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The reason why some may be escaping to Florida

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Luxury real estate sales in Florida could get a boost from a rule in the federal tax bill that President Donald Trump signed into law in December.

The rule caps "SALT" or state and local tax deductions at \$10,000, when before

those deductions were unlimited. Those include real estate, and either income taxes or sales taxes.

For wealthy people who itemize deductions, income taxes alone exceed that amount, let alone property and sales taxes. If they also live in a relatively high tax state

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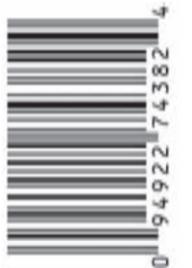
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Teaching

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I have a black-and-white picture of my father, teaching. High School history, in Colorado, for \$6,000 a year. This was about 1962 when John F. Kennedy was in the White House, I'd decided to marry my fourth grade teacher, Miss Compton, and daddy was in his mid-30s earning a salary with the spending equivalent of \$47,646 in 2016 dollars, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

He had three kids and he'd been at it since 1959, three years. My mother didn't work (for money).

In Florida today, the average annual salary of a teacher is \$45,723, which ranks about 39th in the nation — but “teachers average 12.29 years of experience across degree levels,” in the rather dry account of the Florida Department of Education. So newly certified teachers should expect nowhere near that amount.

What a deal for a professional. You work 12 years with our nation's youth and you too might earn \$46,000.

Good teaching is ultimately alchemy, not just method — a potion drawn from experience, knowledge, energy, an eccentric appreciation for little people or those swimming in testosterone and estrogen, a natural playfulness, the on-call temperament of a drill instructor when required, and a preacher's capac-

ity to address crowds with authority, clarity and joy in discovery.

You either have it or you don't, and my father had it. Our supper table was the most fascinating classroom I've ever attended.

Many teachers have that magic. If Americans decided to solve half the social problems we face in a single generation, we'd simply establish a teacher-student ratio of 1 to 10 in every public school in the nation. And we'd pay every teacher a salary roughly equivalent to that of a construction manager — about \$88,000 per year, according to the BLS. In short order we'd be spending a great deal less than we do now mopping up the broken lives of students who don't make it through our current high-test, public-education gauntlet.

Suicides, addictions, lack of focus, depression, anger and sorrow in children — these aren't the fault of teachers anymore than it was the fault of the Good Samaritan to come across some guy busted flat in Baton Rouge. The Samaritan decided to stop and help.

Teachers do that every day. They're in the business of construction, too, just like construction managers. And generally they deal not with one or two construction projects at a time, but with 100 or more (at four classes of 25, per day).

There's no point in arguing this. Everybody knows that one good teacher with 10 kids can do a lot more for those whippersnappers than one good teacher with 25 or 30 kids.

Could we afford it? Well, we've afforded the Iraq War, apparently, now almost

certain to exceed \$6 trillion and run up toward \$9 trillion as damaged veterans age. A 1-to-10 student-teacher ratio would cost a fraction of that; the U.S. Department of Education estimates we now spend roughly \$650 billion a year on elementary and secondary public schooling in the 50 states. A transformation would result in huge savings on the back end, 30 years down the line. Unlike the Iraq War.

Meanwhile, my father — dead 19 years or 19 minutes, I'm not sure which — is still standing in front of those students (the first baby boomers to hit 17) with the cocky grin he sometimes wore when amused and challenged.

He's dressed in a white shirt and tie, hands squarely on his hips. Somebody has stacked his two desks one on top of the other. Suspended on a string from the ceiling above them, and him, is a dead chicken.

He'd probably been teaching medieval European history, an honors class he sometimes talked about in which the Catholic Church figured prominently. And he'd likely been tracing with graphic delight the pagan roots of that monumental Western religion, which included sacrifices; hence, the sacrificial chicken.

Dad had grown up in the church, in Albany, N.Y., during the Great Depression and early war years, where his grandparents periodically lived with his family. His Irish immigrant grandmother tried to make sure he was Catholic. And his Scottish Presbyterian grandmother tried to make sure he wasn't. He attended a Catholic high school staffed

by Jesuit priests, including Jesuits who had boxed.

Dad was a fighter both by temperament and sport, a good one who won several school and regional championships as a middleweight. One of those priests cornered him one day and bounced punches off his head with bare fists when he misbehaved, no matter how much he ducked and dodged, leaving his face and cranium bruised and swollen for a week, he recalled.

I doubt that would have been considered good teaching even then, but he felt he'd received a fine education. Not that he appreciated the church and its bloody history any more for the favor.

But that became part of his teaching alchemy, along with his constant reading and all manner of other experience.

The same is true of every good teacher.

Dad was never paid what he deserved for any of it, either, which is also true of public school teachers, today.

He lasted 10 years in the profession before stepping out to lead a more lucrative life.

Sadly, countless good teachers make the same choice today. About 40 percent of new teachers quit the profession in Florida within five years, state records indicate, a rate more than 15 percent higher than the national average.

There's one obvious way to change all that: Vote. We vote for any would-be legislator who insists on hiring and fairly paying more teachers.

That could produce an alchemy never before seen in the state or the nation. ■

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MAY

COMMUNITY EVENTS & LECTURES



Stroke - Mended Hearts Program

Tuesday, May 8 @ 6-7pm

Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center // Classroom 4

PBGMC is teaming up with The Mended Hearts Program to provide support for heart disease patients and their families. Members will be able to interact with others through local chapter meetings, volunteer opportunities and special events. Members are encouraged to listen, share their experiences with other heart patients, and learn from healthcare professionals about treatment and recovery. A small fee* will be collected by the Mended Hearts Program for registration. *Light dinner and refreshments will be served. Reservations are required.*

*\$5/year will be collected solely by the local Mended Hearts Program to provide educational materials for members. \$20/year will be collected solely by the Mended Hearts Program if you would like to become a national member.



FREE Community Chair Yoga Class

Class taught by Sara Chambers, RN, BSN, CYT

Wednesday, May 16 @ 6-7pm

Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center // Classroom 4

Palm Beach Medical Center now offers a chair yoga class for the community. The class will be taught by the assistant nurse manager of cardiac rehab, Sara Chambers, who is also a certified yoga instructor. Using the same techniques as traditional yoga, the class is modified to allow for gentle stretching, designed to help participants strengthen their muscles and work on their balance. *Reservations are required.*



Smoking Cessation Classes

Wednesday, May 23, 30 & June 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 5:30-6:30pm

Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center // Classroom 3

PBGMC is teaming up with the Area Health Education Center to provide education on the health effects of tobacco use, benefits of quitting and what to expect. A Tobacco Cessation Specialist will help participants identify triggers and withdrawal symptoms and brainstorm ways to cope. The class is delivered over six, one-hour sessions.



Hands-Only CPR Class

Tuesday, May 15 @ 6:30-7:30pm

Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue // Station 1
4425 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens

Effective bystander CPR provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim's chance of survival. PBGMC has teamed up with Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue to provide free monthly hands-only CPR classes for the community. Certification is not provided. *Reservations are required.*



Mindfulness - Better Breathers Club

Guest speaker: A retired neurologist and sleep specialist

Wednesday, May 23 @ 6-7pm

Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center // Classroom 4

PBGMC is teaming up with The Better Breathers Club. Living with a chronic lung disease can be easier. Better Breathers Clubs are welcoming support groups for individuals with COPD, pulmonary fibrosis and lung cancer, and their caregivers. Learn better ways to cope with lung disease while getting the support of others in similar situations. *Reservations are required.*



Stroke Panel of Experts Lecture

Lecture by:

- Ali Malek, MD, Medical Director, SMMC Comprehensive Stroke Center & Neurointerventional Program
- Paul Acevedo, MD, Neurologist PBGMC Primary Stroke Center
- Cory Bessette, PBG Fire Rescue EMS Division Chief



Thursday, May 31 @ 6-8pm

PBG Council Chambers // 10500 North Military Trail



In honor of Stroke Awareness Month, we are teaming up with St. Mary's Medical Center and Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue to offer FREE stroke risk assessments and a panel of experts presentation with a local stroke survivor. The event will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens Council Chambers and there will be a Q&A session following the presentation. *Reservations are required. Light dinner and refreshments will be served.*



FREE COMMUNITY SCREENINGS

Free Heart Attack Assessment Screenings

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Classroom 3**

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OPINION

Leaked lies



bobFRANKEN

Special to Florida Weekly

There's one aspect of the saga about the newly released batch of Jim Comey memoranda that I totally love. First, a bit of background.

In one of the contemporaneous memos the then-FBI director wrote to himself detailing conversations with the new President Donald Trump, Trump and Comey did agree on one issue: Both expressed a mutual scorn for leaks and leakers. They also seemed to feel that the reporters who publish leaks were fair game for putting the squeeze on, up to and including jailing us if we didn't reveal our sources. The new documents containing such tidbits were just declassified and sent to Congress by the Department of Justice after pressure from Republicans. Now, here's the part I love: The documents were immediately leaked to reporters.

The hypocrisy is exquisite. Jim Comey acknowledges leaking earlier memos. Donald Trump is a serial leaker, even to the point of creating aliases and avatars who could leak favorable stories. He's built an entire career with phony accounts of his prowess and riches. At the same time, he's had others, usually his lawyers, who would lower the boom on anybody who dared to cross him with an article or TV blurb that didn't correspond to his ego-driven narrative.

But now that his presidency is being eroded by constant leaks, he's scorning the leakers, which is to say everybody around him, and is launching attacks on anyone who threatens his increasingly slipping hold on the presidency.

Even his network of enforcers is crumbling. One of his personal lawyers, Michael Cohen, just had his files



scooped up by federal agents looking into his activities on behalf of Trump. The crimes for which Cohen is being investigated could carry several years in prison if he's found guilty, or less if he works a deal and flips on higher-ups. President Trump is the highest-up, of course. From his lofty perch, he's tweeting like crazy, screeching that all threats to him are threats to America.

Now Cohen's spot is being backfilled by Rudy Giuliani. One prominent attorney after another wisely refused the president's request to represent him, particularly in his struggles with special counsel Robert Mueller. Now he finally has found someone well-known. Yes, he's convinced Giuliani that he can harvest the publicity he adores by taking on Trump as a client and trying to finesse Bob Mueller — or, in Giuliani's telling, use his connections with Mueller to

speed things up, finish his investigation into collusion with the Russians and all things Trump and simply get it over with.

There are a couple of problems with that: For starters, Methodical Mueller has made it clear that he won't be rushed. Additionally, Giuliani himself could well be interrogated about his part in Trump's campaign activities. So, he might not be particularly useful.

Right now, there is a scramble to protect reputations, those tattered by any association with Donald Trump and those, like Jim Comey, who are taking him on. They'll do whatever it takes, by leak or crook. ■

— Bob Franken is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who covered Washington for more than 20 years with CNN.

We need this new voice of idealism



rogerBUCKWALTER

Special to Florida Weekly

The youth-led campaign to get comprehensive gun control is historic for that cause alone. But it's even more historic and potentially more consequential for how it could widen and impact our country in many other fields, if it stays constructive and broadly based.

This evolution has happened before. It can happen again.

That is the big import from the huge marches after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre. At the Washington, D.C., demonstration, eloquent young voices demanded strong gun laws and decried the primitive gun culture epitomized by the National Rifle Association.

All ages attended, but this was the largest protest ignited and articulated by young people since the 1960s and early '70s, then over civil rights and the Vietnam War. The young made it happen. That was significant and heartening.

Young generations always show abundant idealism, rebellion against outdated precepts and yearnings for a better world. But these aren't massively energized

unless the young see a direct threat — such as Vietnam's military draft or school shootings. That's plainly occurring.

We need this force of vocal idealism — freed from old assumptions, fears and prejudices — to make progress, shake established ways and disrupt an inertia that resists changes.

High-profile liberal movements invariably provoke virulent reflexes from reactionary elements, which go beyond always-legitimate criticisms of opinion. That invective flared during the '60s and '70s and is flaring now. Thus, our emergent youthful progressives, just as their predecessors, are targeted by scurrilous lies.

But hysterical attacks on students who seek gun control shame only the attackers. It is an honor for those who advocate a more humane future to be assailed by relics of a brutal past. Once again, these attacks will fail.

As we age, youthful idealism clearly can last and passions that sometimes were excessive can moderate and mature, which they did with my earnest 1960s generation. Numerous older people from that group — who successfully protested a war and racism — still tackle reforms as fervently as they did years ago and are among today's gun control promoters. But they need the pressure of a rising generation to bolster their effec-

tiveness.

Hopefully, this erupting activism will expand into many spheres, from politics to culture, legislation to education.

Upcoming actions on guns will likely involve lobbying and politics before November's elections. In time, the new consciousness might ally with complementary outlooks, such as those in Black Lives Matter, and foster advancement on other urgencies that include immigration, climate change and police shootings of black men — if young people are committed and sophisticated enough to leverage their strength. The idealism that can sway our democracy, pursued with the pragmatism required by our system, can indeed be powerful.

Perhaps this intensity occurs only once every several decades. So let's take advantage of it. We need these moments of liberal dynamism to propel reforms that often languish.

Just as Vietnam stimulated a youthful awakening that ultimately changed our country, so the killings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School eventually may stimulate youth-driven progress on many long-neglected needs.

We can hope so. ■

— Roger Buckwalter is a retired editorial page editor of *The Jupiter Courier*.

Crowdfunding organizers looking for more participants

Three companies are looking for 100 people willing to donate \$100 each quarter of the year to local charities.

The companies — Forming Brands, David R. Randell Photographics and Association Management & Communications — are about halfway to the membership goal.

The next meeting of 100Palm-Beach is set for May 7 at Palm Beach Atlantic University. The group, at its first meeting, contributed to the Pediatric Oncology Support Team, which helps local

children and their families fight cancer. Local charities and people who wish to participate can register online at www.100palmbeach.org. ■



Student writing challenge focuses on violence and solutions to it

Ten Palm Beach County middle school students will be honored at 11 a.m. May 11 for their writings about the impact of violence on their lives and how to reduce it.

More than 32,000 students participated in the writing project titled Do the Write Thing Challenge. More than 1,000 people are expected to attend the award luncheon at the South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center. The top 10 finalists will be awarded cash prizes and some of the essays will be interpreted by professional actors.

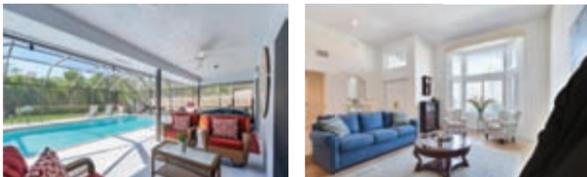


The 2018 finalists are: Anushka Scudder, Boca Raton Middle School; Lilly McGrath, Independence Middle School; Jada Lovely, Lake Shore Middle School; Rose Etienne, Carver Middle School; Charlotte So'Brien, Bak Middle School; Justin Hersh, Emerald Cove Middle School; Gabriel Cardenas, Palm Springs Middle School; Abedalwdod Ali, Western Pines Middle School; Jacob Flakes, Omni Middle School and Julian Boudri, Bak Middle School.

To learn more about the challenge, visit www.dothewritethingpalmbeach.com. ■

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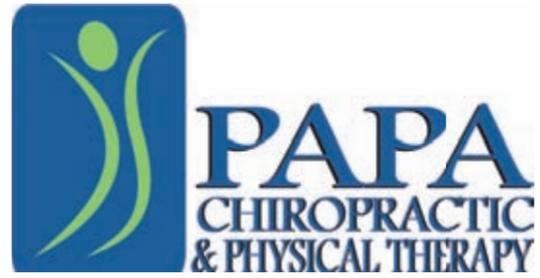
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15. Duane Keuning and Greg Riley
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PET TALES

Walking the dog

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
Andrews McMeel Syndication

At our house, a long dog walk is 45 minutes each way and may involve stairs and beach walking. A moderate walk is 20 to 30 minutes around the block. A short walk is 10 to 15 minutes around our complex.

We first devised those dog walk descriptions for our then-3-year-old cavalier King Charles spaniel, Harper. It wasn't unusual for her to walk anywhere from 2 to 7 miles daily.

What amount and distance of walking does your dog need? It's a common Google search: "How long should I walk my cockapoo/German shepherd/puppy/small dog/etc.?"

The answer?

It depends.

Cavaliers like Harper are among the dogs who can switch from couch potato to avid walker or hiker depending on their person's energy level and time available on a particular day, but many dogs need and demand longer or more strenuous outings every day, and often more than once or twice. And some, of course, would prefer gentle walks — the shorter, the better.

While there are always exceptions, it's smart to assume that dogs bred to herd (border collies, Australian cattle dogs, German shepherds and Australian shepherds, for instance) or hunt (the various retrievers, pointers, setters and spaniels) require large amounts of daily exercise to burn off their vast energy reserves.



Daily walks have physical and mental health benefits not only for dogs, but also for people.

Dog trainer Liz Palika of Kindred Spirits in Oceanside, California, lives with two English shepherds, Bones and Hero, and previously had several Australian shepherds. When her dogs are young puppies, they get an hour to an hour and a half daily of running off leash in her training yard or retrieving balls and toys. Once their growth plates close — an age that varies by breed and ranges from 10 to 20 months — she gradually introduces them to running several miles a day alongside her bike in the morning, plus their hour or more of play in the evening.

"We generally take Sunday off," she says.

In Allentown, Pennsylvania, Deb Rabuck's Pyrenean shepherds (small French herding dogs) get walks of a half-hour to an hour, or 1 to 3 miles.

New York City Leonbergers Cleah,

10, and Emily, 5, walk about 2 miles daily on city streets, plus one or more 16-story stair climbs, says owner Mara Bovsun. On Long Island, they have the opportunity for off-leash runs and 3 1/2-mile walks or runs in the woods.

Older dogs can be surprisingly active when it comes to walks. Susan Rosenau's dogs, a 10-year-old Boston terrier and a 10-year-old French bulldog, get four walks daily, two for 20 minutes and two that are shorter. Jenn Stollery's cavalier King Charles spaniels walk 1 to 4 miles daily.

Age and infirmities don't deter dogs from their daily walks.

"My oldest sets the pace," says Stollery, of Parsippany, New Jersey. "He is 13 but still loves a serious walk."

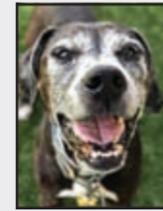
Chris Foxx of Seattle drives his 13-year-old pug Lola, who is blind, to a nearby park for daily walks. While Lola used to love hiking on trails, Foxx says now it's better for her to explore an open field so she doesn't run into trees or stumble over rocks. Mika, a 10-year-old German shepherd mix, and 9-year-old Hina, a chow-Akita mix, take owner Mary Wakabayashi for a 45-to-60-minute walk every morning, plus a 2-to-3-mile walk after Wakabayashi gets home from work.

The average adult dog benefits from at least 30 minutes of exercise daily, which can be broken up into two or three walks. Harper, now 10 1/2 years old, still enjoys a 2-mile walk or several short walks daily. It's good for her health and mine, and best of all, it makes both of us happy. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Nikki** is an outgoing 5-year-old male cat that enjoys the company of other pets. Reference ID# 1888365.



>> **Judah** is a 9-year-old male, mixed breed dog that weighs 47 pounds. He is house trained, enjoys sunbathing and taking walks in the neighborhood and he is good with other dogs. Reference ID#1902891.

To adopt or foster a pet

Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control is at 7100 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach; 561-233-1222 or www.pbcgov.com/animal



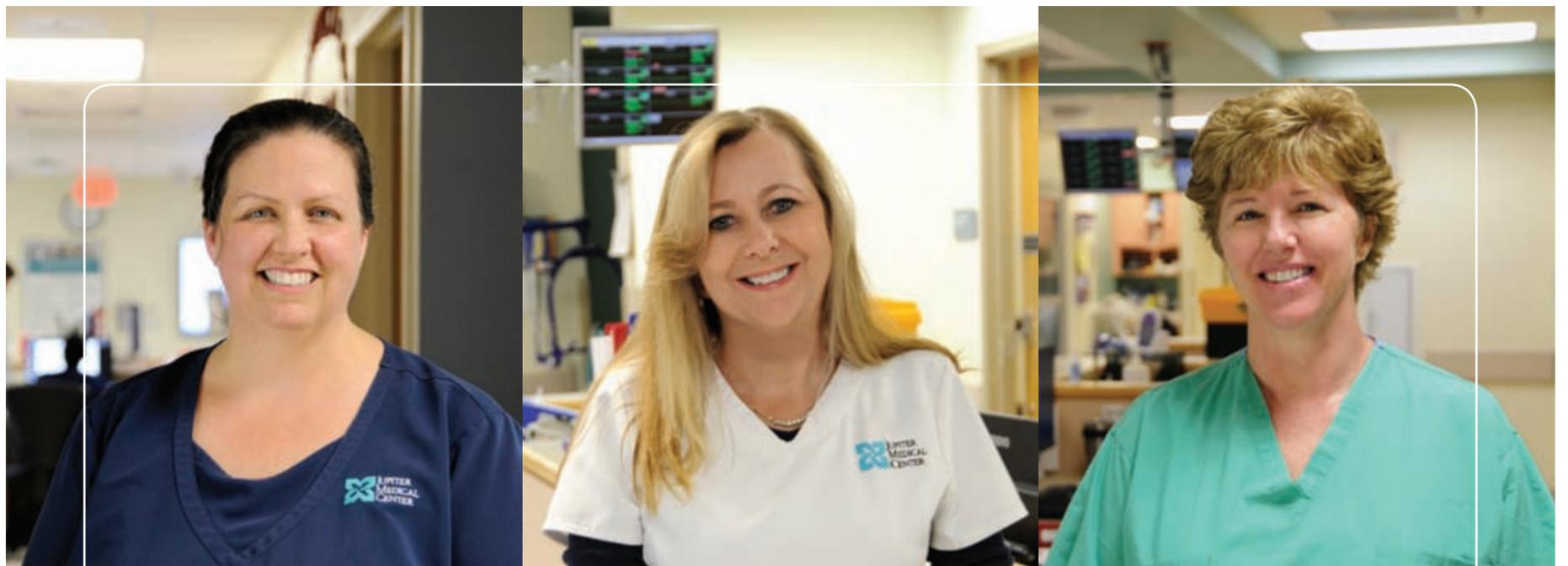
>> **Tilton** is a 7-year-old male tabby that has a distinct head tilt, but is in good health. He likes to be petted, and he's very fond of catnip!

>> **Pierre** is a 10-year-old male gray and white longhaired senior cat that loves to be petted.

To adopt or foster a cat



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REVIEW BY PHIL JASON

■ **“The End of Old Age: Living a Longer, More Purposeful Life” by Dr. Marc E. Agronin. Da Capo Press. 227 pages. Hardcover, \$27.**

This book should be on the desk of every geriatric specialist, senior living facility staff member and senior citizen caretaker. Most senior citizens will also benefit from its wisdom, compassion and sensible guidelines for successful living at an advanced age. Carefully organized into four easily digested parts, each containing two complementary chapters, Dr. Marc Agronin’s book is nothing less than a manual for moving beyond the negative connotations of aging.



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“We must learn,” he writes, “how to age in a creative manner that is both the antidote to feeling old and the elixir of aging well.”

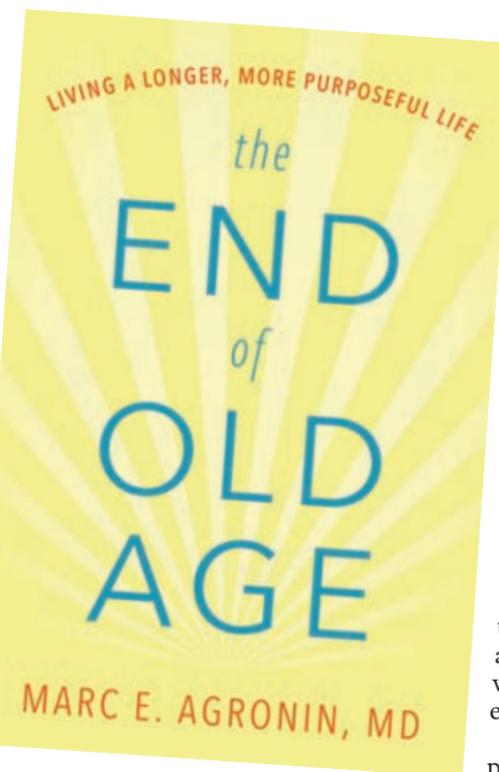
It is a philosophy aimed not at recapturing youth but rather exploiting the gifts of advanced age.

Dr. Agronin is an accomplished writer whose experience and empathy generate positive vibes as well as practical planning advice.

