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By MIAMI HERALD READERS
Mount Sinai remains my hospital of choice

Your Aug. 25 exposé, "Trouble at Mount Sinai," struck a sour note with me.

Two years ago my mother was attended to by two outstanding physicians at Mount Sinai. During the course of three lengthy hospitalizations, she received excellent care in the ICU unit as well as the step-down unit. At no time did I feel compelled to complain about "filthy conditions" as mentioned in the article, nor did I worry that my mother's recovery was compromised by "outdated" technology, also as mentioned in the article. Despite the odds, today my mother is doing well thanks to the care she received from the doctors and staff at Mount Sinai.

Disgruntled doctors hurling insults at the institution where they have practiced medicine for in excess of 20 years do not present a professional image. Even after this group leaves, Mount Sinai will remain my hospital of choice.

NANCY SINGER,
Key Biscayne

I was astounded at the article lambasting Mount Sinai Hospital and its CEO, Steven Sonenreich ["Trouble at Mount Sinai," Aug. 25]. If you intended to scare the people, I can assure you, you accomplished the deed. There are always in-house difficulties and disagreements. Sometimes anger prevails.

When the CEO took over the hospital, he was presented with a facility that needed his expertise. He has tried his best to clean up. It is a grueling process and not always as quick as anticipated.

PEARL KIPNIS,
Miami Beach

Economic despair more grave than depicted

On the front page of the Business section on Aug. 26, you said the economy is on the upswing. Consumer confidence is up significantly. On page 2, same section, the news is totally different. "More banks in trouble as profits sink." On Section B, it says that poverty in Miami-Dade is down, salaries are on the rise and we are all happy, holding hands and singing kumbayaa. Can you guys get together and give us the real facts? Or are we asking too much from this small town paper? I am a retiree with plenty of time in my hands and willing to pick you guys up and show you the *real Miami* and its misery. I have been here for more than 40 years and I have *never, ever* seen so much despair.

RICK ESCOBAR,
Hollywood

Right attitude is key to success, productivity

I read Cindy Krischer Goodman's Balancing Act column ["Attention, Please!" Aug. 26], and I think it is good to show other businesses (any industry) that motivating their employees with events like the "Employee Appreciation Week" will make them work really happily. Why happily? First, they will start loving what they do; second, they'll focus on what they do, no matter who is doing what; and then, they will start to visualize and create what they want. This chain of intentions will be shown in a short period of time to have results, mainly more productivity.

I congratulate you for taking the time in talking about this very important topic, since appreciating what the employee does within an organization increases the chance of success for a company. Being "happy" (positive and joyful), there is harmony wherever you are.

I started to have sessions with [Miami business coach] Roberto Suárez, and I have been living and experiencing life with more clarity, so the ideas and enthusiasm to get what I want come to me easier, getting rid of my limiting beliefs gradually.

DIANA SEDA,
AVP-Business Developer,
TERRABANK N.A.

Licensee rules different in Florida



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In the Aug. 25 issue of Business Monday appeared a Newsday article "Incorporating your business can be worth the risk and added work."

In that article, the business entity created by Scott Comer (a real estate agent in Smithtown, N.Y.) is not a legal entity to receive commissions paid by a broker to an associate in the state of Florida. While his company is identified as a legal entity of New York, the same laws do not apply to Florida real estate associates.

Shown here is the section of the Florida Statute FS.475 that allows commissions to be paid to only three entities summarized:

- To the individual as a sole practitioner (directly to the individual)
- Incorporated as a Professional Association (P.A.)
- Incorporated as a Limited Liability Company (LLC)

The P.A. and LLC can offer the same advantages such as liability protection and expense deduction that a "C" or "S" corporation may offer and comply with Florida rules.

I hope this clarifies what is applicable to licensees of Florida.

DENNIS MARKOW,
Broker,
RE/MAX Beach Properties

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