and Friday and Saturday until 11PM. It offers a children's menu in addition to its permanent standard Habachi/Sushi menu. This is a moderately priced, fine restaurant...we suggest you... Go and Enjoy!



Real Estate

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Homes Inside and Out

Joshua Carlson

'Tis the Season to Sell: Homeowner vs. Realtor

Holiday Mayhem and Madness has arrived! Decorations are up, Christmas parties are scheduled, and the one thing you are not sure of this Holiday Season, is if you should sell your home yourself or use a Realtor? There is not a right or wrong answer to this question; however, here are a few pointers to help you make your decision.

1) The Value of A Realtor – Yes, there is a cost for the service of a Realtor (generally between 6-7%). For many generations Real Estate Agents have been proving their value in the industry by negotiating higher Sales Prices and stronger terms for their Clients.

2) Realtors have a Broader Reach in the Market Place – Realtors spend their time learning Marketing Skills to reach their desired audience, they are privy to what Social Media Outlets to use, and which photos to display on the Multiple Listing Service. A Realtor also has Networking Avenues that can reach out as far as the International Market.

3) Negotiating an Offer on Your Home – Your Realtor will make sure that your home is Listed at a

reasonable asking Price. Then upon receiving an Offer, there are critical decisions to be made. They will negotiate the best possible terms and conditions to amplify the strength of the contract on your home. This may involve counter-offers, eliminating some contingencies that were on the original offer, and maybe even adjusting closing dates to bring the entire deal to a mutual agreement of Buyer and Seller. Remember, if you sell your home yourself, your emotions can be too involved in the transaction resulting in losing the deal.

4) Hire a Successful Agent – Hire a Realtor that works this as their full time Business. Make sure they are well Trained, Experienced and can provide references. Preferably chose a Realtor that handles 40+ Home Sales per Year.

Perception: Sellers believe that if they chose to use a Realtor to sell their home, they will lose money, as they have to compensate the Realtor. In reality, the Seller most of the time actually gains money, as the Realtors' skills negotiate a higher Sales price. Food for Thought!



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The State of Real Estate

Charles Wiener

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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Loggers Run	\$480,000	\$261,000	\$336,488	2	5
Mission Bay	\$482,500	\$299,900	\$396,480	0	7
Sandalfoot Cove	\$200,000	\$142,000	\$169,777	1	5
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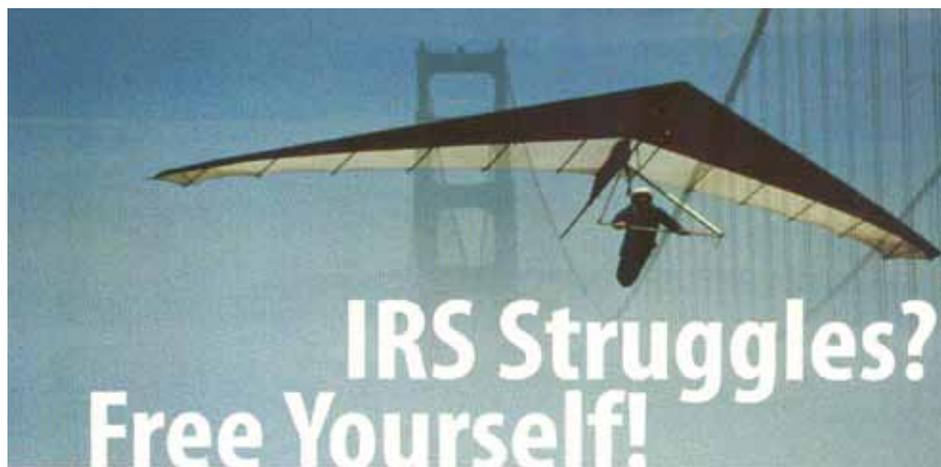
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FAITH

By Robert J. Tamasy

When The Difficult Way Is The Easiest

Something about the human psyche prefers the path of least resistance, the easy way, the course that requires the smallest investment of blood, sweat and tears. But history teaches that "quick and simple" is rarely the avenue for achieving lasting success and significance.

In the realms of entertainment and art, we often hear about the "overnight success," the person that was a virtual unknown one day whose name was on the lips of everyone the next: the breakout star of a major motion picture; a singer soaring to the top of the music charts; an author whose book gains widespread public acclaim, turning her into an instant celebrity.

But we all know that even though a person may go from being unnoticed to stardom in the blink of an eye, much effort, struggle and preparation were invested to make that "overnight success" possible.

My friend, Gary Highfield, is a great example. In his book, *When "Want To" Becomes "Have To"*, Gary details a very difficult childhood, including some heart-wrenching experiences. As a young adult with a wife and three children, he had a dead-end, hourly wage job, barely scraping by. He wanted a better life for his family, and then his "want to" became "have to," starting an ambitious self-improvement program.

Gary's book not only tells his personal story, but also presents many of the principles and wisdom he gained over the years through hard work, determination, a refusal to quit – and the grace and timely provision of God. His path was difficult, but he refused to accept failure and the seemingly easier alternative of resigning himself to being a "victim" of his circumstances.

