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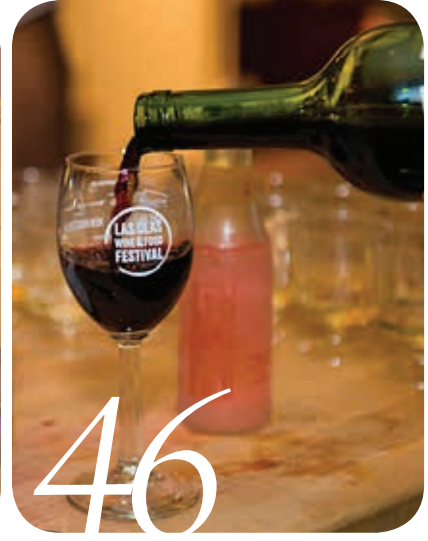
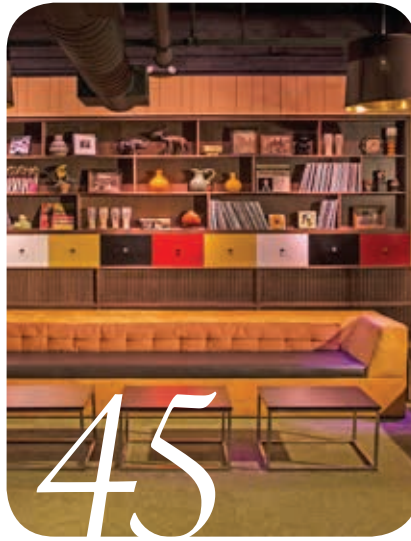
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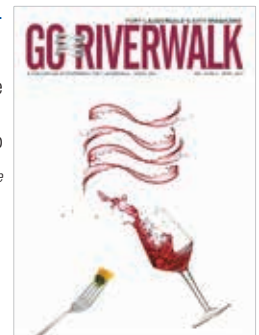
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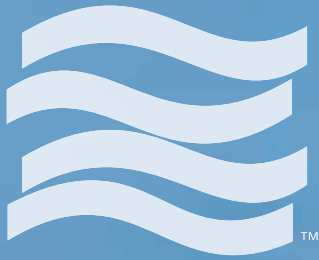
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MADISON TOWER SUITE - \$1,785,000

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COLUMBUS - \$1,049,000

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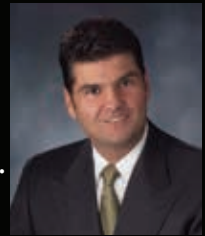
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PENTHOUSE - \$549,000

2/2 RESIDENCE WITH RIVER VIEWS. LIMESTONE FLOORING IN THE LIVING AREAS, CROWN MOLDING AND 2 PARKING SPACES.

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CORNER UNIT WITH WRAP AROUND TERRACE OFFERING NE VIEWS, CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS & BEAUTIFUL LAMINATE FLOORS. 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH SPLIT FLOOR PLAN.

UNDER CONTRACT 2BR/2 BATH - \$439,000

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UNDER CONTRACT 2BR/2 BATH

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PRICE REDUCED MOONGLOW - \$650,000

UPGRADED SE CORNER 2 BR/2BTH UNIT FEATURES SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN, FLOOR TO CEILING WINDOWS, SPACIOUS GOURMET KITCHEN.

SKYVIEW - \$465,000

HIGH FLOOR 2BR/2 BATH UNIT WITH SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE RIVER, POOL & CITY. OPEN FLOOR PLAN WITH GOURMET KITCHEN.

PRICE REDUCED SKYVIEW - \$465,000

UPGRADED 2BR/2 BATH WITH NEWLY INSTALLED WOOD & TILE FLOORS. GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERS & S/S APPLIANCES.

SKYVIEW - \$465,000

SPLIT 2BR/2 BATH FLOOR PLAN WITH INCREDIBLE RIVER & CITY VIEWS.

JUST LISTED SKYVIEW - \$449,000

DIRECT RIVER VIEWS FROM THIS 2BR/2 BATH WITH NEW WOOD FLOORING THROUGHOUT, GOURMET KITCHEN AND UPGRADED LIGHTING

PRICE REDUCED SKYVIEW - \$399,000

WELL MAINTAINED UPGRADED UNIT WITH VIEWS OF THE POOL, RIVER & CITY FROM THE BALCONY. OPEN GOURMET KITCHEN.

SUNGARDEN - \$369,000

18TH FLOOR 1 BEDROOM & 1 BATH WITH RIVER, CITY & SUNSET VIEWS.

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PRICE REDUCED SUNGARDEN - \$348,600

HIGH FLOOR DIRECT RIVER VIEW 1 BEDROOM & 1 BATHROOM.

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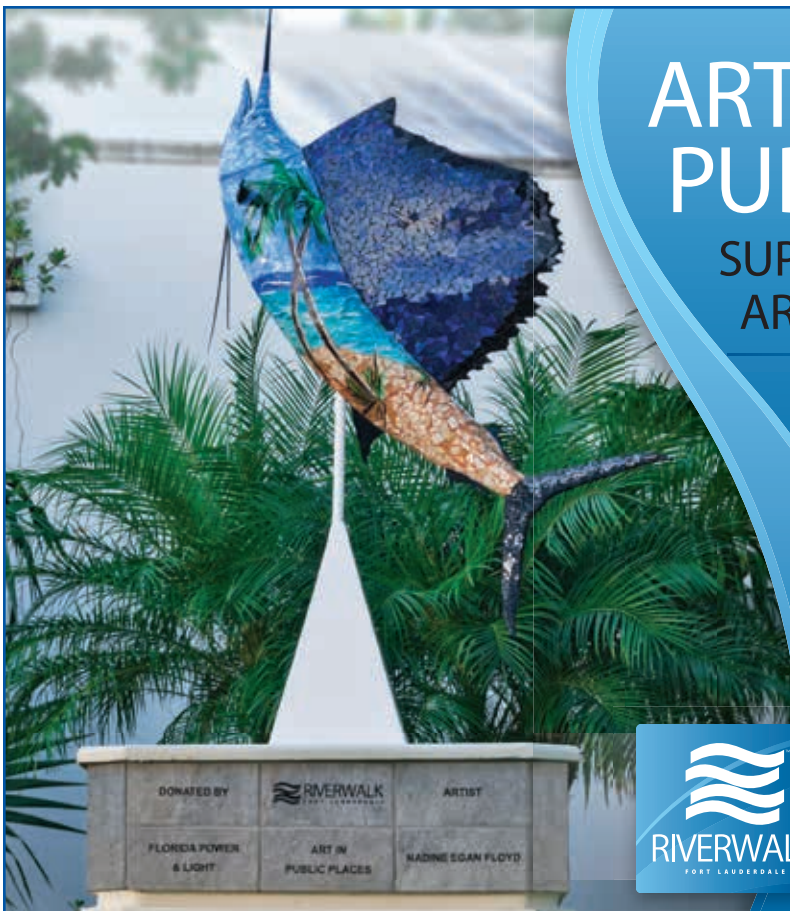
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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6:30 p.m. | Esplanade Park | Cardio Mix with Josh Hecht (954) 232-7737

TUESDAYS

6:30 p.m. | Esplanade Park | Ebb & Flow Yoga (954) 649-4904

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 p.m. | Esplanade Park | Cardio Mix with Josh Hecht (954) 232-7737

THURSDAYS

7 p.m. | Esplanade Park | Beginners and Intermediate Dog Training – Group Classes (www.adogsbestfriend.com)
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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Saturday 4/15 | 1 to 6 p.m. | Esplanade Park



THE COLOR RUN 5K

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RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE BURGER BATTLE VIII

Saturday 5/20 | 4 to 7 p.m. | Huizenga Plaza



SMOKE ON THE WATER BBQ FEAST & COMPETITION

Saturday 6/10 | 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Esplanade Park

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LIFE IS GOOD

Festivals are all the rage and we are enjoying what they bring. The Sistrunk Parade and Festival on Feb. 25 brought out the best of the community and several thousand people with bands, floats, marchers, food, and community. This growing event is a game changer for the district and the public loves it.

Quickly following that, the first Annual Taste of Little Italy Feast and Festival was held on Mar. 3-5 in Huizenga Plaza. We had the chance to learn about wine, cheese, pasta, fun, and great music. How can you not enjoy the variety of Italian foods that were offered? With over 6,600 attendees, we hope that we have shown this group that we can all be Italian for the day and they should return next year!

Next comes the St. Patrick's Parade and Festival, which is a much-loved annual event that brings the community together to celebrate a different culture and tradition with many thousands of viewers and participants. Mar. 10 and 11 brought all things green to our Downtown and everyone was Irish for those two days. We have received many positive responses to the variety of entertainment options available to our residents and visitors. We continue to encourage diversity in our options and would love to hear from you if you have suggestions.

On a more industrial note, the Riverwalk connection at the northeast end continues and is anticipated to be complete within about 90 days providing there are no major hiccups! We are also anxiously awaiting the demolition of the buildings at Riverfront as that project moves forward and looks to bring great changes to Riverwalk and Downtown. The 100 East Las Olas Project will bring a condo-hotel to the area, providing additional options to the Downtown. New River Yacht Club continues to construct residential dwellings and there are a number of other projects in the pipeline that will enhance our Downtown community.

