

As Seen In...

# Our City Weston

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## THOROUGHBREDS VISIT *The Palace at Weston*

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The Palace at Weston hosted a couple of rather unusual guests last month. On Friday, April 8th, “King David” and “Harvey” stopped by the senior living community to pay a special visit to 84 year-old Matteo Pecoraro, a former horse trainer and lifelong lover of horses, who resides at The Palace at Weston Memory Care community.

After visiting with the beautiful animals from the HorZinn Around Farm in Davie, Pecoraro was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award celebrating his years of work caring and training horses.

While the residents enjoy interacting with the gentle animals, for Pecoraro, they may spark special memories.

His family was in the horse business, and he dreamed of being a jockey. Though his dream wasn’t realized, it didn’t deter his passion for the animals. Instead, he followed in his brothers’ footsteps, who were trainers.

When he moved to Florida in 1972, he became a restaurateur while also owning Pecoraro Racing Stables. His mornings were spent training horses at Florida’s famed racetracks of Gulfstream, Calder, and Hialeah and then he ran the restaurant, according to his son, Anthony Pecoraro.

For over 40 years dad and son were in business together, owning and training young horses to race. Matteo shared his expertise and love with his son teaching him all about the horse training business.

While their horses never won any major races, they had many other accomplishments in smaller races. When Matteo retired, he turned the business over to his son, who continues today as Pecoraro Stables, Inc. in Florida, Ohio, and Delaware.

The Palace at Weston is The Palace Group’s tenth senior living community and includes independent living, assisted living and memory care. Memory Care is



The Palace at Weston resident, Matteo Pecoraro, honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by Activities Director Justin Valdes.



Matteo Pecoraro reunited with horses “King David” and “Harvey,” both of which he used to train.

designed for people who need more extensive assistance with activities of daily living. Amenities include a gracious dining room, plaza, bar, beauty salon, rooms for arts and crafts and games, and a multi-sensory room. To learn more about The Palace at Weston, call **954.217.2000** or visit **www.ThePalaceAtWeston.com**.