In the process, Gary's career

transformed from frustrating, unfulfilling manual labor to great success in sales and entrepreneurship. Today many disadvantaged people are being promised "entitlements," but he understood his true entitlement was to utilize the talents and abilities God had built into him to realize his personal and professional goals and dreams. Today he seeks to help others in similar circumstances. The Bible speaks a lot about this, both in workplace and spiritual terms. Here are some examples:

Sufferings serve to strengthen us. Hardships can build endurance, just as years of training equip top athletes to perform at championship levels, far beyond their peers. "...but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us ..." (Romans 5:3-4).

No such thing as a "quick fix." Many people want instant success, rewards without the struggle. But often formulating a plan, even if it takes time and overcoming challenges to carry out, can serve as a reward in itself. "Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty" (Proverbs 21:5).

Struggles shape and refine us. A caterpillar faces great difficulty escaping the cocoon after turning into a butterfly, but its struggle is rewarded as it flies majestically through the air. Similarly, hard work refines us into who and what we are to become. "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything" (James 1:3-4).

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DIVORCE FLORIDA STYLE

By Mike Gora

Mice in the house (A Christmas Story)

You wouldn't think that a Jewish man at my stage would still vividly recall a Christmas Eve which could not have occurred at all; but I do.

Mom, Dad, infant brother Bill and I had moved into Valley Bend, West Virginia from Brooklyn, New York in February. We lived in a small two story house in a village with forty houses, dirt roads, two general stores and a small church. To me it was paradise: no more locked up in an apartment, the village in which to roam at will, with friend Danny, swimming in the river, and catching my first fish over the summer.

Thanksgiving had come and gone; not to be forgotten. Our neighbors and my parents had leased land to local farmers behind the houses for corn, and hogs. By Thanksgiving the corn was picked and its remains in shocks. During breakfast we heard rifle shots behind the house, which we learned quickly, meant that the hog farmers were "harvesting" selected hogs with 22' rifles.

By the time we finished breakfast the farmers had made the slaughterhouse (formerly the corn field) ready with very large black boiling caldrons, with tri-pods of 4" x 4s" above. The slaughtered hogs were tied to the tri-pods and lowered into the boiling caldrons to boil off the animal's hair and make ready for butchering. Several other similar tri-pods served to hold the hogs ready for butchering and the work began in earnest.

By noon a couple dozen hogs were slaughtered and butchered. As the parts were being distributed to the farmers Danny's Dad took up a hog's bladder, boiled it clean, blew air into it, and tied it off and threw it to Danny. The chase was on with four or five of the local boys playing keep away from the Jewish kid, who, at that time, had never even eaten pork.

Thanksgiving dinner, late in the afternoon, was a family affair around a large wooden farmer table in the country sized kitchen. We were all helping when I moved a tray which was leaning against a counter and kitchen wall. Mother screamed drawing our attention to a half dozen live baby field mice which had been behind the tray, eyes still closed, and no mother around.

Not knowing what else to do dad

scooped up the baby mice and disposed them before I knew where. After dinner Thanksgiving night ended in the living room playing with brother Bill, almost one year old, and floor wrestling with dad.

Ten days before Christmas a huge snow storm hit Valley Bend and surrounding tiny towns strung down the Tygart Valley from Elkins twenty miles away. Our heat and stove were supplied by a gas pipeline which died during the night. The factories dad ran were a few miles away, and the company owed the stores along the highway which contained the volunteer fire department.

By evening the old wood burning Franklin stove from the fire department had been relocated in our living room with an exhaust pipe extended and house was livable. I was tucked into my bed upstairs and the house fell asleep in turns.

Between the first and second floor there was a foot square hole covered by a grid to allow the air to circulate. Mom and dad often found me asleep in the hall next to the opening trying to spy on the grownups parties. Watching the old stove glow in the dark from above seemed like a good idea. As I watched two field mice appeared.

The mice seemed to travel together to points of interest around the room and stopped on an area rug a few feet from the stove. The mice then began playing with one another, wrestling and even dancing while I watched. I could not have attached the names Mickey and Minnie to them as Walt Disney had drawn the first Mickey about a month before. Between that night and Christmas I tried to watch through the grate as much as I could but did not see the mice again.

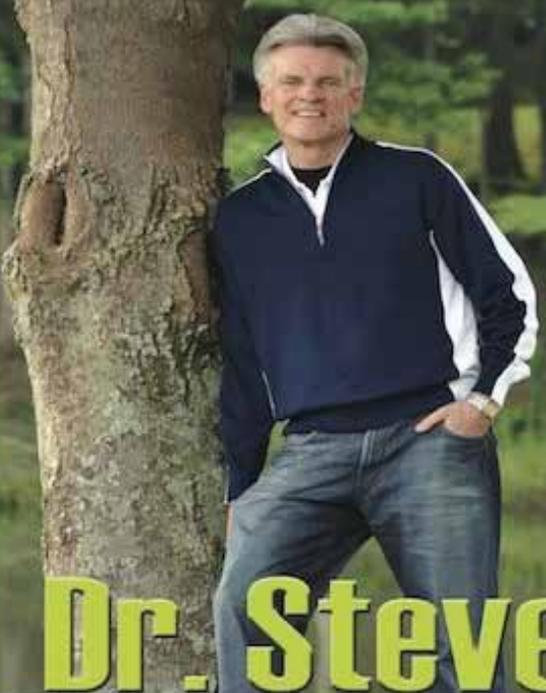
By the time I saw them, on Christmas Eve, the Franklin stove had been returned and the gas line was replaced by two large containers of bottled gas on our porch. The mice were on the kitchen table, and again appeared to be dancing. Their dance circled what must have been the world's smallest Christmas tree featuring a 2" spool of mom's red thread sitting on its end with a small branch of pine standing straight up through the top of the spool, and a small star at its top.