Fort Lauderdale consists of a great Downtown and beach area, which brand our city as a great destination. Life is good! 



Mayor Jack Seiler performing with the Fineans



2017 Sistrunk Parade and Festival



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RIVERWALK MEMBERSHIP



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I feel that I bring a unique perspective to practicing as a CPA because my background is not that of a typical CPA who started a career with a firm as either an auditor or tax preparer. My background is as a CFO and COO of several mid-to-large-sized companies that afforded me the opportunity to develop business acumen and managerial experience. This skill set allows BGM to provide services unavailable from the typical CPA firm. Listening is the foundation of a lasting client relationship. We do not want to just make sense of your books; we want to help make sense of your business. We strive to know your business, listening intently to your business problems and financial needs.

I have been a South Florida resident since 1978 and attended college at Florida Atlantic University where I studied accounting. I am a licensed CPA in the State of Florida. My home is in Downtown Fort Lauderdale where I am active in the business community. These activities include being the treasurer and board member of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and an active member of the Tower Club. For me, Riverwalk membership is an important way to connect with the Downtown community.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

SCOTT GARVIS

DALE CARNEGIE TRAINING

• I am proud to call myself a South Florida native and a graduate of Cardinal Newman High School in West Palm Beach. Upon graduating, I went on to earn a degree in psychology from Florida State University in 1994 and eventually returned to the area to work in the family business. My father opened one of the first Dale Carnegie Training franchises in the United States over 40 years ago and that's where I began my career working in sales.

Fast forward to today. As the owner and CEO of Dale Carnegie Training Southeast Florida, I strive to be a trusted partner for driving results in the areas of sales effectiveness, leadership development, and employee engagement. My more than 20 years of professional development and sales management experience has helped our company consistently achieve double-digit growth. My team and I facilitate customized training and executive coaching for Southeast Florida business professionals, and we are very involved in the local community. In addition, I currently serve on the Dale Carnegie International Franchisee Association Board of Directors and contribute to developing and updating Dale Carnegie Training's programs utilized worldwide.

Outside of my professional life, I am a board member of the Pine Crest Father's club and an active member of the Fort Lauderdale Executives Association. I also enjoy swimming, yoga, and working out at the gym and currently, I live in Hollywood. Riverwalk is a vital component to the South Florida business community and I am happy to support its efforts.



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• Born and raised in Chicago, I have always had an interest in communities.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in civil and environmental engineering, I moved around a bit and eventually settled in Florida in 1985.

My early career involved working with cities and universities to improve their parking situations. In fact, the first major project of my career was the Broward County Convention Center where you can still find my name on a plaque. Our business evolved from just building facilities to managing them and, finally, to creating complete structures for both residential and commercial uses. We have had the pleasure of working around the world including in Malaysia, Scotland and, of course, throughout the U.S. To this day, my favorite projects are those where government and the private sector come together. The most recent example of such a project we completed is the Pompano Beach parking garage. Moving forward, we are about to embark on a large project in Kannapolis, N.C. where we will be revitalizing their downtown.

When I am not enjoying my life as a certified city planner, you can probably find me out with my family on our boat enjoying the waterways and fishing. I am also very active with the First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale and sit on the Birch State Park Board. I joined Riverwalk because I see it as a group of good people who make things happen in our community.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

KRISTEN KLEIN

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• I completed my undergraduate education at the University of Florida and recently completed my MBA there in 2015.

As an undergraduate student, I participated in the global study abroad program "Semester at Sea", where I traveled around the world for 100 days on a cruise ship, visiting over 10 different countries.

Today, I am a yacht sales broker with the global brokerage firm Northrop & Johnson Yachts-Ships, Inc. My favorite part of my job is the challenge of closing a deal and also looking for the next great opportunity! Working in the yachting industry also gives me the freedom and opportunity to travel to some of the most exciting destinations in the world.

I currently co-chair the development committee as a part of EmERGE Broward and serve on the Board of Directors for the Broward Public Library Foundation. I am an avid reader, and truly believe that reading has inspired and influenced many decisions throughout my life. The more I can advocate for the importance of reading to others, especially our youth, the better!

I have called the Fort Lauderdale area home for the past 10 years, and have truly enjoyed all the outstanding amenities that our community offers. Riverwalk has impressed me with all of the development that's happening and the variety of exciting activities. I also love the networking and find the Power Mixers to be a truly valuable opportunity to expand my network.



RIVERWALK POWER MIXER

On Feb. 13, Riverwalk Trustee members and distinguished guests gathered at the Historic Needham Estate for a night of networking and news. Everyone learned about the latest happenings along the Riverwalk and the historic location where they were gathered. They also learned more about event sponsors: Alpine Jaguar, Adelson Law & Mediation, Centennial Bank, and Sea Watch on the Ocean. [GO](#)



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TASTE OF LITTLE ITALY FORT LAUDERDALE

On Mar. 3, 4, and 5, thousands gathered at Huizenga Plaza for the first annual Fort Lauderdale Taste of Little Italy. People of all cultures came out to embrace the traditions of Italian heritage and values. This three-day festival kept attendees busy with cooking demonstrations, performances from national Italian artists, carnival games and rides, wine seminars, and tons of delicious traditional Italian dishes. [GO](#)



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BY CHRIS WREN
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FORWARD THINKING

HOW LONG WILL THE BOOM LAST?

Five years after the Great Recession, Downtown Fort Lauderdale's real estate boom shows no signs of stopping. While Miami's real estate is slowing somewhat, developers continue to see untapped potential in Fort Lauderdale. "Our property values have risen for five consecutive years, unemployment remains the lowest in the region, the housing market is holding firm, and we rank as one of Florida's top cities for both job growth and job demand," said Mayor Jack Seiler. "Tourism is on a record-breaking pace, the marine industry is thriving, development and redevelopment are steady, private investment is flourishing, and our tax rate remains the lowest among the 25 largest cities in Florida."

If all the current projects under review at the City get approved, then Downtown will have accumulated over 10,000 residential units, 420,000 square feet of retail space, 1.9 million square feet of office space and over 1,000 new hotel rooms since 2012. But nothing lasts forever. Given that our current economic cycle has been approximately six to seven years, what's down the road? How do we achieve sustainable growth and not the bubble conditions that resulted in the Great Recession?

Bob Swindell, President and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, provided this insight: "The current

recovery is one of the longest our nation has sustained, now at 89 months and counting. While economic cycles may indicate the nation is due for a contraction in the economy, historically, there have been longer periods of expansion that each lasted nearly a decade in the '80s and '90s. Locally, we see sustained growth in targeted industries including life sciences, aviation, and technology. We believe that diversification of the economy through those high-wage, high-skill industries will continue to bolster the local economy and insulate it from the impacts of any possible future downturns."

Just as we invest in improvements to withstand hurricanes, several public-private partnerships and infrastructural investments will help to weather any future economic storms. Additionally, the Wave Streetcar and the Brightline will improve mobility for the new population and will continue to attract investment in the area. Public-private partnerships like the Broward College/Stiles Corporation project and the Federal Courthouse disseminate the benefits to both sectors, bolster Downtown public services, and accentuate public spaces.

Jonathan Schwartz, AVP of Operations Planning for Broward College explained, "Our agreement with Stiles for the redevelopment of the Downtown center will give

our students and community a new Downtown civic center for events and gatherings. The project will also generate additional revenue for the college that can be reinvested in helping students reach academic milestones and graduate into careers."

As the current boom continues to prosper, the area is also fortified by the strategic investments made to our activity centers, our infrastructure, and through the partnerships among the public and private sectors. Forward-thinking projects like these serve as catalysts for economic activity and will better position Downtown for whatever lies ahead. 



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BY JENNI MOREJON

President/founder,
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LIVE TO COOK, DRINK, AND DECORATE

NOT IN ANY PARTICULAR ORDER

I stopped being active on Facebook about a week after the Presidential election. Our first amendment is something I fully respect and appreciate, and I don't write people off or "unfriend" them just because their opinions and beliefs don't align with mine. But it was getting crazy out there.

I needed a break from the dialog and really just wanted to go back to a time when social media was my outlet for keeping up with faraway family, reading inspirational quotes, and watching funny animal videos.

Oh, and our home caught on fire two days before the election so I got a bit preoccupied with insurance claims and new home improvement ideas. (No one was hurt and we're settled back in now, thankfully).

So about five months ago I bailed on Facebook. I started to wade into the waters of LinkedIn, and splashed in the shallows of Twitter. What I wasn't prepared for was my dive headfirst into Pinterest. Obviously I'm late to the social media party, but – Oh. My. Goodness. – was I in for a treat. Figuratively and literally.

Luckily the house fire was exterior only, but we were out of our home for three months because all power was shut off. We stayed in a hotel by the Galt Mile, a vacation rental down the street from our own home, and finally an apartment on Pompano Beach. Needless to say, over the course of 12 weeks I came up with lots of inspirations and plans to update our home of 15 years before we moved back in.

Enter Pinterest Board: "Coastal Remodel". We've been back in our home since early February, enjoying walls freshly painted with colors like "Khaki Sand" and "Bimini Blue" and with sisal rugs and shells galore.

