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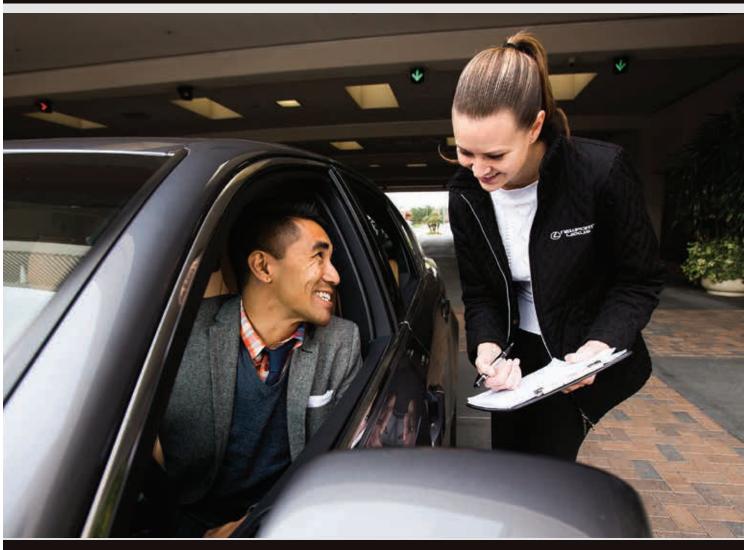




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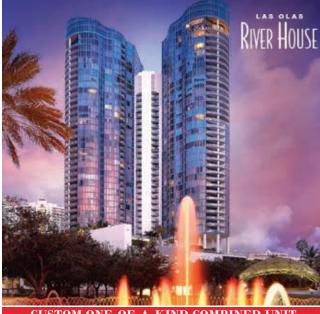
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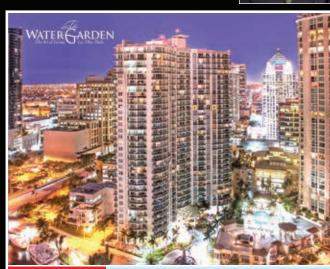
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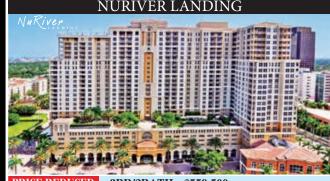
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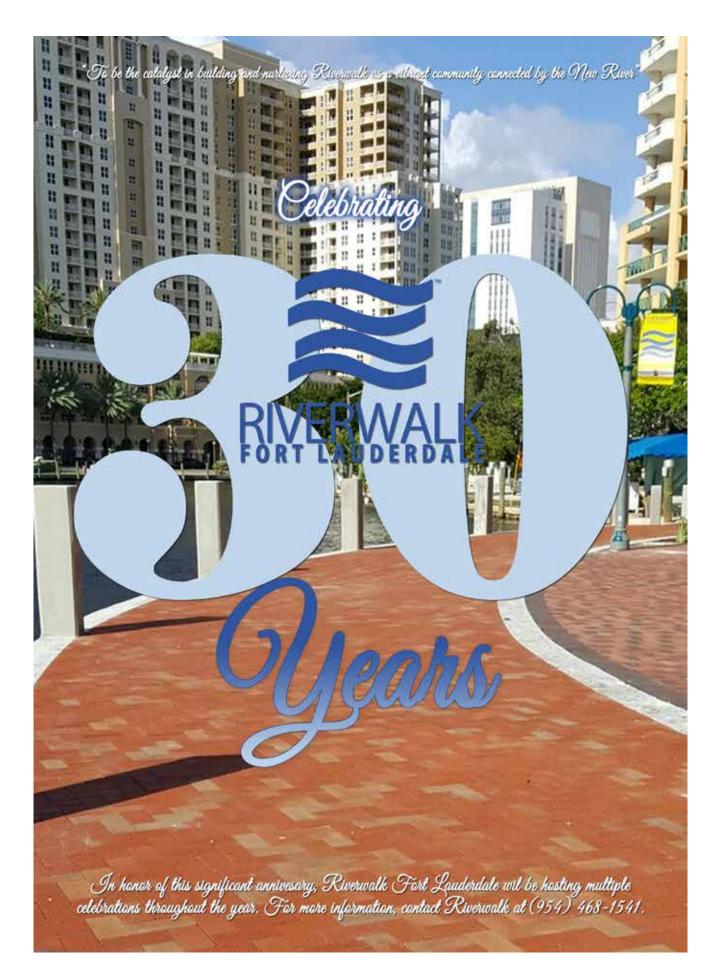
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s most of you know by now our very own Mike Jackson is this year's Riverwalk Tribute Honoree and for many long overdue.

A Philadelphia, PA native, Mr. Jackson was born to hardworking parents who dealt with the financial challenges of the time. Throughout his childhood, he worked a variety of odd jobs, including

shoveling manure out of horse stalls, to pay for his Boy Scout activities. As a teenager, his entrepreneurial spirit emerged as he grew his one-man lawn care business to a staff of ten, which allowed him to attend St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. There he majored in political science and planned a career in law. On his way to Washington, D.C. to begin law school, Mr. Jackson's car broke down. To cover the cost of the repairs, Mr. Jackson offered to do odd jobs around the car dealership. His fascination with the auto industry grew from there, and when offered an apprenticeship as a mechanic, he immediately accepted, launching his now legendary career. He joined Mercedes-Benz as a master technician in 1974, and in 1979 he purchased a Mercedes-Benz dealership, which became so successful that it laid the foundation for him to be named the president and CEO of the company's North American operations. In 1999, Mr. Jackson departed Mercedes-Benz to become CEO of AutoNation, an auto retailing start-up.

Today Mike is the Chairman, CEO and President of AutoNation, America's largest automotive retailer and most notably he was just appointed Chairman of the Federal Reserve of Atlanta as of January 11th, 2018 recognizing his business leadership. Under his guidance, AutoNation secured its position as America's largest automotive retailer, setting milestones that stand as testimony to his vision of the company as a standardbearer for a more customer-focused, transparent and contemporary business model. AutoNation is one of South Florida's largest publically held companies, with 2016 revenues of 21.6 billion dollars. It employs 27,000 people nationwide and 3,500 in South Florida.

Below is a few of the long list of Mr. Jackson's achievements that have been widely recognized by his peers. In 2009, Automotive News named Mr. Jackson one of the "Fifty Visionary Dealers" of all time. In 2011, Mr. Jackson was named one of the top 50 Global Business Leaders by Fortune Magazine. In January 2012, The Detroit Free Press announced that Mike Jackson was awarded the 2011 National Retail Leadership Award by the Detroit Free Press in conjunction with the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS). Mr. Jackson has also been recognized as a ten-time member of the Automotive News "All-Star Team" of automotive executives. Mr. Jackson serves as a trustee for Nova Southeastern University. Mike Jackson was named a 2014 recipient of the prestigious Horatio Alger Award, presented to Americans who overcome adversity to achieve success. In 2015, Mike Jackson was inducted into Saint Joseph's University's Haub School of Business Hall of Fame.

Now let's talk a little about what Mike has done for and given our community. I say a little because the impact Mike and AutoNation is and has had in our community is far greater than what's listed here, and this is just for our local community:

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- Major donor to the African American Research Library and Cultural Center
- Significant donor to the Urban League of Broward County
- Chair of Jack & Jill Children's Center
- An annual supporter of the Humane Society of Broward, Boys and Girls Clubs, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and on and on.
- Finally, his passion for Autonation's "Drive Pink" campaign for breast cancer, has led to over 3 million dollars raised in support cancer research and care .

As you can see Mike Jackson is a true leader, a visionary, respected, successful businessman, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and a man who cares deeply about his community and gives back. As I am sure, you can imagine tickets are going fast and are limited, so please join us as we pay tribute to one of the most honored and respected individuals living in our community.



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BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS President/CEO Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



HEATING UP ON RIVERWALK

lorida winter literally took us by storm with some snow in northern Florida and frigid temperatures here! Visitors to the region smiled as we all dragged out our boots and coats and enjoyed a taste of the chill! The Panther's ice rink finished up their second season at Huizenga introducing a large number of our young to ice skating.

We know that the Riverwalk Stone Crab and Seafood Festival was a raging success by the number of attendees on a beautiful Saturday in January. Great food, awesome music, and vendors - who could ask for a better free event in our downtown! We love seeing our residents and visitors come downtown and enjoy the many amenities.