One of his key points concerns the accumulated wisdom of the elderly. He offers many examples, stories of patients and others, of how this wisdom has value not only for others, but as a resource for the person going through the aging process. He articulates five categories of behavior, vividly defined and exemplified, to explore the growth and use of an individual’s wisdom in old age. Presented as five jewels in the crown of wisdom, they are: savant, sage, curator, creator and seer.

Though the categories overlap somewhat, they are useful concepts. They are not meant to pigeonhole people but to find the ways in which aging is useful, to counter the customary “dread and denigration” of aging and to build new habits of identity.

Dr. Agronin defines a concept he calls “age points” as periods of adversity, struggle or despondency along the aging journey. Age points threaten our ability to cope; Dr. Agronin guides readers through a series of stages to work through the trauma of an age point. First is recognizing the precipitating event, after which comes a sense of “suspension” — of not being able to respond to a crisis productively. Next comes a multi-faceted evaluation of how to “reconcile the gap between what we have and what we need.” Finally, comes the action of resolution and forward movement, usually attached to



an altered perspective and sense of positivism.

Further chapters reveal and illustrate similar tools. Each is filled with carefully crafted case studies that are as uplifting as they are informative. Readers will recognize themselves, their parents and their friends in these vignettes.

They will see how others have pushed away the blocks that seem to stand in the way of a fruitful, worthwhile passage through life’s final decades. They will understand how fear and loathing can be transformed into celebration, indeed, even celebrations with new rituals and the refinement/renewal of habitual ones.

Aging well requires creativity, and Dr. Agronin pursues this important ingredient in the chapter titled “Renewal, Reinvention and Creative Aging.” Once again, he designs a conceptual frame, in this case an “action plan” that leads to performance and accomplishment. Its steps, each clearly articulated and exemplified, are reserve, resilience, reinvention, legacy and celebration. Sample charts and grids help readers to get started on the path to building and maintaining an aging process that will “bring the best possible experience and outcome.”

Bolstered by the findings of other professionals in the field, Dr. Agronin provides well-tested roadmaps for successful years and decades of aging. He is a fine stylist whose thoughtfulness, clinical experience and caring nature will give readers confidence in new, attractive possibilities for their aging selves. But there is much work to be done. ■

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Good Samaritan Medical Center appoints cardiovascular director

Good Samaritan Medical Center has appointed Dora-Jean Charles its director of cardiovascular and interventional services.



CHARLES

In this role, she will oversee the care of patients with cardiac health conditions.

“Dora-Jean has a very strong background in both cardiac medicine and cardiac surgical care,” said Tara McCoy, CEO. “Her expertise will bene-

fit our cardiac program and continue to enhance Good Samaritan Medical Center.”

Ms. Charles was the clinical manager of the Cauterization, EP Lab, and Hybrid OR at sister hospital, Delray Medical Center.

While there, she developed and oversaw the continuum of care for cardiovascular services including the Structural Heart Program and all hybrid procedures.

Charles received her associate degree in nursing from Keiser University in West Palm Beach and her bachelor’s from South University. ■



St. Mary’s, children’s hospital have a new chief operating officer

St. Mary’s Medical Center and the Palm Beach Children’s Hospital have named David O’Brien, as their new chief operating officer.



O'BRIEN

He brings 15 years of experience working in healthcare, with more than a decade in a leadership position. In this role, he will manage daily operations and oversee the development and implementation of long-range plans, goals and objectives for the hospital.

Mr. O’Brien recently served as the chief operating officer of Hilton Head Hospital and chief nursing officer of Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center and Coral Gables Hospital.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in nursing, a master’s in nursing and health administration from the University of Phoenix. ■



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ESCAPE

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such as New York or New Jersey, that could make officially declaring Florida their “home” a more attractive proposition because it has no state income tax.

Real estate agents, certified public accountants and other industry professionals say that since the law went into effect they have seen a flurry of interest from wealthy clients in higher-tax states who are looking at buying homes in South Florida and declaring the state their official domicile.

“We’re getting a bump in the wealthiest people looking for this to minimize their tax liability,” said Michelle Noga, a Realtor with the Palm Beach-based Fite Group, which sells luxury properties.

Tiffany McQuaid of McQuaid & Company, a real estate brokerage based in Naples, has seen a recent uptick in buyers from places in upstate New York as well as the San Francisco area, she said, though it’s uncertain how much the \$10,000 cap alone affected their decisions.

For one of her clients, New York state resident Louis Polsinello, it is a significant part of his plans to declare Florida as a domicile, maybe “sooner rather than later.”

“That cap at \$10,000 isn’t going to go very far when you make any kind of money,” said Mr. Polsinello, owner of Polsinello Fuels, an oil company based outside Albany.

New York has a maximum 8.82 percent state income tax, so tax on any income over \$120,000 has already exceeded the \$10,000 cap.

“And then you can’t even take real estate taxes into consideration,” Mr. Polsinello said.

Areas of Palm Beach County have long been on the list of potential homes for people in the greater New York area, leading some to nickname it “the sixth borough.” Real estate broker David Fite of Fite Group, with its headquarters on Palm Beach island and an average home sale price of \$1.8 million, is looking to capitalize on any new sales the \$10,000 cap could inspire. Seventy percent of Fite’s business comes from the northeastern tri-state area: parts of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

“Especially when the tax plan went into effect we definitely saw a bump in hedge funds and wealthy New Yorkers and (people from) Chicago and even California inquiring and even purchasing multimillion-dollar homes in Palm Beach and Palm Beach County,” Mr. Fite said. “I think it’s going to be a boon for Florida in general but definitely the luxury markets in Florida, the waterfronts, Palm Beach island-type areas are going to see people that don’t necessarily need to be based in New York that can live anywhere, they’re going to put their full-time residence in Florida.”

Mr. Polsinello and his wife, who are in their late 50s, spend part of the year at a condo in Naples. They have considered making Florida their official residence for a number of years. Taxes, along with their enjoyment of the Naples area, both



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Properties listed on Palm Beach-based Fite Group’s website may get higher in demand due to changes in the nation’s tax laws.

come into play.

“We’re trying to make that decision, when do we make that move to make it our full-time residence?” he said. “Because of the tax law it could be significant savings for us to do that, so you’ve got to take a hard look at it financially.”

One of his business partners, and three friends, are looking at making Florida their official domicile as well, he said.

“One friend moved to Port Charlotte,” he said. “One’s looking at Bonita (Springs). And the rest are looking in Naples.”

Luxury properties in Collier County have been hot in the first quarter; some feel the \$10,000 cap may have played a part. Home sales priced above \$1 million in Naples during the first three months of the year were up 61 percent, according to the Naples Area Board of Realtors, and pending sales of condominiums priced at \$2 million or more were up 109 percent from the same time last year.



come into play.

“The higher priced homes are surprisingly doing well,” said Michael Kilbourn, a financial and wealth preservation planner in Naples and co-author of “The Florida Domicile Handbook.”

“That’s kind of a sweet spot in the \$2 to \$4 million range, possibly because of the incentive given by the change in the income tax law.”

Along with its sunshine and coastlines, Florida has long been sold as a tax-friendly state. The cap on SALT deductions could be a tipping point that pushes some high-income residents in other areas of the country to look at calling Florida “home.” But to take advantage of the

Sunshine State’s lower taxes they would have to disconnect from their current home state, which isn’t always easy.

Mr. Kilbourn stresses that becoming a Floridian is not as easy as buying a home here and declaring it your domicile. The Sunshine State may be happy to have you pay taxes here without much trouble. A new Florida driver’s license, electing a homestead exemption on a home, registering to vote, and changing your mailing address are among a simple checklist of to do’s.

But states where you stop paying taxes will likely audit the decision, especially for high-income earners. If the state decides it has evidence you still live there the decision could ultimately go before a judge.

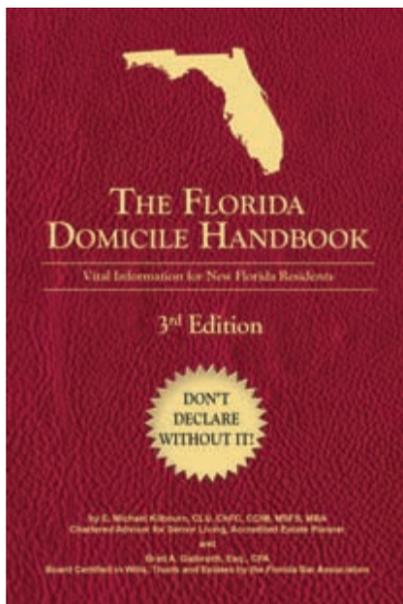
“You have to prove your intent to make (Florida) a domicile,” Mr. Kilbourn said.

Owning a home could help prove that intent, but there’s no rule against renting. Though each state has separate requirements, New York generally will claim you as its resident if you have a home there and spend 183 days or more in the state per year. It may also look at credit card statements, the clubs you belong to, where your kids go to school, where your business is located, and other considerations.

Mr. Kilbourn added that in one case an audit from New York required a man to come up with the number of cell phone tower pings from his phone to prove he was no longer living there. If you have homes in two states, there is even an app called TaxBird that tracks your whereabouts and gives you alerts when you are nearing your state “residency threshold.”

For Mr. Polsinello, making Florida home for tax purposes means he may have to give up the title of president and CEO of his company in New York. On the other hand, he notes, the internet makes it easier these days to work from home, wherever that may be.

“We’re still developing that final





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Properties listed on Naples-based McQuaid & Company's website may get higher in demand due to changes in the nation's tax laws.

plan in what we have to do to comply," with New York state laws, he said. "We have lawyers involved, accountants involved, to make sure we comply with the laws."

A handful of clients in northeastern states including New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Maryland and Virginia have inquired about moving to Florida or accelerating plans to come here — potentially to retire — after the tax law was signed, said Rick Fioretti, a broker associate with Berkshire Hathaway Home-Services in Naples. "Yes, I have had people call me and say, 'I was thinking about doing this a few years from now, but now with the current tax changes I'm going to leave my northern property sooner, rather than three to five years from now,'" he said.

And a smaller number of clients, "just one or more here or there," he said, have made appointments to come down within the next month, buy a home and declare Florida their official domicile in response to the new tax law. While he doesn't expect to see a flood of wealthy people migrating here because of the \$10,000 cap — at least not right away, as states like New York are already talking about work-arounds to the rule — it could be one more selling point for Florida.

"Our theory from a marketing standpoint is it's cheaper to own and operate a home in Florida," Mr. Fioretti, said. "We've always been attractive, this helps us be even more attractive."

Some clients from northeastern states who also have Florida homes are "a little sticker shocked" by the \$10,000 cap, but are waiting to see how their own states respond to the new rules, said Julio Barina, a CPA and tax manager with the Fort Myers and Naples accounting firm Markham-Norton.

"The representatives from New York and New Jersey and California, all these high-tax states, they've been grumbling whether or not they're going to come up with some sort of



work-around to this \$10,000 rule," he said. "So it might be a little early to tell."

Gary Nagle, an attorney and general counsel for the Palm Beach Board of Realtors, agreed.

"It's just too early to tell what the impact of the tax law's going to be," he said. "I haven't yet seen a situation where someone has made the decision to move to Florida because of the cap on local taxes."

Mr. Nagle feels people in places like Manhattan or elsewhere would rather pay more in taxes and keep their lifestyle; after all, they'll still be wealthy after taking a hit because of the new rule.

"They go on with life as they know it," he said.

Still, some have shown interest in buying a home in Florida as well as moving businesses here as a result of the \$10,000 cap and other reasons.

"When (news of the new law) first came out in late November, we fielded a lot of calls from our high-net worth clients in New York and Massachusetts and whatnot, in moving or purchasing a home or creating more permanence here in Florida," said Kenneth Rios, state and local tax partner with the CPA and advisory firm Kaufman Rossin, which has offices in Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens, Miami and Naples. "They're concerned what the impact would be on their personal taxes and some of them are trying to be proactive and stay ahead of this. Could they move here? Could they move their businesses here?"

The Business Development Board of Palm Beach County could also use the \$10,000 cap along with Florida's no income tax as another selling point to lure out-of-state businesses.

"I think you're starting to see a tipping point of CEOs of specifically financial service firms that are looking at the more tax-friendly states," said Kelly Smallridge, the board's president and CEO. ■

— Florida Weekly staff writer Robbie Spencer contributed to this report.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY THE EDITORS AT ANDREWS MCMEEL

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Irony

At Pennsylvania State University, the Outing Club, founded in 1920, provided students with outdoor recreation opportunities such as hiking and camping. But no more. Penn State has announced that after this semester, the university will no longer allow the club to organize student-led trips because it is too dangerous out in the wilderness, according to the offices of Student Affairs and Risk Management. Two other outdoorsy clubs, the Nittany Grotto Caving Club

and the Nittany Divers Scuba Club, have also been restricted from club activities outdoors. Michael Lacey, president of the Caving Club, told the Centre Daily Times: "Penn State's just been clamping down really hard on the nature of activities" since the Jerry Sandusky scandal. University spokesperson Lisa Powers said Penn State will offer school-sponsored outdoors trips, but students noted the cost will be much higher.

Unclear on the concept

In a perhaps unintentional bid for the worst criminal disguise of 2018, Kerry Hammond Jr., 22, broke into a GameStop store in St. Marys, Ga., at 1:19 a.m. on April 13, where he was captured on camera wearing a clear plastic wrapper (of the sort that holds bundles of bottled water) over his head. Even

with the plastic "mask," WJXT reported, Hammond's face is clearly visible in surveillance video, and St. Marys police quickly identified him and captured him on April 17. Hammond already had two active felony warrants for his arrest for burglary and second-degree criminal damage to property.

Techno-weird

In Tokyo, women who have qualms about living alone may soon have a new security option. "Man on the Curtain" is a prototype smartphone app that connects to a projector and throws a moving shadow of a man onto a closed window curtain. The shadow man can be doing any of several different activities, such as boxing, karate, vacuuming,

playing guitar or getting dressed. Keiichi Nakamura, advertising manager of Leopalace21 Corp., an apartment management company where the idea originated, told Reuters that eventually his company would like to "commercialize it once we add variety, such as releasing a new video every day."

Fun-seekers

In Oslo, according to Reuters, tradition calls for recent high school graduates to participate in "Russ," a several-weeks-long party that includes drinking, nudity and public sex, sometimes resulting in fatal car crashes. So this year, the Public Roads Administration issued a statement on April 18 headlined "No to sex on roundabouts," warning that students should refrain from running naked and having sex on

bridges and roundabouts, because such behavior gives drivers "too much of a surprise." Terje Moe Gustavsen, head of the administration, said: "Everyone understands that being in and around roundabouts is a traffic hazard. It may not be so dangerous for someone to be without clothes on the bridge, but drivers can ... completely forget that they are driving."

Bright ideas

■ Resorting to a low-tech, but possibly offensive strategy, Largo detectives visited a dead man at Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home in Clearwater and attempted to use his finger to unlock his smartphone. Linus F. Phillip, 30, was shot and killed by Largo police March 23 after he tried to drive away from an officer wanting to search him. As part of their investigation, police said they needed to access and preserve data on Phillip's phone. Legal experts generally agreed the detectives had not broken any laws, but Phillip's girlfriend, Victoria Armstrong, 28, was less forgiving: "Nobody even calling us ... to let

us know detectives were coming there at all is very disturbing," she told the Tampa Bay Times. "I'm very skeptical of all funeral homes now."

■ United Press International reports that in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, the mayor has employed a clever way to keep his finger on the pulse of the city. When he goes out, he wears a fake beard so he'll blend in and not be recognized as the capital city's leader. Mayor Albek Ibraimov told Fergana, a Russian news agency: "I dress in old clothes ... take off my tie and I go and look, and see how things actually are."

Entrepreneurial spirit

Over the last two years, Cameron County employee Gilberto Escamilla, 53, of Brownsville, Texas, has been accepting shipments of fajitas worth a total of \$1.2 million at the Darrell B. Hester Juvenile Detention Center in Brownsville. The only trouble is, the inmates there aren't served fajitas. Escamilla had been ordering the meat from Labatt

Food Service in Harlingen and intercepting it to resell. "It started small and got bigger and out of control," Escamilla told the court, according to The Brownsville Herald. On April 20, he was sentenced to 50 years in prison after pleading guilty to theft by a public servant. ■

SOCIETY

Frenchman's foundation awards \$300,000 at English-style tea

BY CAROL SAUNDERS
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Frenchman's Creek Charities Foundation recently held its 2018 Annual Charity Weekend Appreciation High Tea and handed out \$300,000 at its Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens. The money was raised at a Frenchman's Creek Charity Weekend, for residents only, March 22-25.

The money was given to representatives in the cities of Palm Beach Gardens, Juno Beach and Jupiter, along with selected nonprofit organizations that have made specific requests for money.

Organized by Co-Chairs Syd (Sydelle) and Gerald Shaw and a large committee of volunteers, the purpose of this event is to "help with financial support to civic and not-for-profit organizations that provide civic and cultural programs, community and social services, hospital and health services and education programs to the residents and their communities."

"We are community of 600 homes and we raised \$300,000 dollars," Mrs. Shaw said after the tea. "All of our residents participate in one way or another, either by donating money or taking part in the great weekend of activities by paying fees or sponsorships." She has served as chair for 10 years.

Committee members recognized for their dedication and hard work include Helene Myers, Judy Chesler, Bobbe Wiener, Lila Silver, Toni Smith and Marie Adler Kravec, "And anyone in the Frenchman's Creek community who wished to participate," Mrs. Shaw said. "We ended up with about 45 people."

The Charity Weekend of activities started Thursday, March 22, with bocce games, pickleball, Zen and Sip (meditation and wine). Friday, March 23, featured card or board games like canasta, bridge and mahjong, followed by a cocktail party.

A Pro-Am tennis game and luncheon was held Saturday, plus a Westminster Dog Show and ending with a twilight softball game and "Booze and Bites"



Mathew Freeman and Charley Brown of Furry Friends Adoption Clinic and Ranch.



Katherine Chariton of Connor Moran Children's Cancer Foundation (left) and Stacie Rouff of Ernie Els Autism School of Learning at the Frenchman's Creek Charities Foundation Appreciation High Tea.



Pixie the skunk from Busch Wildlife Sanctuary in Jupiter.



Anna Poulin (left) and Edna Runner of West Jupiter Community Center and Palm Beach Gardens Mayor Maria Marino.

party that evening.

The weekend ended Sunday, March 25, with morning and afternoon golf, a matinee movie and a cocktail party. A closing banquet and raffle drawings finished the weekend March 25.

The 2018 Designated Beneficiaries handed out in Palm Beach Gardens to: the recreation, fire and police departments, as well as Alzheimer's Community Care, Pathways to Independence, Grove Park Elementary School, Allamanda School and Palm Beach Gardens High School and Loggerhead MarineLife Center.

In Jupiter: the Jupiter Medical Center, Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, Connor Moran Children's Cancer Foundation, West Jupiter Community Center, El Sol and Furry Friends.

Elsewhere in the Palm Beaches, checks went to A.R.C. Jerome Golden Center, Ernie Els School of Excellence

for Children under the Autism Spectrum, Epilepsy Foundation and Wounded Veterans.

Some dignitaries attending the teapiping party included Palm Beach Gardens Mayor Maria Marino, Steven Stepp, Clint Shannon and Jim Storms from the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department; Jack Lighton, Lynne Wells and Claire Trehan of Loggerhead MarineLife Center; Edna Runner and Anna Paulin of West Jupiter Community Center; Pat Deshong and Matt

Kleiman of Furry Friends; Amy Kight of Busch Wildlife Sanctuary; Chris Goodson of Connor Moran Children's Cancer Foundation; Michael Durkee and Lt. Gen. Robert Chelberg of Wounded Veterans Relief Fund; and Stacie Boutt of the Ernie Els School of Excellence for Children and many more.

"At Frenchman's Creek we all work together to achieve our motto, 'Giving is our favorite game,'" said Syd Shaw. For more information, contact Mrs. Shaw at 561-691-5848. ■

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“I think food delivery is ideal when you want to eat something you can’t prepare at home.”

— **Beth Preddy,**
Neapolitan food lover



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UberEATS (left) is going head to head with such national services as Delivery Dudes and Bite Squad.

FOOD *to* YOU

Bring your favorite restaurant home in minutes

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THEORETICALLY, AN EFFICIENT WAY TO DISCOVER a sleepy, once-upon-a-time place to live or retire might be simply to see if the town or region has a food delivery service.

If not, it could be a backwater.

During the last six or seven years food delivery services have become big business throughout the country, but usually only in metropolitan areas or regions with a sufficiently dense admixture of restaurants and people.

SEE FOOD, A15 ►



MONEY & INVESTING

New tobacco product breathes life into Philip Morris stock

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People around the world are smoking less. Most people would agree that this is a good thing, unless you are a shareholder of Philip Morris International. Luckily for owners of this company, management has come up with a plan to create value even as fewer people light up each day. What is this plan and how are analysts and investors reacting to its execution?

The Philip Morris Companies can

trace its roots back to 1847 when it operated as a single store selling tobacco and cigarettes in London. Since then, it grew to become one of the largest manufacturer of tobacco products in the world. But in the late 1990s and early 2000s, the company was rocked by significant litigation exposure as well as restrictive smoking laws in the U.S. As a result, in 2008 the company spun off its international operations into another company named Phillip Morris International to give it more flexibility in selling its products outside of the U.S. where laws were less restraining. Today PMI sells tobacco products in 180 countries around the world.

But despite more favorable laws

around the world, especially in developing countries, cigarette sales overall continued to decline. People understood that cigarettes were harmful to their health and the product lost its “cool” factor. In addition, many governments started to impose ever rising taxes on cigarettes, making them unaffordable in many countries.

At first, PMI thought that vaping or e-cigarettes was the answer to its problems. This is where a liquid form of tobacco is heated and the resulting vapor is inhaled. While this product has become popular, many smokers do not enjoy this form of tobacco as much as cigarettes. As a result, many smokers quit tobacco entirely after vaping for a

while.

Recently investors in PMI were excited when the company rolled out a new product named iQOS. This is where solid tobacco leaves are heated but not burned by an electronic device similar to an e-cigarette. The smoker gets many of the same sensations that he or she would get with a typical cigarette, with supposedly much fewer of the harmful side effects. Investors jumped on the stock last year as this product showed 120 by the second quarter.

But last week, the company’s shares experienced the largest one-day percentage decline since becoming a stand-

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We take some delivery food for a test drive ...

FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF

Here, Florida Weekly writer Evan Williams tests Bite Squad:

"I placed the Bite Squad order from Cantina Laredo, a gourmet Mexican restaurant at Bell Tower, at 5:27 p.m. The website estimated it would take 55 minutes, but the food got here in 37, at 6:04. I ordered Carne Asada (a skirt steak with chimichurri sauce, \$20.99), a side of guacamole (\$1.99) and fajita veggies (\$2.29) along with flan for dessert (\$6.99). With a booking fee of \$2.99, an automatically added 20 percent tip of \$7.44, and taxes and fees of \$3.20, the total came to \$45.89.

"A few months ago when I used the Bite Squad app on my phone, it had allowed me to choose what to tip. Now, a Bite Squad 'live-chat' employee explained, it was added for the benefit of drivers.

"The website tracked when my order would arrive and provided a map showing my driver, Axan C., in real time on the way. A notification on my phone let me know he was about to arrive. Axan, a young guy in a green Bite Squad polo shirt and ballcap, came to the door with a huge insulated container full of orders, handed over a large fragrant brown bag, and left swiftly to further deliver the sacraments of a Tuesday in Fort Myers.

"The meal was as I'd ordered it — no rice sub veggies — and also came with a bag full of tortilla chips and salsa. Cantina Laredo is a mainstay, and dinner was as richly flavorful as expected, the grilled meat pairing well with a sharp, dark-green cilantro-garlic blessing of chimichurri surrounded by zucchini and peppers. The flan was a thick, rich happy ending."

A happy ending is what it's all about.



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Evan Williams used Bite Squad to bring him food from Cantina Laredo.

The NICEST delivery service in the business (sageevents.net):

"When I was in the hospital last year having my gall bladder removed I posted about the ordeal on Facebook and when I returned home there was Amber Phillips knocking at my door with trays of food — roasted chicken and vegetables — and for the next four days, while I was recovering, she came with delicious food in enormous trays," recalls Neapolitan Beth Preddy.

"What a gift! I don't know if anyone has ever been so kind to me. Naturally her gesture inspired me to order meals from her for a few weeks while I got up to



Amber Phillips, founder and owner of Sage, in Naples.

speed after the surgery. I chose vegetarian, paleo and whatever her special of the day was. I think this says a lot about what kind of company Amber is running."

