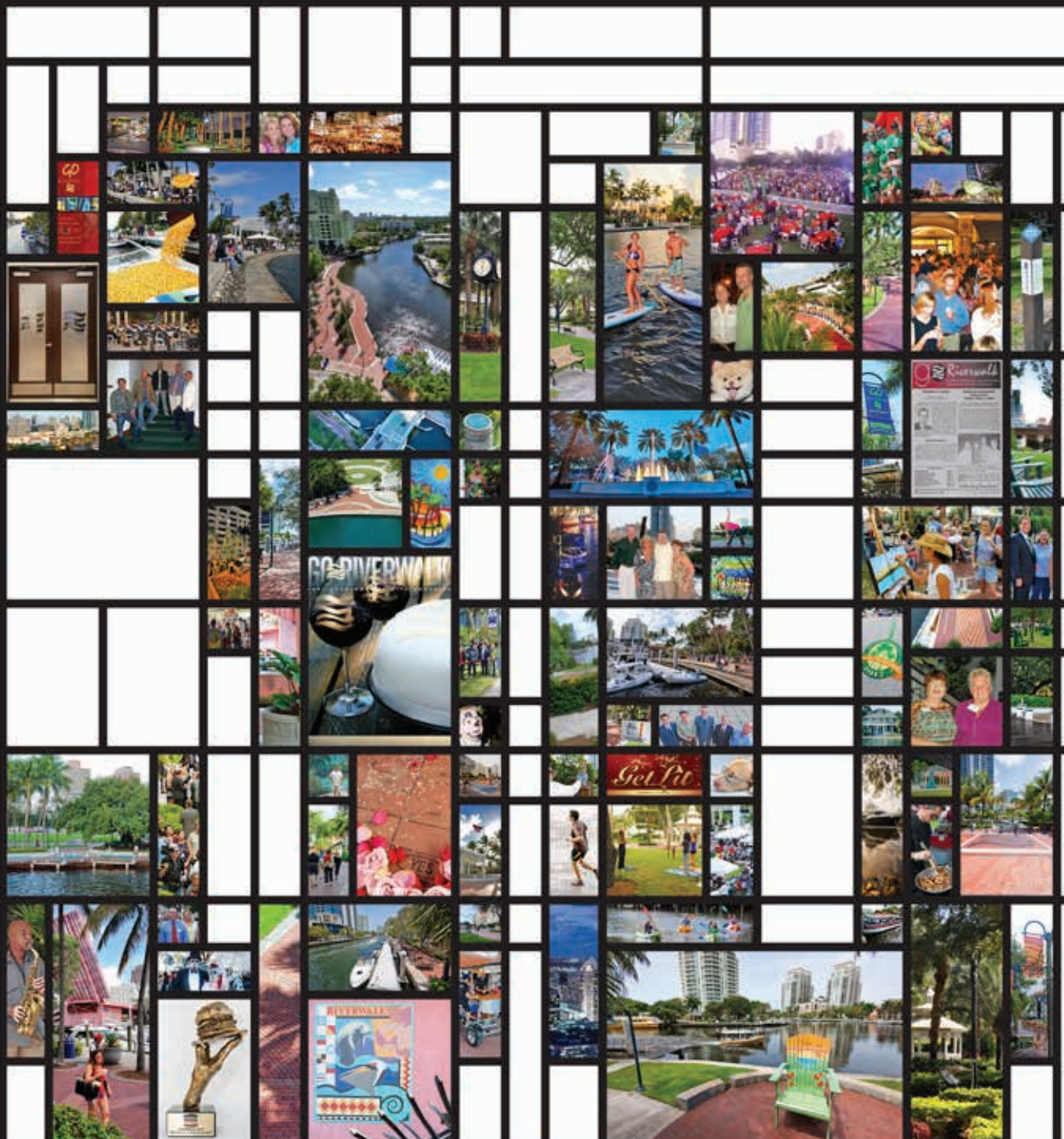


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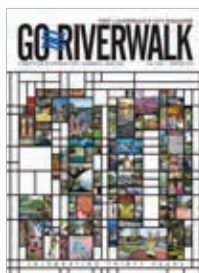


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## JUST VOTE

In a few days, your City will be holding primary elections for our Mayor and City Commissioners, which could present us with a new direction. Yet, we generally have a very low voter turnout. I asked myself why so few people vote? Do people care about the direction of our City? I honestly think most citizens do. Is it because it's inconvenient? No, it just isn't that hard! As of Dec. 1, 2017, there were 120,351 registered voters in Fort Lauderdale versus the Fort Lauderdale population of approximately 180,000, which tells me people do care. However, historically, we have had an extremely low voter turnout – seven percent for the 2015 Fort Lauderdale primary election or 7,800 people out of 108,000 people eligible to vote.



Are the candidates addressing issues that are important to you? Is their message resonating with you? Do you want to hear a positive message, or are the negative messages more important?

The negative news I hear is usually about traffic, infrastructure, homelessness, over-development, and the lack of workforce housing. I'm sure I missed a few. However, I don't hear about taxes being too high, and lately, very little about safety and security.

Do we realize how fortunate we are to live in Fort Lauderdale? We have a city that's growing, not stagnant or deteriorating and I think most of our residents understand that growth is good when it is managed properly. Our unemployment rate was 3.4 percent in

September 2017 and our hotel and tourist industry is thriving. Our port, airport, convention center, beaches, hotels, Galleria Mall, condos, apartments, offices, restaurants, Flagler Village, Central Business District, Las Olas shops, entertainment district and yes, Riverwalk, are all healthy and experiencing growth. Our city has a lot of new attractions and choices, which is very exciting.

Why aren't our candidates talking more positively about our town and proposing proactive actions to address our issues? Do candidates have to talk about water and sewer, traffic, homelessness, and uncontrollable growth? Our city's population in 2000 was 171,000 and now it's approximately 180,000 or a 5.3 percent growth over 17 years. Is that uncontrollable growth?


Maybe I don't understand politics, and maybe just like the 11 o'clock news, real or fake, some candidates need to tell you how bad things are since bad news sells commercials, and maybe votes. But here's my take: we live in an amazing city, and like many other cities, we've had eight years of solid growth that's continuing for us. Most cities have to offer financial incentives to achieve the growth we have had and continue to experience. I'm planning to vote for candidates that are saying the glass is half full, not half empty. Yes, we do have some items we need to work on but overall why are we not hearing how good things are, and how we can make them even better? Most importantly, why don't people just come out and vote? 

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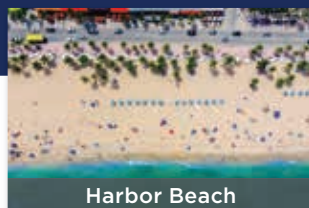


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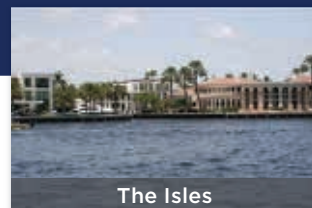
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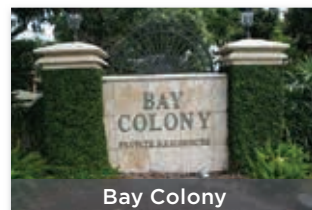
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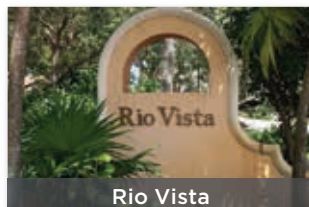
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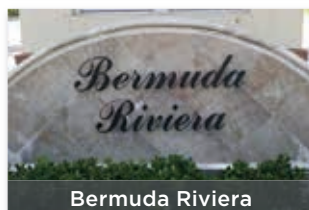
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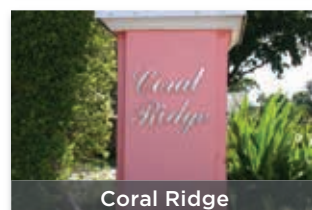
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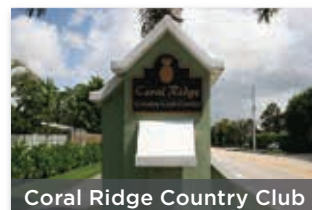
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## MILESTONES ON THE RIVERWALK

**R**iverwalk has been home recently to a number of major events. One of which we find to be unique and special is the christening of Fireboat 49 at Esplanade Park. Through grants applied for by Assistant Chief JoAnn Lorber and the meticulous construction oversight of Assistant Chief Stewart Ahearn, the 36-foot Metal Craft Marine Firestorm valued in excess of \$1M will enhance and improve the ability of Fire/Rescue to provide lifesaving support to incidents on the waterway. Additionally, it can sniff out chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive materials as it is equipped with sensors. The electronics are state of the art and will assure that this vessel enhances the ability of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue to address any situation. Captain Joe Perri and Driver/Engineer Ken Gurdak have received extensive handling training of this vessel and will be skipping and training on the many operations that it can perform. We applaud Fort Lauderdale Fire/Rescue and the City of Fort Lauderdale for this valuable asset for our first responders to assure the safety of our community.