Construction continues in the downtown with some tremendous feats of engineering being displayed.... from the floor plates hoisted by crane and put in place many stories up, to the piles being installed at the X Las Olas site to the demo of buildings along Las Olas.

Brightline has commenced trips from Palm Beach on a limited schedule and what a tremendous ride it is! Express train transportation takes cars off of the road and delivers travelers in comfort safely to their destinations.

City Park Garage is now known as Riverwalk Center, and you should expect to see some great physical changes to that facility as well as activations on the property. New restaurants and retail are anticipated at that location. Currently, there is a charrette with a number of partners assessing what additional amenities can be added to the area including design, activation and future planning. With the surrounding construction and changes being proposed it will likely become a new hub in our downtown.

Riverwalk will soon launch a capital campaign to construct a 9/11 Monument along the Riverwalk. This is an art project to install an important piece of the path rail from the historic New York destruction of the twin towers. Riverwalk was honored to be selected to receive the piece and has been working hard to obtain a design and location to have this installed.

We are soon to be seating a new Commission as we have one seat already filled for District 1 and the seat of Mayor, Commissioner for Districts 2, 3 and 4 to be determined at the March General Election. We encourage all registered voters to exercise the privilege of making your voice heard. Riverwalk will soon be in our new offices and look forward to having you visit us at 888 East Las Olas Boulevard, Suite 210. We appreciate our partnership with The Las Olas Company and their assistance in seeing us settled.



Mike Jackson, this year's Riverwalk Tribute Honoree, heads up Autonation, the largest provider of new and pre-owned vehicles in the United States. Not only he does know the auto business inside and out – he is a true "car guy." So naturally a question one would ask him, what is the favorite car that you have owned? "If I look at the common thread of my career, it is cars made from Stuttgart, Germany. It is a town



that has extraordinary automotive engineers. And there are two great brands that came out of Stuttgart – Mercedes-Benz and Porsche. But if I had to boil it down to one or two vehicles it would be the Porsche 911 Turbo S. I think it is the perfect car if you are a dynamic driver like I am. Right there with it would be the Mercedes AMG GT," explained Jackson.

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moved to Florida in the mid 1970's. After graduating high school, I attended the University of Notre Dame as a math major but quickly realized that was not what I wanted. I switched to the accounting program as I saw it as a great blend of numbers and business. In addition to being a CPA, I also hold a degree in Business Administration.

My career includes twelve years with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP, serving as the CFO of Blockbuster Entertainment's Music Retail Division where



TRUSTEE MEMBER ALEJANDRO TRUJILLO ROBOVAULT

• Originally from Colombia, I moved to South Florida as a teenager

and graduated from Palm Beach Central High School in Wellington, FL. I then went on to receive a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and another in Business Management and Entrepreneurship from Florida Atlantic University.

Prior to arriving at RoboVault, I spent the majority of my career in the retail sector. While I started out in sales, I quickly rose through the ranks and have held management positions with Nordstrom, Hugo Boss and Bally. Over the course of my career, I also have received numerous sales awards and set new sales and customer retention records.

Today, I am the marketing manager for RoboVault



TRUSTEE MEMBER

BRINY IRISH PUB

• From as far back as I can remember, I have always had a passion for food.

Growing up in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. provided me with access to diverse restaurants and opportunities. At the age of eighteen, I landed the job as Executive Chef for Giant Gourmet – an upscale grocery store that was unique at the time. Here, I implemented the gourmet deli concept into the majority of their stores which helped to fuel the growth of the chain.

My next venture came at L'Auberge Chez Francois where I worked under the tutelage of the famous chef Francois E. Haeringer. The restaurant remains to I was able to attend the Grammy and MTV Music Awards, and seven years in senior management at Precision Response Corporation. All of this experience allowed me to see other entrepreneurs grow their companies and gave me the urge to try it on my (our) own. My wife Mindy and I formed Payrolls Plus with the idea that we would give it two years and see how it goes. Well, thirteen years later, we're still at it with over 400 clients.

In addition to staying busy with our company and our six children, I am a Board Member and Immediate Past President of the Fort Lauderdale Executives Association; Board member of the Notre Dame Alumni Association; and a member of the Florida Institute of CPAs. I joined Riverwalk so I can be more involved in the Downtown and support their efforts to make our community one of the best in South Florida.

where I am responsible for handling marketing and promotional efforts including digital and e-marketing, web management, constituent management, community partnerships and the RoboConnect networking events. One of the things that makes RoboVault unique is its one-of-a-kind automated retrieval system. There are no hallways or carts in our climate controlled, Cat-5 hurricane rated storage facility. We also specialize in storage for vehicles and wine collections and there are even safe deposit boxes. Owned by BBX Capital and managed by Universal Storage Group, RoboVault is here to meet all of your storage needs.

Throughout my career, I have recognized the importance of being involved in one's community. I joined Riverwalk because I see the organization as not only one that serves a very important need in our community, but also as a vehicle for me to get to know more people in the community.

this day a favorite among dignitaries, celebrities and politicians throughout the D.C. Metropolitan area.

I moved to Boca Raton in 2013 and opened Bistro Gastronomie. After the restaurant was sold, I became the Chef de Cuisine at the Stonebridge Country Club and eventually Executive Chef at Tavern at the Wick.

Thanks to a mutual friend, I was introduced to the Briny Irish Pub and owners Mike and Aileen Brennan. I came on board as the executive chef in December 2016 and have been slowly making positive changes to the menu. I invite you to stop by for lunch or dinner and taste the changes for yourself!

Since Briny is on the Riverwalk, I felt that it was important to support an organization that makes our business possible so I became a member. Thanks to the numerous activities along the Riverwalk, Briny is a success.



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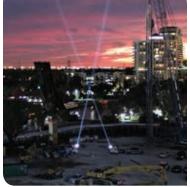
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BY JENNI MOREJON Executive Director, Downtown Development Authority



VALENTINE'S DAY THE DOWNTOWN WAY

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A hhh, love is in the air this month. Whether your better half is your long-time partner or you are in a sparkly new relationship, or maybe you are cruising the streets solo this Valentine's Day, show Downtown Fort Lauderdale some love by impressing that special someone at our very own local establishments. Don't chance something this important with online delivery or by fighting traffic to a distant store or trendy restaurant—Downtown has everything you need to make this a Valentine's Day to remember.

If you are the last minute type, pop into CVS or Publix for a Valentine's Day card that eloquently captures your love notes. For that fragrant bouquet, go to Flowers and Found Objects, the Fresh Market, Ann's Florist or the Bashful Daisy. Then, pick out the perfect gemstone sparkler from local jewelers Carroll's, a family-run institution that has served Downtown Fort Lauderdale for decades. Get freshly made chocolates for your sweetie's sweet tooth from Hoffman's and Kilwin's on Las Olas or a couple's massage at any number of our local spas.

For a romantic Valentine's Day dinner, be sure to reserve your table at any of our outstanding local restaurants. Alternatively, show your creative side by planning a picnic along the New River or staking out a spot at any of Downtown's lovely parks: Huizenga Plaza, the Riverwalk, Colee Hammock, Smoker Park or Colee's Landing all make for perfect romantic backdrops.

After dinner, there's nothing more romantic than sharing a gondola ride up and down the New River, so take advantage of being in the Venice of America with a ride on the New River with Las Olas Gondola or Riverfront Gondola Tours.

If you really want to top the night off with a special treat, venture over to the Broward Center for Performing Arts for the opening night of the hit Broadway show, Wicked.

Moreover, for those who are truly ready to take the Valentine's Day plunge, there's Borrowed Time and Studio 954 tattoo parlors where you can express your undying love in ink with matching tattoos. Or perhaps you wish to make it official with a Valentine's Day wedding at the Broward County Courthouse!

If Valentine's Day is not your thing you there's also GALentine's Day on February 13th - a new phenomenon started by the sitcom, *Parks and Recreation*, that celebrates female friendship. The trend has caught on in Downtown FTL, with some restaurants known to hand out single roses and glasses of rose' to the ladies.

However, you decide to spend Valentine's Day this year, be sure to show Downtown FTL some love by spending it here. XOXO (1)



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FLOATING AN IDEA

LOOKING TO THE SKIES TO SOLVE TRAFFIC ISSUES

recently had a conversation with a friend about the beach and traffic. Being a top tourist attraction in South Florida, many people want to go there. Sure, people can walk, bike, and there's always the water taxi (a very scenic option), but the majority of people use their cars adding to the traffic to and from the island.