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Reagan Wireless Celebrates Five Years of Giving Back to Adults With Special Needs

Reagan Wireless, a leading technology company in the global cellular phone distribution industry, is celebrating its fifth year of giving back to adults with special needs through its partnership with the Habilitation Center. Dedicated to providing high tech manufacturing opportunities to men and women with special needs, the Habilitation Center is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization in Boca Raton, Florida. Reagan Wireless has generously donated their time and expertise to providing work opportunities to those adults with disabilities.

"My employees and I have been immensely inspired by the work of The Habilitation Center where adults with special needs are armed with the knowledge, skills and behavior needed to lead useful and productive lives with dignity,

respect and independence," said Daniel Kaufman, Reagan Wireless President & CEO.

Each month, Reagan Wireless dispatches to the Habilitation Center, thousands of cell phone chargers and data cables, where they are inspected and re-assembled according to Reagan Wireless specifications. The Center operates as a state-of-the-art contract manufacturer with sophistications in turnkey logistics and supply management, electro-mechanical assembly, engineering and production.

"We depend heavily on both the moral and financial support to carry out our vital mission of enabling persons with disabilities to discover personal fulfillment and reach their maximum potential. We're very grateful to Daniel Kaufman and Reagan Wireless for

its generosity to the Center," said Bob DiRocco, Executive Director of the Habilitation Center.

The Habilitation Center which serves over 250 adults with disabilities has been honored with the "Manufacturer of the Year Award" from the South Florida Manufacturers Association.

The Center has diverse experience in a variety of government and industrial market sectors including electronics, aerospace, pharmaceutical, and telecommunications. As a believer in continuous improvement, the Center has not only achieved ISO 9001:2008 certification but has also acquired AS 9100C certification (Aviation, Aerospace, Defense).

As a leading worldwide distributor, reseller, recycler, and wholesaler of mobile phones, tablets and accessories for more than 17

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S3 Sports Academy's Star-Studded Staff Set to Change the Landscape of Athletic Training

Skill, speed and strength are what it takes to be a star athlete. The dream team that has come together to start S3 Sports Academy www.s3sportsacademy.com has made those traits their foundation.

S3 is a new athletic training center that was started to improve the model of athletic training by creating individualized programs for each athlete based on skill and sport.

The Miami-based sports academy has chosen Insider Media Management (www.insidermediamgmt.com) to execute a national public relations and social media campaign to spread the word about the cutting-edge, one-stop shop training facility for all athletes.

"We are extremely impressed by Insider Media Management's staff of former journalists who know how the media works, have the contacts and have a proven track record of success," says Brian Martin, S3 Sports Academy's founder and president.

"The key is inspiring athletes to be the best that they can be," said Olympic medalist and S3 partner Ato Boldon. "Specializing and catering to each skill set and guiding each S3 athlete on how to meet their individual goals are what

makes S3 different."

"S3 Sports Academy's impressive individualized training experience and star-studded training staff is a powerful mix of content for Insider Media's team of reporters to take to our media contacts. We are thrilled to have this opportunity," says Insider Media President J.P. Hervis, a former TV journalist.

S3 Sports Academy has worked with several notable athletes including Patrick Peterson, Arizona Cardinals defensive back, and Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco, who led the Ravens to a Super Bowl title. S3's training staff also includes several high-profile former NFL quarterbacks such as Chad Pennington, Jeff Garcia and Jay Fiedler.

Insider Media's Brian Spector says the S3 staff will inspire athletes of all ages. "Every athlete dreams of being in top shape and playing sports at a professional level," Spector says.

