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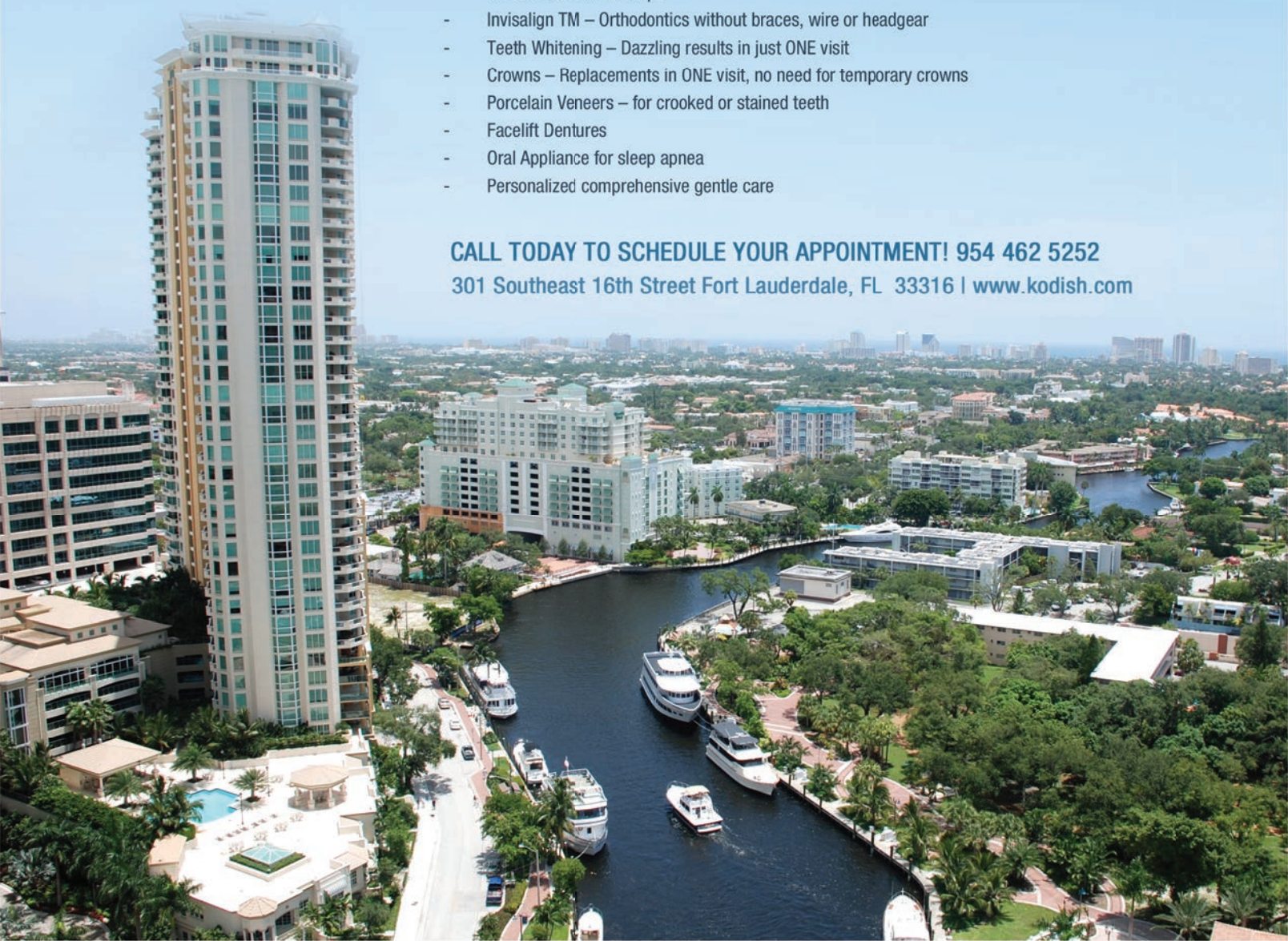
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Happy Anniversary

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As we embrace the New Year, it seems appropriate to note several Riverwalk milestones coming in 2013. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. was founded in 1988, marking this year as our 25th anniversary; the Riverwalk 100 membership program was launched in 1998, making this year its 15th anniversary; and Go Riverwalk Magazine's first issue was published in February 2003, marking this year as our 10th anniversary!

These are all important milestones that are due to the generous efforts and funds of our community partners, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and board members and volunteers through the years. Most importantly, we have thrived thanks to the public that continues to use and enjoy the Riverwalk Park. Our mission has remained the same through the years; however, our focus on what must be done is organic and changes from year to year, from month to month and even sometimes from day to day. Some days our focus is to find the much-needed funds for enhancements of the park. Some days it is to host and promote events in the park to activate and educate everyone about the beauty and



BY COURTNEY
CALLAHAN CRUSH
CHAIR, RIVERWALK
FORT LAUDERDALE

accessibility of the park. And some days it is to honor those who have made the Riverwalk Park such a great success.

At the beginning of our anniversary year, I would like to personally and on behalf of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale thank everyone one who has had a part in getting the Riverwalk to where it is today. From the casual user of the park, to the amazing corporate sponsors, to the City of Fort Lauderdale, to the dedicated volunteers — all are the lifeblood that helps ensure our community asset is preserved and utilized, and I thank you.

Through the efforts of all of you, we have accomplished many, many things. One may only walk down the Riverwalk Park to see the successes. Our City now has a beautiful, safe and active Downtown amenity that is one of our great jewels.

Looking back and celebrating our accomplishments should fill us all with joy, and of course it also makes us ask ourselves "What next?"

So what is next for the Riverwalk? That is what we will be discussing in the coming months with you, the community, and all of our stakeholders because we want the next 25 years to be as successful as the first! Bring us your ideas and bring your efforts, because we are poised and ready to make this another great year for the Riverwalk.

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Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and Downtown Civic Association have both applied for additional matching grants to enhance the Riverwalk. Ron Centamore, representing the Downtown Civic Association, recently gave an oral presentation of the application to add mile-marker signs to the walk. This will help encourage continued healthy exercise while using the Riverwalk. The incremental markers allow participants to calculate the distance for each segment of their walk.