Another momentous addition for Downtown is the UPS eBike, which was presented at the ribbon cutting at Riverwalk Laura Ward Park on Dec. 2. The implementation of this bike is to assist in fighting urban congestion and pollution. How cool is it that a company like UPS stepped up to find some great alternatives! The City of Fort Lauderdale Department of Transportation and Mobility actively pursued UPS to review our city and to select it as a recipient of this new program. The electrically assisted eBike further reinforces the City's commitment to its Green Your Routine program. This program also helps to balance the needs of our residents, visitors, and business community in a thoughtful new way.

Downtown Countdown is the annual event to kick off the New Year on SW Second Street and an event not to miss. Coupled with the merchants on Second Street, it is filled with residents and visitors celebrating the anchor drop with food and beverages and great music.

During January Riverwalk will commence a capital campaign for the installation of a remnant of the 9/11 destruction of the World Trade Center. We are most fortunate to have been selected to receive an artifact and place it in public. You will be seeing and hearing more about this project and we are most honored to be able to bring it to Fort Lauderdale.

I hope your holidays were joyous and shared with those that are special to you. I hope the New Year brings new, successful, and innovative things to your life. 



Fort Lauderdale Fire/Rescue's new fire boat christened in Esplanade Park Dec. 1, 2017



City Manager Lee Feldman; Commissioner Romney Rogers; Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler; Kimberly Wyant, president, UPS Florida District; and Diana Alarcon, director, Transportation and Mobility Department, City of Fort Lauderdale with the UPS e-assist delivery bike.

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### SAVE THE DATE!

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale is proud to announce the honoree for the 18th Annual Riverwalk Tribute is Mike Jackson – chairman, chief executive officer, and president of AutoNation, Inc. From AutoNation's corporate headquarters located in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Jackson has been singularly responsible for modernizing the automotive retail business while delivering an unprecedented degree of customer service. Stay tuned for information on Jackson's life, career, and how he has contributed to the Downtown Fort Lauderdale community.



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## RIVERWALK MEMBERSHIP



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**SHARON KLEIN**

CHOICE MARKETING GROUP

➊ Raised in Staten Island, New York, I graduated from Hunter College with a degree in marketing. From the time

I was 12, I worked in the family business every summer while in school and eventually full time later on in my career. Learning about business from the bottom up created a very strong foundation and knowledge base for starting and running my own successful business.

I formed Choice Marketing Group, Inc. in 1986 to provide promotional products and support to companies for their conferences, employee and client recognition programs, trade shows, and rebranding efforts. Our clients range from global insurance

companies, private wealth management groups, and nonprofit organizations. Whether they are a small business or a multi-national corporation, we keep our clients visible over their competition.

In 2012 I expanded our services with Beyond the Logo. Our new services now include consulting, planning, and assisting clients and their employees in implementing their branding and promotional needs.

Since moving to South Florida in 2001, I have become active in the Jewish Federation of Broward County and the Tower Club. I have also formed my own networking group called Six in the City, dine, chat, connect. I joined Riverwalk because this “little” town has a really big heart. I love the energy of Fort Lauderdale. I also want to be more involved in the Downtown.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

**KAREN UNGER**

AFFINITY FRANCHISE PARTNERS

➊ Born in Colorado, I moved around a lot growing up since my father was an engineer for the space program.

All of this moving around in my youth is probably why my wanderlust continued into adulthood as I lived in Denver, Houston, Tulsa, Los Angeles, Nashville, and Delaware before moving to Fort Lauderdale in 2002.

You could say that I “grew up” in management as I worked for three very successful entrepreneurs in diverse industries. In 1990, I started my own company specializing in automated document management for the legal, financial, and governmental sectors. Thanks to my background and advances in technology, I was able to

grow a company of 10 to one with over 100 employees in three states in a relatively short period of time.

Today I am the president of Affinity Franchise Partners. Here, my entrepreneurial experience helps me assist future business owners investigate franchise opportunities and current businesses become franchises. Whatever the case, I walk my clients through every step of the franchise process.

Over the course of my career, I have received the Entrepreneur of the Year, Small Business of the Year, and Business Woman of the Year awards. Most recently, I have been nominated for the Franchise Brokers Association’s Visionary of the Year award.

When not working, I enjoy traveling with my favorite place being Europe – especially Paris. I joined Riverwalk because I believe in its mission and want to be more involved in the community.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

**JONATHAN SIMOENS**

FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK

➊ Like many South Floridians, I have a multi-cultural background having been born in Belgium and having

lived in Colombia. The experiences abroad help me appreciate what we have in South Florida – a vibrant community that provides an energizing landscape to live, work, and play.

I started my career in the financial industry close to 20 years ago after receiving both my bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Florida International University. My career in banking, which includes leadership positions in underwriting, portfolio management, and commercial banking, has afforded me the opportunity to meet some of South Florida’s top entrepreneurs.

As Florida Community Bank’s (FCB) Commercial Banking Director, I am based out of our corporate office located in Weston. In this role I lead a team of bankers throughout our Florida footprint using a relationship-centric and value-added model. I’m responsible for growing FCB’s commercial lending platform while providing our clients with best-in-class service and customized banking solutions.

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Frenchie



Mykell Mccullough with Bella



Lance Rawlings holding Axel Rose



Kristin Mastrorio with Fenway



Winner of the Small Dog Division Peanut Butter Eating Contest, Frankie



Macchiato with Sabrina Hersey



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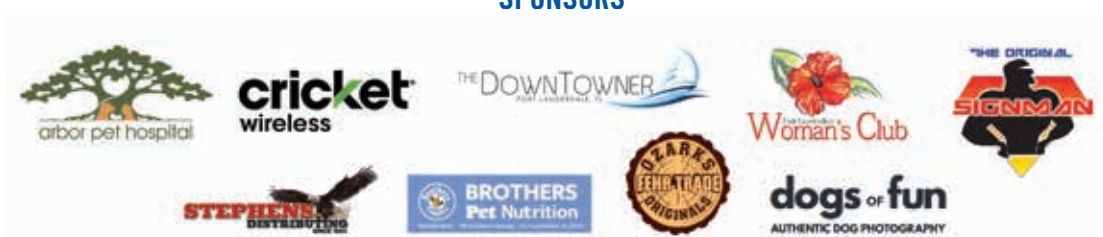


Betty and Marga Fritz checking out the silent auction



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Catalina Otero, Elise Tavares, Matthew Brennan, Ana Chau, and Isabel Cedenro



Group shot of sleepers and CHF residents



Don Lunny



Ben Sorensen, Ryan Thieme, and Jonathan Keith



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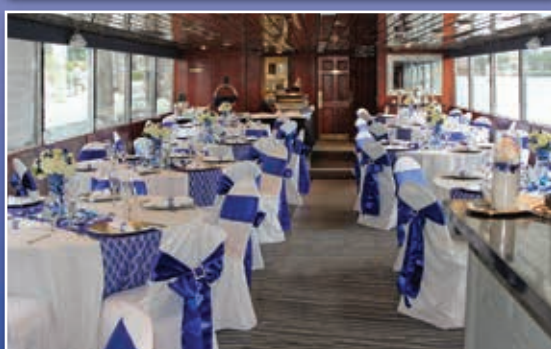
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## FIREBOAT 49 CHRISTENING CEREMONY

Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue officials and guests christened the City's newest firefighting apparatus, Fireboat 49, a 43-foot specially equipped vessel that will provide the latest advances in maritime firefighting, emergency response, and rescue intervention. [GO](#)



Kevin Cruz with fire dog Harly and the Jack Daniel's Fire Girls Nicole Cueli and Lisa Concepcion



Fireboat 49 at the Esplanade Floating Docks



Fire Boat 49 Marine Team: Driver/Engineer Kenneth Gurdak, Captain Joseph Perri, and Assistant Chief Stewart Ahearn are introduced by Fire Chief Robert F. Hoecherl



Genia Duncan Ellis was recognized as "Godmother" for Fireboat 49



Visitors from FWC, Coast Guard, and Miami Dade Fire Rescue joined officials from the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County to celebrate the christening of Fireboat 49

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## WINTERFEST FORT LAUDERDALE EVENTS

The 2017 Winterfest events season included the Family Fun Day, Black Tie Ball, Grand Marshal event, and the Winterfest Boat Parade. [GO](#)

### FAMILY FUN DAY



Genia Duncan Ellis - Belle of the Ball with Ben Wesley and Lisa Scott-Founds



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### BLACK TIE BALL

### GRAND MARSHAL EVENT



Ben Wesley, Big Kenny, Genia Duncan Ellis, and Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler



Paul Withrow, Dawn Read, Lisa Scott-Founds, Grayson Zrelak with his father Carl, and Ben Wesley



Boat #3 - Grand Marshal Showboat



Boat #11 - Just a Toy

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**W**elcome to 2018, Downtown Fort Lauderdale, and what a year it's going to be! With new leadership, new buildings, new ideas, and new initiatives, the New Year is already full of auspicious beginnings.

