

LIVING LEGENDS

RON BERGERON

FOUNDER, BERGERON LAND DEVELOPMENT, **FORT LAUDERDALE**



Bergeron — "Alligator Ron" — is a real estate tycoon, environmentalist, gator wrestler and philanthropist. After high school, he worked in odd jobs and saved money to create Bergeron Land Development, now one of the state's largest site development and roadway construction contractors and part of the Bergeron Family of Companies. An ardent champion of the Everglades, Bergeron is a former Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation commissioner and founder of Bergeron Everglades Museum & Wildlife Foundation. "My grandfather took me on my first airboat ride when I was 3. I can still remember the way it felt, seeing the Everglades of God's creation," he says.