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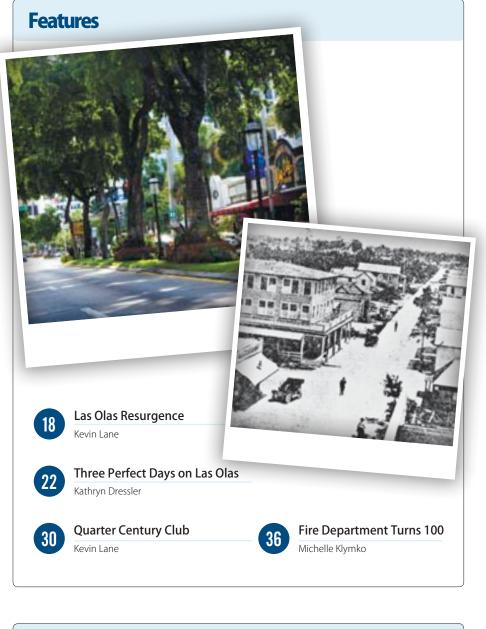
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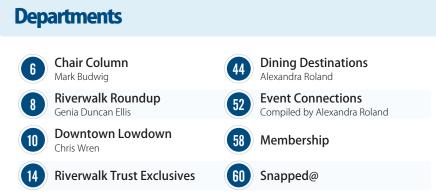


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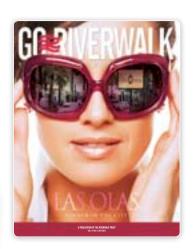
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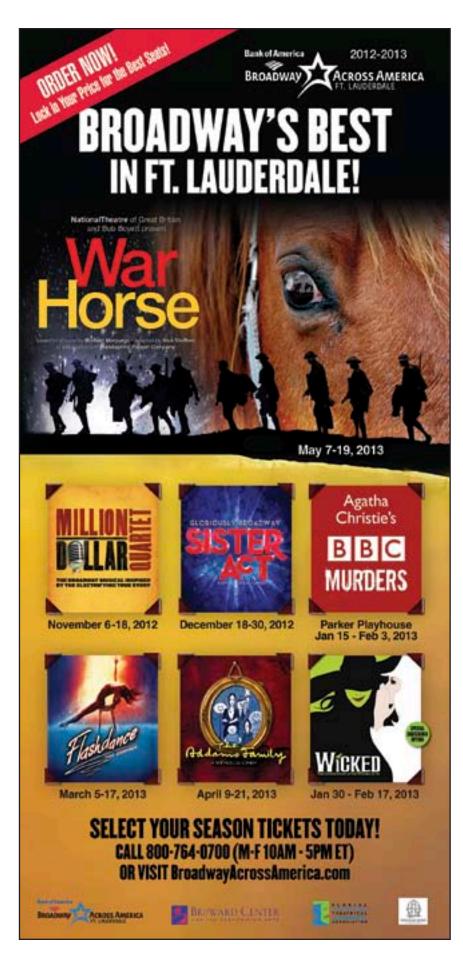
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By Mark Budwig Chair, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale

Las Olas: Summer in the City

With this month's issue theme being "Las Olas: Summer in the City," I've asked some of our board members to comment on their favorites on that subject. Following are some of their responses: **Connie** Loewenthal Clear Channel Miami "During the summer and every time of the year, I enjoy going to Timpano's. During the summer it's easier to park on Las Olas and I especially like it when I can get a parking spot right in front."

Chris Wren Downtown Development Authority "Two things come to mind: snacking on the delicious food at SoLita's outside slightly raised patio (great for people watching) with nice breezes from the ocean (at least most nights) and going up to the Riverside Hotel's outdoor meeting room balconies with an adult beverage from the bar downstairs and taking in the Downtown . Very cool!"

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"Breakfast outside at Indigo at the Riverside Hotel. Best people watching ever!"

Frank Herhold Consultant "Beat the heat by bicycling down the Riverwalk, enjoying the boats and waterfront views and having breakfast at one of our many Las Olas restaurants."

Cathy Danielle U Pull It "There is less tourist traffic on Las Olas in the summer so you are sure to get a seat at my favorite restaurant bar, Timpano's, for "M&M's," or "Mussels & Martinis," the best in town!"

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Summer in the City

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Summer is definitely here and the "livin' is easy," as they say, but we are here to tell you that Fort Lauderdale is a year-round **community** with many things to do and places to see.

The pace may slow a little but this is when you find the locals enjoying the many restaurants, hotels, beach, spas, local retailers and sports that are more crowded during busier times of the year.

Summer in the City tells you that there is plenty to do and see and Las Olas is one of the many locations around town that has much to offer. You can shop for bargains or designer goods, have delicious ice cream, yogurt or specialty candies, a spectacular dinner or easy-to-go snack — the list is endless as to what is available on Las Olas Boulevard!

Coupled with that district are the **Museum of Art** | **Fort Lauderdale**, the **Museum of Discovery and Science** and the beautiful **Broward Center for Performing Arts**. **Himmarshee Street** offers great places to eat and lots of night events with music and entertainment. **Flager Village**, an up and coming area, has monthly activities to delight, including its **Art Walk** and other exhibits. And, **Riverwalk** offers a beautiful place to walk, bike, run or relax along the New River. All of this information leads you to our **Riverwalk Events** **Connection**, included in the magazine and the list of events that we place on our web pages. Soon we hope to provide you a more inclusive list of happenings in Fort Lauderdale and to coordinate with our other not-for-profit organizations to let you know about their upcoming events.

We have two outstanding interns this summer, **Zachary Dempsey**, a Florida State University student, and **Kelley Holding**, a University of Southern California student. Both bring us great skills. Zac is helping

'The pace may be slow but this is when you find the locals enjoying [everything]...'

with administrative, technical and park assignments and Kelley is working on our magazine side doing research and writing and assisting with some of our administrative issues. It is a pleasure to have them working with us and we hope they will gain some useful experience. Citizens Volunteer Corps

Many thanks to the Citizens Volunteer Corps for the phase III planting of the botanical gardens in Stranahan Park. Funded through the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club by a generous contribution of Ivy Realty, 35 generous volunteers arrived to help plant more than 1,400 plants.

Thanks go to the many neighborhoods that sent representatives, the City of Fort Lauderdale staff, **Mayor Jack Seiler** and his daughters and Riverwalk members **Michael Weymouth**, Jody Thomfohrde, Jeri Pryor, Jo Ann Smith and Caitlin Fahey. ⁽⁶⁾



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Looking Back ... and to the Future



Future Rendering of Downtown



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boulevard with shops and boutiques and a brand all its own. The boulevard stands apart from other shopping destinations because of its resilient timelessness, adaptability and unique brand. Las Olas has **weathered** many

Las Olas Boulevard is a constantly evolving place with a unique story as

economic and natural storms in these past 97 years and now enjoys such name recognition that to simply say "Las Olas" conveys a lifestyle rather than a popular thoroughfare. The name holds caché and evokes images of sumptuous meals, luxury goods and fine fashion. Few other South Florida roads can convey all of that in a name alone. Las Olas is a comeback kid that has emerged out of the latest economic downturn to find businesses flocking to the boulevard, contributing their own unique influence. Some storied institutions have closed, while new ones have taken their place. Some buildings have been demolished where new green space has surfaced. It is in a continuous state of flux. And that constant change is what makes the boulevard resilient and ever popular with tourists and locals alike. You never know what new business you will find on a stroll down these sidewalks.

Las Olas is a boulevard steeped in history, with steady activity since 1913. Since its inception, it has been home to many small businesses, with shops known to close at 5 p.m. up until the 1980s. After the Sunrise Shopping Center lured shoppers away from Downtown, the area reestablished itself as a shopping destination in the 1950s. Businesses came and went just as they do now. What is now Florida's largest private university, Nova Southeastern got its start in a storefront near what is now YOLO. The Colony Theatre stood beside Nova, and The Service Men's Center for returning G.I.s was located at 100 E. Las Olas Blvd., now the future site of a commercial and retail tower. Did you also know that we have a ragtag team of Las Olas



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merchants to thank for getting the City to change its code to allow **outdoor dining**?

Few people realize that Las Olas Boulevard doesn't end at Andrews Avenue, but conceptually extends into the Riverfront, Himmarshee Village and the A&E district. The boulevard then resumes at the Avenue of the Arts and continues into Sailboat Bend. All the areas on or near Las Olas Boulevard will experience great change in the coming years, transforming the place once more. So let's envision what the future Las Olas will look like and take a mental stroll of its sidewalks, starting where the boulevard intersects with Southeast Eighth Avenue. Looking south at the intersection is now the Las Olas Lawn, which will be developed into something spectacular someday. Continuing west to the Southeast Sixth Avenue intersection we will be met with the new Related Group condominium on the south side and across from it, the new public space on top of Kinney Tunnel. We walk farther west to the intersection of Southeast Third Avenue and observe the Wave Streetcar stopping to pick up passengers.

