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Hispanic Heritage Celebration kicks off at Palm Beach State College

Palm Beach State College kicked off its celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month this week with a Latin dance presentation and other events on the Boca Raton and Lake Worth campuses.

Events are scheduled on all campuses throughout the month, which runs Sept. 15-Oct. 15, to recognize and celebrate the contributions that Hispanic Americans have made to the U.S. culture. Activities include movie screenings, Hispanic trivia, Latin food festivals and more.

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"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.'" - John 6:35

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BOCA BEAT

BY: PEDRO HEIZER

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• Children and families of all ages and abilities are invited to celebrate the golden anniversary of a beloved Boca Raton institution: Twin Palms Center for the Disabled. The Twin Palms 50th Anniversary Picnic will be held on November 10, 2018 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at their Center

• Touch A Heart Foundation Is collecting new and gently used Halloween costumes of all sizes now through October 15th. Please donate new or clean, gently used costumes. No rips, stains or missing pieces. Drop off in The Oaks at Boca Raton (Clint Moore Rd) now until October 15th. Email VijayaLJ@yahoo.com for address and to be put on the guard gate list. If you can't participate but would like to make a donation towards more costumes, trick or treat bags or our distribution party: <https://toucha-heartfoundation.org/donate/>

• The Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum is excited to announce the 7th Annual Toasts, Tastes & Trolleys event taking place on Friday, October 5, 2018. The evening promises to be an extraordinary event where guests will enjoy a unique trolley tour of downtown Boca Raton, visiting a variety of venues for dinner by the bite and specialty drinks at each location.

• The competition is already heating up for "what's cooking" at the fourth annual Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl Great Chefs Tailgate Showcase & College Football Spirit Night set for Wednesday, November 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Boca Raton Hotel, 2000 N.W. 19th St., Boca Raton, FL. That is when the area's top restaurant, country club, hotel, cooking school and celebrity chefs and mixologists will once again 'bring on' their culinary and cocktail A-game to rally Bowl fans and raise funds to support Spirit of Giving's annual year-end holiday gift drive.

• The Boca Raton Public Library invites you to celebrate Jumpstart's 13th annual Read for the Record. This event brings together millions of people across the United States each year to highlight the importance of building early literacy and language skills for every child, so that all children will enter kindergarten prepared to succeed.

• Jessica Bender, auxiliary services and college card manager, is among 59 professionals accepted into the 2018-19 Leader-

ship Palm Beach County (LPBC) Engage program.

• Fright Night at the South Florida Fairgrounds returns this fall. The events will run from Oct. 11-13, Oct. 18-20 and Oct. 25-27. Midway hours are from 6 to 11 p.m. (midnight on Fridays and Saturdays).

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• Even though Palm Beach County is known for its vast wealth, one in six residents do not know where their next meal will come from according to the Palm Beach County Food Bank. Since the majority of Palm Beach State College students are residents of the county, they too may be struggling to get enough to eat. To help ensure they have this basic need met, the College has relocated and expanded its food pantry, now called Panther's Pantry.

• Officials at Boca Raton Regional Hospital today announced the appointment of Kerry-Ann McDonald, MD, to the medical staff of the Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute (LWHWI) and Boca-Care® Physician Network. She specializes in benign and malignant breast disease.

• Art enthusiasts can expect to be moved this fall by three exhibits that cover a range of topics including sexual assault and its effect on victims. The exhibits, which will be displays at The Art Gallery at Eissey Campus and The Gallery at Lake Worth Campus, showcase stories, ideas and perceptions through paintings, drawings, photography, graphic design and more. They are free and open to the public and feature artwork created by PBSC students and community artists.

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This year's event sponsor was the Lee Pearlson Steinberg Foundation. Bowling for Bread was held in conjunction with Boca Chamber Festival Days and the For-Profit partner was First Citizens Bank.

Corporate sponsors included Gary Peters Family Foundation, Levitz Family Foundation/Dolly's Dream, Integrated Technology, Marshalls, Raymond James, Summit Brokerage Services and Vertical Bridge. Food sponsors included Miller's Ale House, Rocco's Tacos, Tomasso's Pizza, and Lucille's Bad to the Bone BBQ. Many more organizations and individuals generously sponsored lanes, enabling underserved kids to attend the event.