While being a nomadic-family for three months, we also ate out a lot. During our time at the Galt, we savored tender cuts of veal shank at La Dolce Vita, sour and spicy soups at Basilic Vietnamese Grill, and way too many wings from Bokamper's. Back up in Pompano at the beach apartment, we ate burgers at the original Briny's at least twice a week, taking breaks to enjoy icy oysters at The Foundry, yuzu scallops at Yazuka Sushi, and grandma's pie at Umberto's Pizzeria most other nights.

Despite being out of our home all that time, it was hard to forget that we weren't on vacation with so many diverse and amazing food options in town. I sure ate and drank like I was on holiday! After feasting at great restaurants like these and so many others,

big and small, old and new, known and obscure, my new Pinterest Boards now focus on great recipes to get back to cooking in my updated "horizon breeze" colored kitchen. *Mangia!* [60](#)



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BY DIANA ALARCON

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The overall management of traffic on our roadways has remained one of our neighbors' top priorities over the last three years, as expressed in the City's Annual Neighbor Survey. As a result, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission made traffic management one of their top priorities and staff continues to work on initiatives – from planning Complete Streets and infrastructure projects aimed at creating a transportation network that accommodates all users to the rollout of innovative technologies like LauderStreet – to address this priority.


While temporary road closures are never convenient, they are necessary to ensure that we can maintain our streets, repair utilities located under the street, make way for new development that needs to encroach on the ROW during construction, and enjoy special events like marathons, street festivals, and beach concerts. Road closures require a certified Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan illustrating the closure and associated detours. The need for them has been on a major uptick.



This year we anticipate processing more than 600 MOT applications as compared to the 509 issued last year. It's a positive economic indicator that can have painful short-term side effects.

The convergence of Downtown projects is just beginning. As the construction of All Aboard Florida's Brightline improvements nears an end, utility work for the construction of the Wave Streetcar is expected to kick off as early as late 2017. In addition, four large-scale developments within a quarter-mile of the Wave alignment are also expected to start construction, as well as planned road and bridge rehabilitation and construction projects.

We're thrilled to launch LauderStreet to help neighbors and businesses safely navigate city streets and to continue to provide services and build community as the demand for use of the public ROW increases. The City will continue to work with our county and state partners to gather information on closures, making LauderStreet as comprehensive as possible. We need your help too. Please report any safety concerns you might observe at a closure through the City's LauderServ app. Also, remember to follow posted detour signs and drive slowly in road closure areas to ensure everyone's safety. These are just two simple things you can do to save lives and help the City achieve its overarching Vision Zero goal of achieving zero traffic-related deaths or serious injuries on our streets.

We hope you find the LauderStreet tool useful, and we look forward to improving it together. Please visit gis.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderstreet, “bookmark” or “favorite” LauderStreet, and let us know what you think. Happy traveling! 



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BY DIANE D'ANGELO

Chair, Downtown Council of the Greater
Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



A NEW DOWNTOWN


MARKET INCREASES AND TRENDS

The mission of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Council is to build and maintain a vibrant business and cultural community in Downtown through communication, collaboration, and leadership. At a recent Chamber breakfast hosted by the Downtown Council, we heard from Ken Krasnow of Colliers International, Dev Motwani of Merrimac Ventures, and Ryan Shear of Property Markets Group (PMG) on "Growing a New Downtown: Development Trends and Investment Perspectives". Jenni Morejon, Deputy Director of the Downtown Development Authority, led the discussion.

Krasnow began with an overview of the market. South Florida is number eight among the 15 most populous US Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). We have seen an increase in our population of 451,000 over the last five years, bringing our current population to 6.1 million. The South Florida population is projected to increase an additional 590,000 over the next five years. Employment in South Florida has increased by 298,000 (14 percent) over the last five years and South Florida is the number four MSA among the Top 20 in attracting the most educated workforce. In Downtown Fort Lauderdale, there are 12,527 multifamily units with a 5.6 percent vacancy. Residential rents are running \$2.00/sf and rents have soared by 40 percent over the past five years, driven by the influx of millennials seeking a

live-work-play lifestyle. Rents are projected to increase 4.8 percent per year and vacancy rates are projected to decline due to millennials' preference to rent over own. Effective rates in Downtown Fort Lauderdale are 43 percent more than the County's average.

Motwani and his family have been part of our community for years. He has watched Fort Lauderdale grow from a town to a city with domestic and international appeal while Shear and his company are new to Fort Lauderdale and he thinks Fort Lauderdale is the next frontier. One of the trends Shear is seeing in multi-family developments are smaller spaces to live in, fewer cars, and the concept of co-living. Motwani and Shear are both working to redevelop portions of Riverfront. One of the things that attracted Motwani to the PMG project is that they build smaller units with significant amenity space, helping to solve the affordability issue. Shear said PMG focuses on building a package that is all-in, including things such as a gym, internet, etc. so the residents don't have additional monthly fees. They look at the development as a lifestyle, with a focus on more amenity space.

Part II of this breakfast series is called "Retail Follows Rooftops: Density Means Business" and will be held on Apr. 27 at 7:30 a.m. at the Tower Club. To purchase tickets, please visit www.ftlchamber.com. Hope to see you there! 



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THE CRAFT OF PROSE

ARTS WRITING FROM THE ACADEMICS

"Read *The Orchid Thief*. It demonstrates that orchid collectors are a bit nuts," Melissa Chessher said of the novel set in the Everglades, "and that great magazine stories that rely on quirky characters, great description, and a strong sense of place wait right in your backyard." In 2016, Chessher, chair of the Magazine Department and Director of Magazines, Newspaper, and Online Journalism at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, was chosen as one of *Folio* magazine's Top Women in Media.

Chessher recently presented at a Broward Arts Journalism Alliance (BAJA) workshop with other faculty members from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, and it wasn't long before attendees began to feel exceptional for being in the audience.

While here in Broward County, the faculty of this Master's level program covered magazine writing and cultural storytelling (Melissa Chessher), column writing (Jim Shahin), reviewing (Eric Grode), and digital storytelling (Corey Takahashi). Revisiting hardcore journalism basics, they reminded us why we are passionate about commas and anecdotes, character-driven graphs, personal, vivid detail, idea banks, and writing with specificity.

New York Times theater critic Eric Grode walked the crowd through perceptions of a 'good' review and reasons why critics are important for a developing arts scene. He challenged the audience to think about the difference between synopsis and review and showed why people who disagree with artists and their creations may bring an important layer to the development of craft and character. Grode is also the program director for the Goldring Arts Journalism program at Syracuse.

"[The] Goldring Arts Journalism program at Syracuse is the first arts journalism graduate program in the U.S.

at an accredited journalism school," says Broward Cultural Division Director Earl Bosworth.


According to their website,

"they pioneered the concept of training journalists for arts news coverage." Other arts journalism programs are at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) and University of Southern California Annenberg, School for Communication and Journalism.

Washington Post columnist Jim Shahin talked passionately about honing your expertise, consistency, rewriting, and voice. He listed some well-known columnists' voices – sardonic (Maureen Dowd), silly (Dave Barry), overwhelmed (Erma Bombeck).

"Voice and style are important," he said. "The more expertise you get on a topic, the sooner you will find your voice. It comes from the inside." He also advised freelancers never to turn down an assignment. "It's not *whether* you will take it," he said, "but *when* you will take it."

Chessher, her messages loaded with personal experiences and anecdotes, reminded the audience why writers are a special breed. Grode challenged the group to operate outside comfort zones and keep, not only like-minded peers, but a few dissonant perspectives for friction and fiction.

There is more to come with a *Call to Writers* in April to apply to become part of Broward Arts Journalism Alliance. Visit www.broward.org/arts for more information on this program. 



Corey Takahashi, independent journalist and producer, assistant professor at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications

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Corey Takahashi, Melissa Chessher, Jim Shahin, and Eric Grode

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One of the biggest roadblocks for small businesses and entrepreneurs is getting enough capital to grow their business. Recent polls suggest that 90 percent of small business owners identify this as a problem. In fact, financial institutions approve just two out of every 10 small business loan requests. We will be bringing forward programs with other organizations like the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Miami Branch and other state and federal organizations to help create a clear path to a myriad of funding options for our members.


Our leadership is convinced there is much at risk as it relates to coastal resiliency. Our water supply, real estate, transportation solutions, and more suggest billions of dollars in play. We know the business community wants to protect our assets. Business leaders are convinced that the time is now for our

sector to engage and find short-term, mid-term, and long-range solutions to protect our future.

Everything from constructing a desalinization plant to raising roads to using the latest engineering technology is on the table. Later this year we will gather as a region to update, educate, and strategize with government, scientists, neighbors and others. There is too much at stake to wait for someone else to lead the way.

Speaking of regionalism, we continue to press forward with our partners in Palm Beach County and Miami-Dade County. Our vision is still taking shape. What's clear is our desire to have measurable results in a short period of time for valuable gains. You will hear more about this in the coming months.

Lastly, we have talked about community-based development before in this column. You'll be reminded of the challenge we face with increased developments balanced with appropriate infrastructure improvements. Our neighborhoods deserve to be at the table with us and we will embrace those conversations.