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As we reach the Florida Atlantic University and Broward College campus, we will be cooled by the shade provided by the new 100 E. Las Olas commercial and retail tower. Resuming our walk, we come to the Andrews Avenue intersection and stop into the Copacabana for a mojito and some salsa lessons. After burning all that energy we stop for some retail therapy at the newly renovated Riverfront and buy some new duds to wear to the play. Then it's time for a stroll along Riverwalk, where we see children performing jazz on a floating stage in the New River opposite many adoring fans. At the newly expanded **Broward Center for the Performing Arts**, we have cocktails and dinner on the veranda overlooking the bend of the New River before the show. The play lets out and we're off to the nightclubs of **Himmarshee Village** for some serious dancing. All that activity and we never left Downtown! Great things are in store for Las Olas Boulevard, where something new is always around the corner.





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There are so many things to love about Las Olas it's hard to pick just one. From the quaint boulevard lined with old fashion street lamps and twinkling lights to the fashion boutiques, art galleries, restaurants, sidewalk cafes and bars all within a liesurely stroll from each other. Las Olas has something for everyone.

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On The Rise

Las Olas Experiencing Vibrant Renaissance

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hile not on the scale of the Italian Renaissance that produced such geniuses as Michelangelo, Leonardo DaVinci and Fillipo Brunelleschi, Las Olas Boulevard is enjoying its own version of a **Renaissance** ... with a burst of new businesses opening or in the process of their build-outs in preparation of their opening.

"Las Olas Boulevard is experiencing a definite **resurgence** and renewed popularity – we had a great 2012 'season' and are moving into summer with a handful of exciting new businesses slated to open," said **Randi Karmin**, Executive Director of the Las Olas Association.

"We have seen a positive influx of both tourists and locals, proving that Las Olas is 'hot' again. Longtime restaurant favorites like **Big City Tavern**, **Johnny V** and **Mangos** continue to flourish while newer hot spots like **Rocco's Tacos** and **SoLita** bring a fresh energy and 'feet to the street.'

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ELEKTRIK BOUTIQUE OPENING JULY 2012 619 E. LAS OLAS BLVD. (954) 729-4988 WWW. ELEKTRIKBOUTIQUE.COM

Elektrik boutique brings a blend of fresh, energetic style to Las Olas from New York to Los Angeles as well as some local aspiring designers from the Art Institute. Stacy Goren and Rory Dougherty dub themselves "young elektrik fashion forward owners" who hope to attract their own demographic: age 25 to 45, and sexy, upscale movers and shakers of Downtown.

Kevin Lane is a publicist, photojournalist and event photographer who also presents lectures on historic and selfempowerment people.

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THE GRILLE ON LAS OLAS PLANNED OPENING: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 410 E. LAS OLAS BLVD.

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THEGRILLELASOLAS With a complete indoor and exterior renovation underway, The Grille on Las Olas will occupy the former location of Rare Steakhouse with new, bold flavors and a contemporary atmosphere. Trendy and comfortable patio dining areas have been planned along with upscale, private dining environments for corporate and social guests. An innovative menu will be presented in an opulent setting, which will cater to Fort Lauderdale's business executives and young professionals, leisurely diners and burgeoning tourism market.

HAIR COUTURE LAS OLAS 1233 E. LAS OLAS BLVD. (954) 463-4343 WWW HAIRCOUTUREONI AS

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Hair Couture offers a high-end experience without the high price. The stylists specialize in multi-dimensional

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JAMALI GALLERY PLANNED OPENING: MID-JULY 1018 E. LAS OLAS BLVD. (954) 617-9990 WWW.JAMALIGALLERY.COM

Jamali Gallery features work of the artist Jamali. The gallery showcases original paintings, bronze sculptures, and limited editions.

VOODKA: A TRANSCONTINENTAL BRASSERIE PLANNED OPENING: OCTOBER 817 E. LAS OLAS BLVD. (954) 540-7245

This spacious 4,000-plus square foot restaurant and lounge will seat 167 guests inside and 40 guests outside on its outdoor terrace. With a wood-burning fireplace, a huge common table in the center and couches and tables, Voodka will exude a warm and intimate brasserie atmosphere. Serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and beyond, the menu is described as "international fusion."



RECENTLY OPENED BUSINESSES

BLUE CONTEMPORARY GALLERY 713A E. LAS OLAS BLVD. (954) 764-6044 WWW.BLUEFINEART.COM

Mixing sophisticated flare with contemporary art, Blue Gallery is a gathering place where art collectors and enthusiasts can embrace the energy and panache of Las Olas. The open loft-style gallery features landscapes, abstracts, semi-realistic and figurative styles by contemporary artists and sculptors. The artists represented by Blue Gallery include David Schluss, Sveta Esser, Calman Shemi, Avi Ben-Simhon, Isaac Maimon, Isaac Kahn, Lenner Gogli, Alex Pauker and more.

evoo market 1239 E. LAS OLAS BLVD. (954) 522-5088 WWW.EVOOMKT.COM



evoo market is a boutique tasting bar for domestic and imported extra virgin olive oils and balsamic vinegars. The

oils are high quality, certified extra virgin and include a variety of natural flavor infusions as do the balsamic vinegars. Customers can taste each flavor before deciding which ones to buy. evoo market also carries high quality products such as soaps and lotions made from virgin evoo, as well as, a variety of spices and salts and great gift items.

J. MCLAUGHLIN 808 E. LAS OLAS BLVD. (954) 530-9710 WWW.JMCLAUGHLIN.COM

The store sells men's and women's clothing and accessories including J. McLaughlin's signature grosgrain ribbon belts, handquilted jackets and the best selling brightly colored Catalina T-shirt. The merchandise is described as "purebred, premium quality clothing for those who enjoy season-less American sportswear."

OGGI MURANO GALLERY 803B E. LAS OLAS BLVD. (954) 764-7750 WWW.OGGIMURANO.COM

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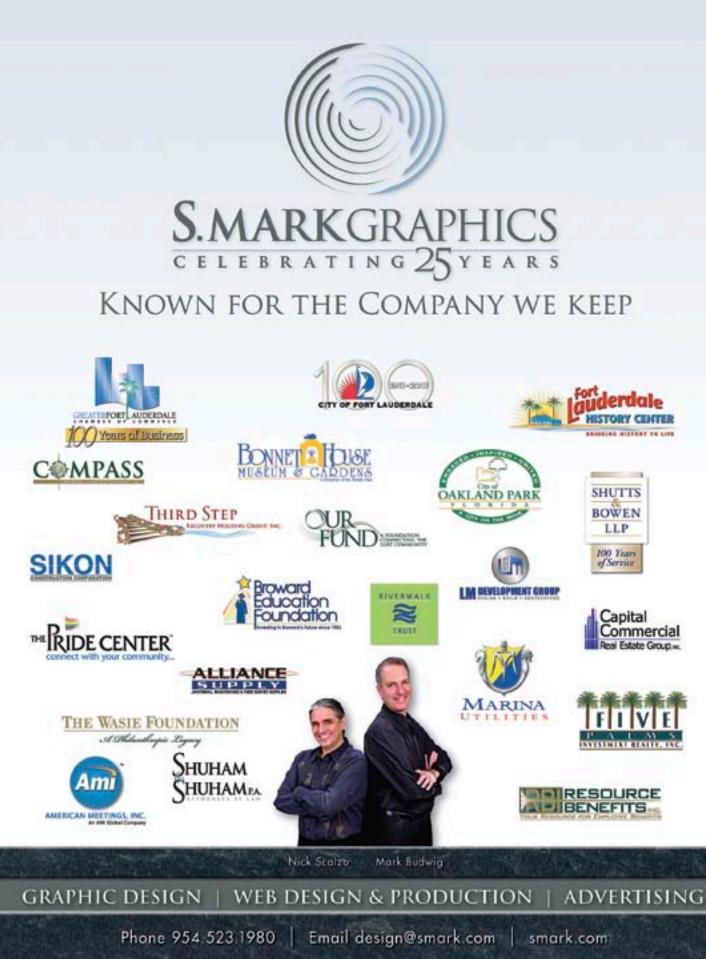
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Mario Argiro of Moda Mario

MODA MARIO 822 E. Las Olas Blvd. (954) 467-3258 www.modamario.com

S ince it opened in 1975, **Moda Mario** has gained an enviable reputation as bringing the newest and most innovative styles to Las Olas. When they first opened, they were located at 13th Avenue and East Las Olas, a few blocks east of their current location at 822 E. Las Olas.

Thanks to **Mario Argiro**'s love of clothes and exquisite taste, when you visit the store, you'll discovvver a treasure trove of fine European — mostly Italian — clothing and shoes for men and women. You'll also be treated to freshly brewed espresso coffee, as the store was the first to have an espresso coffee bar on Las Olas.

Several facets of their business remains a constant since first opening, insuring their continuing success, and accounts for a loyal following for Mario and his wife, **Phyllis**. She says, "... personalized service for the sophisticated clientele, wardrobe consulting, the absolute finest fabrics, the latest styles and attention to fit." The store boasts an in-house tailor.

The merchandise mix is focused: evening wear, daywear, casual, cruise, shoes, handbags, jewelry, knits, jeans tuxedos, suits, sport-coats, leather clothing and a selection of exclusive fragrances.

While steeped in old-world traditions, Moda Mario embraces 21st century marketing, with a mix of monthly e-mails and use of Facebook. This combination, coupled with "Quality – Fashion – Taste" – which is their motto, keeps customers coming back. "We are now serving second and third generations of clients," Mario said with a smile.