Children from 14 different non-profits enjoyed the day, including 4KIDS, American Association of Caregiving Youth, Adopt-A-Family, Family Promise, Florence Fuller, HomeSafe, Jim & Jan Moran Boys & Girls Club, Place of Hope, Propel, Salvation Army, SOS Children's Village, Unicorn Children's Foundation, Youth Activities Center and the Boca Raton YMCA. These non-profits will also benefit from the proceeds of Bowling for Bread

Boca Helping Hands (BHH) is

a community-based non-profit located at the Remillard Family Resource Center, 1500 NW 1st Court, Boca Raton 33432. They feed those in need, provide job training, job mentoring, distribute medical and dental care vouchers and provide limited financial assistance to qualified Boca Raton residents in crisis.

The Food Center serves a hot meal six days a week with a Family Night Dinner on Thursdays. Meals are also delivered to homebound, disabled and elderly individuals. Boca Helping Hands opened a Resource Center in April 2002 with an emphasis on providing help for Boca Raton residents in crisis situations (e.g., eviction, utility cancellation).

With an increased focus on client self-sufficiency, Boca Helping Hands continues to promote and highlight their Job Training Program. The Job Training Program offers free classes in Hospitality, Home Health Aide, CDL (Commercial Truck Driving), Customer Service Representative and IT Help Desk Technician.

The Job Mentoring Program provides coaching and guidance designed to help individuals who are seeking employment opportunities. These services compliment the Boca Helping Hand food and resource programs in a continuing effort to help its clients become self-sufficient.

Boca Helping Hands has partnered with Genesis Community Health to bring Medical and Dental services to the local community. Medical and Dental vouchers are available to qualifying, uninsured individuals for first time visits.

Charity Navigator awarded Boca Helping Hands a Four Star Charity for the 12th Consecutive Year.



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future as soon as possible. She worked closely with her guidance counselor to take extra courses and participate in dual enrollment in partnership with local universities to graduate two years ahead of her classmates.

For university, Zubairi dreamed of earning a quality education that would allow her to hit the ground running in the workforce. A personalized experience with an innovative approach was also important.

"I attended iPrep Academy in Miami where I learned exclusively through Apple technology, so it's the style of learning I know best," said Zubairi. "Lynn's iPad-powered curriculum, three-year degree and small class sizes made my decision simple."

Influenced by her interest in the human psyche, Zubairi pursued her undergraduate degree in psychology while working in Employee Services. There, she

found guidance in Aaron Greenberg, the department's director, who helped her understand human resources from employee relations to recruitment.

"Pakeezah is a remarkable individual," said Greenberg. "As a student worker, she applied herself conscientiously, learned quickly and made significant contributions to our team. I am incredibly proud of how far she has come."

Zubairi's experience helped

her decide to pursue an MBA in human resource management.

"The decision to pursue my MBA wasn't an easy one," said Zubairi. "When I returned to Lynn, I had only \$200 and my personal belongings. Within six months, I found a job in corporate America, bought a car and moved off campus—all while completing my degree."

Today, Zubairi works as a senior human resource specialist for a large company in Boca Raton, Florida. She plans to buy her first home in the near future, and—ambitious as ever—to be accepted into a Ph.D. program.

"My achievements would not have been possible without the support of my Lynn family," Zubairi added. "I have gained a great deal at the place I am most grateful for, and the lessons I have learned will always be on my mind and in my heart."



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On Friday, September 28, 2018, Boca Raton Public Library will reach one million checkouts in one year! This exciting milestone will be celebrated by showering one lucky patron with confetti, and a leaf will be placed on the Giving Tree engraved with their name to commemorate the event. In addition, all patrons visiting the library and borrowing more than five items that day will receive a free stylus pen and DVD coupon.