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A DINING DESTINATION

THE ECONOMIC AND GASTRONOMIC ADVANTAGES OF BEING THE YACHTING CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Call to mind fond memories of your favorite five-star restaurant, no matter where it is in the world. Go behind the scenes and picture the organized, commercial kitchen gleaming brightly with smooth, stainless steel counters lined with precision tools. Envision the oversized walk-in freezer and refrigerator filled to capacity with gourmet meat, poultry, and seafood, as well as large pantries stocked with every possible essential, from olive oil to fresh herbs to exotic spices. Imagine a talented and experienced chef orchestrating professional-grade pots and pans, managing multiple ovens, stovetops, and work spaces, and producing the outrageously delicious aromas and the amazing tastes of an unforgettable meal. Think of the stunning table setting with fresh flowers, crisp linens, fine china, forged flatware, and sparkling crystal – and don't forget to include the extravagant wine collection necessary to fill those glasses with the perfect pairing for every course.

With all five of your senses activated, now transport your entire epicurean experience onboard a very large and beautifully appointed ship. The fully equipped kitchen, referred to as the galley, is remarkably reminiscent of the five-star restaurant in your dreams, and the bountiful food, known as provisions, is equally impressive. In fact, every detail of your favorite eatery, from the flowers to the flatware, is replicated, except, of course, for the ever-changing view from your dining table.

As the yachting capital of the world, Fort Lauderdale entices yachts to frequent our area year after year. Akin to small cities floating along the New River, these visiting yachts are accustomed to receiving world-class service in our repair yards, enjoying the ideal weather, and taking advantage of our proximity to the Caribbean and beyond. At hundreds of feet long, these vessels require dozens of employees to keep discerning guests and owners feeling

comfortable and safe. In addition to being home to the obvious crew of captains and mates, yachts also attract expert chefs and skilled stewards who provide elegant food service throughout voyages of any length, no matter if they are serving something as simple as grilled cheese sandwiches for two or as sophisticated as roast goose for 20.

The long-term provisioning of the copious amounts of food and beverages that are required for the substantial number of yachts that visit Fort Lauderdale remains a great benefit to our local community. In order to be prepared for every possible occasion, experienced chefs anticipate the potential provisions that may be needed on board and typically plan for the unexpected. Consequently, they shop everywhere from large chain retailers to custom gourmet markets and mom-and-pop shops, and collectively spend tremendous amounts of money annually.

Fortunately, the economic and gastronomic advantages to our community don't end there. Many chefs who perfected their culinary skills aboard a luxury vessel have chosen to return to Fort Lauderdale and the surrounding area and leverage their savoir-faire into building exquisite, land-based bistros, trendy cafés, delicious diners, and, yes, even gourmet food trucks.


No matter where you are in the world, a familiar taste can transport you to your favorite place, and the best chefs will always take you there. 



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FOR THE GREATER GOOD

THE BUSINESS OF COLLABORATION

Parents face special challenges as they grapple with separation, divorce or creating two-home families. Co-parent counseling is an often overlooked opportunity for many. This type of counseling allows parents to move beyond their own emotions and focus on the best interests of their children in a neutral environment. But these environments and this form of counseling are sparse throughout Broward County. That's where Family and Co-Parenting Enrichment Services (F.A.C.E.S.) fills the void. Newly opened in Fort Lauderdale with regional locations in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach, F.A.C.E.S. is just such a family resource center. Its mission is to help guide families going through divorce and separation through a variety of services, including counseling, training, and supervised visitation.




Families seek co-parenting counseling because they are court ordered, it's part of a settlement agreement or they simply choose the option. Children get trapped in the anger and bitterness that sometimes exists between two homes. Director of Operations and Outreach, Dana Cahn, LCSW explains, "My dream is for co-parenting skills not to have to be court ordered. I would love for everyone to think when getting a divorce: 'We should go take this co-parenting class, so our kid(s) don't get caught in the middle.'"

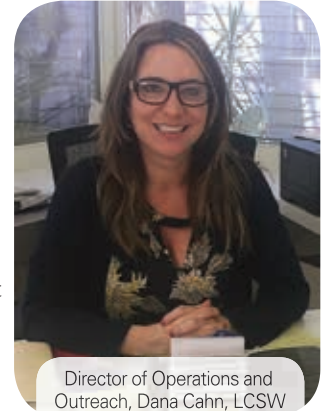
F.A.C.E.S. holds both individual and group co-parenting classes. Cahn explains, "The group setting is very dynamic. You can see the parents really getting into it after a few sessions. At first you can feel the tension in class. Couples don't want to be there. But once we show them videos and explain what is happening with children when parents are not on the same page, they begin to open up. We then provide parents with tools and teach them skills to communicate in a different manner. You see that change as they move from emotional fighting and move to a more business-like co-parenting relationship. After a few classes, the parents are now sitting right next to each other wondering why they hadn't done this earlier. We also teach them to teach their children how to manage their emotions."

F.A.C.E.S. provides the families with some take home tools as well. "In the workbook, we have a set of Divorce Rules that were created by children and meant to be used in the home," said Cahn. Some of these rules, which are meant to be displayed in the home, are:

- *Dear Mom and Dad, I'm just a kid, so please...*
- Do not talk badly about my other parent. *(This makes me feel torn apart. It also makes me feel bad about myself.)*
- Do not talk about money or child support. *(This makes me feel guilty or like I'm a possession instead of your kid.)*
- Do not ask me to keep secrets from my other parent. *(Secrets make me feel anxious.)*

In addition to counseling, F.A.C.E.S. provides a supervised visitation service. Supervised visits are court ordered. These are situations where one parent needs to be watched during a visit with a child. This requirement could be for a variety of reasons. A parent may have a substance abuse problem or mental health issues. Cahn explains, "The supervised visits can take place here at our offices or offsite. All of our staff members are licensed professionals, deputies from the courthouse or part of the Supervised Visitation Network."

So often co-parenting after divorce is a struggle. That happens because the parents' goal is still to get back at each other for whatever wrong led to divorce. This struggle is unproductive and does not serve the children well. When parents come together and agree that the children are the main focus and commit to making it work for them, positive outcomes occur. F.A.C.E.S. can help facilitate those outcomes. 



Director of Operations and Outreach, Dana Cahn, LCSW

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Interesting fact: A supervised visit does not necessarily have to be done in a home or office. F.A.C.E.S. has done them at Butterfly World, parks, malls, and anywhere that is conducive to a positive child/parent visit.

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LOCAL CRAVINGS


ARE YOU IN THE MOOD FOR FOOD?

Greater Fort Lauderdale's culinary scene has steadily been garnering attention and acclaim from foodie enthusiasts around the globe and attracting notable young chefs with varied dining and concept cuisines to match. The destination's food and beverage offerings have grown in recent years with new restaurants popping up daily, from farm-to-table spots to breweries, sophisticated white tablecloth hot spots, millennial-fueled coffee houses, and gastropubs. Soon, the destination will be as well-known for its innovative dining as it is for its miles of Blue Wave-certified beaches.

Several of the area's top local chefs participated in the Second Annual Taste Fort Lauderdale series, part of the 16th Annual Food Network and Cooking Channel South Beach Wine & Food Festival®. The week-long festival, including stellar private dinners and star-studded events, culminated with a hugely successful Bloody Mary Brunch, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris and David Burtka at The Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale.

The area's top culinary mavens were not the only ones in the spotlight. A new festival event, Drink Fort Lauderdale in F.A.T Village, featured cocktails whipped up by talented mixologists from throughout Broward County and inspired by a "Cocktail Time Machine" theme featuring new twists on timeless favorites. Each cocktail station brought a new variation to generations of popular libation recipes from the 1920s through the present. Several food trucks were on the scene offering creative comfort foods, desserts, and a lively nighttime street scene.

As a new, more diverse culinary scene evolves here, we are constantly developing new ways to share our destination's enviable lifestyle appeal to attract more visitors.

The new HelloSunny TV network, which the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau launched in December has been enthusiastically received – and watched! We are currently in production with a new culinary program – CRAVE GFL – on the network that features new restaurants, chefs, food, and wine and craft beer festivals, to name a few. Hosted by Blue Arauz, the community manager for Yelp!, CRAVE GFL will feature local chefs, their restaurants, and culinary creations in an interview and food demonstration format. CRAVE GFL is available on HelloSunny TV at www.sunny.org/tv, via mobile, tablet, and cellular devices, as well as laptops, desktops, and Smart TVs. New episodes will begin running regularly in the coming months. Stay tuned and tune in for this exciting new show! 



Second Annual Taste of Fort Lauderdale series events. From top: David Burtka, Stacy Ritter, and Neil Patrick Harris at the Bloody Mary Brunch; Stacy Ritter at the Point Royal Clambake hosted by Geoffrey Zakarian; Anne Burrell and Stacy Ritter at Seaside Eats; and Gabriele Corcos, Geoffrey Zakarian, Valerie Bertinelli, and Debi Mazar at the Point Royal Clambake hosted by Geoffrey Zakarian

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17 FOOD TRENDS

SO YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE CAUGHT UP BECAUSE YOU EAT QUINOA AND ESCHEW GLUTEN. THE NRA (NO, NOT *THAT* ONE, THE NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION) POLLED NEARLY 1,300 PROFESSIONAL CHEFS TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S "HOT" FOR 2017. THE *NEW YORK TIMES*, BUZZFEED, AND WHOLEFOODS ALSO PUBLISHED LISTS. HERE'S WHAT WE LIKE, PLUS A FEW OTHERS.