An Elite Group

Members of Las Olas Quarter Century Club

BY KEVIN LANE • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JASON LEIDY

While there isn't really a **Quarter Century Club**, there are a number of businesses that have been on Las Olas Boulevard for 25 years. Several have been on the Boulevard longer, so we decided to call them members of the rather exclusive Quarter Century Club and spotlight them in this issue of Go Riverwalk.

'We are now serving second and third generations of clients,' Mario said with a smile.

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Janine and Louis Flematti of Café de Paris

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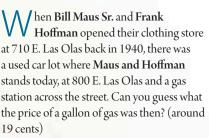
n 1962, when Louis Flematti acquired Café de Paris, it seated only 30 people. Over the next 50 years, the restaurant grew through acquiring adjacent stores, connecting them and decorating them to create the warmth and intimate ambiance of a typical Parisian bistro.

In addition to four separate dining rooms and several cozy alcoves with banquet seating, there's sidewalk dining under an expansive awning. The main dining room has a full bar along with a grand piano and a spiral staircase. Throughout the restaurant is a treasure trove of antiques, artwork and other accent pieces that add to the French flavor.

What keeps people coming back so often and has insured their successful staying power is the attentive service by a veteran wait staff and, of course ... the food! The menu offers a large selection of all time favorites as Coquille St. Jacques Escargots, Steak Tartare, Onion Soup Gratinee, Duck a l'Orange, Filet of Sole Meuniere, Bouillabaisse, Beef Wellington, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baby Rack of Lamb, numerous veal, beef and fresh fish dishes and French pastries made by in-house **Pastry Chef Jean Claude**.

Four years ago, Louis was joined by wife Janine who successfully operated the Las Olas Meating Place and the Mediterranean Market. They are usually both on hand to welcome old friends and make new ones.

Live entertainment seven nights a week, with early dinner specials from 5 to 6 p.m.



AS OLAS

While the world has changed dramatically, some things remain a constant at Maus and Hoffman: a full-service men's and women's clothing store. "We specialize in the finest quality goods purchased throughout the world and delivered to our customers with every bit of service and attention available," explained Tom Maus Jr.

In the 1950s, the family began to buy in Italy, allowing them to develop their own extensive selection of private label merchandise. Made in the finest factories all over the world, using luxurious fabrics selected exclusively for Maus and Hoffman has resulted in a finer product at an excellent value.

Continuing to anticipate and embrace changes and technology, Maus and Hoffman is a multi-channel retailer, selling goods through their retail stores, direct mail catalogs and their website, www.mausandhoffman. com, all integrated and operated under the

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auspices of the Maus family that includes Tom, Tom Jr., Bill Jr., Bill III and Edward.

Bill Maus, left, and Frank Hoffman, circa 1951

ZOLA KELLER 818 E. Las Olas Blvd. (954) 462-3222 www.zolakeller.com

Z ola Keller's first retail location was one-third of Yarns Galore, a specialty yarn store owned by her future husband, Ave Keller and his family. She was designing and manufacturing a line of women's knits. Yarns Galore grew to become a national chain of yarn stores.

In 1985, Zola and now husband Ave opened Zola Keller on East Las Olas, carrying luncheon suits and special occasion gowns and catering to mothers-of-the-bride, mothers-of-the-bar/bat mitzvah, and socialites. In 1993, Leanza Cornett won the Miss America crown, wearing a Zola Keller gown. "We became the go-to-store for beauty pageant contestants from around the world," Zola said.

"We then started dressing entertainment celebrities who were constantly in the spotlight," Ave Keller said. "Zola has become as famous as many of the celebrities she dresses."

Six years ago, Zola added a bridal gown department. Today, **Zola Keller Bridal** is one of the leading retailers of bridal gowns at all price points and all sizes, from simple to "overthe-top."

It's estimated that Zola has helped nonprofits raise well over \$1 million dollars through her fashion shows. With an increasing demand for bigger and more

elaborate fashion shows, **ZK Fashion**/ **Entertainment** was launched in 2005 and has since grown, producing runway fashion shows that include entertainment in South Florida and across the country.

Ave's 92-year-old mother, **Mildred Keller**, is the bookkeeper and his sister, **Sandy Blagman**, is the store's manager, making Zola Keller a family affair.

> Zola and Ave Keller of Zola Keller

'Zola has become as famous as many of the celebrities she dresses.' SOPHY CURSON 1508 E. Las Olas Blvd.

> Pearl Curson Goldner with her sister, Sophy Curson

S ophy Curson, founder of the dress store that bears her name, was a small framed woman who is credited with inventing the "junior size," coining the slogan, "Junior is a size ... not an age."

Smart, stylish and entrepreneurial, she opened a store in 1929 in Philadelphia, aptly named Sophy Curson. Near Rittenhouse Square, at 19th and Sansom Streets, the store is still in the same location.

While wintering in Fort Lauderdale in 1942, Sophy visited a little shop on Las Olas with one dress in the window. The owner, who was getting married and wanted to get out of her lease, overheard Sophy tell her sister that if she could have a second store, "it would be just like this one." In 1943, that little store got a new name: Sophy Curson.

In time, Sophy was joined by her sisters, **Pearl Curson Goldner**, who ran the shop until she reached 100, and **Rosemond Price**, who was a creative driving force.

"Aunt Sophy was quiet and sweet and knew how to entice the client. My mother, Pearl Goldner, knew the 'art of the sale,' " said **Susan Schwartz**, who with her son **David** now manage the Philadelphia store and buy for both locations, attending the world's major fashion collections.

Judy Joslin and her staff run the Las Olas store, which closes in June and reopens in October. "We serve the woman who makes an entrance and wants to have heads turn," Schwartz said.



n the early 1930s, brothers John and Preston A. Wells began visiting Fort Lauderdale. Captivated by the city, they began buying property and in 1935 built the Champ Carr Hotel, a three-story, 80-room hotel "with baths." Carr was the Wells' first manager and their fishing partner, friend and business partner. In 1947, when Carr stepped down, it was renamed The Riverside Hotel.

Mixing Caribbean style with old Florida charm, the pet-friendly Riverside Hotel is both luxurious and laidback. The 12-story tower, completed in 2002, features 214 guestrooms, inclusive of six suites, all of which are accentuated by Tommy Bahama-styled design elements, vintage décor and sweeping views of the city skyline, Atlantic Ocean and New River.

Hotel amenities include a heated, outdoor swimming pool; a fitness room; complimentary wireless internet; a marina with boat dockage space and several dining options including Preston's Wine and Martini Lounge, the Golden Lyon Vintage Pub, and Indigo, a neighborhood restaurant with dining inside or al fresco. There is more than 11,000 square-feet of indoor banquet/meeting facilities; and outdoor catering venues.

"The hotel has fully embraced the evolution of technology with various social media channels, including twitter, Google+ and Facebook. We have adapted our website for mobile phones and collaborate with flash-sale sites like Groupon and TravelZoo," said the hotel's general manager, **Heiko Dobrikow**.

Being on Las Olas, with its vibrant shopping, dining and strolling is part of the magic of staying at the Riverside.

THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL Alienne Alexis, Thomas Castro, Rene Sainvertu, Bill Lambert, Luc Augustine, Joseph Ambrosio and Art Reed of The Riverside Hotel



FLORA OTTIMER 1034 E. Las Olas Blvd. (954) 463-2292 www.floraottimer.com

Mary Welker and granddaughter Alexandria Peacock of Flora Ottimer

> hen Flora Ottimer

boutique in 1945, she had no idea she was creating a legendary Las Olas store that would serve five generations of children in Fort Lauderdale and around the world.

Mary Welker bought Flora Ottimer in 1985 and has maintained its level of quality goods and personal service. The store, recently relocated to 1034 E. Las Olas Blvd., is paradise found for grandparents. That's not to say that parents of newborns and young children and the children themselves — don't revel in the adorable and stylish clothes, toys and books. There is something for everyone, from newborn take me home to father and daughter dance dresses, right through to pieces for the most discerning 12 to 14 year old "stylista."

Welker recalls that Flora collaborated with another young woman, Florence Eiseman, to create a line of children's clothing. Today the distinctive Florence Eiseman label is viewed around the world as a premier line, the "Coco Chanel" of children's wear, and Flora Ottimer continues to be the largest independent retailer of the label. It's not rare for a mom to shop at the boutique bringing her children dressed in Florence Eiseman clothing bought 20 years ago by her mother or grandmother. The clothes are classic and timeless.

"One of my greatest pleasures is to dress the children of children we dressed in the first years of owning the store," Welker said. "Style starts small and lasts a lifetime." IN HONOR OF NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH BUY ONE ICE CREAM CONE, GET ONE FREE!*

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John, Robert Jr., Barbara, Thomas and Luke Moorman of Carroll's Jewelers

/ ith Luke Moorman's 3-year old son, Thomas; Matthew Moorman's newborn girl, Madeline along with Robert Moorman III's two children, Robert Moorman IV and Christopher, Carroll's Jewelers is assured that the fifth generation of the 75-year-old, family owned and operated business will stay that way. The store has been on the Boulevard for 51 years.

