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birthdays

Actor **Sidney Poitier** is 81. Singer **Nancy Wilson** is 71. Actresses **Sandy Duncan** and **Brenda Blethyn** and **gl J. Gells** are 62. Actor **Anthony Stewart Head** (*Buffy 7 Vampire Slayer*) is 54. Model **Cindy Crawford** is 42. **A Lili Taylor** is 41. Actress **Lauren Ambrose** (*Six Feet U*) is 30. Actor **Jay Hernandez** (*Crazy/Beautiful*) is 30. **A Majandra Delfino** (*Roswell*) is 27. Singer **Rihanna** is 21

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TALK OF OUR TOWN

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ISLAND DIGS

Bharat Desai, a resident of Miami Beach's Fisher Island who ranks No. 286 on *Forbes'* list of 400 richest Americans, bought another condo on the island — for \$12.36 million.

Desai, 55, "founded info-tech outsourcing firm Syntel with wife, **Neerja Sethi**," the *Forbes* profile says. He was born in Kenya and grew up in India, according to the magazine, which puts his family's net worth at \$1.7 billion.

His new condo is in Villa del Mare, five bedrooms on the seventh floor, overlooking the ocean. Desai also owns a three-bedroom in another building that he bought for \$3.185 million in '04.

Elena Bluntzer of The Bluntzer Real Estate Group represented Desai and the sellers, a South American couple who took title under *Mis Amores LLC*.



BLUNTZER

ON TV

Dolphins' Taylor: a dancin' fool

Spring is typically the time of year NFL players are busy preparing for the rigors of the coming season by working out and even participating in team minicamps or organized team activities.

But Dolphins defensive end **Jason Taylor** will spend part of his off-season getting a different type of workout. He'll be dancing.

On national TV. Live.

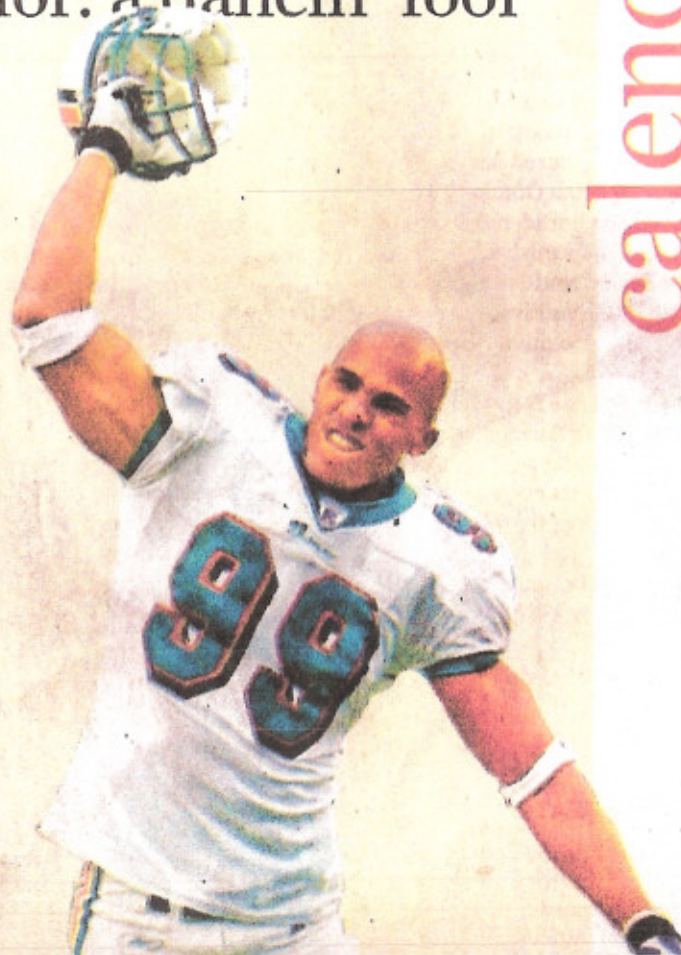
Taylor is one of a dozen stars tapped to compete on the sixth season of ABC's *Dancing With The Stars*, which premieres March 17 and runs through May. Taylor is the first active NFL player to compete.

The announcement came Monday evening, and by Tuesday morning, even as Taylor was flying to Chicago to promote his quick feet on *Oprah*, agent **Gary Wichard's** office was fielding calls about Taylor's new venture.

So is Taylor a good dancer?

"We'll find out," Wichard kidded.

"This is something that's off the field, and all Jason is trying to accomplish is to set himself up for his career after football," Wichard said. "**Peyton Manning** has 52 television commercials running and that's setting him up for a career after football. This is a



calendar

8 p.m. and
p.m.
CONCERT

Pianist **Tony Pe** best known for the ivories in the renowned **Cuba Irakere**, perform in an intimate and jazz-oriented Arturo Sandoval Club, 6701 Collins Miami Beach; 305-403-7565.

8 p.m.
CLASSICAL

The **Dresden Philharmonic** performs in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Beethoven's