New leadership will be a dominant aspect of the year due to the impending elections. On Mar. 13 we'll find out who the new Fort Lauderdale Mayor and Commissioners will be. If you're registered to vote in this city, it's important you learn about candidates' views on issues that are important to you, and then get out and vote. Later in the year, on Nov. 6, it's the general election, when various levels of government will welcome new faces, including a new state governor.

These elections have enormous impacts since our elected officials decide on policies that affect everything from land use to affordable housing to transit in Downtown Fort Lauderdale and the South Florida region. Our federal, state, county, and city officials have all been integral champions of DDA projects and we owe much of the success of Downtown to their support.

One such project is the Wave Streetcar. Without the visionary leadership by elected officials at every level of government, this community would have not been able to secure nearly \$200 million of funding for investment towards such a pivotal public transit initiative. As

this project progressed over the past several years, community leaders understood that if we want to transform our cities, it takes big investment.

Last year, after bids to build the Wave Streetcar came in much higher than expected, the project partners regrouped and worked on an amended scope that would deliver a safe, reliable, efficient rail project substantially closer to budget. As we move into 2018, optimistic that a new round of bids will move the Wave into construction, we again look to our elected officials – and the community – to remain visionary and focus on the important investments that will push Fort Lauderdale forward.

Speaking of leadership, I am delighted to say that the DDA will be welcoming Elizabeth Van Zandt to the team as the Deputy Executive Director. Ms. Van Zandt needs no introduction, having worked for the DDA for eight years before moving to the City of Fort Lauderdale as a transportation and mobility manager for the past four years. Her constant advocacy for Downtown Fort Lauderdale and her optimism for possibility is critical in advancing our mission.


With new leadership, new projects, and partnerships, I know 2018 will be another outstanding year in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Let's get to work! 

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So the theme this month is health and it got me thinking – what makes a healthy city? Some may think the obvious answer is the ability to get outside and walk from place to place to stay healthy on a more personal basis. Others may think it has to do with clean water and air, while others may think it has more to do with a healthy and strong economy. I'm here to tell you it's a combination of those things and more.

I really enjoy telling people who aren't in the know what Fort Lauderdale truly is. This city is something to be really proud of because if you're looking for it we probably have it.

We have a strong economy supported by the international airport, port, executive airport, rail, tourism, and a burgeoning tech industry. You don't have to look too far in any direction to see that our building, development, and construction industry is booming as well. In addition, we have various large employers supporting our economy along with a great many successful businesses, both large and small.

We have fantastic tourist areas. We have a coastline that is consistently ranked one of the best beaches in Florida, plus our Downtown, an area that was recently

acknowledged as one of the hotspots of South Florida. While we were maybe considered an afterthought location north of Miami, we now stand on our own with world-class dining, entertainment, and attractions. Our Riverwalk is the envy of many other cities because we had the foresight to celebrate it, and with the new development occurring along its banks we're going to be seeing more activity soon. We have a historic district and various historically-designated properties throughout the city that add charm and a sense of the past all within a compact area that is easily walkable.

Fort Lauderdale's diverse population represents multiple points on the globe and various cultures. From Caribbean and Latin American to Polynesian and Asian along with various European and African influences there is a lot to explore, learn from, and sample. This diversity is something that not only makes Fort Lauderdale healthy, but also strong as well.

If you want to be healthy in the typical sense of the word, get out there and experience the city. I'm a big proponent for slowing down and walking around or riding my bike. I promise if you do the same you'll find interesting things all over that are not only unique to

Fort Lauderdale, but are worth stopping and taking a closer look at. Once I decided to walk from Downtown to the Tarpon River and had the privilege to watch manatees slowly swimming along – not something I could see from a car.


Fort Lauderdale has a lot to offer anyone who comes here to visit, but for those of us lucky enough to live here...we get the best of it all. 



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## FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT

70 YEARS YOUNG AND STILL SOARING

**F**ort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) celebrated its 70th anniversary last March. This historic milestone brings to light FXE's successful transition over the past seven decades, which is attributed to a history rich with tremendous development and growth.

The executive airport's early beginnings date back to 1941. Formerly known as the West Prospect Satellite Field, the 900-acre site served as a training center for World War II Navy pilots, including former President George H.W. Bush.

On Mar. 11, 1947, the federal government deeded the property to the City of Fort Lauderdale for use as a public aviation facility. A little more than 10 years later, in 1959, the first building, a maintenance hangar for a flight school, was constructed on the airfield. That same building, still in use today as a maintenance facility for corporate jets, served as the building block for FXE's transformation into a self-sustaining economic engine and one of the city's most valued assets.

Today, FXE and the 200-acre Airport Industrial Airpark serve as a major employment hub, employing more than 5,000 people and generating more than \$1 billion in economic impact to the city. The airport also houses more than 1,050 aircraft and handles nearly

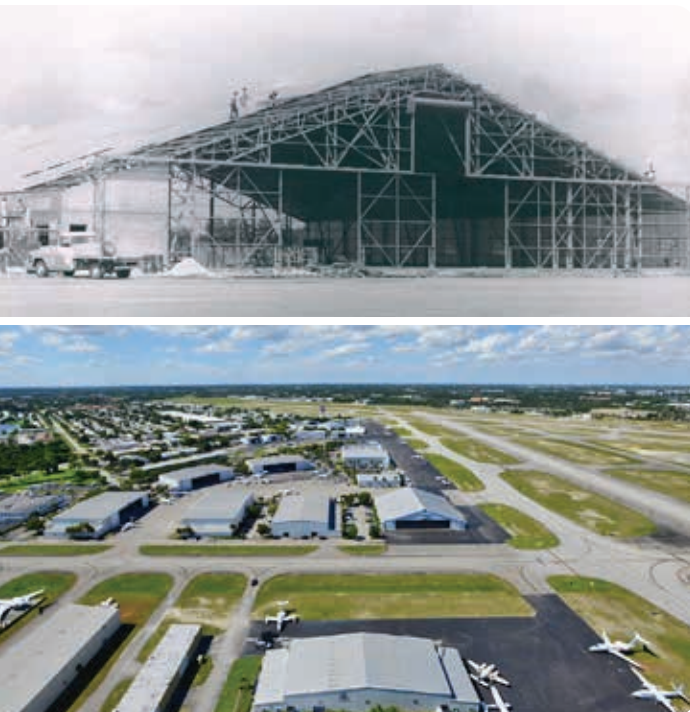
170,000 takeoffs and landings per year, ranking it as one of the top five busiest general aviation airports in the U.S.

The executive airport offers a wide array of aviation-focused services. Four onsite fixed-base operators – Banyan Air Service, Sano Jet Center, W Aviation, and World Jet – offer premier services to the general aviation community. The airport also houses an onsite 24-hour Air Traffic Control Tower, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, and an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting facility, which offer essential lifesaving, public safety services. Additionally, FXE owns and operates the only public-use helistop in Florida, the John Fuhrer Downtown Helistop (DT1), which is located six miles south of FXE in the heart of Downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Along with aviation operations, FXE leases more than 1.5 million square feet of airport-owned property to local businesses. Another value-added benefit unique to FXE is Foreign Trade Zone No. 241, which offers incentives to businesses such as duty deferral, reduction, or elimination; relief from inverted tariffs; duty exemption on re-exports; and a profitable platform to compete in global and domestic markets. Just last year, through FTZ No. 241, the Marine Industry Association of South Florida established the first 16-site marine industry subzone in the U.S. dedicated to the recreational boating industry.

Significant progress has been made at FXE since the construction of that first building in 1959. The airport has earned its reputation as a general aviation facility where the sky is truly the limit, and its success over the past 70 years is a marvel in airport development. The City of Fort Lauderdale and FXE's 23 Community Builders will continue to serve as the catalyst for upholding the airport's mission of attracting businesses to the area, helping tenants prosper, and benefitting the community to maintain FXE's status as South Florida's preferred choice for corporate and jet travel over the next 70 years and beyond. And, that original 1950s maintenance building will continue to hold a special place in the city's military history, serving as a vivid reminder of FXE's past, and influencing and inspiring its irrefutable evolution into Fort Lauderdale's very own aerotropolis!

Keep track of the airport's progress by visiting the website [www.flyfxe.com](http://www.flyfxe.com). 



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## TAKING ACTION

MAKING OUR DOWNTOWN A DESIRABLE DESTINATION

**T**his New Year brings big changes to the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Downtown area. With all the Fort Lauderdale City Commission seats up for grabs and the Mayor's seat as well, the vision and direction for Fort Lauderdale will be decided in the coming months with a first round of voting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018. This will be a decisive year for our community.