"Customers quickly discover that they are made to feel like part of Carroll's family," according to Bob Moorman, who with his wife Barbara now own and operate the store. "Carroll's, always known for quality, is a traditional jeweler. We sell, make and design jewelry, buy and repair fine jewelry and sell and repair watches," Bob added.

The store carries china, crystal, sterling and gift items and offers custom designed, monogrammed china, that is popular with newly weds and yacht owners," said Luke Moorman. Luke designs jewelry that "can't be found anywhere else."

Luke, John and Bob are fourth generation Rotarians, who take the motto, "Service Above Self," seriously and embrace Rotary's "Four Way Test," a copy of which is prominently displayed on the wall.

"We have adapted to new technologies, like CAD-CAM (computer animated design computer animated manufacturing), e-commerce and Facebook, to provide better service and use the Internet to reach customers from around the world," John Moorman pointed out. As members of the American Gem Society since its conception, the Moorman's attend trade shows to learn new techniques and trends in the industry. 🕲



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THREE PERFECT DAYS

How to Enjoy Las Olas Boulevard This Summer

BY KATHRYN DRESSLER Photography by Jason Leidy

uring my time spent working as a concierge I learned that few interests were common between locals and tourists, but the famed Las Olas Boulevard happened to be one of them. Though they could not always pronounce it, travelers from near and far all seemed to know about Las Olas Boulevard and were determined to visit. So once I worked my guests through the "Las Olas basics" — what is it, how do you pronounce it, how you spell it, what does it mean, how do you get there, etc. — I was left with the culminating question of "What should I do there?" My answer was always the same … "Well, it depends."

One of the best **features** about Las Olas Boulevard is that there is so much to do, so much to see, and so much culture present ... so "what do to" really depends on personal interests. And, with "staycations" becoming increasingly more popular, I was presented with the challenge of reinventing Las Olas for locals and providing them ample opportunities for fun. So, in an attempt to illustrate how **engaging** Las Olas can be for both locals and visitors, below you will find my suggested **highlight reel** on how to spend three perfect days along the Boulevard.

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Let's start with the basics: transportation. Many visitors come to Fort Lauderdale sansvehicle, so one of the most frequently asked question about Las Olas is "How do I get there?" Fortunately for all, there are plenty of options. One of the more unique options is the Water Taxi, which is basically a trolleyon-the-water. Purchase an all-day pass, choose which stops you'd like to explore, and hop on and off to check out some of Fort Lauderdale's most popular attractions, shopping and dining. And luckily for our Las Olas-bound travelers, the Water Taxi has several stops along the Boulevard, including the No. 9 stop that will put you right in the heart of the strip. Utilize the Water Taxi all day and explore the rest of what Fort Lauderdale has to offer, or simply use it as a means of transportation to get to some of the hottest spots along Las Olas.

Another fun and environmentallyfriendly way to get around town and along the Boulevard is to hop on and off the **Sun Trolley**. The Sun Trolley runs on biodiesel fuel, which is a domestically produced, renewable energy source. And **bicycle racks** are available on the trolleys so that you can continue your ride using a "green" alternative. The trolleys reach all over Fort Lauderdale, including the entire length of Las Olas Boulevard, and provide access to world-

class shopping, sparkling beaches, and endless options for entertainment. The Sun Trolley hits each stop about every 30 minutes, and now it even offers a convenient mobile app so you always know where it is and how to find it.

So now that we've got the transportation aspect covered, let's talk about what to do and how to spend a perfect day (or three!) on Las Olas.

1 A PERFECT DAY FOR NEW VISITORS

I've found that first-timers are usually interested in "local" spots, so if that's what you're looking for, you're in luck because Las Olas boasts quite a few of those. One of the most, if not the most, local restaurants on the Boulevard is **The Floridian**. Open 24 hours a day/365 days a year, this place has become one of the great Fort Lauderdale staples. With three rooms worth of walls completely adorned with photographs, articles and

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kitschy signage, The Floridian bleeds local history. If you get there early enough, you may even get the chance to meet the owner, Butch, while he's reclined in his desk chair, positioned at the head of the elongated table in the center of the room, and chatting with his notorious "Breakfast Club" confidantes. The menus are plastic and the tables are sticky ... but if

you want good food, large portions, and some local flair, "The Flo" is definitely the place to be.

After breakfast at The Flo, head west down Las Olas and there you will find an abundance of **art galleries** and **boutique shops**. Spend a couple hours perusing the galleries and window-shopping at the boutiques, then pop into **Las Olas Wine Café** for some refreshing libations. Grab a cheese plate and a glass of wine then sit back, relax, and enjoy the people watching.

As part of its "Moonlight Madness" special the Water Taxi is only \$10 after 5 p.m., so hop on and enjoy a lovely sunset cruise along the Intracoastal Waterway in the "Venice of America." Cruise around and learn all about our city, as told by the Water Taxi's animated staff. Then, hop off at No. 4 Beach Place stop, pop into Fat Tuesday's, and equip yourself with a to-go koozie filled with their signature drink, 190 octane. If you're in the mood for some more local spots, walk south along A1A until you find yourself at Elbo Room, found on the corner of A1A and Las Olas Boulevard.

The Elbo Room is another Fort Lauderdale staple oozing with history. According to Fort Lauderdale native and former Mayor Rob Dressler, "As long as I can remember, the Elbo Room has been the center and 'soul' of Fort Lauderdale's beach: From 'Where the Boys Are' and decades of Spring Breaks to the Wave Wall of the New Beach." Grab a drink, take some photos, and make your friends jealous by showing off your new tan when you wave to them on one of the Elbo Room's beachcams broadcasting on its website.

Next, wave down the Sun Trolley and head back west on Las Olas to wrap up the day. End up at **Timpano's**, and enjoy the soothing sounds of jazz echo from the cozy, dark interior of this hidden gem. "Jimmy and the boys will make you feel like you're at Birdland, and Bonnie pours a classic martini every time," says **Jennifer Nayak** of Las Olas Local Marketing Inc.

And finally, if you somehow managed to leave room for dessert, pop into **Kilwins**, another local favorite, for some tasty treats before calling it a night.

2 A PERFECT DAY FOR LOCALS

Finding ways to entertain locals was undoubtedly more of a challenge, but fortunately, because there's so much going on along the Boulevard, I was always equipped with an arsenal of exciting opportunities for even the most seasoned Las Olas-goer.

Start the day by enjoying breakfast at YOLO ("You Only Live Once") while sitting outside. Sip your coffee (or mimosa), and wake up to the beautiful weather in sunny South Florida. After breakfast, cross the street and stroll along the **Riverwalk** area.

If you're feeling artsy, take a walk down

the Boulevard to visit the Museum of Art and immerse yourself in the depths their newest exhibition, SHARK. In addition to drawings of all the known varieties of sharks in the world, the exhibition contains photographs, sculptures, and video as well as a section devoted to the sensational impact of the 1975 Steven Spielberg film "Jaws." SHARK will be on display through Jan. 6 (www.moafl.org).

If you have your family in tow, hop on the Sun Trolley and hop off at the

Museum of Discovery and Science, where visitors can hang out with playful North American river otters, take a trip to the famed River of Grass without ever leaving the building on the Everglades Airboat Adventure, experience hurricane force winds in the Storm Center, dig for fossils alongside a giant prehistoric megalodon, or learn all about the geckos on display as part of the Museum's new traveling exhibit Geckos: Tails to Toepads. The largest and most advanced gecko exhibition in the country, Geckos: Tails to Toepads introduces visitors to the remarkable diversity of these lizards in 18 lush naturalistic habitats with living examples from around the world and engaging interactives. Geckos: Tails to 'As long as I can remember, the Elbo

Toepads will be on display through Jan. 6.

Walk across the street to Esplanade Park and hop on one of the **Broward B-Cycles**, a bike share program that provides a healthy, affordable and simple way to get around

our city. Cruise east along the boulevard and enjoy the magnificent scenery of the Las Olas



inlets while admiring the mammoth yachts and mansions. Find your way to **Coconut's** for a late lunch and enjoy a Mango Mojito Freeze while you sit on the dock and enjoy the salty ocean breeze.

Jump back on your B-Cycle and get some exercise as you explore the luxurious communities along the Boulevard. Then head back east to the **Stranahan House** to wrap up the night and experience one of their lesser-known offerings, the **River Ghost Tours**. Offered every Sunday at 7:30 p.m., this hour-long tour includes a visit inside the Stranahan House and a boat ride on the New River. Travel back in time and learn about the first permanent settlers to the area, Frank and Ivy Stranahan, and the creation of the city

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of Fort Lauderdale. The Stranahan House was built in 1901 by Frank Stranahan, Fort Lauderdale's first postmaster, and his wife Ivy Cromartie Stranahan, the area's first schoolteacher. The house has served as a

trading post, post office, community center, restaurant and home to the Stranahans. It has

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3 A PERFECT NIGHT FOR EVERYONE

Start the night off right at **Preston's Wine** & Martini Lounge, located in the historic **Riverside Hotel**. A grand piano graces this living room lounge as resident pianist **Stephen Marks** plays old classics and new favorites, Tuesday through Saturday evenings. Guests of the Riverside Hotel and "in-theknow" locals have long recognized Preston's as the perfect place to meet and mingle in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Then, if you're feeling fancy, find your way down to east Las Olas and indulge in a delectable dinner at **Chima Steakhouse**, named after chimarrao, a traditional drink of Rio do Sul, Brazil, that symbolizes hospitality and friendship. Gauchos roam the dining room continuously offering exquisite churrasco of more than 15 rotisserie meats including top sirloin, filet, ribs, lamb, pork, chicken, sausage and fish. And did I mention it's all you can eat? But make sure to save room for dessert ... because we haven't gotten that far in the plan yet! After dinner, head back to the west side of the strip to the center of the action. **Mangos** is very popular during the day with business people as well as tourists – and after dark it becomes a hot entertainment spot with live music, featuring top local musicians, offered every night except Monday. Grab a drink here and enjoy the music before bar hopping your way down the rest of the Boulevard.