Yes. But that's a whole other story. ■

BEHIND THE WHEEL

Big car shows are a delicate balance



Any large show is a great way to get to know a new car — that's a good rule for the public as well as journalists. Press releases and glossy photos promise groundbreaking designs, but an industry event is the first place they'll really have to prove it. There's time to feel the grain of the plastic, see the precision of the panel gaps and test out the latest technology. After all, it's easy to embellish in an email, but it's hard to fool the senses.

That experience seems to be a bit endangered both for a journalist like me and for the public. The best example goes back to the debut of the current-generation Mustang.

Ford showed the latest pony car in December 2013 with plenty of glamour but not a lot of info. So, another writer and I thought it was worth seeing it in person at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. The January 2014 expo would give us a headstart on Detroit's North American International Auto Show the next week.

The usual CES attendees are interested in technology, and so the new Mustang was far from the show's star in the back of a massive expo hall. We were free to inspect the curves of the sheet metal, test out the seats and really check out the details.

We also happened to break the trunk latch of this pre-production car (the only one in all of Las Vegas.) But people didn't seem to notice the Mustang's rear awkwardly sticking up, because this tech-heavy crowd wasn't interested in Ford's classic nameplate.



Still, this wasn't a complete automotive strike-out. Audi was getting its money's worth showcasing its new Virtual Cockpit. The stand was filled with people who might not know cars, but they were enthralled by the 3D maps going into them. In fact, Audi nurtured a great way to get publicity, because it was one of the few automotive news items consistently pulled from the CES.

The following week in Detroit had plenty of automotive journalists hungry for a big story, but Audi didn't need to feed this monster. It already had an abundance of press from CES. Instead, these Germans relaxed as every other major manufacturer was battling to be the big story of the NAIAS.

It seemed like a savvy play on Audi's part, and I wasn't the only one who took notice. Cars are becoming rolling supercomputers. So, other automakers have quickly adapted and poured more money into a showing at CES as an ideal way to stand out and showcase new technology.

In contrast, the NAIAS has been declining steadily for the last three years. Where once minor players had to exhibit in the lobby, the 2018 show seemed to offer them main floor space as large as Mazda once occupied (it was one of many manufactures that didn't attend at all.)

The outlook for 2019 is even worse. Mercedes-Benz has held one of the largest and most prominent NAIAS spaces for a decade, but it is not returning next year. BMW has also followed suit. It joins car companies like Porsche, Volvo and Land Rover, which have already packed up and left town. This leaves huge holes in the show's traditional floorplan, and so the organizers are scrambling for solutions.

One suggestion is to move the event from a frigid Detroit January to a milder October. This is a mistake. A fall show doesn't take into account an important factor: the public.

Michigan cherishes its outdoor time, and October is that last brisk gasp of pee-wee football and apple picking before buttoning down for the long winter. An indoor auto show can't compete with that. But in January, the NAIAS is a local blessing where families and first dates have a place to go that's warm and

unique. These people generate ticket revenue and introduce thousands to new cars that they can't see on the snow-covered dealer lots.

Also, the CES is not open to the public. I even had to temporarily join a tech company's PR team just to solidify my credentials for Las Vegas. Auto shows are open to the public for as long as two weeks. During that time, any exhibitor (automotive, tech, etc.) gets direct feedback that answers the essential question, "Will anyone buy it?"

So how does Detroit rebuild its advantage? In my opinion, it's about being both humble and dynamic.

The NAIAS cannot return to the prestige it had a decade ago. So, it's time to be humble with a cost that reflects current value. Porsche left the show a few years ago, citing the seven-figure budget needed to run its medium-sized stand could fund an entire racing program. In fact, the latest auto company exodus feels like a long-term tactic to get cheaper rates for displays.

Being dynamic will also help drive traffic to the show. Just as CES is a less-congested place for generating auto news, the NAIAS staff should be actively courting more tech companies to save their big automotive-related premieres for Detroit. The seeds of that can already be seen with a small technology exhibit space that takes place one level below the main auto show floor. But now is the time to literally elevate the sideshow out of the basement.

A car show's chemistry is the perfect balance of manufacturers, journalists and the public. So it's worth remembering that it takes everyone to get the formula right. ■

FOOD

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In Palm Beach County or along the southwest coast from Naples to Fort Myers and from Sarasota northward — increasingly crowded locations with numerous restaurant options — customers can now choose from a competitive handful of tech-savvy services that partner with restaurants to deliver hot food to home or office right off the menu of almost any place customers choose, for roughly the same price they'd pay by going out to the restaurant.

With a computer or smart phone and a credit card, a customer can make the order from the restaurant's menu and see the order placed (restaurants have tablets that signal them when online orders come in).

The customer can then track it out of the kitchen, track the driver's progress in real time, sometimes even see the driver, receive notification a few minutes before the food arrives, and take the order at the door or on the curb for delivery fees ranging from \$1.99 up to about \$5, depending on location and distance.

People seem to love it, especially people with busy lives.

"It's the convenience, and the price — we don't mark up," said Liz Sniegocki, a spokeswoman for Bite Squad, a Minneapolis-based service in more than 15 Florida cities, including Fort Myers where it employs 150 drivers and partners with about 80 restaurants, and Naples, where it began operations in mid-April after acquiring a local operation called Naples Express Meals.

There, Bite Squad has about 50 drivers and roughly 50 restaurants, including Fuji Sushi Bar & Asian Bistro, Cosmos Cafe & Pizzeria, Michelbob's Ribs & Steak, Araya Sushi Asian Grill, Dylan's Draffhouse, Hurricane Grill and Wings, Tijuana Flats, The Counter Burger and California Pizza Kitchen.

The company also expanded into Lakeland, Winter Haven and Plant City last week.

"People are busy, becoming more accustomed to on-demand services, whether it's Netflix or Amazon or something else, and everyone has to eat three times a day. So the convenience of the delivery and the variety is a lifesaver."

But not yet in Port Charlotte. "They're on our radar," Ms. Sniegocki acknowledged. "We look for a variety of restaurants and the right mix of people who want it."

A lot of people want it, apparently.

"As far as we can tell, we're the market leaders in the state," she said. "With aggressive growth plans for the east coast in the next 90 days, and our eye on a few other areas, including Port Charlotte, you'll see our footprint continue to grow in the state."

How it works

Restaurants in general pay a 20 percent to 30 percent partnering fee to the delivery service on any meals sold, simply because the service is bringing them business they wouldn't otherwise have, and marketing a given restaurant at the same time.

It's a good deal for everybody, apparently, although some food vendors prefer to maintain their own vehicles and delivery services.

As a result, UberEATS, the 2014 addition to Uber designed just to deliver food, is now in head-to-head competition



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Delivery Dudes has a large presence along the east coast of South Florida.

with such nationwide outfits as Delivery Dudes, operating up and down the east coast, and the west-coast-centric Bite Squad, itself aiming to kick off operations along the east coast of Florida this summer, officials said.

There are others in Palm Beach County, too, including GrubHub, Amazon Prime, and DoorDash, along with MyTown2Go and Cravy. By all accounts, business is profitable, with a 25 percent to 35 percent growth year-over-year since about 2012 throughout the industry as a whole, they report.

Such business is only a good thing, in the mind of Neapolitan food lover Beth Preddy.

"I think food delivery is ideal when you want to eat something you can't prepare at home. I don't know how to make Chinese or Thai food, so when my daughter and I want it we order from Dine Home Delivery or Naples Express Meals (Now Bite Squad) for dishes from China Chen or Fuji. Both services have enlisted dozens of restaurants for delivery services. The same goes with Greek and Cuban food. Whenever I have a taste for ethnic

food and don't want the hassle of going out, I order in. I pay a delivery fee and gratuity, but it's no more expensive than if you were dining in the restaurant and left a tip."

Florida Weekly writer Evan Williams tested the Bite Squad service in Fort Myers for this story — from his home, during rush hour and with the dinner hour almost upon him, incidentally providing a critical look at a popular local restaurant that provided the fare (see sidebar, A14).

For the most part the experience was gratifying, he said, "and the minimal effort in procuring the meal, astonishing."

Getting over the labor hump

By hiring its drivers and paying them an hourly wage with all company benefits, plus the tips they receive (the company adds a 20 percent gratuity for the drivers, automatically, unless a customer questions it) — and by not marking up meals — Bite Squad has attracted customers and employees, and avoided lawsuits such as one faced by Delivery Dudes in Palm Beach County.

In 2015, drivers working as contractors sued the company because they performed the services of employees without receiving overtime pay or benefits, they said; other companies have faced similar suits. That was settled out of court.

Delivery Dudes lists 43 restaurants it services from West Palm Beach and about 80, with a "custom grocery," in Palm Beach Gardens. There are many others in towns throughout Palm Beach County. A customer goes online (www.deliverydudes.com), picks a town or a zip code, looks at a restaurant list or chooses by cuisine, and is taken to a Delivery Dudes menu for the restaurant of choice.

There's a lot of fast food or quick food — pizza and sub shops, burger joints,

Americanized Mexican food, sandwiches, pub fare, Chinese, sushi and barbecue — but you can also get Foie Gras Torchon for \$26 and seared tuna credo for \$18 from Pistache, for example.

A call to the dispatcher in West Palm Beach suggests the company is only about business, all the time; he hung up immediately when a reporter identified himself.

All these food delivery services insist they're secure when you order online — UberEATS, for example, keeps your card on file so there's never cash involved, and promises security.

Some independent food vendors still do their own deliveries.

Amber Phillips, founder and owner of Sage in Naples (www.sageevents.net), started delivering regular meals to a medical doctor and triathlete with a husband and children in Fort Myers in 2012.

"I was doing this before anybody else here," she said.

Her delivery business offers a wide menu of gluten-free and nondairy dishes prepared with both panache and stylish sophistication, so her reputation spread rapidly by word of mouth. Soon she found herself employing drivers.

Now, she's won the "Best Pre-Made Food" prize from Gulf Shore Life Magazine five years in a row, beating out Wynn's, Ada's, Fresh Market and the like, and she's maintaining two vehicles, paying for all the gas, and paying her drivers \$15 an hour, plus tips.

She charges clients \$3 to deliver a three-day meal plan, no matter how many people or meals that delivery requires, and \$5 for a five-day meal plan — all over the Southwest coast.

"I thought about partnering with one of these food delivery services. It's a struggle to find and hire good drivers — and we like them to be presentable," she said.

"But I'll keep doing it this way." ■

INVEST

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alone company, falling 16 percent after PMI announced its quarterly earnings. The earnings total was not the issue as the \$1 per share easily topped the 90

cents per share analyst estimate. The problem was that iQOS growth started to plateau in its star market, Japan. This scared investors, as Japan was supposed to be iQOS's biggest success story — and if growth was not as expected, maybe the product wouldn't be successful in other regions.

Today, PMI's stock stands at around \$80 per share with a Price/Earnings of

16.75. It also pays a healthy 5.2 percent dividend. I think that I would be a buyer of the stock at this level. One slowing quarter in one country of iQOS sales, in my opinion, should not be a cause for all-out panic. The company already has a marketing plan in place to hopefully increase sales of its new growth product, and it has yet to introduce it to many of the countries that it sells into.

iQOS could be a total game changer for the company. I think it is worth the risk to buy the stock now for this significant potential upside. ■

— Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick's Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Punta Gorda, was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years at several global banks.

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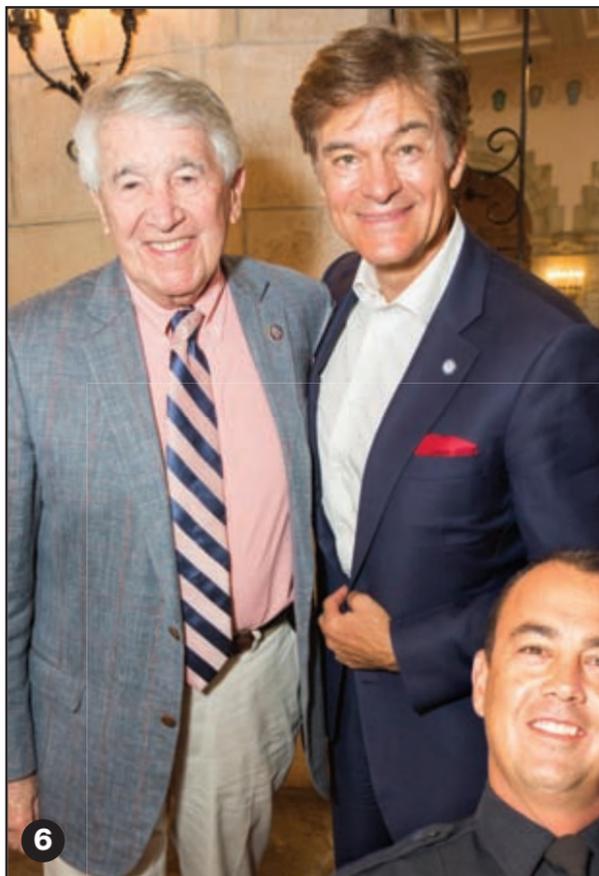
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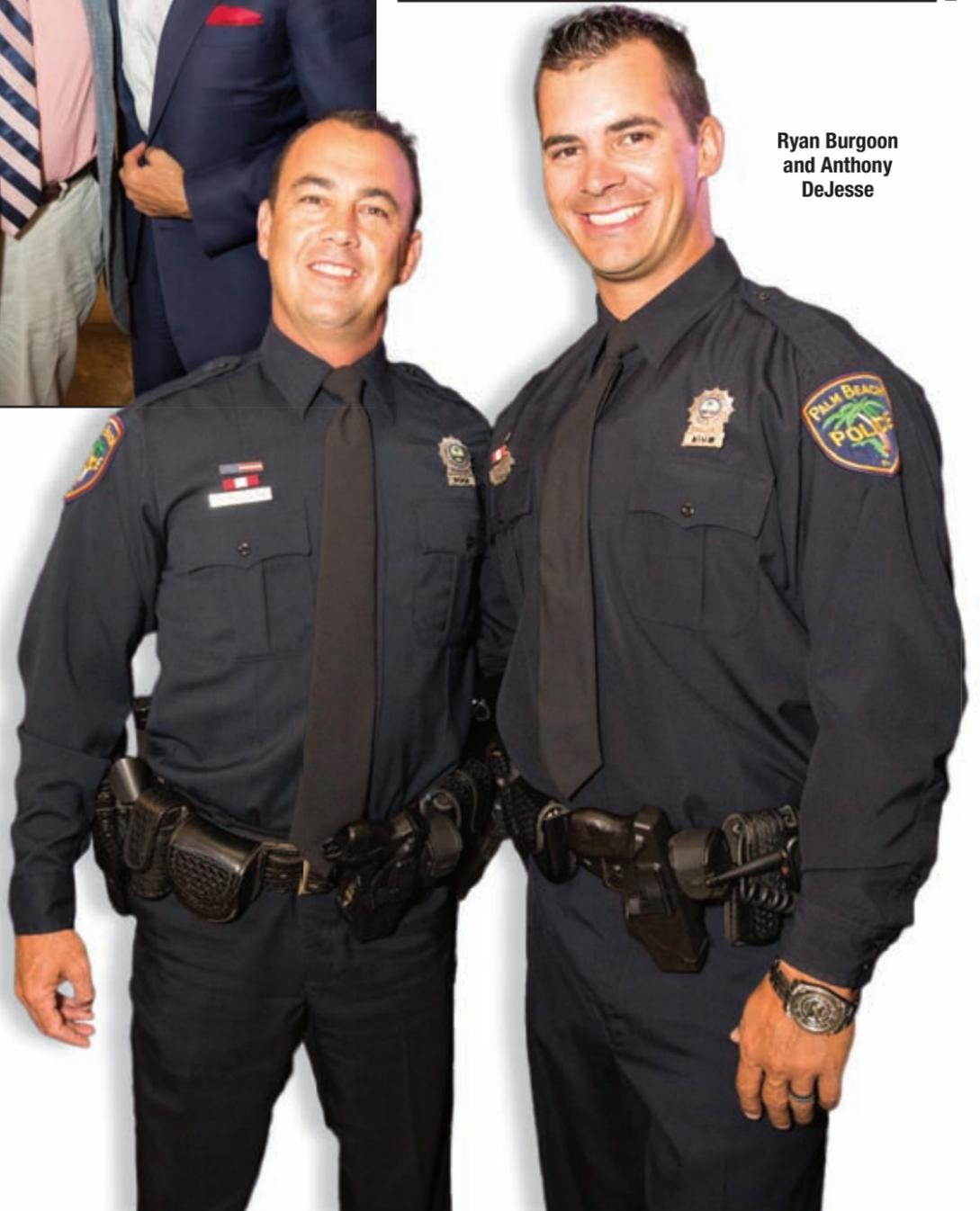
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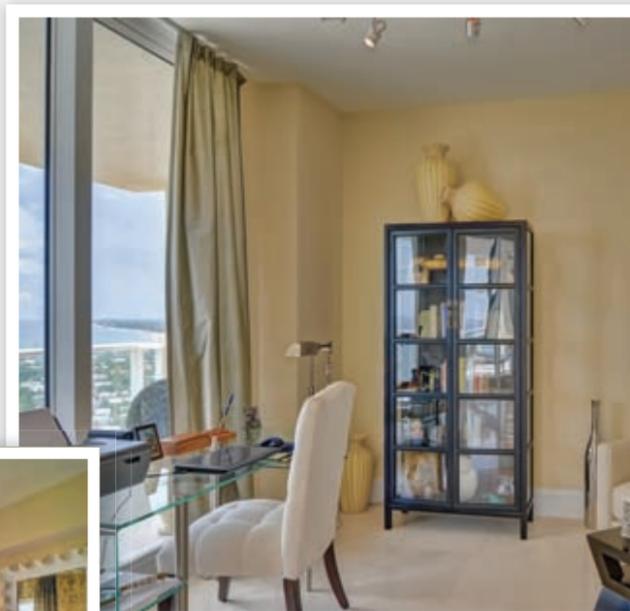
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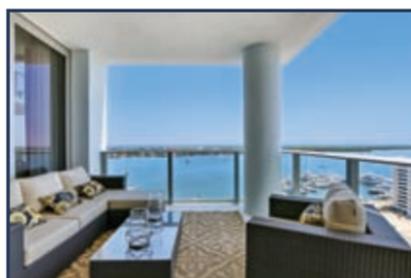
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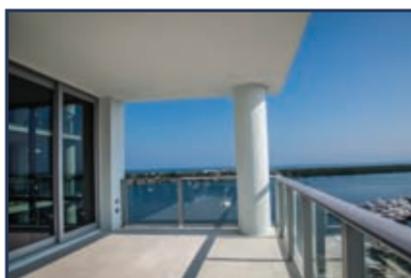
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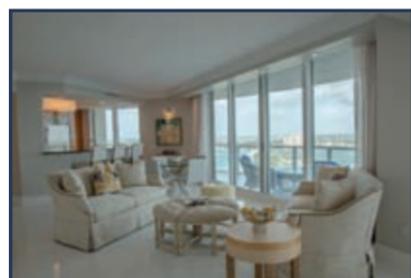
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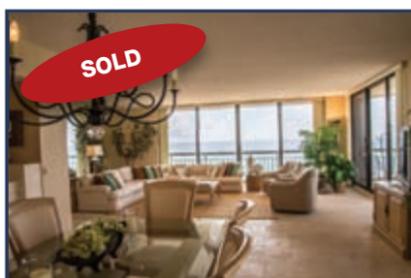
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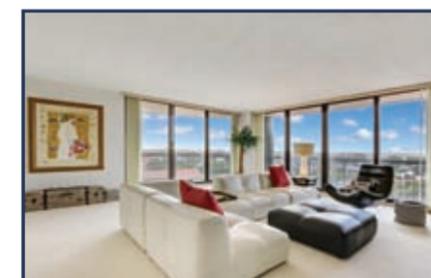
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INSIDE: Lineup of local acts at SunFest this year. **B12 ▶**



Marley Waters

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Think locally

South Florida acts take the stage at SunFest

BY BILL MEREDITH
Florida Weekly Correspondent

PRACTICALLY EVER SINCE ITS INCEPTION in 1983, SunFest has been the prime annual gig for which local performers strive. The reasons are numerous, as the 36th SunFest runs through May 6.

First, there's the kind of built-in large, captive audience they don't get at area nightclubs. Secondly, locals get the rare opportunity to



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Harlem Quartet plans trio of concerts

BY JANIS FONTAINE
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Listen up! There's a rare listening opportunity coming your way.

The renowned Harlem Quartet, featuring violinists Iimar Gavilan and Melissa White, violist Jaime Amador and cellist Felix Umansky, offers a trio of performances presented by the Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach, in conjunction with the West Palm Beach Arts and Entertainment District.

The quartet took home a Grammy Award in 2013 for Best Instrumental Composition for "Mozart Goes Dancing," written by Chick Corea and Gary Burton, but it's just one of the many



The Harlem Quartet will play a concert May 7 at the Rosarian Academy. The group also will perform shows May 6 at the Brightline Station and May 10 at the Blind Monk.

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HAPPENINGS



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Country singer Eli Mosely plays Clematis by Night on May 10.

West Palm plans fairy tale summer events

BY JANIS FONTAINE
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Over the last several years, the city of West Palm Beach has brought a dynamic and entertaining art installation to the Waterfront to celebrate our long, hot summers. For this year's summer art installation, visitors will find 15 child-size playhouses — the Fairy Tale Playhouses — on the Great Lawn in downtown West Palm Beach beginning June 7.

This industrious project is happening thanks to a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County, whose mission is to build simple, decent and affordable housing. The playhouses are designed to draw attention to the need for affordable housing in Palm Beach County and around the world.

The 15 nonprofits that will sponsor the houses have just been announced. Working alongside Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County are Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches Inc.; Autism Speaks; Children Seen and Heard; Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County; Palm Beach Habilitation Center; Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League; Police Athletic League of West Palm Beach; Take Heed Theater Company; Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County; The Arc of Palm Beach County; The Lord's Place, Inc.; United Way of Palm Beach County; Urban Youth Impact; and Vita Nova, Inc.

The houses will be transformed by local artists to illustrate beloved fairy tales, like "Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox," "The Boy and the Dragon," and "Rapunzel." The local artists who agreed to take on this challenge include Steve Brouse, Marcos Conde, Sylvain Copon, Jason Fleurant, Freddy Hennevelt, William Joyner, Jr., Batia Lowenberg, Grace McGann, Craig McInnis, Erick Marquez, Mayling Marquez, Melissa Mastrangelo, Frank

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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

A find that opens memories of a special place in time



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Royal palms line Bacom Point Road into Pahokee.

There are two ways you can tell when you're in the Glades.

During the winter, the air hangs thick with the smoke of sugarcane fires and the sickeningly sweet scent of the bagasse mulling at the mill.

But in the summer, it begins with the lovebugs.

It used to be that as you drove out of LaBelle and neared U.S. 27, you'd hear the first "thwack." Then another. And another.

Until, finally, the whole front of your car was coated with the sticky residue of the amorous insects, whose final climax had met an untimely end on your grill or windshield.

Those things are the same.

But for those of us who came of age in South Florida in the 1960s and '70s, much has changed.

My great-grandparents, Grandmother Dorothy and Aunt Cleo first came to Pahokee and Canal Point from southern Georgia in 1923.

At the time, there were no roads to the Glades, so they would have taken the train to West Palm Beach, walked down Tamarind Avenue to the turning basin of the Spur Canal near where Howard Park and the Kravis Center now stand and been ferried along the Palm

Beach Canal to another world at the northern tip of the Everglades.

The rest of the family came to visit. Cousin Douglas Thompson later said he visited and wrote home to his daddy that you could plow a straight line as far as the eye could see. The land was so flat there was no need for terracing.

The 40 years or so that followed were the heyday of the middle-class truck farmer, who worked his fields, but lived in town. That era ended about 40 years ago, as the last of the old-time farmers retired and sold out, and big sugar and corporate farmers took over.

Everyone knew everyone else in these small towns, where folks looked after

each other. My grandmother said she never worried about my dad — all she needed to do was ask and invariably someone knew exactly where he was and what he was up to.

But all that has changed as the upper and middle classes of the Glades have shrunk away, leaving a cluster of towns that grapple with an unemployment rate that hovers somewhere around 40 percent, and brings with it poverty.

But there is splendor amid the decay.

I see great beauty as the shadows grow long over the abandoned Pahokee High School building, where my grandfather weathered the 1928 hurricane. And the big houses along Bacom Point Road remain elegant holdouts in a town that has seen better days.

The rows of royal palm trees still line the entry to the city and beckon one to enter what was and what is Pahokee, the city whose name means "grassy waters."