PUT ON YOUR SNEAKERS AND COME TAKE A WALK.



BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS
PRESIDENT/CEO,
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During the same grant cycle, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale recently also gave an oral presentation to the Economic Advisory Board in support of an application to add a fixed multi-use exercise station to Riverwalk. You are able to do five different exercises at this single station and then continue with either a walk, run or bicycle trip along the walk.

Inclusion of interactive items along Riverwalk encourages participation and use. Put on your sneakers and come take a walk.

Beginning on Jan. 27, Sunday Arts will commence with area partners offering a variety of things to do, see and buy on the fourth Sunday of the month along Riverwalk. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., area artists will provide performance art, music, photography, paintings, jewelry, storytelling and more for your enjoyment.

Coming to you in February for some more exercise and fun, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale will host a downtown Dodgeball League in partnership with WAKA, Downtown Development Authority and the City of Fort Lauderdale. Check out our webpage and facebook pages for ways to sign up and play. 60



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Step Away from the Desk

If you're like most of the Downtown population and work in an office, you probably spend a solid portion of your day chained to a desk. No matter what your situation, you can take advantage of all the Downtown opportunities for breaking old sedentary habits and start an active, healthy lifestyle. Making the change to get out more and eat better has greater benefits of having a better mood, more energy and greater productivity. So, where does Downtown fit into all this? Let's find out ...



BY CHRIS WREN,
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YOU CAN TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF ALL
THE DOWNTOWN
OPPORTUNITIES

BIKE ON YOUR LUNCH HOUR

As we know, Downtown is blessed with dozens of gyms but if that isn't your thing, try getting some Vitamin D and head **outside**. Downtown Fort Lauderdale is where business, government, the arts and nature all converge. Because of this positioning, it's possible for you to leave your office on your lunch hour, hop on a B-cycle bike, ride along the picturesque Riverwalk and on to Las Olas Boulevard, get a nice workout up the bridge and continue on to Fort Lauderdale Beach to gaze at the surf. It only takes 15 minutes each way since the beach is only 2.5 miles away. Other great bike trails to try on your break are through the leafy neighborhoods of Sailboat Bend and Rio Vista. **Sailboat Bend** can be accessed on the western terminus of Riverwalk and **Rio Vista** can be reached by riding over one of our three bridges and following the Riverwalk on the south side to its eastern terminus.

RUN OR WALK A 5K

There is no shortage of 5K events in this Downtown, where charity run/walks occur on almost a monthly basis. Many of them begin in **Huizenga Plaza** and benefit a worthy cause. If you round up a few of your friends and coworkers it can be a fun way to exercise, give back and enjoy the fresh air. To find the next 5K, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/calendar/calendar.asp or call my office at (954) 463-6574.

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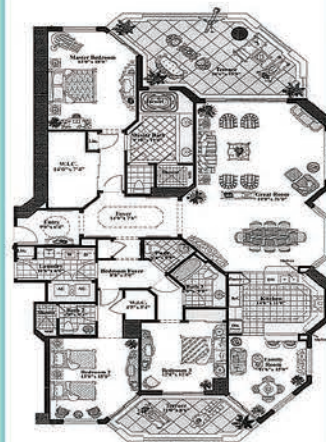
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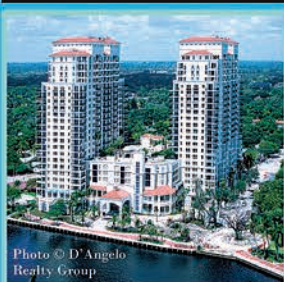


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OFF THE HOOKAH

● BELLY DANCERS, LIVE CAMELS, SPITTING FIRE ... AND PLENTY OF HOOKAHS ● BY KEVIN LANE

"Amazing"... that's what one visitor wrote about Off The Hookah. In fact, the writer of that review enthused that Off the Hookah has "... Amazing food, amazing shows, and 23 flavors of hookah. You're going to have a great ... great time. The furniture is awesome. Try to reserve a bed. It's really, really nice. I loved it. To be seated outside it's great too. There's an amazing view." Well, this guy was reallllly amazed, that's for sure.

Off The Hookah definitely offers a bit of the "wild side" when it comes to entertainment with a unique Mediterranean atmosphere featuring

bartenders spitting fire as they wow the crowd. Oh yes, sometimes there are belly dancers. "You may even see real live camels when we have second-to-none parties that really make you think you are taking a walk through the wild side of South Florida," said Manny Arroyo, director of marketing. Well, if that's not a bit wild, what is?

The 14,000-square-foot nightclub, with its Egyptian theme décor, derives its name because of the close to two dozen hookahs scattered around the room. One person described the ancient smoking apparatus

as something you can "... smoke flavored tobacco from ... a water pipe called a hookah ... that has four hoses to smoke from." Manny says there are actually 25 flavors, but the combinations are limitless.

The club, open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., boasts five VIP areas, a large dance floor and a covered outdoor patio with a totally different Asian theme and atmosphere. Ask about their special group packages.

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FULL MOON PARTIES

● BAY AT THE MOON ● BY LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

At least two different groups gather to observe the full moon, either monthly or quarterly.

For a more social aspect, the Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale, hosts a moonlit lounge with couches, tarot card readers, music by DJ Rob Riggs, \$10 specialty cocktails and gourmet appetizers, and oversized telescopes to view the moon rise above the Atlantic each month.

Every soiree is open to the public and no two are alike, with

themes ranging from Alice in Wonderland to Hollywood glam to surfer's paradise, with each event benefitting a local charity. There is no cover charge for the event that has been named "the party" in Fort Lauderdale by Condé Nast Traveler.

