



COMPASS

P'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

NOT FATE, DRIVES CATHOLIC E AND INSPIRES THEIR SERVICE

sell
n-Pilot
Martinez describes
the Revolution as the
defining event of his

from Fidel Castro's emerg-
ing communist dictatorship
under the ruse they were go-
ing on a two-week vacation to
visit family in Boston.

"We took very little with
us, because everything had
to fit in two suitcases," he
said. "My parents took noth-
ing of value, because they
didn't want to raise suspi-
cion if our belongings were
searched."

The family, on a tourist
visa, had to make its way to

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5 years old when
he left "Central Sole-
remote, American-
gar plantation near
the northern coast where
was the comptrol-
July 1960 - a year
after the revolu-
l Martinez still re-
his family's escape



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Robert and
Cristina
Martinez are
this year's
Humanitarian
Award
recipients,
presented by
the Catholic
Diocese of
Richmond
and Catholic
Charities
of Eastern
Virginia.

Teens With a Purpose



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The sixth annual
Teens With a Purpose
fundraising Gala &
Masquerade Ball was
held Nov. 1. Founder
and director Deirdre
Love, above, and Robert
Johnson, who sang at
the event, speak to the
crowd at Half Moone
Cruise and Celebration
Center. Courtney Smith
of Virginia Beach, right, a
TWP participant, said she
was sponsored by NAS Oceana. See story on Page 11.



The Sign Of Success



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