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTABELL – THE UGLY SISTERS – AND ALEXANDRA ROLAND AND GABRIELLE ROLAND

1. BLUEBERRIES –

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check out The Spice Lab, 1201 N. Federal Hwy. Online: Penzey's is amazing (they have shops too, just none in S. Florida), or Roland Foods from New York – a favorite with restaurants – available through Amazon.

-PS & JA

4. ARTISAN/HOUSE-MADE ICE CREAM – Apologies to all the fans of the "chain" ice cream joints, but fresh is better. Try the Atlantic Hotel, Jaxon's Ice Cream (I know it's Dania Beach but this is a destination), and if you're walking Las Olas try: Kilwin's for ice cream; gelato at Gelato-go or Pan'e Dolce Italian Bakery; or frozen Yogurt at Yogurt ur Way.



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2. FEMALE BREW FEST – Fem Collective, UniteUs Group, and Fat Village Arts District have joined forces to highlight girls who run the world...of beer. A new celebration of its kind, the FemAle Brew Fest promises to deliver empowerment, entertainment, and of course brews via female brewsters. The event is slated for May 28 in FAT Village. Tickets start at \$25 and \$10 for a designated driver. www.FemAleBrewfest.com

-GR & AR

3. ETHNIC SPICES –

Harissa, Zataar, Garam Masala, Peri-Peri, Gochugang – most are not new (except to Americans) and publications throw out names that we can't even pronounce with no clue where to get them locally. But as our palates learn to travel, mainstream availability increases. Locally,



5. RAW POKE BAR – Inspired by a family trip to Hawaii, the Raw Poke Bar features the hearty sushi bowl of its motherland. Choose from a variety of ingredients, including marinated raw sushi grade fish and don't forget to top off your colorful cuisine with a bit of crunch – sweet potato chips, wasabi peas, and crispy onions. If you can't decide on an option, go for the Kona, the most popular item featuring spicy wild ahi tuna over white sushi rice, edamame peas, pickled turnip, carrot crisps, Japanese spicy mayo, and sesame seeds. 1304 E. Las Olas Blvd. | www.rawpokebar.com



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6. JACKFRUIT –

We're not sure who Jack was, but he was definitely on to something. Jackfruit has been part of the South and South East Asian diets for centuries, but recently, health conscious-eaters, vegans, and vegetarians have rediscovered the fruit (not to be confused with its cousin, bread fruit) as an alternative to meat. Sauté it with onions, garlic, and olive oil and a few other ingredients, then bake it to achieve a plant-based pulled pork alternative.

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7. NEW CUTS OF MEAT –

This is definitely a food industry-led trend – as many of the unusual cuts are not available at your local store. Often originally cheap, these cuts require meat cutters who know how to isolate muscles from an animal versus people who sell pre-cut, packaged meats. Remember when “flat iron steaks” were new to us? According to Chef Alan Lazar, third generation meat cutter and instructor at Johnson and Wales University, we can expect to see cuts from the shoulder (read, chuck) such as: Oyster steaks, shoulder tenders, and the much hyped Vegas strip steak. Look for “Tails” of a Meat Cutter interview with Lazar online (www.goriverwalk.com/goriverwalk-magazine/dining).

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8. SARAVÁ AÇAÍ CAFÉ – Paying homage to Brazilian “sucos,” or juice bars, this café eatery serves up açai bowls and superfood smoothies all in the name of celebrating ingredients that are good for your body. They don't think your tastebuds will complain either. The café's açai bowls are chock full of fruits and their



smoothies offer match-made-in-heaven combinations like white mulberries, peanut butter, chia seeds, açai powder, banana, blueberries, and almond milk (PB & J). Brazilian crêpes are also on the menu. 2213 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors | www.saravacafe.com

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9. HOUSE-MADE PICKLES – These are so easy, you may never buy pickles again. Basic ingredients – vinegar, sugar, salt, spices, plus a fruit or veggie of your choice. Why let the restaurants have all the fun? Recipe online. (www.goriverwalk.com/goriverwalk-magazine/dining)

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10. STREET FOOD-INSPIRED DISHES – Not like the U.S., where street food is a hot dog, but places where it's the real deal – part of the social psyche. Again, not new, just new to us, and a couple of places are doing it right (although NOT in the street). Order anything from the “Bombay Street Chat Corner” at Indian Harbor (Harbor Shops, Cordova Road) – we loved the Bhel Puri – crispy noodles and puffed rice. Munch Egyptian food at Mini Pita (State Road 84/SW Ninth Ave. in the Winn Dixie Plaza).

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11. NAKED CRAB SEAFOOD KITCHEN | COCKTAIL BAR

– Fresh caught fish and prime cut steaks are regulars on the menu at the Naked Crab, YES Hospitality Group's new venture located in B Ocean Hotel. It's likely to leave a lasting impression with menu items featuring ingredients like oestra caviar, pork belly confit, and sesame seared tuna. B Ocean Hotel | www.nakedcrabfl.com

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Chef Ralph Pagano, founder and chef of YES Hospitality Group and the Naked Crab

12. GRAPE SEED OIL – It's a lightly flavored and slightly nutty oil extracted from the seeds of wine grapes. The alternative to old faithful olive oil, it's good to use when you want the flavors of other ingredients to shine and it's also a great source of essential fatty acids, vitamin E, and antioxidants.
-GR & AR



13. EMPANADAS – There's something blissful about eating with your hands and empanadas provide the best of both worlds – portable food you can eat at any time of the day with minimal mess. These mouthwatering treats, filled with anything from chicken to spinach, are a must have at any South American pastelería. Get them here: La Antioqueñita Bakery & Cafe (Plantation, (954) 321-6159); 925 Nuevos Cubanitos (Fort Lauderdale, (954) 806-8375); the hot bakery section of your local Publix
-GR & AR



14. OLIVES – Once upon a time only the jarred Manzanilla olives were in the supermarkets. Not so anymore. Olive bars are common now with olives of every hue and size from the tiny black Nicoise to the giant purple Alfonso or Green Cerignola. Buy a ¼ pound of something new! Generally, more color means the olive was picked ripe – unripe olives are green. The distinctive flavors are a result of the “curing,” whether in brine, water or air.
-PS & JA



15. PIEOLOGY – Sometimes fast is the way to go. Chipotle, Lime Fresh Mexican Grille, Pei Wei, Panera Bread – it's nothing new. Enter custom pizza franchise, Pieology. The newcomer to Fort Lauderdale brings a “have it your way” mentality plus affordability. It's the freedom to choose amplified. Select your crust, sauce, cheeses and meats, and then, “top it off,” choosing from an array of 40 ingredients. It's pizza for the people, by the people. 1823 E. Commercial Blvd. | www.pieology.com
-GR & AR



16. FLEXITARIAN DIET – According to Whole Foods, the strident rules of dieting are dissolving into yet another label – flexitarian, as in a flexible eating style. Different diets have seemingly always existed, but there's also a crop of people who can't be classified – vegetarians who like the odd steak or burger for example. According to Whole Foods, this year, it'll boil down to people choosing “what makes you feel good.”
-GR & AR

17. HOME COOKING – Still the best. Maybe you can't duplicate a wonderful creation made at a restaurant, but they can't add the love to your food that you can. With all the exotic ingredients we have mentioned more available than ever, why NOT cook? It's even easier if you have basic tools all professionals use. Check out Culinary Convenience at 2212 S. Andrews Ave. or Restaurant Warehouse at 3555 N. Andrews Ave. for a great selection.
-PS & JA



Pieology pizzas

NOSTALGIA ULTRA

AT CASH ONLY, FORT LAUDERDALE'S NEWEST PROP ON THE LOCAL NIGHTLIFE SCENE, COME AS YOU ARE FOR THE STORIED VIBES OF YESTERYEAR

WRITER PETE STEVENSON



Cash Only

15 West Las Olas Blvd. • (954) 299-3295
www.cashonlybar.com

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY CASH ONLY


Cash Only, a new club in Downtown Fort Lauderdale has created a unique niche that has proved to be very popular. It's a space with a vintage feel that is reflective of a simpler time. Cash Only owners Angel Candelaria, Bobby Segurola, Jonny Adler, and Ken Smith wanted a more relaxed nightlife experience. "We are not about bottle service and VIP sections," said Segurola. This place is less white glove and more high-fives. They are not about exclusivity but rather inclusivity. Cash Only is a place to bring people together.

The club is designed to highlight a variety of overlapping decades, echoing a bit of the '60s, '70s, and '80s, topped off with a giant wall of 8-Tracks. It's not a club that overpowers the senses. A lot of nightlife has moved towards hyper technology, like you're walking onto the set of *Tron*. Cash Only is cool, comfortable, and welcoming. The memorable interior design is from the mind of Callin Fortis, owner of the Miami firm Bigtime Design Studios, which is responsible for the interior of the Boatyard Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale and a variety of other hotels and restaurants throughout South Florida.

Cash Only's first floor is the main lounge and stage, where both DJs and live acts perform during the club's open days – Thursday through Sunday. "The concept was originally as an homage to music. The way people experience music now is ephemeral. Download the latest song or album and maybe not even listen to the entire thing. No real connection with the artist anymore," said Segurola. The music experience here, whether via a DJ, solo artist or band, is more intimate and creates a true connection.