Another group observes the equinox (when the length of day and night are approximately equal) and the solstice (when the sun reaches its highest or lowest point relative to the

equator) with a drum circle and gathering at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. The Tequesta Drum Circle invites folks to "Rekindle. Reconnect. Enjoy. Meditate. Make friends." The next gathering, for the vernal equinox, will be on March 20 from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Bring your own seating, food, drinks and bug spray. Fire spinning (fire poi) is not allowed, but spinning with LED poi is welcomed. The evening does not

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DR. SKETCHY'S ANTI-ART SCHOOL

● AN EVENING OF SKETCHING AND ENTERTAINMENT ● BY LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

For a truly different night out where you can get in touch with your creative side, visit Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School in Fort Lauderdale. Partly an evening of entertainment and partly artist's night out, this alternative drawing movement offers a chance to sketch a live model.

"The most popular version (of the evening) is burlesque dancers who perform and model," said Charlotte

Sundquist, self-prescribed sketchy person in charge/independent curator of the local chapter of the "anti-art" school. But don't worry ... the models keep their clothes on and frequently dress in costumes that make drawing more interesting. Florida's professional mermaids have posed for the evenings.

According to its website, "Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art school is the world's premier alt

drawing movement. Artists draw glamorous underground performers in an atmosphere of boozy conviviality. Founded in 2005 in a dive bar in Brooklyn, Dr. Sketchy's has now spread to over 100 cities around the world."

Attendees bring their own art supplies, including paper or canvas, pencils or paint. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, for the three-hour live drawing session. The evening's drawing sessions last

five to 20 minutes each to put your artistic flow to paper.

Anyone who has taken formal art lessons knows sketching live models, even nude ones, can be a bit, well, boring. "It was always a very stoic atmosphere, concentrating on the musculature," Sundquist said. Dr. Sketchy's founder felt that kind of sketching "really wasn't a lot of fun."

So Dr. Sketchy's was born. "It's not necessarily just for



Photo by Charlotte Sundquist

THE COPACABANA

● 'HER NAME WAS LOLA ... SHE WAS A SHOWGIRL ...' ● BY KEVIN LANE

The Copacabana Supper Club in Downtown Fort Lauderdale brings a sizzling Latin spice to the area. Of course, just about everyone knows about the world-famous New York City nightclub, a legendary icon that opened in 1941 and featured the likes of Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Lena Horne, Desi Arnaz, and Sam Cooke (to name just a few) performing on its stage. It was a hot spot with salsa dancers, live entertainment and great food. The Copa was made even more famous by the 1978 Barry Manilow song.

"This is a modern take on the original Copa," said Alex Sanchez, who with his brother Jose own and operate the supper club. "We've found a way to blend our Latin and New York roots with something that works today." The club, the second ever

location, features Latin-inspired cuisine. In addition to their full lunch and dinner menu, there are tapas, desserts and signature cocktails.

The Copa keeps a "transitional vibe" flowing from lunch into happy hour, into the dinner and dancing hours, and finally into a nightclub atmosphere. The 10,000-square-foot, 300-plus seat venue is divided into three parts: an open seating lounge with a bar, the theater with booth seating, dance floor and stage, and two private lounge areas reserved for parties and events. "Copa girls" and a 10-piece band will be performing nightly, starting on Jan. 13.

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artists," she said. "We don't care what your drawing looks like. Have fun with it."

Dr. Sketchy's appeared at the Day of the Dead festival last fall in the FAT Village. Models posed for quick sketches and the day's component even drew children in who tried their hand at drawing the unusual models.

February's Anti-Art School will feature Kid Cadet, a local musician who has brightly colored hair. With a theme of

Candyland, the staged area will be adorned with different kinds of candy ... to make the sketching even more fun.

DR. SKETCHY'S ANTI-ART SCHOOL

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HERPING

● GETTING UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH FLORIDA'S WILDLIFE ● BY KATIE DRESSLER

Befitting of the theme Fort Lauderdale's Wild Side, I thought it would be the perfect opportunity to lend insight (and for some, an introduction) to a truly wild activity in South Florida known as **herping**. In the most general sense, herping refers to searching for **reptiles** and **amphibians**; but for many, herping denotes both a meaning and value that extends far beyond what you would find its dictionary definition – for dedicated herpers, it's all about the experience.

South Florida is unique in its ability to boast the famed **River of Grass**, also known as the **Everglades**. And while the Everglades does not technically fall within the geographic parameters of Fort Lauderdale, it is close enough that Fort Lauderdale residents and visitors can easily access the delicate **ecosystem** in order to gain further insight into its many species of inhabitants.

For those who are interested in going herping or want to learn

more about it, South Florida provides ample resources. However, please note that unless you are fully informed regarding the specific rules and regulations set forth to protect our beloved wildlife, make sure any herping you do is in accordance with both state and federal laws – **viewing** from a safe distance is allowed, but make sure not to touch, disturb or harass the wildlife.

Many organizations will offer guided tours to allow those less familiar with the legalities to still enjoy the experience. **Everglades Natural Park** hosts programs such as **Starlight Walk**, **Car Caravan** and **Glades Glimpse**, which allow visitors to enjoy herping in a more guided and informative setting. Another opportunity for herping in a guided fashion is to attend one of **Clyde Butcher's popular Swamp Walks**. The famed Everglades photographer takes attendees on a trek through the Everglades where they can witness the wildlife in its most natural state, accompanied by an

ever-passionate guide who chose to make the Everglades his home.

For some who are more experienced with herping and carry the proper permits and/or certification, the herping experience is all about venturing into the wilderness with a flashlight and a group of close offriends in order to experience the natural wonders of the local wildlife in a smaller, intimate setting. Fort Lauderdale native and herping enthusiast **Ryan Martinez** explains his philosophy as "We go out there and take nothing but **photographs**, **memories** and **mosquito bites**. We make sure to watch from a safe distance but we all love it because reptiles and amphibians have unique adaptations that are different from other species. Herping allows us to witness these fascinating creatures in their natural setting."

HERPING

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CYCLE PARTY

● THE FUTURE OF ENTERTAINMENT EXERCISE TRAVEL? ● BY ALEXANDRA ROLAND

What has four wheels, one driver but 20 pedals? The newest form of transportation to hit Fort Lauderdale streets. Add some laughter, music and a little sweat and you've got a **cycle party**!