If you're looking for a fun, trendy spot with great people watching, I'd suggest **Vibe Ultra Music Lounge**. "Vibe is everything music, and music is essentially the epicenter of nightlife," said Tim Petrillo, president of The Restaurant People. "We will be celebrating our two-year anniversary in October and we strive to keep ahead of the nightlife trend and keep our 'vibe' fresh. Vibe is in a prime location, located in the center of Las Olas and it completes the trifecta of YOLO and O Lounge. We offer venues that take you from dinner, to drinks, to dancing in a seamless transition throughout the night."

Right next door to Vibe you'll find O-Lounge, which has one of the best ladies' nights in town. On Wednesdays, ladies drink free and they feature tantalizing appetizers and a Tarot card reader. You can also stop by YOLO for a nightcap, or hop in the complimentary limo service and head over to Blue Martini in style before dancing the night away!

Or, if you prefer to stay along the Boulevard, continue west until you reach the Las Olas **Riverfront** complex and dance with your friends at **Off the Hookah**. Off The Hookah was envisioned as a neighborhood spot where locals could relax and enjoy the beautiful city. Enjoy a unique atmosphere in a lively 14,000 square-foot hookah lounge with an exciting nightly line up of live entertainment at every turn. Featuring world ranked flair bartenders, belly dancers and live entertainment, Off The Hookah is definitely the best spot to end your night in Fort Lauderdale.

If you're like me and find yourself hungry late at night after all the dancing and merrymaking, grab a slice of pizza at **Riverfront Pizza** before heading home. Or if you're craving something sweet instead of salty, head over to one of Las Olas' newest dessert havens, **Yogurt Ur Way**. Grab a cup and fill it up!

And there you have it — three very different, very perfect days along the same Boulevard. Whether you're a local, first-time visitor, or a repeat guest, there is more than enough to keep you occupied since Las Olas features the perfect **integration** of cultural, natural, urban, professional, and nightlife offerings.

See you on the **Boulevard**. 🕲

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Real Estate Improvements in U.S. By: Michelle Farber Ross

In recent months, ULI (Urban Land Institute) has conducted studies to measure the real estate capital markets throughout the US and the world. Promising news comes as a result of these surveys of top economists and analysts pointing towards broad improvements for America's economy, real estate capital markets, real estate fundamentals and the housing industry through 2014.

Over the next three years we will see the following positive trends:

• Vacancy rates are expected to drop in a range of between 1.2 -3.7 % for office, retail and industrial properties

• Rents are expected to increase for all property types: Retail up .8 % Apartments up 5%

• Housing starts will double by 2014 and home prices will begin to rise in 2013, with prices increasing by 3.5% in 2014

 Commercial property transaction volume to increase nearly 50%

 Issuance of commercial mortgage-backed securities is expected to double

All of this good news comes at a price. It is inevitable that inflation and interest rates will increase and will raise the cost of borrowing for consumers and investors.

All told, it is refreshing to see a silver-lining to this cloud of a recession that we have experienced in recent years.

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A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT THIS YEAR'S BURGER TASTING

n May, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale presented its sold-out third annual **Burger Battle**" at new location Huizenga Plaza along the Riverwalk Park. This sizzling event pitted 20 local restaurants against one another as they used all their **creative juices** and **grilling skills** to create the perfect beef-based Burger Bite for more than 1,200 hungry guests.

The event exceeded fund raising expectations. Funds raised will benefit the programs and initiatives administered by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale.



CHARM CITY BURGER COMPANY

THE CONTENDERS

Twenty area restaurants battled for the trophy for Best Burger in Broward County.

The challenge was sent out and 10 returning contenders signed up to start the battle: **Big City Tavern** on Las Olas, **Gilbert's 17th Street Grill, Hard Rock Café Hollywood, Johnny V** on Las Olas, **Morton's The Steakhouse, Pelican's Landing at Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six, ROK:BRGR, Tarpon Bend, The Capital Grille and Timpano Chophouse and Martini Bar.**

Nine new contenders joined the battle, expanding the selections throughout Broward County to include America's Backyard, Charm City Burger Company, Duffy's Sports Grille, Elevation Burger, Grateful Palate, Lauderdale Grill, Rosie's Bar and Grill, Tap 42 Craft Beer Bar and Kitchen and Tundra Las Olas.

THE JUDGING PANEL

With more restaurants participating, the judges' panel was expanded and focused on a chef-driven vs. a celebrity panel. The line-up included three **chefs**, one food **blogger** and one **foodie** on each panel. This ensured that each entry was judged on taste — the perfect **pairing** of bun, meat and toppings.

The chefs included two-time Burger Battle" Champ Chef **Ron Kerr** of Georgie's Alibi; Publix Apron's Resident Chef **Wes Bonner**; Art Institute Culinary Chef Director **John "Jack" Kane**; Executive Chef **Ryan Fletcher**, Brio Tuscan Grille; **Executive Chef Udo Mueller**, Coral Ridge Country Club; and **Jason Cotter**, Riverside Hotel's Restaurant Director.

Bloggers included Sef Gonzalez, Burger Beast; and Eric Barton, New Times Broward Palm Beach Editor. Foodies included Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale members Susan Drinon and Jason Crush. BY RENÉE K. QUINN Photography by Ron Glazer & Jason Leidy

> **ROK:BRGR:** Fan Favorite



THE CAPITAL GRILLE: Best Knife and Fork Burger Award

> **ROSIE'S BAR AND GRILL:** t Bar and Grill Burger Award



WHAT MAKES THE PERFECT BURGER?

Behind the scenes, while attendees enjoyed the event, a team of 10 volunteers coordinated the judging process, working to time the delivery of burgers to the panels within a two-hour time frame. Each restaurant received instructions and was assigned a time slot and panel at the **Trash Talk Party** held two weeks before the event.

At the **Judging Table**, each panel tasted a bite-sized sample of each contender's entry. They looked at the bun, the meat, the toppings and the marriage of the three. They scored each entry individually and at the end of the battle turned in their personalized score card.

Scoring was simple — each burger was rated on a scale of 1 to 5 — with **Burger** Nirvana a perfect score of 5.

Quality **ingredients** combined in a unique way set the winners apart. Our winning entries included a combination of the fresh baked and buttery bun, tangy sauce/aioli, crispy bacon or other meat topping and creamy cheeses, all cooked to perfection.



EATURE UNDRESSED ...



Renée K. Quinn is a business strategist at QuinnProQuo and community volunteer. She is the Burger Battle Judging and Media Liaison, a Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale member and past chairman and member of the board of directors.

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THE WINNERS

• CHARM CITY BURGER COMPANY – DEERFIELD BEACH

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Burger Nirvana

The Champion Burger: A version of their Good Ole burger, with peppered bacon and house-pickled Roma tomato. It's all about the beef: 70 percent ground chuck, 30 percent brisket and short rib.

• ROK-BRGR — HIMMARSHEE DISTRICT In Downtown Fort Lauderdale

Burger Battle[™] Fan Favorite for their Sweet and Savory Burger with an award winning salty, sweet bacon jam spread

ROSIE'S BAR AND GRILL – WILTON MANOR'S Best Bar and Grill Burger Award Second place – Best Burger The Cuban Inspired Burger topped with

ham, Swiss cheese, pickles and a Dijon aioli, called Anita Mojito.

• THE CAPITAL GRILLE — FORT LAUDERDALE

Best Knife and Fork Burger Award Third Place – Best Burger The Capital Grille's Signature Cheeseburger with sweet onions, smoked bacon and Havarti cheese.

FAN FAVORITE RUNNERS UP

Timpano Chophouse and Martini Bar, second place. Grateful Palate, third place.





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The Great Fire of 1912

Disaster Created the Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department

BY MICHELLE L. KLYMKO

hile the sights and sounds of Fort Lauderdale's Fire Rescue Department (FLFR) are well known throughout the Fort Lauderdale community, many are unfamiliar with how the fire department actually began 100 years ago.

It was near midnight on a balmy summer night at the beginning of **June 1912** when a fire broke out on Southwest Second Street (formerly Wall Street) and Brickell Avenue in the Wheeler Store, located 100 feet from the New River. Fort Lauderdale had no fire department, although a **bucket brigade** was mobilized to douse the fire. A frantic telegraph call for help was placed to its closest neighbors, the City of West Palm Beach and the City of Miami fire departments. Unfortunately, due to their distance and the fact many of the buildings were constructed of wood, the fire spread quickly.

