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**SHOT IN THE ARM:** A \$320,000 grant from the North Dade Medical Foundation will enable the Museum of Contemporary Art in North Miami to continue “bringing contemporary art to the community, particularly in underserved populations,” said Bonnie Clearwater, museum executive director. For five years, the foundation has provided funding for HeArt to HeArt, an art therapy program serving developmentally and physically challenged adults and teens. *Details: (305) 893-6211 or [www.222.mocanomi.org](http://www.222.mocanomi.org).*

**RECLAIMING A NEIGHBORHOOD:** Miami’s District Five commissioner, **Michelle Spence-Jones**, will host a workshop, *Wake Up Miami*, at Booker T. Washington Senior High School, 1200 NW Sixth Ave., at noon Aug. 5. Washington High graduate **Les Brown** is to speak about reclaiming and rebuilding the neighborhood.

**BAR RECOGNITION:** **Michael Chesal** of Miami law firm Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin has received the Outstanding Member of the Year Award from the Florida Bar’s Business Law Section for work spearheading the state’s new trademark statute.

**TOP 10 DIGITAL COUNTY:** Miami-Dade has once again been ranked among top digital counties, coming in 10th for counties with populations of 500,000 or more in the 2006 Digital Counties Survey, an annual study by the Center for Digital Government and National Association of Counties. The top digital counties will be honored at a national ceremony that will coincide with the National Association of Counties conference in Chicago this month. In April, all US counties were invited to participate in the survey’s questions that included more than 100 measurements.

**BOARD OF THE YEAR:** The board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami was named Board of the Year at Big Brothers Big Sisters of America’s national conference in Indianapolis. The local board was selected from among 450 affiliates. The selection committee recognized sustained success in program quality and growth, the board’s contribution to generating resources and recruitment of high-quality and engaged board members.

**HP GIFT BRINGS FIU TOGETHER:** Florida International University’s college of business administration will implement an e-mail and collaboration system that will host services for several thousand alumni, 6,000 students and more than 350 faculty and staff, thanks to a grant from Hewlett-Packard that was to be announced this week. “This gift has allowed us to take a vital step in building our global community, not only internally among our faculty, staff and students, but also among our 30,000 alumni who are dispersed around the world,” said the college’s executive dean, **Joyce J. Elam**.