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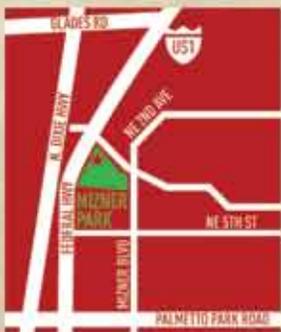
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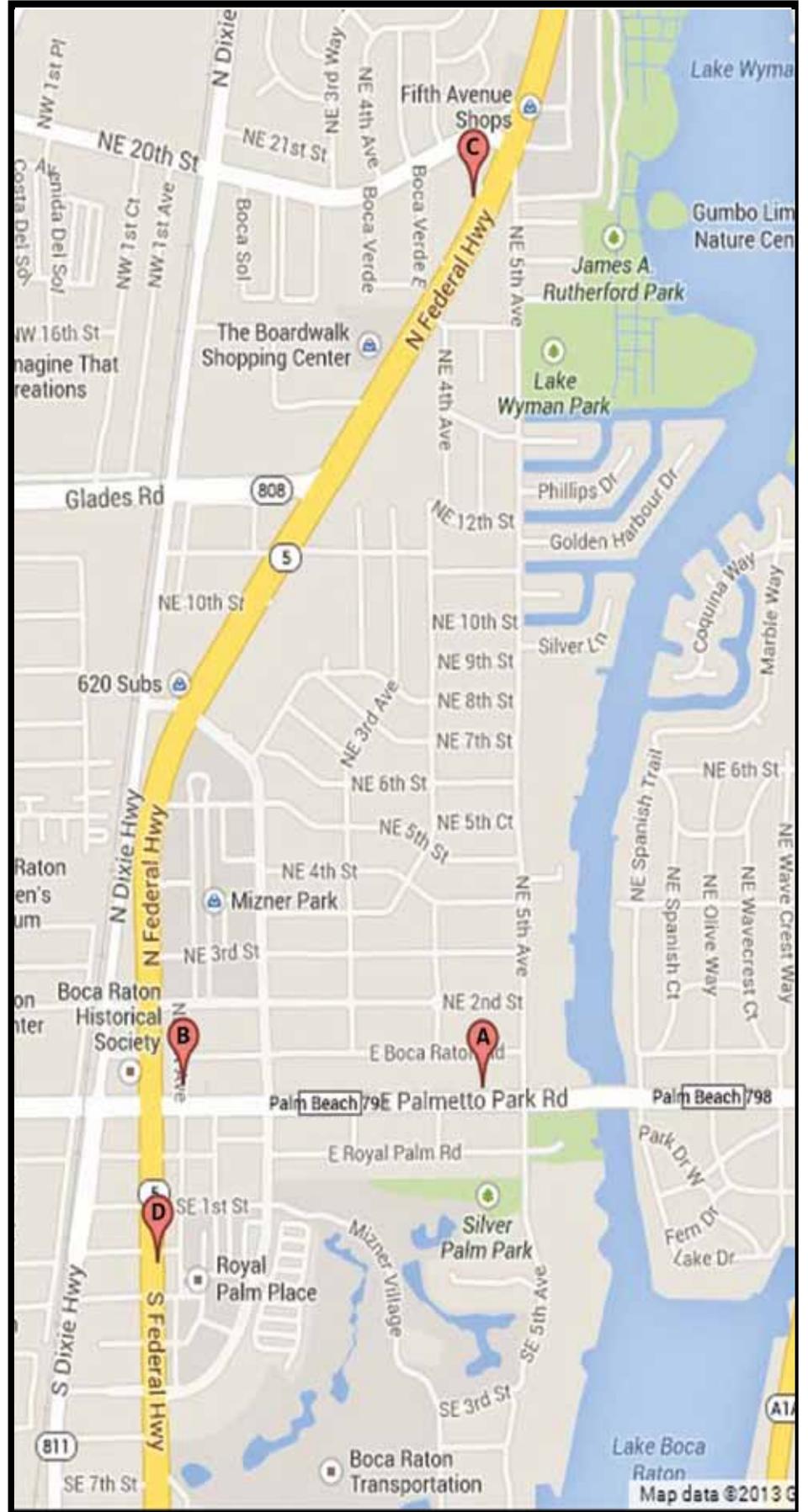


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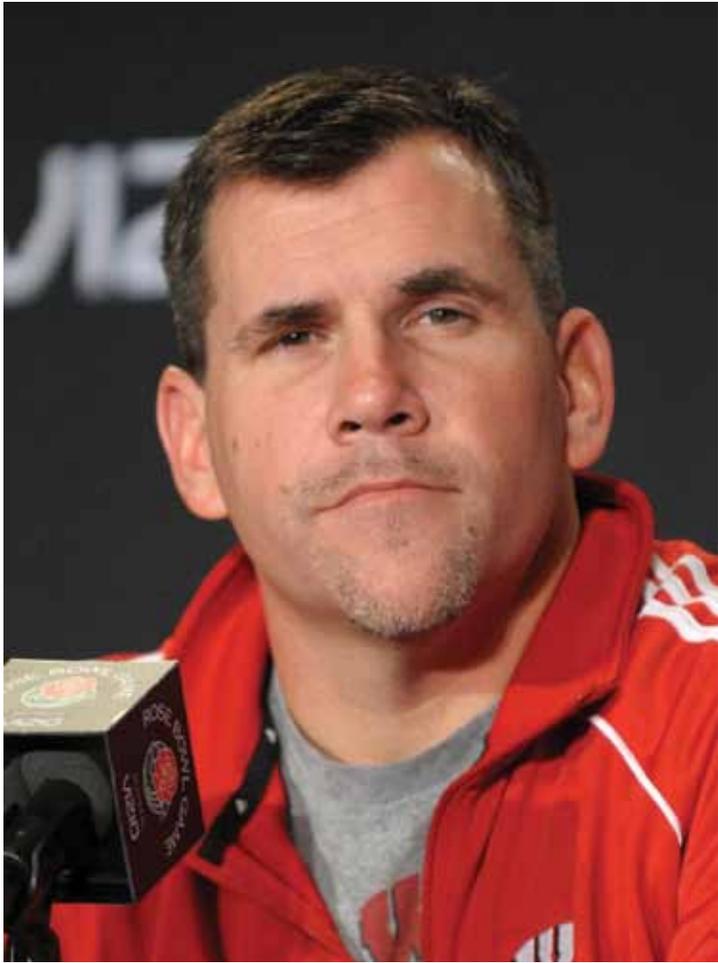
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FAU Names Arkansas' Charlie Partridge New Head Coach