I stop, breathe deeply and listen.

They seem to whisper, "Welcome."

Don't miss:

West Palm Beach Antiques Festival — May 4-6 South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 4 (early buyer is noon-5 p.m.), 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 5 and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 6. Tickets: \$8 general admission, \$12 two-day pass and \$25 VIP, with early buyer and three-day pass. Info: 941-697-7475 or www.wpbaf.com. ■

THE FIND:

A can opener from Pahokee

My friend Janice Lowder, who owns a thrift shop in West Palm Beach, knew I'd get a kick out of this can opener from Pahokee, the longtime home of my dad's family and the town where I was born.

It's funny how something as basic as this can opener can stir memories of a place and time.

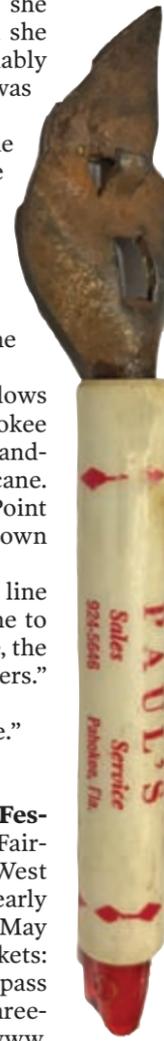
Paul's, a tire and automotive shop, stood near the old high school in Pahokee on the north side of the downtown core. The Elks, the KFC and the A&P all were nearby.

The Sasser family owned it for many years; the owners' son, J.P. Sasser, the former mayor of Pahokee, runs an auto body shop in Belle Glade.

As a collector piece, the piece is not worth much — a couple of dollars, maybe.

But it stirs memories of a time when my birthplace was a thriving little hub of commerce along the shore of Lake Okechobee.

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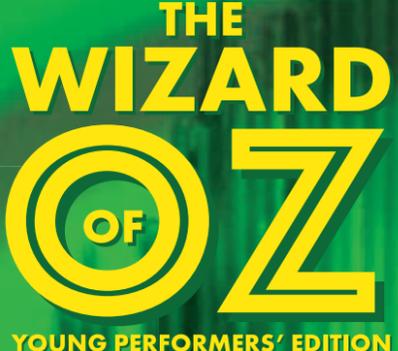

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ANTIQUES

Antique sprinklers anything but all wet as collectibles

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

Lawn sprinklers could not be used before the first water distribution systems were invented in the 1870s. The new ways to distribute water through underground pipes were used by public buildings, then private water tanks. Farms, public landscapes and public parks were the next to install the systems. So by the 1880s, there was a way to use a sprinkler. At first, a plain metal piece with holes was screwed on a hose. Water sprinkled out of the holes. But by the 1890s, some clever companies started making decorative figural iron sprinklers to be used in a private yard. There were sprinklers shaped like monkeys, frogs, ducks, alligators, turtles, a two-faced man and even a mermaid. At a recent auction a two-sided mermaid sprinkler sold for \$2,040. Some experts say only about 18 different characters were used as iron sprinkler figures, although at least six companies made them. Most unusual probably is the 30-inch high cowboy who spins a lasso flinging water on the grass. It is thought that fewer than 100 were made. If iron sprinklers are too pricey to collect, look for the colorful Bakelite examples that are not figural made in the 1940s and '50s. They often are found at garage sales.

Q: What kind of dishes would my ancestors have used? Pewter? Wood? Porcelain?

A: Dishes used for dinner were made of wood before the 16th century. Then thick ceramics like stoneware were used. It was easier to clean. The Chinese were making thin porcelain dishes from the 1st century to the 21st century, and thick pewter plates and pottery dishes were popular in the United States by the 1700s. It also was possible for the rich to

order Chinese export porcelain that was delivered by ship in about a year. By the 19th century, all these wares were being made in Europe, China and the United States. In 1945, plastic dishes were sold in a few department stores, although they had been tested by the armed forces since 1940. But by 1948, plastic dishes were often considered the "best" dishes and were used for company. At least 20 companies were making plastic dinnerware. Best were the sets made of Beetle or Melamine plastic by companies like Brookpark or Boontonware. Cheap copies were made, popularity went down, and by the 1960s, plastic dishes were suitable for picnics - not major entertaining.

Q: I have two ship's lanterns that appear to be copper and brass. One has green glass and one has red glass. They are 18 inches high and have a rounded handle, and still have the oil burners inside. The green one has a label shaped like a crown and reads, "By appointment to the Admiralty and Board of Trade, Nunn Patent Trade Mark, Army & Navy, Lamp Signal & Binnacle Works, London Docks." The red one has an oval label that reads, "Griffiths and Browett, Birmingham." Can you tell me anything about them and their possible worth?

A: Ships use red and green lanterns to indicate "port" (left) and "starboard" (right) sides of the ship to prevent collisions when passing other ships. Ships traveling toward each other always pass on the port side. W. Nunn was appointed lamp manufacturer to the Admiralty and Board of Trade. He patented a convertible lamp, which combined port, starboard, masthead and anchor lights about 1863. Griffiths & Browett were iron and tinplate workers, in business from the 1860s until the early 1900s. They were contractors to the British Admiralty and War Departments in 1903 and made brass and copper goods. Your pair is really two single lanterns "married" to make a pair. The lanterns were made by two different companies. A single ship's lantern sells for \$150 to \$300. ■

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It took \$2,040 to buy this painted antique sprinkler at an auction.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY 5/3

SunFest — Through May 6, along Flagler Drive, downtown West Palm Beach. 561-659-5980; 800-SUNFEST; www.sunfest.com.

Art After Dark — 5-9 p.m. May 3, Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Spotlight talks, tours. 561-832-5196; www.norton.org.

Clematis by Night — NO CBN. SUNFEST!

“Time Step” — Through May 6, Stage Door Theatre, 8036 W. Sample Road, Margate. Award-winning director/choreographer Kevin Black’s newest creation, with musical direction by Ben Bagby. Tickets: \$48. 954-344-7765 / www.stagedoorfl.org

FRIDAY 5/4

Rally for the Cure — 10 a.m.-1 p.m. May 4, Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center, 5110 117th Court N., Palm Beach Gardens. A fun, ability-based, change-partner doubles round-robin, followed by a festive lunch courtesy of Chef Chris Paul. Register in advance. \$20 (by check payable to “Komen South Florida”). Nonplayer donations will be gratefully accepted. Proceeds are spent locally. 561-775-8277 or email recinfo@pbgfl.com.

Star Wars Day at Kapow Noodle Bar — 4-11:30 p.m. May 4, 519 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Featuring “Star Wars” cosplay, prize giveaways, and the original trilogy playing on repeat in the background and “Star Wars”-themed cocktails. 561-246-3827.

SATURDAY 5/5

Tennis “Fiesta” — 1-3 p.m. May 5, Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center, 5110 117th Court North. Tennis Center professional Kim Franklin will direct, while other members of the USPTA-certified staff will assist. Several courts will be running, with families assigned according to their stage of tennis development. Emphasis will be on enjoyment and the development of basic tennis skills in a family group. Beginners, both adult and youth, are encouraged to attend. \$10 per family, includes food and refreshments. Register in advance at 561-775-8277.

SUNDAY 5/6

Free Tai Chi — 8-9 a.m. Sundays through May 6, Veterans Plaza Amphitheater, 10500 N. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens. Anyone younger than 16 must be accompanied by a parent. Info: 561-630-1100 or email recinfo@pbgfl.com.

“Why Courts Matter” brunch — 1-3 p.m. May 6, Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd., Lake Worth. The special guest speaker at this brunch is Ellen Freidin, who will discuss Federal court judicial qualifications. Tickets: \$40. RSVP at www.lwvpbc.org or 561-968-4123.

Harlem Quartet — 2:30 p.m. May 6, at the Brightline Station, 501 Evernia St., West Palm Beach. Presented by the Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach, in conjunction with the West Palm Beach Arts and Entertainment District. Free. 561-379-6773 or visit www.cmspb.org.

MONDAY 5/7

Young Artist Series — Harlem Quartet — 7 p.m. May 7, Rosarian Academy, 807 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. 561-379-6773; www.cmspb.org.

TUESDAY 5/8

The 10th Anniversary of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area — 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 8, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum, 500 Captain Armour’s Way, Jupiter. Celebrate this important rare federal designation that protects the unique 120-acre property. Coffee and cookies will be served at the Lighthouse deck. \$10 adults, free for children. RSVP at www.jupiterlighthouse.org

Calling All Artists — 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Plein air artists and photographers are invited to bring their cameras and materials to capture the Jewel of Jupiter and its surroundings.

Learn to Fish — 1-5 p.m. The team from Fishingcommunities.org will be on site with fishing reels and equipment to teach children of all ages and abilities how to fish.

WEDNESDAY 5/9

The Grand Reopening of the Children’s and Teen Room — 2-3:30 p.m. May 9, North Palm Beach Library, 303 Anchorage Drive, North Palm Beach. A ribbon cutting, crafts and refreshments. Hosted by the Friends of the North Palm Beach Library. New members welcomed. 561-841-3383; www.village-npb.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

World’s Largest Hitting Frenzy — 8:30-10:30 a.m. May 10, Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center, 5110 117th Court N. A program of drills and games conducted by Tennis Center professionals on courts with 6-12 players. Fee: \$24 residents and \$30 nonresidents. Register in advance at 561-775-8277.

Clematis by Night — 6-9 p.m. Thursday, West Palm Beach Waterfront, West Palm Beach. Music, food, drink, vendors and a sunset. Info: www.clematisbynight.net.

■ **May 10:** Eli Mosley

■ **May 17:** Wonderama

■ **May 24:** Paul Anthony & The Reggae Souljahs

■ **May 31:** The Goodnicks

Harlem Quartet — 6 p.m. May 10, The Blind Monk, 410 Evernia St., West Palm Beach. Featuring violinists Ilmar Gavilan and Melissa White, violist Jaime Amador, and cellist Felix Umansky, presented by the Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach, in conjunction with the West Palm Beach Arts and Entertainment District. Tickets are \$45, which includes beer, wine and hors d’oeuvres. Seating is limited. 561-379-6773 or visit cmspb.org

The Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County’s Spotlight Concert — May 11, Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 561-281-8600; www.yopbc.org.

AT CORAL SKY

Coral Sky Amphitheatre, 601-7 Sansbury Way, West Palm Beach. 561-795-8883; www.westpalmbeachamphitheatre.com or www.livenation.com.

Lynyrd Skynyrd: Last of the Street Survivors Tour — May 4.

Alan Jackson: Honky Tonk Highway Tour 2018 — May 12.

Steely Dan With The Doobie Brothers: The Summer Of Living Dangerously — May 17.

Top Dawg Entertainment: The Championship Tour — May 23.

Kenny Chesney: Trip Around the Sun Tour — May 24.

John Fogerty and ZZ Top: Blues And Bayous Tour — June 3.

Luke Bryan: What Makes You Country Tour 2018 — June 21.

Weezer / Pixies — June 22.

Thirty Seconds To Mars — June 29.

Chris Brown Presents: Heartbreak On A Full Moon Tour — July 5.

Chicago / REO Speedwagon — July 20.

Dave Matthews Band — July 27-28.

AT DRAMAWORKS

Palm Beach Dramaworks, Ann & Don Brown Theatre, 201 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. 561-514-4042, Ext. 1; www.pbdramaworks.org.

Mainstage Productions:

■ **“Equus”** — May 16-June 3. A psychiatrist attempts to treat a young man who has a troubling obsession with horses, by Peter Shaffer.

Dramawise — A three-part opportunity to talk theater with others who are fascinated by the characters, themes, social relevance, and points of view. Act 1 features a revealing discussion of the play and playwright. The intermission and lunch at a local restaurant. Act 2 is an informative discussion with our production team. Three parts: \$50 members, \$60 nonmembers. Intermission and Act 2: \$40 members, \$45 nonmembers. Act 2 only: \$15 members. \$20 members.

■ **“Equus”** — May 17.

AT DREYFOOS

Dreyfoos School of The Arts — 501 S. Sapodilla Ave., West Palm Beach. 561-802-6000; www.soafi.org/events.

Theatre Senior Showcase — May 4, Brandt Black Box

Senior Dance Concert — May 5, Brandt Black Box

Theatre Senior Showcase — May 5, Brandt Black Box

Chorus Concert — May 11, Meyer Hall.

Theatre Directing Showcase — May 11-12, Brandt Black Box

Band Concert — May 12, Meyer Hall.

AT THE EISSEY

The Eissey Theatre, Palm Beach State College, 3160 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens. 561-207-5900; www.eisseycampus theatre.org.

Ballet Palm Beach presents “A Midsummer’s Night Dream and Other Works” — May 4-6

Symphonic Band of the Palm Beaches presents “Americana” — May 18

Indian River POPS Orchestra presents “Remembering America’s Heroes” — May 26

AT THE GARDENS

The Gardens Mall, 3101 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens. 561-775-7750; www.thegardensmall.com

Kendra Scott’s Mother’s Day promotion — 10 a.m.-1 p.m. May 5, Kendra Scott, on the lower level near Nordstrom Court. An in-store, wrap-up party to help shoppers pick the perfect gift for Mother’s Day (May 13, 2018), and 20 percent of all sales will be donated to Clinics Can Help. Enjoy light bites and nonalcoholic beverages. RSVP to Maureen Ashe, director of community outreach, Clinics Can Help, 561-640-2995; Maureen@clinicscanhelp.org.

How To Improve Your Bone Health — 8:30 a.m. May 8. Featuring Judy Dellosa, manager of the Orthopedic Navigation and Accreditation, will give tips on how to improve your bone health. Refreshments. To RSVP, contact Kaci Hanner at khanner@thegardensmall.com or call 561-622-2115.

AT HARBOURSIDE PLACE

Harbourside Place, 200 U.S. 1, Jupiter. Info: 561-935-9533; www.harboursideplace.com

Live Music on the Waterfront — 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Waterfront Market at Harbourside Place — 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays, year-round.

AT THE KELSEY

The Kelsey Theater, 700 Park Ave., Lake Park. Info: 561-328-7481; www.thekelseytheater.com or www.holdmyticket.com.

Red Wanting Blue — May 5.

The Firewater Tent Revival & The String Assassins — May 10

The Fourth Anniversary Block Party — May 12

AT THE KRAVIS

Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Info: 561-832-7469; www.kravis.org.

Kravis On Broadway:

“Something Rotten” — May 1-6.

Family Fare

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia: “Rainbow Fish” — May 5.

AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

Jupiter Lighthouse and Museum, Lighthouse Park, 500 Captain Armour’s Way, Jupiter. 561-747-8380, Ext. 101; www.jupiterlighthouse.org.

Lighthouse Story Time & Crafts for Kids — 10:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For ages 8 and younger. Bring a mat to sit on. Free, but reservations are required. Next meeting: June.

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Twilight Yoga at the Light — 6-7 p.m. May 7. By donation. Mary Veal, Kula Yoga Shala, leads.

Hike Through History — 8:30-10:30 a.m. the first Saturday of the month. Discover the topography and natural history of Jupiter's National Conservation Lands historic site on this 2-mile trek. Free, but RSVP required. Next hike: May 5.

Lighthouse Book Club — 6-7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month. Join the museum staff in book discussions on all things Florida. The complete book list is available online. Donation requested. RSVP. Next club: May 2

AT THE MALTZ

Maltz Jupiter Theatre, 1001 E. Indian-town Road, Jupiter. 561-575-2223; www.jupitertheatre.org.

Conservatory Productions:

■ **"Disney MULAN JR."** — May 5-6. An action-packed story and tons of hit songs. Tickets: \$20 students. \$25 adults.

AT THE JCC

The Mandel JCC, 5221 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens. Info: 561-689-7700; www.jcconline.com/pbg.

Ongoing:

Adult Pickleball: 9-11 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. \$15 members, \$18 guests, monthly. \$3 drop-in.

Duplicate Bridge: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. \$9 members; \$11 guests.

Bridge: Improve Bidding, Declarer Play and Defense: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday (ongoing). \$10 class.

Bridge: Beginner/ Advanced Beginner Supervised Improve Your Play of the Hand: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday. \$13 members; \$15 guests.

Adult Fencing: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Age 14 and older. Four classes: \$80 members; \$90 guests.

Bridge: Intermediate Class: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday. \$13 members; \$15 guests.

AT MIZNER PARK

Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 561-393-7984; myboca.us/pages/mizneramph

Eddie Money, Blue Oyster Cult, Foghat & The Livesays — 6 p.m. May 12.

Lotos Music Fest Ft. Cypress Hill, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, + More — 4 p.m. May 27.

Memorial Day Concert — 6 p.m. May 28.

3 Doors Down & Collective Soul with Special Guest Soul Asylum — 7 p.m. July 10.

AT MOUNTS

Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Info: 561-233-1737; www.mounts.org.

Beautify Your Garden with South Florida Native Plants — 10-11:30 a.m. May 6, Mounts Exhibit Hall A. Jeff Nurge, Florida Native Gardening & Native Choice Nursery, will teach. \$15

members; \$20 nonmembers.

The 14th Annual Connoisseurs Garden Tour — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. May 12 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 13. Tour a variety of private gardens at your own pace on this self-guided tour. \$25 members; \$35 nonmembers. Info: www.mounts.org/events.

AT PGA ARTS CENTER

PGA Arts Center, 4076 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens. www.pgaarts.com and www.ticketor.com/pgaaartscenter/

Doors Alive — May 5. A Doors tribute band

An Evening with the Long Run — May 11. A tribute to the Eagles.

AT THE PLAYHOUSE

The Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Info: 561-586-6410; www.lakeworthplayhouse.org.

Black Box Series — All shows \$23.

■ **"Bent," by Martin Sherman** — Through May 6.

Screenings in the Stonzek Theatre — 561-296-9382.

■ **"Double Lover"** — Through May 3.

■ **"Death of Stalin"** — May 4-10.

■ **"Zama"** — May 4-10

AT THE IMPROV

Palm Beach Improv at CityPlace, 550 S. Rosemary Ave., Suite 250, West Palm Beach. Info: 561-833-1812; www.palmbeachimprov.com

Chad Prather — May 3

Tommy Davidson — May 4-6

Wanda Sykes — May 11-12

Whitney Cummings — May 17-19

AT THE SCIENCE CENTER

The South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Park Road, West Palm Beach. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Info: 561-832-1988; www.sfsciencecenter.org.

Silver Science Days — 2-5 p.m. the second Wednesday. Guests 60 and older can enjoy an afternoon of science designed just for them. \$10.

GEMS Club @ STEM Studio Jupiter — 5-7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the STEM Studio; 112 Main St., Jupiter. Girls in grades 3-8 explore the worlds of math, science, engineering and technology. \$10 fee includes dinner and refreshments. Pre-register at www.sfsciencecenter.org/stem-studio-gems.

LIVE MUSIC

American Airlines Arena — 601 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. 786-777-1000; www.aaarena.com

■ **Martin Lawrence** — May 11

■ **Justin Timberlake** — May 18

BB&T Center — 1 Panther Park-

■ **Lynyrd Skynyrd: Last of the Street Survivors Tour** — May 4, Coral Sky Amphitheatre. 561-795-8883; www.westpalmbeachamphitheatre.com or www.livenation.com

■ **Tommy Davidson** — May 4-6, Palm Beach Improv at CityPlace. 561-833-1812; www.palmbeachimprov.com

■ **"Behold, A New Eden: Laura Woodward and the Creation of Palm Beach"** — Through May 20, the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. 561-832-5328; www.ansg.org

■ **"Bent," by Martin Sherman** — Through May 6, Lake Worth Playhouse. 561-586-6410; www.lakeworthplayhouse.org

way. Sunrise. Tickets available through Ticketmaster. 800-745-3000; www.the-bbtcenter.com

■ **James Taylor with Bonnie Raitt** — May 11

■ **Justin Timberlake** — May 19

■ **Shania Now** — June 1

The Colony Hotel — 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach 561-659-8100 or 561-655-5430; www.thecolonypalmbeach.com.

■ **Motown Fridays with Memory Lane** — 9 p.m. to midnight.

■ **After Party with Raquel Williams** — 9 p.m. to midnight.

Hard Rock Live — 5747 Seminole Way, Hollywood 866-502-7529; www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com.

■ **Fifth Harmony** — May 11

■ **Dane Cook** — May 12

■ **Kenny Loggins** — May 15

■ **The Arts Garage** — 180 NE First St., Delray Beach. 561-450-6357; www.artsgarage.org.

■ **Leon Foster Thomas Quintet with Special guest Mino Cinelu** — May 4

■ **Huntertones** — May 5

■ **Lucas Apostoleris Quintet** — May 6

■ **SHINE** — May 8

■ **JM & The Sweets** — May 11

■ **Chino Nunez & Orchestra "A Latin Music Journey"** — May 12

■ **Mac Arnold & Plate Full O' Blues** — May 13

Guanabanas — 960 N. A1A, Jupiter. Info: 747-8878; www.guanabanas.com

■ **Latin Noche: Electric Piquete and Elastic Bond** — May 19.

Respectable Street Café — 518 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Info: 561-

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832-9999; www.sub-culture.org/respectables.

Voltaire — 526 Clematis St., West Palm Beach, above Lost Weekend. 561-408-5603.

ONGOING

The Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens — 2051 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 seniors 65+, \$7 for students, free for members and younger than age 5. Info: 561-832-5328; www.ansg.org

■ **“Behold, A New Eden: Laura Woodward and the Creation of Palm Beach”** — Through May 20.

APBC Art on Park Gallery — 800 Park Ave., Lake Park. Info: 561-345-2842; www.artistsofpalmbeachcounty.com.

■ **Still Life 2018 - Images of Posed Objects** — Through May 18. Opening reception 5-8 p.m. May 4.

■ **Class:** Acrylic painting with Irma Friedman — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Learn your own personal style. Reservations required. Fee. 561-632-6401.

■ **Classes from Marsha Bhagwansingh** — 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Classes in drawing, painting and calligraphy. Reservations required. Fee. 561-507-4527.

The Armory Art Center — 1700 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach. 561-832-1776; www.armoryart.org.

■ **Florida Atlantic University MFA Candidates' Exhibition: May 5** — June 1, Montgomery Hall. Opening reception: 6 p.m. May 4.

The Audubon Society — Bird walk info: asetripinfo@gmail.com; 508-296-0238. www.auduboneverglades.org.

■ **Monthly meeting** — 6:30 p.m. May 1 in rooms 101 and 102 at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 Summit Blvd., east of Jog Road, West Palm Beach. Dr. Jerome H. Lorenz will talk about the plight of the roseate spoonbill as its habitat is slowly degraded by development.

Bird Walks:

■ **STA-1E** — 7 a.m.-noon May 5. Driving tour. No walking required. Advance registration required. See website calendar for details. Coordinated by Rick Schofield.

■ **Snook Islands** — 9-11 a.m. May 6, Lucerne Ave. adjacent to Bryant Park, Lake Worth. Boardwalk or paved level surface; less than 1 mile. Family friendly and handicapped accessible. Leader: Gael Silverblatt.

■ **Pelagic Birding** — 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Easy. Viewing is mainly from boat. Advance registration required and there is an associated cost; see website for details. Leader: Rick Schofield.

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■ **Members Only Field Trip to the WMODA** — 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 17.

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■ **Walking Art Tour** — 9-11 a.m. May 8 and 15, and 3-5 p.m. May 12 and 19. Explore the art installations and murals on this 90-minute guided walking tour which ends with refreshments and appetizers at Hilton West Palm Beach. Bring your dog on May 8 only for National Pet Week. Get tickets at www.eventbrite.com

■ **The 4th Annual CityPlace Job Fair** — 3:30-6 p.m. May 9. On-site recruiting by local West Palm Beach employers. All job seekers are welcome: full-time, part-time, weekends, sales, management, etc. For more information, please visit www.cityplace.com/events/cityplace-job-fair.

■ **Wellness Wednesday: Meditation** — 7-8 p.m. May 9. Meditation expert Matt Cardone coaches you through various breathing and mindfulness techniques. DJ Adam Lipson will perform beats to assist in relaxation.

■ **Budgets Made Easy by Capital One Café** — 2-3 p.m. May 10. A free informational session on budgets.

■ **TGIFamily: Ma & Paw** — 5:30-10:30 p.m. May 11. Celebrate National Pet Week and Mother's Day with entertainment and activities.

■ **Music and Painting at Brother Jimmy's** — 9 p.m. May 11. An immersive art performance with live painting by Emmanuel Gonzales and live music by Marcus Solo.

■ **Psychology of Spending by Capital One Café** — 4-5 p.m. May 12 and noon-1 p.m. May 15. Learn your “money personality” and its impact on your attitudes, relationship with money and spending habits. Free.