Our Downtown community has made such great strides to become a world-class city where our residents can live, work, and play in the urban core.

Our beautiful skyline has seen a lot of changes during the last year including the demolition of the Riverfront to make way for a future mixed-use building and the addition of Icon along Las Olas. Our Downtown community is full of residents making our urban core bustle with activity. Amray, a new high-rise residential building, is now flush with residents. Fort Lauderdale is a vibrant Downtown with residents getting out of their cars and connecting via the newly completed Riverwalk connection to go out to dinner along Las Olas, walking to the office in the morning, and attending numerous activities happening all year along the Riverwalk, Las Olas, and our multiple Downtown parks.

In the coming year, our Downtown will see many more improvements to the quality of life in our community. Several new hotels have been approved by the City so that our Downtown neighborhood can continue to welcome visitors. With so many activities happening along the Riverwalk and in our Downtown parks, residents and visitors have plenty of options.

There are plans for a new non-profit music pavilion, Levitt Pavilion, in Esplanade Park, which will attract national musical performances and will enhance the cultural center of our Downtown. As more residents move to the urban core, we will see more functional retail additions such as a new Downtown grocery store. These exciting changes in 2018 will make our community more desirable for residents and visitors in addition to making our urban core a desirable destination for our entire region.

With the addition of more community events, residents moving Downtown, the new, proposed Levitt Pavilion, and functional uses being added to our urban core, 2018 will bring big opportunities for our community. New leadership in City Hall will determine the direction of our city and shape how we continue to grow our Downtown core. Our community has so much to look forward to in 2018 and our quality of life in our Downtown neighborhood will continue to improve with new amenities and connectivity serving our residents and visitors. 



Amray, a new high-rise residential building in the Downtown

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## APPRECIATING THE ARTS STARTS WITH TEACHERS

NOMINATE AN ARTS TEACHER WHO'S PAVED THE WAY FOR A COLORFUL FUTURE

**D**o you remember that one teacher whose passion and advice impacted your life?

I think it's safe to say we all have had at least one.

Mine was an arts teacher. Though her classroom feedback was a tad incisive, her insight on creating and viewing life through the arts carried memorable lessons that have shaped my life.

If you or your child has had a formative experience in the classroom of a public, private or charter school in Broward County, here is your chance to pay it forward by nominating this significant individual or organization.

This April, the Cultural Division will honor local arts teachers, teaching artists, and arts educators with awards for their lifelong impact.

### Arts Teacher of the Year Award

Celebrating outstanding teachers, the annual Arts Teacher of the Year Award recognizes and honors Broward County arts teachers in the subjects of dance, theater, music, and visual arts. One winner in each discipline will receive a \$3,000 cash award and a \$500 cash contribution to the arts programs at his or her school. Two finalists in each subject will receive a \$1,000 cash award.

- Deadline to nominate or apply: Jan. 26, 2018

### Teaching Artist of the Year Award

Community-based Teaching Artists of the Year will also be recognized with awards. One winner will receive \$3,000 and two finalists will receive \$1,000.

- Deadline to nominate or apply: Feb. 2, 2018

### Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education

One individual and one organization that have been nominated by community members will both be

presented with the Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education Award. Each will receive \$1,000. Demonstrating significant ongoing contributions to arts education, these recipients impact the Broward County community through their awareness and advocacy efforts and their use of arts resources.

- Deadline to nominate or apply: Mar. 2, 2018


Culminating in a reception and awards ceremony at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 25, 2018, the awards will be presented with performances by talented students at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

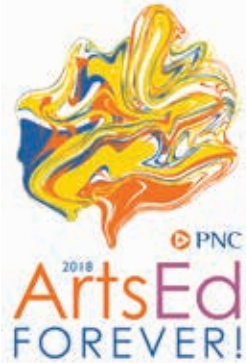
Presented by the Cultural Division, PNC Bank, and the School Board of Broward County, the annual ArtsEd Forever! campaign promotes public awareness of the impact wielded by arts education – and educators – on Broward County's public, private, and charter school students. For 30 years running, ArtsEd Forever! has been a powerful testament to the best practices of Broward County schools and community.

Save the date for the Cultural Division's free signature springtime event.

"I just keep putting kids first," remarks two-time Art Teacher of the Year Award winner Phylis Mastrianni.

Now, it's finally time to take a tip from her classroom approach and put the teachers first.

Visit [www.broward.org/arts](http://www.broward.org/arts) to view ArtsEd Forever! applications, nominate a teacher, or RSVP for the event the night of Apr. 25. For more information, contact Tayina Deravile at [tderavile@broward.org](mailto:tderavile@broward.org) or (954) 357-6705. 



Performances from the 2017 ArtsEd Forever! event

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## ZERO TOLERANCE

BEST PRACTICES FOR PROTECTING ALL PARTIES FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT

**S**exual harassment can happen in many forms and degrees. None is acceptable. The recent upswing in claims and resignations is alarming. The #MeToo movement is growing rapidly.

So how can employees and/or business owners protect themselves? What follows is a basic road map to ensure your company, its employees, and all parties can better prepare themselves.

It is critical that a zero tolerance policy and philosophy be embedded in the culture of an organization. "Harassment training and policies coupled with top levels of leadership modeling the correct behavior and enforcement of policy are essential for organizations," said Suzanne Bogdan, 2019 Chair-Elect of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and managing partner of Fisher Phillips' Fort Lauderdale office.

Bogdan goes further, indicating that mandatory in-person training is the best practice to cover orientation of all policies, especially the company's harassment policy. Use good examples, hypotheticals, and small group exercises to drive home the importance of the company's stance that harassment is improper and prohibited. You should make sure that there are two high level, trained individuals, male and female, to whom an employee can report a complaint. Bogdan does not recommend that employees be told to report harassment to their supervisor or to "any supervisor." Rather, you want to ensure that the individual receiving the complaint has been adequately trained to recognize the subtle nuances of a harassment complaint and know how to handle it.

In volunteer organizations this means there must be training of members. We go through this with our Board of Directors during their annual orientation. However,

with a large membership you can't train everyone.

During my 32 years in organizational management, I have dealt with cases of sexual harassment. One involved an officer of the association, his wife, and my employee. My first concern was the protection of my employee.

Another case involved a chairman of a prestigious committee who, in an alcohol-induced, lustful rage, groped an employee. Yet another included a superior and assistant engaged in a tryst. Each instance ended badly for all, including the organization.

One thing I have found is that when alcohol is involved the chances of this type of activity, in general, increases dramatically. We have all heard of or witnessed the staff Christmas party episodes. Limit alcohol consumption by employees. Better yet, create a policy that prohibits alcohol consumption while on the clock.

In summation:

1. A zero tolerance policy for all forms of harassment, including sexual harassment, needs to be supported and modeled by top management.
2. You need to have a policy within the organization that is clear and inflexible.
3. Training must happen regularly and new hires offered on-boarding information in between group trainings.
4. In person training is preferred to online curriculum so you can ensure that your audience really understands the various behaviors that may be misconstrued and the importance of compliance.


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## A HEALTHIER LIFE

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**T**he World Health Organization defines chronic diseases as diseases of long duration and generally slow progression, and have determined that they account for 63 percent of all deaths worldwide. Although residents of Florida have shown some of the biggest jumps in well-being over the past few years, with Florida specifically ranking high in social well-being or having love in your life, the Health Status Report from the Florida Department of Health concluded that cancer has surpassed heart disease as the leading cause of death in Florida since 2011. Much like the rest of the world, chronic diseases (cancer, heart disease, respiratory disease, liver disease/cirrhosis, kidney disease, and diabetes) account for six of the 10 leading causes of death in the Sunshine State.

The good news is that could all change in the not-too-distant-future. In South Florida, the promise of underwater discoveries in treating the human condition have propelled the four universities of the Marine Research Hub into the spotlight and have helped establish the region as a global leader in oceanographic research that is making or may make a positive impact on the health of the oceans and bring substantial benefits to the global population.

At the Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography at Nova Southeastern University (NSU), doctors and scientists are working towards

exploring the possibility of grafting coral into human bone; at Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute researchers are curing pancreatic cancer in vivo using leiodermatolide found in deep-water sponges; graduate students at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science at the University of Miami (UM) are helping to repopulate the world's third largest barrier reef, and the only barrier reef in North America, along the southeast coast of Florida with staghorn coral grown in a laboratory environment; and at the Florida International University School of Environment, Arts, and Society Marine Science Program they are studying how to reduce or eliminate the risk of hospital-based infections like staph and MRSA by covering scalpels with surfaces inspired by shark skin.

Other exciting developments, like NSU offering both a D.O. and M.D. program, as well as remarkable terrestrial research and scientific discoveries, such as cures for diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, bolster South Florida's reputation and brand as a leading research region.