“With over 800,000 items to borrow, the library has something for everyone,” notes Ellen Randolph, Acting Manager of Library Services. “We have print and digital books and magazines; downloadable and streaming audiobooks, music, movies, and TV shows; and an entire digital library of online learning

and research tools. You can even borrow a cake pan, American Girl Doll, or backpacks filled with literacy or STEM materials. The library team looks forward to celebrating this milestone with the community!”

Providing patrons with a robust collection of popular materials, educational resources and digital library offerings has contributed to a 29% increase in library checkouts over the previous fiscal year. The library serves over 525,000 visitors yearly at its two locations and has more than 27,000 active cardholders. Visit the Boca Raton Public Library in person or online at bocalibrary.org to discover all the programs, classes and resources the library has to offer.

City of Boca Raton Launches Pilot Recycling Program with 4Ocean

As sustainability continues to be a significant part of many City projects and programs, a new initiative has been set in place through a pilot program with 4Ocean, a local beach cleanup company that removes trash from the ocean and coastlines. In an agreement with the City of Boca Raton, 4Ocean has now placed recycling bins along some of the City’s beachfront and waterfront parks in an effort to encourage beachgoers and boaters to recycle.



“This program just commenced in early August and depending on the results of the pilot program there is potential to continue to expand these recycling efforts into more of the City’s waterfront parks,” commented Jennifer Bistyga, City of Boca Raton’s Coastal Program Manager. “The City hopes this collaboration will continue to make people aware of the opportunities to recycle materials as much as possible to make sure we all continue do our part in preserving our beaches and waterfront parks.”

The pilot project started with the

placement of two 55-gallon bins: one at South Beach Park near the pavilion and the other at Silver Palm Park boat ramp. 4Ocean collects items from the bins each day and sorts through the material at their warehouse to determine all non-recyclable material is removed and disposed of properly.

“Identifying successful methods for the City to reduce waste, increase recycling and improve our natural environment that can be scaled up is extremely important for the overall sustainability of the City,” commented Lindsey Roland Nieratka, City of Boca Raton’s Sustainability Manager. “I am excited 4Ocean is taking on this pilot program to help Boca Raton identify one of those methods.”

As a city vendor, 4Ocean conducts canal cleanings within the City of Boca Raton limits two-days per week on average and has also partnered with facilities such as Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in facilitating City beach cleanups. To date, 4Ocean has collected over 1 million pounds of trash worldwide from the ocean and coastlines.



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Allen picked for Palm Beach Tech Association board

Kimberly Allen, associate dean of academic affairs on the Lake Worth campus, has been picked to serve on the board of a budding nonprofit membership group focused on making Palm Beach County a premier technology and innovation hub by 2030.

Allen, who oversees associate degree and College Credit Certificate programs in business and computer science, says her role as an ex-officio member of the Palm Beach Tech Association Board of Directors, will provide broader access to information technology industry heavy hitters and help the College stay abreast of current and emerging trends.

"This is exciting knowing how critical preparing all of our students in the area of information technology is to preparing them for the workforce, regardless of their major," said Allen, who represents education partners.

The Palm Beach Tech Association launched in 2015 and has grown to 158 corporate members this year, more

than double last year's number. It boasts NextEra Energy and Office Depot, Palm Beach County's Fortune 500 companies, among its active members. The association also founded the Palm Beach Tech Space, a 3,500 square foot coworking space in downtown West Palm Beach with a grant from the James S. and John L. Knight Foundation.

As a county-wide trade association, Palm Beach Tech promotes software, engineering, digital and information technology growth by working with education, government entities and business groups to support the goals of member companies.

Allen said the group already has identified six to eight industry leaders who could serve on the PBSC Business Partnership Council for her programs. In addition, she will get updates on internship and job opportunities.

"The biggest value that I see added is the placement of students in internships and jobs, and the students getting opportunities to interact with industry leaders," she said.



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EDITORIAL

By *C. Ron Allen*



A Community Working Together to Promote Literacy

A group of clergy members is transforming lives around Delray Beach. But their crusade is not from the pulpit or in the pews.

Instead, United Believers has taken to the streets to promote family literacy.