However, I have a crazy idea. Now...stay with me because when I tell people my concept, they look at me with confusion, maybe even a little anger...however, when I get the chance to explain my reasoning some of them, certainly not all, but some of them come around. So here it is... aerial tramway.

Now, I know what you are thinking...this guy is nuts, but hear me out. Aerial tramways have been used to much success in other parts of the world, and there are two right here in the United States. The Roosevelt Island Tramway in New York City has been operating since 1976, and the Portland Aerial Tramway has been in operation since 2006. They move people to and from remote areas (one an island) as a commuter option. The Roosevelt Tramway cars have a capacity of 125 people, and it makes about 115 trips per day. That is a maximum daily capacity of 14,375 people per day. It travels at a top speed of around 16 miles per hour, has a length of about 3,100 feet and at its highest point reaches 250-feet. The Portland Tramway carries roughly 3,370 riders per day, travels up to 22 miles per hour with a system length of about 3,300 feet and a maximum height of 197-feet.

In addition to these, the City of San Diego recently proposed an aerial tramway to move commuters and tourists from Balboa Park to the waterfront of downtown San Diego.

So, imagine for a moment an aerial tramway that starts in downtown Fort Lauderdale, commuters floating silently inside climate controlled cars through our urban areas and out to the Intracoastal where it increases in height to clear the waterway and then back down to land on the barrier island. Here's the cool part...we could move thousands of people a day, it would be a tourist attraction all its own in our downtown, and when it hits its highest point it would provide stunning views to anyone who rides it. Commuters could bring coolers and bikes, spend the day at the beach, go shopping and dine, or use it to go to one of our many annual events held on the beach



with a trip that would only take about 10 to 15 minutes all while keeping cars off the beach.

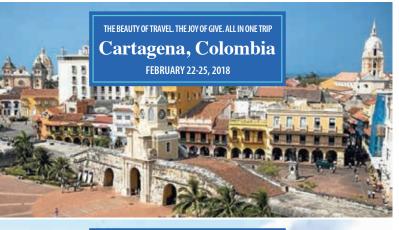
I know there are so many issues with something like a tramway and I am not trying to stir up a controversy, but it never hurts to dream of possibilities. There would be issues with funding and potential impacts to neighborhoods, but when creating a vision of the future, we should always consider the craziest ideas, some of them just might work out someday. Who knows, maybe it would make a great wedding venue in the sky. 🕲

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s our downtown continues to change, we must look at our existing infrastructure and imagine the possibilities. If we think outside the box, even a parking garage can become a destination for everyone to enjoy.

City Park Garage (CPG), located at 150 SE 2nd Street, will be undergoing some changes to transform the garage into a destination for all of our neighbors who want to walk the Riverwalk, shop or dine on Las Olas, or visit any of the surrounding attractions such as the Broward Center of the Performing Arts or the Himmarshee entertainment district.

Currently, CPG's name is not associated with any place that is identifiable or recognizable to our neighbors or tourists. This will soon change through the renaming of CPG to Riverwalk Center. This name change, which was approved by Commission on December 19, is an opportunity to better connect CPG to the Riverwalk and to encourage people to see the Riverwalk as a destination. The Riverwalk ties together Esplanade Park and the Huizenga Plaza, two of the downtown's most significant outdoor event venues.

Renaming would also become an asset to the Riverwalk by connecting open space with significant civic buildings. Parking at CPG is less than one minute from Huizenga Plaza and the Museum of Art on the Fort Lauderdale Nova Southeastern University Campus. The garage is perfect if one is visiting the downtown campus of Broward College or Florida Atlantic University. In addition, the garage is just a few steps from the AutoNation Academy of Art + Design located in Riverfront Center.

This garage will also become a critical piece in pushing activity towards Las Olas Boulevard, Himmarshee, the Riverwalk area, and the shops currently at CPG. As SE 2nd Street continues to develop between 1st and 6th Avenues and as more foot traffic emerges from future Wave ridership, the parking garage rebranding will provide our neighbors with a space to leave their vehicles and explore these nearby areas without circling around looking for parking and adding to the downtown traffic.

This rebranding will also be complemented by wayfinding improvements to direct people to the Riverwalk once they have parked, including emblems on the sidewalk, signage in the garage, etc. Aside from the wayfinding improvements, lighting improvements to increase safety and visibility in the garage have already been completed. The entrances and exits to the garage will also be changing to improve mobility around the garage and reduce any traffic impacts.

These efforts currently underway are intended to meet



the current changing landscape of our downtown area. As more and more of our neighbors chose to live in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, we have an opportunity to improve their quality of life through improvements such as those happening at the soon to be Riverwalk Center. To stay informed on what is happening at the Riverwalk Center, please visit www. fortlauderdale.gov/ parking. 🕲



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BY ASHLEY WALKER Chair, Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



CULTURAL GROWTH

FORT LAUDERDALE PAINTS A BIGGER PICTURE IN THE ARTS

s South Florida greets warmer spring weather, residents and visitors are heading outdoors to net everything that Fort Lauderdale has to offer-which goes beyond beautiful beaches, gorgeous waterways and continuous sunshine. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Annual Las Olas Art Fair. Just last month, the downtown was buzzing with art enthusiasts for this highly recognized event that continues to be a local favorite. In March, the second part of the 30th Annual Las Olas Art Fair will hit downtown and once again residents and visitors will be reminded how far we have come as a community. Fort Lauderdale has grown our arts and culture scene significantly in recent years, and our arts and culture institutions have continued to grow and attract larger exhibits, performances, and national and international acts. This cultural growth in our downtown is a big part of what makes Fort Lauderdale special.

While the Annual Las Olas Art Fair is by far one of our community's most established arts and cultural events of the year, our downtown community in Fort Lauderdale has so much more to offer residents and visitors alike. Most recently, the NSU Art Museum brought art seekers visiting Miami for Art Basel from across the globe to our downtown for an Art Basel VIP Art Director's Brunch highlighting an outstanding exhibit from Frank Stella. Five or ten years ago, someone coming in for Art Basel would not even fathom making the 50-minute schlep up to Fort Lauderdale, but the rising prominence of the NSA Art Museum is helping attract these visitors and making this Art Basel event possible.

A crown jewel of our downtown arts and culture scene is the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which historically attracts top Broadway performances such as Wicked or The Book of Mormon. Their upcoming events calendar includes performances by Symphony of the Americas, concerts like Verve Pipe among others, and tributes to some of music's greatest icons such as Janis Joplin, Pink Floyd, and Elton John. Recently, there was a capital campaign to make needed improvements to the Broward Center for Performing Arts' sister theater Parker Playhouse. These community investments in the arts will ensure that our community continues to attract artists, musicians and those that enjoy arts and cultural events as spectators and participants.

With a continued commitment to expanding the opportunities for cultural development, the city of Fort Lauderdale was selected as a site for a national partnership with the Levitt Foundation. The Levitt Foundation's purpose is to create a sense of place and opportunities for the entire community to experience the performing arts. Efforts are now underway to raise funds to build an outdoor pavilion in Esplanade Park where there will be programming available for the entire community to enjoy free of charge. The pavilion will engage the waterfront space along the Riverwalk and create an inviting space where residents and visitors can enjoy various performances.

Downtown is attracting Wynwood artists, and our very own arts district has been growing in Fat Village. There is a monthly Art Walk (last Saturday of the month) when galleries open late, and artists bring their artwork to be featured and sold. All of this growth within the arts and cultural community is making Fort Lauderdale a better place to live, raise families and enjoy the south Florida sunshine, great weather and now also—thriving culture.









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B roward Cultural Division recently hosted a national arts leader to report on Broward's \$414 Million Impact of Arts and Culture. Of the 341 regions across the nation covered by June 2017's Arts and *Economic Prosperity 5 (AEP5)* report, Broward County is proven to be a standout economic powerhouse with its \$414.2 million arts and culture industry. Recently, Americans for the Arts Vice President of Research and Policy Randy Cohen spoke in Fort Lauderdale about Broward County's thriving arts and cultural nonprofit organizations as its newest big business.

Sparking economic growth and building community, Broward's arts and culture industry supports 11,000-plus full-time positions. In 2015, Broward County's arts and culture sector spent \$148.5 million and leveraged an additional \$265.7 million in audience spending.

The attendees learned as Cohen traced the transformation of traditional charities into today's driving economic force. "Arts should not be seen as a luxury or a frill," remarked Cohen. "But as an industry that draws people to Broward County." From paying employees' salaries to supporting local businesses, Cohen pointed out, the arts and cultural



organizations of Broward County have shaped – and revitalized – its local economy.