Medicine and fitness continue to play important roles in humans' ability to live a longer life, but the potential of future marine-related discoveries could change that dynamic to living not just a longer life, but a healthier life, as well. 



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# MAD STUDIOS

A QUICK AND NIMBLE ORGANIZATION

**H**ow do I describe MAD Studios? I think a Swiss Army knife is best. Mad Studios is the compilation of four unique divisions to form one distinctive agency. Under the title umbrella of MAD Studios are four divisions that have developed a natural symbiosis. MAD Factory is printing, packaging, and fulfillment. MAD Studios is design, branding, marketing, and website development. MAD Dev creates high-end technology solutions from mobile apps and VR to sophisticated back-end programming interfaces. Finally, there is MAD Public Relations to promote all the good work of their clients through press and social media. They are synergistic in their approach to clients' needs and always have a problem-solving attitude.

MAD Studios arose from the vision and experience of president and owner Marc Aptakin, brought from one of the top print companies in Miami. Aptakin is a passionate believer in building relationships on trust and integrity. During his days at the Miami printing company, when he or his vendors went through tough times they stuck together and supported each other. Many of these agreements were simply based on a verbal promise or handshake. Many of those same agreements have carried over to MAD Studios.

One of the distinctive tools in the army knife is MAD Dev. "In 2008 we were doing so much business with Olivier Beuzelin's company Extreme Dynamics that we decided to partner and formed MAD Dev," explains Aptakin. "We are working with the Miami Children's Hospital in building a virtual reality CPR training program, which allows users, both children and adults, to practice life-saving CPR techniques in a virtual reality environment via a smartphone."

The beauty of MAD Studios is that many times a client will approach them to fill a particular need, and they end up employing other divisions. "We have had clients who have utilized all the different divisions of MAD from product production to fulfillment and public relations," explained Aptakin. So would those be considered totally mad clients?


"Marc has grown the company with a can-do attitude. A client may ask for a new service or product – and we don't want to say no. We always want to say 'yes' and figure it out on the backend," explains Amiee Alder, managing partner of MAD Public Relations. Aptakin



MAD Studios' new 11th floor space

illustrates, "Some of our best ideas arise when a client challenges us. For example, we had a long-term client that was moving to indirect channel marketing. They had cumbersome in-store displays that were expensive to ship and install in small boutiques throughout the country. This was costing the client on average between \$500-\$700 for delivery and setup. So we came up with an innovative display that could be produced, shipped, and installed for \$36. With over 3,500 displays this saved the company \$1.8 million dollars."

MAD Studios always wants to keep that connection to the clients close. As the agency scaled up, they didn't want to lose that personal touch. "We don't have account managers; our creative people work directly with the client." Fewer layers lend to less confusion and a clearer client vision. "We feel this provides a superior workflow, better customer experience, and keeps the billing down for the client," explains Aptakin. This approach keeps MAD Studios growing for the long-term.

Why have more people in Fort Lauderdale not heard of MAD Studios? Aptakin explains, "Initially I liked flying under the radar because I thought the huge agencies could squash me at any step. But we are in a good position now. We are big enough where small agencies can't really touch us, and the big agencies can't compete with our flexibility. We are a very quick and nimble organization." 

### Small Business Stats MAD STUDIOS

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A PROCESS COMMONLY USED FOR GENERAL DENTAL CARE MAY BE THE KEY TO EARLY DETECTION OF ORAL CANCER, THANKS TO INNOVATIVE WORK FROM A FORT LAUDERDALE-BASED COMPANY

WRITER JOANNA KENTOLALL

The benefits of traditional mouthwash can include anything from fighting plaque to preventing cavities to freshening breath and beyond. But a different kind of oral rinse may be the basis for something much more important – early detection of oral cancer. Fort Lauderdale-based Vigilant Biosciences is refining this innovation.

The simple method uses a liquid swished in the mouth and then collected in a tube to identify a biomarker and proteins associated with oral cancer. The technology could have the potential to measure indicators of the disease even before physical signs are visible, which has important implications for earlier detection.

“Catching it earlier helps to control it with a better chance for a cure,” says Dr. Elizabeth Franzmann, scientific founder and chief scientific officer of Vigilant Biosciences. “It gives us an opportunity, before it becomes a train wreck, to stop it in its tracks. That’s the beauty of this.”

Death rates from oral cancer are relatively high

because the condition is often diagnosed at a late stage. Nearly 50,000 Americans were estimated to have been diagnosed with oral cancer in 2017, with slightly more than half of those individuals surviving for five years, according to the Oral Cancer Foundation. Traditional risk factors for the disease include tobacco and alcohol use, but the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is also a contributor to new cases.

Through her work, Dr. Franzmann has witnessed firsthand the physical and emotional damage oral cancer has on individuals and their families. For example, in a specific case when the disease was diagnosed at a late stage and surgery was the only option, the cancer reoccurred before the patient even healed from the surgery. “It’s heartbreaking. If we knew this last year, we could have intervened,” she says. That’s why early detection is so important and it is a strong motivator behind her work on this line of testing.

Vigilant’s current oral cancer test in the United States is OraMark, which

OncAlert, the Vigilant Biosciences product line currently available in non-US markets. FDA clinical trials are now underway to bring this test into the country



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Dr. Elizabeth Franzmann, scientific founder and chief scientific officer of Vigilant Biosciences

must be sent to a laboratory for results. FDA clinical trials are now underway to bring a rapid version of the test, OncAlert, into the country that could provide results immediately at the doctor's office in as little as 20 minutes. These types of screening instruments, along with other clinical factors, can amplify early detection measures, "empowering patients to take better care of themselves," Dr. Franzmann says.

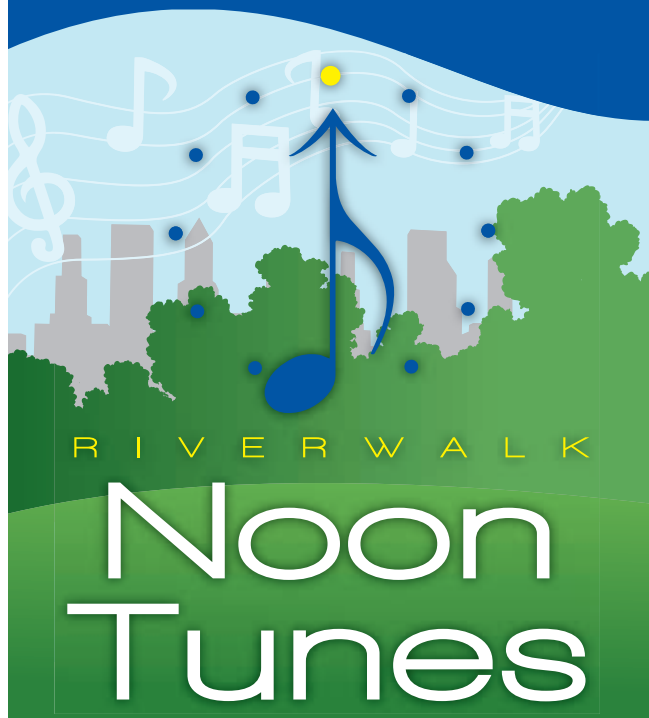
The struggles of patients not only inspired her work, but also were the driving force behind the creation of Vigilant Biosciences itself. Matthew H. J. Kim founded the company about seven years ago in Fort Lauderdale after witnessing both of his parents suffer from the disease.

Now, with millions of dollars already raised for research and development, this local company is working with partners across the country and around the globe to possibly usher in a new era of screening that could have a meaningful impact on people affected by oral cancer.

For more information, visit [www.vigilantbiosciences.com](http://www.vigilantbiosciences.com). 

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# WORK IT OUT

OUR SELECTION OF WAYS TO GET YOUR FIT ON LOCALLY

WRITER WILLIAM COHN

As Fort Lauderdale grows and the city attracts younger residents, our new and revitalized locale is experiencing a coming-of-age in a new way. From brick and mortar gyms to do-it-yourself exercises, Fort Lauderdale is a haven for devoted gym-goers, fitness gurus, and everyone in between.

## BRICK & MORTAR GYMS

### Powerhouse Gym

If you are looking to work out with the masses rather than go solo, look no further than Powerhouse Gym, East Fort Lauderdale's new workout facility opening in Spring 2018. With over 40 years in the business and locations around the globe, this gym has found its new home next to H&M and the new Regus offices in the Galleria Mall. Powerhouse Gyms have a reputation for quality and now the company is bringing high caliber workout programs to South Florida with offerings ranging from group courses to spinning and yoga classes, along with an extensive selection of equipment.



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### Upload Fitness

Upload Fitness is situated right where US-1 meets Sunrise Boulevard and is centered around providing heart rate-based training in order to realize greater results. With a wide range of workouts to choose from, everyone can find a workout that works for them. Upload Fitness is notable for its best-in-class locker rooms, the Upload App where members can track performance and schedule classes, and Upload GT, a daily high intensity interval training program centered around shedding fat and building muscle endurance.