BOCA RATON, Fla. – Florida Atlantic University has named Charlie Partridge as its head football coach. Partridge joins FAU after one season as assistant head coach/defensive line coach at the University of Arkansas and brings 17 seasons of collegiate coaching experience to the Owls program.

A native of Plantation, Fla., Partridge is the fourth head football coach in FAU's football program's history. He has coached in nine bowl games and the Division I-AA playoffs during tenures at Drake University, Iowa State University, Eastern Illinois University, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Wisconsin.

"We are proud to welcome home Charlie Partridge," said Pat Chun, FAU director of athletics. "Coach Partridge embodies the characteristics and qualities we profited for our head football coach. First and foremost he is an extraordinary leader. His integrity, commitment to student-athlete wellness and development, family values and passion make him the ideal person to lead our football program. Coach Partridge is committed to academic success, our community and building a culture

that will service our university well for years to come. We are thankful he and his wife Julie have chosen to be a part of the FAU family."

Prior to his season at Arkansas, Partridge served for five years at Wisconsin and was part of a coaching staff that led the Badgers to three consecutive Rose Bowl appearances, the first Big Ten Conference team to accomplish that feat in more than 30 years. He was

associate head coach and co-defensive coordinator in his final two seasons at Wisconsin after coaching special teams, the defensive line and linebackers at Pittsburgh from 2003-07.

"I'm extremely excited to come back to South Florida and to build upon the program that Howard Schnellenberger started," said Partridge. "I look forward to this opportunity and to working with the high school coaches and the community leaders as we build FAU football."

Partridge began his coaching career at his alma mater, Drake, where he played defensive line from 1992-95. While serving as defensive line coach at Eastern Illinois he coached against the Owls during the second year of FAU's football program.

In addition to Schnellenberger (2001-11), who founded the FAU program and served as its first head coach, Partridge joins Carl Pelini (2012-13) and Brian Wright (2013) as the four coaches who have guided the Owls. FAU finished 6-6 this past season, its first as a member of Conference USA.

Miami-Dade County Approves Resolution to Negotiate With David Beckham

By: Pedro Heizer

Earlier today, the Miami-Dade County unanimously passed a resolution to negotiate with David Beckham and his group to find a location for a Major League Soccer stadium in Miami.

Although a handful of possibilities have been brought up, no location has yet been determined. However, it looks as if Beckham would prefer something near downtown Miami.

Public subsidies were not discussed during the meeting, but Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez seemed to give his stamp of approval.

"We hope to send a strong message to MLS and Beckham's group to bring them here," Gimenez said.

However, according to Josh Merkin, a spokesman for Beckham's group, the two-time MLS Cup Champion is not asking for public subsidies for the stadium. They are continuing to evaluate sites in urban areas but there is no timeline for them to come to a decision on a site, although Beckham has only had 14 days left to tell MLS that he'll purchase a new franchise from them for the deeply discounted franchise fee of \$25 Million.

In his State of the League address before MLS Cup, MLS Commissioner Don Garber said the league was "making progress" in Miami. Beckham and his business partner Simon Fuller are leading the expansion charge and should they come up with "a great facility plan and another economic

partner," Garber said he believed "we could have a formula for success."

"There's a lot of work that needs to happen," he said. "We can't go to Miami without the right stadium solution. David understands that. The city understands that. That's an indisputable fact. We can't have different rules in Miami than we have in any other city.