"While the arts support a quality of life we all appreciate; they are also a significant economic driver for Broward County," said Earl Bosworth, Director, Broward Cultural Division.

In communities coast-to-coast, from our smallest towns to our largest cities, America's 100,000 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations make their communities more desirable places to live and work every day of the year. The arts and culture provide inspiration and joy to residents, beautify public spaces, and strengthen the social fabric of our communities. Nonprofit arts and cultural organizations are also businesses. They employ people locally, purchase goods and services from



other local businesses, and attract tourists. Event-related spending by arts audiences generates valuable revenue for local merchants such as restaurants, retail stores, parking garages, and hotels.

As Robert Lynch, President and CEO, Americans for the Arts, points out, "Understanding and acknowledging the incredible economic impact of the nonprofit arts and culture, we must always remember their fundamental value. They foster beauty, creativity, originality, and vitality. The arts inspire us, soothe us, provoke us, involve us, and connect us. However, they also create jobs and contribute to the economy."







SETTING THE COURSE

A MISSION TO ENGAGE IN 2018

ission-driven and vision inspired" is the theme for 2018 for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

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.

Our Chair, Juliet Roulhac, Florida Power and Light, will renew focus in key areas related to member and Board engagement coupled with program effectiveness. Last year Roulhac led a team to refresh the organization's mission and vision statements.

Our mission is "To develop and connect partners for economic growth." Our vision is "Inspiring prosperity within the business community."

It has been many years since the Chamber reviewed these statements which represent our core principals. All we do must relate.

To that end, the Chamber recently built a new website at ftlchamber.com which is focused on a more complete online experience for our investors. We have also launched an app that can be downloaded on your PDA enhancing the flexibility of platforms by which you can engage.

Further, we have installed FortLaduderdalehasit. com to allow members and consumers to navigate even

further—from places to eat, things to do and where to buy, making www.FortLauderdalehasit.com the go-to website.

Our first major gathering of the year will be on February 21 at 11:30 am, Signature Grand, the Chamber's 108th Annual Meeting presented by BB&T will take place. Derek Jeter, Miami Marlins, will be our keynote speaker. We will reflect on an outstanding year under the helm of 2017 Chairman Keith Costello, First Green Bank, give out a few awards and install our new Board.

Several of us will engage with Broward Days in Tallahassee during the legislative session. There are many issues in which your Chamber fights hard to represent the free enterprise system. Workforce housing, beach nourishment, sustainable communities, education funding, and support for both tourism and job expansion remain high on our list of priorities.

Our program of work, directly related to our mission and vision, is driven by a multitude of dedicated volunteers and staff. I encourage you to sign up to participate. You will find business, friendship and satisfaction. Go to www.ftlchamber. com/BeInvolved.



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BY PHIL PURCELL CEO/President Marine Industries Association of South Florida



FORT LAUDERDALE'S HISTORIC MARRIGE TO THE WATER

STARTING A NEW LIFE ALONG THE NEW RIVER

uptials, vows, matrimony, tying-the-knot, getting hitched; no matter what you call it, a wedding is a time of celebration and new beginnings, and it seems few cities this side of Las Vegas offer as many options for the big day as Fort Lauderdale. Whether its bare feet on the beach, white tie at the Ritz, wet suits at the reef, or anything in between, every couple, or their parents, can host a dream destination wedding - which everyone knows, starts with a sunlit, cloudless South Florida sky and a shimmering waterway backdrop.

A beautiful venue along the sparkling New River, one of the most picturesque and oldest parts of the city, is an ideal location to start a new life together. Within a short walk along the river, an engaged couple can find several facilities that can accommodate the happy event, with each possibility as unique and distinctive as the next.

The Historic Stranahan House Museum, built as a trading post in 1901 by Frank Stranhan, can accommodate a small, intimate affair or an elaborate crowd of 200. With its stunning waterway views and proximity to downtown, Stranahan House combines the simplicity of a bygone era with the sophistication of the city's nightlife to create the best of both worlds.

The timeless elegance of the Riverside Hotel, originally known as the Champ Carr Hotel when it opened in 1936, appeals to the romantic in everyone. With multiple options, including a terrace that boasts incredible views of the Atlantic Ocean and the city skyline, an elegant ballroom designed for dining and dancing the night away, and a charming waterside patio that highlights Fort Lauderdale's greatest asset, the New River, the Riverside Hotel offers a one-stop shop for a most memorable wedding day.

Another trip back in time can take the wedding party to the New River Inn, known as the New River Hotel until 1940, it was an historic 40-room establishment constructed by Edwin King (King Sons Co. Marine Ways and Boat Works) of hollow concrete block and sand in 1905, when guests stepped from their boats to the dock on the south lawn and were immediately surrounded by tropical gardens and scenic walkways. Today, the Inn hosts parties in the interior dining room and under covered tents on the famed south lawn, where a charming gazebo suitable for a wedding ceremony sits nearby, steps from the water's edge.

The recently restored Old River House is a national historic landmark steeped in the rich history of the Bryan family, one of Fort Lauderdale's earliest settlers, dating back to 1903. The elegant and refined setting, paired with classic, old-world charm on the banks of the New River, offers dining under the stars and cozy interior spaces, as well as event planning with an emphasis on creative global cuisine.

Adjacent to the popular Esplanade Park sits the spectacular Broward Center for the Performing Arts, with professional private event catering available in the Riverview Ballroom, the Peck Courtyard, and the ABDO New River Room, which showcases dramatic views of the New River that will impress even the most discerning party planner.

Formerly known as the Leiser Opera Center, The Flagship, MIASF's own banquet room, has been a

favorite spot of brides and grooms for many years. The stately building is an oasis tucked in among the oak trees just a block from the excitement and entertainment of Himmarshee Street to the north and steps away from the soothing sounds of the New River. With its brick courtyard, marble foyer, and second-floor balconies, The Flagship, managed exclusively by Hugh's Catering, is an enchanting option for any couple.

The New River has a long and welldocumented history as the lifeblood of our community, so it stands to reason that a marriage that takes place in the heart of its path will be a long and happy one. (1)







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BY PETE STEVENSON Director of Marketing & Media Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



SOUTHERN SANDS DESIGN

DESIGNER BRINGS HIS BACKGROUND FORWARD

oman Cody Foster owner of Southern Sands Design, which recently opened in November, has created a unique store, combining the best of where he has lived and worked. Foster, formerly from the western part of North Carolina grew up in the foothills of the Appalachians. He also lived and worked for a while in Key Largo, FL. "So I wanted to bring a design style that I describe as where the mountains meet the sea," explains Foster. He is also a floral designer for events and weddings and honed his craft while working at private membership clubs in North Carolina and Florida. He later moved on to become the Events Director at Fort Lauderdale's Tower Club. The concept for the Southern Sands Designs truly meshes his past work and living experiences.

"Many of our pieces in the store are custom made. My dad makes all the beautiful wood tables back in North Carolina, and he gets most of the wood from local farms," explained Foster. The

tabletops are handsomely crafted and often combined with repurposed materials. For example, one of the wood tops is affixed to an old factory cart as the base, and the shelving is made from sections of a late 1940s Jeep. Up on the wall is an oversized wheel from a Turkish cart that has been converted to look like a giant ship's wheel. Everywhere you turn you are treated to another distinct and attention-grabbing piece. These created or repurposed decorations are simply one-of-a-kind items that you will not be able to find anywhere else. You never know what you might see. I thought I even spotted Waldo.

Foster has built up a network of regional artists and curators, so he can secure a diverse selection of decorations or objects that can be transformed into something wonderful. He has one artist who creates sculptures from large tree roots and then carved with high-pressure water, which gives them a truly beautiful coastal look.

Old Town Canoes from Maine have become somewhat of a collector's item. Foster points out that the use of classic old canoes is very popular, both in residential and commercial design. He prefers the Old Town vintage



canoes from the 20's and 30's. In addition to design use, Foster has utilized several in both wedding and event staging, serving as buffet tables or creatively displaying rustic floral arrangements.

Even though many homes in South Florida are more contemporary in style, Southern Sands Designs gives individuals and designers an option to find unique accent pieces that would work with any home. Roman Cody Foster and Southern Sands Design could have that perfect final piece that may have eluded you.