Chris Haerting and business partner Simon Fernandez have spearheaded the Cycle Party concept in South Florida, specifically Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The 15-seat bike is as green as it gets, made entirely of aluminum for lightweight agility, and runs purely on the energy and enthusiasm of peddling patrons, equaling no emissions. Behaved pets are even welcome.

The idea is already quite popular in Europe but originally started in Germany, where Haerting's parents, Michael Haerting and Aileen Brousseau live. They introduced him to the "bier bike" concept and he ran with it, creating Cycle Party within just the past year.

Projects like Cycle Party have already hit America in approximately 25 cities across the nation. While in the process of securing the appropriate permits, Haerting hopes to soon frequent spots on Himmarshee, Las Olas and the beach and anticipates being available for private hire as

well as public tours around the city. Pub crawls and tailgating are also foreseeable future options for patrons.

"It doesn't have to revolve around drinking. There are a lot of corporate team building events that we can do. We get a lot of calls for bachelor and bachelorette parties, birthday parties, promotional events, and progressive dinners," Haerting said.

Cycle Party has frequented the gamut of outdoor festivities this year ranging from Coral Gables Bike Day to Winterfest's Family Fun Day. Elizabeth Stewart was first introduced to

the concept at Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale's Rocktoberfest with her husband and friends. "It's interactive, it's fun, and it's something you could do with a group of friends or just even random people. It's just like you're sitting at a bar, but it's a little more engaging," she said.

Cycle Party, now approved and welcome in Fort Lauderdale, is making moves in all the ways relevant to locals and their city — introducing a new trendy way to travel, socialize, exercise and go green all at the same time.

www.cycle-party.com

Color Run

comes to Fort Lauderdale! Jog through Downtown Fort Lauderdale on **May 5** and benefit Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, host of the event and the designated charity for this run.

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COLOR RUNNING

● RACING WITH WILLY WONKA ● BY BRITTNEY MESSINGSCHLAGER

It seems there is some kind of race, 5K, triathlon or marathon popping up every weekend these days. I guess that's one of the joys of living in South Florida where the weather is beautiful more often than not. But after a while, how many 5Ks can you run around the cement jungles of Downtown without getting a little bored? That's when it hit me – with a pop of color!

This past October, I became a Color Runner and now I'm hooked. Color runs are popping up all over the country with 5Ks like the Color Vibe, Color Me Rad and Color Run 5K, which is set to take place in Fort

Lauderdale on **May 5**, exact location to be announced soon.

The purpose of color running is to turn an early morning 5K run or walk into a loud, energetic and colorful event in which you get doused in color with each kilometer completed. The non-toxic color powder is made of food grade quality cornstarch that is colored to the brightest possible hues of yellow, pink, blue, green and any color you may find in a rainbow.

Runners are encouraged to wear all white, costumes and even tutus. By the end of the 5-kilometer race, participants have run through at least five



different color stations and cross the finish line looking they just ran through a **rainbow** and out the back door of Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. It really is a blast; no wonder The Color Run's motto is "**The Happiest 5K on the Planet.**"

So gather a team and gear up for the Color Run coming to Fort Lauderdale on May 5 or volunteer with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale to support the event.

COLOR RUN

May 5, Fort Lauderdale
www.thecolorrun.com/ft-lauderdale

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KITE BOARDING

● WATER ENTHUSIASTS AND ADVENTURE SEEKERS CATCH THE NEWEST WAVE ● BY ALEXANDRA ROLAND



South Florida is no stranger to the world of water sports. Kayaking, jet skiing, parasailing — you name it, Fort Lauderdale has it. Ideal weather conditions and ample beach property are features that adventure enthusiasts crave and, again — Fort Lauderdale has it covered, which is why it's no surprise that its shores are seeing the increase of a newer water sport — kite boarding.

Jesse Cors of Liquid Surf and Sail, a former windsurfer, began professionally kite boarding in his hometown of Fort Lauderdale back in 2001 around the time the sport became mainstream. Now, second in popularity only to paddle boarding, kite boarding has created its very own culture.

"Kite boarding is basically taking a wake board-style board ... and

the ability of a kite, much bigger than your average beach kite that you play with," Cors said. The caught wind pulls the surfer along the water and allows him/her to glide over the surface. "A lot of people describe it as wake boarding behind a helicopter," he said.

The required equipment can be quite extensive and the investment, arguably expensive. Cors breaks it down into three major components: the kite, along with the control bar and kite lines; the harness, used to attach the body to the kite; and the board, which can range from surf boards, skim boards, or twin tip style boards. A package deal could set you back anywhere in between \$1,500 and \$3,000.

Cors recommends first-timers start with beginners' lessons. One-

on-one instruction typically runs \$75 to \$100 an hour and covers launching and surfing techniques, wind theory, safety precautions and information on how to take advantage of location specific conditions. Other than a great surf break, Fort Lauderdale affords kite boarders a launch area at the southern part of the beach that allows non-motorized vessels to launch and land.

Be prepared to hear more from this sport. "[Kite boarding] is only about 12 years old. That's an infant in the sporting world," Cors said. "Every year there's a ton of technological advances and things are changing rapidly, which is kind of fun." 