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The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County — 601 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Info: 561-471-2901; www.palmbeachculture.com.

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Downtown at the Gardens — 11701 Lake Victoria Gardens Ave., Palm Beach Gardens. 561-340-1600; www.downtownatthegardens.com.

Friday concerts: 6-9 p.m. Free.

■ **May 4:** Altered Roots

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■ **May 18:** The Other Guys

■ **May 25:** Casey Raines

The Flagler Museum — One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: free for members; \$18 adults, \$10 youth (13-17) with adult; \$3 child (6-12) with adult; younger than 6 free. 561-655-2833; www.flaglermuseum.us.

■ **Mother's Day** — May 12-13

■ **Founder's Day** — June 5

■ **Independence Day Celebration** — July 4

■ **Grandparents Day** — Sept. 9

GardensArt — A city of Palm Beach Gardens Art in Public Places, various locations. 561-630-1100 or visit www.pbgreg.com/gardensart.

■ **“Digesting My Memories”** — A solo exhibition by artist Henriett Anri Michel on display through May 30 at Sandhill Crane Golf Clubhouse, 11401 Northlake Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens.

The Happiness Club of Palm Beach — Meets at 5 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Bice Restaurant, 313 Peruvian Ave., Palm Beach. Donation: \$20 at the door or online at www.HappinessClubPalmBeach.com.

The Historical Society of Palm Beach County's Richard and Pat Johnson History Museum — 300 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. 561-832-4164; www.hspbc.org

Exhibitions:

■ **Picturing Nam** — Through May 25.

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The Lighthouse ArtCenter — Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$5 Monday-Friday, free the first Saturday of the month and for members and exhibiting artists. Info: 561-746-3101; www.LighthouseArts.org.

■ **Exhibition: The 48th annual Kindergarten — 12th Grade Show and Sale** — Through May 25. Student artists from public and private schools from ages 5-18. Opening reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 2 for grades 6-12 and 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 3 for grades K-5.

Loggerhead Marinelife Center — 14200 U.S. 1, Juno Beach. 561-627-8280; www.marinelife.org.

Manatee Lagoon — 6000 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. The FPL Eco-Discovery Center. Info: 561-626-2833; www.visitmanateelagoon.com.

The Mandel Public Library of West Palm Beach — 411 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Info: 561-868-7701; www.wpbcitylibrary.org.

The Multilingual Language & Cultural Society — 210 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Info: 561-228-1688 or www.multilingualsociety.org.

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The Norton Museum of Art — 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Free admission. Info: 561-832-5196; www.norton.org.

■ **“Channeling Immortality”** — Through May 6.

Old School Square — 51 S. Swinton Ave. Delray Beach. 561-243-7922; www.OldSchoolSquare.org

■ **Tito Puente Jr.** — 8 p.m. May 5, Crest Theatre. Tickets: \$65/\$55.

■ **Delray Beach Craft Beer Fest** — May 11 in the Pavilion. www.DBCraftBeerFest.org

The Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society — 1301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. every day. Tickets: \$18.95 adults; \$16.95 seniors, \$12.95 age 3-12, free for younger than 3. Info: 561-533-0887; www.palmbeachzoo.org.

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The Gardens GreenMarket — 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, City Hall Municipal Complex, 10500 N. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens. Live entertainment from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. No pets. Through May 6. 630-1100; www.pbgfl.com/278/greenmarket.

Jupiter Farmers Market at El Sol — 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, year-round, 106 Military Trail, Jupiter. Info: 283-5856; www.Jupiterfarmersmarket.com.

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LATEST FILMS

'Avengers: Infinity War'



★★★★

Is it worth \$10? Yes

Since "Iron Man" in 2008, the Marvel Cinematic Universe has been using cutting-edge visual effects to tell entertaining stories on a grand scale and has billions in box office gross to show for it. Nothing, however, can prepare you for what happens in "Avengers: Infinity War," which is guaranteed to shock you.

No worries, this is a spoiler-free review. Just be prepared for anything, because stuff is about to go down. The premise has been teased and known for years: Thanos (Josh Brolin), the baddest villain in the galaxy, seeks to acquire all six Infinity Stones, which will give him absolute power in the universe. It's up to the principals of the MCU to stop him: Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Captain America (Chris Evans), Thor (Chris Hemsworth), Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), the Guardians of the Galaxy, Spider-Man (Tom Holland), Doctor Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman), and more.

Numerous supporting characters from the MCU also appear, and it's a credit to writers Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, as well as director-brothers Joe and Anthony Russo ("Captain America: Civil War"), that the 149-minute film is balanced and never rushed, with all the characters feeling prominent and necessary. The disparate storylines connect in a logical, unforced way, and the chemistry among the cast members, especially those who've never shared the screen before, is seamless. It's as if the actors have watched one another's movies and are excited to finally work together.

Expectedly, the action, visual effects and spectacle of it all are impressive, but what should not be overlooked is its humor. Spider-Man has choice pop culture references, Peter Quill (Chris Pratt) offers some good laughs, and

Downey's Tony Stark is, well, his amusing self. Here's why this is important: If the movie were all action, death and destruction, it would be joyless (you know, like DC's "Batman v. Superman"). Adding the humor and interspersing some softer colors engages the audience with warmth, and makes you like and root for the characters. Without this it would be all gloom and despair, yielding a final product dourer than it should be.

"Avengers: Infinity War" is not a great movie, but it is certainly good — a popcorn muncher that's thoroughly enjoy-



able and not at all a let down. Regarding the ending, remember this is part one of two, with the as yet untitled "Infinity War" sequel opening May 3, 2019. If you're a fan of the MCU, odds are you'll spend a good amount of time between now and then speculating what's to come, and the fact that this "Infinity War" inspires that discussion is significant in itself. Per usual, for an idea of what's next stay through the credits — there's a scene at the end you will not want to miss. ■

Did you know?

>> Fans will not have to wait long for the next MCU installment — "Ant-Man and the Wasp" opens July 6.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Rationale of good declarer play

BY STEVE BECKER

Here is a test of good technique in declarer play. Let's say you're in four hearts and West leads the queen of spades. You play low from dummy and ruff the spade continuation. How would you proceed?

The club loser is inescapable, so the problem is to avoid losing two diamond tricks, one of which must be lost in any case. Two factors are obvious. If the trumps are divided 2-2, you can make the contract by drawing them and playing the A-K and another diamond. The fourth diamond can then be ruffed in dummy if the missing diamonds are not divided 3-3.

Likewise, you will be in good shape if the diamonds are divided evenly, whether trumps are drawn early or not. So you proceed on the assumption that both suits will break badly and consider what, if anything, you can do about it.

Note that you cannot afford to test the trump situation by first drawing two rounds. If you did this and then played the A-K and another diamond, you could be defeated by a trump return, as in the actual deal.

The way to give yourself the best chance is to cash one high trump at trick three and then lead a low diamond. This gives you the maximum protection against bad breaks.

Assume the diamond is taken and a spade is returned. You ruff and cash a second round of trumps, hoping they

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	K 8 3	♠	A 10 6 4
♥	6 5 3	♥	10 7 2
♦	9 8 4	♦	Q J 10 7
♣	A 8 6 2	♣	K 9
WEST		EAST	
♠	Q J 9 5 2	♠	A 10 6 4
♥	9	♥	10 7 2
♦	5 2	♦	Q J 10 7
♣	Q 10 7 4 3	♣	K 9
SOUTH			
♠	7	♠	A K Q J 8 4
♥	A K Q J 8 4	♥	A K 6 3
♦	A K 6 3	♦	A K 6 3
♣	J 5	♣	J 5

The bidding:
South 1♥ West Pass North 1NT East Pass
4♥

Opening lead — queen of spades.

are divided 2-2. But when West shows out, you next play the A-K of diamonds, still hoping for a 3-3 break in that suit.

The diamonds don't split, but you get lucky when it turns out that East is the one with the greater length. This allows you to ruff a fourth diamond in dummy safely, and you wind up making the contract.

At no point were you sure you'd make four hearts, but at least you followed the line of play that offered the best chance of success. ■

FILM CAPSULES

I Feel Pretty ★★★½

(Amy Schumer, Michelle Williams, Tom Hopper) A woman with low self-esteem (Schumer) bangs her head and now views herself as beautiful, though she looks the same to the rest of the world. It's got a great message and will be a great for a group of girl friends to enjoy together, but it's not consistently funny for the rest of us. Rated PG-13.

Truth or Dare ★★

(Lucy Hale, Tyler Posey, Sophia Ali) College seniors enjoy spring break in Mexico, but return to school cursed to play Truth or Dare; if they don't play, they die. It's a fun idea to put real life-or-death stakes on a game so many of us have played, but the filmmakers don't do quite enough with it to keep us entertained throughout. Rated PG-13.

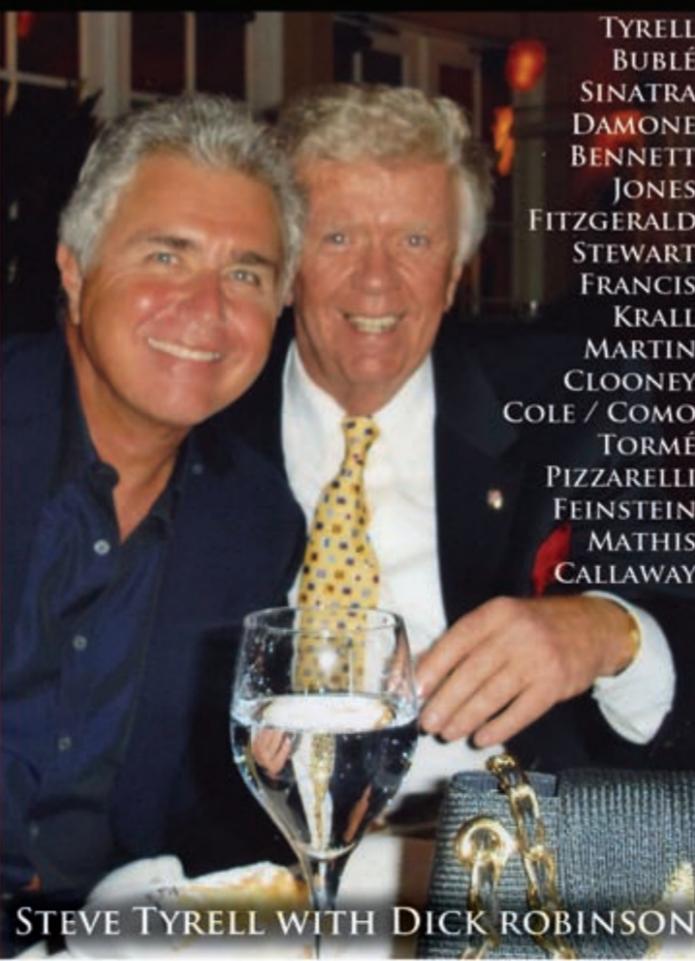
Beirut ★★★

(Jon Hamm, Rosamund Pike, Dean Norris) A U.S. diplomat (Hamm) in early '80s Beirut must negotiate the release of an old friend who's been taken hostage by terrorists. It's laborious to the point that you stop caring whether the hostage, diplomat, or anyone else comes out alive. Rated R.

Ready Player One ★★★★★

(Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke, Ben Mendelsohn) In 2045, people use avatars to search for an "Easter Egg" in a virtual reality world. The visuals and action are great in director Steven Spielberg's latest, but it's the retro pop culture references, along with the classic rock soundtrack, that make this an absolute blast. Rated PG-13. ■

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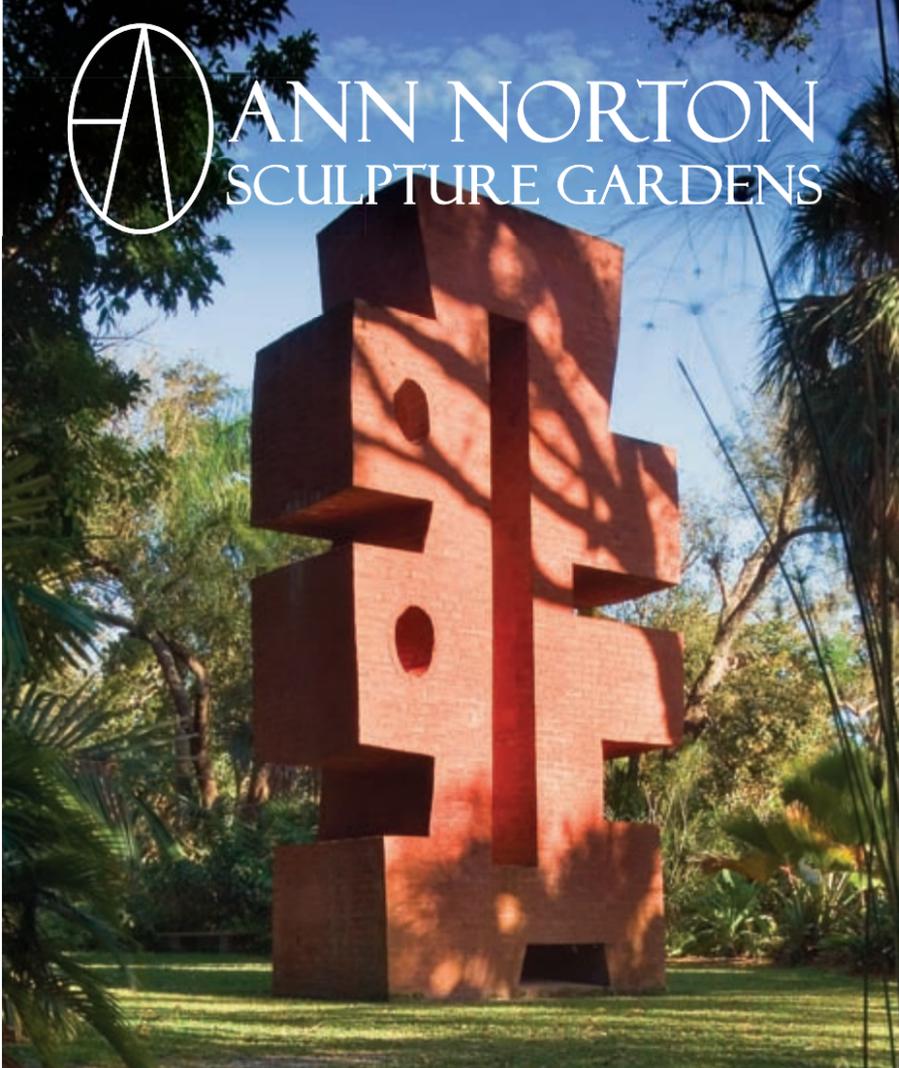
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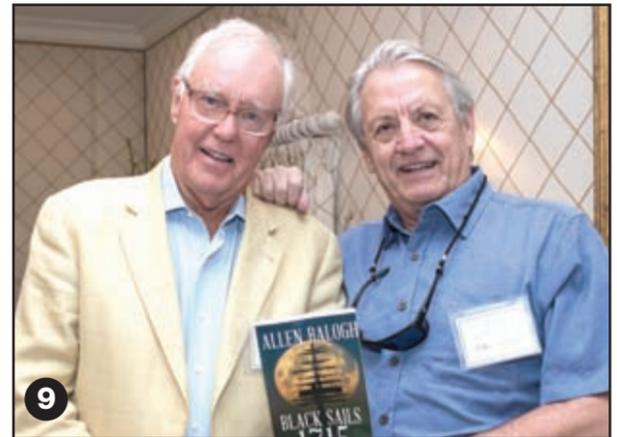
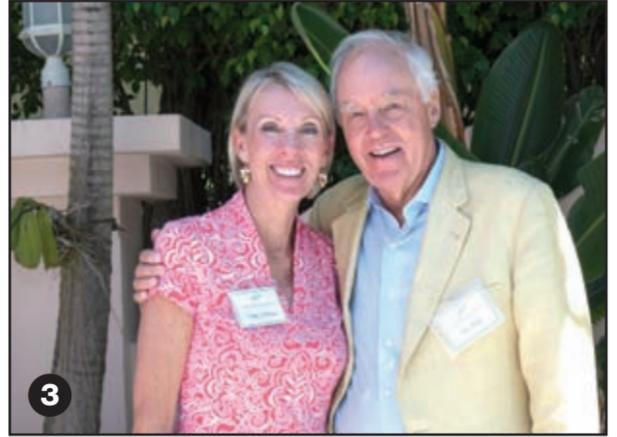
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Lily Ojea Loveland as Queen Titania with Bottom in Ballet Palm Beach's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Ballet Palm Beach finds inspiration in Shakespeare

FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF

Ballet Palm Beach closes its 2017/2018 season with a work inspired by the Bard.

It will offer the mixed bill "A Midsummer Night's Dream and Other Works" May 5-6 at Palm Beach State College's Eissey Campus Theatre.

Opening the mixed bill is George Balanchine's "Who Cares?," presented in its concert version. Set to music by George Gershwin, the ballet evokes the exuberance of New York City with romantic pas de deux, syncopated group numbers and virtuosic solos.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" turns Shakespeare's comedy of love triangles and magic into a one-act ballet, perfect for families of all ages.

Felix Mendelssohn's music beckons audiences to the Athenian woodland, where fairy capers pose hilarious results for unsuspecting mortals.

McKeely Borger plays the mischievous Puck. The bickering fairy royals, Queen Titania and King Oberon, will be danced by Lily Ojea Loveland and guest principal dancer, David Ward.

Select students from Ballet Palm Beach Academy also will be featured alongside professional company dancers.

"The academy students are excited

to go through the rehearsal and performance process with us," said Ballet Palm Beach dancer Lily Ojea Loveland. "It is important for students to gain these experiences, especially if they wish to pursue a professional career in dance."

As for the guest artist, Mr. Ward, who hails from England, trained with the English National Ballet School and went on to be a soloist at the Northern Ballet in Leeds and most recently BalletMet.

In addition to the Shakespeare and the Balanchine, Ballet Palm Beach will present works from its repertoire.

"Saint-Saëns Suite," a neoclassical work choreographed by Artistic Director Colleen Smith, aims to embody Saint-Saëns' sparkling music while showcasing the versatility and strength of the company dancers. "Space Between Words," set to music by minimalist composer Arvo Pärt, is an intricate, contemporary-styled piece by local choreographer Donna Murray.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. May 5 and 4 p.m. May 6 at Palm Beach Stage College's Eissey Campus Theatre, Palm Beach Gardens.

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SUNFEST

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play through the same massive sound systems as the international headliners surrounding them. Beyond, there are the same backstage accommodations as the touring acts; a one-day pass for the entire day on which an artist performs, and payment for one set that equals or surpasses what they would make playing a full evening at a club.

This year's local and regional artists run the gamut from pop, hip-hop and reggae to rock, bluegrass and a DJ, and may be epitomized by two disparate bands playing practically simultaneous sets on Saturday afternoon.

Opening the northern Ford Stage that day is the String Assassins, a 4-year-old, Treasure Coast-based quintet with members ranging in age from their 20s to their 60s, and best-known for bluegrass-infused interpretations of material from the Allman Brothers Band to Pink Floyd. The southern JetBlue Stage opener on Saturday is Thoughts, a 9-month-old power-pop collective of teenagers educated at area School of Rock locations that will play mostly original material from its recently released EP, "Heart It Breaks."

Further contrast lies in the fact that the String Assassins (guitarist/vocalists Mark "Mangrove" Shubert and Matt Gill, guitarist Dr. Jay Kuchera, bassist/vocalist Dennis Lasher, and 23-year-old violinist Paddy King) make their SunFest debut, while the members of Thoughts (vocalist/guitarist Ben Rothschild, bassist/vocalist Angel Leiser, and drummer/vocalist Roman Conde) already have performed at the event multiple times.

"Angel and I played SunFest in 2015 with our previous band, Jumbo Shrimp," says Mr. Rothschild, "although we'd played the kids' stage before with the School of Rock band. But you can't get your friends to come out and see you play covers on the kids' stage the way they will to see you play originals on a main stage. Angel and I left Jumbo Shrimp because we wanted to tour more than the younger members, and Thoughts has done East



COURTESY PHOTO

DJ Adam Lipson

Coast and Southeastern tours since."

The 19-year-old SunFest veteran sounds practically grizzled compared to the String Assassins' 61-year-old Mr. Shubert, who's exuberant to appear at the event for the first time.

"We're so stoked, but humbled at the same time," he says. "It'll be a high point in all of our careers."

Thoughts will blend in a cover song or two amid its original EP material, while the String Assassins will do the opposite.

"We have around six original tunes now," Mr. Shubert says. "We'll probably do three at SunFest, along with covers like the medley of Pink Floyd's 'Breathe' and 'Time,' Jimi Hendrix's 'Voodoo Child,' America's 'Ventura Highway,' and Led Zeppelin's 'Going To California,' where Paddy does some great violin playing. He's incredibly intuitive, and destined for great things."

The String Assassins' vocal harmonies, guitar interplay and unique arrangements had already made them a formidable unit for years before Mr. King more recently joined full-time. The young violinist's solos stand out, and his rhythm playing provides a percussive quality to the drum-free ensemble. Thoughts presents the classic guitar-bass-drums format, augmented at SunFest by the addition of keyboardist, trumpeter and vocalist Guido Parente for texture.

"We'll do a couple cover tunes," says Mr. Rothschild. "I'm not sure which yet, but one will definitely be Stevie Wonder's 'I Wish.'"

At a recent club appearance, Mr. Rothschild's natural baritone voice easily soared into an alto range on the funk classic by Mr. Wonder, while the animated Ms. Leiser moved around the stage like she'd been there her whole life.

who might never have heard live classical music. The foursome will budget time to perform at five local schools and for the residents at MorseLife while they're here.

First up is a 60-minute performance at the Brightline Station at 2:30 p.m. May 6, where they'll perform both jazz and classical works. This concert is free.

On May 7, the quartet performs at Rosarian Academy at 7 p.m. A program of Debussy and Schubert will be com-

QUARTET

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awards and accolades the performers have earned since they debuted in 2006. The quartet loves performing, but that's only part of its purpose. Their heartfelt mission is to bring classical music to inner-city schools to perform for kids

HAPPENINGS

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Navarrete, Missy Pierce and Renata Rodrigues.

At the end of the Summer in Paradise promotion, the houses will be auctioned, with the money benefiting the nonprofit that built the house. Between June 7 and July 26, visitors will find plenty of other reasons to visit downtown, from Clematis by Night to Sunday on the Waterfront.

For more information about "Summer in Paradise," and other waterfront events, visit wpb.org/events, call 561-822-1515 or follow the City of West Palm Beach on Facebook @CityofWPB and on Twitter and Instagram @west-palmbch.

What's up downtown?

If you're wondering what's happening downtown after they clean up after SunFest, mark your calendar for these events:

Clematis by Night returns to its usual schedule on May 10, with live music, food, drink and a sunset near the water from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays.

- **Eli Mosley** — May 10
- **Wonderama** — May 17
- **Paul Anthony & The Reggae Souljahs** — May 24
- **The Goodnicks** — May 31

Your favorite free outdoor theater beneath the stars returns to the Great Lawn on May 11. Screen on the Green will feature a make-and-take creative craft for kids, followed by a screening of the new updated "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle," starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. The fun begins at 7 p.m. The movie starts at 8 p.m. Bring your own chairs or blankets and pack a picnic dinner or pick up takeout downtown.

in the know

SunFest

>> May 3

Brothers of Others (5:15-6 p.m. on the central Tire Kingdom Stage). The rock trio of vocalist/bassist Joshua Stedman, guitarist/vocalist Vic Kingsley, and drummer/vocalist Derek Cintron has been called "the Miami Beach hotel band primed to go international." www.brothersofothers.com

Marley Waters (6-6:45 p.m. on the northern Ford Stage). A Jamaican-American singer/songwriter, Mr. Waters grew up in Boston as a Christian rapper, and also spent time in Los Angeles crafting a career that's had him rubbing shoulders with Li'l Wayne and Wyclef Jean. www.facebook.com/DJMarleyWaters

>> May 4

Hell & Hollar (5:45-6:30 p.m. on the southern jetBlue Stage). Performing heavy original rock and blues, this West Palm Beach band features guitarist/vocalist Blake Burns, bassist Johnny Dusko, drummer Nate Largent, and multi-instrumentalist Mike McCleary. www.hellandhollar.com

DJ Adam Lipson (6:45-7:30 p.m. on the Ford Stage). A Brooklyn-born DJ influenced by his father's vinyl record collection, Mr. Lipson has ascended to current residencies in Palm Beach, the Hamptons and St. Tropez. www.djadamlipson.com

>> May 5

Thoughts (1-1:45 p.m. on the jetBlue Stage). www.thoughtstheband.com

String Assassins (1:15-2 p.m. on the Ford Stage). www.thestringassassins.com

NostalJah (1:15-2 p.m. on the Tire Kingdom Stage). A Cape Coral-based reggae band, NostalJah adds hints of R&B to deliver a positive message through its "roots reggae" style. www.nostaljahmusic.com

The Captain (6:15-7 p.m. on the jetBlue Stage). California-born and South Florida-raised, The Captain grew up in a household filled with music and poetry, and uses the

influence via vocals and spoken words that are often reality-based. www.truecaptain.com

Nite Box (6:45-7:30 p.m. on the Tire Kingdom Stage). This four-piece band of area School of Rock-educated teenagers promises that no two shows are ever the same, and uses improvisation to combine elements of rock, rap, jazz, pop, and hip-hop. www.facebook.com/Niteboxofficial

Paul Anthony & the Reggae Souljahs (7-7:45 p.m. on the Ford Stage). Currently holding down a residency at the Boca Raton resort the Waldorf Astoria, this band is led by its namesake vocalist, son of singer Pat Satchmo, who toured with Bob Marley and recorded with Lee "Scratch" Perry. www.reggaesouljahs.com

>> May 6

DAFEAUXNITO (4:45-5:15 p.m. on the Tire Kingdom Stage). A hip-hop duo from West Palm Beach, DAFEAUXNITO features emcees Rodolfo Beckles and Steven DelRosario. www.facebook.com/Dafeauxnito

Battle of the Bands winner Big Sounds Better (5-5:30 p.m. on the jetBlue Stage).