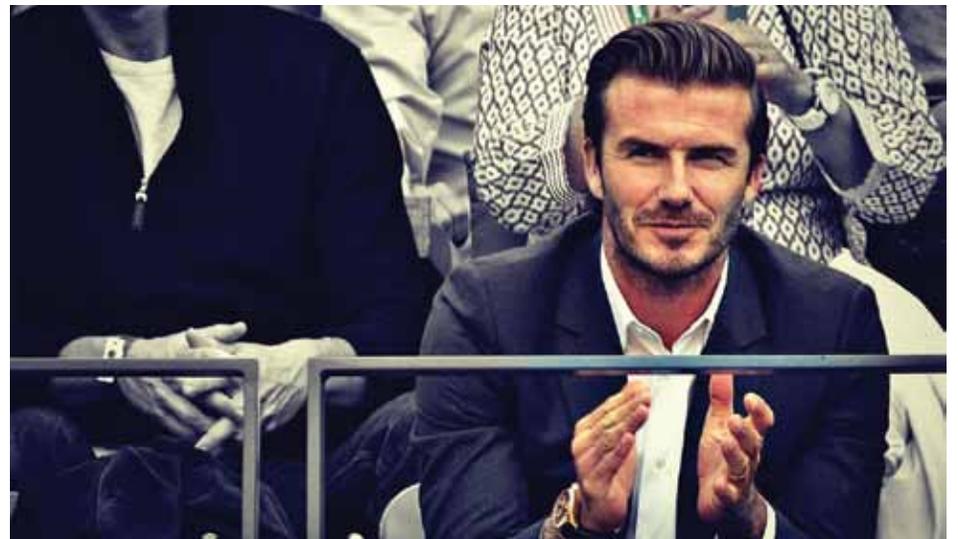
A report in The Miami Herald in November claimed that Beckham and his partners had identified a "top potential site for a permanent soccer stadium for a new MLS team: Port Miami." However, Miami-Dade County commissioners are not sold in the Port Miami idea, stating the traffic issues it would cause since there is only one ramp to and from the port.

Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa was one of the first to question the Port as a site for a soccer stadium, "I just don't see the sense in putting a soccer stadium in a port."

Many of the other commissioners agreed with Sosa's point but said they all support the idea of MLS in Miami.

Beckham's team passed the first test, the commissioners love it, the fans love it, now it's time to announce, and find investors. However, Beckham must expedite things with his December 31st deadline looming.

"We want to do as much as we can to work with David and Simon Fuller to get something done as quickly as we can," said Mayor Gimenez.



Lynn's Men's Basketball Falls at Home

BOCA RATON, Fla.- Lynn University's men's basketball team was defeated by Gwynedd-Mercy on Monday night, 79-61. The Fighting Knights fall to 5-3 on the season while the Griffins improve their record to 7-3. Aaron Harrison had a team-high 16 points while three other members of the Blue & White scored in double digits.

GMC took an early lead in the game and headed to the locker room with a first half score of 38-31. The Griffins shot 41.4 percent from the field while the Fighting Knights shot 44.4 percent. Lynn struggled to connect from downtown though which plagued the Blue & White.

In the second half the Griffins continued to dominate shooting 50 percent from the field and holding the Knights to 30.3 percent. The Fighting Knights were held to just one shot from behind the arc all night. Lynn had a total of 21 turnovers and

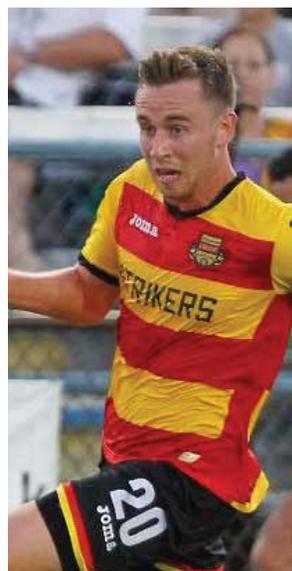
was outrebounded by the Griffins 48-33.

Overall, Lynn shot 36.7 percent from the field and 63.4 percent from the charity stripe. The Griffins shot 45.5 percent overall and were led by Julian Hyden and Justin Knight who each had 18 points. Aaron Goodman had the only double-double of the game with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Kaleb Clyburn and Brandon Smith each had 12 points while Clyburn dished out a game-high six assists. Pavle Raickovic contributed 11 points and three rebounds rounding out the double-digit scoring for Lynn. Cory Thomas added six points, four rebounds and three blocks in the loss.



Fort Lauderdale Strikers Resign Mark Anderson for 2014



The Fort Lauderdale Strikers announced today that they have picked up the option for midfielder Mark Anderson for the 2014 North American Soccer League (NASL)

minutes, scoring two goals and one assist for the year.

"Mark Anderson has shown that he is one of the top players in the NASL when healthy," said Strikers Managing Director Tim Robbie. "We're optimistic that he will regain his 2012 form next season and return to his status as one of the dominant players in the League."

Anderson enjoyed a very successful college soccer career at Barry University between 2008 and 2010. In three seasons he scored a total of 38 goals and racked up 28 assists in 53 appearances. Anderson was named 2011 Daktronics DII National Soccer Player of the Year and 2011 Capital One Academic All-America of the Year for DII men's soccer.

A former youth scholar at Sunderland A.F.C., Anderson represented Great Britain at the 2011 World University Games in Shenzhen, China. Anderson started every game for Great Britain, scoring twice en route to an appearance in the final. The team collected silver medals having lost 2-0 to Japan in the championship game.

season. As per club policy, the terms of the deals were not disclosed.

Anderson, 24, signed with the club in 2012 and immediately made an impact, leading the team in goals with 11. He finished his rookie season with two NASL Offensive Player of the Week honors, and earned a place on the NASL Best XI.