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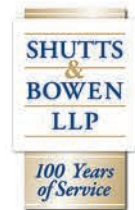
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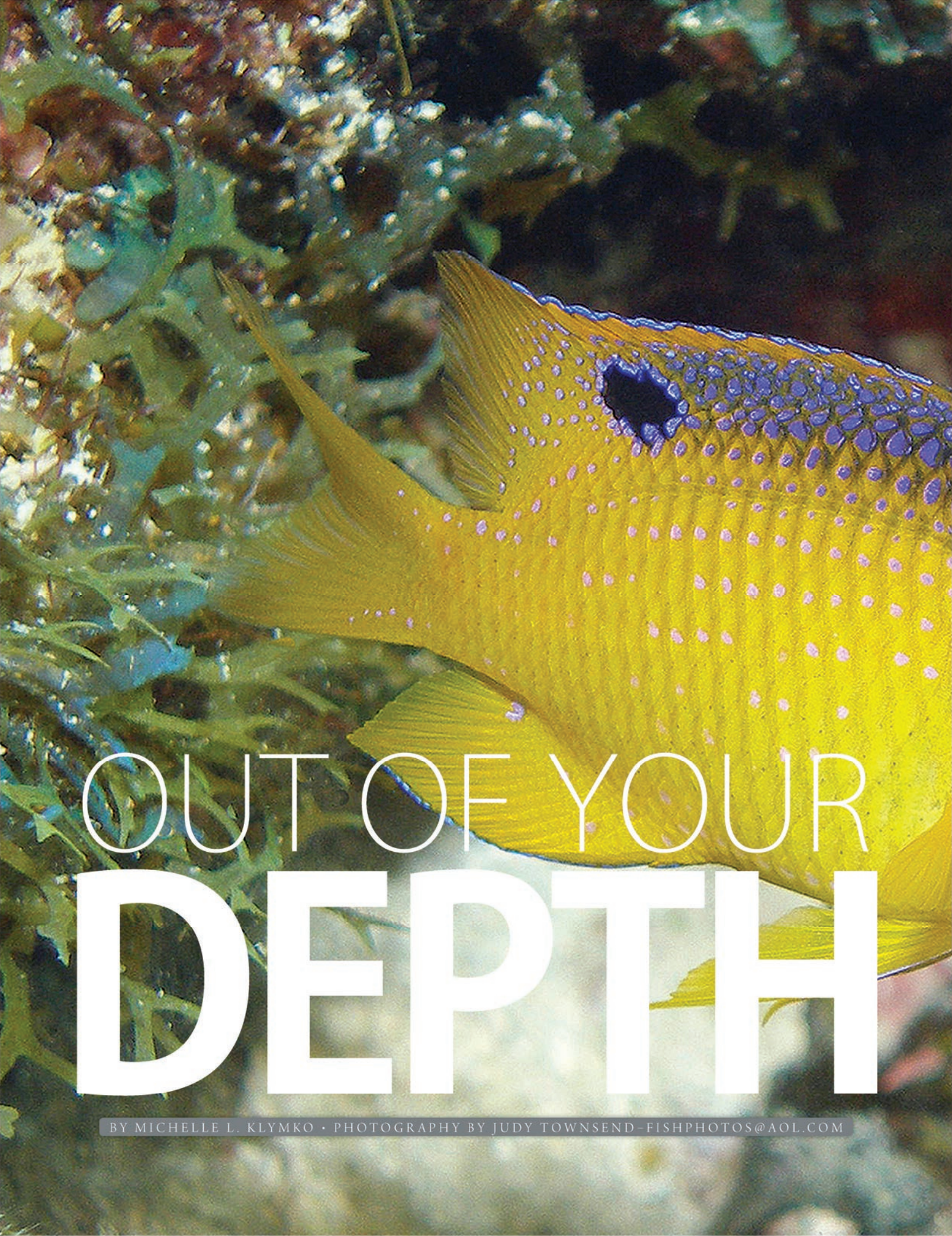
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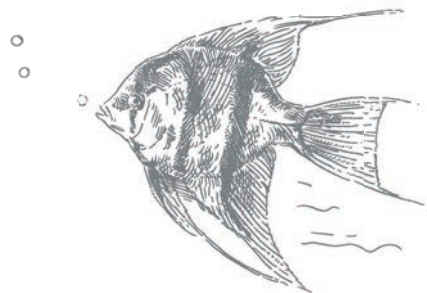
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OUT OF YOUR DEPTH

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Visit Fort Lauderdale's Fascinating City Under the Sea



Did you know the Greater Fort Lauderdale area is home to more than 100 dive sites and was recognized with the Top 10 World's Best

Awards for wreck diving and marine life by Scuba Diving Magazine? Although I am an avid scuba diver, I recently learned this.

From Deerfield Beach to Hallandale Beach, there are more than 75 artificial reefs that have been placed on the ocean floor over the past 20 years, attracting amazing marine life from the tiniest seahorses to graceful sea turtles. This unique natural three-tiered reef system begins in just 20 feet of water and located 100 yards offshore, making many sites accessible right from the beach. The best shore diving (beach) sites are located right off the shore on Datura Avenue in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, and regarded by many as the "Best Shore Dive in Florida."

Tourists visit Fort Lauderdale from all over the world to escape their winters and enjoy our balmy season.

By taking a private boat or dive charter, you can see some of the best wrecks and reefs within minutes of leaving the shore. Weekday trips are my favorite, as boats and superb dive sites are less crowded than on weekends.



PREVIOUS PAGE Beau gregory damselfish, which can be seen while diving off of the Fort Lauderdale coast.

TOP Christmas tree worm, which can be seen while diving off of the Fort Lauderdale coast.


BOTTOM Beau gregory damselfish, which can be seen while diving off of the Fort Lauderdale coast.


These are some of my favorite wrecks, which are home to hundreds of colorful fish and sea life:

- **Robert Edminster**, a 95-foot Coast Guard Cutter sunk in December 1989, sits upright in 70 feet of water,
- **Hog Heaven**, a 180-foot barge sunk in September 1986 and rests upside down in just 64-feet of water with a 1,200 foot long pile of concrete pipes just south of the wreck,
- **The Copenhagen**: although there is not much left to this 325-foot steel hull, this dive site has been designated a **State Marine Archeological Preserve** and is home to lots of nice tropical fish, lobster, snapper and grouper and rests in only 15 to 30 feet of water.

Fort Lauderdale is on Florida's natural reef line, which is the third largest **natural coral reef** in the world, and provides a natural habitat for a plethora of marine life, making for awesome drift dives.