The store is open Tuesday through Saturday, on Monday's and Tuesday's Cody is traveling the South to hunt for distinguishing artists and hidden treasures. ⁽¹⁾

Small Business Stats SOUTHERN SANDS DESIGN

Founders: Roman Cody Foster Year Founded: 2017 Number of Employees: 2 Address: 1436 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors, FL Phone: (754) 500-7263 Website: southernsandsdesign.com







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BY MARTY KIAR Property Appraiser Broward County



ASK THE PROPERTY APPRAISER

DOES MY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AUTOMATICALLY RENEW?

any Broward County seniors are eligible to claim an additional \$25,000 tax-saving exemption which applies only to the County's portion of the property taxes and city taxes for residents of cities which have also adopted the additional exemption. By local option, the county and cities may adopt an ordinance increasing this exemption "up to \$50,000" and/or the Long-term Residency Senior Exemption. In order to qualify for the Low-Income Senior Exemption for 2018, an applicant must be 65 or older as of January 1, 2018, receive Homestead Exemption on the property, AND have a combined household adjusted gross income for 2018 not exceeding the income limit set by the State of Florida. The 2017 income limit was \$28,841. This amount is adjusted annually to reflect the percentage change in the average cost-of-living index. Please contact my office at 954.357.6830 for the 2018 income limit for this valuable exemption.

In order to qualify for the Long-term Residency Senior Exemption, the applicant must have maintained permanent residence on the property for at least 25 years, meet the age and income requirement for the Low-Income Senior Exemption, AND the applicant's property must have a just value less than \$250,000 for the initial year of application. The Long-term Senior Residency Exemption exempts the ad valorem city taxes for qualified residents of the following cities: Cooper City, Dania Beach, Hallandale Beach, Hollywood, Miramar, Oakland Park, Pembroke Pines, Pompano Beach, Sunrise, and Weston.

You are entitled to a 2018 Homestead Exemption and other tax-saving exemptions if, as of January 1, 2018, you have made the property your permanent home or the permanent home of a person who is legally or naturally dependent on you.

You can apply for 2018 Homestead Exemption or pre-file for 2019 Homestead Exemption on our website at https://bcpasecure.net/homesteadonline/web/ index.aspx. For additional information about all the exemptions available to qualified individuals, please visit our website at http://bcpa.net/homestead.asp

The deadline for filing for Homestead Exemption and other exemptions is March 1, 2018. The absolute deadline for LATE FILE for any 2018 exemption – if you miss the March 1, 2018, timely filing deadline – is September 18, 2018.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 954.357.6904 or by email at martykiar@bcpa.net. ⁽¹⁾





WATERFRONT WEDDINGS

INSPIRATIONAL LOCATIONS TO SAY "I DO"

WRITER PETE STEVENSON

s Fort Lauderdale is known as the Venice of America, it would reason that we would be home to some one-of-a-kind waterside wedding venues. We are. These diverse locations are perfect for any wedding theme and budget. If you are looking to make your special day romantic or rustic or maybe Gatsby meets Cinderella, Fort Lauderdale has a location for you.

Needham Estate

FEATURE

If you have imagined your special day at a stunning waterfront manor; then the Historic Needham Estate is the sublime location for you. The estate sits on a beautifully manicured lawn that gently sloops down to the New River. The Needham Estate is a location on which you could hold both the ceremony and reception in the Gatsby-esque setting. There are majestic courtyards both front



and back on which to enjoy hors-d'oeuvres and cocktails. The Needham Estate provides a variety of wedding packages that are designed to give you whatever you need to make your special day special. They can handle all of the specifics from food and beverage to hair and makeup, rentals, entertainment, linens, wedding cake, even your very own award-winning wedding planner to make sure every detail is flawless.

Information:

The Historic Needham Estate

828 SE 4th Street • Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 (800) 689-2359 • www.historicneedhamestate.com



Hugh Taylor Birch State Park

If you are looking for a more laid-back wedding location with a natural rustic feeling, then Hugh Taylor Birch State Park may be the setting for you. Located across the street from Fort Lauderdale beach, this picturesque park is a tropical paradise. The park's showpiece is the banyan tree that Mr. Birch planted over 120 years ago! The tree creates a natural canopy of shade and provides a stunning backdrop for any wedding. Birch State Park is a location for couples looking for more of a "fun in the sun" wedding. Surrounded by water, two large open fields, a sand volleyball court, a playground, parking and three pavilions this is the ideal location for large parties or can be made intimate for close family weddings. Under the tree, your ceremony can hold up to 250 guests.



No need to go far after the ceremony, their team will set up your reception in one of the two open areas around the tree to continue your outdoor experience. With lights crisscrossing overhead you and your guests will feel as though they left the city and are dancing under the stars. The park is a fully turnkey wedding destination that can provide anything you need from catering, decorations, tables, dance floor and to lighting, DJs and event director.

Information:

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park 3109 E Sunrise Blvd. • Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304 (954) 591-6586 • Dsarentino@bgfloridaparks.com



MAGES PROVIDED BY HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK

MAGE PROVIDED BY THE HISTORIC MAXWELL ROOM

Historic Maxwell Room

The Maxwell Room is billed as a "hidden gem," but it is several gems and more than a room. There are several settings the Maxwell Room provides both outside and within its beautiful Mediterranean revival style architecture. First, the outdoor seawall on the south side of the New River creates a beautifully unique backdrop for a ceremony that adds class and sophistication. The courtyard area is lined with bistro lights, located in front of the Maxwell Room entrance, with the fanciful garden-like setting. Finally there is the Roaring 1920's Den with brick arches and colonnades, a reminder that while the world has changed and grown a fast-paced race, some things retain the charm and



elegance of bygone days. The Maxwell Room is also a complete wedding destination, with a variety of packages to cover all your needs from venue from to menu.

Information:

The Historic Maxwell Room 10 South New River Drive East • Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 (954) 463-6630 • www.maxwellroom.com

Broward Center

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts puts on amazing shows from around the world, why not let them host the most important show of your life. Their property offers a variety of impressive settings to stage your wedding and reception. The largest and most dramatic space is the Porter Riverview Ballroom located on the second level of the Huizenga Pavilion. This ballroom offers spectacular views of the New River, Esplanade Park, and the landscaped Wendt Terraces. Panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows open to the outside and invite Florida's



natural beauty indoors, creating a theatrical impression to any wedding. The ballroom is 3,600 feet, which includes a dance floor and state-of-the-art sound and projections system. With a capacity of 220 for a plated dinner and 200 when organized buffet style. The other settings include the ABDO New River Room, and the Peck Courtyard are also available for more intimate settings. You can work with their professional catering and event staff who will provide you with personal service and inspiration to make your dreams come true.

Information:

Broward Center For The Performing Arts 201 Southwest 5th Avenue • Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312 (954) 660-6348 • www.browardcenter.org

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

The Bonnet House Museum and Gardens is a beautiful Fort Lauderdale wedding venue located in a natural barrier island habitat with the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Intracoastal Waterway to the west. Spanning 35 acres, the Bonnet House offers a variety of exquisite settings for weddings of any size. Whether you are planning a close and intimate gathering or a grand and lavish affair, Bonnet House sets the scene for romance and timeless memories.

The Bonnet House embodies old-world charm and understated elegance. With its beautiful tropical and subtropical plants and its proximity to downtown Fort Lauderdale.



The Bonnet House is an outdoor garden setting. Guests have the exclusive use of the treelined alee/dry fountain, veranda lawn, hibiscus garden and inner courtyard. Bonnet House's rental fee is for the venue only, although the estate works with many pre-approved caterers and vendors to suit every budget and design goal. A list of preferred vendors that have extensive experience on the property is available.

Information:

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens 900 North Birch Road • Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304 (954) 703-2608 • www.bonnethouse.org IMAGE PROVIDED BY BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS

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FEATURE

TYING THE KNOT WITH TECHNOLOGY

KNOW WHEN TO EMBRACE TECHNOLOGY VERSUS TRADITION

WRITER PETE STEVENSON

P lanning a wedding is a massive undertaking. In the age of technology, there are some actions, with the help of technology, to make the entire process much simpler. However, you do not need to embrace technology from start to finish. Thus, we are going to look at when to use technology and when to stick to traditional methods.

Web Presence

One of the first things to tackle once your wedding day details are set is to create your web presence. It could be a fully developed, stand-alone website or, as more couples are doing, simply creating a separate Facebook wedding page. The advantages of a Facebook wedding page is that it allows you to simply connect the page to other pages and media platforms. It allows your family and friends to post pictures and memories organically. Moreover, a Facebook page is free, compared to developing a separate stand-alone website.