SunFest executive director Paul Jamieson expressed admiration at the talent level of the festival's battle of the bands, which produced this winning sextet mixing hip-hop, rock, pop, and R&B. www.bigsoundsbetter.com

Sonali (5-5:45 p.m. on the Ford Stage).

A Floridian now based in New York City, this singer-songwriter also traded in her acoustic guitar for a more produced sound of synthesizers and drum programming after overcoming a two-year battle with Chronic Lyme Disease. www.itsmesonali.com

>> **Where:** Flagler Drive along the Intracoastal Waterway between Banyan Boulevard and Lakeview Drive, downtown West Palm Beach.

>> **Info and tickets:** (\$43-\$54, with discount two-day, four-day, youth and senior packages). 800-SUNFEST (786-3378) or www.sunfest.com.

Which, for the most part, she has. She and Mr. Rothschild's natural chemistry has been honed since the two started playing together 10 years ago with Mr. Conde at the School of Rock's North Palm Beach and Lake Worth locations — both owned by Mr. Rothschild's father, Rick Rothschild.

The "Heart It Breaks" originals showcase throwback influences — The Bea-

ties, The Who, Pink Floyd, Chic and Fleetwood Mac — all delivered with a modern twist by the trio.

"Roman is a great drummer, and he's the right fit musically and personality-wise," says Mr. Rothschild. "It's comfortable to have all the right parts. And Angel and I are great friends, and she has so much energy. So SunFest will be a blast. It always is." ■

binced with pieces by Antonia Carlos Jobim and Dizzy Gillespie. Tickets are required. They're \$30 for adults and \$5 for students.

The quartet will wrap its performances in West Palm Beach on Thursday, May 10, at the Blind Monk with a special Happy Hour performance at 6 p.m., when they'll be joined by acclaimed oboist James Austin Smith of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. You'd better have reservations if you

want to see this show. The cozy space will surely sell out, especially with this deal that includes tapas, beer and wine for \$45.

The Brightline Station is at 501 Evernia St., the Rosarian Academy is at 807 N. Flagler Drive, and the Blind Monk is at 410 Evernia St., all in West Palm Beach.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 561-379-6773 or visit www.cmspb.org. ■

Sunday on the Waterfront returns on May 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. with a tribute to two of music's most outspoken women: A double-header of Katy Perry and Gwen Stefani is planned for this free concert at the Meyer Amphitheatre, 104 Datura St., West Palm Beach.

For more information, visit www.wpb.org.

Cinco de Mayo

Local eateries want to help you celebrate with authentic food and drink. If you're looking for somewhere to raise a margarita — and who ever needed a reason for that? — here are a few options:

• **Cinco de Mayo at The Butcher Shop** — 11 a.m. May 5, 209 Sixth St., West Palm Beach. Authentic drink and food specials all day. 561-812-2336.

• **Rocco's Tacos Cinco de Mayo Block Party** — 11:30 a.m.-2 a.m. May 5, 224 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Cocktails, street food, music, giveaways. 561-650-1001; www.roccotacos.com.

• **Cinco de Mayo at Accomplice Brewery** — 5 p.m. May 5, 1023 N. Florida Mango Road, West Palm Beach. 561-568-7242; www.accomplicebrewery.com.

• **CityPlace Cinco de Mayo Fiesta** — 6-11 p.m. May 5, CityPlace Plaza, 700 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. Entertainment, dancers, art and food, \$4 tacos, \$4 empanadas and signature cocktails is a strawberry daiquiri served on a fresh cut coconut. www.cityplace.com or 561-366-1000.

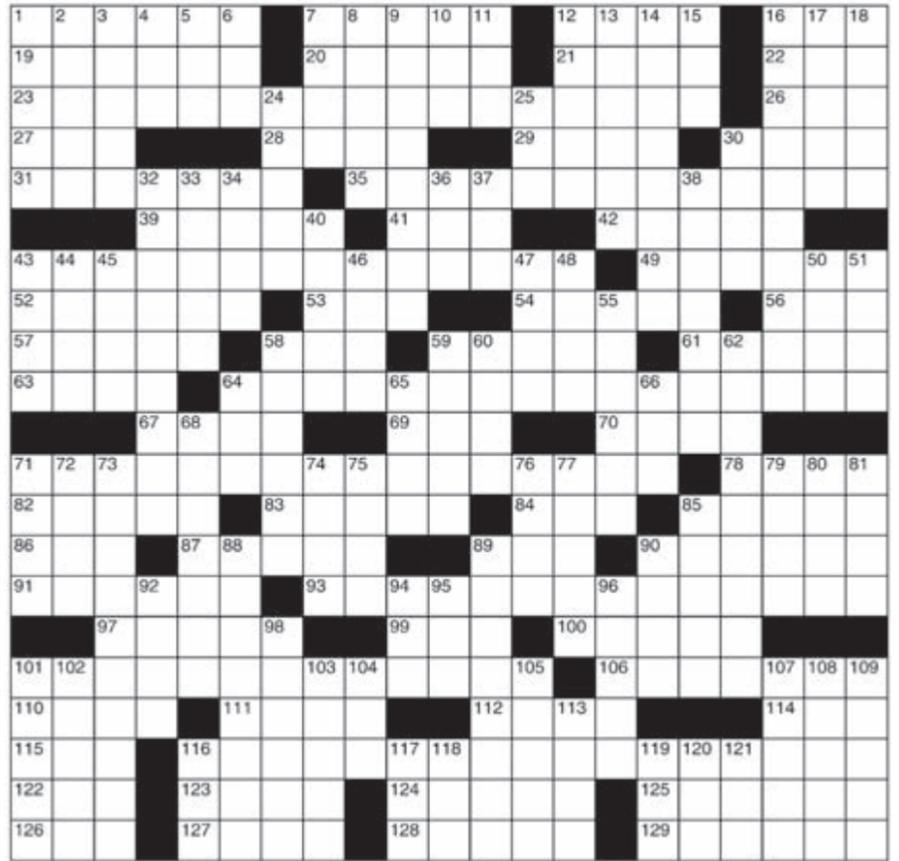
• **Cinco De Mayo Party** — Margaritas with Glitter — 7-10 p.m. May 5, Uptown Art, 510 Evernia Street, West Palm Beach. BYO tequila and they provide the margarita mixers, limes, chips and salsa. Reservations are highly recommended. \$30. 561-899-3980.

• **Cinco de Mayo Patio Party** — 11 a.m.-10 p.m. May 5, LIME Fresh Mexican Grill, 1880 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 561.323.4819; www.limefreshmexicangrill.com. ■

PUZZLES

FIRST OF THE FIFTH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Reprimand sharply
 - 7 Linguine, e.g.
 - 12 Fed. accident investigator
 - 16 Obstinate beast
 - 19 Get creative
 - 20 "I do" locale
 - 21 In — (as first found)
 - 22 A few Z's
 - 23 Big name in economics
 - 26 Cincinnati-Detroit dir.
 - 27 British pop singer Rita
 - 28 Hideous sort
 - 29 Suffix with prefer
 - 30 Smidgen
 - 31 — My Heart (Toni Braxton hit)
 - 35 Date system of ancient Yucatán natives
 - 39 Igloo dweller
 - 41 French "sea"
 - 42 Candy wafer brand
 - 43 "I'm appalled to report that ..."
 - 49 Drifted about
 - 52 Film director Nora
 - 53 Cariou of the stage
 - 54 Mill fodder
 - 56 Public radio host Glass
 - 57 Of Laos, e.g.
 - 58 Podded plant
 - 59 Inner beings
 - 61 Land — (sleep state)
 - 63 Gloater's syllable
 - 64 Aioli
 - 67 With 46-Down, genuine article
 - 69 Prefix with refundable
 - 70 Big brand of faucets
 - 71 Hot dog in a classic jingle
 - 78 Part of LSAT
 - 82 Ruckus
 - 83 Sleuths' jobs
 - 84 Abbr. for the Blue Jays
 - 85 Disorder
 - 86 Tourist's aid
 - 87 Asks for
 - 89 — jongg
 - 90 Brandy's sitcom role
 - 91 Downhill trail
 - 93 Supreme Court appointee of 2009
 - 97 Continental coins
 - 99 French "here"
 - 100 "Look — did!"
 - 101 Best Actor of 2014
 - 110 12:00 p.m.
 - 111 Injure badly
 - 112 Sprint, e.g.
 - 114 B&B, e.g.
 - 115 Certain 4x4 House resident
 - 122 Apply
 - 123 "That hurt!"
 - 124 Author Dahl
 - 125 Skin and hair care brand
 - 126 At all times, poetically
 - 127 Tennis star Arthur
 - 128 Full of foam
 - 129 5/1 festival
- DOWN**
- 1 Jewel
 - 2 Bejewel, e.g.
 - 3 Post-injury program
 - 4 Mo. neighbor
 - 5 24-hr. cash cache
 - 6 Chai, e.g.
 - 7 Hunger sign
 - 8 Make panic
 - 9 Enter like the sun's rays
 - 10 Tiny little bit
 - 11 Genesis boat
 - 12 "Bye Bye Bye" band
 - 13 Soup holder
 - 14 Winner of six Super Bowls
 - 15 Double-decker, e.g.
 - 16 What "A.D." stands for
 - 17 Gifted world traveler?
 - 18 Javelin
 - 24 L'il Abner's surname
 - 25 Nighttime, poetically
 - 30 Old Peru native
 - 32 Three cheers?
 - 33 NBAer
 - 34 Long time period
 - 36 "Certainly"
 - 37 Elbow site
 - 38 Zone between biomes
 - 40 Actress Liv
 - 43 Cruel
 - 44 "— -daisy!"
 - 45 — Pet (novelty gift)
 - 46 See 67-Across
 - 47 Spanish "water"
 - 48 Once every 12 mos.
 - 50 Greek Cupid
 - 51 Miami-County
 - 55 Chemical relative
 - 58 King's home
 - 59 Garbage boats
 - 60 1980s Dodge
 - 62 Strike at something but not hit it
 - 64 Shapely leg, informally
 - 65 Regarding
 - 66 Neither here — there
 - 68 Effacement
 - 71 Resistor units
 - 72 Drench
 - 73 Saved with the same filename, say
 - 74 Tibetan oxen
 - 75 Canadian gas name
 - 76 Guesses at LAX
 - 77 Not at all, in dialect
 - 79 Effortless
 - 80 Artsy NYC area
 - 81 Old Russian bigwig
 - 85 Title for a French nobleman
 - 88 Immense
 - 89 Major artery
 - 90 Grumble
 - 92 Botch up
 - 94 Vardalos of Hollywood
 - 95 Frigid
 - 96 Larcenist
 - 98 Look (for)
 - 101 Happen next
 - 102 Immerse
 - 103 "Which way — go?"
 - 104 "Delicious!"
 - 105 Noble Brits
 - 107 Supported temporarily, with "over"
 - 108 Get — good thing
 - 109 Peeve
 - 113 Surname of Buffalo Bill
 - 116 Mauna —
 - 117 Ovid's "— Amatoria"
 - 118 "Says —!"
 - 119 Flee hastily
 - 120 In vitro cells
 - 121 Waterloo marshal



SEE ANSWERS, B3 ▶

HOROSCOPES

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You know how to balance life's practical aspects with the poetic. This gives you a special edge this week in both your professional endeavors and your personal life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Focus on keeping a balance between your home-related activities and your workplace responsibilities. Be mindful of both without obsessing over one or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans is likely as you discover more facts about a possible commitment. Continue to ask questions and, if you're not sure about the answers, demand proof.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be careful not to let that Leonine pride keep you from seeking wise, experienced counsel before making an important decision. A family member once again seeks your help.

VIRGO (August 23 to Septem-

ber 22) That surge of Virgo energy drives you to take on more work assignments. Be careful you don't overdo it, or you might find yourself overdone: i.e., burned out.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your decision to be upfront with colleagues on a touchy matter causes some consternation at first. But in the end, your honesty wins their trust and admiration.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) As in the past, someone again wants to share a secret with you, knowing it will be safe. But do you really want to be this person's confidante? Think about it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) As one of nature's straight shooters, you seek to correct misconceptions about a project. Do so, of course, but without giving away too much too soon.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative pursuits continue

to be strong in the gifted Goat's aspect. New friendships can come from sharing these experiences with like-minded art aficionados.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resolve lingering grumblings over your way of doing things by keeping your mind open to suggestions while continuing to show how your plans will work.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The perceptive Piscean might find that changing course in midstream isn't as workable as it would seem. Explore this option before making a decision.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Taking advice isn't always easy for self-assured Rams and Ewes who think they know what's best. But it wouldn't hurt to listen to what close colleagues have to say.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your willingness to share your love of life's good things brings joy to many, including, of course, yourself. ■

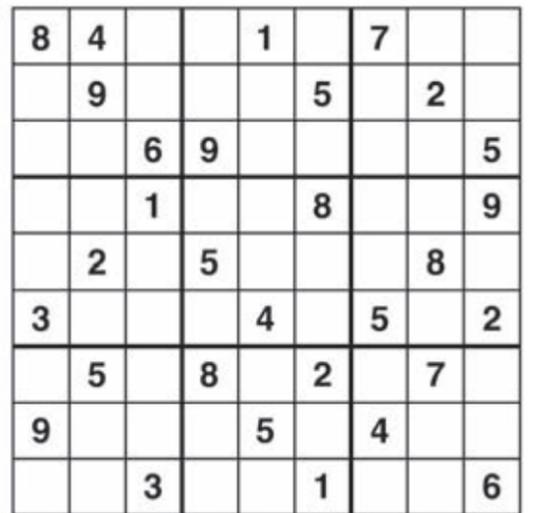
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FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

Picks for Cinco de Mayo and Derby Day; don't forget Mom

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Cinco de Mayo and the Kentucky Derby fall on the same Saturday this year, May 5, making for a big party opportunity at area restaurants.

For diners who don the hats and party for hours to watch "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports," **The Cooper** in **PGA Commons** will set a Southern backdrop. Offered up are a Run for the Roses cocktail — or a mint julep — and a traditional Kentucky Hot Brown: an open-faced shaved turkey sandwich on rye toast with a Mornay sauce (Chef **Adam Brown** gives it a twist with pimientos) and bacon. Fried green tomatoes and special bourbon-laced deviled eggs also are on the list.

If you're the betting type, make plans to watch the race at the **Burger Bar** in Palm Beach Gardens. Derby day diners will be asked to pick a horse, and if it wins the roses, their bill is cut in half. \$5 margaritas, shots of Patron, and Corona beers for Cinco de Mayo are served that day for the fiesta types.

To go loco for Cinco de Mayo, get to a **Rocco's Tacos**. DJs, free tequila pouring by **Rocco Mandel**, prizes and drink specials are part of the chain's yearly block party — the Mexican equivalent of St. Pat's Day.

Where's Rocco? Follow him as he makes the rounds to all seven of his restaurants at www.facebook.com/roccocostacos. By the way, with more than 330 varieties of tequila at the restaurants, he has the agave market cornered. Rocco's in Palm Beach County are in PGA Commons, on Clematis Street in West Palm Beach, Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach, and Boca Raton.

Start the fiesta early at **Calveras Cantina** at **Harbourside Place** in Jupiter. The cantina throws a block party — with three outdoor bars, a taco tent, and the cute part: Chihuahua races that benefit Jupiter Dog Races (at 1, 4 and 8 p.m.). A mariachi band performs 1-6 p.m., then DJ Lucho spins it until 1 a.m.

The **Grandview Public Market** is offering drink specials, as well as tacos and pupusas (stuffed thick tortillas) for Cinco de Mayo. It opens early, at 7 a.m. — and rocks until 10:30. A mariachi band plays.

For the north enders, up in Stuart at **Ian's Tropical Grill**, Chef **Eric Gupta** serves up a Derby party mixed with Cinco de Mayo. Drink specials abound, with \$6 Derby drinks and mint juleps all night long. A \$100 gift certificate goes to the best hat wearer. For Cinco de Mayo, a special taco and ceviche menu is in place, with tequila cocktails.

To learn how to make tacos al pastor, drop in at the **Mandel Public Library** on Clematis Saturday. From 2-4 p.m., Chef **Pedro Alaniz** will prepare the classic tacos, and a band, Mariachi Pancho Villa, plays. It's free to all.

Mother's Day

You waited too long last year. Make amends and get on it, making reservations for Mother's Day meals. (It's the No. 1 dining out day in the U.S.)

Rules: Reserve early. Tips and tax aren't included in quoted prices. Buffets are usually unlimited but ask before going for seconds. Don't take food you won't eat just because it's there. Keep kids from sticking their hands in the

buffet lines and don't let them run wild.

Here are some of those offering specials on Sunday, May 13:

Chez L'Epicier in Palm Beach has a three-course prix fixe served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Highlights from each course: watermelon gazpacho; grilled tuna with fennel and green olive vinaigrette; braised lamb shank, orechiette with local shrimp; lavender crème brulee, or a platter of homemade macarons. Drinks a la carte. \$65 per person (no sharing); 561-508-7030.

Sant Ambroeus in Palm Beach offers a three-course brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an appetizer buffet, choice of entrée, and a dessert buffet. \$85 per person. 561-285-7990.

Leopard Lounge at the **Chesterfield** in Palm Beach puts out a buffet that includes a seafood display, gourmet salads, carving stations of lamb and beef, and a lobster eggs Benedict, among others. A dessert station caps the meal. \$99 adults; \$45 kids 12 and under. 561-659-5800.

Café Boulud in Palm Beach puts on a buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Highlights include blue crab deviled eggs, avocado toast, plus a large dessert buffet. Adults, \$105; kids under 12, \$45. 561-655-6060.

Temple Orange at **Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa** in Palm Beach serves brunch from noon to 3 p.m. It features a live entertainment, a brunch buffet with omelet, carving and action stations, and a dessert buffet. Included in the price are a Champagne garden, bloody Mary bar and craft beer selection. \$105 for adults, and \$20 kids 5-12. 561-540-4923.

Basque at Biba in West Palm Beach is serving a family-friendly brunch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with live music, a la carte menu specials and free sangria for moms. 561-557-7875.

Bistro Ten Zero One in the **West Palm Beach Marriott** will have a buffet at three seatings — noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Salads, seafoods, charcuterie, carving stations, entrees and desserts are on the menu. Unlimited mimosas and sparkling wines. \$48 adults; \$24 kids 4-12, and under 4, free. 561-833-1234.

Salute Market in Palm Beach Gardens has free mimosas all day for moms. Signature brunch is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with highlights such as a smoked salmon display, short ribs, eggs Benedict, omelet and waffle stations, antipasto display and Jupiter donuts on the tables. Adults \$34, kids 12-5, \$18 and those under 5, free. 561-425-5651.

Ironwood at **PGA National** serves a brunch buffet from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with unlimited mimosas for moms. Menu highlights: Smoothies on arrival, then omelet station, waffles or Cuban bread French toast. Asian chicken salad; curried ancient grains salad. King crab legs, poached shrimp, prime rib, butter-basted turkey, glazed salmon buffet \$89 adults; \$29 for kids 6-12. 561-627-4852.

Serenity Tea House in West Palm Beach offers up high tea with Champagne May 12-13. Lobster bisque, pots of tea, scones, sandwiches, desserts and pastries. \$32 per person. 561-655-3911.

In brief

Sorry to hear of the passing of **Jean-Pierre Levierrier** at just 62. He opened **Chez Jean-Pierre** in Palm Beach in 1991 and took the island by storm. The French restaurant is a mainstay on the island, serving a mix of classic and modern French dishes, grounded in classical technique. A gentle giant and teacher to many, including this reporter, he'll be missed. ■



JAN'S THREE FOR 3 Places for tacos

A trio worth noting

1 CHOLO SOY COCINA

3715 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. 561-619-7018; www.cholosoycocina.com. At this tiny slot — 600 square feet — on West Palm Beach's Antique Row, find Andean-American cuisine based on the chef's stint in Ecuador. Clay Carnes grinds corn to make masa for the tortillas that wrap up grilled steak, pork belly, fish or a vegetarian combo, topped with fresh radishes, cheese, cabbage and mango sauce among others. They're a splurge as tacos go, but you really can taste the difference.

2 TAQUERIA TACO CHULA

10800 N. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens. 561-530-7755; www.tacochula.com. Another little jazzy taco spot that's tucked away: this in the Tanglewood Plaza in Palm Beach Gardens. The friendly family-owned shop turns out tasty traditional "authentic" tacos — soft or hard shell, and all gluten-free. Fillings are a pastor or carnitas pork, barbacoa, chorizo, chicken and vegetarian. The salsa rioja is made in-house, as are all their aguitas — refreshing drinks. Just sorry they close at 9 every day. (Hint, hint: Taco eaters are late nighters!)

3 TACOS AL CARBON

2200 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. 561-812-3565. 4420 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth. 561-432-8474.

Here's the go-to for all those wanting a good, nonchain taco at 3 in the morning. OK, they're a mini chain of a few, but food's nothing like that drive-thru repped by a Chihuahua. Their window is open 24/7, and is busy no matter what time you go. They serve up frou-frou free tacos; we like the pastor here. Get it with street corn — don't miss that thing. Cheap, a little dive-like, and just right for what you're after at that hour. ■

— Jan Norris, jnorris@floridaweekly.com

THE DISH: Highlights from local menus

The Dish: Burrito de Chorizo

The Place: Los Altos Jalisco, 6611 S. Dixie Highway (just north of Napoleon Bakery), West Palm Beach; 561-301-2440.

The Price: \$8.99
The Details: A stop at Los Altos Jalisco made for happy snacking one Saturday afternoon.

Inside, the small space is tidy, with decor that's evocative of Mexico.

The menu matches. The sausage in this chorizo burrito was moist and flavorful. It had been tossed in an earthy tomato sauce that lent it a mild heat.

And a pastor enchilada was packed with tender bits of pork and cheese and served in a tangy red sauce.

It's not fine dining, but it is good eating. What could be finer than that? ■

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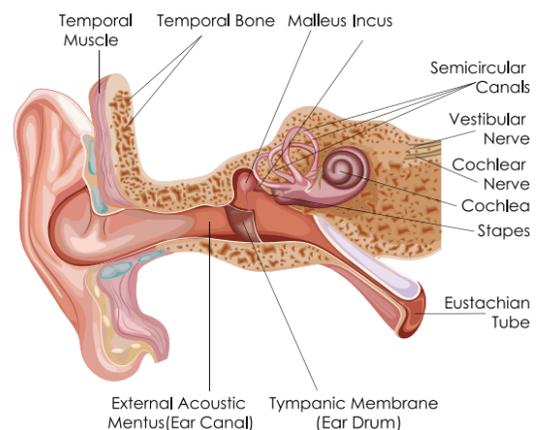
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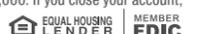
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Welcome to Florida Weekly's Best special section

The is *Florida Weekly's* take on some of the best, of course, but also some of the wackiest, most wondrous, obscure, ridiculous and even scandalous people and things that make South Florida such a great place to live.