The Miami Fire Department arrived via special train in 26 minutes and West Palm Beach Fire Department made the 45-mile trek on dirt roads in just less than 50 minutes. Today's response time for a fire is under 6 minutes. Despite arriving minutes apart, it was too late, as much of Downtown Fort Lauderdale was in ashes and all that was left were two local businesses and the Osceola Hotel, which ironically burned down a year later. Lost in the 1912 blaze were the Wheeler and Stranahan stores, Everglades Grocery,





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Members of Fort Lauderdale's Fire Rescue Department gather for a photo on June 2, 2012, 100 years to the day of the fire of 1912. The photo was taken at the Fort Lauderdale Fire and Safety Museum to commemorate the department's 100 year birthday celebration that was held there on the same day. All current and retired personnel and their families were invited to be in the photo. Photo by Doug Eaton

'For 100 years, the employees of this diverse organization have provided progressive and committed service that can only be described as outstanding to the City of Fort Lauderdale.'

Fort Lauderdale Pharmacy, Pioneer Realty, Gutchen's Bakery, Jeffries Meat Market, Oliver Brothers Dry Goods Store, A.E. Johnson's Jewelry, Wheeler garage, and the post office and the Fort Lauderdale Herald, the city's first newspaper. Also lost in the fire was the real estate office of W.B. Snyder and M.A. Hortt.

As Fort Lauderdale real estate partners, Snyder and Hortt were proud of their new office building. As any proud business owner would do, they asked their new bookkeeper, A.P. Scudder, to take their picture standing on the steps of their brand new building. The very next day those very steps were all that was left. Although tragic, Snyder and Hortt, with the utmost sense of humor, once again stood on those same lonely concrete steps, and once again Scudder took their picture.

As a result of this fire, the Fort Lauderdale Town Council, voted unanimously to establish Fort Lauderdale's first **volunteer fire department**; and on July 23, 1912, the department's first gas-operated pumper and 1,000 feet of fire hose arrived at a cost of \$3,450, compared to today's modern pumpers and engines, which start at \$300,000. It was also determined that *if* Fort Lauderdale had just 200 feet of hose available at the time the fire started, that connecting it to the **Furst-Clark Tugboat**, would have created a water stream with enough pressure to reach any building that was burning that night.

Since that time, FLFR has flourished from a dozen volunteers, whose training and expertise was limited to fire suppression, to what is currently a professional, highly trained organization with more than **450 dedicated personnel**.

"For 100 years, the employees of this diverse organization have provided progressive and committed service that can only be described as outstanding to the City of Fort Lauderdale," said Jeffrey Justinak, Fire Chief, Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue.

"We're deep in **tradition**, as this makes us feel a part of something that is greater than ourselves. We convey this sentiment by surrounding ourselves with our history and embracing our 'service for others' motto as we serve the citizens of our fair city."

Today, the 450 men and women of FLFR provide the citizens of Fort Lauderdale with a variety of services, which include Emergency and Non-Emergency Medical Services, Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue, Dive Rescue, Marine Fire-Rescue, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Medics, Airport Fire-Rescue, Fire Investigations, Inspections and Code Compliance.

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Rock Your Taste Buds at Rocco's Tacos

When your stomach starts to rumble after you've spent hours rummaging through the vast boutiques and shops on **Las Olas Boulevard**, there are plenty of places to put a harness on your hunger, but there's only one dining destination on this trendy thoroughfare that feels like a fiesta whenever you step inside — **Rocco's Tacos and Tequila Bar**.

BY Erik Mathes

Nestled just west of Southeast 15th Avenue, Rocco's ambiance provides an unmatched energy and marvelous **Mexican delights** to complement its enormous bar stocked with more than 200 varieties of tequila. From tacos

to tamales, this eatery has it all and if you've never tried Rocco's fare, you owe it to your palate to check it out.





While the environment at Rocco's is fun and casual, it is definitely a hotspot for the city's elite movers and shakers, in addition to young urban professionals looking for a stylish place to mingle, imbibe and grab some snacks. On top of having the best margaritas this side of the Mexican border (marked by exotic ingredients like blood orange, passion fruit and prickly pear, as well as a tangy house-made sour mix), Rocco's also keeps things seriously authentic in the kitchen, including handmade corn tortillas cooked on a traditional *comal* — a griddle made of sandstone or earthenware. And, if you enjoy watching your food being made, you can order guacamole that's freshly prepared at the side of your table (and to your specific heattolerance) for a more interactive experience.

Rocco's may be named for its tacos and tequila, yet it prides itself on everything it serves, from enchiladas to ceviche, tortas to chile rellenos. If you really want to get the full-on Rocco's experience, though, you must indulge in the mouthwatering molcajetes. These are the Rocco's version of classic fajitas, with various meats and seafood baked and served in a lavish lava rock bowl. Rocco's signature dish, the Surf and Turf Molcajete, features a riveting combination of skirt steak, Spanish chorizo, chicken and juicy shrimp covered in a roasted garlic verde sauce and warm flour tortillas in which to wrap up these

delectable morsels for easy eating. Aside from generous personal portions, there's also an even larger size that's great for sharing the perfect way to impress (and get closer to) your date.

> Now, the next time you get tuckered out on Las Olas after a long stroll

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past the art galleries, bridal shops and stores selling fanciful items, you'll know to replenish your energy with a feel-good meal at Rocco's Tacos and Tequila Bar. Not only will the delicious, bountiful bites restore your blood sugar levels to an optimal state, you'll also

be perked up by the vibrant staff, the lively atmosphere and, of course, the scintillating aromas emanating from those sizzling molcajetes. 🕲

> 'Rocco's may be named for its tacos and tequila, yet it prides itself on everything it serves'

Molcajete Surf and Turf Skirt steak, Spanish chorizo. chicken and shrimp in a roasted garlic verde sauce.

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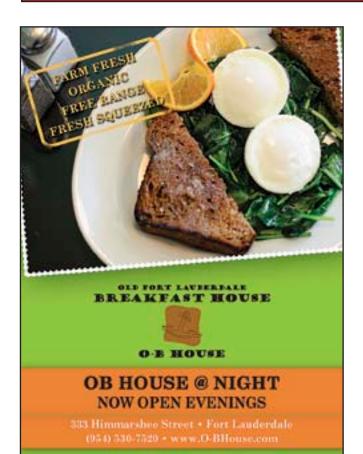
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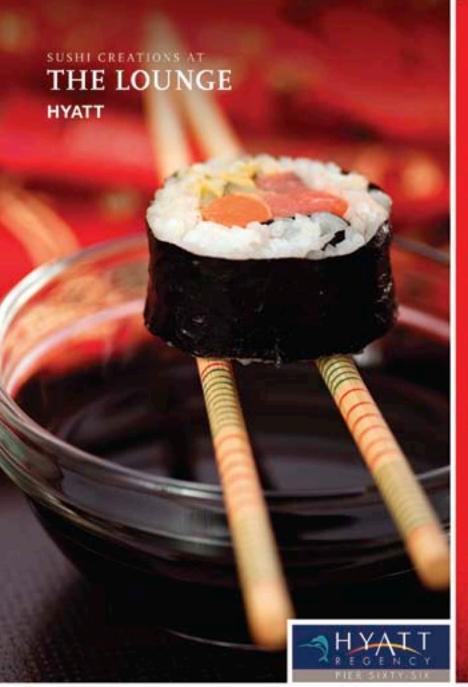