If you do choose to create a website, there are lots of choices out there for building and hosting your wedding website. Before selecting which one is right for you, it is important to consider your needs. Many couples opt for sites that have premade layouts to choose from, simplifying the process to make it quick and easy. Other couples opt to have a custom page made just for them. Whatever web presence you choose, most people on your guest list already know a little of your love story, a wedding site is a way to share that story. Think of it as letting distant relatives or guest see a movie preview, before going to the show and witnessing The Wedding Story. This is the perfect place to showcase your engagement photos, candid shots of your engagement, and throwbacks to the beginning of the relationship or even childhood photos.

The web is also an effective place to further communicate additional details not covered in the invitation. Your guests will want to know the basics, and of course some extra info, but try to leave some things to the imagination. Allow enough room for surprise and excitement for them to experience on your big day. Should you have any privacy concerns, you may want a password-protected site, or with Facebook, you can make it a private group.

Invitations

Sending a traditional wedding invitation in the mail will never go out of style. Paper wedding invitations are more appropriate than emailed invitations. Due to the formality of a wedding, a majority of couples prefer sending invitations to the most important day of their life via snail mail rather than taking the chance of emails getting stuck in a spam folder. Unless you are planning a complete eco-friendly wedding, stick with innovations printed on paper and mailed. The paper invitation is also a good keepsake for you and





your guests. You may want to use email for other communications such as a reminder or save-the-date, but not the invitations. Events like a rehearsal dinner or bridal shower can be emailed as well, without raising too many eyebrows.

Gift Registry

Online gift registries have become exceedingly popular for weddings, brides and grooms can now get everything on their wish lists from one universal bridal registry, simplifying the registration process for couples, their families, and friends. However, use at least one major retailer store registry as you may have some guests who are not comfortable purchasing on the internet, and this will help them to make an in-store purchase. Couples that are getting married later in life and already have many items to set up a house; may opt for alternatives to traditional registries such as a honeymoon fund or to include a donation to a charity or specific cause as part of their registry.

Social Media

Social media is becoming more of an integral part of the wedding planning process; brides are using Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest to share everything about their big day. However, taking photos, videos and playing with your smartphone during a wedding ceremony is just plain rude. Bottom line – do not let people take photos during the ceremony – leave it to the professionals or designated people. Not only can it ruin the official pictures, but it also distracts from being in the moment. Inform guest they may take all the candid and smartphone photos they like at the reception. If you have a wedding specific hashtag, let everyone know about it. That is easily accomplished with some fun signage at the reception. That way all the photos will be accessible on Twitter, Instagram and any specific photosharing site you might choose. There are also many apps for this, like WedPics and WedSocial, to name a few. The hashtag brings all the photos together. When choosing your hashtag, keep it simple but unique – something people will remember. Then check to be sure another wedding couple has not used it, or your photos will wind up grouped with theirs.

Another excellent use of technology is to pin your location on a Google Map to share with your guests. Send the link by email and everyone will find his or her way to any of your wedding related locations. For those that cannot attend the wedding, either because of distance or a possible ailment, live-streaming your wedding is a way to include those individuals to witness your special day.

The big day is over, and you are finally married. It is extremely important to thank all of your guests for their gifts and for attending the wedding. Do not send out a mass email thanking everyone. Thank you notes should be handwritten with a thoughtful message on beautiful stationery. If you are changing your surname, this is the perfect opportunity to let everyone know. Thank you notes should be handwritten or at least look handwritten. There are some online sites or applications that will handwrite your cards for you – no one will ever know.

Many old wedding traditions are great and should not be completely dismissed. So, when you are about to try something new for your wedding planning, take a step back and think about whether or not you are still acting in the spirit of that tradition. Technology is a blessing and a curse; use it to enhance not distract from your wedding.



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SWEET DREAMS ARE MADE OF THESE

AN AFFAIR WITH CHOCOLATE THROUGH THE AGES

WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL – THE UGLY SISTERS

omatoes, potatoes, peppers, corn, and cacao are things the world can thank the Americas for. Columbus and those who followed were a disaster for Native Americans, intentionally and not, but by taking these plants back home, revolutionized the diet of Europe and beyond.

According to author Mort Rosenblum "Chocolate a Bittersweet Saga of Dark and Light," coffee, tea and chocolate all "captivated" Europe at about the same time. Coffee, being the cheapest, became the drink of the poor, tea being twice as expensive became a drink for the gentry, and chocolate, which was twice as expensive as tea was both novel and limited. However, at this time chocolate was strictly a drink – not the confection we consume today. The British are credited with making the first chocolate bar in 1674, supposedly not that tasty (no sugar) – but it was the beginning of chocolate in solid form – with improvements to follow.

All those familiar names: Nestle, Lindt, and Hershey were real people who contributed greatly to the production of the forms we now know. Pierre Herme (famed French chocolatier) makes a distinction, however, between chocolate and candy. Moreover, it is all about the beans.

The good stuff is expensive because the beans used in them are NOT the widely produced commercial varieties that go into the Halloween candy we are still eating (since October). Indeed, the terms applied to beans are very similar to the terms used for wine grapes: growth, single origin, terroir, organic and perhaps most importantly - humanely sourced. According to Forbes magazine, we Americans consume a little more than 9 pounds per year (far short of the Swiss and British who top off at nearly 20 and 16 pounds per person respectively). Holidays, weddings and other special occasions can be the best reason to shop for chocolate, and we in Fort Lauderdale have some fantastic sources of yummy beauties - most made on premises. To our readers, visitors or residents, we have included a list of local confectioners, not chains for obvious reasons.

Sweets for our sweets, featuring delicious options from Kilwins!



WRITERS RENÉE K. QUINN, PENNY SANFILIPPO and JONNY ALTOBELL

FORT LAUDERDALE - CENTRAL

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WAY FURTHER OUT (NAPLES AND FT. MYERS)

We are also entering the name of a local lad who made it big on Florida's west coast - **Norman Love**, (we have met on some occasions) whose chocolates are so gorgeous that they last at my house because I like to look at them almost as much as I like to consume them. Worth a stop if you are on the Gulf Coast.





Jordan leading the Woodford Reserve pairing for the Sisters.

Ur family is from Missouri, the "Show Me" state which is exactly what Jordan Dick did at a pairing of food and Woodford Reserve whiskey. This smooth sipping gem accents and pairs all kinds of food- from toasted nuts and aged cheese to decadent chocolate and sticky sweet Sorghum molasses. Who knew that a marriage made in heaven would start in Kentucky's Bourbon country? Try it yourself the next time you get together with friends – you may never go back to wine and food pairings.



WEDDING COCKTAILS

WRITER RENÉE K QUINN



Spirited SOUTH FLORIDA

Check out www.goriverwalk.com for more spirited **#BITES+SIPS** and recipes. Join Renée's **#conSPIRITors** by following her on Twitter and Instagram (@cocktailr) and liking her Facebook page, Spirited South Florida. Remember to **#DrinkResponsibly #GetSpiritedSouthFlorida** signature Wedding Cocktails are all the rage when it is time to celebrate the union of two signature personalities. The cocktails featured here are an effervescent "French 75" with Gin instead of the traditional cognac, paired with an Old Fashioned.

"Something old, something new, something borrowed, something Blue"

Some wedding traditions never go out of style, yet some of the new ones are great additions. Just so the signature cocktails being served up at weddings today. Here are two suggestions from the bartenders at Stache Drinking Den that are both old, new, and borrowed (from the past) OK, sorry about the lack of blue (usually scary in a drink anyway).

OLD FASHIONED

Ingredients:

- 3-5 dashes of orange bitters
- 1 sugar cube (or substitute 1 T simple syrup)
- Saturate cube with bitters, and muddle until sugar dissolves
- Add:
- 2 oz Woodford Reserve Double Oaked Bourbon or Rye
- 1 large ice cube
- Garnish with orange peel

FRENCH 75

Ingredients:

- ¹/₂ oz fresh lemon juice
- 1 oz simple syrup
- 2 oz gin (the original was made with cognac)

Directions:

Shake above with ice and strain into champagne flute Garnish with lemon twist.

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GENERAL EVENTS

2018 Caliber Awards Ceremony Feb. 1

Recognizing and celebrating Broward County Public Schools Outstanding Teachers, Principals, Assistant Principals and School-Related/District Employees. Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center (754) 321-0000 www.browardschool.com

COIN

Feb. 1 Ones To Watch Revolution Live (786) 246-3686 www.jointherevolution.net

Reservoir Dolls

Feb. 1 - 18 Reservoir Dolls by Erika Soerensen! Quentin Tarantino's 1992 indie, breakthrough hit. Pompano Beach Cultural Center (954) 545-7800 www.outretheatrecompany.com

Celebrate Broward! Benefit Feb. 2

Impact Broward, a non-profit dedicated to helping people thrive as they age, will host Celebrate Broward! The W Fort Lauderdale (954) 484-7117 www.impactbroward.org

LitLUNCH!