Anderson was plagued with injuries in 2013, playing just over 500

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Strikers pick up options for Darnell King and Aly Hassan

The Fort Lauderdale Strikers have secured the futures of two local talents, today announcing the re-signings of Darnell King and Aly Alberto Hassan for the 2014 North American Soccer League (NASL) season. As per club policy, the terms of the deals were not disclosed.

Both King and Hassan originally signed with the Strikers ahead of the 2012 season and have both gone on to make significant contributions to the club over the past two seasons.

King, 23, was the only player to appear in every game for the Strikers in 2013. He made 24 starts in 26 league appearances, scoring three goals and an assist. The former Florida Atlantic University forward featured at right midfield and forward and also filled in at right defense at the start of the year and when Stéphane Guillaume picked up a season-ending injury.

“Darnell King’s versatility and work ethic have made him an integral part of our team,” said Strikers Managing Director Tim Robbie. “Coach Kronsteiner is very impressed with Darnell’s speed and potential and foresees great things for him in the future.”

In 2012, his first season as a professional, King made 22 league appearances, recording a goal and two assists. He made 13 appearances as a substitute before

cementing his place as a starter in 2013.

Hassan, 24, started the year on loan to C.D. Aurora in Bolivia before returning to the Strikers mid-Spring season. After a promising rookie campaign in 2012, Hassan struggled to find regular minutes in 2013, and was limited to just six substitute appearances.

Hassan scored a total of nine goals in all competitions in an impressive debut in 2012. The Weston, Fla. native notably recorded a pair of hat-tricks as a rookie; the first came as his first three goals as a professional in a 3-2 victory against Puerto Rico Islanders, and the second against Fresno Fuego in a 7-2 U.S. Open Cup Second Round victory.

“Aly Hassan is one of the young players on our squad who is on the verge of blossoming into a major contributor on our team,” said Strikers Managing Director Tim Robbie. “We look forward to having him play a bigger role with us in 2014.”

Hassan and King join Colombian midfielder Carlos Salazar and fellow homegrown talents Gonzalo De Mujica and Manny Gonzalez on the list of players that have already re-signed for the upcoming season. More player signings are expected to be announced in the coming weeks as the Strikers build toward the 2014 season.

Lynn’s Tommy Kahnle Drafted by Colorado Rockies in MLB Rule 5 Draft

Lake Buena Vista, Fla. – Former Lynn University baseball pitcher Tommy Kahnle was selected by the Colorado Rockies in the annual Major League Baseball Rule 5 Draft on Thursday. He becomes the third player in Sunshine State Conference history to be picked in the Rule 5 Draft and first since 2005.

Kahnle was originally drafted by the New York Yankees in the fifth round, 175th overall, of the 2010 MLB amateur draft. He has a fastball that has been clocked in the 98-mph range, and he finished with 15 saves at Double-A Trenton last season. The 24-year-old struck out 74 in 60 innings, but also walked 46. Still, he held opponents to a .182 batting average.

Players who were signed when they were 19 or older and have played in professional baseball for four years are eligible, as are players who were signed at 18 and have played for five years. A team that selects a player in the Rule 5 Draft pays \$50,000 to the team from which he was selected. The receiving team must then keep the player on the Major League 25-man roster for the entirety of the next season, and the selected player must remain active (not on the disabled list) for a minimum of 90 days. If the player does not remain on the Major League roster, he is offered back to the team from which he was selected for \$25,000. If his original team declines, the receiving team may waive the player.

There are different phases, Triple-A and Double-A, to the Rule 5 Draft as well. Players put on the Triple-A reserve list cost the selecting team \$12,000, and players put on the Double-A reserve list cost the selecting team \$4,000.

Once a player is selected, he is

automatically assigned to his new organization's 40-man roster. Some of the most successful players selected in the Rule 5 Draft are Roberto Clemente, Johan Santana, Dan Uggla, Josh Hamilton and Joakim Soria. Kahnle must remain on the Major League 25-man roster throughout the '14 season or he will be offered back to the Yankees for \$25,000.

In his two years with the Blue and White, Kahnle helped lift the Fighting Knights to unprecedented heights. The Latham, N.Y., native powered Lynn on the mound in relief to the 2009 NCAA Division II National Championship and was named the South Region and National Tournament Most Outstanding Player. He posted a 1-0 record, five saves, 0.00 earned-run average and 12 strikeouts in 12.2 innings of work in the postseason as a redshirt freshman.

As a sophomore, Kahnle returned in a starting role and led the Knights in ERA, strikeouts and opponent's batting average. He tossed the program's third no-hitter, the first in 11 years and second by just one pitcher, with a 7-0 victory over Saint Leo on March 13. He struck out seven batters in the win.

Previous SSC players selected in the MLB Rule 5 draft are Barry's Henry Owens, who moved from the Pittsburgh Pirates to New York Mets in 2005 and made his MLB debut for the 2006 season. Additionally, Tampa's Ronnie Merrill was selected in the Triple-A phase in 2003.

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.

Lynn Swimming Nets Two Finals on Third Day of NSU Invitational

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – Lynn University's women's swimming team had two more swimmers reach the finals with Tyne Potgieter taking first place in the 100-yard breast stroke. Julia Pedersen finished second in the consolation finals and the Fighting Knights are sixth overall out of 10 teams at the NSU Sharks Invitational.

