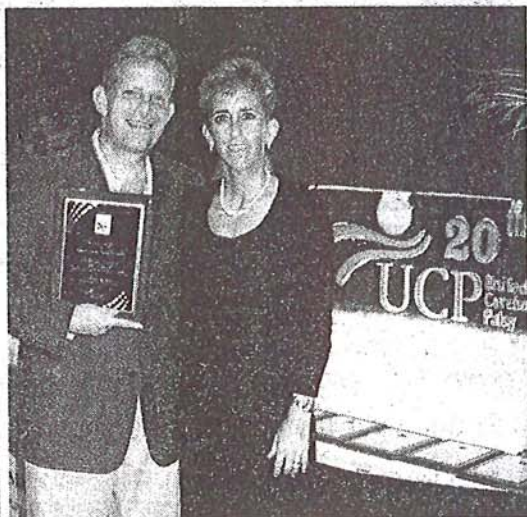
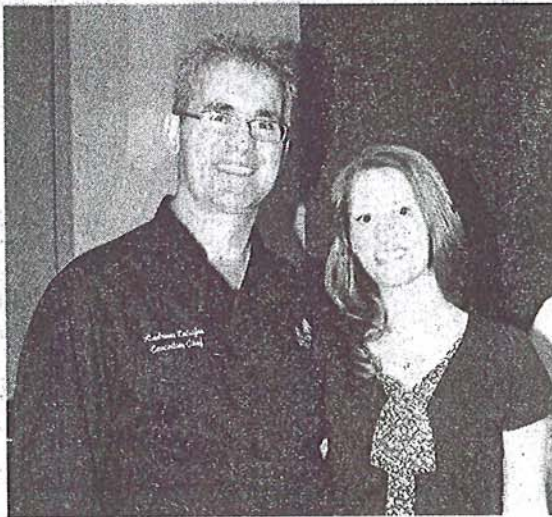


On the Scene

UCP cooks up more than \$25,000 at annual 'Chefs Tasting Party'



Gary Lesser and Pat Murphy



Chef Andreas Kotsifos with Tiffany Brazley

Special Marketing Section

Restaurants from all over Palm Beach prepared samplings of their specialties during United Cerebral Palsy's 20th annual Great Chefs Tasting Party, presented by Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith. With more than 200 guests in attendance, the event raised more than \$25,000 for United Cerebral Palsy (UCP).

The evening began with a VIP reception, where guests tasted exclusive epicurean treats from Palm Beach Steakhouse 33480, the newly renovated Leila Restaurant and The Palm Beach County Convention Center.

The energetic main event featured 17 restaurants competing for "Best

Of" in specified categories. Rob Russell, entertainment director at The Colony Hotel Palm Beach, emceed the event, and the evening's musical entertainment was provided by The Switzer Trio. The judges panel consisted of culinary author and editor, Jan Norris; Chef Steve Sitnick of the Florida Culinary Institute; and celebrity judge Christie Banks of Sunny 104.3.

The winner for "Best Appetizer" went to Someone's in The Kitchen Catering. "Best Entrée Seafood" went to Havana Hideout. Epicurean, Palm Beach's favorite new hot spot, was awarded for "Best Entrée and Best Dessert". "Best Presentation" and "Peoples Choice" was awarded to

The Palm Beach Convention Center, who impressed guests with a multi-tear display featuring fresh ahi tuna and seaweed salad.

The event was presented by Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith. Other sponsors included Riverside Bank, Eppy Financial, Searcy, Denney, Scarola, Barnhart & Shipley, Republic National Distributing Company, Cavia, Sunny 104.3, South Florida Dines, Styled Ice and Norel Digital.

All proceeds benefit children and adults with developmental disabilities served by UCP of Palm Beach and Mid-Coast counties.

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Pat Murphy presents Epicurean with the plaque for "Best Dessert"

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