Ivan Wilzig and his "UNSTOPPABLE" Father

By Raymond Elman

Ivan Wilzig, signed by Tommy Boy Records and produced by Ernie Lake, introduced Wilzig to two-time Grammy-Award nominee and senior director of Dance Music at Columbia Records. Jurman is CEO of The Trust Company of New Jersey, then listed on NASDAQ. Wilzig graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1977, earning a B.A. degree in European intellectual history. After multiple salesman positions, Wilzig became chairman, president and CEO of Wilshire Oil Company of Texas, then listed on the NYSE; and chairman, president and CEO of Wilshire (1934–2015). After multiple salesman positions, Wilzig ultimately became chairman, president and CEO of Wilshire Oil Company of Texas, then listed on the NYSE; and chairman, president and CEO of Wilshire (1934–2015).

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The Peaceman Foundation

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SERENDIPITY:  5:08 min. Why did you wait 12 years after your father's passing to start the book project?

CREATIVE FLEXIBILITY:  0:45 sec. Who were the members of your iconic Peaceman back-up band?

CREATES A UNIQUE PERSONAL BRAND:  6:21 min. Describe the arc of your singing and performing career.

CRITICAL THINKING:  4:07 min. What's the role of a university in combating Holocaust deniers?

COMMUNITY VALUES:  3:06 min. Tell us about your Peaceman Foundation.

RESILIENCE:  0:44 sec. How old was your father when he died?

PERSEVERANCE FURTHERS:  3:21 min. It's a blessing that the USC Shoah Foundation recorded your father's Holocaust testimony. Can the public view the testimony?