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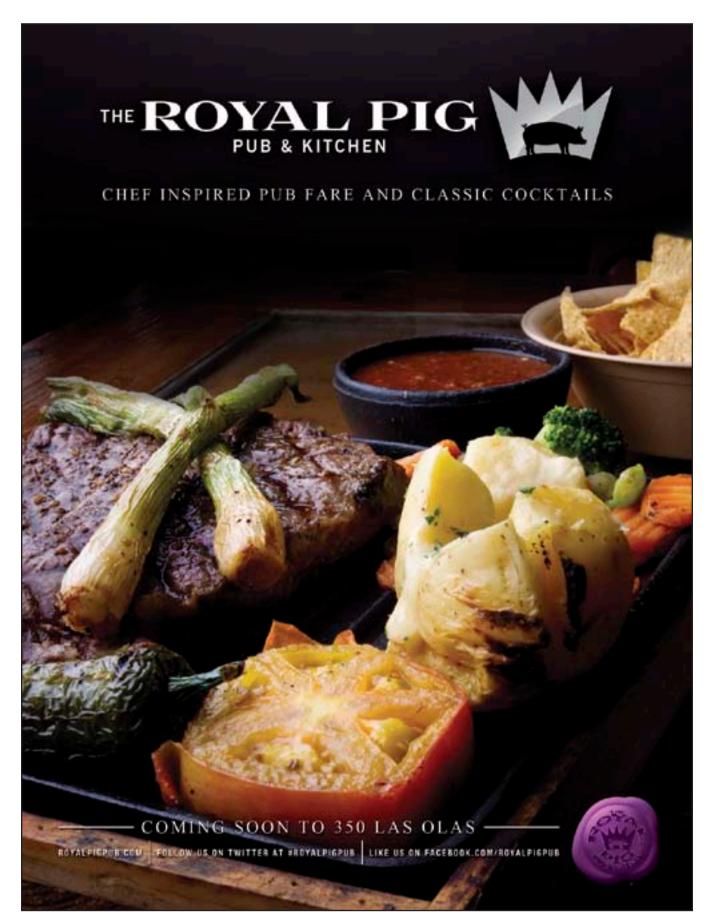
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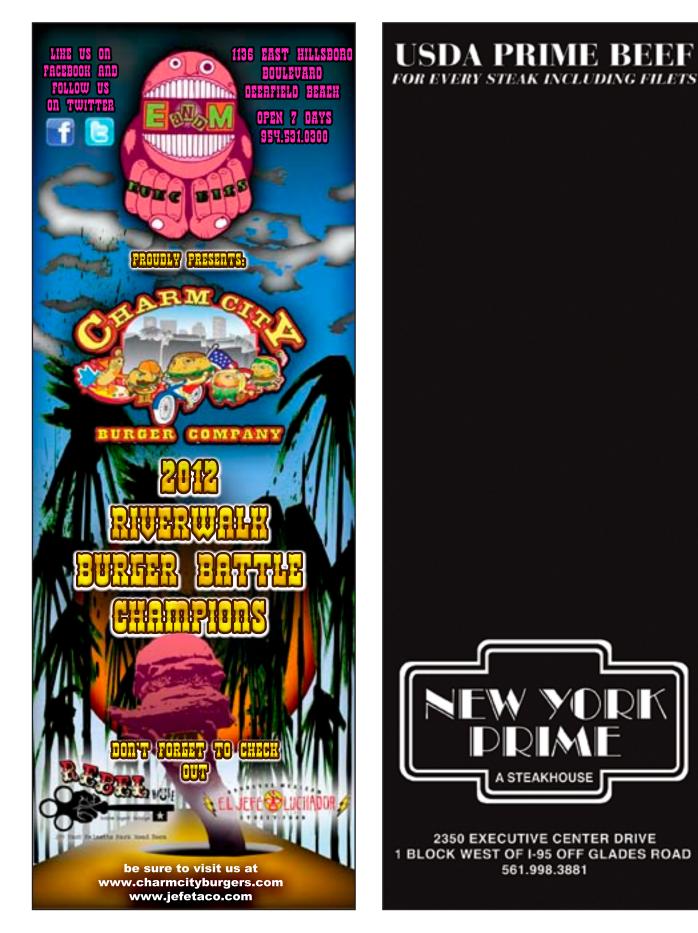
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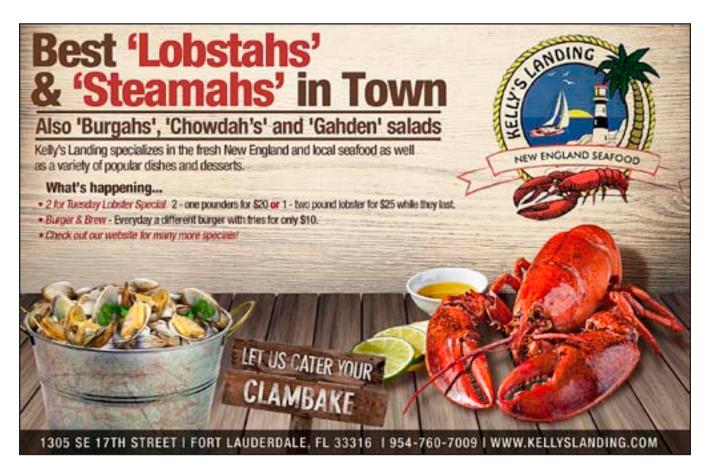
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July 5 and 19 and Aug. 2 The Florida chapter of Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence sponsors lectures at the Museum of Discovery and Science. COSEE Florida's mission is to spark and nurture collaborations among scientists and educators to promote ocean discovery and literacy and to enhance the public's understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of the ocean. Each lecture features different speakers. Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930

STARS, STRIPES AND SCIENCE July 7 and 8

Take a drive down memory lane during the All-American Classic Car Show, learn about the American scientists whose accomplishments helped make this country great, discover the magical world of the night sky in the Star Lab, and engineer your own rocket. *Museum of Discovery and Science* (954) 713-0930

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FAMILY FUN DAYS

July 7 and 21 and Aug. 4 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens offers a day of fun for the entire family this summer with half-price admission for adults and free admission for children 12 and under. Families will have the opportunity to tour the historic house museum filled with a collection of art and personal treasures from the Bartlett family as well as explore the nature trails filled with native plants, trees and an occasional monkey or swan all at a discounted rate. Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606

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MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION CLASS July 9 through 20

In collaboration with the Museum of Art's Set Design Class. Locations vary (954) 385-3060 www.insideouttheatre.org

GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE July 10

Hosted by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Women's Committee. First Baptist Church (954) 462-2396

PREMIER WINE TASTING **CHEESE SELECTIONS AND** ACCOMPANIMENTS

July 11 Cheese Culture (954) 533-9178 \$45

GREEN COUTURE DESIGNERS FOR A CAUSE

Julv 12 An annual fashion show featuring Franovik Designs' eco friendly fall collection made of recyclable and organic materials. Signature Grand (954) 240-4853 www.thewomenoftheroundtable. com



SUMMER CAMP 2012 CINDERELLA July 12 through14

Everybody's favorite rags-to-riches story comes to life on the stage in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," performed by Broward Center's Summer Theatre Camp Young Professionals. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222

2012 NPC SOUTHERN STATES FITNESS, FIGURE, PHYSIQUE, **BIKINI AND BODYBUILDING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

July 13 and 14 The NPC Southern States Championships is the largest regional national qualifier east of the Mississippi and will consist of more than 200 of the nation's top sanctioned National Physique Committee amateurs competing for a spot into the nationals later this summer. War Memorial Auditorium

(954) 828-5380

GLAM-A-THON PINK CHAMPAGNE BUBBLE BASH

July 12 • 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The bash will kick-off the Fort Lauderdale Glam-A-Thon breast JULY community, making Fort Lauderdale the first City in America to mobilize it's business community to raise awareness and funds for local breast cancer programs and initiatives. The City of Fort Lauderdale along with the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Riverwalk Trust, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and the city-wide business extravaganza benefitting Glam-A-Thon and the breast cancer initiatives of the Broward Health Foundation. Premier 110 Tower Building www.glam-a-thon.com www.pinkbubblebash.com

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL HOLISTIC CONFERENCE SUITS, STILETTOS, LIPSTICK, THE BALANCING ACT July 13

International Holistic Center presents a full day of education, JULY Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale 13 (954) 903-9426

SUMMERFEST

SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS July 14 and 27

Fort Lauderdale's Symphony of the Americas will host the Mission Chamber Orchestra of Rome for Summerfest, under the baton of the Symphony's Artistic Director, Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese. Orchestral concerts feature the music of Bach, Corelli, Saint-Saens, Borodin, Mendelssohn, and a world premiere by Italian composer and soloist, Lorenzo Turchi-Floris. Trinity Lutheran Church and Academy Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 335-7002

YOGA

July 14 and 28 For blind or visually impaired adults. Lighthouse of Broward (954) 463-4217 Free

WINE TASTING: THE ROSE LIFESTYLE OF ST. TROPEZ

July 19 Experience the Rosés of Chateau d'Esclans with special guest Paul Chevalier. Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale (954) 262-0249

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: DRALION

July 19 through 29 BankAtlantic Center (954) 835-7000

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THE DARK NIGHT RISES THE IMAX EXPERIENCE

Opens at midnight July 19 Runs through Aug. 31 "The Dark Knight Rises" features a cast led by Oscar winner Christian Bale ("The Fighter") in the dual role of Bruce Wayne/Batman. The film also stars Anne Hathaway as Selina Kyle; Tom Hardy as Bane; Oscar winner Marion Cotillard ("La Vie en Rose") as Miranda Tate; and Joseph Gordon-Levitt as John Blake. AutoNation IMAX 3D Theater Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 463-4629

THE DARK KNIGHT RISES **OPENING WEEKEND**

July 20 through 22 Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930

HAIRSPRAY

July 20 and 21 With big hair and an even bigger heart, Tracy Turnblad, Broadway's favorite plus-sized teen, tries to integrate the Corny Collins Show and find true love in this Tonywinning musical based on the classic John Waters film. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.FLCT.org

FONDUE CLASS

July 21 Cheese Culture (954) 533-9178

ITALIAN WINE

AND CHEESE PAIRING July 24 Cheese Culture (954) 533-9178

VENETIAN ARTS SOCIETY JULY ART SALON

Stranahan House Museum Friday, July 27 • 7 p.m. The Venetian Arts Society offers an artistic experience, conversation and a connection with artists and likeminded arts enthusiasts. Monthly Art Salons take place at the historic Stranahan House Museum on the third Thursday evening of every month, from 7 to 10 p.m. Ongoing performing and visual arts events and lectures take place at the Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, Cinema Paradiso and Bonnet House, among other venues. Free to Society members \$30 non-members



ROLAND MESNIER FORMER WHITE HOUSE PASTRY CHEF PUBLIX APRON'S **COOKING SCHOOL**

6:30 p.m. • July 27 Celebrity Chef Roland Mesnier, was born into a family of nine children in the tiny village of Bonnay, France. Hired in 1979 by from the White House in 2006, he still travels the United States and judging pastry competitions and participating in fund-raising events and book signings. Menu includes Caramelized Costa Rican Frangipane, Summer Pudding and Coffee Petit Pots. Publix at Plantation (954) 577-0542