Recognizing that families play a key role in helping children hone their literacy skills and foster a love of reading beginning at birth, the organization recently convened Family Reading Matters at the Arts Garage and armed parents with the necessary tools.

Greta Britt, founder of United Believers, thinks the home environment is critically important for younger readers.

She maintains that if students do not see people reading in the home, it may be harder to instill the idea of reading for pleasure.

I must concur with her. Supportive and understanding parents

are critical in developing their child's reading habits. If children do not enjoy reading when they are young, chances are they are not likely to do so when they get older. So, it all starts in home.

To illustrate the importance of reading, a father and his two children reenacted the reading session he holds in his home at the Sept. 8 event.

But what riveted the message was a dramatization where seven children - representing the All-America-City's diversity - held up signs showing the following tips for parents to motivate and help children develop a love for reading:

- Encourage me
- Check my SIS Gateway (the new system that replaced Edline to allow parents, guardians and students to log in and get important information on academics and attendance)

- Check my backpack (daily)

- Talk to me about my day. (This can be engaging, and parents can learn about what goes on in the classroom)

- Go to parent-teacher conference

- Take me to the library

- Hug me

United Believers is not alone in its quest.

For six years, the Delray Beach Education Board has been holding Delray Reads to promote reading at an early age.

Each year, in November, more than 250 community leaders and residents are dispersed to the local elementary schools to read to students for an hour. They also learn how they can help the schools and students.

This year the committee selected the book *Interrupting Chicken* by author and illustrator David Ezra Stein.

They will also have a celebrity speaker to help fire up participants at a breakfast.

Previous speakers were Ron Fairchild of the National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, Lynn University President Kevin Ross, NBA referee and founder of the National Basketball Referees Association's TIMEOUT for Reading program, Marc Davis, and last year, Dwight Stephenson, a Hall-of-Fame former Miami Dolphin and the winner of the NFL Man of the Year Award.

The lesson learned is that when parents, regardless of their socio-economic status, read with their young children, it increases the likelihood of them developing a love for reading.

POSITIVE LIVING

By *Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr.*

Use the Life You Still Have!

If you think your life is over, you can be pretty sure that it is not. If you can read or hear these words, you are most definitely alive! What you face may be unbearable at the moment, you may have lost enthusiasm for any new challenge, and your joy of living may be at an all-time low. Yet, even then, you are still breathing, and something can legitimately be expected of you! Just think: as long as there is life in you, some kind of accomplishment remains open to you. It may be different in nature from past activi-

ties, your lack of strength, or your decreased health may not permit you to tackle certain challenges. However, you can renew your strength by positively thinking of something new whereby to make a valid contribution to fellow humans, even if in your own mind this exceeds your powers and abilities to deliver.

Keep in mind that your capacity to think that your days have ended on earth, is in itself an indication that this is not so. You just need to refocus and seek wisdom, determining

what you can still contribute. Don't think of what you did in years gone by but just on what you can still do now!

It is to be expected that one's zest for life and in life decreases, on account of illness, due to advancing age, diminished abilities, and many additional normal obstructions or previously unknown limitations. Nevertheless, you can still open your eyes each new day, and boldly inquire: "What can I attempt today that can make a positive difference to other lives?" It is not the magni-

tude of an act, nor the abundance of a deed that will make it significant. If it stems from a sincere heart, and it's done in the best way one can, unquestionably the impact will surpass one's expectations. Don't allow any paralysis of thought or action to hinder you in seeing a dream fulfilled, and leading a positive effort to completion. You are still alive and you can do it, with God's help. So, use creatively the life you still have. It will do you and others more good than you can imagine!

Dr. Synesio Lyra, Jr. is a Florida resident who, for many years, was a professor at the post-graduate level. He is a writer, a sought-after conference speaker, a man who lived in five continents of the world, having received his education in four of them. When he resided in southern California, he wrote a weekly column for the daily "Anaheim Bulletin," which was carried for about six years, until he moved to south Florida.