The upstairs, ironically, will remind you of your parents' basement. This space is a little smaller and quieter. Later in the evening, the upstairs feels like you have just walked into a cool house party.

Cash Only does accept credit cards. The name was chosen to reflect an era when people were not so absorbed in technology and cash was the only form of payment. Segurola said, "We wanted to return to a time when people spoke to each other." The place feels less digital and more vinyl.

Not only is Cash Only physically between the bars and restaurants on Himmarshee and Las Olas, it is demographically a mix of the two. And that mix wants something different. As Segurola pointed out, "I think the biggest surprise after opening was the sophistication and diversity of the crowds. To borrow words from Kurt Cobain, it is a 'come as you are place.'" 

AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

THE LAS OLAS WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL SHUTS DOWN THE BOULEVARD IN STYLE

WRITER RACHEL CREVELING



William Hill at the 2017 LOWFF Kickoff Party at Breakthru Beverage

An all-inclusive evening of wine and food. What could be better? The 22nd Annual Las Olas Wine and Food Festival, benefiting the American Lung Association, returns Friday, Apr. 21.

Breakthru Beverage Florida, the presenting sponsor of the festival, is one of the largest distributors of wine, spirits, and non-alcoholic beverages in the state. A long-time supporter of The American Lung Association, Breakthru Beverage is responsible for the entire line-up of wine and spirits at the event.

Guests will be treated to an exclusive evening under the stars, with the opportunity to sip and taste from a selection of over 200 wines from around the world and 50 local restaurants.

Presenting brands William Hill Estate Winery, New Amsterdam Vodka, and Woodford Reserve will wow festival-goers with unique lounges located throughout the expanded, six-block event.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL:

- Woodford Reserve is once again partnering with Stache Drinking Den to create a Speakeasy Lounge with live music and craft cocktails.
- New Amsterdam and Rhythm & Vine are coming together to bring the backyard party experience to Las Olas with outdoor games and refreshing cocktails.
- Visit the Crown Wine & Spirits lounge to taste William Hill Estate Wines and purchase any of your favorite wines from the festival at a special price. Crown Wine & Spirits offers a delivery service.

With Breakthru Beverage's support, the American Lung Association continues to put on Fort Lauderdale's must-attend wine and food event year after year. Get ready to sip, sample, mix, and mingle with thousands of foodies along the iconic Las Olas Boulevard on one of the only nights the Boulevard is shut down to street traffic.

This year, everyone is a VIP. There is one ticket price for the all-inclusive food and wine experience. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit the American Lung Association. That means your tastebuds and your heart will leave happy, knowing the cost of your ticket assists in funding research and educational programming for the organization.

Support the American Lung Association Apr. 21. To learn more, visit www.lasolaswff.com. 

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE FLORIDA



Top: New Amsterdam mules being sampled at the 2017 LOWFF Kickoff Party at Breakthru Beverage; Bottom two photos: Woodford Reserve Lounge at the 2016 LOWFF

DO IT YOURSELF

Create your own cocktails at home with this year's lead spirits, Woodford Reserve and New Amsterdam:

WOODFORD RYE MANHATTAN

2 parts Woodford Reserve Rye Whiskey
1 part Sweet Vermouth
2 dashes aromatic bitters

Add ingredients to the mixing glass. Fill mixing glass with ice. Stir ingredients for 30-40 seconds. Strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with a bourbon-infused cherry.

AMSTERDAM MULE

2 parts New Amsterdam® Vodka
3 parts ginger beer
½ part simple syrup
½ part fresh lime juice
Sprig of mint

Pour vodka over ice. Add simple syrup and lime juice. Top with ginger beer and stir. Spank mint sprig (to release aromas) and add as garnish. Serve in Amsterdam Mule mug or metal mug.



CENTER STAGE

FORT LAUDERDALE IS IN THE SPOTLIGHT WITH A NEW 24/7 DIGITAL NETWORK VIA THE GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

WRITER PETE STEVENSON

Fort Lauderdale is well-known by locals and visitors – it's hard to fly under the radar when beaches and sunshine top a destination's resume. But as of December 2016, things have become a little more up close and personal with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau's (GFLCVB) launch of HelloSunny TV, a 24/7 digital network of channels delivering live stream broadcasts as well as videos on demand.

HelloSunny TV will produce and air programming to showcase the area's diverse experiences. The network is creating a weekly show that will preview the upcoming week's events and activities. In addition, Crave GFL is a dining segment that focuses on the vibrant and thriving culinary scene in Greater Fort Lauderdale. Besides scheduled and live programming, the network provides live beach web streaming throughout the day. Viewers can also access a growing library of on-demand programming. Topics include dining, family fun, nature, fashion, culture, arts, festivals, sports and fitness, LGBTQ, nightlife, weddings and honeymoons, tours and excursions, and much more.

HelloSunny gives the GFLCVB the opportunity to engage with the public via a new platform that casts a wide net. They now have a way to promote every partner and every aspect of Greater Fort Lauderdale, which is a valuable tool that their sales and marketing teams use to communicate with customers worldwide.

"Being the first destination to launch an entire network of activity, not just a channel, is an indication of our confidence and investment in our community as the best

brand ambassadors to communicate Greater Fort Lauderdale's unique appeal through compelling content delivered in an interactive way," said Stacy Ritter, GFLCVB's president and CEO.

Demand for content and new programs continues to grow. GFLCVB has reached out to their hospitality partners and the community for video footage that tells the story of Greater Fort Lauderdale. They want videos that share the warmth and sunshine of Greater Fort Lauderdale via television. The GFLCVB is reviewing local content that can featured on the network that is lifestyle editorial in nature. Consumers can submit their videos at www.sunny.org/beontv.

All HelloSunny TV live content is also streamed through the @VisitLauderdale Facebook page. In addition, there are multilingual programs available in Spanish, Portuguese, and Chinese. HelloSunny TV is accessible across all digital platforms, mobile devices, and tablets and online at www.sunny.org/tv. It is also available on Apple TV (gen 4) and accessible on SmartTVs. 



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heal the planet day

APRIL 22, 2017
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

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BREAKFAST BITE

OLD FORT LAUDERDALE BREAKFAST HOUSE

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

O-B House is a bit unique. You might get the feeling that you're at a bed and breakfast. It's small, charming, and delightful. The food speaks for itself. This breakfast house uses farm-fresh ingredients (minimally processed, organic, healthy, and wholesome) and cooks them to perfection, resulting in a palate pleasing meal. This breakfast tastes homemade. The bacon is thick and crispy; the cast-iron baked buttermilk pancakes are crisp on the outside and moist on the inside (with real Vermont maple syrup); and the orange juice is always fresh squeezed.

The menu includes a variety of unique offerings sure to please the most particular breakfast connoisseurs. The staff is attentive and clearly focused on delivering a high level of service. Insider scoop: it's pet friendly. Sit outside under their covered patio. Early morning breakfast is peaceful. Ask to sit along the front windows, with a view of Esplanade Park.

Remember to take home a freshly baked cookie, cupcake or muffin for later!



Old Fort Lauderdale Breakfast House

"Floribbean" Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale
333 Himmarshee St. | www.o-bhouse.com

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Today's bartenders are committed to crafting cocktails that display rich, vibrant, and unique flavor profiles using fresh squeezed juices, fruits, shrubs and hand-picked herbs. Cocktails are hand-shaken to icy perfection, representing today's culinary approach to the art of the cocktail.

Get spirited with these timeless classics

DAIQUIRI: The classic lime daiquiri with rum and tropical fruit makes for the perfect spring libation.

PINA COLADA: Imagine the tropical aromas of fresh coconut macaroon and buttercream with real coconut water infused with dark rum. It's the classic Pina Colada.

OLD FASHIONED COCKTAIL: Whiskey, bitters, sugar, and ice are the basics of the Old Fashioned. Its formula is simple, but how do you combine those ingredients – in what proportion, using which brands, and with what kind of garnish – is the subject of much impassioned debate.



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TASTEMAKER: CLYDE MAY'S "ALABAMA STYLE" WHISKEY

WRITER RICHARD M. LEWIS, FLORIDA STATE SALES MANAGER |
CONECUH RIDGE DISTILLERY | WWW.CLYDEMAYS.COM

How did Clyde May create their concept?

Clyde May was a real person. [He] made his whiskey for his family and friends for the holidays [and] was awarded The Purple Heart in World War II. Clyde started making his whiskey (Moonshine in 1946), had a scuffle with the law in 1971, and in 1973 spent eight months in jail before returning to [make] his whiskey again. They are known for making incredible "Alabama Style" whiskey bourbon with a hint of dried green apples and cinnamon.

What are Clyde's favorite cocktails?

- **CLYDE MAY'S ALABAMA OLD FASHION**
- **CLYDE'S ALABAMA SMASH** — 2 oz Clyde May's Bourbon, fill with ginger beer, garnish with four to five blackberries and a lime wedge
- **CLYDE'S ALABAMA SLAMMER** — 1 oz Clyde May's "Alabama Style" Whiskey, 1 oz DiSaronno, fill with fresh squeezed OJ and a dash of grenadine

What sets Clyde May apart from others?