ORCHID CULTURE, INCLUDING BASIC REPOTTING AND MOUNTING DEMONSTRATIONS July 28 and 29

At this lecture, general cultural information and when to use what, i.e., fertilizers, fungicides, pesticides will be discussed. Demonstrations will be given on basic repotting of different types of orchids and mounting orchids on items such as tree fern, cork bark, grapevine or cypress. Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606

AN EVENING WITH JOHN WATERS THIS FILTHY WORLD July 28

In his only Florida appearance, Strong Reaction Productions presents iconic filmmaker, writer, producer, actor, and stand-up comedian John Waters as he brings his risqué one-man show "This Filthy World" to South Florida. Parker Playhouse (954) 462-0222

AMERICAN IDOL LIVE! 2012 TOUR Aug. 3 BankAtlantic Center (954) 835-7000

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Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930

LATE NIGHT CATECHISM LAS VEGAS

Aug. 4 and 5 Late Nite Catechism: Sister Rolls the Dice is the latest class in the Catechism series sending Sister off to Vegas. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222

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OCEAN EXPLORATION DESIGN SQUAD CAMP Aug. 6 through 10

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Middle school students, ages 12 to 14, can dive into an aquatic world of marine ecology and ocean engineering. The camp is a new collaboration between the Museum of Discovery and Science and Florida Atlantic University with support from Patriot National Insurance Group. *Museum of Discovery and Science FAU's SeaTech* (954) 713-0930

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For more information, call (954)
468-1541 or visit www. GRiverwalk.
com. Look for additional classes and programs coming soon.



Through Aug. 31

Born To Be Wild 3D is an adventure transporting moviegoers into the rainforests of Borneo with primatologist Dr. Birute Mary Galdikas, and across the Kenyan savannah with elephant authority Dame Daphne Sheldrick, as they and their teams rescue, rehabilitate and return these orphaned orangutans and elephants back to th<u>e wild</u>. Narrated by Academy-Award winner Morgan Freeman AutoNation IMAX 3D Theater Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 463-4629 www.imax.com/borntobewild

ASSOCIATIONS AND INSPIRATION THE COBRA MOVEMENT AND THE ARTS OF AFRICA AND NEW GUINEA Through Sept. 9

This installation juxtaposes paintings, sculpture and works on paper by artists of the CoBrA movement with masks, totems, and carvings created on the South Pacific island of New Guinea and on the continent of Africa. Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale (954) 525-5500

SEA REX 3D: JOURNEY TO A PREHISTORIC WORLD IMAX

Through Aug. 31 Join Julie as she travels from a modern-day aquarium to the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Explore an underwater universe inhabited by largerthan-life creatures - including the Liopleurodon, long-necked Elasmosaurus and gigantic Shonisaurus – which were ruling the seas before dinosaurs conquered the earth. Immerse yourself in a lost age, 200 million years back in time, and get ready for a face-to-face encounter with the T-rex of the seas. AutoNation IMAX 3D Theater Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 463-4629 www.searex-thefilm.com

TO THE ARCTIC 3D IMAX

Through Aug. 31

Narrated by Oscar winner Meryl Streep, the film takes audiences on a never-before-experienced journey into the lives of a mother polar bear and her twin seven-month-old cubs as they navigate the changing Arctic wilderness they call home. Intimate footage brings moviegoers up close and personal with this family's struggle to survive in a frigid environment of melting ice, immense glaciers, waterfalls and snow-bound peaks. Sponsored locally by BankUnited

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ALL IN THE FAMILY PAINTINGS AND WORKS ON PAPER BY MEMBERS OF THE GLACKENS FAMILY

Through Oct. 7 The Museum of Art is the repository of the estate of American painter William Glackens, a member of The Eight and a transformative artist at the turn of the twentieth century. Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale (954) 525-5500

GECKOS: TAILS TO TOEPADS *Through Jan. 6*

The Geckos: Tails to Toepads traveling exhibit introduces visitors to the remarkable diversity of lizards with engaging interactives and living examples from around the world. Visitors can experience gecko night vision, listen to gecko voices, learn unusual facts from gecko experts, try to spot camouflaged geckos, and build a custom gecko for various environments. *Museum of Discovery and Science* (954) 713-0930

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Through Jan. 6 Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale (954) 525-5500

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RIVER GHOST TOURS

Sundays Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736 www.stranahanhouse.org

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FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORIC WALKING TOURS First Sunday of the Month New River Inn (954) 463-4431, ext. 12 www.oldfortlauderdale.org

A SWINGIN' EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

Third Sunday of the month Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

AMERICAN IDOGS OBEDIENCE CLASS FOR BEGINNERS Mondays

Obedience Training will teach dogs to follow cues and perform tricks. Sunview Park (954) 791-1040



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Second Monday of the month Showcasing local, national and international songwriters in a solo acoustic format. Evening begins with a one-hour open mic session (one live original song per performer). Stage is then set with four featured invited songwriters performing "in the round" style. Broward Center for the Performing Arts

www.chrystalhartiganpresents.com

FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ JAMS *First Friday of the month ArtServe* (954) 524-0805



INTRODUCTION TO GHOST HUNTING Saturday Nights Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736 www.stranahanhouse.org

ORCHID CLASSES

Saturdays The classes are led by Sandi Jones and Tom Wells from Broward Orchid Supply. Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606

F.A.T. VILLAGE ARTS DISTRICT ARTWALKS Last Saturday of the month Features local artists. Northwest Fifth Street/Andrews Avenue

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I am the managing partner of Wild Felice & Partners, P.A., a law firm specializing in the areas of estate planning, wealth transfer, probate administration and asset protection.

I serve on the board of directors of Impact Broward, Senior Volunteer Services, the City of Plantation Chamber of Commerce and the Unsafe Structure Board for the City of Plantation. I am also chair of the Professional Advisory Committee for the Lighthouse of Broward and sit on the Planned Giving Council of Nova Southeastern University. In 2011, I was named Small Business Person of the Year for the City of Plantation.

In addition to earning my undergraduate and law school degrees from the University of Florida, I have worked as a financial associate with Alliance Bernstein and as an operations assistant with the Miami Dolphins. I currently live with my wife and daughter in Plantation.







We discovered the Riverwalk in 2003 during a winter visit to Fort Lauderdale. In March of each year we would look for a warm climate to restore us from the gray winter skies in Boston.

In 2003, that was Fort Lauderdale. Given that Boston is a walkable city and our preferred way to tour, we decided to walk where we could during our visit to see and feel the environment. That started along the shops of Las Olas Boulevard, but our inquisitive minds took us a bit farther as we crossed Federal Highway and discovered the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art and Riverwalk.

Fast forward to December 2009, we find ourselves living in Fort Lauderdale full time managing our architectural practice PowersSchram Architecture and Planning, focused on bringing high-quality design and sustainable practices to commercial and high-end residential clients. With a client-focused approach, our process is about creating quality-designed environments that support the way we work and live today.

As architects we envision many possibilities for the Riverwalk and Downtown Fort Lauderdale, so we searched for ways to get involved in the community. We located our residence in downtown in Flagler Village and our office in Colee Hammock. We are involved with various organizations from the CRA Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board, Bonnet House Alliance Board of Directors, and Trustees of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. Fort Lauderdale's unique environment offers both an urban and beach experience stitched together by the River with tremendous opportunity along this spine. We wanted to be involved in this positive growth and applaud the efforts of the Riverwalk Trust in calling attention to this valuable resource. We have been involved with the Riverwalk Trust since 2010 as individual members and now as Trustee.



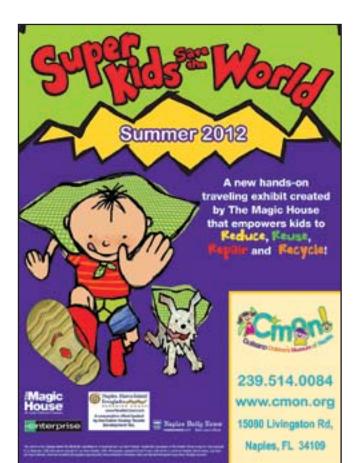
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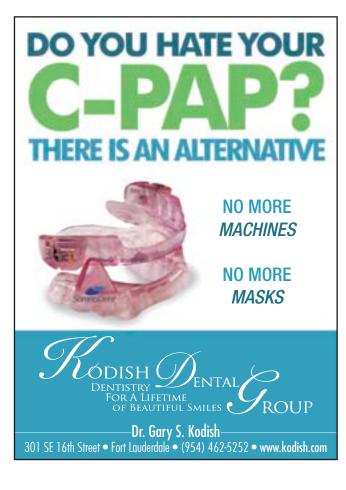


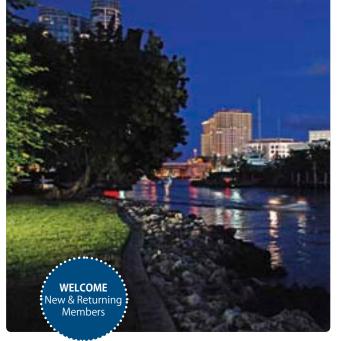
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