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## Personal Training Spotlight:

### Fit Factor FTL

One personal training facility, which embodies all of what the new, younger Fort Lauderdale stands for is Fit Factor FTL, located in Victoria Park. Here, clients can get personal workouts tailored to them on the basis of strength, flexibility, and other factors. Fit Factor FTL is meant to be a positive environment that is anything but intimidating, where people can feel confident about themselves. This facility even focuses on helping clients develop healthy nutritional routines, from educating them on healthy habits to working with health providers in order to combat high blood-pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, and stress.



## GROUP TRAINING

### Fit Shop

If you are looking for group training in small or large groups, Fit Shop is the place to go for adrenaline-pumping kickboxing and performance training. Based on the principle of treating the body like a car that needs to be maintained, classes such as Supercharge and Turbo focus on caring for your body in a way that tunes it up and makes it run better. The studio, located on NE Second Ave., also integrates a holistic approach whereby each workout utilizes positive self-talk.

### CycleBar

Founded in Boston 13 years ago, CycleBar has found a new home in Fort Lauderdale in the up-and-coming Flagler Village neighborhood. Utilizing performance data, which is tailored to each rider in addition to video graphics during each session, CycleBar has created a unique cycling experience where riders can experience everything from themed classes to “Connect” classes, where the monitors are turned off and the music takes center stage. CycleBar can also hold private events where the entire studio can be rented out for a group of friends or for a charity.

### Orangetheory FTL

With each workout centered around heart rate, Orangetheory is set apart from other workout studios because it reinforces activation of your metabolism and an uptick in energy. Each Orangetheory class is designed as an interval section where treadmill training, rowing, and other exercises are incorporated to truly maximize each workout. The result of each Orangetheory workout is the “Orange Effect”, where a rise in energy and increased calorie burn can be noticed for up to 36 hours.

### Ride Element Multi-Sensory Fitness Studio

Head over to Ride Element’s indoor cycling and fitness studio, located in Oakland Park, in early 2018 where a truly innovative cycling experience will await you.

What sets Ride Element apart from other cycling studios is the use of lights during each class, which keeps riders entertained and wanting more. Ride

Element will also feature spa-grade products in its showers, a blow dry bar, and cold brew coffee, kombucha and a variety of snacks you can pre-order before class so you can refuel afterwards.

### Crossfit Las Olas

Located in an old Gulf Oil gas station Downtown, Crossfit Las Olas offers 46 weekly group classes and is focused on building a community with those who utilize its services. The amenities in this studio and variety of workout equipment show how dynamic this crossfit studio really is. We’re talking assault bikes, maple veneer lifting platforms, and custom plyo boxes, among other fitness gear. Crossfit Las Olas also has a yoga space and a community refrigerator, which only furthers the community aspect of this studio.



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## DIY — WORKOUT APPS

### Fit30

Wanting to work out but not wanting to find a new studio or leave your house? Today, there is such a wide variety of workout apps for people to get their fitness fix at home, such as Fit30, a 30-day workout challenge. Each day's workout gradually gets more difficult as the month goes on and on the 30th day, Fit30 will bring on the ultimate test. This challenge is free and all other challenges can be bought for a grand total of \$4.99. None of the exercises on this app need any equipment to perform, which makes it all the more user-friendly.

### SworKit

Next on our list is SworKit: Workouts & Plans. Over 25 million people use this app and it's no surprise considering how convenient it is. You can not only choose your workout, but also select how much time you will exercise for as well. You do not need equipment to do any of the SworKit exercises, which means it's very easy to incorporate them into anyone's daily schedule. The workouts on SworKit range from "Leaner," "Fitter," or "Stronger," and can be beginner sessions, intermediate, or advanced.

### Nike Training Club

Nike Training Club is another dynamic workout app, which eliminates the process of driving to the gym. With over 160 workouts, this app has everything from strength-based workouts to yoga-centered exercises. The Nike Training Club also tailors training plans to each person by adjusting functions such as progress and schedule when you begin working out with a personal plan.




## LOCAL PARKS

### Riverwalk

If taking advantage of what Fort Lauderdale's inviting parks and other public places have to offer is more your thing, there are many options to choose from when desiring to mix up an everyday workout by taking it outdoors. The Riverwalk, with its exercise stations, embodies all the characteristics of the perfect place to exercise outside. With Downtown Fort Lauderdale as a backdrop and a cool breeze blowing off the water, creating a solid workout regimen with the fitness equipment provided on the Riverwalk is a fun way to mix up your gym time.

### Calisthenics Park

Another great outdoor space in Fort Lauderdale to utilize for your next workout could be Calisthenics Park, right across the street from Bahia Mar. This park features a nice selection of equipment, such as pull-up bars, low bars for push-ups, and incline benches meant for working abs. Right on the beach, this is the perfect park to go to for early morning workouts, cooler evening regimens, and everything in between. 





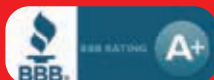


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# GRANTING SOME PREVENTION

THE CAMPBELL FOUNDATION OF FORT LAUDERDALE – ASSISTING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ALL IN THE NAME OF HIV/AIDS RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND PREVENTION

WRITER PETE STEVENSON

The Campbell Foundation of Fort Lauderdale has been funding HIV/AIDS research for 22 years. If you follow a timeline of the grants they have provided, you can almost write the medical history of HIV of the past two decades. “We have given away more than 10 million dollars since we started,” explained executive director Ken Rapkin. The range of research grants awarded is as diverse and complex as the disease itself. “Most of our research grants are based at major medical university research centers. We have funded studies in Australia, Israel, France, and England. Wherever there is good science at a non-profit medical institution, we can fund them.”

Equally as necessary are the local and emergency grants. Recently the foundation provided two \$10,000 emergency grants to organizations hit by Hurricane

Harvey in Houston. These HIV organizations that serve those living with HIV/AIDS, were struggling to get back on their feet and these grants provided the financial stability they needed.

Rapkin went on to stress, “The local grants are important too, as Fort Lauderdale is in the epicenter of new HIV infections in Florida.” One of the recent local grants of \$25,000 went to Broward Health’s Comprehensive Care Center. The grant is intended for HIV education and prevention among high-risk individuals.

There are two sides to HIV medical care. Naturally one is treating people with the latest medications and current information. The other side is prevention. How do we stop people from getting infected? “If you want to eliminate this disease, then you have to look at the other side of the equation, and that is, how do we



Traci Allyn-Shur, CEO, Broward Health Foundation; Bill Venuti, Campbell Foundation Trustee; Dr. Farouk Meklat, PharmD, Broward Health Comprehensive Care Center, pharmacist; Claudette Grant, RN, M.Ed, manager, Broward Health Comprehensive Care Center; Ken Rapkin, executive director, The Campbell Foundation

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prevent people from getting infected in the first place," said grant recipient Farouk Meklat, PharmD of Broward Health. Meklat continued, "My goal with these grant dollars is to prevent HIV cases. So we talk to the patients on a continuous basis and every time we stress condom use. I ask patients, 'Would you drive a car without brakes, seatbelt or airbags?'"

With the grant money, Dr. Meklat is trying to get as many high-risk individuals into the program covered by the grant, which provides coverage for all the doctor visits, lab work, and preventative medications. The prevention program is known as PrEP, which is Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (or PrEP). People who are at high-risk for HIV are given an HIV medication daily

to lower their chances of getting infected. PrEP can stop HIV from taking hold and spreading throughout the body. It is highly effective for preventing HIV if used as prescribed, but it is much less efficient when not taken consistently.

Communication and counseling are keys to success. It has been shown that a daily PrEP program reduces the risk of getting HIV by 92 percent. PrEP for use in HIV prevention has been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) since 2012. Cities like New York, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, and Portland that have embraced this method and efficiently communicated it out to high-risk populations have seen dramatic decreases in new HIV diagnoses. 



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# A BIT OF BUBBLY

MAKE IT A SPARKLING NEW YEAR WITH CHAMPAGNE OR PROSECCO

WRITER RENÉE K QUINN

It's traditional to ring in the New Year with a glass of bubbly, so this January we recommend celebrating with champagne or prosecco. Champagne or sparkling wine is wonderful enjoyed on its own, but why not step it up a notch? My go to is KORBEL made the méthode champenoise way. Perfected via a time-honored process, champagne is fermented inside the same bottle from which it is served. This style is famous for its delicate nuances and for producing the countless dazzling bubbles. Check out our colorful sparkling cocktail recipes:



Cocktails crafted by Nick Nistico, Food + Beverage Development at Damn Good Hospitality Group (C.W.S. Bar + Kitchen, Stache Drinking Den + Coffee Bar, America's Backyard, Revolution Live)

## SPARKLING RESOLUTION

### Ingredients:

1 oz. Woodford Reserve® Bourbon  
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4 oz. KORBEL Brut  
Frozen blueberries

### Directions:

Pour Woodford Reserve and blueberry juice into a shaker with ice. Shake and strain into a martini glass. Top with KORBEL. Garnish with frozen blueberries for a delicious champagne cocktail.