"My wife and I moved from England to Florida in 2006, we have global diving experience and have been **impressed** with the quality of diving in the Fort Lauderdale area," said Rob Davis, PADI Master scuba diver trainer. "The **artificial reefs** (wrecks) are just a short 15 minute boat trip from the dock, but more importantly because they have been down there a number of years they're all covered with phenomenal growth. They have also been colonized with **marine life** with the occasional bigger visitors such as goliath groupers, black groupers, turtles, nurse sharks even manta rays for the truly fortunate divers."

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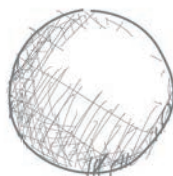
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A Kickin' Good Time

Fort Lauderdale's Newest Downtown Kickball League
Stirs the Competition and Supports the Community



BY ALEXANDRA ROLAND • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JASON LEIDY

Huizenga Plaza was a little noisier this fall. Sandwiched between the Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale and the New River, Mondays in November, the green sported portable bright lights after dusk ... though not of the festive kind. It was **kickball season** Downtown and friends, family members, co-workers and strangers gathered for some friendly competition and spirited camaraderie.

The official **Downtown Fort Lauderdale kickball league** is a partnership between Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, WAKA Social Sports, Downtown Development Authority and the City of Fort Lauderdale. The idea for a downtown league was inspired at Dicey Riley's where the Mills Pond group celebrated after finishing a kickball game. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale collaborated with Jonathan Korb, vice president of the South Florida WAKA leagues. "Our saying is 'best parties, best games, best friends,'" he said. A portion of the proceeds incurred from the league went directly to

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. "It was a good fit for us because WAKA tries to give back," Korb said.

Six teams totaling about 100 people came out dressed in **appropriate apparel** for each themed week. For the kickoff game, on Oct. 29, John P. "Jack" Seiler pitched the ceremonial first ball as the **Downtown Ballers** and 4 **More SREEB** took to the field. For Seiler, it was reminiscent of his adolescent days playing kickball at St. Anthony's Catholic School just a few blocks away, except this time instead of schoolyard asphalt, Seiler was pitching on the Huizenga green. "It's a fantastic way to move people to the Riverwalk," he said. "It's great for our city (and) just what we envisioned."

Each game began with a "**rock, paper, scissors**" faceoff and consisted of 50 minutes or five innings of playing time. The rules are modeled off of baseball with some additional twists. During the third inning either Korb or **Michael Luppowitz**, another officiating WAKA representative, introduced some **unconventional rules** such as running the bases backward. According to Luppowitz, this heightens the team bonding experience. "Our job is to show people how to have a good time," he said.







"Our saying is 'best parties, best games, best friends.'"

Jonathan Korb, vice president of the South Florida WAKA kickball leagues.




John and Marsha Ashworth and longtime friend Dane Lofters of Oakland Park came out primarily because their friend, who belonged to another team, told them about the league. Their other motivation was just to get out, support fundraising efforts and meet new faces.

For Melody and Jeremy Langley, of the Straight Ballin' team, joining the league was happenstance. After someone at Briny's Pub the night of the kickoff party mistook them for players, the couple decided to sign up for the league and came to the first game dressed as Bat Woman and Wolverine. "I think it gets people out," She said of the league. "You have the ability to meet new people and make new friends. It gives you something to do, which is nice, oh and a little exercise."

Katrina Dannhein joined the Straight Ballin' team with her co-worker Ben. Both just moved into South Florida a few weeks before and thought participating in the league would be a great way to meet new people.

After the final Dec. 3 game, Life's a Pitch and Straight Ballin' came out on top, tying for the season's first place spot. Bases Are Loaded and DTF snagged second and third place, respectively.

For more information on WAKA kickball in the area, visit www.kickball.com. 

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Rice and Dough

BY MARCI BOLAND • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JASON LEIDY

A Tale of Two Cuisines



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Dough: Tartufo Pizza: Black truffle, crimini mushrooms, egg and Fontina cheese

ASIAN

Sushi and sashimi rule the Asian portion of the menu. We enjoyed the **Red Kryptonite Roll**, which is a combination of spicy tuna, avocado, special sauces, crispy tempura flakes with tuna on top. The flavors are fresh, vibrant and sophisticated. Chef Goran blends subtle flavors with bold flavors and the end result is pure dynamite. A generous and beautifully presented dish is surely made for sharing. While there is an array of more than 15 unique sushi rolls from which to select, another winner is the **cucumber roll with crab**. It is light and refreshing. The natural fresh flavor of this combination requires no additional seasoning or sauce, except the squeeze of lemon that is presented with the dish.

ITALIAN


Pizza is the name of the game at this place. Not just any pizza, their **Tartufo** pizza is a decadent combination of black truffles, crimini mushrooms and Fontina cheese, topped with eggs. The creamy combination of these flavors melts in your mouth — for me a dusting of crushed red peppers put this pizza on my “**must have again**” list. Beyond the premium ingredients used in the making of all the pizzas on the menu, what is truly

stellar is the pizza crust. The crust is brushed with olive oil before baking, making a crispy, chewy and delicious base for the unique ingredients on top. **Sausage and Pesto, Pancetta and Arugula**, and **Eggplant and Ricotta** are just some of the special pizzas available. For the creative “foodie” you have the option to create your own dazzling combination. Remember to order the **Kobe beef meatballs** with homemade marinara, ricotta and bread knots for the table.