The only Alabama Style Whiskey in the United States [is] clean and smooth and the "most appealing whiskey in the world." [It's the] only whiskey as clean as Irish whiskey and smooth as cognac.

What is Clyde's essential craft accessory?

The garnishes for the cocktails, [from] blackberries to apples. Cinnamon rim rocks glass.

What trend excites Clyde May most about today's craft scene?

Entrepreneurial whiskey makers that are pushing the envelope.



BACK TO THE FUTURE

FOOD AND WINE THROUGH THE DECADES

WRITER PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL – THE UGLY SISTERS

The idea sounds easy right? Without a doubt, the greatest changes have been in wine, beer, and cocktails – although some now mainstream food “must haves” were unheard of outside their particular culture (think hummus, tacos). We all remember favorite foods from childhood, teenage years, and our first forays into adulthood – maybe. So we begin with:



DIPS AND DUNKS:

Potato chips with Lipton Onion Soup Dip
Veggie trays with ranch dip
Spinach dip in hollowed pumpernickel loaf

Cocktail parties of the '50s and '60s – those terribly elegant events we saw in movies – featuring beautiful people in designer dresses with coiffed hair. They never really ate – just carried martini or champagne glasses. Maybe in New York or another big city, but not where we grew up.

As boomers entered college – there were social mixers. Cheap beer and wine, maybe something to eat. But as we started households in the '70s and '80s, the casual entertainment scene morphed when we got to bring our favorites and share the latest “go to” party dish.

In the past 20 years, new foods and ingredients have become obsessions. Yet, a few old standards endure with updates every few years. You know the old saying – the more things change the more they stay the same – so here it goes:



MEATBALLS:

Swedish
Porcupine (rice) in tomato sauce
Sweet and sour

PENNY SANFILIPPO and **JONNY ALTABELL** (a.k.a. the Ugly Sisters) have owned Ala Carte Catering in Fort Lauderdale for more than 20 years. They recently retired from running their Downtown restaurant, the 11th Street Annex, and are looking forward to sharing all things food (restaurants too) with the readers of Go Riverwalk.



DEVILED EGGS:

With mustard and mayo
With fish – smoked or not
Caviar
Curried



WEB EXTRA

Check out our Classic Deviled Eggs recipe on the webpage.
www.goriverwalk.com/goriverwalk-magazine/dining



SHRIMP COCKTAIL:

Red sauce – ketchup and horseradish
White sauce – horseradish cream
Green sauce – mayo with fresh herbs
Thai chili sauce



For additional events, check the Greater Fort Lauderdale events calendar:
www.goriverwalk.com/events/greater-fort-lauderdale-event-calendar

GENERAL EVENTS

Literary Feast 2017

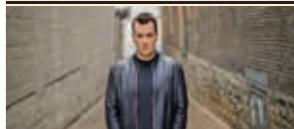
Through Apr. 2
 Bestselling authors visit Broward County for school visits, bookstore signings and panel discussions culminating in the Night of Literary Feasts welcome reception and private dinners. Hosted by the Broward Public Library Foundation. Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six (954) 357-7382
www.bplfoundation.org

Epicurean Escapade: A Food and Wine Experience

Apr. 1
 Gourmet food and fine wine from global culinary destinations are on the menu. Presented by Holy Cross Hospital Design Center of the Americas (954) 229-8562
www.holy-cross.com

Fort Lauderdale Pizza Festival

Apr. 1
 The festival will feature local pizza joints, national pizza brands, refreshing adult beverages, local art and entertainment, live cooking demos, a family-friendly kid zone and even a pizza eating competition. War Memorial Auditorium (954) 960-6083
www.fortlauderdalepizzafestival.com



Jim Jefferies

Apr. 1
 Hard Rock Live
 (800) 937-010
www.myhrl.com

Junior League's 17th Annual Riverwalk Run

Apr. 1
 This year's theme will be «'80s for 80» encouraging runners and walkers to dress in '80s dress to celebrate the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale's 80th anniversary. Huizenga Plaza (954) 462-1350
www.riverwalkrun.com



6th Annual Fancy Jeans Party

Apr. 1
 Presented by Breakthru Beverage and Vertical Bridge Charitable Network
 Revolution Live
 (954) 712-6322
www.jjccf.org

Spring Fling Salon Exhibit Reception

Apr. 1
 Broward Art Guild
 (954) 537-3370
www.browdartguild.org

Cathedral Choir and Orchestra Spring Concert

Apr. 2
 First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale
www.firstpres.cc

Broward College Speakers Series - Angela Duckworth

Apr. 5
 Broward College
 (954) 201-7350
www.broward.edu

Broward County Public Schools - 2017 Caliber Awards Ceremony

Apr. 5
 Recognizing and celebrating the district's outstanding teachers, principals, assistant principals, and school related/district employees. Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center (754) 3201-0606
www.browardschools.com



Duran Duran

Apr. 5
 Hard Rock Live
 (800) 937-0100
www.myhrl.com

Spring 2017 Luncheon "Give Cancer the Boot"

Apr. 5
 Presented by 1000+ Club to Benefit Cancer, Inc.
 Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
 (954) 562-1154
www.100plusclub.org



Untamed Spirit

Apr. 6
 The final South Florida Symphony Orchestra performance of the season promises to be a memorable evening. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 522-8445
www.southfloridasymphony.org

Micro Mini Muse

Apr. 6
 NSU Art Museum
 (954) 525-5500
www.nsuartmuseum.org



5th Annual Big Dog Men's Invitational Golf Tournament

Apr. 6
 Presented by the Humane Society of Broward County
 Fort Lauderdale Country Club
www.humanebroward.com
 (954) 266-6818

James L. Beller's "Son"

Apr. 6 - May 7
 Island City Stage
 (954) 519-2533
www.islandcitystage.org

Destination Friday - Kenya

Apr. 7
 AARLCC
 (954) 357-6210
www.broward.org/library

Tortuga Music Festival

Apr. 7 - 9
 Now in its fifth year, the three-day celebration features headliners Luke Bryan, Chris Stapleton, and Kenny Chesney. Fort Lauderdale Beach Park
www.tortugamusicfestival.com

Live from South Florida... It's Saturday Night!

Apr. 8
 This signature event will feature a cocktail hour, an incredible dinner, amazing auction items and a show featuring the very funny comedians Craig Gass and Andrew Kennedy, as well as musical guest Keba. Presented by Gilda's Club South Florida
 Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina
 (954) 763-6776
www.gildasclubssouthflorida.com



Program Four

Apr. 8 and 9
 Divertimento No.15, Arden Court and Who Cares?
 Presented by Miami City Ballet
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts
 (305) 929-7010
www.miamicityballet.org

50 Years of Marine Science in Broward County

Apr. 10
 History Museum Fort Lauderdale
 (954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Lecture

Apr. 10
 History Museum Fort Lauderdale
 (954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

The Bossa Nova Wave

Apr. 12
 The Bossa Nova Wave is richly recreated and reminiscent of the performances of Stan Getz and Charlie Byrd with legendary jazz clarinetist, Ken Peplowski and one of today's greatest guitarists, Diego Figueiredo. Presented by Gold Coast Jazz Society
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts
 (954) 524-0805
www.goldcoastjazz.org



Boston "Hyper Space Tour"

Apr. 14
 Hard Rock Live
 (800) 937-0010
www.myhrl.com

FTL Taco Battle and Craft Beer Fest 2017

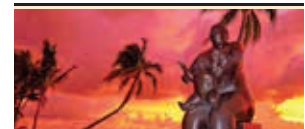
Apr. 15
 Featuring the best of the best of our area's top restaurants and craft breweries. Esplanade Park (954) 279-3362

Take-Out Tuesday

Apr. 18
 The Sun Sentinel's Editorial Board: LIVE!
 Broward College
 (954) 201-7350
www.broward.edu

Uncork Your Creativity

Apr. 19
 A little paint, a little wine, and a whole lot of fun! Presented by Ann Storck Center. Painting with a Twist (954) 584-8000
www.annstorckcenter.org



Art on the Plaza

Apr. 20
 Benefitting Embrace Life Children's Foundation. North Beach Art Gallery (954) 667-0660
www.nobegallery.com



Quick Draw and Photo Shoot 2017 Auction and Reception

Apr. 21
Broward Art Guild
(954) 537-3370
www.browardartguild.org

Broward Education Foundation Black & White Gala

Apr. 21
The foundation celebrates 24 years of educational excellence with its annual Black and White gala by honoring community leaders. The Westin Ft. Lauderdale Beach Resort
(754) 321-2300
www.browardfoundation.org

Broward College 3rd Annual Fringe Festival

Apr. 21 - 23
South Florida's uncensored, unjuried, live theater event. Broward College
(954) 201-7350
www.broward.edu

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Brunch

Apr. 22
Presented by PACE Center for Girls Broward
Coral Ridge Yacht Club
www.pacecenter.org

2nd Annual Heal the Planet Day

Apr. 22
The celebratory offering brings a full day of entertainment and earth saving tips to the new festival location in Downtown Fort Lauderdale's Esplanade Park.
www.healthetheplanet.com