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COLUMNISTS



BOCA SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

By Charlotte Beasley

Luxury Chamber Event at Harvest Grill

My travels took me to Delray Beach this week for the Luxury Chamber of Commerce event hosted by Jay Shapiro. Jay draws a large crowd of people and had a special guest, Khallilah Ali, former wife of boxing champion, Muhammed Ali.



FAITH

By Robert J. Tamasy

What Followers Expect of Their Leaders

Most leaders have specific expectations. They often communicate, whether orally, in writing, or both, what they expect of those that report to them. They provide job descriptions, set goals and objectives, and determine the parameters that define when, where and how they are to perform their job responsibilities. But how often do we consider that followers might rightfully have expectations of their leaders?

Max DePree, the late entrepreneur, business executive and writer, offered this perspective:

“Any follower has a right to ask things of a leader. Here are several questions that leaders should expect to hear: What may I expect from you? Can I achieve my own goals by following you? Will I reach my potential by working with you? Have you bothered to prepare yourself for leadership? What do you believe?”

A common perspective is that followers – employees, staff, and team members – are there primarily for the benefit of the leader. However, authorities on the business and professional world like DePree have long contended that equally so, the leader is there for the benefit of the followers. Many renowned leaders say one of their foremost desires is to assist those that work for them in maximizing their potential and fulfillment.

My first job was as a grocery clerk, working on a local supermarket’s night crew. I was assigned a specific aisle and the responsibility for keeping the shelves stocked, sweeping and mopping the floor, and making certain the aisle looked presentable for shoppers the next morning. The night crew manager, a fellow named Joe, could have spent the night in his office, but every evening would work alongside one of us in our respective aisles.

One night I asked Joe why he worked with us, helping us to do our jobs,

rather than just giving us our instructions and making sure we did our work properly. His answer was profound: “I will never ask anyone to do anything that I am not willing to do.” That, long before the term became popular, was my first exposure to servant leadership.

I did not ask the manager any of the questions DePree suggested, but from that simple response, I knew Joe had my best interests at heart, as well as those of my fellow workers.

The concept of a leader that serves his or her followers was not originated by DePree, or Robert K. Greenleaf, the author of *Servant Leadership*. It was stated explicitly by Jesus Christ. He said, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45). Jesus also made the curious statement, “and whoever wants to be first must be your slave” (Matthew 20:27).

These declarations were made by the One of whom the Bible says, “He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2:2). That, without question, is the epitome of servant leadership. That is not all the Bible says about how are we as leaders to serve others.

The leader who puts the needs and interests of others first will inspire followers to give their best, including their loyalty. “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4).

As Jesus said, it is “more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). One reason is because when we give – putting others first – we also receive. In the workplace, this often means serving others, who in turn are willing to give their best to those for whom they are working.



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Christine E. Lynn University Center to open in early 2019



In just a few short months, Lynn's newest building, the Christine E. Lynn University Center, will be bustling with activity. Opening in early 2019, the center will be students' new home for socializing, dining and collaborating. Among its gleaming new spaces will be a dining hall, Christine's café, mailroom, living room, campus store, meeting rooms, conference rooms, career center, Social Impact Lab and student affairs offices.

The campus community has looked forward to the center's opening since Oct. 21, 2015, when President Kevin M. Ross announced Mrs. Lynn's \$15 million challenge gift for the center in his state of the university

address. Since then, more than 100 additional donors have contributed to the 65,000-square-foot center, matching Mrs. Lynn's gift.

"All of our planning, discussions, architectural design and construction are culminating in this magnificent building at the heart of campus," said Gregory J. Malfitano '73, '75 senior vice president for development and administration. "We're so grateful to Mrs. Lynn and all our donors for making this center possible."

Now, just 18 months since the center's April 2017 groundbreaking, the finishing touches—flooring, painting, millwork, furnishings and landscaping—are underway.

FAU Receives Gift to Study Sharks in Eastern Mediterranean Sea

An internationally renowned shark researcher at Florida Atlantic University has received a \$117,501 gift from the Leon H. Charney Foundation, Inc. for a joint program with the University of Haifa

in Israel. The FAU Elasmobranch Collaborative Research program incorporates both laboratory and field components to gain a better understanding of shark abundance and their distribution along the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

Spanning about 965,000 square miles, the Mediterranean Sea is home to at least 47 species of sharks including blacktip, hammerhead, and dusky sharks. Knowledge about the factors that contribute to their aggregations in this region is key as they have begun to increase in numbers locally, in just the past few years.

