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Top gun gone

Now it's U.S. Attorney Stanley Marcus' turn to lose a top prosecutor.

Kenneth Lipman, who amassed the impressive record of losing only one of the 40 jury trials he handled, is leaving to join the Chicago firm of Burke, Bosselman and Freivogel as a partner based in Boca Raton.

Lipman was in the firm of Dan Paul and Parker Thomson before joining Marcus.

Getting Scott free

It is not true that PR men don't care what you say about them as long as you spell their names right.

Just ask Beach PR man Scott Ross. He let Miami Beach city manager's aide Ron Lowy talk him into putting on a T-shirt labeled "arsonist" and portraying one in a mock hurricane drill on Miami Beach last Sunday.

Next morning, a photo of Ross handcuffed appeared in *The Herald*. His name was spelled right. The headline called it a "mock crisis" and the word "arrest" was in quotes.

Still, Ross has been getting calls from clients as far away as New York who think he was really charged with arson.

He's taken to answering his phone: "Scotty the Torch."

Spreading the word



Somoza

Early press reports had it that the movie *The Last Plane Out*, about Anastasio Somoza's final days in Nicaragua, was "objective," giving each side its say.

That might have concerned potential fans here that it wouldn't voice a strongly anti-communist message in its world premiere in

Miami Thursday.

Not to worry.

Witness this somewhat condensed climactic scene. Somoza, about to flee the presidential palace, fumes about President Jimmy Carter to the American journalist Jack Cox, played by actor Jan-Michael Vincent.

Somoza: "I wouldn't be running now if that spineless wonder in the White House hadn't sold me out. Is it possible that the President of the United States is a communist?"

Cox: "No, no. He's not a communist. He just takes bad advice from bad advisers."

Even the name of the actor portraying