Feb. 2 Broward Public Library Foundation Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 357-7384 www.bblfoundation.org

Broward Art Guild Reception: Relationships Exhibit

Feb. 3 Broward Art Guild (954) 537-3370 www.browardartguild.org/exhibits.htm

Disaster! The Musical

Feb. 8 - 18 Slow Burn Theatre Company Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org



POPS II: And The Tony Goes To Feb. 6 South Florida Symphony Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 522-8445 www.southfloridasymphony.org



Tru-Hearts Luncheon

Feb. 7 Heather Moraitis, City Commissioner-elect for Fort Lauderdale District 1, will be the first recipient honored during the inaugural event Truluck's Seafood, Steak and Crab House (954) 918-3008 www.heartgalleryofbroward.org

Author, Lauren Doyle Owens

Feb. 6 Florida Author, Lauren Doyle Owns, discussing her new thriller, The Other Side of Everything Florida Center for the Book Broward Public Main Library (954) 357-7386 www.broward.org/Library/ MyLibraryOnline/FCFTB/Pages/ LiteraryEvents.aspx

Salome by Richard Strauss Feb. 8 and 10

Presented by the Florida Grand Opera. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (800) 741-1010 www.fgo.org



Paul Stanley - In Person Feb. 9

a Collection of works from legendary Musician and Fine Artist Paul Stanley. Wentworth Gallery (954) 468-0685 www.wentworthgallery.com

Taste of Little Italy

Feb. 9 - 11 Fort Lauderdale Italian Festival BB&T Center (561) 427-0500 www.ftlauderdaleitalianfestival.com

Love Doesn't Hurt - An Evening of Art and Theater Supporting Teen Dating Violence Awareness Feb. 10

Join us for an evening of artistic expression and information on dating violence, domestic violence, and healthy relationships. Forget Me Not Advocacy Group Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre (813) 390-6214 www.forgetmenotgroup.org

Chopin for All Free Concert Feb. 10

Athena Tsianos –An outstanding young American pianist performs Chopin and more. Chopin Foundation Broward County Main Library (305) 868-0624 www.chopin.org



Symphony of the Americas' Serenades @ Sunset: Amernet String Quartet

Feb. 11 Quartet in Residence at FIU boasts performance residencies in Buffalo, Los Angeles and universities (Cincinnati Conservatory, Columbia, Penn State and Princeton). Symphony of the Americas Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six (954) 335-7002 www.sota.com

Commander Cody Art Reception

Feb. 11 Meet Rock N Roll Legend Commander Cody. Bilotta Gallery Bilotta Gallery (954) 626-0410 www.bilottagallery.com

Fort Lauderdale Pride Festival

Feb. 11 Pride Fort Lauderdale Fort Lauderdale Beach Park (754) 222-2234 www.pridefortlauderdale.org

Ruth Cohan Jewish Book Review Series

Feb. 13 Jewish themed books are discussed. Broward County Main Library (954) 537-3370 www.broward.org/library

Women of Vision Luncheon Feb. 14

To celebrate those who make a difference in local communities Young at Art Museum (954) 424-5023 www.youngatartmuseum.org

Willie Jones III All-Stars: "Love Songs and Lovers... The Ones You Have Forgotten"

Feb. 14 Gold Coast Jazz Society Broward Center for the Performing Arts (800) 741-1010 www.goldcoastjazz.org



Wicked

Feb. 14 - Mar. 4 Bank of America Broadway in

Fort Lauderdale Series. Wicked, the Broadway sensation, looks at what happened in the Land of Oz...but from a different angle Broadway in Fort Lauderdale Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222

www.browardcenter.org



Symphony of the Americas "Broadway Sizzle & Operatic Passion" Feb. 18

Soprano Maria Aleida, tenor Carlos de Antonis and Franc D'Ambrosio Symphony of the Americas Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 335-7002 www.sota.com

Thomas Friedman: "The Big Trends Shaping the World Today: Economics, Technology, & Geopolitics"

Feb. 21 New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize winning author Presented by Broward College Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Feeding South Florida's 8th Annual Outrun Hunger 5K

Feb. 24 Hollywood Beach Boardwalk at Charnow Park (954) 518-1818 www.feedingsouthflorida.org

Apparently Watercolor

Feb. 26 - Mar. 16 Gold Coast Watercolor Society ArtServe (954) 462-8190 www.artserve.org

Clubhouse 100 Year Birthday

Mar. 1 Fort Lauderdale Women's Club (954) 761-9407 www.fortlauderdalewomansclub.com



5th Annual Oz Jubilee -"Somewhere Over The Rainbow" Mar. 2 Join us for an evening of dinner,

dancing, mingling, and a silent auction. A Child is Missing Bahia Mar (954) 763-1288 www.achildismissing.org

Stayin' Alive: One Night of the Bee Gees Mar. 3

The performance captures a full history of the Bee Gees music Musicworks, Inc. & MRC Productions Parker Playhouse (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org



Harlequinade and Sleeping Beauty

Mar. 3-4

Celebration of the 200 anniversary of ballet choreographer Marius Petipa Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

30th Annual Las Olas Art Fair Part II

Mar. 3-4 Howard Allen Events Las Olas Blvd. (561) 746-6615 www.artfestival.com/festivals/ las-olas-art-fair-part-ii

18th Annual Tribute honoring Mike Jackson

Mar. 8 Riverwalk is pleased to announce that our Eighteenth Annual Tribute will be honoring Mike Jackon, the Chairman, CEO and President of AutoNation. Riverside Hotel (954) 468-1541 www.goriverwalk.com/greaterfort-lauderdale-events/18th-annualtribute-honoring-mike-jackson



51st Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show Mar. 10

Fashions will be presented by Lilac and Lilies Boutique, Kendra Scott, and Francesca's. Proceeds benefit the Community Foundation Presented by Fort Lauderdale Alumnae Panhellenic Fort Lauderdale Country Club (954) 966-9673 www.facebook.com/ events/511473295680773

6th Annual Harbor Lights Gala Mar. 10

The annual fundraiser helps ensure that siblings in foster care can stay together in a loving and nurturing home. W Fort Lauderdale (954) 252-3072 www.childrensharbor.org/event-



Live from South Florida...It's Saturday Night Mar. 10 Featuring comedian Kira Soltanovich and musical guest, Keba. Pier 66 (954) 763-6776

(954) 763-6776 www.gildasclubsouthflorida.org

Broward Performing Arts Foundation Annual Celebration Mar. 10

Celebrate the Broward Center for the Performing Arts with an evening of comedy and song. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 468-3284

www.browardcenter.org



Symphony of the Americas Music on Pointe Mar. 13

Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya, Principal dancers of the Houston Ballet, join the Symphony Symphony of the Americas Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 335-7002 www.sota.com

Loston Harris Trio

Mar. 14 Loston Harris Plays the Great American Songbook Gold Coast Jazz Society Broward Center for the Performing Arts (800) 741-1010 www.goldcoastjazz.org

FTL Taco Battle & Craft Beer Fest 2018 Apr.14

The annual battle brings together local restaurants and craft breweries for a challenge that will showcase the BEST TACO culinary skills and Brew Masters of South Florida!Esplanade Park www.ftltacobattlecraftbeerfest.com

Broward Art Guild: Relationships Exhibit Through Feb. 16 Artist's interpretation of how people and/or things are connected to each other. Broward Art Guild (954) 537-3370 www.browardartguild.org/exhibits.htm

Perceptual Tracking: A Color Space

Through Mar. 11 The Frank Gallery (954) 392-2120 www.thefrankgallery.org

ARTSERVE (954) 462-8190 www.artserve.org

ArtServe Presents ArtBRAVO!

Feb. 1 - 23 ArtServe's annual fine art juried exhibition features a distinguished panel of jurors and art experts who select the works that make it into this high profile show.



Elephants And Other Big Subjects

Feb. 3 - 28

The Broward artist known as an Elephant Messenger, Liora Davis, is raising her brush in order to shed light on the grave situation and the magnitude of species in trouble, and at risk of extinction.

BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM AND GARDENS (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

Orchid Care Classes Feb. 10, 17, and 24

Birding Class: Ascend to Better Birding II Feb. 11

Lecture Series Abiaka (Sam Jones) in Context with Patsy West. Feb. 12

Concerts Under the Stars

Feb. 15 Florida Atlantic University (954) 703-2606

Concerts Under the Stars

Mar. 15 Lynn University String Quartet

Artful Musings Through Feb. 25

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Diana Krall Feb. 1

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Paul Anka Feb. 3

Judy Blume's Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great Feb. 5

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

Rachael Bay Jones Feb. 16

Rachel is an American stage actress and singer. She has played the roles of Catherine in the 2013 Broadway revival of "Pippin" and Evan's mother Heidi in "Dear Evan Hansen."

The Weepies: Completely Acoustic and Alone Tour Feb. 17

Chad Prather

Feb. 24 The comedian, armchair philosopher, musician, and observational humorist performs.

Broadway's Next Hit Musical Feb. 24-25

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Feb. 25 The Olate Dogs are the winning participants from Season 7 of America's Got Talent



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Sierra Hull Feb. 15

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The Triplets of Belleville

Feb. 3

This much beloved animated film is screened as composer Benoit Charest leads Le Terrible Orchestre de Belleville in the live performance of his original score for the film.

Gustavo Romero: Paintings from the Piano Feb. 11

This concert features two such special works: selections from Enrique Granados's monumental Goyescas and Modest Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition.

Tao Lin: From Scarlatti to Ginastera

Feb. 16 A comprehensive program of piano music spanning 300 years - from Scarlatti to Mozart to Ginastera and more in between.

Trio da Paz Feb. 17

Featuring three of Brazil's most in-demand musicians.



EVENTS CONNECTION

Delray String Quartet: The

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The Broward Symphony Orchestra Feb. 24

The Broward College Symphonic Band Feb. 25

Natalie MacMaster And Donnell Leahy Mar. 1

FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (954) 763-6882 www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org

Harry Potter 20th Anniversary Book Night Feb 1

Black History Month Student Art Opening Feb. 4

Black Art Matters Exhibit Feb. 4

> HARD ROCK LIVE (800) 937-0010 www.myhrl.com



Kid Rock's American Rock-n-Roll Tour 2018 Feb. 7 Kid Rock's performance at Hard Rock Live celebrates the release of his newest album, "Sweet Southern Sugar"

Bad Company Feb. 13



Dancing With the Stars: Live! Light Up The Night Tour Feb. 15

> HISTORIC STRANAHAN HOUSE MUSEUM (954) 524-4736 www.stranahanhouse.org

Stranahan Stories: Family Day Feb. 19



Victorian Tea Party Feb. 24

Guests will be transported to Fort Lauderdale circa 1901 for a celebratory tea party commemorating the birthday of Ivy Stranahan

Mad Hatter's Tea Party Mar. 17

Stranahan Stories: The History of Fort Lauderdale Mar. 19 A look back at Fort Lauderdale's

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www.browardcenter.org Latrice Royale: "Mister Act"

"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

Paula Poundstone

Feb. 17 One of the country's foremost comics and panelist on NPR's Wait... Wait Don't Tell Me.

Robert Cray Band Feb. 20 Robert Cray Band has been bridging the lines between blues, soul and R&B for the past four decades, with five GRAMIMY® wins

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Feb. 25 "Les Sylphides" and "Romeo & Juliet"

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spice things up in the kitchen

The Fab Faux

Mar. 2 The Fab Faux brings together the talents of five of New York's most respected musicians

Michael McDonald Mar. 4

The Doobie Brothers frontman performs

Blanca del Rio

Mar. 6 She's the alter ego of the seasoned comic Roy Haylock and season 6 winner of RuPaul's Drag Race

Robin Trower

Mar. 7 one of the most influential guitar players to come out of the British blues rock scene

The Irish Rovers

Mar. 15 The Irish Rovers have charmed and entertained audiences around the world

ONGOING

Riverwalk Water Trolley

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www.riverwalkwatertrolley.com

Broward Means Business Quarterly

History Museum Fort Lauderdale Fort Lauderdale Historical Society (954) 463-4431 www.flhc.org

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The night of the full moon Hugh Taylor Birch State Park Friends of Birch State Park, Inc. (954) 566-0660

www.birchstatepark.org



JM Lexus Sunday Jazz Brunch

First Sunday of the month 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Riverwalk Park City of Fort Lauderdale (954) 828-5363 www.fortlauderdale.gov

Chair Yoga with Ester Christopher

Mondays Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Memoir Writing with Anita Mitchell

First Monday of the month Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Genealogy Club

Fourth Monday of the month Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

El Club

Tuesdays Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Living Well Program -Tai Chi and QiGong Sessions Tuesdays

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RoboConnect Networking Breakfast Third Tuesday of the month

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Open Mic Tuesdays

Fourth Tuesday of the month ArtServe (954) 462-8190; www.artserve.org

English Café

Wednesdays Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Crossroads Café

Wednesdays Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Full Exposure Photography Club Wednesdays Broward County Main Library

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Fridays and Saturdays Hugh Taylor Birch State Park (954) 566-0660 www.birchstatepark.org

First Friday Jazz Jam

First Friday of the month ArtServe (954) 462-8190; www.artserve.org

Friends of the Fort Lauderdale

First Friday of the month Libraries Books and More Event Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Food in Motion Flagler Green Market

Second Friday of the month Feldman Park Greater Fort Lauderdale CVB (754) 800-1640 www.sunny.org/event/foodin-motion-at-peter-feldmanpark/22042/

The VoiceBox

Fourth Friday of the month ArtServe (954) 462-8190; www.artserve.org

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Introductory Art of Photography with Jack Wild Saturdays Broward County Main Library

(954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Upcycled Downtown Craft Second Saturday of the month Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Sun Trolley Guided Tour Third Saturday of the month The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale (954) TROLLEY www.suntrolley.com



FATVillage ArtWalk Last Saturday of the month FAT Village (954) 760-5900 www.flaglerartwalk.com

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LEAH BROWN

TITLE OF WORK: JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE 80TH ANNIVERSARY

ow do you translate 80 years of service into a visual checklist for building a vibrant city? If you are Leah Brown, (pronounced like the princess in Star Wars), it might begin with imagining how to explain it to your daughter. On International Women's Day March 8th at 10:30, a sculpture will be unveiled in the Historic District along Riverwalk commemorating the 80th anniversary of The Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale. This public work of art is an example of how Leah continues to build her career as a self-sustaining artist and an example of how the League has been instrumental in building our vibrant community.

There is no step by step guide to becoming an artist, although coming from an artistic family certainly helps one to see the potential. Leah's father worked out of the home as a luthier, hand building musical instruments and encouraging her curiosity about the tools and methods used to create. Today as a sculptor and installation artist she wields laser cutters, 3D scanners, and all manner of tools in her studio practice. She is also a partner and artist for the public art and design



collaborative, Art+Light+Space. In addition, Leah also takes on fabrication work, teaches, and co-curates the FAT Village Projects spaces with her husband, Peter Symonds. The two met at Rhode Island School of Design where she received her BFA. She went on to finish an MFA at the University of Miami in 2014. This artist's life is forged from courage, commitment, collaborations and creative solutions.

When the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale was founded in 1937, their mission was to provide volunteers in civic and child welfare work. This group of women went on to produce a series of Legacy projects, including Jack & Jill Children's Center, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Museum of Discovery & Science, among many others. Most Fort Lauderdaleans may not be aware of the impact this group has had in our community. Leah began to research the League for a commemorative sculpture and says, "I realized that they had put into play all of the cultural institutions that I hold dear, plus so many of the social organizations that are instrumental to the fabric of the community as well."

When describing the project, JLGFL President Jill Banaszak says the League decided to do something different to commemorate the anniversary with a piece that would be long-lasting, beyond an ephemeral event or gala. In addition, it was decided that the League would self-fund the commemorative work from within the membership. As an example of that support, lead donors Jennifer and Jim Kovach (Jennifer is the incoming president for the 2018-2019 term) expressed, "It's a privilege for us to be a part of this historic project to help recognize the role of developing leaders and vital organizations in our hometown."

Commissioned to describe that story Leah Brown envisioned a narrative carved in panels, "almost like a pop-up book." The lead panel portrays mother and child looking across scenes portraying the cultural, social, and humanitarian missions of the League. In the distance, the foundation of courage, empathy, and strength provided by the women of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Junior League, the skyline of Fort Lauderdale rises above the New River.

To learn more: Artist Leah Brown's website: www.leahbrownart.com Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale website: www.juniorleagueftl.org



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