Stephen Kajiura, Ph.D., a professor of biological sciences in FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Science, is the principal investigator of the program and director of the Elasmobranch Research Laboratory at FAU. His area of expertise is the sensory biology of sharks and stingrays with an emphasis on the electro-sensory system.

"I think the research that the teams at FAU and Haifa University are collaborating on is integral to our understanding of marine life and how it functions," said Tzili Charney. "For that reason, I am honored to help these researchers in any way that I can."

As part of the research collaboration, Kajiura and colleagues from the University of Haifa will instrument the sharks with newly developed data logging cameras to collect environmental data such as water temperature, light level, salinity, and 3axis magnetic heading/intensity. This information will help them to determine environmental parameters as sharks swim and will provide the most comprehensive view of their interactions in the wild.

"In order to understand what sharks are doing in their natural habitats, we need to see how they interact with various stimuli, such as other sharks, prey fish, and aquaculture cage pens," said Kajiura. "We also need to understand their preferred habitats by documenting environmental parameters, such as water temperature, depth and salinity."

Kajiura and collaborators also will test sharks' olfactory (sense of smell) sensitivity to stimuli, further explore how they detect magnetic fields, study their auditory capabilities to determine the range of frequencies they can hear, and test how they interact with other marine life. An overarching goal of the project is to develop techniques to keep sharks away from certain areas. To achieve this goal, the researchers will test the efficacy of various shark deterrents including the



PVC pole barrier, which does not entangle any sea life, does not corrode, is inexpensive and can easily be removed, and galvanic field deterrents that produce electric fields.

"Sharks are unique among

fishes because they possess an electro-sensory system that enables them to detect magnetic fields via electromagnetic induction," said Kajiura. "However, this hypothesized mechanism has never been empirically tested. If we can get a better understanding of their sensitivity to magnetic stimuli, we may be able to develop and test effective shark repellents."

To examine olfaction, Kajiura and collaborators will test sharks' physiological responses to amino acids, prey tissue and other materials. They also will conduct a series of hearing tests and will employ behavioral assays to determine how sharks respond to stimuli.

In the United States, Kajiura studies the massive seasonal migration of blacktip sharks in South Florida, which is the largest migration in U.S. coastal waters. He incorporates aerial surveys using drones and a fixed-winged aircraft with a camera as well as tagging and acoustic telemetry to document migration patterns. Kajiura has been tracking blacktip sharks' migration patterns for about a decade. Last year, he observed a dramatic decline in the thousands of blacktip sharks that migrate south every year.

"These blacktip sharks have an important ecological impact in South Florida," said Kajiura. "Data from these studies, as well as the studies that we are going to conduct in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, will enhance our ability to keep an eye on the oceans and census shark populations, and monitor animal responses to climate change."

To facilitate collaboration, students from FAU and the University of Haifa will participate in a student exchange program. In the summer, Kajiura will travel to the Leon H. Charney School of Marine Science to offer a condensed one-month graduate level course on the biology of sharks and their relatives – the same course he teaches at FAU.

"We are very grateful to the Leon H. Charney Foundation for this most generous gift to Dr. Kajiura, which will foster collaboration among our universities and expose students to research opportunities that are not available at their home institution," said Ata Sarajedini, Ph.D., dean of FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. "Furthermore, the additional data that will be collected as a result of this collaboration will help to preserve vital shark species in the eastern Mediterranean Sea and protect humans from unwanted encounters in the wild."



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Hispanic Heritage Celebration kicks off at Palm Beach State College



Palm Beach State College kicked off its celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month this week with a Latin dance presentation and other events on the Boca Raton and Lake Worth campuses.

Events are scheduled on all campuses throughout the month, which runs Sept. 15-Oct. 15, to recognize and celebrate the contributions that Hispanic Americans have made to the U.S. culture. Activities include movie screenings, Hispanic trivia, Latin food festivals and more.