## RUBY ROSE

### Ingredients:

3/4 oz. Chambord® Black Raspberry Liqueur  
2 oz. Cranberry juice  
4 oz. KORBEL Rosé

### Directions:

Pour Chambord® Black Raspberry Liqueur and cranberry juice into a shaker with ice. Shake and strain into a wine glass. Top with KORBEL. Garnish with a strawberry slice or a raspberry.

## POOLSIDE SPARKLE

### Ingredients:

1 oz. Vodka  
2 oz. Pineapple juice  
4 oz. KORBEL Brut  
Pineapple wedge

### Directions:

Pour vodka and pineapple juice into a shaker with ice. Shake and strain into a rocks glass with ice or a martini glass (straight up). Top with KORBEL. Garnish with a pineapple wedge and enjoy your perfect poolside drink.



WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

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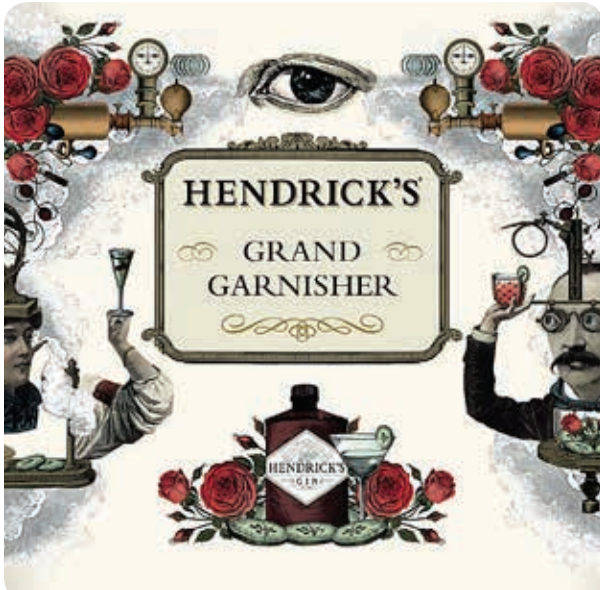
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# SUPPLEMENTAL SIPS

## HENDRICK'S GIN GRAND GARNISHER AND COCKTAIL BASICS

WRITER RENÉE K QUINN



### Around Town

We caught up with the Hendrick's Gin Grand Garnisher in South Florida on its national tour. The 38-foot cocktail garnishing device is powered by a hybrid diesel motor with a penny-farthing rider cycling on top of the truck feeding the cucumbers through a trombone-like instrument. At the garnish we sipped on cocktails, our favorite below.



Sparkle up your cocktail with this twist on the **French 75**

### CUCUMBER 75

#### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 parts HENDRICK'S GIN
- 1/2 Part fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 Part simple syrup
- 3 Cucumber wheels
- Dry sparkling wine

#### Directions:

In a mixing glass, muddle cucumbers and simple syrup. Add Hendrick's Gin, lemon juice, and ice. Shake well and strain into a flute. Top with sparkling wine and garnish with a cucumber ribbon or wheel.



### Cocktail Basics

**Shaken vs. Stirred:** When making a cocktail with any type of juice it is best to shake. When mixing all spirits and not using juice, it is best to stir.

**Making a bitter drink sweeter:** Flavored syrups can add depth and complexity to bitter cocktails. Allow sugar to rest with a variety of ingredients from coffee to fruit then mix with water to create a syrup. It's a delicious addition to a bitter cocktail. ☺



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## GENERAL EVENTS

**Gold Coast Watercolor Society presents Absolutely Watercolor**  
January  
Broward County Main Library  
(800) 741-1010  
[www.fgo.org](http://www.fgo.org)



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**Riverdance**  
Jan. 5 - 7  
Bank of America Broadway in Fort Lauderdale Series.  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
(954) 462-0222  
[www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org)

**Winter Spectacular Salon Exhibit Reception**  
Jan. 6  
Broward Art Guild  
(954) 537-3370  
[www.browardartguild.org](http://www.browardartguild.org)

**30th Annual Las Olas Art Fair Part 1**  
Jan. 6 and 7  
Las Olas Boulevard  
[www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com)



**Sunday Funday Tour**  
Jan. 7  
Cycle Party  
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**Orchestra Meets Jazz! feat. Errol Rackipov Group**  
Jan. 9, 2018  
Presented by the Symphony of the Americas.  
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**A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder**  
Jan. 9 - 21, 2018  
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Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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**Gold Coast Jazz Society Concert Series: Cyrille Aimee & Shelly Berg Trio: Catch a Rising Star**  
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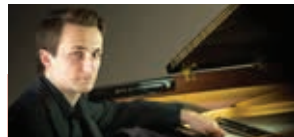


**Stone Crab and Seafood Festival**  
Jan. 13  
This festival is a free celebration of the local South Florida seafood industry and highlights some of Fort Lauderdale's favorite seafood restaurants as they serve up fresh stone crab claws and an array of select seafood dishes starting at only \$5.  
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**5K 4 Kids Run**  
Jan. 13  
Saint Anthony Catholic Church

**Fort Lauderdale Story Slam**  
Jan. 13  
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The Vanguard Sanctuary for the Arts  
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[www.worldandeye.com](http://www.worldandeye.com)

**Tribute to Ferdie Pacheco**  
Jan. 13  
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**Chopin for All Free Concert**  
Jan. 13  
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**Broward Center for the Performing Arts Winter Open House**  
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**Gold Coast Watercolor Society presents Absolutely Watercolor**  
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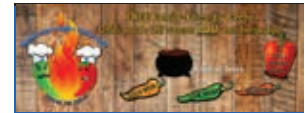
**Symphony of the Americas' Serenades @ Sunset: Courtenay Budd & Friends feat. Marilyn Maingart (flute)**  
Jan. 21  
Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six  
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**Masterworks II: Martha Graham's Dance Of Life**  
Jan. 23  
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**Bret Baier: Politics and the Atmosphere in Washington, D.C.**  
Jan. 24  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
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**Art Fort Lauderdale**  
Jan. 25 - 28  
Art Fort Lauderdale is a four-day curated art fair that transports attendees on a journey along the famed Intracoastal waterways via water taxi and private yacht with stops at vacant multi-million dollar waterfront properties that feature emerging artists exhibiting various styles and methods of art that reflect the past, the present, and the future.  
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**Riverwalk Chili Cook Off**  
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**Big Brass Live!**  
Jan. 28  
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**Relationships Exhibit**  
Jan. 31 - Feb. 16  
Artists present their interpretations of how people and/or things are connected to each other.  
Broward Art Guild  
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**2018 Caliber Awards Ceremony**  
Feb. 1  
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**Celebrate Broward! Benefit**  
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**POPS II: And The Tony Goes To**  
Feb. 6  
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**Richard Strauss's Salome**  
Feb. 8 and 10  
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**Chopin for All Free Concert**  
Feb. 10  
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**Symphony of the Americas' Serenades @ Sunset: Amernet String Quartet**

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**Commander Cody Art Reception**

Feb. 11  
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Bilotta Gallery (954) 626-0410  
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**Fort Lauderdale Pride Festival**

Feb. 11  
Fort Lauderdale Beach Park  
www.pridefortlauderdale.org

**Gold Coast Jazz Society Concert Series: Willie Jones III All-Stars: "Love Songs and Lovers ...The Ones You Have Forgotten"**

Feb. 14  
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**Wicked**

Feb. 14 - Mar. 4  
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**ArtsUnited Presents "Art Explosion"**

Jan. 8 - 26

**ArtServe Presents "ArtBRAVO!"**

Feb. 1 - 23  
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**Lecture Series**

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Digging Into The Past: Tequesta at Bonnet House with Sara Ayers-Rigsby, M.A., RPA Director.

**Calligraphy Workshop**

Jan. 9 - Feb. 6; Feb. 13 - Mar. 13

**Watercolor in the Gardens**

Jan. 10 - Feb. 14; Feb. 28 - Apr. 4

**Acrylic in the Gardens**

Jan. 11 - Feb. 15; Mar. 1 - Apr. 5

**Concerts Under the Stars**

Jan. 18

**Birding Class: Ascend to Better Birding I**

Jan. 21

**Basket Weaving I**

Jan. 27

**Orchid Care Classes**

Feb. 10, 17, and 24

**Birding Class: Ascend to Better Birding II**

Feb. 11

**Lecture Series**

Feb. 12

**Concerts Under the Stars**

Feb. 15

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**Henry Rollins**

Jan. 3  
For many years, Henry Rollins has used his camera to document his travels around the world. Join Henry for an intimate evening as he tells the stories behind the photos he's taken from Baghdad to Timbuktu.