American Cancer Society of Broward's 2017 Celebration Gala

Apr. 22
Harbor Beach Marriott
(800) 227-2345
www.celebrationgalabroward.com

Tri-County Biennial Competition and Exhibit Reception

Apr. 22
Presented by Broward Art Guild
JM Family Enterprises Gallery at ArtServe
(954) 537-3370
www.browardartguild.org



Blue Wild Ocean Adventure Expo

Apr. 22 & 23
Attendees will be fascinated by the variety of celebrity speakers like TV personality Manny Puig and other experts who are the "who's who" in the underwater worlds of freediving, spearfishing, photography, video, and more. Broward County Convention Center
www.thebluewild.com

Serenades@Sunset: Marco Navarrete and Friends

Apr. 23
Symphony of the Americas' principle musicians Navarrete and Connor have assembled a creative musical ensemble featuring a world journey of musical styles and composers for an unforgettable evening.
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
(954) 335-7002
www.sota.org



Matilda the Musical

Apr. 25 - May 7
Presented by Broadway Across America
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 626-78201
www.broadwayacrossamerica.com

Ron White

Apr. 27
Hard Rock Live
(800) 937-0010
www.myhrl.com

Dining Out For Life

Apr. 27
Dine out, Fight AIDS. It's that easy! This international event is celebrated the last Thursday in April each year. Presented by Broward House
Participating restaurants
(954) 522-4749
www.browardhouse.org

An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan

Apr. 28
Presented by The Master Chorale of South Florida
Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church
(954) 641-2653
www.masterchoraleofsouthflorida.org



"Business for the Arts of Broward's Third Annual Art & Soul"

Apr. 28
GALLERYone DoubleTree Suites by Hilton
(954) 940-5344
www.bfabroward.org

Poetry Readings with Barbra Nightingale and Denise Duhamel

Apr. 29
Presented by South Florida Poetry Journal
www.southfloridapoetryjournal.com

The Color Run™ 5K Hosted by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale

Apr. 29
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale has been issued the challenge of gathering a team of volunteers to help at the event. Visit our website for more information.
Huizenga Plaza
(954) 468-1541
www.goriverwalk.com

Flip Flops on the Dock

Apr. 29
Guests can enjoy breathtaking intracoastal views and stunning sunsets while raising funds to support a much-needed service in our community.
Presented by Friends of Jack and Jill Children's Center
The Lauderdale Yacht Club
(954) 463-8772
www.flipflopsonthedocks.com

9th Annual Dancing with the Stars of Broward

Apr. 29
Presented by the Pantry of Broward
SWAY Nightclub
(954) 358-1481
www.thepantryofbroward.org

Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash Fort Lauderdale 5K

Apr. 30
WALK Like MADD & MADD Dash is MADD's annual signature fundraising event in support of its mission to end drunk driving. The event takes place in over 60 cities in the U.S., including Fort Lauderdale.
Huizenga Plaza
1(877) ASK-MADD (275-6233)
www.madd.org



16th Annual Expressive Arts Performance

May 5
An annual event offered free to the community, which involves many of the children and adults who participate in the music & art therapy programs at Ann Storck Center.
Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center
(954) 584-8000
www.annstorckcenter.org

March for Babies

May 6
March for Babies supporters are helping improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.
Nova Southeastern University
www.marchforbabies.org

Symphony of the Americas Kentucky Derby Party

May 6
Private home TBA.
(954) 335-7002
www.sota.org

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Lecture

May 8
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Ol' Blues Eyes Meets The Velvet Fog

May 10
Presented by Gold Coast Jazz Society
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May 20
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Through Apr. 6

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Apr. 5

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Apr. 6

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Apr. 6 and 7

Birding Class
Apr. 8

**Green Cay/Wakodahatchee
Wetlands Birding Field Trip**
Apr. 8

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Apr. 30

Drawing Workshop
May 9 and 10

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Something Rotten!
Through Apr. 2

Big River
Through Apr. 2

**Family Fun Series: "Roald Dahl's
James and the Giant Peach Jr."**
Apr. 1

The House at Pooh Corner
Apr. 1

**Family Fun Series: Roald Dahl's
James and the Giant Peach Jr.**
Apr. 1

Neil Sedaka
Apr. 5

Jay Leno
Apr. 6

The Kingston Trio
Apr. 7

**Internationale Bachakademie
Stuttgart**
Apr. 12

**One Woman Sex and the City: A
Parody on Love, Friendship, and
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Apr. 14 and 15
This loving tribute and send-up takes audiences through a laughter-infused version of all six seasons of the beloved show.

Rocktopia
Apr. 18

**Alton Brown Live: Eat Your
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Apr. 19

Gilberto Santa Rosa
Apr. 20

**Family Fun Series: "Lyle, Lyle,
Crocodile"**
May 6

**Arts Radio Network Series –
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May 13 and 14

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Photographic Exhibits
April

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April and May

**Memoir Writing with Anita
Mitchell**
Apr. 3

**Calligraphy Lesson with
Calligrapher Michael Campbell**
Apr. 8
Calligrapher Michael Campbell will demonstrate and teach us a lesson in calligraphy. Learn how to hold the calligraphy pen and how to write the italic alphabet. Pens and paper provided. Have fun and learn a new art form.

Upcycled Downtown Craft
Apr. 8

**Meet Peggy Hinaekian, author of
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Apr. 13
Florida resident Peggy Hinaekian is an internationally well-established European/American artist living and working in California, Florida and Switzerland.

Chopin for All Concert Series
Apr. 22
Emerging artists play Chopin.

**Fascinating Stories from our
National Parks with author
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Apr. 25

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Apr. 27

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Apr. 7
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Amazon Adventure Weekend
Apr. 29 and 30

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Concert Series with Special Host
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Apr. 1

Home Free

Apr. 2
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Zucchero
Apr. 8

Tower of Power
Apr. 20

Jonny Lang
Apr. 26

Aaron Tveit
Apr. 29

**XII International Young Dancers
Festival**

Apr. 30
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First Sunday of the month
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Riverwalk Park
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Mondays
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Tuesdays
Brush up on your Español.
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Open Mic Tuesdays

Fourth Tuesday of the month
ArtServe
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www.artserve.org

English Café

Wednesdays
Learn to speak English in a friendly environment.
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Crossroads Café

Wednesdays
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Behind the Scenes Private Living Quarters Tours

Second and fourth Wednesday of the month
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Board Games for Adults

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**Free First Thursday Starry Nights**

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Fridays
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Friday Night Sound Waves

Fridays
Slide off your shoes and sink into your beach chair every Friday night, during the Free Friday Night Sound Waves live music series at The Hub on Fort Lauderdale Beach. The Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub www.fridaynightsoundwaves.com

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Food in Motion Flagler Green Market

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Feldman Park
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The VoiceBox

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(954) 232-7737

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Thursdays | 7 p.m.
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Along the New River
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(954) 5000-ECO

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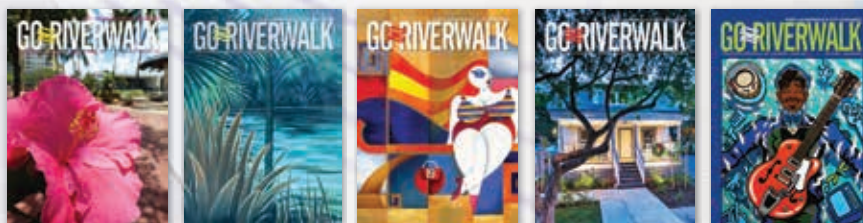


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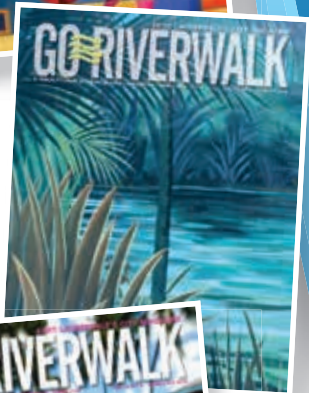
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MAURIZIO BATTIFORA

TITLE OF WORK: VENUS AND THE MEN IN BLUE


On and off-stage, Maurizio Battifora has always been drawn to the arts. With a love for theater and a passion for painting, this local artist uses a specific technique called pointillism to create paintings that evoke his emotions as well as the emotions of those who take in his art. “My initial aspiration was to be a theater director,” Battifora says. “Then I started painting portraits of animals or people for the simple joy of creating beautiful portraits. Nowadays, I express ideology with the same portraits.”

Inspired by baroque, rococo, and impressionist paintings, the artist states that he determines the subject of his work based on who he wants to paint or represent, and if it is a living person, then he will choose colors based on what best represents the personality of the subject. These factors come into play especially in regards

to the stories and messages that Battifora wants to tell.

“I do not paint political or social statements. I am fascinated with people and their personal stories,” he says. “If these images, these people, real or not, strike a chord, then I feel like my work is done.”

The hours it takes to create Battifora’s pieces is yet another significant part of his creative process. He explains that a 36”x48” painting can take 40 to 48 hours to complete if he paints for eight hours a day nonstop. The artist says he chooses to specialize in the intricate art of pointillism because he is fond of its energy and sense of movement, and because it is not a style of painting people see nowadays. “I wanted to use a technique that was different than anything I saw before,” he says.

To learn more about Maurizio Battifora and his artwork, visit www.mbattifora.com. 



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