Hispanic Heritage was first observed in 1968 as a weeklong celebration, and it was expanded in 1988 to a month. According to the U.S. Library of Congress, Sept. 15 is significant because

it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

As of July 1, 2017, there were 58.9 million Hispanics in the U.S. comprising 18.1 percent of the total population, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. They are the nation's largest ethnic or racial minority group. The Hispanic student population at PBSC also has continued to climb, rising from 18 percent in fall 2007 to 30 percent in fall 2017 and becoming the largest ethnic minority group at the College.

Boca Raton Entrepreneurs Launch Innovative New Mobile Application 'HomeNinja'

By: Thomas Madden

Boca Raton has long been the scene for revolutionary and disruptive products, starting from when IBM gave birth to the first personal computer here in 1981, the same year I started my PR firm TransMedia Group.



Now local entrepreneurs Michael Oshins and Larry Post, natives of Boca Raton and Parkland respectively, are about to disrupt the real estate industry with their innovative mobile application, HomeNinja.

HomeNinja is a platform that provides the average buyer, seller or flipper with a simple and user-friendly outlet where they can communicate directly without the use of a realtor.

Co-founders Oshins and Post designed the ingenious mobile application that eliminates the middleman in real estate transactions, the realtor, by providing a platform that all potential homeowners can download to make purchasing and selling property effortless and less expensive by eliminating commissions.

"We wanted to create a plat-

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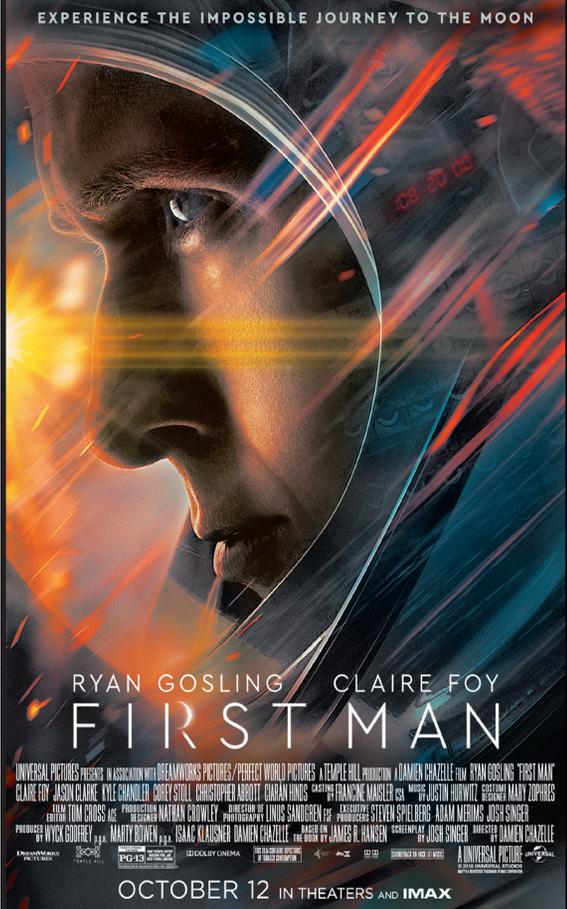
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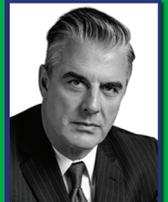
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SPORTS

FAU's Massiel Matos Named C-USA Offensive Player of the Week



Florida Atlantic University outside hitter Massiel Matos has been named Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week, the conference office announced Monday.

Matos continued her outstanding season with a stellar performance in FAU's Conference USA opener. The junior notched a match-high 17 kills in the Owls' sweep of UAB. She added 10 digs for her team high fifth double-double

of the season. The win was the 10th in a row for FAU, the eighth straight home win and its first in a conference opener since 2014. For the season, Matos leads the team with 3.88 kills per set and also averages 2.54 digs per set.

FAU begins a three-match road trip at FIU on Friday night. The match will start at 7 p.m. Live stats will be available at fausports.com.