Many "best of" publications are filled solely with content that's bought and paid for; that's not our style at Florida Weekly. Yes, our advertisers — the folks who make this piece of Floridian pulp and history you hold in your hands possible — receive shout-outs from us in these pages. It's only fair. But the bulk of our Best section has nothing to do with invoices or ballot-box stuffing.

The nonscientific, noncrowd-sourced process by which we choose our Best winners begins with a brainstorming meeting of our writers and editors. A couple of months later, after scouring the nooks and crannies of the region and our Florida Weekly archives, this section emerges: page after page of things we praise and applaud, pontificate on and poke fun at.

Herewith, our Best. We had fun doing it, and we hope you have fun reading it.

Here's to the Best of South Florida 2018.

INSIDE

ONLY IN PARADISE - PAGE 6

The people and institutions make the place, and Palm Beach County has its share of characters, achievers, do-gooders, movers and shakers — and scores of institutions and nonprofits — to keep our staff supplied with stories all year round.

CALL US CRAZY - PAGE 13

Sometimes it's called Flori-Duh, and often the news stories across the country begin, "A Florida Man (or woman)." There's no denying it. We have wild politics and colorful folks who do interesting, notable, corrupt, or even illegal things.

HOME, SWEET HOME - PAGE 15

Whether you already live in South Florida or look forward to settling here someday, there are lots of people at the ready to make sure it's always the BEST home, sweet home — from those who can help you find financing, to building, furnishing or decorating your abode, to someone to watch over it when you have to tear yourself away for whatever reason.

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU - PAGE 15

When it comes to leisure time, we cannot live on beaches and sunsets alone. We need live theater and music, shopping and movies, resorts, museums and galleries, places to take the kids and grandkids and other places to send our houseguests to explore on their own when everyone needs a little space. Lucky for us, South Florida has the BEST of them all.

GETTING AROUND - PAGE 22

What moves you? Oh the places we can go, and the choices to get there — boats, ferries, cars, trucks, trolleys. When the mood strikes, take your pick and roll out! We have them all.

AT YOUR SERVICE - PAGE 23

For those with the time, skills and the tools, do-it-yourself projects have their place. But when it comes to the serious business of life, we always go the BEST professional route. Take that path when you need help with finances, legal matters,

insurance or planning that well-deserved vacation.

FEELING GOOD, LOOKING GOOD - PAGE 24

Let's face it, Floridians feel better and look better than folks in most other parts of the country. After all, it was here Juan Ponce de Leon came in search of the fountain of youth. Whether you need treatment for an illness, or seek to brighten your physical appearance, the BEST providers are here.

BON APPÉTIT - PAGE 25

Learning about food, dining out, cooking, taking photos of the food we eat — it's the great American pastime. Every kind of cuisine, offering the BEST, freshest ingredients and a wide variety of ambience, can be found here.

Best contributing writers:

Ron Hayes, Jan Norris, John Thomason and Mary Thurwachter. Best cover design: Florida artist extraordinaire Leoma Lovegrove.



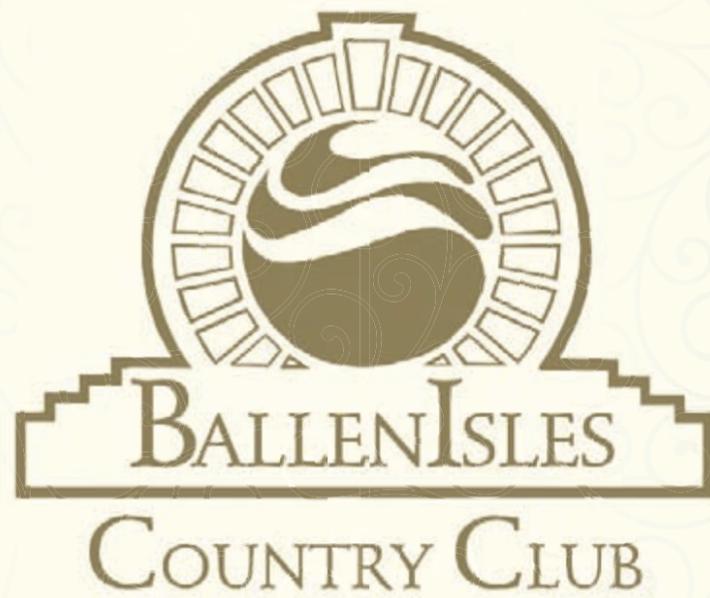
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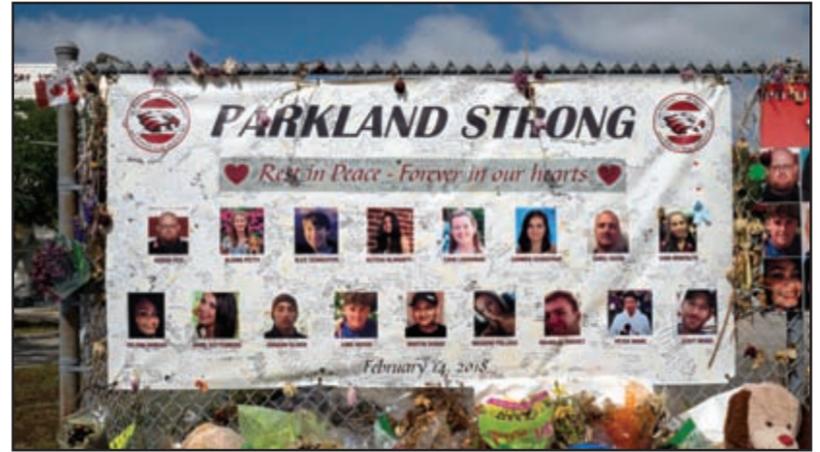
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CITIZENS OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Parkland Massacre Survivors

There's no shortage of ideas about how to curb gun violence in America. Tougher background checks. Armed personnel in schools. A ban on assault-style weapons. Reasonable men and women may differ.

But the young men and women who emerged alive from the barrage of bullets that killed 17 of their classmates and teachers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Valentine's Day 2018 have organized their generation with articulate grace, passion and intelligence.

You don't have to agree with their goals to acknowledge that they've embraced democracy with a sense of decency and maturity that shows the world America at its BEST.

BEST SPOT FOR A PROTEST SIGN

The "Impeachment Now" billboard on Interstate 95

Mad Dog PAC, an anti-Trump political action committee, has rented billboards in Pennsylvania, California, Virginia and Ohio. But their latest installation, which appeared from March 19-April 15, really brought the message home.

The giant billboard with its red, white and blue message "Impeachment Now — Make America Great Again" stood at the southwest corner of I-95 and Southern Boulevard, where the target's motorcade couldn't fail to see it on his way to and from Mar-a-Lago and the airport — or even more often, Mar-a-Lago and the Trump golf course.



MOST OPTIMISTIC CAPITALISTS

The folks who dreamed up Brightline

We're trying. We're really trying. But so far we just can't convince ourselves that enough tourists and Florida drivers are going to fall in love with a fast-rail train service that whisks passengers from West Palm Beach to Fort Lauderdale in 35 minutes, but then deposits them at the station to find some other ride to their final destination. At \$20 a trip.

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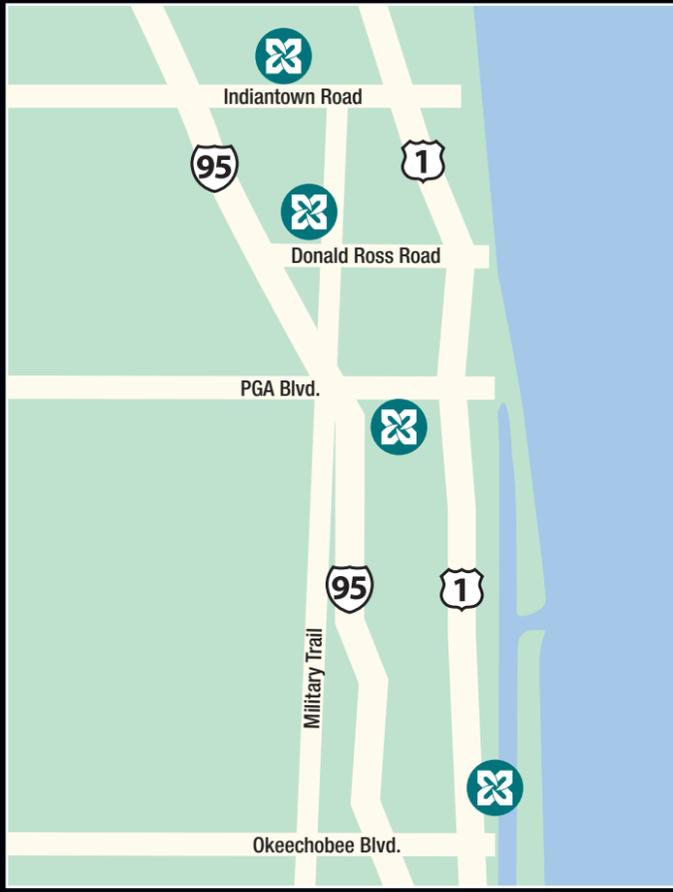
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On the other hand, we couldn't help noticing that Mr. CEO didn't reveal just what the company had predicted.

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The sign at Harry's Banana Farm, Lake Worth

Harry's is known for its witty signs that call out everyone from pundits to politicians. A recent one poked fun at retirement: "It's like retirement — but your parents R never home." On the other side, the folks at Harry's have taken a somber tone, remembering each of the 17 people killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas massacre. Agree or disagree with Harry's messages, one thing is for sure — the folks there are passionate and offer food for thought along with a cold brew.

MOST INTREPID LOCAL TV REPORTER

Wanda Moore, WPTV-Channel 5

If you think local TV news means insipid happy talk and extra light features, you don't know Wanda Moore.

As part of WPTV's investigative team, Ms. Moore has stalked the Riviera Beach City Council relentlessly, exposing apparent conflicts of interest, tracking down emails and phone records and holding council members' feet to the fire — just as those men who wrote the First Amendment intended.



MOST PRETENTIOUS REBRANDING — SO FAR

West Palm Beach's "Flagler Shore"

First the city decided the vacant lot where the library used to stand should be renamed "The Great Lawn." New York's Central Park already has a truly Great Lawn of 55 acres, but maybe no one will notice. Then they gerrymandered a geographically scattered list of admirable cultural addresses into a nonexistent "Arts & Entertainment District." And now they've tried closing down two lanes of Flagler Drive from October to March and dubbing that stretch of sidewalk "Flagler Shore."



The plan flopped with residents — perhaps because it lacked a shore — but we won't be surprised if next year the City Commission votes to rename Clematis Street "The Avenue des Champs Elysee."

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We realize the words "local landmark" are easily abused, but when a small-town shop has lasted this long and served so many generations of surfers, we conclude they've caught a great wave.

BEST LAST-MINUTE SIGH OF RELIEF

Honda Classic

That would be from the Honda Classic organizers who learned a week before the tourney that Tiger Woods would play. It marked his return to the prestigious PGA golf tournament in Palm Beach Gardens after a four-year absence.



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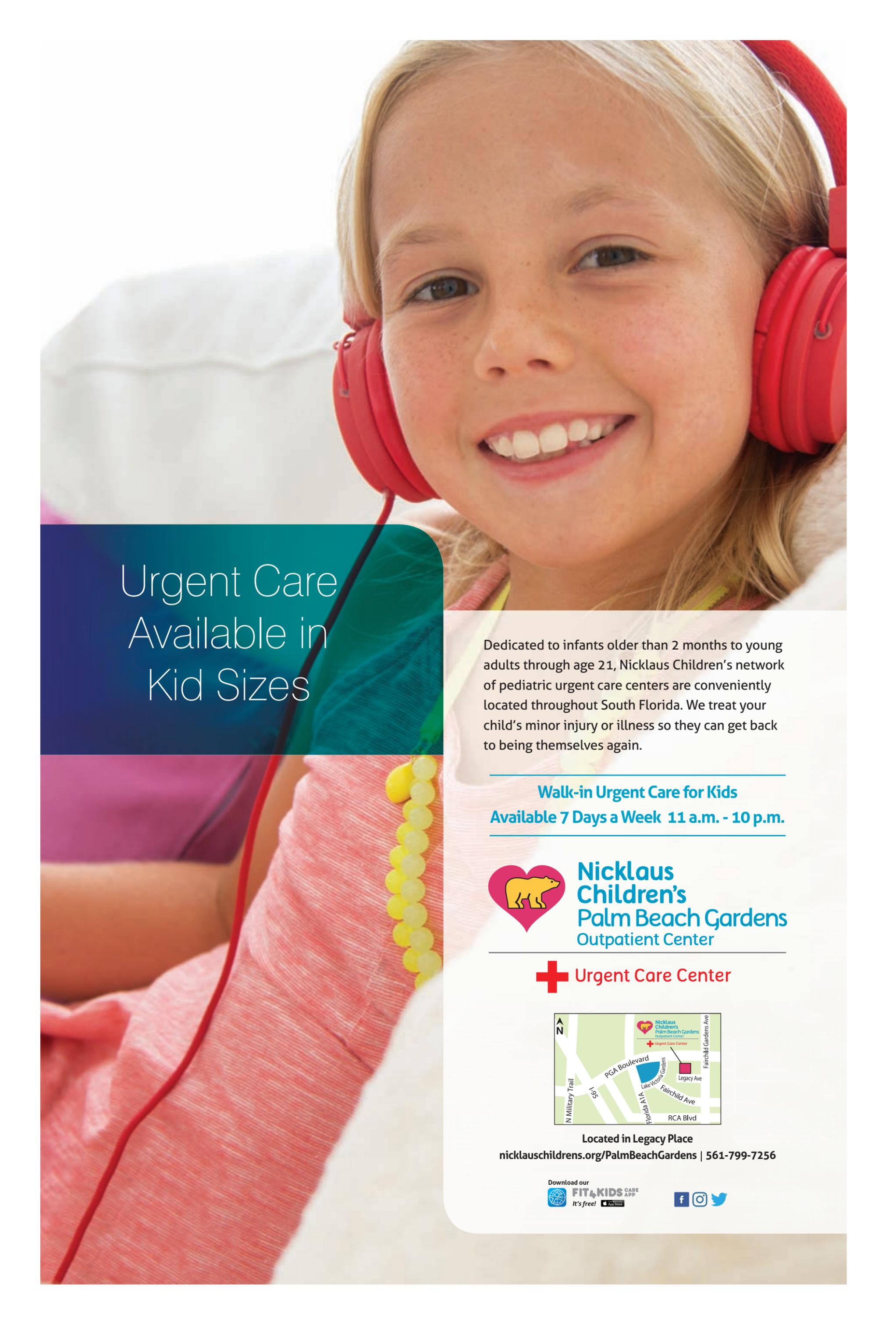


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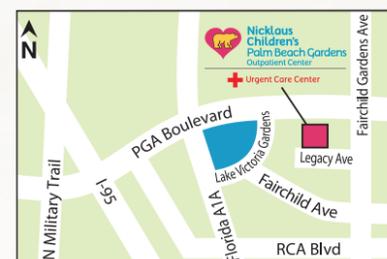
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MOST ANNOYING DO-GOODERS

Those anti-homeless cellphone stalkers

Yes, the homeless make us uncomfortable. They're sad, sometimes smelly, occasionally harassing and — rarely but sometimes — dangerous. But that doesn't make us feel any more kindly toward all those self-righteous citizens who snap smart phone photos of West Palm Beach's homeless men and women asleep on downtown benches, and then post them on social media.

We know the town has a homeless population. We don't need you to post photos. And so we wonder: Do you really want to solve the problem, or just whine self-righteously from the comfort of your nice warm homes?



BEST SIGN PLACEMENT

Ultra Lounge

Ultra Lounge's bright neon announcement that porn star Stormy Daniels would appear there in mid-April. Where's there? The "adult entertainment" club is on Congress Avenue just south of Palm Beach International Airport, and around the corner from Donald Trump's Trump International Golf Club on Summit Boulevard in West Palm Beach. The sign read "Keep America Horny Again!"

MOST IMPRESSIVE PR SPLASH

Grand opening of RH Home

In November, 3,000 swells and "influencers" from on and off the island crowded onto the four floors of the new 80,000-square-foot RH Home, Restoration Hardware's furniture gallery sitting front and center in the middle of Okeechobee Boulevard downtown. The party included bars on each floor, including a frosé bar in the outdoor garden and bellinis, vodka and caviar inside; an ice bar filled with stone crab claws on a mezzanine, and an appearance by Matthew McConaughey and spouse, model Camila Alves. Oh yeah: there was furniture staged throughout. Restoration Hardware, 560 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 561-804-6826 or www.restorationhardware.com.

BEST SHOW OF OSTENTATIOUS EXCESS

Palm Beach International Boat Show

Palm Beach Boat Show, where most of the guys who work the docks and clean the boats at the show that features billion-dollar vessels are doing it as a day's side-hustle to just get by. Most of the mega yachts are roped off to the public, as well — the hoi polloi are relegated to just a look-see from the docks.

BEST COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY

Frenchman's Creek

Frenchman's Creek's ongoing dedication to Jupiter Medical Center via its Men's Golf Tourney. The Jupi-

ter community is small, but gives back big. Over the years, they've raised more than \$300,000 for men's health research for the Jupiter hospital, and thousands more for numerous community charities.



BEST ART FESTIVAL THAT'S NOT ABOUT VENDOR SALES

The Lake Worth Street Painting Festival

The Lake Worth Street Painting Festival, a free event, showcases temporary art chalked onto the streets of downtown. It draws more than 600 artists and thousands of visitors who watch the paintings come to life in real time. No rain this year; and fingers crossed for next year's — mark the calendar for Feb. 24-25. www.streetpaintingfestival.org.

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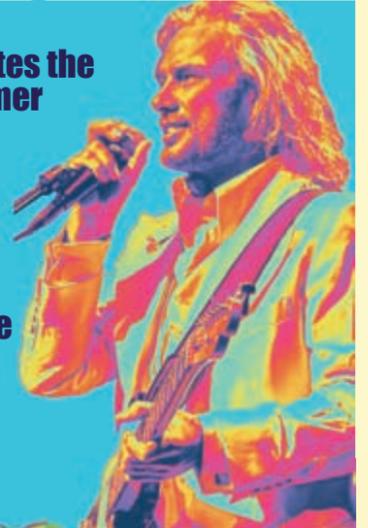
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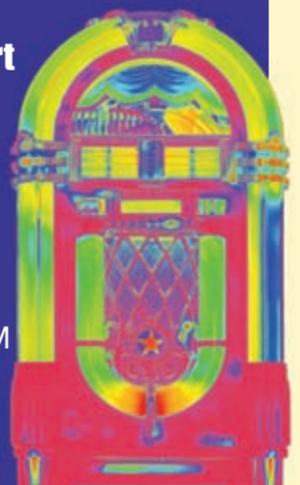
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She has done several book signings; local bookstores carry her book or find it through Amazon.



BEST QUIET SPACE AT SUNRISE

On the beach at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

It's secluded anytime, but at sun-up, it's practically a private beach. With almost 2 miles of beachfront, and 438 acres of a natural landscape behind it, it's a true piece of paradise. Watch for turtles here: It's a huge nesting area. The park rangers offer turtle walks in season (get tickets in May). John D. MacArthur Beach State Park, 10900 Jack Nicklaus Drive, North Palm Beach. 561-624-6950; www.floridastateparks.org/park/macarthur-beach.

BEST LOCAL SUMMER ESCAPE WITH KIDS

Rapids Water Park

Get 'em wet. Kids (and kid-keepers) eagerly await the March opening every year of the Rapids Water

Park, now age 39, in Riviera Beach. There are 30 acres of splashing for any age child in pools, on myriad water slides, raft plumes, a Flow Rider surf tank, lazy rivers — you get the drift. A one-day ticket can be spendy (check for discounts online) but if you live here and go even twice, invest in a season pass that gets you in through October. Rapids Water Park, 6566 N. Military Trail, Riviera Beach. 561-848-6272; www.rapidswaterpark.com.

BEST PLACE TO GET WET UNINTENTIONALLY

Jupiter Inlet jetty

Careful, tourists, a visit to the Jupiter Inlet jetty walk can turn into a splash park on a blustery day. Small rogue waves crashing over the jetty at the inlet can be a surprise even on calm days, and if you're holding a phone or camera, better have a rice bag handy to dry them out. This winter, a wave swept a toddler off the railing and into the shallows nearby (she's OK), so hold tight onto the kids and pets, too. Jupiter Beach Park, 1375 Jupiter Beach Road, Jupiter. www.pbcgov.org/parks.

BEST LAUNCH

The Tesla in space

Elon Musk's Falcon Heavy, which rocketed to space carrying a mannequin called Spaceman, and a cherry red Tesla from his collection on Feb. 6. This sent space nuts into jubilation and got a new generation excited again about space. The real bonus: Seeing the rockets return, and re-dock successfully at the launch pad for use another time. Schedule for launches: www.kennedyspacecenter.com/launches-and-events

BEST NEW LOCAL MOTIVATOR

Susan Nefzger

Susan Nefzger, whose book, "A Practical Guide to Awareness: Discovering Your True Purpose" guides readers to self-fulfillment by bringing back awareness. It was after her own epiphany at a life-changing retreat in Europe that the Jupiter public relations specialist was compelled to tell others how she did it, and how to discover gifts within. Her five steps:

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BEST ANIMAL VOLUNTEER GROUP

The Friends of Jupiter Beach

The Friends of Jupiter Beach hold beach clean-ups and maintain dog cleanup stations all along Jupiter Beach. It's a volunteer, word-of-mouth group that helps maintain the dog beach area — one of the last in the area where pawed swimmers are allowed. High school kids: Their monthly cleanups are a great way to get in community hours and be at the beach at the same time. Friends of Jupiter Beach: 561-748-8140; www.friendsofjupiterbeach.org.

BEST SPECIAL EFFECTS

The trailer with two rooms that go up in flames as a demo for fire sprinklers

Fire departments in Palm Beach Gardens, North Palm Beach and Jupiter use them at their Open Fire Station and Touch-a-Truck days. It wows kids and adults with two separate rooms set ablaze and then put out promptly. The one with sprinklers is scorched, but intact; the other is destroyed. A sobering look at home fire safety that serves to scare kids away from playing with matches, too.



BEST PLACE TO HAVE AN IN-YOUR-FACE ENCOUNTER WITH AN OSTRICH

Lion Country Safari

Ostriches are the world's largest birds and can't fly due to lack of wing muscle. They can strut, though, and they can — and do — come right up to your car window as you explore Florida's only drive-through safari. We find them amusing. But don't even think about opening your window!

BEST BOAT-PARTY SANDBAR

North of Jupiter Inlet in the Intracoastal

North of Jupiter Inlet in the Intracoastal, beyond the Jupiter Island bridge, a sandbar emerges where boats converge to party on the weekends with tropical abandon. It's near enough to the Blowing Rocks Marina and Tiki Bar to stock up with extras or pull in for a bite, and off the channel enough to make it safe to swim and float and play loud music.



BEST FOWLER ON THE LINKS

The Honda Classic

You thought we were aiming at Rickie (Fowler), last year's Honda Classic champ. Not this time. Tiger Woods is our man. He hit a goose with a drive on the 8th hole of this year's tournament and didn't cry foul. Instead, he went on to make a birdie. Last we heard, the goose was still waddling around PGA National.



BEST PLACE TO SEE A TWO-HEADED TURTLE

House of Refuge at Gilbert's Bar

Are two heads better than one? You won't find any answers at Gilbert's Bar and House of Refuge. That's because the two-headed turtle house here has been dead since 1984. Still fascinating, though, in a Ripley's-Believe-It-Or-Not way. The two-headed critter is another good excuse to visit the Gilbert's Bar, the only one remaining of 10 Houses of Refuge built on Florida's east coast — and the oldest structure in Martin County.



BEST PLACE TO SEE A SEA TURTLE ON THE MEND

Loggerhead Marineline Center in Juno Beach

The center has been committed to the rehabilitation of sick and injured sea turtles for more than three decades. It's like a mini Mayo Clinic for turtles with a surgical suite, X-ray room, blood work lab, endoscope, and ultrasound. We just love watching them swim around in their cool blue pools. Turtley awesome!

BEST PLACE TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE WINNER CIRCLE

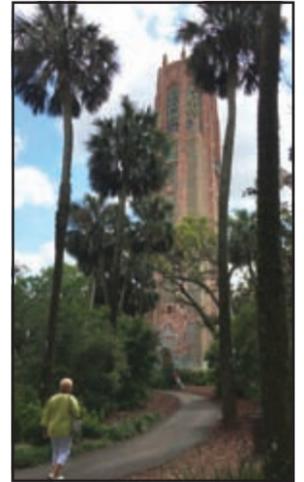
Palm Beach Kennel Club.