THE DETAILS

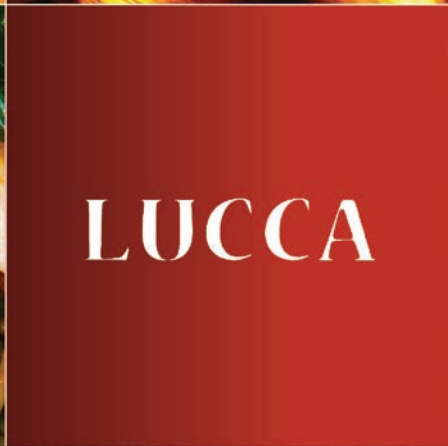
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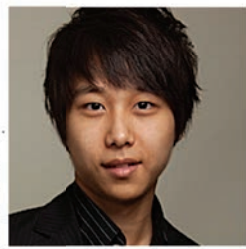
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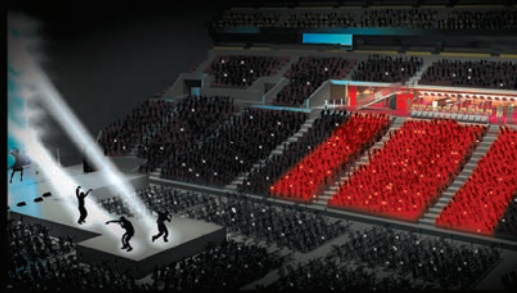
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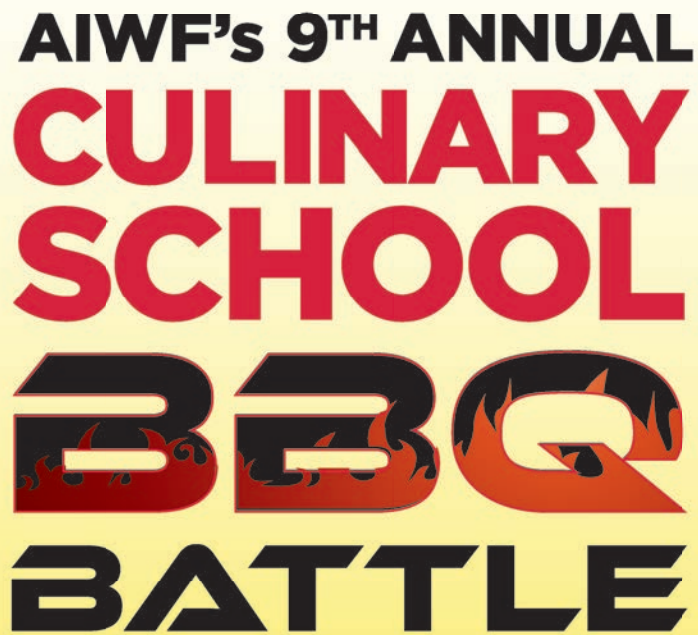


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Jan. 18-21
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All Saints Episcopal Church, Fort Lauderdale
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Jan. 23
The event will showcase the latest fashions from Bloomingdale's and includes a silent auction of vintage designer items, gourmet lunch and will have pets available for adoption at the mobile adoptions area.
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Jan. 24
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BROWARD EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Jan. 24
Pier Top, Hyatt Regency Pier 66
(744) 321-2033

YOUNG ARTIST MUSIC SERIES
Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 21, April 11
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
(954) 563-5393, ext. 127

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT
Jan. 25 and 26
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.BrowardCenter.org

THE POINTER SISTERS
Jan. 25
Hard Rock Live
(954) 797-5531



VENETIAN ART SOCIETY GRAND SALON SERIES
Jan. 25
With Avery Sommer.
Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale
(954) 709-7447

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Jan. 26-27
Local businesses showcase their products and services at this event.
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(954) 828-5380
www.sefcc.com

ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK
Jan. 26
Hard Rock Live
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AVERY SOMMER MASTER CLASS
Jan. 26
Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale
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MATH MIDWAY
Jan. 26-27
Celebrate the opening of MODS' newest exhibit, Math Midway, with games and contests that will sharpen your brain. Exercise your mind to become an unbeatable mathlete with contests about time, shapes, patterns, mass and volume.
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CULINARY BARBECUE BATTLE
Jan. 27
Esplanade Park
This food and wine event will offer guests barbecue brisket and side dishes from five competing culinary institutes as well as food samples from area restaurants and a variety of wine, beer and cocktails. Proceeds will benefit the American Institute of Wine and Food's scholarship fund and Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale.
www.goriverwalk.com

CULTURAL SUNDAYS
Beginning Jan. 27 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
On the fourth Sunday of the month along the Riverwalk, a variety of things to do and see will be presented by Riverwalk arts and entertainment partners.
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HOWIE MANDEL
Jan. 28
Hard Rock Live
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BLACK AND WHITE EXHIBIT
Jan. 30-Feb. 22
Broward Art Guild Gallery
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Jan. 30-Feb. 17
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JA WORLD UNCORKED!
Jan. 19
This "Fork and Cork Affair" for guests age 21-plus will delight the senses as guests stroll through the mini-city known as JA World. From 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. guests may sample culinary creations from South Palm Beach and Broward area chefs, savoring world-class wines, spirits and craft beers, bidding on silent auction packages and dancing to the sounds of The Edge Band.
JA World Huizenga Center at Broward College
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www.jaworlduncorked.com

NO BULLIES ALLOWED! SMART STAGE MATINEE
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BARBERSHOP HARMONY SALUTES DISNEY
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www.BrowardCenter.org

FOURTH ANNUAL BURGIE AWARDS
Feb. 2
South Florida food blogger and truck organizer will bring together the best of the best in the south Florida food truck world and award the top contenders in 10 different categories.
www.burgerbeast.com



BIRDING CLASS
Feb. 2
Birding Behavior with birding expert Paddy Cunningham.
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Feb. 4
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CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP
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HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL GOLF CLASSIC
Feb. 6
This event benefits the Dorothy Mangurian Comprehensive Women's Center at Holy Cross HealthPlex.
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Young At Art Museum
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Feb. 7-March 17
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BELLA AND HARRY SMART STAGE MATINEE
Feb. 8-9
Join Bella and her little brother Harry on their musical adventure through London.
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(954) 462-0222
www.BrowardCenter.org

FLIGHT OF THE BUTTERFLIES IN 3D
Feb. 8-Aug. 31
Through 3D imagery, audiences may witness beautiful butterflies flying off the screen into their arms.
Museum of Discovery and Science
AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)

COVENANT HOUSE FLORIDA THIRD ANNUAL NIGHT OF BROADWAY STARS
Feb. 8
Far removed from the typical gala, "Night of Broadway Stars" will offer vocals, music and powerful accounts of teen homelessness.
Broward Center for Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.nightofbroadwaystarsfla.com