After taking 16th place in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:00.78, Pedersen swam her fastest career time in the consolation finals. The sophomore came in with a sub-minute 59.73 to finish 12th overall and second in her heat.

Lynn's good fortune went further in the 100 breast stroke where Potgieter earned the top-seed after a blistering prelim time of 1:03.99. The junior from South Africa touched the wall one-hundredth of a second

faster than Alexandra Hipolito of Tampa to pick up her first victory at the NSU Invitational.

Morgan Glazer and Savannah Maier began the day for the Blue & White in the 500 freestyle and the duo put forth times of 5:52.68 and 5:56.91. Glazer also participated in the 100 backstroke and finished with a personal-best 1:10.29 while Maier also put in a time of 1:12.25 in the 100 breaststroke.

Emily Angst rounded out the Lynn participants with a 1:05.76 in the 100 backstroke.

The Fighting Knights trail Rollins by 30 points heading into the final day of competition. Slated events for day four are: 100 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 200 breaststroke, 1650 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay.

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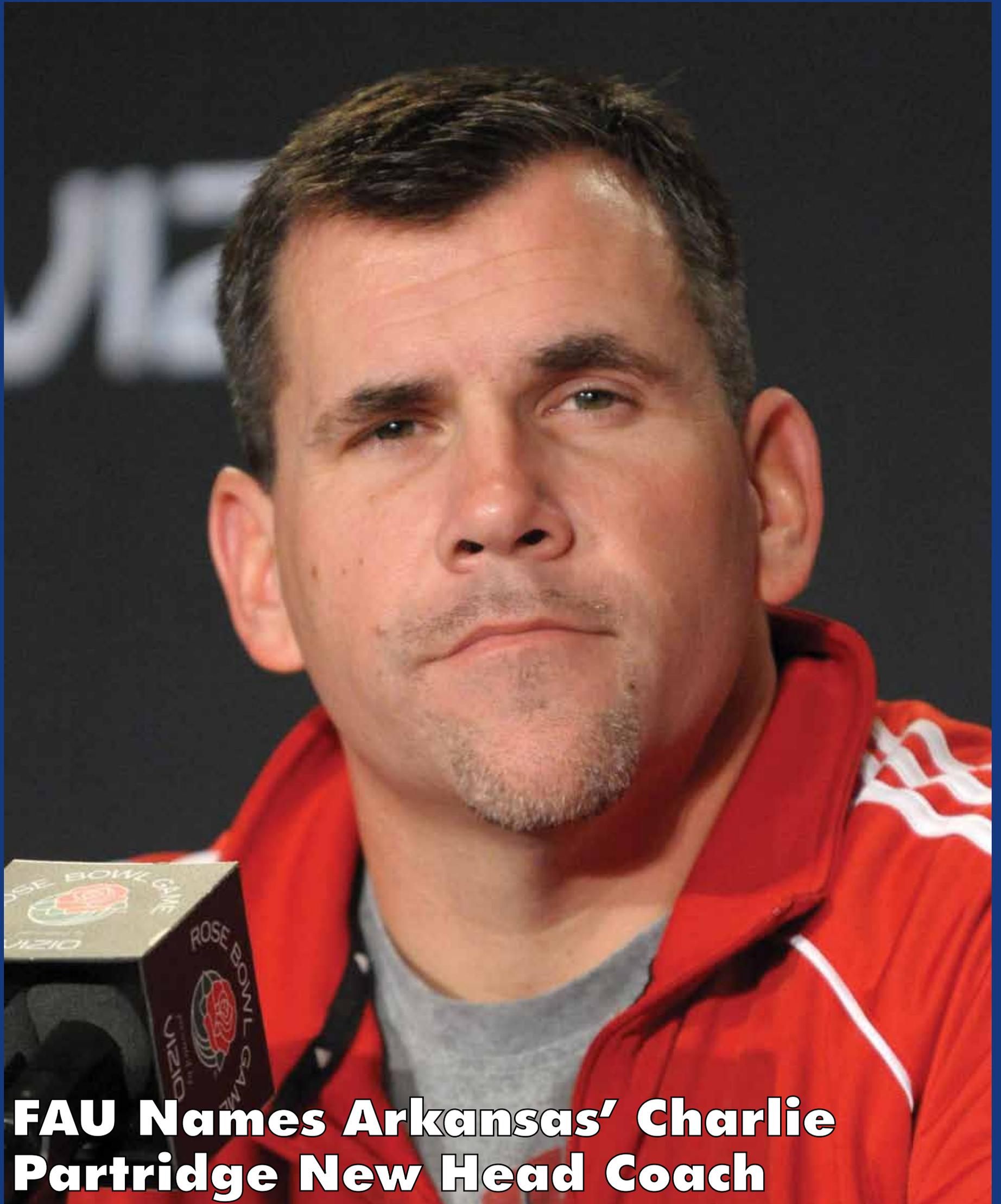
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