FAU Women's Soccer Moves to 2-0 in C-USA Play



The Florida Atlantic University women's soccer team won their third straight match and moved to 2-0 in league play for the first time since joining Conference USA after Sunday afternoon's 1-0 win over UAB.

The game's lone score came in the 42nd minute. Thelma Hermannsdottir provided the first bit of control for the Owls (5-6-0, 2-0-0 C-USA), getting it ahead to Miracle Porter. Porter stopped on a dime and eluded a defender, crossing it to her left, directly to the head of Elisha Holmes, who drilled it past the UAB keeper for her second goal of the year.

FAU had a 7-2 shot advantage at the half, and continued to press after, having many opportunities to extend the lead, but they were turned away or off target. On the other side, UAB (4-4-1, 1-1-0 C-USA) ended up with six second half shots, but they too could not keep it

on frame, with only one save necessary by FAU goalkeeper Jennifer Ocampo.

"(I'm) pleased, I thought again a good scouting report, good video highlights, we kind of knew what they were about and what we needed to try to do to be successful," said Head Coach Patrick Baker. "We scored a great goal, Thelma (Hermannsdottir) had a great run, served the ball through the box, Miracle (Porter) recycled it with an even better service for Elisha (Holmes) to head home. It's gonna take a quality goal to beat this team, they're well-coached, they're well-drilled (and) have a lot of good players. They don't give up much, and we knew that."

FAU now has two more conference battles, both at home. This Friday, Sept. 28, the Owls host Louisiana Tech at 7 p.m, and on Sunday at 1pm the Owls take on Southern Miss at FAU Soccer Stadium.

Lynn Men's Soccer Defeats Embry-Riddle 1-0



A goal from Nils Borner minutes into the second half proved the difference as Lynn University's men's soccer team topped Embry-Riddle 1-0 on Saturday night. This is the first Sunshine State Conference victory for the Fighting Knights this season.

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Boca Raton FC Forms 7v7 Adult Soccer League Formed in Partnership With BASL

BOCA RATON, FL -- In a partnership with the Beaches Adult Soccer League (BASL), Boca Raton Football Club is excited to announce the start of a Boca Raton FC 7v7 Adult Soccer League.

A non-profit organization founded in 1989 by a group of individuals who wanted regional soccer to be played at the highest levels possible, BASL is the number 1 amateur soccer league in all of Florida today and has grown to be able to manage more sanctioned games per year than any other adult league.

The Adult Soccer League will run every Friday night at Caloosa Park in Boynton Beach starting at 7 pm. As of right now, there will be two

leagues, a Co-Ed Division, and an Open Division. To participate in the Open Division, one must simply be over the age of 18, to join the Co-Ed Division is the same criteria, however, rules are different. Two women per team are required to be on the field at all times.

The BASL and Boca Raton FC will be combining forces with this strategic partnership to give a high level of recreational soccer for adults 18 and up looking for a place to have a social event, and have fun all while playing the game they love.

"BASL Soccer looks forward to working in conjunction with Boca Raton

FC to grow soccer at all levels in our local community," said Bryan Meyer, Head of the Southeast Florida Operations and Director of League Enhancement for BASL.

Each team will consist of 10-12 players. Registration is \$70 per player, which includes 8-10 games.

Players wanting to register and do not have a team yet must register here: <https://baslopenoccer.wufoo.com/forms/q10z05zd15matx8/>

If you have a group of players and want to make your own team, please

register here: <http://basl.com/team-registration> The only way to register for the league is by going online. If you are a player and don't

have a full team, visit the first link to sign up, make sure you select the Boynton Beach 7v7 and in the comments section please indicate which 7v7 league you're interested in joining. A BASL staff member will reach out to you to complete your registration.

"We are excited to be able to announce the first Boca Raton FC Adult Soccer League in partnership with BASL," says Boca Raton FC president, Douglas Heizer. "Bryan and the entire BASL staff have been very open with partnerships and we are excited to bring this 7v7 league to the South Florida community."



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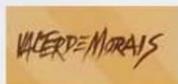
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