

'86) is the first Hispanic to be named  
 tive editor of *The Miami Herald*.  
 ves in Davie. **Ruwena Healy** (BSBA  
 resident of Marketing 24/7 Inc.,  
 ed an award in the "On a Shoestring  
 aign" category from the *PR News*'  
 um PR Awards. He lives in Trussville,  
**oe Stoner** (BS '87, MS '91), a marine  
 gist at Oregon State University, was  
 red in a university research magazine,  
 for his report on how Greenland  
 ns hold clues to future sea levels. He  
 in Orlando. **Scott Weiss** (BSBA '88)  
 ted the Parachute Skimmer, a patent-  
 ing water cleaning tool. Although he  
 ally designed it to clean pools, he  
 ted it to clean retention ponds and  
 harvest algae for bio fuel and help  
 the recent Gulf oil spill cleanup. He  
 in Palo Alto, Calif. **Clinton Wright**  
 (BSBA '88, JD '91) is an attorney with  
 Kelley, Kronenberg, Gilmartin, Fichtel,  
 der, Bamdas, Eskalyo & Dunbrack  
 firm. He lives in Jacksonville. **Dawn**  
**ck** (BA '89) received the 2010  
 tanding Children's Book Award  
 the Animal Behavior Society for her  
 ction book, "Bug Butts." She lives in  
 e, N.C. **Henry Gremillion** ('89-'10), a  
 er dentistry professor at UF, received  
 2010 American Academy of Orofacial  
 lifetime service award. He is the dean  
 ouisiana State University's School of  
 tistry and lives in Metairie, La.

## 1990s

**n Klinek** (BA '94) is chairperson of the  
 Judicial Circuit Court's Unlicensed  
 ctice of Law Committee "C." He works  
 the Greenspoon Marder law firm and  
 s in Boca Raton. **Judd Davis** (BA '95)  
 been inducted as a Gator Great into  
 2011 UF Athletic Hall of Fame. He  
 s on the UF football team and lives in  
 ala. **Lori-Ann Amy** (PhD '96) published  
 e Wars We Inherit: Military Life,  
 nder Violence, and Memory," a book  
 t studies violence associated with the  
 litary. She is an associate professor at  
 orgia Southern University and lives in  
 hmond Hill, Ga. **Mimosa McNerney**  
 (SHSE '96) has been inducted as a Gator

## PROFILE

### Rick Parisi

(BLAE '86)

**O**N MOST DAYS, THE PLAZA AND PROMENADE OUTSIDE THE Battery Park City World Financial Center in lower Manhattan is a bustling beehive of activity. Completed in 1988, it became the first piece of what would transform a huge, barely utilized swath of waterfront into one of the most popular outdoor spaces in the city.

Instrumental in designing and building the space was project manager **Rick Parisi** (BLAE '86), who is managing and quality control principal at M. Paul Friedberg & Partners, an international landscape and urban architecture firm that is headquartered in Greenwich Village.

In the last 23 years, Parisi has played a big role in virtually all of the firm's major projects. Friedberg's domestic work includes the United States Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y., the Yerba Buena Children's Gardens in San Francisco, Harborview in Baltimore and the Fulton County Government Center in Atlanta. Since 1990, international projects in Japan, Taipei, India, Egypt, Israel and Dubai have constituted more than 50 percent of the workload.

Designing his own life after graduating from high school in Connecticut, however, wasn't so easy. Parisi spent time "trying to find myself" by hitchhiking across the country and working on a commercial fishing boat and in construction. He found paradise when a friend invited him to join a team that was building a company in Hawaii. "I was only 22 and making nice money, plus it was Hawaii," he says. "But I could hear the voices of my parents in my head and knew I needed a degree."

After he attended community college for a year, Parisi's older cousin recommended the five-year architecture program at the University of Florida, his alma mater.

"In the beginning, I'd have visions of Hawaii, but projects like Battery Park made me realize the impact I could have in my field," Parisi says. Soon, he was managing an office in New Delhi and leading design work on projects in Japan and Israel—and not looking back anymore.

Friedberg named Parisi partner in 1999 and, although still involved, handed the firm's management to him in 2001. Today, Parisi juggles as many as 30 projects at any one time, including the \$250-million, 480-acre Randall's Island Park in New York City. When completed this year, Randall's Island is expected to become one of New York City's premier recreation and parkland destinations.

— Bill Glovin



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