GOING TO THE MARDI GRAS WITH MICHAEL KAESHAMMER
Feb. 8
Presented by the Gold Coast Jazz Society.
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222
www.BrowardCenter.org

FISH FRY IN OLD FORT LAUDERDALE
Feb. 9
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Campus
(954) 463-4431

3 COHENS (ANAT, AVISHAI AND YUVAL) SEXTET
Feb. 9
Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center
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www.BrowardCenter.org

BELLA AND HARRY FAMILY FUN SERIES
Feb. 9
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
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www.BrowardCenter.org

THE SPENCERS THEATRE OF ILLUSION
Feb. 9
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www.BrowardCenter.org

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Feb. 9 • 3-7 p.m.
Memorial paper boat parade, food trucks, live music, arts and crafts and miniature horses.
Esplanade Park
(954) 978-2390
www.tomorrowrainbow.org

SIXTH ANNUAL I CARE I CURE 5K RUN AND FAMILY FUN DAY
Feb. 10
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JUST IMAGINE
Feb. 10
John Lennon lives again in Just Imagine, a multi-media tribute to the rock legend featuring anecdotes from Lennon's life and renditions of his songs.
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www.BrowardCenter.org

FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKER SERIES
Feb. 11
Lecture by Sandy Casteel.
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society
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Feb. 13-16
The off-Broadway musical hit features scenes and songs covering the trials and tribulations of dealing with the opposite sex, updated for a new generation.
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NEW SHANGHAI CIRCUS
Feb. 15
Parker Playhouse
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Huizenga Park
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Esplanade Park
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For more information, call (954) 468-1541 or visit www.GoRiverwalk.com. Look for additional classes and programs coming soon.

GECKOS: TAILS TO TOEPADS
Through Jan. 6
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Through Jan. 6
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
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WINTER OPEN-THEME EXHIBIT
Through Jan. 18
Broward Art Guild Gallery
www.BrowardArtGuild.org

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Through Jan. 31
AutoNation IMAX 3D Theater
Museum of Discovery and Science
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www.mods.org

A RETURN TO THE ASHCAN
Through Feb. 24
Curated by Curator and Head of Collection Research, Jorge H. Santis, this exhibition focuses on the pupils of artist and teacher Robert Henri and brings together forty works by artists of The Ashcan School, an important early 20th century American art movement, from 18 museums and private collections.
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First Sunday of the month • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Riverwalk Park
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JAMIE MCDONNELL



Entrepreneur

CORPORATE PARTNER

• This past spring, I expanded my publishing business by partnering with Go

Riverwalk Magazine in May. I am co-publisher of Go Riverwalk Magazine and publisher of THINK Magazine, which extends from Boca Raton to Bal Harbor.

My culinary interests are spread across South Florida with several restaurants in Downtown Fort Lauderdale as well as western Broward County. My Weston Dining Group includes Uddersweets, an ice cream and candy store with locations on Las Olas Boulevard and in Weston; Las Olas Wine Café with locations on Las Olas and in Pembroke Pines and Weston; and DeVecchio's Pizzeria, with four locations. I also own Burger Zone and East City Grill.

During my mid-20s, I entered the business world by selling home safety testing kits, and my other businesses now include American Restoration Services, Plumbing by Bob, and Correct Filters.

Giving back to the community is one of my passions. I am actively involved in the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, as well as the American Lung Association, Feeding South Florida, the Dan Marino Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Jason Taylor Foundation, Junior Achievement, 211 Broward, and Kids in Distress.

My involvement with Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale stems from my desire to preserve the history and integrity of Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Activating our growing urban community is one way to strengthen the vitality of our community.

DAVID TABB



Welcome Mat Services,
Franchise Owner

INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEE

• With more than 10 years of sales and marketing experience, I have been a member of

the greater south Florida business community. In the beginning of my career, I worked in the hotel business serving as a leading guest services manager and concierge at the Pelican Grand Beach Resort. While working in the hospitality industry, I utilized my position to make connections throughout the area.

Continuing to build on my hospitality and sales experience, I seized the opportunity to be my own boss and fulfill my dreams of being an entrepreneur. 2012 marks a monumental year where I opened my own Welcome Mat Services franchise. The business is a perfect opportunity for me to blend my customer service skills and sales experience with my love for the community.

Welcome Mat Services is a marketing strategies and technology company providing monthly direct mail packages to individuals and families who have recently changed their address. Our welcoming program is designed to target new residents when they move into an area by presenting them with invitations to try various businesses and organizations, helping them get acclimated to their new surroundings.

During my free time, I am involved with a number of civic and charitable organizations. I am an active member of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale trustee and serve on the board at the YMCA Hollywood Family Center.

I live in Fort Lauderdale with my wife Michelle and beloved dog Sandie.

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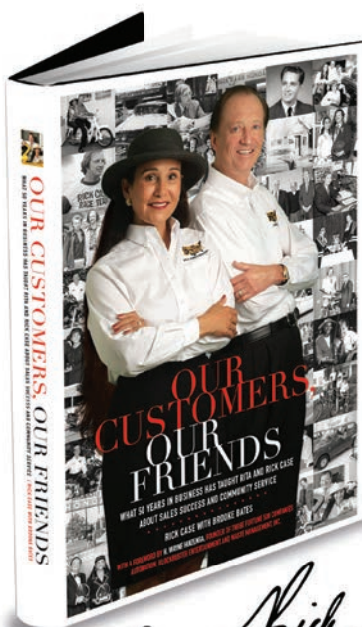


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In December 2013, Riverwalk will celebrate its 25th anniversary. To commemorate the occasion, each month Go Riverwalk Magazine will showcase one of the many enhancements that has been made along the two-mile stretch of brick walkway along the New River. Recently, thanks to a partnership between Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and the Fraternal Order of Police #31, the lights at the Police Memorial on Riverwalk have been upgraded. This memorial, at the base of the Broward Center for Performing Arts, honors the fallen officers of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. A serene and respectful monument is beautifully lighted to show the ongoing and honorable respect the fellow officers and the community share for those that gave their lives in the line of duty. 



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