OK, so it's not actually the winner's circle, but there's a funny stick-your-face-in-the-hole cartoon you can use for silly Facebook or Instagram posts! Besides, we like seeing bettors go dog wild when they hear the announcer say, "Here comes Rusty."

BEST DAYTRIP

Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales

From its garden walk and flowering shrubs to its 205-foot Gothic bell tower stretching out of the highest point in the Florida peninsula, Bok Tower Gardens is a glorious place to de-stress. The Café serves up a healthful, tasty lunch and the gift shop always has something spiffy for our backyard garden.



BEST SECRET GARDEN

Pan's Garden in Palm Beach



It's tiny, spreading over a half acre, but Pan's Garden on Hibiscus Avenue features 300 species of native trees, shrubs, grasses and wild flowers, some of them endangered. So pretty and peaceful? A good place to de-stress.

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Call Us Crazy

Sometimes it's called Flori-Duh, and often the news stories across the country begin, "A Florida man (or woman)." There's no denying it. We have wild politics, and colorful folks who do interesting, notable, corrupt or even illegal things.

ABSOLUTE PROOF THAT AMERICA'S GETTING DUMBER

That new Audible books commercial

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Scott Rapson, Palmetto

When Manatee County Sheriff's Deputies arrived at the scene of a hit-and-run on S.R. 62 on Nov. 28, they found Scott Rapson, 21, racing back and forth to taunt them, and then "doing doughnuts" — driving his vehicle in circles

After a chase, Rapson was arrested and found to have a blood alcohol level of 0.1 percent.



BEST PLACE TO WATCH CRAZY IN ACTION

Hot coal walkers at Tony Robbins' seminars

Yes: Seminar attendees are practicing their self-confidence and mind-over-pain when they take off their shoes and race over real fire bricks staged behind the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Don't worry: Only a few had to get medical treatment. Tony Robbins seminars: www.tonyrobbins.com/events/.

FORT MYERS' BIGGEST TAYLOR SWIFT FAN

Kevin Thorn and his cell phone

Mr. Thorn, 27, was arrested at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fort Myers after he repeatedly called 911 to demand that police bring him to the Park Royal Mental Health Facility so he could meet the pop singer Taylor Swift, who he claimed was his wife.

He was arrested for trespassing and abusing the 911 system.

For the record, Taylor Swift is not his wife.



NAPLES' BUSTIEST BUST

Nordstrom's serial bra thief (alleged)

In September, the Collier County Sheriff's Office arrested 78-year-old Myrna Plotkin for walking out of a Nordstrom Rack store with seven bras, two cami-style tops and a pair of earrings worth \$271 without paying.

In July, deputies said, she allegedly stole three bras worth \$299 and was back in August to take seven bras, three cami-style tops and a ring worth \$324.

MOST SEXIST MEDIA MEME

"Florida Man"

Every time some misguided or over-served Shame of the Sunshine State gets arrested, the "Florida Man" headline appears. Hey, we've got women here too! Let's give some credit to those unhinged gals who dance naked in public places or get tattoos in private places and then show them off in public places — and prove men and women really are equal.

Home, sweet home

Whether you already live in Southwest Florida or look forward to settling here someday, there are lots of people at the ready to make sure it's always the BEST home, sweet home — from those who can help you find financing, to building, furnishing or decorating your abode, to someone to watch over it when you have to tear yourself away for whatever reason.

BEST TREASURES OF THE PALM BEACHES

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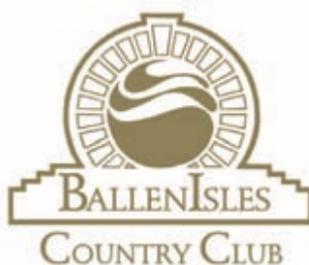
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a connection to one another through a unique legacy of the club having served as the first home to the PGA of America. You will find that the members of this club are rooted in the traditions of family, great friends, numerous clubs within the club, exceptional dining options and endless fun.

BEST PLACE FOR HIDDEN LUXURY

True Treasures

For the better part of three decades, True Treasures has been northern Palm Beach County's go-to place for quality consignment furniture and accessories. The store has expanded beyond its Crystal Tree Plaza



location in North Palm Beach to include stores on Northlake Boulevard in Palm Beach Gardens and in Delray Beach. And this summer, True Treasures is moving that flagship store from Crystal Tree to the corner of Northlake Boulevard and U.S. 1, in Lake Park. www.truetreasuresinc.com.

BEST KEPT SECRET NEW GALLERY ON ANTIQUE ROW

Renata Fine Arts

Designers and art connoisseurs are discovering the treasures Renata Metelska has amassed from artists all around the globe. She represents painters ranging from Urszula Tekieli in Poland to David Ruhe in Florida — and sculptors, as well. There's always something new and always a reason to check out Renata's impressive gallery.

Let Us Entertain You

When it comes to leisure time, we cannot live on beaches and sunsets alone. We need live theater and music, shopping and movies, resorts, museums and galleries, places to take the kids and grandkids and other places to send our houseguests to explore on their own when everyone needs a little space. Lucky for us, South Florida has the BEST of them all.

BEST PLACE TO CULTIVATE SOMETHING NEW

Mounts Botanical Garden

Think of the Mounts as a little corner of Eden just west of Palm Beach International Airport.

Here, you can gain inspiration for your own landscape, buy plants, get tips from the Master Gardeners and learn to grow something of your own.

The Mounts also offers classes, lectures and demonstrations for gardeners of all abilities. Careful — you might learn something. This year, the garden has offered an exhibition titled "Washed Ashore," with sculptures created from garbage found at sea.

We all need to nurture — what better place to do it? Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach; 561-233-1757 or www.mounts.org.





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BEST PLACE FOR FANCY FOOTWORK

The Duncan Theatre

Once again, the Duncan Theatre amazed us with a dizzying array of performances that showcased the finest in cutting-edge chamber ensembles, and vintage popular and rock music concerts.



But it is dance for which the theater, at Palm Beach State College's Lake Worth campus, has made its mark.

This past season alone, it brought in performances by Dorrance Dance, Ballet Boyz, the twists and turns of Pilobolus, Parsons Dance, among others. Next season is sure to bring more of the unexpected and awe-inspiring. Palm Beach State College, 4200 Congress Ave., Lake Worth; 561-868-3309 or www.duncantheatre.org.

BEST MUSICAL

"The Drowsy Chaperone," The Wick Theatre

We've seen this show plenty of times before, but rarely with this kind of dazzling polish. Everything clicked in the Wick's tonally sturdy production of the cheeky musical-within-a-musical, with the cast comfortably straddling the Venn overlap between slapstick, satire and earnestness. BEST of all was lead actor Bruce Linser, effortlessly embodying the show's gregarious narrator while hinting at the despair residing somewhere in the cracked grooves of his vinyl escapism.

BEST PLAY

"An Inspector Calls," Maltz Jupiter Theatre

The Maltz dusted the mothballs off this antique drawing-room drama and lacquered it with a 21st century shine. J.B Priestley's 1946 play, about a mysterious police inspector who probes the collective guilt of a callous upper-class family for the death of a composite proletarian, arrives with metaphysical baggage that could, in lesser hands, play as hokey. But, with the aid of expressionistic lighting, a fog machine, a daring use of hanging windows to obstruct our view of the play's cosseted aristocrats, and a haunting post-script, this "Inspector Calls" was a bravura revision.

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The back room of Double Dee's in West Palm Beach

It's a not-so-secret entrance to the strip club part of Double Dee's (uh, not a ranch brand) — ostensibly a line-dancing country bar and restaurant in the front. It's a lively spot during the South Florida Fair. Double Dee's, 8199 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach. 844-337-2624; www.ddwpb.com.

BEST NEW PLAY

"The Camp," West Boca Theatre Company

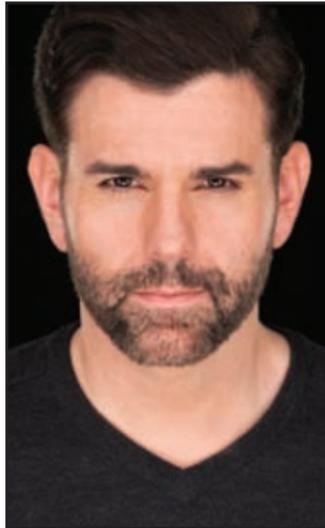
While keeping its action set entirely in a makeshift U.S. military office in Germany, Michael McKeever's World War II drama painted vivid, unshakeable pictures of Nazi atrocities—and the complicity of their convenient enablers. For a troop of American sol-

diers, what should be a paperwork-laden waystation at the tail end of the war becomes Ground Zero for a newly discovered concentration camp, one hidden on the outskirts of a village of "good Germans" who did nothing to prevent it. An extraordinary monologue from a camp survivor centered this potent morality tale, whose cautions about crimes of omission resonate today.

BEST ACTOR

Nicholas Richberg, "Billy and Me"

In Palm Beach Dramaworks' world premiere, the "Billy" was playwright William Inge, a Midwestern craftsman who wrote tidy dramas that fit in square containers. The "me" was Tennessee Williams, an urban hedonist whose explosive plays burst against their boxes like restive animals. Mr. Richberg portrayed Williams like one of those untamable beasts, a chatterbox with a drinking problem and a debauched wit that masked enough jealousy, insecurity and misplaced lust to fill one of the Williams' own shows. It wasn't mimicry so much as heightened reality, played with a codependent desperation and magnetism we won't soon forget.



BEST ACTRESS

Mallory Newbrough, "Little Shop of Horrors," MNM Productions

As Audrey, the daft, buxom love interest to the klutzy Seymour, Ms. Newbrough stepped into a part occupied by countless forbears, in a show whose ubiquity stretches from middle schools to Broadway. But this triple-threat newcomer to South Florida theater managed to personalize this chestnut of a character. While the chipmunk squeak of her voice left us in stitches, she played Audrey's domestic-abuse victimhood with the gravity it deserved. She sang "Somewhere That's Green" with a longing we hadn't heard before, as equal parts aspirational dream and cry for help.

BEST ACTING ENSEMBLE

"The Revolutionists," Theatre Lab at FAU

Theatre Lab's inspired meta-play about the schemes, squabbles and insurrections of a quartet of powerful women during the French Revolution was one of the highlights of this young company's short history. Director Matt Stabile's postmodern dramedy was buoyed by a note-perfect cast led by Niki Fridh's insatiably eager but creatively blocked playwright. Candice Marie Singleton brought a simmering passion to her soft-spoken abolitionist, Nicole Stoica expertly realized her character's sexy vigilantism and, saving the craziest for last, Mia Matthews' indelibly bonkers portrayal of Marie Antoinette managed to steal scenes from a stage full of fellow-thieves.

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BEST DIRECTOR

Marcos Santana, "Newsies," Maltz Jupiter Theatre

With thoughts of income and gender inequality at the front of his mind, Mr. Santana transformed a Disney musical with a wobbly history into a punchy manual for mutiny. His inclusion of female newsies in what had traditionally been a male-dominated chorus was both progressive and historically accurate. And he guided his entire cast through the region's most imaginative choreography of the year, in which the props of newspaper production became expressions of the characters' exultant awakenings.

BEST LECTURE

Eugene Robinson at FAU

Robinson, a prize-winning Washington Post columnist and one of the elder statesmen of the cable-news punditocracy, had much to say about the present and future of reportage in Trump's America. His Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency included applause-inspiring bromides about journalism's dogged necessity to speak truth to power, along with wistful comparisons to the quainter scandals of the Obama era a thousand years ago. Perhaps most telling was his description of his TV news colleagues, in the makeup rooms, as "slumped in their chairs in utter exhaustion, because that is the life of someone who covers this president."

BEST ART EXHIBITION

"Regarding George Ohr" at Boca Raton Museum of Art

Ceramics, with their traditional favoring of functionality over aesthetics, have long occupied a bottom rung on the ladder of important contemporary art. But this phantasmagoric group show at the Boca Museum exploded the preconceptions of pottery skeptics. Its roomful of priceless turn-of-the-20th-century vessels by eccentric potter George Ohr — shapely urns and vases with unexpected flourishes — segued into a gallery of modern sculptors influenced by Ohr's work, whose extreme, feverish visions were the kiln-made equivalent of a Pollock or a Rothko, and just as worthy of our consideration.



BEST CLEVER IDEA THAT'S GOTTEN COMPLETELY OUT OF HAND

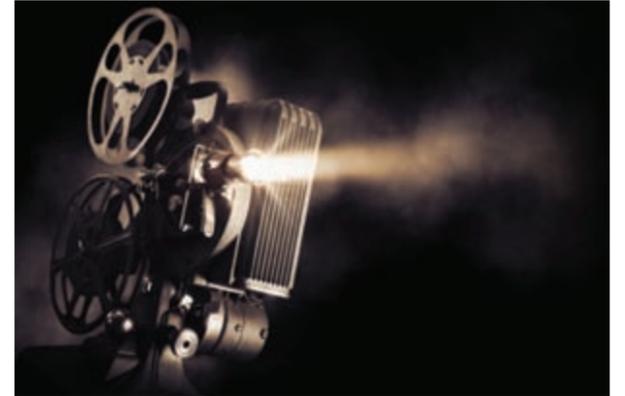
Tribute bands

We never saw the Beatles play live, alas, so The Fab Faux was the next BEST thing, even with the faux

hair. But then we got the Beatlemaniacs, the Beatnix, Beatlejuice and Beatallica.

Now it's Gimi Jimi, (the Jimi Henrix tribute band); The Petty Hearts (Tom Petty); Dark Star Orchestra (Grateful Dead); The Whooldums (The Who). Etc., etc., etc.

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BEST PLACE TO GET LOST

The South Florida Fairgrounds, looking for the rideshare lot after a concert

Signs aren't helpful and the police directing traffic have no clue either. Hint: It's on the south side of the fairgrounds off Southern Boulevard just west of Sansbury's Way. Since you can't pick up inside the fair-

grounds after a concert (all traffic is routed outward bound), walk to meet your ride at the nearby Dick's Sporting Goods plaza to the east. You'll thank us.



BEST TRAFFIC RELIEF

Reopening of the Flagler Memorial Bridge

The reopening of the Flagler Memorial Bridge to Palm Beach — aka the North Bridge — came in time for the Palm Beach International Boat Show that had the bridge up more often than down. But we'll take it.

BEST TRAFFIC LABYRINTH

Okeechobee Boulevard

It can be tense along Okeechobee Boulevard between Tamarind/Parker and Quadrille when the Kravis and the Convention Centers, CityPlace, and events at the Hilton are letting out at the same time. Between rideshare drivers unfamiliar with the area, tourists, and the senior drivers so carefully and politely trying to merge into traffic — and confusing cross-lanes on Okeechobee — it's no wonder there

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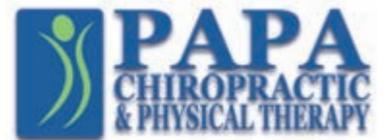
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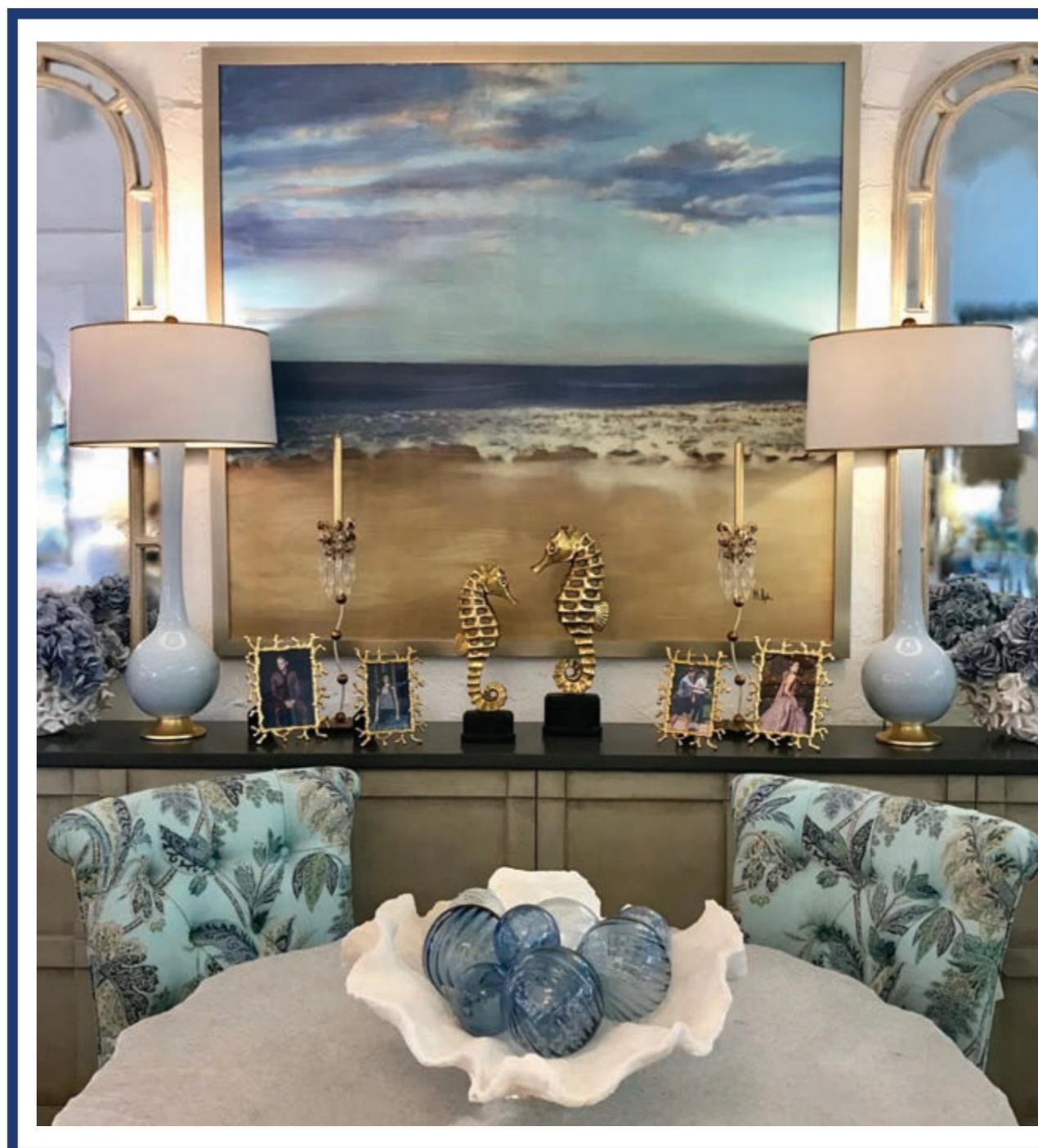


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BEST NEW RESTAURANT DECK

The Terrace at 1000 North

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BEST RESTAURANT THROWBACK MAKEOVER

Cucina Cabana Ristorante

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BEST NEW DINING CORRIDOR

Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach

West Palm Beach's Dixie Highway between Okeechobee and Southern boulevards steps it up with buzzworthy restaurants opened in the last few months. Basque at Biba (Spanish), and Mazie's (comfort modern) down toward Southern have added to an already tasteful mix including Grato (Italian) and Cholo Soy Cocina (Andean-American). With the established Joy Noodle (Asian), Rhythm Café (eclectic), Table 26 (American grill) and Maison Carlos (Continental), there's a place for every diner.

BEST MIDNIGHT MENU

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BEST NOSTALGIC RESTAURANT PROMOTION

RAW Wrestling Mondays, The Parched Pig



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BEST AREA CHEFS ACCORDING TO JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION

Lindsay Autry and Clay Conley

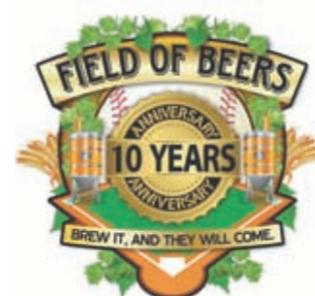
Lindsay Autry of The Regional in West Palm Beach, and Clay Conley of buccan and Imoto in Palm Beach and Grato in West Palm Beach made it to the semi-final round for BEST Chef Southeast in the prestigious James Beard Awards. Kudos to them, and for helping co-chair the important Taste of the Nation charity dinner that feeds kids in South Florida.



BEST PLACE TO RUN THE BASES

The Field of Beers

The Field of Beers beer-food pairing event that precedes the Jupiter Craft Brewers Festival is staged in the dugouts and along the baselines at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium. It's always a sell-out, usually in the week after tickets go on sale in October for the late January event. Get in on it early and put a Save the Date for late October. Info at www.jupitercraftbrewersfestival.com.



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Grandview Public Market

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BEST WHAT-TOOK-SO LONG HEALTH FOOD

Good Sam offers vegan meals

Good Samaritan Hospital is the first in the area to offer vegan meals to patients. The all plant-based meals take the place of the typical animal-based diet still served, including cheeseburgers, to cardiac and other patients there. Kudos to doctors and dietitians working to link diet and health sans medicines.

BEST FOOD FIGHT TO BE

New health-food grocer adds to mix

Earth Fare, a grocer out of North Carolina, is slated to open this summer in Palm Beach Gardens, where already there are four other health-food stores: Whole Foods, Publix Greenwise, Trader Joe's and Nutrition S'mart. It will be a boon to the organic shoppers, who are beginning to go mainstream as a demographic. www.earthfare.com.



BEST PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY BURGER

Sinclair's Restaurant at the Jupiter Beach Resort

The healthy Earth Grain Bowls may be all the rage here and the fish dishes never disappoint. But we just love Executive Chef Ricky Gopeesingh's "Dare burger," a peanut butter and grape jelly cheeseburger, designed to appeal to what he calls adventurous and young hipsters. "It's all about combining two iconic food staples that everyone is familiar with that just taste really, really amazing," Chef Gopeesingh said.



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Aztil, one of the top HVAC Contractors in the nation

With over 100 service vehicles from Melbourne to Miami, Aztil is a force to be reckoned with in South Florida. Centrally located in West Palm Beach, our headquarters dispatch hundreds of service calls every day, striving for excellence using the latest A/C technology along with good old fashioned service.

A family owned business established over 30 years ago with just one truck; Aztil has evolved into a leader in the A/C industry, the direct result of dynamic dedication and a passion for excellence. We boast state-of-the-art technology in A/C and appliance repair; combined with a dedicated staff of highly-trained customer service representatives and service technicians, we consistently and professionally meet the demands of all of our South Florida customers.

Aztil knows that detail is key; detail in repairs, detail in replacements, detail in customer service. Combined with continual training in all aspects, Aztil Air Conditioning is unmatched in the industry.

WE DEFINE THE TERM 'SECOND TO NONE!'

Because of the substantial amount of business we provide, we are able to offer our services at very reasonable pricing. Aztil services home & businesses in every zip code and in every community in South Florida. Customer service is a top priority at Aztil; we understand that the customer is the start and finish of any business. Our motto is "The customer does not care how much you know, until they know how much you care, says Louis Lionelli." Remember, at Aztil...Air Conditioning is not what we do for a living, it is what we live to do!

ALL OF THESE THINGS HAVE EARNED US THE NAME 'THE ELITE TEAM!'

Properly maintaining your air conditioning system helps prolong the life of your unit which helps reduce mechanical break-downs and provides fresh, clean

air in your household.

Having duct work cleaned along with changing filters will help improve the quality of air flow in your home. Additionally, inspecting the attic duct work to insure it is properly sealed will assure maximum air flow and helps reduce your electric bill.

Aztil Air Conditioning offers state-of-the-art technology to purify the air in your home with the following components:

- Air Purification
- Ultra Violet Light Systems
- APCOs
- Purity Filters
- Commercial Grade Air Scrubbers
- Duct Cleaning

ADDITIONAL FACTS:

What is an Air Purification System used for? Well, let me tell you! An air purifier is a great way to clean the air in your home, is beneficial to your health, such as reducing chances of catching a cold or flu, and the quality of air flow through your home. If you have allergies, unpleasant odors or find you have a lot of dust in the home, these products can increase the overall air quality in your home.

Please contact an Aztil expert for a free evaluation and expert advice and all your household air conditioning needs. We offer whole house maintenance contracts and to help you improve the overall quality of air flow in your home.

Aztil accreditation: Pro Partner Top Contractor's Award for Aztil's outstanding performance many consecutive years.

I hope today we have answered your questions, comments and concerns. Aztil Air Conditioning operators are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You see us everywhere. Give us a call and see why all your friends are switching over to the experts at Aztil Air Conditioning. We want to thank all of South Florida for making Aztil Air Conditioning one of the TOP Contractors in the nation!



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