**Family Fun: "The Cat in the Hat"**

Jan. 14

**Slow Burn Theatre Co: "The Bridges of Madison County"**

Jan. 18 - Feb. 4

**Pink Martini**

Jan. 24

**Black Violin**

Jan. 25

**Miami City Ballet Program Two**

Jan. 27 and 28

**Darius & Twig**

Jan. 30

**Shen Yun**

Jan. 30 and 31

**Diana Krall**

Feb. 1

**Paul Anka**

Feb. 3

**Judy Blume's Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great**

Feb. 5

**Slow Burn Theatre Co: "Disaster! The Musical"**

Feb. 5 - 18

**BalletBoyz**

Feb. 8 and 9

**Family Fun: "Nugget and Fang"**

Feb. 10

**The Birdland All-Stars Featuring Tommy Igoe**

Feb. 10

**Moon Mouse a Space Odyssey**

Feb. 12

**Sierra Hull**

Feb. 15

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**Ruth Cohan Jewish Book Review Series**

Jan. 9

**The Big Read Kickoff at the Chalklit Festival**

Jan. 13

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**Julia Alvarez Book Reading**

Jan. 16

*Of Brave Butterflies and an Old Goat: In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez.

**The Age of Trujillo, the Most Notorious Dominican Tyrant**

Jan. 23

FAU Historian Graciella Cruz-Taura analyzes the military dictatorship of Rafael Leónidas Trujillo in the Dominican Republic from 1930 to his assassination in 1961. Her lecture focuses on the historical context that contributed to his rise to power and long tenure in office amidst violations of human rights.

**Traditional Dominican Music and Songs by Guitarist Orlando Core**

Jan. 27

**Ruth Cohan Jewish Book Review Series**

Feb. 13

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**Historic Art Market Tours**

Jan. 7

**Healing Waters Closing and Kid Basel Day**

Jan. 28

**Harry Potter 20th Anniversary Book Night**

Feb. 1

**Black History Month Student Art Opening**

Feb. 4

**Black Art Matters Exhibit**

Feb. 4

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**The Moody Blues - Days of Future Passed 50th Anniversary Tour**

Jan. 10

**Kristin Hensley and Jen Smedley - IMomSoHard**

Jan. 11

**Jackson Brown with Greg Leisz**

Jan. 17



**Trevor Noah**

Jan. 26

**Bad Company**

Feb. 13



**Dancing With the Stars: Live! Light Up The Night Tour**

Feb. 15

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Jan. 4

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Jan. 27

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Jan. 4

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**Jeremy Jordan: Broadway Concert Series**  
Jan. 6

**The Zombies featuring Colin Blunstone & Rod Argent**  
Jan. 9

**Tango Fire**  
Jan. 13

**A Night with Janis Joplin**  
Jan. 14

**Tango Fire**  
Jan. 18



**Chita & Tuna: Two For The Road**  
Jan. 19



**Darlene Love**  
Jan. 20

**The Soap Myth**  
Jan. 24

**Musical Thrones: A Parody**  
Jan. 25



**Chanticleer - An Orchestra of Voices**  
Jan. 26

**In the Mood: A 1940s Musical Revue**  
Jan. 28

**Latrice Royale: "Mister Act"**  
Feb. 2

**Take Me To The River - Memphis Soul and R&B Revue**  
Feb. 3

**Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad**  
Feb. 6

**An Intimate Evening With the Tenors**  
Feb. 7

**American Rhapsody: The Gershwin Songbook**  
Feb. 8

**Carefree: Dancin' with Fred and Ginger**  
Feb. 9

**Paramount's Laser Spectacular featuring The Music of Pink Floyd**  
Feb. 10

**Under the Streetlamp**  
Feb. 13

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Jan. 12

**Tom Petty Tribute**  
Jan. 12

**Black Rebel Motorcycle Club**  
Jan. 24

## In This Moment

Jan. 25

## COIN

Feb. 1

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### Genealogy Club

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### El Club

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## RoboConnect Networking Breakfast

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## Open Mic Tuesdays

Fourth Tuesday of the month  
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## English Café

Wednesdays  
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## Full Exposure Photography Club

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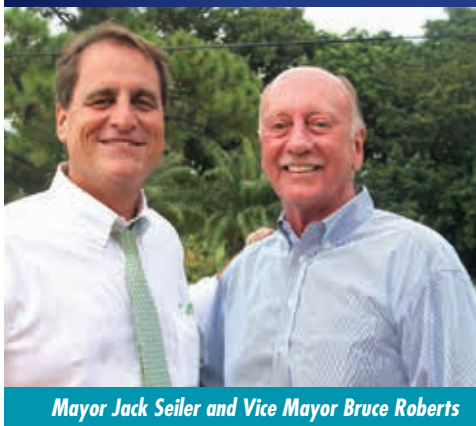
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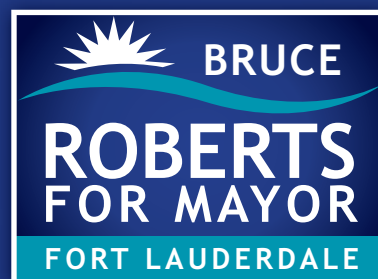
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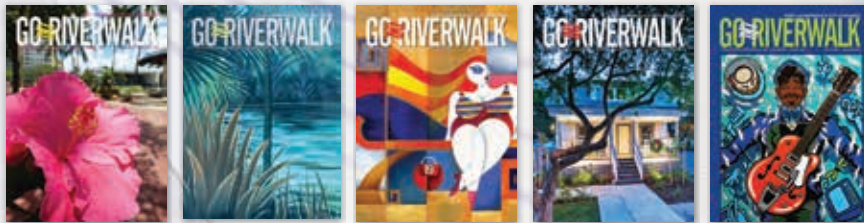


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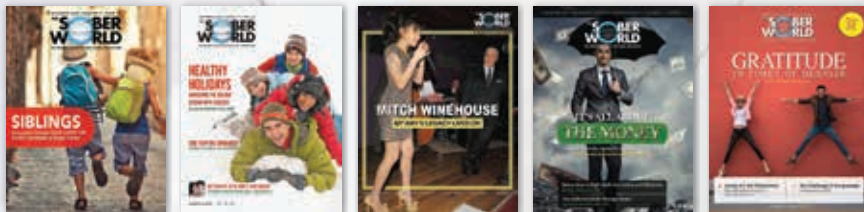
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## MELISSA VLAHOS

TITLE OF WORK: *SEA IN YOURSELF PANEL SERIES*

Self-expression can take many forms. For some it is the way they dress, for others it is the words they write, and in the case of Melissa Vlahos it is through the paintings and photography she creates.

Art was always something of interest to Vlahos. She spent much of her childhood exploring through crafts/other forms of art, and this led her down a path of studying art education in college. With her degree she became a high school art teacher, and while it proved to be a very fulfilling experience, she had a lingering desire to discover herself as an artist.

Vlahos went on to marry her Greek-American boyfriend and a move to Greece allowed her to dive deep into her passions. Some of her first pieces are oil paintings, which she describes as being illustrations of her inner most feelings. Vlahos quickly began to appreciate how organic the scenery around her was.

"It was amazing how I felt this connection with nature and particularly with water," she says. "I spent a lot of time at the beaches and became mesmerized by the water and how it mimics how deep our souls go." Thus the series "Sea in Yourself" was born. All the photographs in this series are titled after the

emotion Vlahos was feeling at the moment – "Jubilant", "Intricate", and "Intrigued" to name a few.

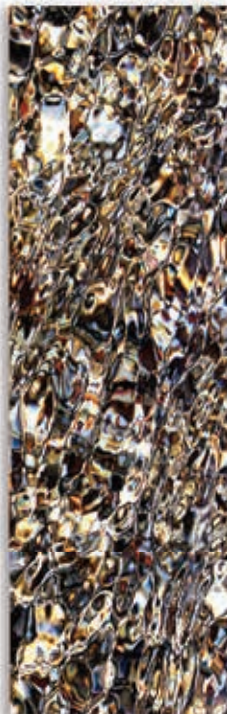
Since she has been back in America Vlahos has extended this series to parts of California and has plans to continue it in Florida as well. Vlahos' love of painting and photography opened the door for her to combine the two elements in a way that is both beautiful and uplifting.

In Greece she came to the realization that she had many insecurities with her body that she hadn't realized before, and with her "Unleashed" body art series she aimed to not only overcome her own issues, but also help all women who feel ashamed of their bodies.

When asked about her biggest struggle as an artist Vlahos stated that it is simply finding enough time to create. She and her husband have added restaurant owner to their resumes. But, Vlahos now has her own in-home studio, which gives her the comfort and access to create whenever she wants.

You can see Vlahos' "Sea In Yourself" series at the GALLERYone Hilton Fort Lauderdale and her "Unleashed" series is expected to be exhibited this year.

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