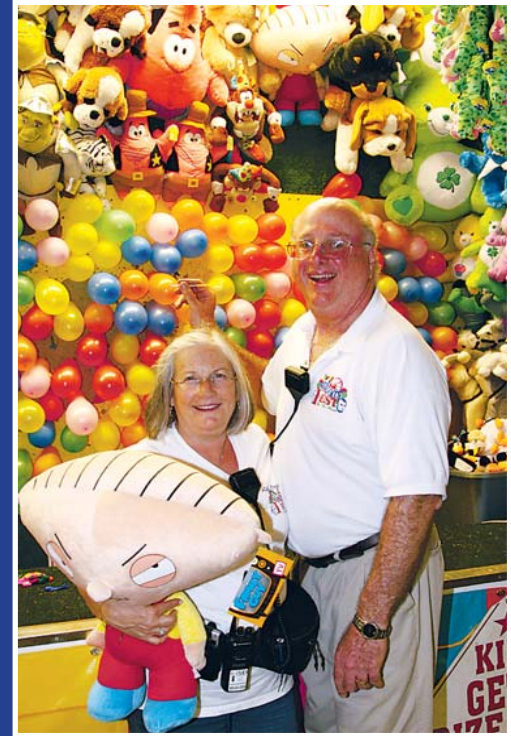


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# Sun Sentinel announces Excalibur Awards

**S**un Sentinel Company announced the Broward County winners of its 2008 Excalibur Awards at a reception held at the Boca Raton Resort & Club on February 5. The awards are presented annually to business leaders in South Florida to recognize their success within the business community and their commitment to innovation, community contribution and community growth.

The Business Leaders of the Year from Broward County are Robert and Deborah Kornahrens, founders of Advanced Roofing, Inc., in Fort Lauderdale. The Small Business Leader of the Year from Broward County is Armando Leighton, founder and chief executive officer of CRS Jet Spares, Inc. in Fort Lauderdale.

Advanced Roofing uses technology that results in

environmentally friendly roofing services and high velocity roof systems that withstand high winds and extremes in negative pressures. Robert is also the founder of Advanced Green Technologies (AGT), a solar company that works with Advanced Roofing and other roofers around the country to produce roofs that generate power, use recycled products, reduce waste and promote environmentally friendly behavior. Advanced Roofing has the largest solar roof in Florida. Deborah leads the company's community efforts. Since 2004, the couple has organized, participated in and sponsored the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's MS Bike/Run, raising more than \$230,000 for the organization.

Armando Leighton Jr. started a business at age 23 selling airplane parts from his mother's garage in

Hialeah, with his mom as his first employee. Today, his Fort Lauderdale-based company employs 62 people, in five U.S. cities and England. CRS Jet Spares makes some of its own parts, certified by the Federal Aviation Administration, and it aims to expand into India, China and Dubai this year. Leighton is also active in the community, contributing time and resources to Gilda's Club of South Florida, Jack & Jill Children's Center and others.

Two winners from Palm Beach County were also announced. Joel Altman, chairman and chief executive officer of The Altman Companies, was named the Palm Beach County Business Leader of the Year. Dale Hedrick, president and chief executive officer of Hedrick Brothers Construction, was named Palm Beach County Small Business Leader of the Year. ■



1. Terry Stiles, left, WFLA Station Manager Allyson Meyers, Armando Leighton, Jr. and *Sun Sentinel* President and Publisher Howard Greenberg. 2. Bill Hager, left, Jan Goodheart, Colin Brown and Kelley Shanley. 3. *Sun Sentinel* Editor Earl Maucker, left, and Jim Dunn. 4. Earl Maucker, left, Armando Leighton, Jr., Robert Kornahrens, Deborah Kornahrens, Dale Hedrick, Joel Altman and Howard Greenberg. 5. Beverly Raphael and Joel Altman. 6. Francie Bishop Good and David Horvitz. 7. Ramon Rodriguez, left, Tom Shea, Ray Ferrero, Jr., Howard Greenberg, Bob Henninger and Keith Koenig. 8. Raquel and Ray Ferrero, Jr.